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Back from the brink

Jail time leads to second chance for Afghan War vet

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Milo Imrie carries a puppy at the Milo Foundation, a sanctuary for abused domestic animals in Richmond, Calif. Imrie, 25, was charged with felony assault in 2012 after he came home from the war in Afghanistan with a severe case of PTSD and attacked a close friend.

President salutes troops with White House concert

By PATRICK DICKSON
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The White House on Thursday evening hosted hundreds of U.S. troops and their families, treating them to a concert that featured Mary J. Blige and country music legend Willie Nelson.

President Barack Obama said that servicemembers who voluntarily go into harm's way to keep the country safe and protect its

cherished freedoms have the respect and admiration of a grateful nation.

He spoke movingly of having met Luis Avila, who was badly wounded in an explosion during his fifth tour of duty in Afghanistan in 2011.

He suffered a traumatic brain injury, and in the weeks that followed, heart attacks and a stroke. Doctors at one point recommended he be taken off life support.

Obama spoke of how, with the support of

his wife, Claudia, Avila was brought back at least in part through hours and hours of music therapy.

"Through the music he loved," Obama said, "[Beethoven's] 'Ode to Joy,' military marches, even some Beatles," Avila slowly began to register responses.

"He's even playing, as I understand it, a little bit of golf," Obama said as he opened the evening's show.

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'A tough trip for the president'

Asia trip to test Obama's postelection global clout

By JOSH LEDEMAN
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — His influence at home fading, President Barack Obama is looking abroad to China, the opening stop of a three-country trip that will test his ability to play a commanding global role during his final two years in office.

Once Obama was treated like a superstar on the world stage. But the president will arrive in Beijing on Monday under far different conditions, with his most powerful days behind him.

At home, Republicans are still rejoicing at having pummeled Obama's party in the midterm elections, relegating Democrats to the minority in both chambers of Congress. His counterparts in Asia surely have noticed.

The trip also marks one of Obama's final chances to deliver on his goal to amplify America's influence in Asia and the Pacific. In China, Myanmar and Australia, leaders may render a judgment on whether Obama's lofty ambitions in the region have been sidetracked by crises in Eastern Europe, Africa and the Middle East.

"This is going to be a tough trip for the president," said Ernest Bower, an Asia expert at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington. He said Asian leaders were viewing Obama's visit with this question in mind: Who is the president after the midterm elections?

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QUOTE
OF THE DAY

“They’re looking for food to sop up all the beer, wine and spirits they’ve been drinking all night. It’s impulse-driven — things that are crave-able.”

— Darren Tristano, research executive, on fast-food restaurants offering late hours and specialty menus to customers ending a night out

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MILITARY

US nuclear defense force aging

Deterrent increasingly expensive to maintain

By RALPH VARTABEDIAN AND W.J. HENNIGAN
Los Angeles Times

OAK RIDGE, Tenn. — Pipes, tanks and other equipment rust in the humid Southern air. Leaky roofs leave puddles on factory floors. Abandoned buildings are scattered across an 800-acre site contaminated with hundreds of tons of mercury.

If this were a factory making cars in Detroit or steel in Pennsylvania, it would have long ago been shuttered. But this is the Y-12 National Security Complex, a linchpin of the Energy Department’s nuclear weapons complex, responsible for making thermonuclear assemblies for hydrogen bombs.

The 1940s-era plant is part of a weapons program that has become increasingly costly to operate because of aging equipment, deteriorating facilities and soaring overhead costs.

At its root, it is bloated and mismanaged, say former Energy Department officials, outside experts and members of Congress.

The nation’s nuclear weapons stockpile has shrunk by 85 percent since its Cold War peak half a century ago, but the Energy Department is spending nine times more on each weapon that remains. The nuclear arsenal will cost \$8.3 billion this fiscal year, up 30 percent over the last decade.

The source of some of those costs: skyrocketing profits for contractors, increased security costs for vulnerable facilities and massive investments in projects that were later canceled or postponed.

“We are not getting enough for what we are spending, and we are spending more than what we need,” said Roger Logan, a senior nuclear scientist who retired in 2007 from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. “The whole system has failed us.”

Facing obsolescence

The Defense Department’s fleet of submarines, bombers and land-based missiles is also facing obsolescence and will have to be replaced over the next two decades, raising the prospect of further multibillion-dollar cost escalations.

Now the Obama administration is moving forward with a plan to modernize the strategic weapons system over the next decade, an effort the Congressional Budget Office estimates will cost \$355 billion. That comes as the Pentagon is under pressure to reduce its budget, and outside experts warn that the modernization could reach \$1 trillion over the next 30 years.



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A B-52H Stratofortress flies over Minot Air Force Base, N.D., during a training exercise in November 2013. The B-52 represents one leg of a U.S. nuclear defense triad that is aging and in need of expensive upgrades.

“Simply stated, there is no plan for success with available resources,” said Norman Augustine, a former Pentagon and defense industry official who is leading a review of the Energy Department’s bomb program.

U.S. nuclear weapons strategy rests on a triad of delivery systems — bombers, submarines and land-based missiles — developed early in the Cold War to deliver warheads anywhere in the world.

Triad museum pieces

The three legs of the triad were designed to ensure that even in a massive surprise attack, at least one leg would survive to deliver a retaliatory strike.

Today, elements of the systems are virtual museum pieces. An example is the B-52. One of the massive gray bombers recently sitting on a tarmac at the Global Strike Command at Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana rolled off Boeing Co.’s assembly line in 1960.

Under current plans, B-52s will probably fly another 26 years. By the time the bomber retires, it will be 80 years old — older than any strike aircraft ever flown in military service.

The other legs of the nuclear triad are 450 1960s-era Minuteman III missiles based in silos in Wyoming, Montana and Nebraska and 14 Ohio-class submarines from the 1980s that are also nearing the end of the design life of

their nuclear propulsion systems.

The nuclear warheads that those vehicles carry are maintained at the legacy sites of the Manhattan Project. Although it is significantly smaller than in its Cold War heyday, the Energy Department industrial complex stretches from South Carolina to California, with more than 40,000 employees.

The department has three scientific design laboratories, a site for underground experiments the size of Rhode Island and an assembly factory on the flatlands of West Texas, despite the fact the government hasn’t designed, built or tested a new nuclear warhead in decades.

When the U.S. stockpile reached its peak in 1967 with 31,255 warheads and bombs, it cost \$7 billion annually in today’s dollars to build and maintain nuclear weapons.

In that year, the government had seven reactors humming to make plutonium; it built submarine reactors, refined large quantities of plutonium and uranium and manufactured new weapons. Almost once a week, it set off a bomb underground in Nevada.

Today, it does none of those things, but simply maintains the existing 4,804 weapons at \$1.3 billion more than in 1967. The costs would be even higher if items such as submarine reactors, included in the 1967 budget, were added.

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MILITARY

US lawmakers: Have NATO buy French ships

By **MATT MILLHAM**
Stars and Stripes

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — U.S. lawmakers are again urging France to renege on selling two warships to Russia, proposing that NATO buy or lease the ships instead.

Such a move would show Russian President Vladimir Putin “that our rhetorical resolve is matched by our actual resolve and that this alliance will not tolerate or abet his dangerous actions in Europe,” a bipartisan group of congressmen said in a letter Tuesday to NATO’s new secretary-general, Jens Stoltenberg.

The U.S. and other allies have repeatedly pressed France to cancel delivery of two high-tech assault ships to Russia in response to Moscow’s annexation of Crimea and continued meddling in Ukraine.

France has agreed to postpone delivery but has balked at canceling the contract outright. Such a move would leave France with roughly \$1.6 billion in unneeded hardware and on the hook for reimbursing Moscow.

“Sensitive to the financial burden that France may incur should it rightly refuse to transfer these warships to Russia, we renew our call that NATO purchase or lease the warships as a common naval asset,” the lawmakers wrote.

The first of the two Mistral-class amphibious assault ships is ready for delivery and would already be in Russian hands had France not bent to international pressure. Moscow now expects to take delivery of the warship Friday, according to Russian state-run broadcaster RT.

Each Mistral can carry 16 heavy or 35 light helicopters plus a third of a mechanized regiment, with 70 vehicles and 450 soldiers ferried to land by onboard barges or hovercraft. Each ship is also outfitted with a field hospital.

Eliot Engel, D-N.Y., the House Foreign Affairs Committee’s ranking minority member, was

joined by Republicans Mike Rogers, of Michigan, and Mike Turner and Steve Chabot, of Ohio, and Democrats Bill Keating, of Massachusetts; Steve Cohen, of Tennessee; and Gerry Connolly, of Virginia in endorsing the plan, originally proposed to Stolten-

berg’s predecessor as NATO chief in May.

The congressmen wrote to NATO’s new secretary-general that they “would have liked to keep this note a short one of congratulations as you assume an awesome responsibility, but circumstances

require timely and decisive action on this urgent matter.”

A NATO official on Friday confirmed that the secretary-general had received the letter.

“This is an issue between the nations involved,” the official said, speaking on customary

condition of anonymity. “Having said that we expect all allies to take national decisions within the greater context of the current status of relations between NATO and Russia.”

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3 missile targets shot down in Hawaii test

HONOLULU — The U.S. military has shot down three missiles nearly simultaneously during a test off Hawaii.

The Missile Defense Agency said Thursday that a short-range ballistic missile target and two cruise missile targets were fired from the Pacific Missile Range Facility on Kauai.

The agency said the Pearl Harbor-based destroyer USS John Paul Jones intercepted the ballistic missile by firing an SM-3 guided missile. The destroyer fired two SM-2 missiles to shoot down the low-flying cruise missiles.

Defense contractor Raytheon Co. says the SM-3 is designed to detect ballistic missile threats by colliding with them in space. The SM-2 missiles help naval ships defend the airspace around them.

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VETERANS

After 11 months in jail for assault, Marine veteran builds a new life

By ERIN IVIE

San Jose (Calif.) Mercury News

Marine veteran Milo Imrie passed a note through his attorney to the man he assaulted, apologizing for his behavior and wishing he could take it all back.

In California's San Mateo County courtroom July 25, Imrie received a second chance, freed after serving 11 months in solitary confinement and returning to plead no contest. He and his victim, lifelong friend Mike Newsom, embraced. A judge sentenced him to probation.

A year ago, the image of Imrie as a free man would have surprised many, from the nine guards it took to wrangle him into a jail cell to the family who witnessed his descent into darkness after the horrors he witnessed in Afghanistan. The Point Richmond, Calif., resident has made a remarkable turnaround from a life nearly destroyed by trauma and substance abuse.

"Nobody knows how or why war traumatizes our best and brightest young people, and yet they have to pay the price two or three times over," said David J. Paul, Imrie's uncle, a former Air Force officer and professor for the California State University system. "Milo's paid in double measure already, and for his service, I am grateful. He is a young man of immense potential."

Imrie credits nearly a year spent in solitary confinement, on suicide watch, at the Santa Clara County, Calif., main jail as the catalyst for his turnaround.

"I grew up more during that 11 months than I did over the rest of my life," Imrie said. "The way I perceived the world changed drastically. It felt like waking up."

After his release, Imrie, who once was declared incompetent to stand trial in the assault case, sought treatment for post-traumatic stress disorder and discovered a reason for joy and sense of purpose — the responsibility of caring for dogs at a Richmond, Calif., animal shelter.

"Work has been very therapeutic for Mr. Imrie," psychiatrist Ashiq George and therapist Hazel Diane Ayson said in a letter from the Department of Veteran Affairs. "He is a most deserving and impressive young man, and we support any efforts to give him a second chance at life."

When trouble began

Imrie's troubles began in Helmand province, Afghanistan. During a seven-month period, 25 of his comrades with the Marines' 3rd Battalion, 5th Regiment were killed and 200 were wounded. An Army-provided explosive device blew up an Afghan interpreter walking near him. At the time, family members said, Imrie, a lance corporal, carried



Volunteer Milo Imrie, a Marine veteran, plays with a dog at the Milo Foundation in Point Richmond, Calif., in July.

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SECOND CHANCE

around survivor's guilt about the death because he had spotted something suspicious on the ground but did not act on the hunch.

On another occasion with the "Dark Horse" battalion, officers ordered Imrie's dog killed out of fear the animal's barking would alert enemies.

Imrie was honorably discharged in January 2012, but soon afterward grief hit him hard when his beloved grandmother, Mary Brookings Imrie-McGowan, died. Only months later, he lost his mother, Margaret Bort Imrie, to cancer. In June 2012, his erratic behavior led to his forced withdrawal from the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Barbers and roommates at UCSB said he showed strange behaviors like walking across town with no shoes on and leaving pancakes burning on the stove while starting off into nothing. Then, the behavior turned violent, with Imrie acting out or blacking out after drinking, then waking up the next day with no recollection of his behavior.

"He experienced new onset of depression, psychotic and PTSD symptoms," Ayson and George wrote. "He also began using drugs and alcohol as a way of coping. This is common among combat veterans."

A visit gone awry

Mike Newsom thought it was going to be like old times when Imrie came for a visit Dec. 12, 2012, to Newsom's Woodside, Calif., home. Instead, he said, his friend pulled a gas can out of his trunk and asked if there was enough fuel inside to set himself on fire.

Newsom said he grabbed the can, closed and locked the trunk and went to wash gas off his hands.

"I was trying to level with him to make sure he knew I care about him, and started

talking about getting him help," Newsom said. "And he said, 'You don't really understand the situation. I have to kill you and me both.' I was looking straight at him, and there was no one there I recognized."

A worried Newsom grabbed the handles of every knife in a nearby wood block and whirled them out and hurled them into the roof.

When Newsom turned to recover a knife that fell from the roof, Imrie hit him across the upper back with a shovel. Newsom took off running down a hill, over a fence and into a nearby house to call police.

Officers found Imrie on a nearby golf course asking random people for gasoline. He was combative and went for one of their guns.

Imrie was charged with multiple felonies for the assault. He remembered none of it, and still recalls only flashes of that night.

"I felt so torn. I should have seen it coming, that he needed help," Newsom said. "I was mad because I lost my best friend and sad because his world had been shattered."

Deemed incompetent to stand trial and exhibiting schizophrenic and suicidal tendencies, Imrie says he began his road to recovery while in solitary confinement. It helped, he said, to be alone with his thoughts, with no one around to blame for his actions.

"Solitary confinement made me realize that the only real thing in that cell that was

making me unhappy was myself," Imrie said. "If I met myself, I wouldn't like me."

Imrie was deemed releasable from jail in late 2013, returning to Richmond in time to join his family for the holidays. Several months later, he appeared in court across

from Newsom, to whom, through his attorneys, he wrote a note apologizing.

"This huge weight just came off my shoulders," Newsom recalled. "I think at this point, we're able to put this behind us."

For Imrie, finding his calling at the Milo Foundation, a domestic animal sanctuary, was sheer coincidence. Founder

Lynne Tingle had named the foundation after her deaf and blind Australian shepherd puppy that passed away 15 years before Imrie ever walked through the door.

"Milo started volunteering at the Milo Foundation soon after he was bailed out of jail," said Tingle, executive director of The Milo Foundation. "Eventually, I decided he was such a great asset and so very helpful that we should hire him."

"I see the golden rule in effect — the idea that if you do good, good things will happen," Imrie said. "The American dream" should be "the American deal" — that if you are willing to work hard, we will find a place for you. We will not let you fall so far away."

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Milo Imrie
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VETERANS

Businesses showing their appreciation for vets on Veterans Day

Stars and Stripes

There are lots of ways to honor servicemembers on Veterans Day — parades, salutes, all-you-can eat pancakes or a free all-American burger.

To mark Veterans Day, this week restaurants around the country are offering free morsels and retail stores are discounting services. Some discounts are strictly for vets; others include active-duty and retired troops.

Call ahead to make sure your local places are participating — and ask what you need to bring to identify yourself. Check to make sure what exactly is included in the offers. For example, beverages and gratuities are often not covered at eateries.

Here's a look at a few offers:

Burgers

■ **Red Robin.** Free Tavern Double and bottomless steak fries for all military Tuesday.

■ **Shoney's.** Free All-American burger for all military Tuesday.

■ **Max and Erma's.** Free Best Cheeseburger in America combo meal for all military Tuesday.

■ **Cheesburger in Paradise.** Free All-American Burger with fries with \$1.99 beverage purchase Tuesday.

■ **Champps.** Free burger — the Guac or Shrooms, perhaps? — and waffle fries for all military Tuesday.

And more

■ **Golden Corral.** Free dinner from 4-9 p.m. Tuesday for all military.

■ **Applebee's.** Free Thank You meal Tuesday off its special veterans menu, which includes a 7-ounce chicken sirloin or fried shrimp.

■ **California Pizza Kitchen.** Free dine-in pizza for vets and active military Tuesday.

■ **Little Caesars.** Free Crazy Bread for all military Tuesday.

■ **McCormick & Schmick's Seafood & Steaks.** Free lunch or dinner — cedar-planked salmon, anyone? — from a special menu for vets were offered on Sunday.

■ **Friendly's.** Free Big Two Do breakfast and coffee on Tuesday for all military.

■ **Denny's.** Free all-you-can-eat pancakes for all military on Tuesday.

■ **Hooters.** Free meal for all military Tuesday with purchase of a beverage.

■ **Starbucks.** Free tall brewed coffee to all military and spouses Tuesday.

■ **Krispy Kreme.** Free doughnut and small coffee Tuesday with military ID or uniform.

■ **The Army & Air Force Exchange Service-operated Popeye's.** \$5.99 for eight pieces of chicken or tenders for all military on Wednesday. Includes 75 restaurants in 11 countries.

■ **Chili's.** Free entrée from special menu all day Tuesday for all military.

■ **Olive Garden.** Free meal from special menu on Monday for vets and military — yes, breadsticks are included! Families dining with military get a 10 percent discount Nov. 11, and military get 10 percent off their meals all month.

■ **Outback Steakhouse.** Free Bloomin' Onion and a beverage for anyone with military ID on Tuesday — plus 10 percent off for all military Wednesday through Dec. 31.

■ **Red Lobster.** Free appetizer — lobster-crab-and-seafood-stuffed mushrooms sound good! — for servicemembers Tuesday through Friday.

Lunch

■ **Sizzler.** Free lunch from a limited menu until 4 p.m. Tuesday.

■ **Texas Roadhouse.** Free lunch 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday for all military.

■ **TGI Fridays.** Free lunch from a select menu 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday.

Travel

■ **Colonial Williamsburg.** Free admission was offered beginning Saturday, through Tuesday, for all military and dependents.

■ **National parks.** Free entrance for vets was offered beginning Sunday, through Tuesday.

■ **Red Roof Inn.** 15 percent off during November for military and families.

Retail

■ **Bed Bath and Beyond.** 20 percent discount on purchases Sunday-Tuesday for all military.

■ **Dollar General.** 11 percent off purchases Tuesday.

■ **Great Clips.** All customers on Tuesday get a free haircut card to give to a veteran. Also, vets get free haircuts.

■ **Sport Clips.** Free haircuts for military Tuesday.

■ **JCPenney.** 20 percent off purchases for military members and families was offered beginning Thursday, through Tuesday. Coupon required: <http://jcp.is/bbCSMc>.

■ **Lowes's.** 10 percent discount in stores for vets Tuesday.

For more discounts and promotions, go to military.com.



PHOTOS BY JACQUELYN MARTIN/AP

Singer Willie Nelson performs as part of the Joining Forces initiative, an event with musicians, members of the U.S. military, veterans and their families inside a tent on the South Lawn of the White House on Thursday.

Concert: Mary J. Blige and Willie Nelson star in event at White House

FROM LAWN PAGE

Nelson opened, followed by John Fogerty, Blige, and rapper Common, who with music director Don Was accompanying on stand-up bass, offered a powerful poem. Latin singer Romeo Santos and Daughtry, performing via satellite from a USO concert in Yokota Air Base, Japan, also performed.

The artists, along with military musicians, offered songs on love and loss, most having been written in a time of war.

Blige came back on to perform U2's "One," and after the president again thanked everyone, Nelson closed with his signature "On the Road Again," joined briefly by Obama.

The program is the latest edition in the PBS series "In Performance at the White House."

It was taped inside a large tent on the South Lawn with a view of the "back" of the White House, and was attended by first lady Michelle Obama, Cabinet secretaries and several hundred servicemembers, veterans and families.

Following the show, the attendees were treated to a reception inside the White House, wandering the "State Floor," with the famous portraits of the presidents, while a Marine Corps jazz ensemble played.

Obama regularly touts administration efforts to cut the staggering backlog of disability claims filed by veterans, reduce homelessness among them and help veterans, their spouses and children pursue higher education under the post-9/11 GI bill.

The Obamas also have pushed

the federal government and private employers to make hiring veterans and their spouses a priority.



As he walks by music director Don Was, President Barack Obama claps for the musicians after speaking at the Joining Forces initiative event on Thursday.

The concert will be shown on American Forces Network on Tuesday at 6 p.m. Central European and Japan-Korea time.

AFN is airing military-themed programming all month, including:

National Geographic Channel's "American War Generals," which gathers the nation's leading generals for an unprecedented look at 50 years of military history, from the Vietnam War to America's war on al-Qaida; it airs Tuesday at 9 a.m. CET/JKT.

A concert from the National Mall which begins at 7 p.m. Veterans Day will live air on AFN Wednesday at 1 a.m. CET/ 9 a.m. JKT.

"The Concert for Valor" is an HBO special, and will feature Eminem, Jamie Foxx, Dave Grohl, Metallica, John Oliver, Rihanna, Bruce Springsteen and Carrie Underwood.

Every Tuesday, AFN[movie] will air a mix of newer military-themed movies and classics, including "Cold Mountain" on Nov. 18 at 9 a.m. CET/JKT; "Saving Private Ryan" on Nov. 18 at 11 p.m. CET/JKT; and "Home of the Brave" on Nov. 25 at 9 p.m. CET/JKT.

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PACIFIC

New equipment to triple Yokota cargo capacity

By **SETH ROBSON**
Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — A pair of giant yellow robots powering up at Yokota Air Base will triple cargo capacity at the U.S. military's busiest air transport hub in the Pacific, officials say.

The 68-foot-tall machines — dubbed HAL and Dave after the computer and astronaut in the science-fiction film "2001: A Space Odyssey" — are capable of sorting and storing hundreds of pieces of cargo inside a four-story warehouse at the base in suburban Tokyo.

They will increase the air hub's indoor cargo storage capacity from 99 pallets to 265, 374th Air-lift Wing Vice Commander Col. Clarence Lukes Jr. said.

The robots — or "elevated transfer vehicles" — use sensors to weigh and create 3D images of cargo as it arrives. Pallets stamped with barcodes feed the robots and load planners critical information, according to Dean Labdon, manager of the "mechanized material-handling system" at Yokota.

"If you are looking for cargo, you can pull up a picture of it and see how much it weighs, what's in

it and where it's headed," he said. "I can sit at my computer and build a complete load for an aircraft."

The robots configure outbound cargo depending on which aircraft are on the flight line and where they're headed. When an aircraft is getting ready to depart, the robots retrieve cargo from storage and send it out to loading bays in sequence, Labdon said.

Electronic screens above the bays show airmen which aircraft each pallet is headed for and the order in which it should be loaded, Yokota air terminal manager Ernie Weber said.

"The system stores the pallets based on where they need to go, be it Okinawa, Korea or wherever," Weber said. "It separates pallets containing hazardous materials, and it remembers where things are. If we have an aircraft that is headed to California, it will bring out all the cargo bound for California."

The Yokota robots are based on civilian systems used by freight companies such as DHL Express and FedEx and similar to machines already at working at Narita and Haneda airports in Tokyo and at Ramstein Air Base in Germany, Weber said.



Above: A new robotic facility will triple the cargo handling capacity at Yokota Air Base, Japan, when it opens early next year.

Left: Air terminal manager Ernie Weber, left, and quality control manager Yasuyuki Kobayashi talk at the site of the new facility.

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Stars and Stripes



Two state-of-the-art cargo-handling robots will help airmen sort pallets at the air base.

During construction, 150 airmen, 11 U.S. civilians and 80 Japanese workers are training to work with the robots, he said. Until the robots come online, loading aircraft at Yokota will remain labor intensive, with airmen stacking cargo using forklifts and, often, storing it outside under plastic sheeting for protection from the elements.

The robotic system — which looks a bit like a large vending machine — allows load planners to do everything on a computer, Weber said. The system should help cut the load time for a 747 freighter from 4 1/2 to 6 hours to just over an hour.

Arizona State University engineering professor Braden Allenby said the cargo-sorting robots are part of a trend toward more automation in the military.

In Afghanistan, the Marine Corps has used robotic helicopters to deliver cargo to isolated operating bases. Private companies such as Amazon are experimenting with drones to get packages to customers.

Allenby said the technology to build robotic air freighters and to load and unload them with robotic trucks is developing rapidly. The major challenge is getting buy-in from logistics managers.

"The technology probably won't be a problem," he said.

It might be possible to hack robotic logistics systems, but the military would be less concerned about terrorists tampering with an aircraft's load and more focused on sophisticated adversaries such as China or Russia, which might try to disrupt an entire logistical system, Allenby said.

Yokota is the U.S. Pacific Command's busiest cargo hub. More than a third of PACOM cargo and

110,000 passengers go through the base each year, Weber said, adding that the extra cargo capacity would be useful in an emergency like the earthquake and tsunami that hit Japan in 2011, or if the U.S. effort to rebalance military forces to the Pacific became more intense.

In the past two years, the number of flights has risen by almost a third, Weber said, but cargo volumes have remained steady because smaller military aircraft have replaced large commercial freighters.

The new robots can send cargo earmarked for ground shipment to another new warehouse of the size of two football fields with enough

cool storage to hold several frozen elephants and a vault where classified or valuable items can be secured.

Yokota is also adding a massive gantry crane that can help unload items weighing as much as 70,000 pounds. When the Navy recently flew in a 58,000-pound replacement propeller shaft for one of its vessels at Yokosuka, an expensive rented crane was needed to hoist it onto a truck, Weber said.

Yasuyuki Kobayashi, a Sanki Engineering quality-control manager, said the \$32 million project is due to be operational in January.

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NATION

NYC adult home residents asked to repay FEMA aid

By DAVID B. CARUSO
AND MICHAEL KUNZELMAN
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The residents of Belle Harbor Manor spent four miserable months in emergency shelters after Superstorm Sandy's floodwaters surged through their assisted-living center on New York City's Rockaway peninsula.

Now, the home's disabled, elderly and mostly poor residents have a new headache: The Federal Emergency Management Agency has asked at least a dozen of them to pay back thousands of dollars in disaster aid.

Robert Rosenberg, 61, was among the Belle Harbor Manor residents who recently got notice

from FEMA informing them that they had retroactively been declared ineligible for aid checks they received two years ago in the storm's immediate aftermath. The problem, the letters said, was that the money was supposed to have been spent on temporary housing, but that never happened because the residents were moved from one state-funded shelter to another.

FEMA gave Rosenberg until Nov. 15 to send a refund check for \$2,486 or to file an appeal.

"We're on a fixed income. I don't have that kind of money," said Rosenberg, who suffers from a spinal disability and other chronic health problems. He said he spent the aid money long

ago on food and clothing, both of which were in short supply after the storm.

The demand letters are part of a broader FEMA effort to recover millions of dollars in aid payments that went to ineligible households, either because of errors, a misunderstanding of the rules or outright fraud.

The Associated Press reported in September that FEMA was scrutinizing 4,500 households it suspected had received improper payments. At that time, 850 had been asked to return a collective \$5.8 million. The other cases were still under review.

The AP on Tuesday asked for updated numbers on the number of storm victims who had been



KATHY WILLENS/AP

Belle Harbor Manor resident Robert Rosenberg, 61, on Thursday holds a letter from the Federal Emergency Management Agency asking him to pay back the federal disaster aid he received after Superstorm Sandy flooded the New York assisted living facility.

asked to return money, but FEMA didn't immediately provide them.

Data obtained through a previous public records request, however, showed that as of July 30, the agency was considering a recoupment action against 35 residents of assisted living facilities

in the same part of Queens that is home to Belle Harbor Manor. Collectively, those residents had received \$108,598, with most of that money intended to cover temporary housing. Five residents had also received aid to cover destroyed belongings.

Ebola-treating nurse to remain a voice against quarantines

By DAVID SHARP
The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Maine — The U.S. nurse who defied quarantine attempts after treating Ebola patients in West Africa is looking forward to stepping out her front door — "like normal people."

Kaci Hickox's plans for the end of the deadly disease's 21-day

incubation period include a dinner out with her boyfriend, and she told The Associated Press she's worried about what type of a reception she'll get after being hailed by some and vilified by others for battling state-ordered quarantines in New Jersey and Maine.

Most people have been supportive, she said, but others have been

hateful. She received a letter from one person who said he hoped she would catch Ebola and die.

"We're still thankful we've had a lot of great support in this community, but I'd be lying if I said that it didn't make me a little bit nervous thinking about people from the other side of the debate and how they might react to me," she said.

Monday will mark the 21st day since Hickox's last exposure to an Ebola patient, a 10-year-old girl who suffered seizures before dying alone without family.

On Tuesday, Hickox will no longer require daily monitoring for Ebola symptoms, and even those who sought to isolate her agree that she will no longer be a threat.

Hickox said she doesn't intend

to stop speaking out on behalf of public health workers, nor would she let her experience deter her from returning to West Africa.

"Something like quarantine is not going to scare me from doing the work that I love," she said from her home in Fort Kent in northernmost Maine.

"I would return to Sierra Leone in a heartbeat."

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Franklin County Detective Jason Grellner, center, sorts through evidence with Detective Darryl Balleddier, left, and reserve Officer Mark Holguin during a September 2010 raid of a suspected meth house in Gerald, Mo.

US use of cheaper meth made in Mexico on rise

By JIM SALTER
The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Seizures of homemade methamphetamine labs are down by nearly half in many Midwestern states, but use of the drug remains high as people increasingly turn to cheaper, imported Mexican meth.

Meth lab busts and seizures are down 40 percent or more in states that traditionally lead the country in that category, narcotics experts told The Associated Press.

Enforcement and stricter laws are partly responsible, but the meth now coming through Mexican cartel pipelines is so cheap and pure that it is supplanting meth made in homes. The cartels have even expanded their meth reach to rural areas and small towns.

"The great news is that meth from Mexico doesn't explode, doesn't burn down your house and your neighbor's home, doesn't contaminate your property, doesn't kill children the way meth labs have done here in the U.S. for decades," said Jason

Grellner, the chief narcotics officer in Franklin County, Mo.

Meth lab seizures peaked nationally in 2004, when nearly 24,000 labs were seized. The Drug Enforcement Administration reported 11,573 seizures last year, up 363 from 2012.

The Mexican cartels have long controlled the market for illegal drugs such as cocaine and heroin. Meth was trickier. For years, many U.S. users have chosen to make their own, first in homemade labs that often caught fire or ruined houses. The Drug Enforcement Administration's website lists thousands of homes contaminated by meth.

When federal and state lawmakers began implementing laws limiting the sale of key meth ingredient pseudoephedrine in the mid-2000s, it became difficult to obtain enough for large batches.

Meanwhile, Mexican cartels have increased their meth-making, using the organic compound phenylacetone — banned in the U.S. but obtainable in Mexico, according to the DEA

— rather than pseudoephedrine.

The purity of Mexican meth increased from 39 percent in 2007 to essentially 100 percent today, said Jim Stroba, special agent in charge for the DEA's St. Louis office. The price during that same period has fallen sharply, from \$290 per pure gram to around \$100 per pure gram.

Marijuana is by far the most seized drug in the United States, with DEA statistics showing 268,000 kilograms seized in 2013. That compares with 22,500 kilograms of cocaine, 3,990 kilograms of meth and 965 kilograms of heroin.

At first, the Mexican meth was aimed mainly at big cities and suburbs. Indiana's meth suppression commander, Niki Crawford, said it is increasingly showing up in her state's mid-sized cities.

"We all know that if we get a handle on meth labs, we will still have meth addicts who will work very hard to get their drug," Crawford said. "This is where the Mexican cartel meth will fill the void."

Judge strikes down Ariz. immigration law

By JACQUES BILLEAUD
The Associated Press

PHOENIX — Arizona's frustrations over federal enforcement of the state's border with Mexico spawned a movement nearly a decade ago to have local police confront illegal immigration. Now, the state's experiment in immigration enforcement is falling apart in the courts.

A ruling Friday that struck down the state's 2005 immigrant smuggling law marks the latest in a string of restrictions placed by the courts on Arizona's effort to get local police to take action on people living in the U.S. illegally. The smuggling law, like similar state statutes, was tossed because a judge concluded it conflicted with the federal government's immigration powers.

"There may be some broad sympathy within a constituency for these laws, but that constituency isn't enough to overcome the

problems those laws pose," said Peter Spiro, a Temple University law professor who specializes in immigration law.

For years in Arizona, many officials resisted suggestions that local and state police agencies confront illegal immigration, long considered the sole province of the federal government. But the notion gained political traction as voters grew frustrated over the state's status as the nation's then-busiest immigrant smuggling hub and over what critics said was inadequate border protection by Washington.

A small number of the state's immigration laws have been upheld, including a key section of Arizona's landmark 2010 immigration enforcement law that requires police to check people's immigration status under certain circumstances. But the courts have slowly dismantled other Arizona laws and policies.

Pittsburgh researcher guilty of poisoning wife

PITTSBURGH — Jurors who convicted a University of Pittsburgh researcher of first-degree murder in the cyanide poisoning death of his wife say they didn't find his explanations believable and were moved by a 911 call.

Dr. Robert Ferrante, 66, who

lung his head when the verdict was read in court Friday, faces a mandatory life sentence in the April 2013 death of his wife, neurologist Dr. Autumn Klein, 41.

"I think he had incredible coaches," juror Helen Ewing said. "I think he had a year to think about what story he wanted to tell."

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Left: Matthew Miller, left, who had been held in North Korea since April, is greeted after arriving Saturday at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., after he was freed during a top-secret mission. Right: Also freed was Kenneth Bae, shown with his sister, Terri Chung; he had been held since 2012.

Last 2 Americans held by North Korea back in US

BY MANUEL VALDES AND KEN DILANIAN
The Associated Press

JOINT BASE LEWIS-McCHORD, Wash. — The last two Americans being held captive by North Korea have returned home.

Kenneth Bae and Matthew Miller landed Saturday night at a Washington state military base after a top U.S. intelligence official secured their release from the reclusive Communist country.

Bae, surrounded by family members, spoke briefly to the media after the plane carrying him and Miller landed about 9 p.m.

He thanked President Barack Obama and the people who supported him and his family. He also thanked the North Korean government for releasing him.

"It's been an amazing two years, I learned a lot, I grew a lot, I lost a lot of weight," said Bae, a Korean-American missionary with health problems. Asked how he was feeling, he said, "I'm recovering at this time."

His family has said he suffers from diabetes, an enlarged heart, liver problems and back pain.

U.S. officials said Miller, of Bakersfield, Calif., and Bae, of Lynnwood, Wash., flew back with James Clapper, the director of national intelligence. Clapper was the highest-ranking American to visit Pyongyang in more than a

decade.

Members of Bae's family met him when he landed. His mother hugged him after he got off the plane. Miller stepped off the U.S. government aircraft a short time later and was also greeted with hugs.

Their release was the latest twist in the fitful relationship between the Obama administration and the young North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, whose approach to the U.S. has shifted back and forth from defiance to occasional conciliation. A senior administration official said Obama approved the mission last week and U.S. officials spent the next several days planning the trip. Clapper spent roughly a day on the ground and met with North Korean security officials — but not with Kim, the official said aboard Air Force One as Obama prepared to head to Beijing.

Clapper went with the sole purpose of bringing home the two detainees, although the U.S. anticipated that other issues of concern to the North would come up during Clapper's discussions, said the official, who wasn't authorized to comment by name and demanded anonymity.

Analysts who study North Korea said the decision to free Bae and Miller now from long prison terms probably was a bid to ease pressure in connection with his human rights record. A recent

U.N. report documented rape, torture, executions and forced labor in North's network of prison camps, accusing the government of "widespread, systematic and gross" human rights violations.

North Korea seems worried that Kim could be accused in the International Criminal Court, said Sue Mi Terry, a former senior intelligence analyst now at Columbia University.

Bruce Klingner, a former CIA analyst now at The Heritage Foundation, agreed that efforts to shine a spotlight on the country's human rights record "started the regime and led to frantic attempts to derail the process."

US: Iran nuke deal not linked to battle with Islamic State

BY LARA JAKES
The Associated Press

BEIJING — The top U.S. diplomat described "real gaps" Saturday in waning negotiations to limit Iran's nuclear program, but steadfastly denied that any deal struck would also bring a promise of stronger cooperation between Washington and Tehran on fighting Islamic militants.

Despite the urgency to end years of negotiating by a looming Nov. 24 deadline, Secretary of State John Kerry said that there was no linkage between the nuclear talks and even an indirect U.S.-Iran partnership to combat the Islamic State group that has ravaged much of Iraq and Syria.

He was referring to reports last week, which first surfaced in The Wall Street Journal, describing a recent letter from President Barack Obama to Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei suggesting a shared interest in fighting Islamic State militants — but which would be largely contingent on Tehran agreeing to the nuclear deal.

"There is no linkage whatsoever of the nuclear discussions with any other issue," Kerry told reporters in Beijing, where he was attending the annual Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation conference.

"I want to make that absolutely clear. The nuclear negotiations

are on their own. They are standing separate from anything else, and no discussion has ever taken place about linking one thing to the other... that I am aware of," Kerry said.

He would not confirm or deny the existence of the letter, which would represent a rare communication between the leaders of two nations that have been foes for a generation. More than any other White House in years, the Obama administration has sought to thaw relations with Iran since last year's election of President Hassan Rouhani, who is seen as a moderate leader and has made clear he wants to ease harsh economic sanctions the West has imposed against Tehran to punish its nuclear program.

Iran for years evaded international inspections in secretly built nuclear plants. It is now demanding global recognition for its right to generate nuclear power for energy, medical and other benign purposes. But Britain, China, France, Germany, Russia and the U.S. fear Tehran is trying to build nuclear weapons. As a result, the U.S., European Union and the United Nations imposed the sanctions that sent Iran's economy into a tailspin. The two sides are now negotiating a potential agreement to limit Iran's nuclear production and ensure more transparent inspections in return for rolling back some of the sanctions.

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1M Catalans vote in mock independence poll

BARCELONA, Spain — Catalonia's government said more than 1 million voters participated Sunday in an informal vote on whether the wealthy northeastern region should secede from Spain.

The regional Catalan government pushed forward with the vote despite Spain's Constitutional Court ordering its suspension on Tuesday after it agreed to hear the Spanish government's challenge that the poll is unconstitutional.

The Catalan government said that more than 1.1 million of the

5.4 million eligible voters had voted by 1300 local time at polling stations manned with more than 40,000 volunteers. Results are expected Monday morning.

The ballot asks voters two questions: Should Catalonia be a state, and if so, should it be independent?

Polls show that the majority of Catalonia's 7.5 million inhabitants want an official vote on independence, while around half support breaking centuries-old ties with Spain.

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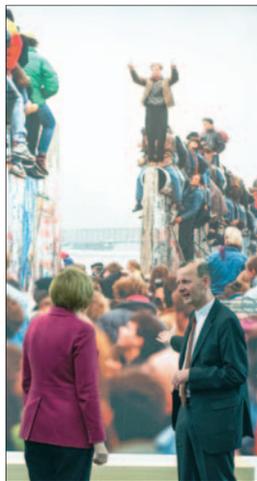


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Left: A man puts a flower in a crack of the former Berlin Wall to commemorate victims of the Wall at the memorial site in Berlin on Sunday. Right: German Chancellor Angela Merkel and Director of the Berlin Wall Foundation Axel Klausmeier visit the new permanent exhibition at the memorial.

Germany marks 25 years since fall of Berlin Wall

By FRANK JORDANS
The Associated Press

BERLIN — As Germany celebrated the 25th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall on Sunday, Elke Rosin recalled how lucky her family had been.

Her pet parakeet and a few personal belongings were all that Rosin managed to grab before her family fled from East to West Berlin 53 years ago. Hours after their frantic escape, the communist authorities in East Germany sealed off the border and began building the wall.

“We all got away and nobody died,” said Rosin, 70.

Others weren’t so fortunate.



During its 28-year existence, at least 138 people died at the wall, and hundreds more were jailed for trying to escape.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel honored their memory

and paid tribute to those who helped bring down the wall, calling its collapse an example of the human yearning for freedom.

On the night of Nov. 9, 1989, thousands of East Berliners streamed through the once-closed border crossings after communist authorities caved in mounting pressure and relaxed travel restrictions that had prevented their citizens from going to the west for decades.

“It was about reclaiming freedom, about being citizens, not subjects,” Merkel said at the main memorial site for the Wall on Bernauer Strasse.

The protests in East Germany were spurred by changes that had already taken place elsewhere in

Eastern Europe, she said, citing the examples set by democracy movements in Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary.

“The fall of the Wall has shown us that dreams can come true,” said Merkel, who grew up in East Germany. “Nothing has to stay the way it is, however big the hurdles are.”

Activists staged a small demonstration during the memorial event, holding up a banner with the words “No wall around Europe” to protest the treatment of refugees trying to reach the continent.

A million people were expected to attend Sunday’s festivities in Berlin, which included an open-

air party at the city’s Brandenburg Gate and the release of hundreds of helium-filled balloons strung along a 9-mile stretch of the former border.

Merkel noted that Nov. 9 is a significant date in German history also for being the day when, in 1938, Nazi paramilitaries launched a pogrom against the country’s Jewish population in what became known as Reichskristallnacht—the “Night of Broken Glass.”

“That was the opening note for the murder of millions,” said Merkel, adding that on Nov. 9 each year, “I feel not just joy but the responsibility that German history burdens us with.”

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Trip: China casts wary eye on Obama's effectiveness, intentions

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"They'll be trying to discern whether he has the commitment and political capital to follow through," Bower said.

Even before the election, Obama's commitment to the region and his ability to boost U.S. clout there was in doubt in many capitals. U.S. allies such as Japan and South Korea have pressed for a greater American presence, partly to counter China's growing influence. Yet Obama's mission against the Islamic State group and his government's Ebola response have diverted U.S. military and financial resources elsewhere.

"The president remains deeply committed to his Asia rebalancing strategy, and its implementation will remain a top priority throughout the second term," said his national security adviser, Susan Rice.

During his three days in China, Obama planned to give a speech about U.S. ties to Asia at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit and meet with President Xi Jinping.

U.S. presidents often immerse themselves in foreign affairs during their last years in office, when the focus on the next presidential race saps the energy from their domestic efforts. After last week's elections, White House officials spoke optimistically about Obama's prospects for clinching trade deals in Asia and elsewhere now that Republicans are set to control Congress.

Under Obama, U.S. trade negotiators for years have been pursuing the Trans-Pacific

Partnership, a major trade pact being negotiated with 11 nations. The talks repeatedly have blown past their deadlines, and other nations have been wary about Obama's ability to push a deal through Congress, where Democrats are sensitive to the concerns of labor unions.

"If (President Obama) comes in and tries to be tough with them, they'll see that as putting a period on cooperation with Obama. They see Hillary Clinton coming."

Douglas Paal
former Asia policy chief
for the National Security Council

minute amendments that could sink it.

China is not part of the talks, and is pursuing its own free trade deals in the region. What's more, Chinese leaders have viewed Obama's focus on Asia with suspicion, fearing an attempt to contain China's growth and in-

fluence in the region.

In a sign of the political climate facing Obama in China, state-run media have been mocking him in the days before his visit.

"Obama always utters 'Yes, we can,' which led to the high expectations people had for him," read an editorial in the English-language Global Times. "But he has done an insipid job, offering nearly nothing to his supporters. U.S. society has grown tired of his banality."

Another reminder of the tensions in the region came hours before Obama left on Saturday when North Korea released two American detainees after Obama's spy chief made a secret mission to Pyongyang to secure their release.

In his meetings with Xi, Obama plans to address human rights issues, officials said, including the treatment of journalists as well as pro-democracy protests in Hong Kong. Climate change, a big concern in smog-filled Beijing, and China's aggressive behavior toward its neighbors are also on Obama's agenda.

Douglas Paal, who headed Asia policy under President George W. Bush at the National Security Council, said Chinese leaders have signaled that this visit will determine whether to keep working with Obama or just wait him out.

"If he comes in and tries to be tough with them, they'll see that as putting a period on cooperation with Obama," Paal said. He added, "They see Hillary Clinton coming."

China pledges \$40B for new 'Silk Road'

BEIJING — Chinese President Xi Jinping is promising \$40 billion to help Asian nations improve trade links in a new effort to assert Beijing's ambitions as a regional leader.

Xi made the pledge in a meeting with leaders of Pakistan, Bangladesh and five other Asian nations ahead of this week's Asia-Pacific economic summit, state media reported Sunday.

Beijing has launched a series of initiatives this year aimed at increasing its influence in what it sees as U.S.-dominated regional and global trade, finance and security structures.

The latest effort, the "Silk Road Fund," will finance infrastructure and cooperation in industry and finance to link Asian economies, Xi said in the meeting Saturday with leaders of Bangladesh, Cambodia, Laos, Mongolia, Myanmar, Pakistan and Tajikistan.

"Efforts by a single or several countries are far from adequate," said Xi, according to China's official Xinhua News Agency. "Only by building extensive partnerships where all will think and work in unison can we expect to achieve positive results."

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WAR ON TERRORISM



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Children inspect the wreckage after a car bomb explosion in Sadr City, Baghdad, on Saturday.

Militant gathering targeted

Coalition airstrikes take aim at leaders meeting near Mosul

By SAMEER N. YACUB
The Associated Press

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BAGHDAD — The U.S.-led coalition conducted a series of airstrikes targeting a gathering of Islamic State leaders near the northern Iraqi city of Mosul, a senior U.S. defense official said Saturday.

The airstrikes Friday night destroyed a convoy consisting of 10 Islamic State armed trucks, said the defense official, speaking on condition of anonymity to describe military operations.

He confirmed that coalition aircraft conducted a series of airstrikes "against what was assessed to be a gathering of ISIL leaders near Mosul," using another acronym for the Islamic State group.

"We cannot confirm if ISIL leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi was among those present," he said. "We have no further information to provide regarding these strikes."

The Islamic State group has proclaimed al-Baghdadi as caliph, or supreme leader, of the vast areas of territory in Iraq and Syria under its control and demanded that all Muslims pledge allegiance to him.

al-Baghdadi, an ambitious Iraqi militant believed to be in his early 40s, has a \$10 million U.S. bounty on his head. Since taking the reins of the group in 2010, he has transformed it from a local branch of al-Qaida into an independent transnational military force, positioning himself as perhaps the pre-eminent figure in the global

The amount of the U.S. bounty on the head of Islamic State leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, who has been proclaimed the militant group's supreme leader. Since taking over the group in 2010, al-Baghdadi has transformed it from a local branch of al-Qaida into an independent, transnational military force.

jihadi community.

Despite the airstrikes by the U.S.-led coalition, Sunni militants have continued to carry out deadly bombings targeting Iraqi security forces and civilians.

A suicide truck bomber struck the convoy of a top Iraqi police officer, killing eight people, including the ranking official, authorities said Saturday, in an attack that bore the hallmarks of militants from the Islamic State group.

The late Friday attack happened when the suicide bomber drove his bomb-laden truck into the convoy of police Lt. Gen. Faisal Malik al-Zamel, who was inspecting forces in the town of Beiji north of Baghdad, police said.

The blast killed al-Zamel and seven other police officers while wounding 15 people, hospital officials and police officers said.

On Saturday, a series of bombings in and around the capital of Baghdad killed at least 43 people, with the deadliest blast hitting the city's sprawling Shiite district of

Sadr City, where a car bomb tore through a commercial area, killing 11 people and wounding 21.

There has been an uptick in the number of bombings blamed on Sunni militants in the capital and mostly targeting Shiites, feeding sectarian tensions as the security forces of the Shiite-led government battle the Sunni militants of the Islamic State group to the west and north. More recently, the attacks targeted Shiite pilgrims marking Ashoura, the highlight of the sect's religious calendar.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack in Beiji, 155 miles north of Baghdad, but suicide bombings have been the signature style of Sunni militants for more than a decade in Iraq.

Shiite Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi, recognizing al-Zamel's standing, led mourners at al-Zamel's funeral on Saturday, and a top army officer, Gen. Abdul-Wahab al-Saadi, vowed to avenge his death.

"Beiji will be the graveyard of Daesh," said a clearly moved al-Saadi on state television. Al-Saadi, the army's chief of operations in the province of Salahuddin, was using the Arabic acronym for the Islamic State group.

Al-Saadi and al-Zamel have been leading the ongoing battle to rid Beiji, which is located in Salahuddin, of Islamic State fighters who swept into the city last summer. "We have cleansed many of Beiji's neighborhoods, and we will shortly announce its complete liberation," al-Saadi said.

Syria conducts air raids over militant-held town; at least 21 killed, 100 hurt

By RYAN LUCAS
The Associated Press

BEIRUT — Syrian government helicopters and warplanes carried out a series of airstrikes overnight on a northern town controlled by the Islamic State group, killing at least 21 people, activists said Sunday.

The air raids struck the town of al-Bab in Aleppo province late Saturday and lasted through early Sunday morning.

The Aleppo Media Center activist collective and the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights both reported the attacks.

Observatory Director Rami Abdurrahman said there were 10 strikes in total, including seven so-called barrel bombs dropped from helicopters. He said at least 21 people were killed and more than 100 wounded.

The Aleppo Media Center put the death toll at 30, with 85 wounded. Differences in casualty figures are common in the chaotic aftermath of attacks in Syria. President Bashar Assad's air force routinely bombs towns held by the Islamic State group, as well as areas controlled by mainstream rebel groups.

A U.S.-led coalition also is conducting an aerial campaign against the Islamic State group and other extremists in Syria. Washington says it does not coordinate its airstrikes with Damascus.

Much of the multinational coalition has recently focused its firepower on Islamic State fighters attacking the predominantly Kurdish town of Kobani on Syria's northern border with Turkey.

The extremists launched an of-

fensive against the town, which is also known as Ayn Arab, in mid-September. After making initial gains in Kobani, the Islamic State group's assault has slowed to a bitter grind.

Abdurrahman, the director of the observatory, said Sunday that more than 1,000 people have been killed in the battle of Kobani, including 609 Islamic State militants.

The toll also includes 363 fighters from the Kurdish militia known as the YPG, as well as 24 civilians and more than a dozen Syrian rebels.

In southern Syria, meanwhile, Islamic rebel brigades and the al-Qaida-linked Nusra Front seized the town of Nawa from forces loyal to Assad, the observatory said.

"Nusra and the rebels control the whole town and the area around it," Abdurrahman said. "The Syrian regime pulled out because they are weak there."

Activists say more than 200,000 people have been killed in Syria since protests against Assad spiraled into violence in 2011.

The United Nations envoy to Syria, Staffan de Mistura, met with Syrian Foreign Minister Walid al-Moallem on Sunday in Damascus, the SANA state news agency reported.

It said the two men discussed several issues, including the envoy's recent initiative on establishing local cease-fires as a way to try to halt the fighting in the country.

A Syrian state newspaper on Saturday criticized de Mistura for pursuing his idea of local truces, saying he deviated from the "limits of the international mission" with which he was entrusted.

Cutting off terrorist funding topic of meeting in Bahrain

By REEM KHALIFA
The Associated Press

MANAMA, Bahrain — Bahrain's foreign minister urged world leaders Sunday to do more to cut off funding for terrorist groups and prevent them from profiting from illegal businesses.

Sheik Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa made the comments at the start of a meeting in the Bahraini capital, Manama, aimed at bringing together financial experts to improve the fight against extremist fundraising.

He urged delegates to set a path to ensure that financial institutions and charities cannot funnel funds to terrorist groups, and to "put an end to their ability to smuggle goods and export funds from commercial enterprises."

The head of the U.S. Treasury Department's effort to undermine the Islamic State's finances,

David Cohen, last month estimated the group was earning about \$1 million a day from black market oil sales alone.

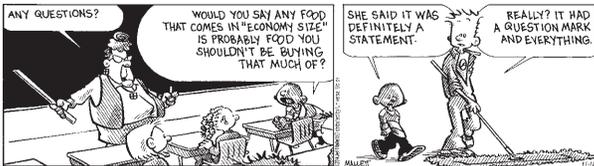
It also generates cash from criminal enterprises such as extortion, bank robbery and kidnapping for ransom. Only a small amount of its funding is believed to come from outside donors.

The one-day gathering follows a meeting in Paris in September in which diplomats from around the world pledged to fight Islamic State militants "by any means necessary."

It includes representatives from several Arab nations and Western countries including the United States, Britain and France, as well as China and Russia.

International bodies such as the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund also participated.

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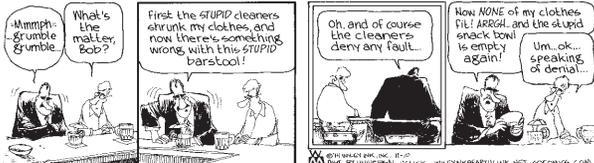
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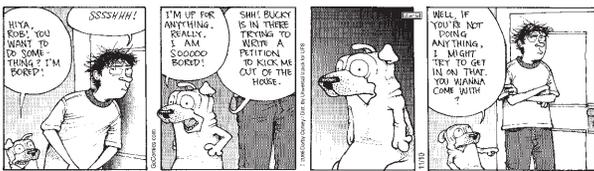
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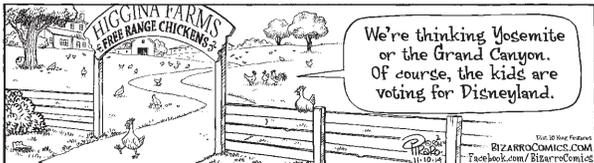
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SCIENCE AND MEDICINE

BACK WILD

Trying to curb deer population proves no easy task

By JACKSON LANDERS
Special To The Washington Post

A few years ago, the central campus of Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y., was facing a problem familiar to urban areas. An infestation of white-tailed deer had pushed the community to the limits of its tolerance. Without natural predators, the deer reproduced until their numbers were limited only by the availability of food.

Gardens were being eaten. Lyme disease was spreading. Collisions with cars threatened human lives. Ecologists warned that the proliferation of deer was probably changing wild habitat enough to place songbirds at risk. Invasive plants began to fill the voids left by excessive grazing. By 2009, Cornell needed to find a solution that would satisfy everyone, including animal rights activists.

Something was attracting an abnormal number of mature bucks. Cornell's biologists realized that the reproductive cycle of the ligated does was to blame.

Typically, a deer boom is dealt with through hunting. Often, sharpshooting riflemen or archers are brought in to bait the animals into zones where shots can safely be taken. Cornell's administrators took a different approach: They chose to experiment with sterilizing many of the wild deer on campus while allowing periodic hunting on nearby land — and the result was something that nobody anticipated.

Surgical sterilization of wild animals has worked in some cases. Small bands of wild horses in Montana and Nevada have been reduced by choosing the most dominant stallions and performing vasectomies on them. Because horses maintain harems, in which a dominant male fights to maintain an exclusive ability to mate with many females, only a few stallions needed to be neutered to significantly reduce the birth rate.

The harem factor

However, white-tailed deer do not maintain harems. Bucks and does form temporary pairs for a few days in order to mate. Bucks can travel for miles to seek out does in heat, which means that a large number of females would need to be targeted for sterilization.

The method of contraception chosen by Cornell was tubal ligation, in which a doe's fallopian tubes are either blocked or severed. That prevents egg cells from reaching the uterus. Unlike chemical forms of birth control, tubal ligation is typically permanent and avoids the expense of capturing the same deer each year to maintain their infertility. At a cost of roughly \$1,200 per deer, 77 does were captured and sterilized through tubal ligation. (Without the help of the Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine, the costs would have been higher.)

A team of biologists led by Paul Curtis, an associate professor and extension wildlife specialist at Cornell, began to closely track changes in the deer population. Initially, the results looked promising: The birth rate went down. Yet the total number of deer remained steady over five years. Something strange was going on.

"Sterilization definitely did decrease fawn numbers, and doe numbers also declined," Curtis said. "However, these population reductions were offset

by increasing buck numbers. There were about 100 deer on campus when we started, and there were still about 100 deer (five years later)."

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Buck magnet invented

Under normal conditions, all female whitetails go into heat within several weeks of each other and become pregnant at around the same time. That annual event is called the rut.

However, if a doe is not impregnated during the rut, it will enter heat again the following month and again the month after that. Because the ligated does were unable to become pregnant, they continued to produce chemical signals of readiness to reproduce — signals that can attract bucks from miles away.

By preventing pregnancy in does, Cornell had accidentally invented a population of buck magnets that regularly drew in new deer from the surrounding area.

After examining Curtis' data, Cornell's administration rethought its nonviolent approach to deer population control. The tubal ligation program was halted, replaced by a program of nuisance deer removal using a combination of professional trapping and hunting by volunteer archers.

"In winter 2013, our camera survey indicated there were 100 to 105 deer on campus. After the nuisance deer removal in 2014, the camera estimate was about 58 deer remaining on campus," Curtis said. "Because the bow hunters are volunteers, this program is essentially cost-neutral," Blossley said.

Some of the meat from the culled deer is taken home by the hunters to be eaten; some is donated to anyone who wants it.

If some form of surgical sterilization or contraception is eventually successful among free-ranging populations of wild deer, it could change the way that urban and suburban communities deal with excessive deer numbers.

Tufts University in Massachusetts is studying the use of a contraceptive vaccine in white-tailed deer. The method involves stimulating the deer's immune system to prevent pregnancy. Earlier experiments

with captive deer have been successful.

While it will be years until the results are clear, the ongoing challenges in the wild include high cost (it costs about \$1,300 each time a deer is captured and given a shot) as well as the difficulty of monitoring large numbers of individual deer and getting them booster shots.



AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Federal prison holds father-daughter dance

FL MIAMI — A recent father-daughter dance in Miami was held at an unusual location — Miami's Federal Detention Center.

The Miami Herald reported that 13 inmates and 20 daughters gathered in a prison meeting room that was transformed into a ballroom for two hours on Tuesday.

Prison officials support the dance as a way to help inmates engage with their families and to prepare the inmates for the eventual release from prison.

The Miami dance was the first such event held in a federal prison. Officials hope to hold similar dances in other federal prisons around the nation.

In 2 political races, it's a coin toss

KY STANFORD — Heads or tails? For four political hopefuls in central Kentucky, the choice meant winning or losing an election.

Simple coin tosses decided the winners in two tied races, both in rural Lincoln County, on Thursday.

The (Danville, Ky.) Advocate-Messenger reported that incumbent Randal Price and challenger Priscilla Manuel tied for fourth place in the four-seat race for Crab Orchard City Commission, with 113 votes apiece. Manuel called tails, but the coin landed on heads. Price got the seat.

In the second race, challengers John W. Sallee Jr. and Peggy Denham Hester tied for sixth place in the six-seat race for Stanford City Council, each with 377 votes. Hester called heads, but the coin landed on tails. Sallee won the seat.

Woman discovers body in back seat of car

MD FREDERICK — Authorities are investigating the death of a Frederick man whose body was found in the back seat of a couple's car.

Frederick County Sheriff's deputies said a woman found the body of Curtis Alan Strange, 50, in the back seat of her car Wednesday just after she began driving and noticed items in the front seat of the car that didn't belong there.

Police said Strange was not related to the woman or her husband.

Deputies told The Frederick News-Post that Strange's body showed no signs of trauma and investigators don't suspect foul play.

The sheriff's office said a witness reported seeing Strange buying alcohol and staggering toward the street where the couple's car had been parked Tuesday night.

Worker dies in accident at bowling alley

OH FAIRFIELD — A federal workplace safety agency is looking into the death of a 53-year-old man southwest Ohio who was killed while doing maintenance at a bowling alley.

THE CENSUS

\$280K

The amount sought in a lawsuit a woman is filing against a nail salon in Portland, Ore. Madhu Kumar claims a pedicure at the Nails Trap salon in October 2012 led to the amputation of her right leg. According to the lawsuit filed last week, the pedicurist lacerated the tip of Kumar's right toe while shaving calluses off her feet with a sharp instrument. Kumar claims she suffered profuse bleeding, gangrene to her toe, amputation of her toe, and amputation of her right leg. The Oregonian reported Kumar is seeking \$30,000 in medical expenses and \$250,000 for pain and suffering.



ADAM LAU, KNOXVILLE (TENN.) NEWS SENTINEL/AP

Fur and games

Attendees of FangCon 2014 play "Furry Twister" while others look on at Holiday Inn Knoxville West, Knoxville, Tenn., on Friday. Founded by "furries" — what people who like to dress in furry costumes are known as, — the convention was held over the weekend in Knoxville for the second time. Other activities on the schedule included a drama show, a parade, a dance and a session on fur suit construction.

Authorities said the man was trapped in the pin-setting machinery and died at Northwest Bowling Alley in Fairfield.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration had an investigator at the bowling alley Friday.

Authorities said David Geibel died Thursday after his clothes became tangled in the machinery while he was trying to repair it. Police said there were customers and other employees at the bowling alley at the time, but no one saw what happened.

Cops: Teller spots fake \$20s at yard sale

PA KITTANNING — State police said a western Pennsylvania man has been charged with passing counterfeit \$20 bills at a yard sale run by the wrong woman — a local bank teller.

Trooper Terry Geibel said the teller is trained to know the look and feel of real money.

The Kittanning Leader-Times reported that Gregory Douglas,

40, of Kittanning, was charged with forgery and theft by deception. He remained jailed Friday on some previous bad check and other charges.

Amy Miller, the teller at Citizens Bank in Kittanning, told the newspaper the bills weren't printed on "money paper. Compared to the other twenties in my bag, it was really white."

Geibel said the money was printed on resume paper.

Woman gets 16 years for university scam

CA SAN FRANCISCO — A San Francisco woman was sentenced to more than 16 years in prison for running what prosecutors say was a sham university that served as a front for an immigration scam.

Susan Xiao-Ping Xu, founder and president of the phony Tri-Valley University, was also ordered during a hearing Friday to forfeit \$5.6 million and pay more than \$900,000 in restitution.

She was convicted in March of visa fraud and other charges.

Multiple Tri-Valley employees testified that the school had no graduation or admission requirements and that Xu instructed her staff to fabricate transcripts and other documents.

Federal prosecutors said Xu was selling visa-related documents that allowed foreigners, mostly Indian nationals, to live in the U.S.

Guinea pigs found abandoned in ditch

OR ALOHA — An Oregon sheriff's spokesman said a 19-year-old woman dumped more than two dozen guinea pigs into a ditch because she didn't know what to do with them.

The Oregonian reported that Washington County Sheriff's Sgt. Bob Ray said the woman from the west Portland suburb of Aloha was arrested Wednesday for investigation of first-degree animal neglect and animal abandonment. Ray said the animals had tags that linked them to the woman.

The spokesman said the sheriff's office got a call Monday from

an animal hospital that took the guinea pigs in and is caring for them. Southwest Animal Hospital receptionist Kate Brownlie said guinea pigs were found the previous weekend. Some were babies and may have been born in the ditch. Some have died.

Sumatran orangutan dies at Atlanta zoo

GA ATLANTA — A 43-year-old Sumatran orangutan has died at Atlanta's zoo.

Zoo Atlanta said Alan was the oldest male Sumatran orangutan living in the North American population of apes managed by the Orangutan Species Survival Plan when he died Friday.

The official cause of his death would not be known until the results of a necropsy come back in several weeks. Orangutans are considered geriatric after age 35, and Alan also suffered from heart disease.

Zoo Atlanta is home to North America's largest collection of orangutans.

From wire reports

FACES



Damon Wayans Jr., below, gives voice to the animated character Wasabi, far right, in "Big Hero 6."

'Big Hero 6' star Damon Wayans Jr. plays the name game

By RICK BENTLEY
The Fresno Bee

Damon Wayans Jr. had only done brief work in animation — as Thunder in the 2010 movie "Marmaduke" — before being cast in "Big Hero 6." His character, Wasabi, is the voice of reason (or panic depending on how you look at it) for a group of nerds who create their own super powers.

Wayans found the recording sessions a collaborative process.

"They told me, 'We want it to be your voice, we want it to be your comedy and do the weird stuff that you do and riff and take it in any direction.' They provide you with such a great foundation, such good writing, such good stories, such great characters so it's easy to riff off of those," Wayans says during an interview at the Walt Disney Animation Studios. "It was very much that experience of a podcast, like I could go anywhere that my voice could take me in my weird strange mind."

And his mind can make some crazy leaps, especially when it comes to comic book heroes. When he's not working in front of an audience, Wayans is an avid comic book collector and is in the process of creating his own comic.

He won't talk about his own creation, but he offers some clues on what he likes when it comes to superheroes. One of the things Wayans likes best about "Big Hero 6" is that the main characters are normal human beings who are superheroes in their own minds.

"They're not from a Planet Parkinon or somewhere that gives them their powers. It wasn't a spider bite.

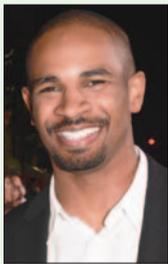
It was just their will and their ingenuity combined with their costumes. I really love that. I love, it kind of being about you're superhero of your mind first," Wayans says.

Wayans' character facilitates a lot of the comedy in the movie. The lighter moments, such as when Wasabi argues the merits of caution, are there to take the edge off the danger the group faces.

Wayans loves that his character is the anchor who keeps reminding the group of the dangers they face. "He's the guy who says, 'Look, we are all nerds. We are good at what we do and that's being scientists. Why are we trying to save the world?' The beauty of the character is that his love for his friends helped him overcome his fears," Wayans says.

Being part of an animated project means years of commitment because actors record their lines in scattered sessions. There was so much time between when he auditioned and was told he got the role — while filming his recent cop buddy comedy "Let's Be Cops" — he almost forgot about the job. He stays busy. He joined the cast of "New Girl" and continues to work on his comic book and do stand-up comedy. He always knew he was going to be a stand-up comedian. That's because he looks and sounds like his father, Damon Wayans. He calls the family name a double-edged sword.

"You have the comfort of the name and people are interested in seeing you. But I always felt like they were interested in seeing me because they knew I wasn't going to be as good," Wayans says. "Once they realized you have talent, then the name really helps."



DAN STEINBERG, INVISION/AP

Prosecutors drop charge against AC/DC's Phil Rudd

From wire services

New Zealand authorities made an embarrassing about-face Nov. 7 when prosecutors dropped a murder-for-hire charge against AC/DC drummer Phil Rudd, saying there was not enough evidence to proceed.

But the 60-year-old member of the popular Australian band still faces a serious charge of threatening to kill, which comes with a maximum prison term of seven years. He also faces charges of possessing methamphetamine and marijuana.

Police had initially accused Rudd of trying to arrange for a hit man to carry out two killings, and had charged him with attempting to procure murder, which comes with a maximum 10-year sentence. But when prosecutors took over the case, they quickly dropped the charge.

"The file was obtained today and reviewed," Tauranga Crown Solicitor Greg Hollister-Jones said in a statement Nov. 7, adding he had "made the decision that there was insufficient evidence to proceed with the charge of attempting to procure murder."

Rudd's lawyer Paul Mabey said the damage to his client had been incalculable and he was considering possible remedies.

"The charge alleging an attempt to procure murder should never have been laid," Mabey said in a statement, adding "Mr. Rudd has suffered unnecessary and extremely damaging publicity as a result of widespread and sensational reporting of a very serious allegation, which on any basis was never justified."

Mabey said Rudd would defend the other charges against him.

Bill Hodge, a law professor at the University of Auckland, said the events suggested police had overreached. Hodge said Rudd could have a good case for seeking financial damages if the case against him fell apart altogether, but he may have little recourse if convicted on the threatening to kill charge.

Police on Nov. 7 declined interview requests.

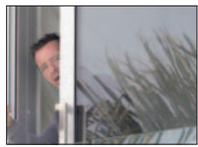
Rudd was released on bail Nov. 6 pending a second court appearance later this month. He has yet to enter a plea.

AC/DC released a statement saying band members had "only become aware of Phil's arrest as the news was breaking."

"We have no further comment. Phil's absence will not affect the release of our new album 'Rock or Bust' and upcoming tour next year." "Rock or Bust" is due to be released on Dec. 2 and will be the band's first new studio album in six years.

New Star Wars film wraps, gets name

The new Star Wars film has a title. Walt Disney Pictures announced Nov. 6 that the movie requires its name only as "Episode VII" has been dubbed



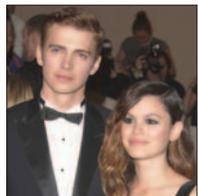
NEW ZEALAND HERALD, JOHN BORREN/AP

Phil Rudd, drummer for the rock band AC/DC, gestures from a window at his house in Tauranga, New Zealand, on Nov. 6. New Zealand prosecutors on Friday backtracked by dropping a murder-for-hire charge against Rudd, saying there wasn't enough evidence to proceed.

"The Force Awakens." Disney also said that principal photography has wrapped up on the J.J. Abrams-directed sequel six months after it began.

The shoot was one of the most closely followed productions in recent memory, with constant rumors emanating from the tightly guarded set. Shooting shut down for several weeks in July after Harrison Ford broke his leg during filming at the Pinewood Studios outside London.

"Star Wars: The Force Awakens" will be released December 2015.



CHRISTENSEN AND BILSON

Other news

■ Rachel Bilson is on mommy duty. The "Hart of Dixie" actress and Star Wars actor Hayden Christensen welcomed a daughter, Briar Rose Christensen, on Oct. 29. Bilson's representative confirmed Nov. 6. She's the first child for Bilson and Christensen, both 33.

■ Jay Z has bought an interest in the Armand de Brignac Champagne line owned by Sovereign Brands, a closely held wine and liquor company based in New York. The brand, which Jay Z has previously promoted in his music and public appearances, is known for its metallic bottles, which are made by hand at the Cattier family's 251-year-old chateau in Chigny-les-Roses, France. Prices start at about \$250 a bottle.

■ A judge Nov. 6 ended Lindsay Lohan's probation in a necklace theft case and said she appears to be doing well with a plan to complete community service and counseling required in her last remaining criminal matter.

Director: Next 'Toy Story' flick to open 'new chapter'

The Associated Press

Buzz Lightyear and Sheriff Woody are coming back to the big screen.

Disney Pixar announced Nov. 6 it plans to produce "Toy Story 4," with a release date in April 2017.

Pixar chief John Lasseter will direct the film.

Lasseter directed the first two "Toy Story" films and says his team has come up with a new idea for the franchise that he can't stop thinking about.

He says the fourth "Toy Story" installment will "open a new chapter" in the lives of Woody, Buzz and their playful pals.



Disney Pixar

Disney Pixar plans a new "Toy Story" movie for June 2017.

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BUSINESS/WEATHER

Night owls help boost fast-food sales

By **LESLIE PATTON**
Bloomberg News

CHICAGO — Fast-food restaurants are staying open later, providing sustenance to night owls and a rare source of growth for the beleaguered industry.

Late-night customer traffic at fast-food places jumped 12 percent in the year ended in August, according to data from Fort Washington, N.Y.-based NPD Group. That compares with a 0.2 percent gain for total traffic.

The increase follows a push in the past few years by more restaurants to stay open until the wee hours and to offer special menus designed to appeal to nocturnal customers. Checkers and Rally's are introducing deep-fried grilled-cheese strips, while Jack in the Box Inc. is selling chicken nuggets slathered with cheese, bacon and ranch — that starts of a "Munchie Menu" — just after 9 p.m.

Attracting a late-night crowd has brought both risks and rewards to restaurants, said Darren

Tristano, executive vice president at research firm Technomic in Chicago. While the crowds can be rowdy or drunk — putting more demands on security — customers come hungry and often don't apply the same restraint in ordering food as they might during the day.

"They're looking for food to stop up all the beer, wine and spirits they're drinking all night," he said. "It's impulse-driven — things that are crave-able."

Yum Brands' Taco Bell chain helped spur the industry-wide shift to late-night menus in 2006 when it introduced the "Fourth Meal" campaign. It was part of the company's strategy to give people more reasons to come to Taco Bell besides lunch and dinner.

Participating Taco Bell locations are open until 3 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights, with some operating until as late as 4 or 5 a.m. About 95 percent of U.S. Taco Bell stores are open late at night. That's helping spur sales at the chain, which expects to ex-

pand to at least 8,000 locations in the U.S., Chief Executive Officer David Novak said during a conference call in July.

"We have great progress now at breakfast. We're happy hour. We have the Fourth Meal," Novak said. "We see this as a power brand that can be leveraged throughout the day."

The Fourth Meal menu includes 760-calorie nachos and a 540-calorie Crunchwrap Supreme filled with beef and cheese sauce. Taco Bell promoted the offerings with a 60-second ad during last year's Super Bowl that showed elderly friends escaping from their retirement home.

Jack in the Box, a burger chain based in San Diego, also has embraced the late-night approach. The company introduced the Munchie Meal last year, offering combos for \$6 between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. They come with two tacos, fries, a drink and a choice of four entrees, including a fried chicken, bacon and hash brown sandwich topped with ranch — that meal

has 1,756 calories.

Late-night and breakfast orders fueled the chain's same-store sales growth of 2.4 percent in the third quarter, Jack in the Box CEO Leonard Comand said during a conference call in August. The company plans to continue investing in advertising and new items for late at night, he said.

The total U.S. fast-food industry is expected to increase sales 1.4 percent to \$198.9 billion this year, after growing just 0.7 percent in 2013 and 0.8 percent in 2012, according to research firm IBISWorld.

For now, though, late-night fast-food sales are just a "small piece of the pie," said Bonnie Riggs, a restaurant analyst at NPD. And staying open longer hours isn't a cure for the restaurants' struggles to compete with fast-casual chains like Chipotle Mexican Grill.

The late-night expansion also comes at a price. Longer hours can bring fights, higher labor costs and the potential for more burglaries, Tristano said.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Nov. 10)	\$1.2719
Dollar buys (Nov. 10)	€0.7862
British pound (Nov. 10)	\$1.62
Japanese yen (Nov. 10)	112.00
South Korean won (Nov. 10)	1,064.00

Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	€0.3770
British pound	\$1.5844/0.6313
Canada (dollar)	1.1351
China (Yuan)	6.1279
Denmark (Krone)	5.9844
Euro	1.7506
Hong Kong (Dollar)	\$1.2433/0.8043
Hungary (Forint)	248.09
Israel (Shekel)	3.7964
Japan (Yen)	114.59
Kuwait (Dinar)	€0.2913
Norway (Krone)	6.8473
Philippines (Peso)	45.01
Poland (Zloty)	3.40
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7518
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2925
South Korea (Won)	1,087.12
Switzerland (Franc)	0.9681
Thailand (Baht)	32.79
Turkey (New Lira)	2.2608

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3-month bill	0.09
6-month bill	0.09
9-month bill	0.09
30-year bond	3.10

WEATHER OUTLOOK

MONDAY IN THE MIDDLE EAST



MONDAY IN EUROPE



TUESDAY IN THE PACIFIC



The weather is provided by the American Forces Network Weather Center, 2nd Weather Squadron at Joint Air Force Base, N.H.

Monday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	Chatanooga	69	44	Cir	Fort Wayne	57	44	Cldy	Louisville	65	52	Cir	Pocatello	43	29	Pcldy	Sioux City	46	21	Cldy
Ablene, Tex	81	40		Cheyenne	41	9	Snow	Fresno	78	53	Cir	Lubbock	79	62	Cir	Portland, Maine	52	39	Cir	Sioux Falls	31	16	Snow
Akron, Ohio	56	42	Cldy	Chicago	54	45	Cldy	Goodland	53	17	Cir	Macon	73	39	Cir	Portland, Ore.	55	37	Pcldy	South Bend	54	44	Cldy
Albany, N.Y.	54	39	Cldy	Cincinnati	41	47	Cir	Grand Junction	50	26	Pcldy	Madison	48	36	Cldy	Providence	58	44	Cir	Spokane	39	15	Pcldy
Albuquerque	72	42	Pcldy	Cleveland	57	47	Cldy	Grand Rapids	48	41	Cldy	Medford	57	34	Cir	Pueblo	67	18	Cir	Springfield, Ill.	62	46	Pcldy
Allentown, Pa.	59	36	Pcldy	Colorado Springs	59	15	Cldy	Great Falls	16	2	Snow	Memphis	72	54	Cir	Reno/Royal-Durham	66	41	Cir	Springfield, Mo.	68	38	Cir
Amarillo	77	4	Snow	Columbus, Ga.	71	41	Cir	Green Bay	38	32	Cir	Miami Beach	78	67	Cir	Rapid City	23	4	Snow	Worcester	73	49	Cir
Anchorage	38	33	Snow	Columbus, Ga.	73	44	Cir	Greensboro, N.C.	65	40	Cir	Midland-Odessa	82	39	Cir	St. Louis	76	65	Cir	Tallahassee	76	42	Cir
Asheville	63	38	Cir	Columbia, S.C.	60	44	Cldy	Harrisburg	62	40	Pcldy	Milwaukee	49	42	Cldy	Richmond	66	40	Cir	Tampa	77	61	Cir
Atlanta	67	47	Cir	Columbus, Ohio	53	32	Cldy	Hartford	58	40	Pcldy	Minneapolis-St. Paul	41	23	Snow	Roanoke	64	40	Cir	Wichita	70	25	Cir
Atlantic City	61	43	Cir	Corpus Christi	82	68	Cir	Havana	22	6	Snow	Missoula	27	7	Snow	Rochester	53	41	Cldy	Topeka	67	30	Pcldy
Baltimore	76	47	Cir	Dallas-Ft. Worth	64	31	Cir	Hayward	77	47	Cir	Mobile	77	47	Cir	St. Louis	51	41	Cir	Tulsa	76	36	Cir
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Boston	58	44	Pcldy	Duluth	27	18	Snow	Janeau	41	28	Pcldy	Norfolk, Va.	64	51	Cir	Salt Lake City	49	28	Pcldy	Wichita Falls	70	25	Cir
Bridgeport	59	44	Pcldy	El Paso	76	50	Cir	Kansas City	65	30	Pcldy	North Platte	46	14	Cir	San Angelo	81	43	Cir	Willes-Barre	56	39	Pcldy
Brownsville	84	69	Pcldy	Elkins	64	31	Cir	Key West	67	42	Cir	Oklahoma City	51	35	Cir	San Antonio	79	59	Cir	Wilmington, Del.	60	43	Cir
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OPINION

The GOP's path to the White House

By ARI FLEISCHER

America is a tale of two electorates. On Tuesday, the GOP won big. The next election is likely to involve a very different group of voters, and Republicans need to realize that what worked in 2014 won't work in 2016. If Republicans aren't wise, this victory could be short-lived.

The biggest difference between the electorate of 2014 and the one coming in 2016 is who didn't vote Tuesday. According to the United States Elections Project, an estimated 83 million Americans voted Tuesday, two years ago, in the last presidential election, about 129 million people turned out. Who are the missing 46 million voters? They're mostly from the Democratic base, who typically don't vote in midterms but reliably show up for presidential contests.

According to exit polls, this year's electorate was 12 percent black, 8 percent Hispanic and 15 percent white ages 18 and 29. On Tuesday, those groups voted Democratic by 89 percent, 63 percent and 54 percent, respectively.

If the presidential election of 2012 is any guide to 2016, and it's certainly a good basis for planning, here is what Republicans can look forward to: The black vote will be 13 percent of the electorate, up 1 percentage point from 2014. The Hispanic vote is projected to be 11 percent, up three points from 2014. And the youth vote will be about 19 percent, up six points from 2014.

In other words, the Democrats are coming.

Republicans, who have won the popular vote in just one presidential election since 1992, need to do things differently if they want to win the White House again. It's one thing to win a rejection election against the party in charge; it's another to prove to the voters that you have ideas and are ready to

govern. While U.S. demographic changes are important, nothing attracts voters more than an appealing ideology.

The first thing Republicans need is a specific and positive agenda. Everyone knows the GOP stands against President Barack Obama, and it is rewarded for that Tuesday. But to win in a presidential year, GOP presidential candidates, who will define the image of the party, need to be the candidates with ideas. Growth-oriented reform of the individual tax code, corporate tax reform, a replacement for Obamacare, anti-poverty measures that work, exporting energy, a military buildup — all of those areas can be part of a campaign that gives voters a reason to vote for someone rather than against someone else.

Along the way, Republicans must communicate and act in a more open and inclusive manner. Statements about "self-deportation" for illegal immigrants, for example, alienate voters who would otherwise be open to Republican ideas. It is high time for the GOP to move forward on immigration reform. Immigration isn't the only issue that Hispanics care about, but a willingness to move forward on reform will be instrumental in letting immigrants know they are important to and welcome in the party. A compromise needs to be found that respects the rule of law while allowing people who came to the United States seeking opportunity to find it.

George W. Bush, who supported immigrant reform, won 38 percent of the Hispanic vote in 2004. Mitt Romney received 27 percent in 2012. If Republicans don't win at least roughly 35 percent of the Hispanic vote, it's hard to imagine them winning the White House again.

Republicans made inroads with young voters Tuesday, losing them by 9 points compared with 23 points in 2012, but were below 18- to 29-year-olds like Republi-

cans. It's because they turned away from Democrats. Those voters are increasingly up for grabs.

One way to win over more young voters is to stop scaring them away. Interestingly, gay rights have become somewhat of a gateway issue for young people. Younger Republicans are increasingly open to gay marriage, presenting the GOP with a generational split. Even if that split remains, the party needs to find points of consensus, such as ending workplace discrimination against gays. People simply won't vote for you if they think you don't like them. The GOP needs to modernize its appeal or too many young voters will roll their eyes when they see a Republican presidential candidate coming.

By my count, approximately a dozen Republicans are considering running for president, including six governors, a former governor, three senators, a former senator and one physician. I hope I didn't leave anyone out.

As the primary proceeds, the candidates need to keep their eyes on the prize. A conservative ideology will be a winning ideology if it's presented in a manner that unifies and uplifts. Competition is healthy in all things, and that includes presidential politics. There is nothing wrong with a good ideological battle to vet and settle intra-party differences. But if Republicans engage in that fight in a manner that alienates large portions of a general electorate that will be out in full force in 2016, this month's victory is sure to be fleeting.

It's good to block Obama. It's better to lead America in a new direction.

Ari Fleischer, White House press secretary from 2005 to 2006, was a member of the Republican National Committee's review of the party's defeat in the 2012 presidential election. This column first appeared in The Washington Post.

This Congress can take the lead on Ukraine

By GORDON HUMPHREY

Since the White House has shown that it won't take the lead in thwarting Russian President Vladimir Putin's plan to permanently divide Ukraine, Congress should assert its role as a co-equal branch of government. The change in the Senate leadership in the next Congress will make that easier, but the Senate should act now, not wait until January.

Further delay in supplying Ukraine with defensive weapons will give Putin time to consolidate his position and lay plans for further aggression. Delay also raises the prospect of an even more serious challenge — this time to NATO in the Baltic States, where Putin is already inventing pretexts to make trouble.

Sens. Carl Levin, D-Mich., and Robert Menendez, D-N.J., have led the way in arguing for providing defensive weapons. Levin, the chairman of the Armed Services Committee, called for taking the step in a July floor speech. "As part of [our] effort we should provide Ukraine with defensive weapons — such as antitank weapons — that can help Ukraine reclaim its territory and deter Russian aggression, without being needlessly provocative to the Russians," he said. Menendez, the chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, put it plainly in a September NPR interview: "If a tank is coming at you and you're firing with a peashooter, you're not going to be able to stop that tank."
 But senators, even the most powerful,

cannot prevail on an issue like this one when acting independently. Only a large, well-staffed, bipartisan team can get the job done. What's needed is a bipartisan Senate task force on Ukraine.

At present, I count 47 senators — Democrats and Republicans — who are on record supporting lethal defensive weapons for Ukraine. That is a high starting number, given the profound nature of the question and the opposition of President Barack Obama. Few of the remaining 53 have spoken publicly on the issue, but surely among them are enough to comprise a large majority when added to the 47. And it's likely that newly elected Republican senators will be more supportive of defensive weapons for Ukraine, given that about two-thirds of current backers are Republican; certainly, the likely replacement of Harry Reid by Mitch McConnell as majority leader ensures the Senate will chart its own course, not that of the White House. By bringing their numbers to bear and working in concert, supporters will be much better positioned to prevail by assertively advancing the Menendez weapons bill and companion appropriations and using parliamentary leverage when necessary.

There is precedent for this. In the 1980s, Democratic and Republican senators formed a task force on Afghanistan to deal with executive resistance to sending modern weapons to the fighters taking on the Soviet army. Clayborne Pell, D-R.I., the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and Daniel Patrick Moynihan,

D-N.Y., were among its active members, as was one of the Senate's most senior current members, Orrin Hatch, R-Utah.

The task force on Afghanistan induced the executive branch to greatly increase humanitarian assistance and, most important, supply modern defensive weapons, including anti-aircraft weapons, to the Afghans fighting the Soviet Army. The weapons changed the calculus in Moscow, and ultimately the Soviets withdrew. Senators should reflect on that outcome and the means used to achieve it. Then they should apply the lesson today. Of course, we should bear in mind that when the Soviets withdrew from Afghanistan, the United States also departed, leaving a vacuum with unfortunate consequences. We must not repeat that mistake in our support of Ukraine. Support must be long-term, as was our support of Western Europe following World War II.

To succeed, senators supporting lethal defensive weapons must have a full team on the field every day, not just a few superstars who speak out now and then. They need a bipartisan Senate task force on Ukraine, backed up by adequate staff constantly at work.

Congress can have the last word. The Senate should take the lead. Until it does, the White House will continue to win by default.

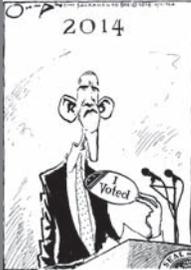
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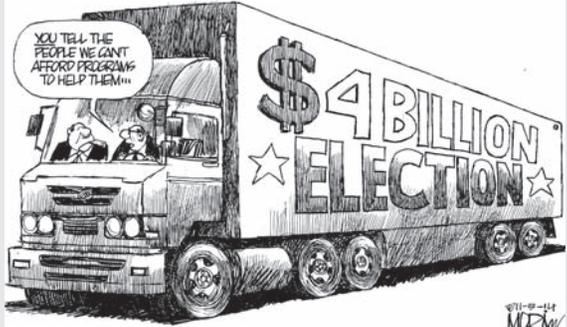
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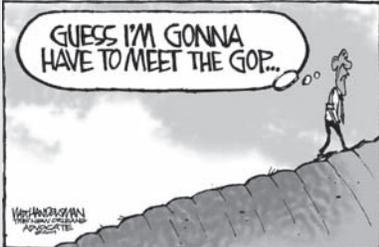
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HIGH SCHOOL/SPORTS BRIEFS



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Vilseck's Marquez Monley streaks down the sideline for a touchdown Saturday in the DODDS Europe all-star game. The South all-stars beat the North 20-14.

South wins Europe all-star game

By GREGORY BROOME
Stars and Stripes

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — A week after two hard-fought championship games took place on the same field, the DODDS Europe football all-star game played Saturday at Kaiserslautern High School offered a worthy remix of that stirring final four.

The South all-stars took a 20-14 victory over the North in the annual postseason classic, the fourth consecutive year it's been held since its 2011 relaunch.

While ostensibly a North versus South affair, this year's edition was also drawn heavily along divisional lines. On the North, stars of Division I champion Ramstein teamed up with contemporaries from archrival Wiesbaden a week after ending the Warriors' title reign in 17-0 shutout fashion. Meanwhile, newly-crowned Division II champion Ansbach and runner-up Hohenfels joined forces for the South in the wake of the Cougars' 30-20 comeback victory in the European championship game.

But after spending the better part of the week as teammates, the lingering animosity between the rivals had mostly dissipated by Saturday's kickoff.

"We put our differences to the

side, called a truce," Hohenfels' Trey Briscoe said. "Let's be professional and team up and get this over with."

With neither offense producing scoring drives in the early going, the game's first points came via defense. Ramstein senior Ben Clero broke up a screen pass in the South backfield, bobbled and ultimately secured the interception and returned it for a touchdown that gave the North a 7-0 lead with just over three minutes to play in the first half.

The North edge didn't hold for long. Less than a minute later, Vilseck running back Marquez Monley bounced outside near midfield and raced down the sideline for the game's first offensive score.

A fumble recovery by his Falcon teammate, Gabe Lewis, set up another South possession, and the squad made good on it, too. The homesteading Kaiserslautern duo of quarterback Bridger Hawkins and wide receiver Antwan Haynes connected for a 10-yard touchdown pass to put the South ahead at the break.

The South built on its 13-7 halftime lead late in the third on a 4-yard run by Hohenfels senior David Vidovic. But like the South in the first half, the North was ready with the response. Wiesbaden speedster Anthony

Little broke loose for an 80-yard touchdown run, cutting the South lead to 20-14 entering the final 12 minutes.

That's the way it would end. After trading possessions, the North took over around its own 30 with just under two minutes to play and its collective eyes on a tying or go-ahead touchdown drive. A 40-yard run by Wiesbaden quarterback Tim Cuthbert put the North in range, but the last in a string of costly fumbles squandered the drive and iced the game for the South.

While DODDS Europe's four finalists were well-represented, each 32-player squad enjoyed capable reinforcements from elsewhere in the organization. The South roster was loaded with talent from all four losing DODDS-Europe semifinalists: Kaiserslautern and Patch in Division I, and Naples and Vicenza in Division II. The North squeezed players from Division I Lakenheath and Division II playoff squads Bitburg, Rota and SHAPE onto a roster dominated by Ramstein Royals and Wiesbaden Warriors.

"It was a great experience," Wiesbaden junior running back Keyshaun Green said. "It was actually intense, the rivalry between the South and the North."

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Briefly

Ex accuses Busch of assaulting her

The Associated Press

DOVER, Del. — NASCAR driver Kurt Busch has been accused of domestic assault by his ex-girlfriend, and police in Delaware said Friday they are investigating.

The Dover Police Department said the allegations were brought to the department Wednesday. Busch's ex-girlfriend, Patricia Driscoll, 36, said the allegations involved an incident inside his motorhome at a race at Dover International Speedway in September. The couple broke up about a week before.

Driscoll has filed court documents asking that a judge order Busch to stay away from her and not contact her. She also is asking that Busch undergo a psychiatric evaluation and be evaluated by a certified domestic violence treatment agency.

The documents, filed Wednesday, say Busch was despondent the night of Sept. 26 after his poor performance at the qualifying session.

"He was verbally abusive to her and said he wished he had a gun so that he could kill himself," the documents say.

Driscoll said Busch, 36, called her names and accused her of "having spies everywhere and having a camera on the bus to watch him." He then jumped up, grabbed her face and smashed her head three times against the wall next to the bed, Driscoll says in the documents.

Driscoll says she pushed Busch away and ran from the bedroom, going to a nearby bus to put an ice pack on her head and neck. She said the incident caused her severe pain, difficulty breathing and bruising on her neck.

A hearing in the case is scheduled for Dec. 2.

An attorney for Busch said he was cooperating with the investigation.

"This allegation is a complete fabrication by a woman who has refused to accept the end of

a relationship and Mr. Busch vehemently denies her allegations in every respect," attorney Rusty Hardin said in an emailed statement.

Watson wins HSBC Champions in playoff

SHANGHAI — Bubba Watson captured his first World Golf Championship with a stunning turnaround Sunday when he holed a bunker shot for eagle on the 18th hole to get into a playoff, and then made a 20-foot birdie putt to beat Tim Clark and win the HSBC Champions.

The 10th edition of the HSBC Champions was the wildest one of them all.

Watson had a two-shot lead with three holes to play until he appeared to throw it all away. He missed the 16th green with a lob wedge and made bogey, and then took two shots to get out of a bunker on the par-3 17th and made double bogey to fall one shot behind a five-way tie for the lead.

Kovalev dominates 49-year old Hopkins

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — Bernard Hopkins will turn the big 5-0 without a championship belt around his waist.

Sergey Kovalev roughed up Hopkins from the opening bell, sending the aging fighter to the canvas — and possibly into retirement — with the fight he needed to serve as validation that he's the class of the 175-pound division.

Kovalev used his punishing knockout power to abuse Hopkins for 12 rounds, winning a unanimous decision early Sunday to stake his claim as the best light heavyweight.

Kovalev, who missed the birth of his son because he was training for the fight, has three versions of the 175-pound belt after taking two from the 49-year-old Hopkins in the decisive victory. Kovalev is 26-1-1 with 23 knockouts.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Saturday's stars

- Kyle Allen, Texas A&M, threw four TD passes in the first half and the Aggies recovered two late fumbles in a 41-38 upset victory over No. 3 Auburn.
- Corey Coleman, Baylor, had 15 catches and 224 yards to help the No. 10 Bears beat No. 16 Oklahoma 48-14.
- Melvin Gordon, Wisconsin, ran for 205 yards to help the No. 25 Badgers roll past Purdue, 34-16.
- J.T. Barrett, Ohio State, threw three touchdown passes and ran for two more scores in the No. 13 Buckeyes' 49-37 win over No. 7 Michigan State.
- Luke Falk, Washington State, threw for 471 yards and five TDs in his first career start in a 39-32 victory over Oregon State.
- Anu Solomon, Arizona, threw four touchdown passes and ran for a career-best 115 yards to help the No. 21 Wildcats beat Colorado 38-20.
- Trevone Boykin, TCU, ran for 123 yards and three touchdowns and threw for another score, leading the No. 6 Horned Frogs to a 41-20 victory over No. 9 Kansas State.
- Gerod Holliman, Louisville, intercepted three passes to set up three scores in the Cardinals' 38-19 victory over Boston College.
- Dane Evans, Tulsa, threw for five TDs in a 38-28 victory over SMU that snapped the Hurricane's six-game losing streak.
- DeAndre Carter, Sacramento State, set the school records with 16 catches and 273 yards, and scored four touchdowns in a 42-21 win over Southern Utah.
- Kade Bell, Jacksonville, threw for 417 yards and six TDs in a 56-0 win over Davidson.
- Hutson Mason, Georgia, threw for four TDs to help No. 17 Bulldogs steamroll Kentucky 63-31.
- Tyler Varga, Yale, ran for 204 yards and two TDs in a 45-42 win over Brown.
- Vernon Adams Jr., Eastern Washington, passed for 399 yards and TDs in a 36-26 win over Montana.
- Aaron Miller, The Citadel, threw for two TDs and ran in two more, including the game winner in overtime, in a 42-35 win over Furman.
- Trenton Norvell, Western Illinois, threw five TD passes in a 44-29 win over South Dakota.



TRUY WAYRYEN/AP

Washington State quarterback Luke Falk passes against Oregon State in Corvallis, Ore., Saturday. Falk threw five touchdowns in his first start for the Cougars in a 39-32 victory.

How the AP Top 25 fared

- 1** Mississippi State (9-0) beat UT Martin 45-16. At Starkville, Miss., Dak Prescott threw two touchdowns and ran for another score. The Bulldogs extended their winning streak to 12 games. Prescott completed 14 of 23 passes for 206 yards. It was his school-record ninth 200-yard passing game of the season.
- Next:** at No. 4 Alabama, Saturday.
- 2** Florida State (9-0) beat Virginia State 34-20. At Tallahassee, Fla., Jameis Winston threw for 261 yards and accounted for two touchdowns, rallying Florida State to its 25th straight victory. Winston and the offense started slowly for the third consecutive game, but Virginia committed three first-half turnovers.
- Next:** at Miami, Saturday.
- 3** Auburn (7-2) lost to Texas A&M 41-38. At Auburn, Ala., freshman Kyle Allen threw four touchdowns and ran for two in the first half and Texas A&M recovered two late fumbles to stun the Tigers and likely ending their playoff hopes.
- Next:** at No. 17 Georgia, Saturday.
- 4** Alabama (8-1) beat No. 14 LSU 20-13 (OT). At Baton Rouge, La., Blake Sims drove Alabama 55 yards in the final 50 seconds of regulation for a tying field goal and scored a 6-yard touchdown pass to DeAndrew White in overtime.
- Next:** vs. No. 1 Mississippi State, Saturday.
- 5** Oregon (9-1) beat No. 20 Utah 51-27. At Salt Lake City, Joe Walker returned Kaelin Clay's goal line fumble 100 yards for a touchdown, Marcus Mariota threw three TD passes and ran for another score.
- Next:** vs. Colorado, Saturday, Nov. 22.
- 6** No. 6 TCU (8-1) beat No. 9 Kansas State 41-20. At Fort Worth, Texas, Trevone Boykin ran for 123 yards and three touchdowns and threw for another score. Boykin set a career high for rushing yards and completed 23 of 34 passes for 219 yards.
- Next:** at Kansas, Saturday.
- 7** Michigan State (7-2) lost to No. 13 Ohio State 49-37. At East Lansing, Mich., Spartans coach Mark Dantonio lamented a missed opportunity in the second quarter, when his team recovered a fumble in Ohio State territory but came away with no points after a penalty and a missed field goal.
- Next:** at Maryland, Saturday.
- 8** Notre Dame (7-2) lost to No. 11 Arizona State 55-31. At Tempe, Ariz., the Irish charged back with 21 straight points, pulling to 34-31 when Everett Golson hit Amir Carlisle with a 25-yard touchdown pass, but couldn't hold off the Sun Devils.
- Next:** Northwestern, Saturday.
- 9** Kansas State (7-2) lost to No. 6 TCU 41-20. The end of the Wildcats' five-game winning streak created a three-way tie atop the Big 12 standings.
- Next:** at No. 24 West Virginia, Thursday, Nov. 20.
- 10** Baylor (8-1) beat No. 16 Oklahoma 48-14. At Norman, Okla., Corey Coleman set career highs in 15 catches and 224 yards to help Baylor grab the grid year. Coleman also caught a touchdown pass and ran for another score as the Bears maintained their conference and national title hopes.
- Next:** vs. Oklahoma State, Saturday, Nov. 22.
- 11** Arizona State (8-1) beat No. 8 Notre Dame 55-31. At Tempe, Ariz., Taylor Kelly threw a 4-yard touchdown pass to Demario Richard in the fourth quarter and Lloyd Carrington followed with a 58-yard interception return for another score.
- Next:** at Oregon State, Saturday.
- 12** Mississippi (8-2) beat Presbyterian 48-0. Bo Wallace threw for two touchdowns and ran for another, helping Mississippi snap a two-game losing streak. Wallace was 11-for-15 for 140 yards, including scoring strikes of 66 and 23 yards to Vince Sanders.
- Next:** at Arkansas, Saturday, Nov. 22.
- 13** Ohio State (8-1) beat No. 7 Michigan State 49-37. At East Lansing, Mich., J.T. Barrett threw for three touchdowns and ran for two more scores. The Buckeyes re-established themselves as the Big Ten's dominant team.
- Next:** at Minnesota, Saturday.
- 14** LSU (7-3) lost to No. 4 Alabama 20-13 (OT). At Baton Rouge, La., LSU's defense, which dominated much of night to the delight of a sellout crowd of 102,321, was unable to make one last stand after kickoff specialist Trent Domingue yanked his kick out of bounds, giving Alabama the ball on its 35 with 50 seconds to go.
- Next:** at Arkansas, Saturday.
- 15** Nebraska (8-1) did not play. Star running back Ameer Abdullah is expected to be at full strength following a week's rest thanks to a bye.
- Next:** at No. 25 Wisconsin, Saturday.
- 16** No. 16 Oklahoma (6-3) lost to No. 10 Baylor 48-14. Oklahoma quarterback Trevone Boykin was carried off after being sacked in the fourth quarter. It was Baylor's first road win against the Sooners in 12 tries.
- Next:** at Texas Tech, Saturday.
- 17** No. 17 Georgia (7-2) beat Kentucky 63-31. At Lexington, Ky., Hutson Mason threw a career-best four touchdown passes for Georgia, and Nick Chubb rushed for 170 yards and a TD. Mason finished 13-for-16 for 174 yards passing as the Bulldogs outgained Kentucky 559-353.
- Next:** vs. No. 3 Auburn, Saturday.
- 18** UCLA (8-2) beat Washington 44-30. At Seattle, Brett Hundley threw for two touchdowns to become UCLA's career leader in TD passes, and ran for two more scores.
- Next:** vs. Southern Cal, Saturday, Nov. 22.
- 19** Clemson (7-2) beat Wake Forest 34-20, Thursday. Artavis Scott took a touch pass from Cole Stoudts 68 yards for the go-ahead touchdown with 10:53 left. Stoudts finished 27-for-42 for 282 yards with three touchdowns to help the Tigers.
- Next:** at Georgia Tech, Saturday.
- 20** No. 20 Utah (6-3) lost to No. 5 Oregon 51-27. The Utes were on their way to taking a 1-0 lead early in the second quarter when Kaelin Clay casually dropped the ball a yard before he crossed the goal line. As the Utes celebrated, Walker grabbed the ball and chugged down the sideline for a touchdown.
- Next:** at Stanford, Saturday.
- 21** No. 21 Arizona (7-2) beat Colorado 38-20. At Tucson, Ariz., Anu Solomon threw for four touchdowns and ran for a career-best 115 yards, and Arizona kept Colorado winless in the Pac-12.
- Next:** vs. Washington, Saturday.
- 22** No. 22 Duke (8-1) beat Syracuse 27-10. At Syracuse, N.Y., Anthony Boone threw two touchdown passes to Isaac Blakeley, Jamison Crowder returned a punted 52 yards for another score, and Duke survived another scare.
- Next:** vs. Virginia Tech, Saturday.
- 23** No. 23 Marshall (9-0) beat Hattiesburg, Miss., Rakeem Cato threw for two touchdowns and ran for another score, leading Marshall to the road win.
- Next:** Cato was 13 for 19 for 186 yards, helping the Herd (9-0, 5-0 Conference USA) shake off a slow start. Remi Watson scored four touchdowns.
- Next:** vs. Rice, Saturday.
- 24** West Virginia (6-4) lost to Texas 33-16. At Austin, Texas, Jonathan Gray scored three touchdowns and Texas inched closer to a possible bowl game in coach Charlie Strong's first season. Gray scored on runs of 39, 2 and 15 yards.
- Next:** vs. No. 9 Kansas State, Thursday, Nov. 20.
- 25** Wisconsin (7-2) beat Purdue 34-16. At West Lafayette, Ind., Joe Walker threw two touchdown passes in Wisconsin's fourth consecutive win, and Melvin Gordon ran for 205 yards.
- Next:** vs. No. 15 Nebraska, Saturday.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Scoreboard

Saturday's scores

EAST
 Albright 30, Misericordia 14
 Ameritech International 54, Pace 19
 Amherst 17, Williams 9
 Assumption 21
 Assumption 28, Stonehill 21
 Ball State Hamilton 25
 Bloomsburg 40, Lock Haven 3
 Bryant 20, Duquesne 11
 Calicut 35, Hartwick 10
 Catholic 40, Washington & Lee 36
 Central Michigan 42, Carroll 21
 Curry 14, Bowdoin 17
 Davidson 26, William Paterson 17
 Colby 33, Nichols 13
 Duquesne 21, Cornell 17
 Delaware Valley 35, NYU-Florham 7
 Eastern Michigan 20
 Edinboro 31, Iona Hill 27
 Franklin Pierce (Mass.) 27

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 Cannon 31, Sedona (Pa.) 21
 Geneva 34, St. Vincent 30
 Gettysburg 26, Dickinson 27
 Harvard 45, Columbia 0
 Hobart 29, St. Lawrence 27
 Ithaca 17, Lehigh 20
 Husson 41, Becker 12
 James Madison 27, Stony Brook 24
 Johns Hopkins 33, Frank & Marshall 14

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 LIU Post 35, Bentley 31
 Longwood 25, College 16
 Norfolk-Rhode 42, Alderson-Broaddus 7
 North Carolina Central 20
 Lynchburg 30, Lebanon Valley 29, OT
 Pennsylvania Maritime 27
 Maine 33, Richmond 20
 Penn State Harrisburg 27
 Mercyhurst 37, Fitchburg 37, 36
 Massachusetts, California (Pa.) 49
 Middlebury 48, Tufts 13
 Middlebury 44, Cherokee 12
 Moravian 27, Juniata 21
 Mount Airy 35, Mt. Airie 20
 Mount Ida 14, Anna Maria 12
 Mountlinden 41, Ursinus 27
 New Hampshire 41, Rhode Island 14
 Norwich 13, NY Maritime 6
 Pennsylvania College of Podiatry 10
 Princeton 22, Penn 17
 Princeton 21, Concord 14
 Rochester 24, WPI 21, OT
 Rutgers-Camden 17
 Sacred Heart 35, CCSU 27
 Salisbury 40, Brockport 26
 Wake Forest 20, Coast Guard 10
 Shepherd 24, W. Virginia 31, 10
 Shenandoah 37, Kutztown 30
 Slippery Rock 45, Clarion 8
 Southeastern (Pa.) 44, Limestone 20
 St. Anselm 37, New Haven 34
 Union (Vt.) 29, Merchant Marine 32
 Clarion 42, Towson 14
 W. New England 33, Endicott 28
 Wheeler 20, Robert Morris 19
 Washington & Jefferson 40, Thiel 18
 West Virginia (Conn.) 20, Trinity (Conn.) 19
 West Chester 35, East Stroudsburg 24
 Westminster (Pa.) 43, Grove City 7
 Widener 55, King's (Pa.) 6
 Worcester 35, Westfield 22
 Yale 45, Brown 42

SOUTH
 Alabama 20, LSU 13
 Alabama 26, Jackson St. 10
 Alabama St. (Ga.) 32, Fort Valley St. 21
 Alcorn St. 41, Alabama A&M 14
 Appalachian St. 31, La.-Monroe 29
 Ave Maria 62, Point (Ga.) 41
 Bowie St. 35, Elizabeth City St. 30
 Bridgewater (Va.) 28, Rand-Macon 25
 Campbell 66, Missouri Baptist 7
 Campbellsville 30, Faulkner 17
 Castleton 21, Gallaudet 0
 Catawba 20, North Carolina 17
 Centre 27, Mississippi 0
 Charleston Southern 44, Card-Waddell 10
 Chattanooga 20, Tennessee 33
 Chowan 50, Lincoln (Pa.) 20
 Christopher Newport 37, Maryville (Tenn.) 27

Carolina 59, Charlotte 34
 Cumberland 20, Kentucky Christian 17
 Delta St. 33, Concordia 6
 Edward Waters 20, Warner 14, OT
 Emory & Henry 42, Shenandoah 34
 Florida A&M 24, Vanderbilt 10
 Florida St. 34, Virginia 20
 Georgia Southern 42, Union (Ky.) 12
 Georgia 63, Kentucky 21
 High Point 56, N.C. State 23
 Hampden-Sydney 35, Guilford 28, OT
 Howard 51, Savannah 55, 21
 Jacksonville 42, Averett 51
 Jacksonville 56, Davidson 0
 Johnson C. Smith 20, E. Kentucky 6
 Johnson C. Smith 31, Livingston 14
 Liberty 34, Monmouth (N.J.) 24
 Lipscomb 59, Bufileid South 10
 Louisiana Tech 40, UAB 24
 Marshall 63, Southern Miss. 17
 Methodist 42, Ferris 40

Mississippi 48, Presbyterian 0
 Mississippi St. 45, UT Martin 16
 Morehouse 26, Kentucky 37
 NC A&T 45, Morgan St. 0
 NC Central 47, Hampton 13
 NC Wesleyan 31, Greensboro 6
 Newberry 46, Carson-Newman 21
 North Alabama 46, Shorter 7
 North Carolina 28, Fil 25
 Paine 45, Benedict 34
 Rhodes 41, Belhaven 31
 Reimsma 35, Cumberland (Tenn.) 28
 17, Hendrix 23
 S. Virginia 24, College of NJ 21
 SC State 34, Florida A&M 27
 S. Carolina 15, Houston Baptist 7
 Samford 34, W. Carolina 20
 Southeastern 21, Berry 24
 Southern 10, Texas Southern 20
 St. Augustine 51, Shaw 9
 Stephen F. Austin 21, Morehouse 51
 Stetson 22, Marist 14
 Tennessee 23, Wilkes 14
 Stillman 31, Clark Atlanta 26
 Susquehanna 24, McDaniel 16
 Tennessee St. 31, Austin Peay 27
 Tennessee Tech 27, Mississippi 26
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 The Citadel 42, Furman 35, OT
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 Virginia 23, Virginia Union 12
 W. Kentucky 35, UTEP 27
 West Alabama 41, Mississippi Coll. 28
 West Georgia 49, Florida Tech 35
 William & Mary 17, Elson 7
 Wittenberg 14, Mars Hill 17
 Windsor-Salem 17, Fayetteville St. 7

MIDWEST
 Adrian 35, Kalamazoo 7
 Alma 14, Eastern Michigan 27
 Baker 28, Cent. Methodist 14
 Benedictine (Ill.) 56, Rockford 29
 Belknap (Kan.) 14, McPherson 7
 Bethel (Tenn.) 38, Lindenwood (Ill.) 0
 Bluffton 23, St. NW Highlands 27
 Bluffton 24, Anderson (Ind.) 0
 Carroll (W. Va.) 49, Belknap 27
 Cent. Okla. 45, Lindenwood (Mo.) 13
 Central 32, Buena Vista 25
 Central St. (Ohio) 44, Lane 25
 Chadron St. 48, W. New Mexico 45
 Chicago 28, Carnegie-Mellon 7
 Concordia (Mo.) 35, Gustavus 26
 Concordia (Nebr.) 27, Dakota Wesleyan 19

Concordia (S.D.P.) 17, Augustana (S.D.) 7
 Crown (Minn.) 44, Eureka 21
 Denver-Stockton 24, Peru St. 14
 DePaul 45, Hiram 12
 Culver 45, Allegheny 7
 Dickinson St. 20, Dakota St. 17, OT
 Doane 20, Briar Cliff 0
 Drake 34, Dayton 30
 Duquesne 29, Coe 27
 E. Illinois 48, Murray St. 26
 Ferris St. 35, N. Michigan 17
 Findlay 38, Malone 0
 Fort Hays St. 49, Missouri Southern 41
 Franklin 48, Defiance 14
 Graceland (Iowa) 49, Avila 26
 Grand Valley 52, 42, Triffin 7
 Grand View (Ill.) 41, Grove Point 19
 Hamline 26, Augsburg 27, OT
 Hanover 55, Manchester 49
 Hastings 30, Dordt 21
 Heidelberg 52, Capital 28
 Hillsdale 24, Northwood (Mich.) 14
 Hope 31, Trine 24
 Illinois College 30, Cornell (Ohio) 23
 Illinois St. 35, Youngstown St. 21
 J. J. Watt 12, John Carroll 66, Otterbein 13
 Kansas 34, Iowa St. 14
 Lake Forest 25, Grinnell 14
 Lakeland 27, Concordia (Wis.) 10
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 North Park 36, Carthage 14
 13 Northern St. (SD) 62, Minn.-Crookston 12
 Northwestern (Minn.) 34, Iowa Wesleyan 12

Ohio Dominican 38, Saginaw Valley St. 13
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 Ohio Wesleyan 30, Oberlin 13
 Olivet 33, Concordia (Ill.) 7
 Otsego 48, Friends 7
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 Ripon 47, Lawrence 7
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 Nho Wisconsin 52, Winona 31, 34
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 St. Robert Morris-Chicago 14
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 St. Cloud St. 27, Minot 14
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 St. Mary's (Minn.) 51, Bethel (Minn.) 8
 St. Mary's (Ind.) 45, William Jewell 7
 St. Thomas (Minn.) 43, Carleton 7
 St. Xavier 45, Trinity (Ill.) 10
 Sterling 24, Southwestern (Kan.) 16
 Terrell 20, Bethel (Kan.) 14
 Trinity Bible 44, Haskell Indian Nations 38

Truman St. 17, Quincy 14
 Urbana 35, WV Wesleyan 17
 Valley City St. 26, Presentation 14
 Valparaiso 17, Butler 3
 W. Illinois 44, South Dakota 29
 Westminster 28, Martin 17
 Wartburg 41, Simpson (Iowa) 10
 West St. 20, Northwestern St. 14
 Washington (Mo.) 47, Alfred 19
 Westminster 28, Martin 17
 Weber St. 24, North Dakota 12
 Westminster 28, Martin 17
 Wheaton (Ill.) 13, Illinois Wesleyan 13
 Wis. Lutheran 24, Aurora 21
 Wisconsin Lutheran 13, Eau Claire 13
 Wis.-Platteville 24, Wis.-LaCrosse 17
 Wis. Stout 44, Wisconsin St. 17
 Wis.-Whitewater 49, Wis.-Stevens Pl. 17
 Wisconsin 34, Purdue 16
 Wittenberg 21, Washburn 15
 Wooster 21, Kenyon 7

WEST
 Angelo St. 41, Midwestern St. 36
 Chico State 45, South Alabama 10
 Baylor 48, Oklahoma 14
 California 44, Lamar 41, OT
 Georgia Southern 28, Texas St. 25
 Hardin-Simmons 35, Texas Baptist 19
 Harding 41, East Central 14
 Henderson St. 35, Arkansas 41
 Louisiana College 26, Sul Ross 25
 Mary Hardin-Baylor 34, Howard Payne 28
 NW Oklahoma St. 39, S. Nazarene 29
 North Texas 31, FAU 10
 Northwestern St. 34, Abilene Christian 10
 Oklahoma Baptist 26, Bacone 7
 Ouachita 47, Ark.-Monticello 10
 Prairie View 51, Ark.-Pine Bluff 23
 Rice 17, UTSA 27
 St. Oklahoma 22, Arkansas Tech 5
 TCU 41, Kansas 20
 Texas 33, West Virginia 16
 Texas A&M Comm. 56, Tarleton 24
 Texas Lutheran 36, Austin St. 49
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St. Houston 24, Tulsa 38, SMU 28
 W. Texas A&M 58, McMurry 13

FAR WEST
 Adams St. 40, Pacific 30
 Air Force 48, UNLV 21
 Arizona 38, Colorado 20
 Arizona St. 55, Notre Dame 31
 Azusa Pacific 21, Simon Fraser 6
 Boise St. 60, New Mexico 49
 CSU-Pueblo 52, Mesa St. 21
 Colorado 49, Colorado 8
 Cornell (Mont.) 27, Rocky Mountain 10
 Cent. Washington 49, Dixie St. 17
 Cent. Washington 49, Dixie St. 17
 Colo. Mines 35, Western St. (Colo.) 26
 Colorado 49, Colorado 8
 E. Washington 36, Montana 26
 Fresno St. 39, San Diego 37
 George Fox 30, Lewis & Clark 12
 Idaho St. 30, Cal Poly 28
 La Verne 41, Pomona 37
 Linfield 73, Puget Sound 10
 Long Beach 50, New Mexico St. 16
 Montana St. 29, Portland St. 22
 Mont. Western 60, Eastern Washington 15
 N. Arizona 23, UC Davis 21
 Olivet Nazarene 28, Menlo 21
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 S. Oregon 45, Montana Tech 23
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Academics roundup

Owens leads Air Force on ground, Army wins

The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Jacobi Owens returned to his hometown and rushed for 135 yards and a touchdown on 18 carries to lead Air Force to a 48-21 victory over UNLV on Saturday.

Air Force (7-2, 3-2 Mountain West) scored on eight of its 13 drives, while two of them were kneel-down possessions to end the first half and the game.

The Falcons' high-powered rushing game led an offensive charge that saw them outgain UNLV 542-339 with 386 yards coming on the ground. Owens went to Centennial High School in Northwest Las Vegas.

Kale Pearson completed five of six passes in 115 yards and a touchdown, while he also ran for 67 yards on 15 carries and another touchdown.

er score for the Falcons.

Air Force mainly used its highly potent triple-option attack to trudge through UNLV's defense, methodically grinding out scores on all four of its first-half drives.

Army 35, UConn 21: At New York, with Army clinging to a 28-21 lead, Chris Carmegie returned his second interception 99 yards for a touchdown to lift the Black Knights to their first victory at Yankee Stadium since 1960.

"We're going to enjoy it — standing out there signing 'New York, New York' with Frank Sinatra," first-year Army coach Jeff Monken said.

Quarterback Angel Santiago ran for 97 yards and two touchdowns on 25 carries to lead a balanced rushing attack for Army (3-6), which never trailed.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL



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TCU quarterback Trevone Boykin accounted for four scores in the Horned Frogs' 41-20 win over Kansas State.

TCU knocks off surging Kansas State

By STEPHEN HAWKINS
The Associated Press

FORT WORTH, Texas — Trevone Boykin had no need for any apologies this time.

Boykin did an acrobatic flip on the second of his three touchdown runs and threw for 219 yards and another score to lead No. 6 TCU to a 41-20 victory over No. 9 Kansas State on Saturday night in a game with huge Big 12 and playoff implications.

A week earlier, Boykin was apologizing in the locker room for what he considered a subpar performance in a one-point win at West Virginia.

"We just talked about winning. We just talked about beating Kansas State," coach Gary Patterson said. "All that stuff doesn't matter. He's a mature kid. He's grown up and understands what you've got to do."

Against Kansas State, the dual-threat junior set a career high with 123 yards rushing on 17 carries and completed 23 of 34 passes. Boykin had a 2-yard TD run and a 10-yard scoring pass to David Porter in the first quarter that put TCU up 14-0 against Patterson's alma mater, and afterward told his teammates what a great overall victory they had.

"I told him before the ballgame, maybe I shouldn't have said anything to him, but I have a great deal of respect for him," Kansas State coach Bill Snyder said. "I've always thought he's been a great player. You guys talk like he's all of a sudden come to the forefront."

Aaron Green, filling in for an injured B.J. Catalon, ran 18 times for 171 yards for the Horned Frogs (8-1, 5-1) in their first-ever home game matching top-10 teams. Green had a 65-yard TD run in the third quarter.

The end of Kansas State's five-game winning streak created a three-way tie atop the Big 12 standings with the Wildcats (7-2, 5-1 TCU) and No. 10 Baylor (8-1, 5-1) with three games left in the regular season.

"If they can't see what we have in front of us, I can't help them," Patterson said when asked about his team's position. "Bottom line is, there it is. It's laid out. Here's what you've got to do. They're smart kids. They're mature. They understand what we've got to do."

Barrett leads Buckeyes to win

No. 8 Michigan State overwhelmed by No. 13 Ohio State's offense

By NOAH TRISTER
The Associated Press

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Now it's Ohio State's turn to lobby for a berth in the college football playoff — a thought that seemed pretty far-fetched when the Buckeyes lost their quarterback and struggled through the first couple weeks of the season.

With J.T. Barrett performing brilliantly in place of an injured Braxton Miller, there's no longer any doubt who the Big Ten's top contender is in the national title race.

Barrett threw for three touchdowns and ran for two more in a sensational performance, and No. 13 Ohio State scored almost at will against Michigan State's vaunted defense, beating the seventh-ranked Spartans 49-37 on Saturday night.

With one overwhelming offensive display, the Buckeyes re-established themselves as the Big Ten's dominant team under coach Urban Meyer, avenged their loss to Michigan State in last year's conference title game, and boosted their case for a berth in the sport's new four-team playoff.

"This is one for the ages," said Meyer, in his third year as Ohio State's coach. "That's how much respect we had for our opponent going into it. We saw what they did. They had one loss and they were actually winning that one game until it kind of got away from them somehow at Oregon. We played a top-10 team and really played our best on



CARLOS OSORIO/AP

Ohio State quarterback J.T. Barrett threw for three touchdowns and ran for two more in Ohio State's 49-37 win over Michigan State on Saturday.

the road."

Ohio State (8-1, 5-0) came into the game ranked No. 14 by the playoff committee. The Spartans (7-2, 4-1) were No. 8 and looked like the conference's best hope to reach the playoff, but now they'll almost surely drop out of consideration.

"The bottom line is we didn't stop 'em," Michigan State coach Mark Dantonio said. "Disappointing. We had big hopes. At the end of the day, we didn't get what we wanted. That's the way life is. We'll regroup and

move on."

Barrett became the starting quarterback for the Buckeyes before the season because Braxton Miller needed shoulder surgery, and Ohio State lost at home to Virginia Tech in early September. The Buckeyes have won seven straight since.

"We definitely had something to prove," running back Ezekiel Elliot said. "People were questioning our ability to come out and play on the big stage. Just coming into this game, no one believed in us."

Sims, Alabama deal LSU OT loss

By BRETT MARTEL
The Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, La. — Alabama quarterback Blake Sims figured out LSU's swarming defense just in time for the Crimson Tide to deal the Tigers yet another devastating loss in raucous Death Valley.

Sims drove Alabama 55 yards in the final 50 seconds of regulation for a tying field goal, and threw a 6-yard touchdown pass to DeAndrew White in overtime to lift No. 4 Alabama to a 20-13 victory over No. 14 LSU on Saturday night.

"He didn't have one of his better games. It was tough," Alabama coach Nick Saban said about Sims, who finished 20 of 45 for 209 yards and two TDs without an interception. "He hung in there. He made some great plays when he had to. ... I'm really, really proud of way he hung in there."

With the victory and Auburn's upset loss to Texas A&M earlier in the day, Alabama (8-1, 5-1 Southeastern Conference, No. 5 CFP) is alone in second place in the SEC West Division with a game against first-place Mississippi State still on its schedule.

Amarl Cooper had eight catches for 83 yards and a 23-yard touchdown while setting Alabama career and single-season records for yards receiving, as well as the school's single-season mark for catches with 79.

T.J. Yeldon's fumble deep in Alabama territory gave LSU (7-3, 3-3, No. 16 CFP) the ball on the Alabama 6 with the score tied at 10 and 1:13 left, but the Tigers' chances at a go-ahead touchdown diminished when offensive guard Vadal Alexander was called for unsportsmanlike conduct, moving the



BILL HABER/AP

Alabama defensive back Landon Collins celebrates after the Crimson Tide defeated LSU 20-13 in overtime in Baton Rouge, La. on Saturday.

ball back to the 21.

That set up Colby Delahoussaye's 39-yard field goal that gave LSU a 13-10 lead with 50 seconds left.

"The penalty changed the complexion of the game," LSU coach Les Miles said, adding that he was going to "investigate" the

call when he reviews video of the game. "We don't get a 15-yard penalty down there ... we are talking about driving in for a 7-pointer."

If the Tigers had been able to hold on, they would have pulled into a four-way tie for second place in the SEC West with Alabama, Auburn (7-2, 4-2, No. 3 CFP) and Mississippi (8-2, 4-2, No. 11 CFP).

But LSU's defense, which dominated much of the night to the delight of a sell-out crowd of 102,321, was unable to make one last stand after kickoff specialist Trent Domingue yanked his kick out of bounds, giving Alabama the ball on its 35 with 50 seconds to go.

Sims scrambled for one first down, then hit several clutch passes, none bigger than a 22-yarder to Christian Jones, who made a sprawling catch on the LSU 26. Sims then hit White along the sideline at the 10 to set up the tying kick, a 27-yarder by Adam Griffith — who missed from the same distance, and same right-to-left angle, in the first half.

"I've got a team that played a great game and played a tough game," Miles said. "That is a tough one. I've got a bad taste in my mouth about that game."

The comeback was reminiscent of Alabama's 2012 victory in Tiger Stadium, decided by a drive that ended with Yeldon taking A.J. McCarron's screen pass 28 yards for a winning touchdown in the final minute. Alabama is 26-9 in Tiger Stadium, with victories in three of its past four visits.

"I was happy that I had the opportunity to be in that situation," Sims said. "I watched film on A.J. I saw the composure that he had and I was just glad I was able to do the same thing."

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Scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division		GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	14	12	1	1	0	25	54	39
Montreal	15	10	4	1	1	21	37	42
Boston	14	10	4	0	0	21	37	35
Boston	15	9	6	0	0	18	43	35
Toronto	14	7	7	0	0	14	37	39
Toronto	14	7	6	2	1	16	42	39
N.Y. Rangers	12	4	4	4	1	12	20	30
Dallas	16	5	11	0	1	11	31	45

Metropolitan Division		GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	15	11	3	1	1	25	57	27
N.Y. Islanders	14	9	5	0	0	18	42	43
Philadelphia	14	6	6	2	0	15	45	43
Washington	14	6	6	2	0	15	42	43
N.Y. Rangers	13	4	7	2	0	14	38	43
New Jersey	14	4	7	3	0	11	39	45
Carolina	13	4	6	3	0	11	31	41
Columbus	15	2	11	2	0	9	36	51

Western Conference

Central Division		GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	14	9	3	2	0	20	35	28
Chicago	15	10	4	1	0	19	35	28
Winnipeg	15	8	5	2	0	18	30	27
Colorado	14	7	6	1	0	16	36	26
Colorado	15	7	6	2	0	14	37	29
Dallas	16	4	7	5	0	11	40	50
Dallas	15	2	11	2	0	6	28	46

Pacific Division		GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	15	10	3	2	0	22	40	30
Vancouver	15	10	3	2	0	20	47	43
San Jose	15	9	5	1	0	19	35	28
Los Angeles	15	8	4	3	0	17	37	30
San Jose	15	8	4	3	0	17	48	41
Edmonton	14	5	8	1	0	11	35	50
San Jose	15	5	8	2	0	11	36	51

Friday's games
 Arizona 3, Anaheim 2
 Edmonton 3, Buffalo 2
 Florida 3, Columbus 2, OT
 Detroit 4, New Jersey 2
 Chicago 2, Chicago 2

Saturday's games
 Winnipeg 6, Ottawa 1, SO
 Calgary 6, Florida 4
 Pittsburgh 6, Buffalo 4
 St. Louis 5, N.Y. Rangers 1
 Montreal 4, Minnesota 1
 Florida 4, Colorado 3
 Tampa Bay 7, Columbus 4
 Nashville 4, Carolina 3, OT
 Tampa Bay 2, St. Louis 1
 San Jose 4, Dallas 1
 N.Y. Islanders 3, Vancouver 0
 Los Angeles 5, Arizona 0

Sunday's games
 Tampa Bay at Detroit
 Florida at N.Y. Rangers
 Toronto at Ottawa
 Chicago at Chicago
 Vancouver at Anaheim
 New Jersey at Boston
 Calgary at Philadelphia

Capitals 4, Hurricanes 3 (OT)

Washington 1 0 2 0 3-1
Carolina 1 0 2 0 3-1
First Period—1, Washington, Brouwer 5:26 (pp.), Washington, Beagle 8:10 (pp.), Carolina, Nash 8:34 (faulk, Rsk), 19:11 (pp.)
Overtime—7, Washington, Fehr 2:38 (Carlson, Rpk), 16:48.
Third Period—5, Carolina, Estaji 3:31 (Skinner, Semin), 8:38, Carolina, Lindholm 5:26 (pp.), Carolina, Lindholm 5:26 (pp.), Carolina, Lindholm 5:26 (pp.), Carolina, Lindholm 5:26 (pp.), Carolina, Lindholm 5:26 (pp.).

Flyers 4, Avalanche 3

Colorado 0 0 3 0 3-3
St. Louis 1 1 0 0 4-4
First Period—1, Philadelphia, Giroux 3:30 (Simmonds, Voracek), 19:57 (Giroux).
Second Period—2, Philadelphia, Simmonds 7:30 (Giroux, Voracek), 2:48 (pp.), 3, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Elliott 5:21 (11:24, 4, Philadelphia, Giroux 4 (Lecavaller, St. Louis), 16:22 (pp.).
Third Period—2, Colorado, Talbot 1:22, 6, Colorado, Tangway 6 (Barrie, Veerberg), 6:27, Colorado, Redmond 1:12 (Goal, McLeod), 11:38.
Overtime—1, Philadelphia 9:21—39, Philadelphia 11:06—27.
Power-play opportunities—Colorado 0 (St. Louis), Philadelphia 1 (Mason), 3:41 (39-36).
Shots on goal—Philadelphia 33, Colorado 27.
Penalty shots—Philadelphia 3, Colorado 2.
Goals—Colorado, Barrie 2-11 (27 shots), St. Louis, Elliott 5-21 (35-33).
A—19,792 (19,541). T—2:33.

Predators 2, Blues 1

Nashville 1 0 1 0 1-2
St. Louis 1 0 1 0 2-2
First Period—1, St. Louis, Letnera 3:31 (Fischer, Tarcenko).
Second Period—2, Nashville, Forsberg 6:05 (Josi, Neal), 7:20.
Third Period—3, Nashville, Neal 8 (Forsberg, Ribeiro), 13:32.
Overtime—1, Nashville 11:12—35, St. Louis 12:10—29.
Power-play opportunities—Nashville 0 (St. Louis), St. Louis 2 (Nashville).
Goals—Nashville, Rinne 9-21 (29 shots), St. Louis, Elliott 5-21 (35-33).
A—18,869 (19,150). T—2:28.



Penguins center Sidney Crosby deflects the puck off Sabres goaltender Jonas Eroth during the second period on Saturday.

Penguins 6, Sabres 1

Pittsburgh 3 0 3 0-6
Buffalo 1 0 1 0-1
First Period—1, Pittsburgh, Letang 2 (Crosby, Horvath), 1:21, 2, Pittsburgh, Horvath 8 (Letang, Crosby), 3:31 (pp.), 3, Pittsburgh, Letang 3 (P.Martin, Crosby), 15:04.
Second Period—4, Pittsburgh, Horvath 3 (Kunitz, Crosby), 4:56 (pp.), 5, Pittsburgh, Borzuzzo 2 (Crosby, Kunitz), 14:01, 6, Buffalo, Girumson 3 (Gorges, Gionta), 16:52, 7, Pittsburgh, Malkin 6 (Gionta, Letang), 19:15.
Shots on goal—Pittsburgh 11-15-39, Buffalo 4-8-29.
Power-play opportunities—Pittsburgh 2 (5), Buffalo 0 (3).
Goals—Pittsburgh, Fleury 9-20 (21 shots-20 saves), Buffalo, Eroth 1-7-1 (39-33).
A—19,070 (19,070). T—2:17.

Sharks 5, Stars 3

San Jose 2 0 4 5-9
Dallas 2 1 0 3-5
First Period—1, Dallas, Seguin 8 (Goncharov, Burns, Couture, Marleau), 6:38 (Cole, Ja, Berni), 10:26, 3, San Jose, Sheppard (Vlasak, Herlihy), 12:07.
Second Period—4, Dallas, Seguin 10 (Roussel, Spezza), 2:58 (pp.), 5, Marleau 5 (Pavelski, Couture), 3:51 (pp.), 6, San Jose, Burns 5 (Couture, Marleau), 6:38 (pp.), 7, San Jose, Burns 6 (Sheppard, Herli, Todd), 18:18 (pp.).
Shots on goal—San Jose 8-9-12-29, Dallas 2-1-1-5.
Power-play opportunities—San Jose 2 (Dallas), 1 (5).
Goals—San Jose, Stalock 2-2-10 (40 shots-37 saves), Dallas, Lindback 0-3-0 (28-24).
A—17,023 (18,532). T—2:41.

Maple Leafs 5, Rangers 4

Toronto 2 1 1 4-8
N.Y. Rangers 2 0 3 5-7
First Period—1, N.Y. Rangers, Kruidler 4 (Klein, Zuccarello), 5:3, 2, Toronto, Kessel 8 (van Riemsdyk, Phaneuf), 8:27 (pp.), 3, Toronto, Holland 2 (Somar, Ujost), 15:11 (Sh), 4, Toronto, Panik 3 (Fransok, Kessel), 17:07 (pp.), 5, Toronto, Ujost 1 (Herlihy, Stepan), 19:20.
Second Period—6, N.Y. Rangers, Hagelin 3 (D.Moore), 17:44.
Third Period—7, N.Y. Rangers, Nash 11 (St. Louis, Brassard), 4:33, 8, Toronto, Polak 2 (Kadrn, J), 7:27, 9, Toronto, Komarov 1 (Gardner, Stepan), 4:11 (pp.).
Shots on goal—N.Y. Rangers 6-14-33-53, Toronto 1-1-1-4-26.
Power-play opportunities—N.Y. Rangers 1 (Toronto), 1 (5).
Goals—N.Y. Rangers, Talbot 0-2-11 (31 shots-26 saves), Toronto, Bernier 4-3-2 (35-30), 16:4.
A—19,320 (18,819). T—2:36.

Lightning 7, Blue Jackets 4

Tampa Bay 4 2 1 7-7
Columbus 0 2 2 4-6
First Period—1, Tampa Bay, Brown 3 (Garrison, Suter), 5:46, 2, Tampa Bay, Quattrone 3 (Drouin, Naimismkov), 6:07, 3, Tampa Bay, Girman 2 (Callahan, Stearns), 12:31 (pp.), 4, Tampa Bay, Boyle 5 (Mason, Suter), 16:4.
Second Period—5, Columbus, Hartnell 4 (Giroux, Givon), 4:11 (pp.), 5, Tampa Bay, Callahan 5 (Filippa, Gudus), 5:38, 7, Columbus, Hartnell 5 (Foligno, Johnson), 8:10 (pp.), 8, Tampa Bay, Johnson 3 (Kucherov, Drouin), 10:05 (pp.).
Third Period—7, Columbus, Johanson 6 (Gibbons, Wisniewski), 10:10, Columbus, Johnson 7 (Foligno, Forsberg), 11:02 (pp.), 11, Tampa Bay, Johnson 4 (Callahan), 19:09 (pp.).
Overtime—1, Tampa Bay 11:17—32, Columbus 14:11—37.
Power-play opportunities—Tampa Bay 2 of 3, Columbus 0 of 5.
Goals—Tampa Bay, Nabokov 2-20 (32 shots), Columbus, Forsberg 1-11 (22-11), McElmenny 0-4-1 (0-20 second, 22-11).
A—14,892 (18,140). T—2:31.

Islanders 1, Coyotes 0

N.Y. Islanders 0 0 1-1
Arizona 0 0 0-0
Third Period—4, N.Y. Islanders, Nielsen 5 (Grabovski, Ricketts), 17:29.
Shots on goal—N.Y. Islanders 11-8-19, Arizona 5-13-22.
Power-play opportunities—N.Y. Islanders 0 of 3, Arizona 0 of 4.
Goals—N.Y. Islanders, Smith 4-5-10 (19 shots-19 saves), Arizona, Smith 4-7-0 (32-32).
A—14,689 (17,125). T—2:19.

Canadiens 4, Wild 1

Minnesota 0 1 0-1
Montreal 2 0 2-4
Second Period—1, Montreal, Pominville 4 (Pieknack), 9:26, 2, Minnesota, Pominville 4 (Vaneck), 12:59, 3, Montreal, Eller 3 (Pruck, Sekac), 19:10.
Third Period—4, Montreal, Sekac 2 (Drouin, Herli), 4:06, 5, Montreal, Pominville 6 (Parenteau, Desharnais), 6:04.
Shots on goal—Minnesota 12-9-10-31, Montreal 7-10-14-31.
Power-play opportunities—Minnesota 0 of 2, Montreal 0 of 4.
Goals—Minnesota, Kueper 6-4-0 (31-30), Montreal, Pominville 4-11-29 (31-30).
A—21,287 (21,273). T—2:29.

Flames 6, Panthers 4

Calgary 3 2 3 6-8
Florida 1 1 2 4-6
First Period—1, Florida, Uspalsh 2 (Eklblad), 1:17.
Second Period—3, Calgary, Bjungstad 2 (Mitchell, Kulkov), 4:06, 3, Calgary, Jones 1 (Gaudreau, Engvall), 4:39, 4, Florida, Uspalsh 3 (Trocheck, Kulkov), 7:37, 5, Calgary, Gaudreau 5 (Bryon, Bouma), 9:44 (pp.), 6, Calgary, Hilder 5 (Gencor, Gaudreau), 12:56, 7, Florida, Hayes 1 (Uspalsh, Eklblad), 13:31.
Third Period—8, Calgary, Monahan 6 (Gaudreau, Gorman), 4:53, 9, Calgary, Bouma 4 (Hudler, Giordano), 17:42, 10, Calgary, Gaudreau 9 (Monahan), 18:55 (pp.).
Shots on goal—Calgary 8-12-25-25, Florida 12-11-8-31.
Power-play opportunities—Calgary 1 of 3, Florida 0 of 2.
Goals—Calgary, Rimo 22 (shots-18 saves), Florida, Montoya 0-11 (24-15).
A—9,230 (17,040). T—2:22.

Jets 2, Senators 1 (SO)

Winnipeg 1 0 0 0-2
Ottawa 1 0 0 0-1
Winnipeg won shootout 1-0
First Period—1, Ottawa, Neil 2 (Zibanejad, Michalek), 11:48 (pp.), 2, Winnipeg, Enstrom 1 (Schiefelke, Byjullgren), 17:49 (pp.).
Shootout—Winnipeg, Mesurier NG, Little NG, Kane NG, Ladd NG, Schiefelke NG, Muzzini G, Ottawa 0 (Zibanejad, NG, Karlsson NG, Turris NG, Michalek NG, Legwand NG, Greening NG).
Shots on goal—Winnipeg 14-10-9-34, Ottawa 7-12-13-36-38.
Overtime—1, Winnipeg 10:19-9-4 (2 of 2), Ottawa 0 of 2.
Shots on goal—Winnipeg 7-4-2-38 (36-36), Ottawa, Pavelce 7-4-2-32 (37-36).
A—9,189 (19,153). T—2:45.

Kings 5, Canucks 1

Vancouver 0 0 1-1
Los Angeles 3 1 1-5
First Period—1, Los Angeles, Gaborik 1 (Martinez, Kopitar), 9:43, 2, Los Angeles, Muzzini 1 (Pearson, Toffoli), 14:42, 3, Vancouver, Muzzini 1 (Gaborik, Martinez), 18:11.
Second Period—4, Los Angeles, Toffoli 7 (Martinez, Carter), 10:00.
Third Period—5, Los Angeles, Carter 6 (Muzzini, Muzzini), 2:29, 5, Vancouver, Higgins 3 (Vey, Stanton), 12:07.
Shots on goal—Los Angeles 10-9-9-36, Vancouver 6-7-6-19.
Power-play opportunities—Vancouver 0 of 0, Los Angeles 1 of 1.
Goals—Vancouver, R.Miller 10-2-0 (22 shots-18 saves), Los Angeles, Toffoli 13, Los Angeles, Quik 7-3 (19-18).
A—18,230 (18,118). T—2:24.

Roundup

Crosby has 5 assists as Pens rout Sabres

The Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y.—Sidney Crosby and the Pittsburgh Penguins didn't need long to extend their mastery of the Buffalo Sabres.

Crosby's first of five assists came 1:21 into the first period, and Pittsburgh pushed its season-high winning streak to seven games with a 6-1 win over Buffalo on Saturday night.

"They played last night, and we know what it's like playing back-to-back games," Crosby said. "If you can get a couple goals and get them down early, hopefully that helps."

Crosby recorded a point against the Sabres for the 19th consecutive game, and the Penguins haven't lost to Buffalo since April 2013, a span of five games.

"I don't really have a good explanation for you," Crosby said. "When I come here, for some reason the ice has always been rough, and I feel good that way."

Batvi, Hearnstein and Kris Letang had two goals each for the Penguins, and Evgeni Malkin and Roberto Borzuzzo also scored. Letang and Chris Kunitz both added two assists.

The Penguins jumped on Buffalo for two goals in the game's first 3:51.

"I wouldn't want to give Buffalo any hope early, and I thought we took that away from them in the first 10 minutes," Penguins coach Mike Johnston said.

Zemgus Girgensons scored the only goal for the Sabres, but only their third straight, all at home, and fell to an NHL-worst 3-1-2.

Lightning 7, Blue Jackets 4: Tyler Johnson scored twice and Ryan Callahan added a goal and two assists to lead visiting Tampa Bay to its fifth straight win and extend Columbus' losing streak to eight games.

Cedric Paquette, Anton Stralman and Brian Boyle also had goals, and JT Brown added a goal and an assist for the Lightning, who have outscored opponents 27-15 during their streak.

Flyers 4, Avalanche 3: Claude Giroux had two goals and an assist, and host Philadelphia held off Colorado for its third straight win over the Avalanche.

Wayne Simmonds and Brayden Schenn also scored for the Flyers, and Jakub Voracek added three assists to his NHL-leading total to help Philadelphia win its fifth straight at home. Steve Mason stopped 36 shots.

Kings 5, Rangers 4: Los Komarov snapped a tie with 5:34 left, and host Toronto beat the New York Rangers in a game in which both teams struggled with the lead.

Roman Polak also scored in the third period to lift the Maple Leafs into a 4-4 tie. Phil Kessel, Peter Holland and Richard Panik added goals for Toronto, which

squandered a 3-1 lead.

Flames 6, Panthers 4: Lance Bouma scored the go-ahead goal to lift visiting Calgary over Florida.

Bouma's one-timer from the slot came with 2:18 left and broke a 4-4 tie, giving the Flames their fourth win in five games.

Jets 2, Senators 1 (SO): At Ottawa, Mathieu Perreault scored in the sixth round of the shootout to give Winnipeg a victory.

Perreault had the only goal in the shootout and helped the Jets to improve to 6-0-2 in their post eight games.

Islanders 1, Coyotes 0: Frans Nielsen scored the lone goal with 2:31 left in the third period. Jaroslav Halak made 19 saves, and visiting New York held on to beat Arizona.

The Islanders finished their five-game Western trip with three consecutive wins. Arizona had its three-game winning streak snapped.

Canadiens 4, Wild 1: Lars Eller scored the tiebreaking goal late in the second period, and host Montreal beat Minnesota for the fifth time in six meetings in Montreal.

Before the game, the Canadiens retired defenseman Guy Lapointe's No. 5.

Stars 5, Panthers 3: Brent Burns scored two third-period goals, and visiting San Jose overcame Tyler Seguin's hat trick and rallied to beat Dallas.

San Jose scored four goals in the third period — three against backup goalie Anders Lindback, who made 24 saves. Joe Thornton sealed the win with an empty-net goal.

Capitals 4, Hurricanes 3 (OT): Nicklas Backstrom scored off the rebound of Alex Ovechkin's shot at 4:46 of overtime to lift host Washington over Carolina.

Ovechkin skated in and let loose a blast from the right point. Anton Khudobin made the save, but the puck went to Backstrom for the fifth goal and he fired in his fourth goal of the season.

Predators 2, Blues 1: James Neal and Filip Forsberg each had a goal and an assist, and Nashville snapped host St. Louis' seven-game winning streak.

Forsberg has five goals in five games, and his 15 points and nine assists lead all NHL rookies.

Kings 5, Canucks 1: Taylor Toffoli had a goal and two assists, and Jonathan Quick made 18 saves in host Los Angeles' victory over Vancouver.

Marian Gaborik, Anze Kopitar, Jeff Carter and Jake Muzzini had a goal and an assist piece in the defending Stanley Cup champions' second win in seven games. Los Angeles abruptly returned to top form to demolish the Canucks, who had won six of seven.

HIGH SCHOOL

FAR EAST FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS



DANIEL MONTES DE OCA/Special to Stars and Stripes

Daegu's DeMarco Andrews looks for running room against a host of Perry defenders.

Andrews leads Daegu in thrilling D-II finale

Stars and Stripes

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION IWAKUNI, Japan — Just when it seemed M.C. Perry was on the verge of a come-back victory, Daegu's DeMarco Andrews stepped up when it mattered most.

The junior running back scored on runs of 65 and 63 yards in the last four minutes, rallying the Warriors to a record-setting 60-50 win over the Samurai, their second straight Far East Division II football title.

"He absolutely took over that game. What a phenomenal player," Daegu coach Ken Walter said of Andrews, who along with junior quarterback DeAndre Rosalie accounted for 465 yards and 10 touchdowns in a game in which neither team seemed to be able to stop the other.

"That No. 6. Good night," Samurai coach Frank Macias added of Andrews.

The 110 combined points shattered the record for a DODDS Pacific football title game; that also involved Daegu, which lost 46-38 in the 2009 D-II championship to Zama.

Daegu (7-1), a four-time Far East champ, is tied with Kadena for most overall titles in either Division I or II.

The subject of titles and what teams have to do to achieve them was a topic of conversation before Saturday's game, Walter said.

"We issued the boys a personal challenge, not just as a team, but individually, have you played your best game of football or have you yet to play your best game. They stood up and said they would respond to the challenge, and they did."

Daegu scored every time it had the ball in the first half, leading 34-25 at intermission, then fumbled twice early in the second half, allowing the Samurai to seize a brief 48-44 lead.

Following the fumbles, the Warriors "righted the ship," Walter said. "No quit in

either team. That's (Samurai) a heckuva a team. They're well coached. This is probably the best game I've been a part of."

"We got mean and nasty in the trenches, but it just wasn't enough," said Macias, who was missing two starting running backs — Caleb Kicafrente and Mick Carreiro — with injuries.

"We had to patchwork things. I'm proud of the boys giving 100 percent. But there was too much speed (in Daegu). Hat's off to Daegu. They played a very good game."

Andrews ran nine times for 228 yards and four touchdowns, giving him 1,353 yards and 20 touchdowns on 72 carries this season. Rosalie had 68 yards and a score on nine carries, finishing with 695 yards and nine scores on 75 carries. He was also 5-for-5 passing for 169 yards and four TDs.

Josh McCaw added 57 yards and a touchdown on 10 carries and Jarvis Stokes ran four times for 66 yards. John McCarty and Hasan Hansip each caught TD passes in excess of 60 yards.

The win overshadowed a stellar performance by senior back Jarell Davis of the Samurai (5-2); he had 285 yards on 23 carries and three TDs. Zack Brown had 165 yards and three touchdowns on 21 carries, Jason DeGrace 82 yards on 19 attempts and Desmond Moore 52 yards and a touchdown on six tries.

Davis is one of a handful of players who helped Perry restart its program after being shut down after the 2003 season. After playing a non-varsity schedule in 2012 and '13, the Samurai played as a varsity team this season.

Macias said from the start of the season he had no doubt the Samurai could reach the championship game. "The big unknown was we had no common opponent," he said. "I knew whoever we faced would be tough. And they were. It's not going to set well but I'm happy where we are."

Redemption for Sego, Kadena with D-I crown

Panthers senior's 259 yards, four TDs top Kubasaki

By DAVE ORNAUER
Stars and Stripes

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — Justin Sego took the handoff through the right side of the line.

Less than a minute remained in Saturday's Far East Division I football championship game, and Kadena's senior back was putting his final exclamation point on the victory, indeed his career.

As he crossed the goal line, which capped the scoring in the Panthers' 41-27 victory over defending champion Kubasaki, a cool-of-the-evening feeling washed over Sego sensed he was wiping away any bitter memories of seasons past.

Enduring a freshman's typical school of hard knocks, playing as a sophomore on a team that lost several starters to conduct violations. Losing in overtime to the same Dragons in last year's championship contest as a junior.

Redemption. No other feeling in the world like it, Sego said after the game.

"If you go through adversity, you just have to fight through it," Sego said after he ran 30 times for 259 yards and scored four second-half touchdowns. "That's all we've been doing at Kadena. We've been working for this for four years and we finally got it. It feels great."

"This is the best way we could have capped the season for him," coach Sergio Mendoza of the Panthers (6-2) said of Sego, describing his last carry for Kadena — the touchdown — as "awesome. He's the best football player I've ever coached in my life and I've had some good ones."

The title is the Panthers' fourth, matching Daegu for the most regardless of division.

And it came after the Panthers, who lost to Kubasaki twice during the season, fell behind 27-21 with 2:17 left in the third quarter. Kadena scored 20 unanswered points to put it away.

"This is one of the most gratifying wins in my experience, in my tenure," Mendoza said.

"Both teams came prepared to play, they had great plans and executed those plans on both sides of the ball," Kubasaki coach Fred Bales said. "They were the better team tonight. They're deserving champions. We certainly congratulate them."

The Dragons (5-3) fired the first shot, a 26-yard touchdown pass from DeCur-



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Kubasaki's Preston Snyder tries to tackle Kadena's Justin Sego, who ran for 259 yards and scored four touchdowns.

ties Davis pass to Isaiah Johnson. Jamario Harris responded with a 25-yard TD pass to Barry Mitchell, who accounted for 132 yards total offense and two TDs.

Winston Maxwell's 6-yard scoring run put Kubasaki ahead 13-7 at halftime.

Sego went to work in the second half, scoring from 3 yards out, and then returning an interception 60 yards for a score.

Maxwell cut it to 21-19 on a 36-yard scoring run 2:09 later, then a fumble recovery by Preston Snyder — his eighth of the season — set up Davis' 49-yard touchdown run, giving Kubasaki its last lead, 27-21.

Kadena scored twice in 37 seconds to go back up 35-27. Mitchell ran 23 yards for a touchdown, then kicker Stephen Black's ensuing kickoff hit one of Kubasaki's up men and he fell on it to keep the ball in the Panthers' hands. Seno then rushed 40 yards for a score with 8:03 left.

Sego finished the season with 1,519 yards and 16 touchdowns on 162 carries.

Davis, the Pacific's leader in total offense, was 8-for-12 for 70 yards and ran eight times for 40 yards.

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Kadena players and coaches celebrate around the championship banner.

SPORTS



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COLLEGE FOOTBALL



Showdown Saturday

SEC's chances at two playoff teams takes hit with A&M victory

BY RALPH D. RUSSO
The Associated Press

All those showdown games on the schedule Saturday and it was a 20-point underdog that shook up the playoff race.

For the second straight week a Southeastern Conference contender took a potentially devastating loss when No. 3 Auburn was upset 41-38 at home by a Texas A&M team that came to Jordan-Hare Stadium reeling.

The Aggies had lost three straight SEC games — one more lopsided than the next — and barely scraped by Louisiana-Monroe at home last week.

They got better against Auburn.

The Tigers fell behind big against the Aggies, and couldn't pull off the type of improbable win that has become so common for them the last two seasons. Two fumbles involving Auburn quarterback Nick Marshall in the final 5 minutes, both in A&M territory, ended the Tigers' comeback attempt.

Last week it was Georgia getting hammered by Florida that a put a dent in the SEC's hopes of getting more than one team in the final four. Good luck trying to sell this as a "good loss" for Auburn. Texas A&M lost to Mississippi State, Mississippi and Alabama by a combined 142-51 before beating ULM 21-16.

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Texas A&M offensive lineman Jermaine Eluemunor, left, waves at Auburn fans after the Aggies knocked off the Tigers 41-38 in Auburn, Ala., on Saturday.

BUTCH DILL/AP

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