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## Scores killed in attack on Afghan base

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KABUL, Afghanistan — A Taliban attack on an Afghan base Friday could turn out to be country's deadliest on an Afghan military installation and is raising questions about the army's ability to hold off the Taliban, who are seeking to topple the country's central government.

A spokesman for the Afghan Ministry of Defense said more than 100 people were killed or wounded in Friday's attack on a mosque at the headquarters of the army's 209th Corps. Other reports put the casualty death toll at 130 or more killed and 80 wounded. There are no reports of coalition casualties, although German military advisers, from NATO's Train Advise Assist Command-North, often collaborate with troops on the base, which is near Mazar-e-Sharif. A

Resolute Support spokesperson did not respond to an email asking whether any coalition personnel were on the base at the time of the attack.

A statement from Gen. John Nicholson, the top U.S. and NATO commander in Afghanistan, condemned the attack as "barbaric" because it targeted a place of worship. "All of us at the NATO Resolute Support Mission condemn such murderous and reprehensible actions," the statement said.

The Taliban said the attack was launched in revenge for the killing of two of their "shadow" governors in the northern part of the country. A statement from the group noted that the base was a primary launching point for night raids and other operations in the region.

Gen. Dawlat Waziri, a Defense Ministry spokesman, said he expects the death toll to rise because many of the wounded were in critical condition. Ini-

tial reports said eight soldiers were killed in the attack.

A statement from President Ashraf Ghani posted to Twitter said he "condemns the cowardly attack." Ghani traveled Saturday to Mazar-e-Sharif to visit members of the 209th Corps.

The attack happened at about 1:30 p.m. Friday when as many as 10 militants dressed as soldiers and driving Afghan army vehicles talked their way onto the base by feigning a casualty and saying they needed urgent medical care at the base clinic.

Once on the compound, they targeted a mosque full of unarmed soldiers performing Friday prayers. It took several hours for Afghan commandos to put down the attack.

Waziri said that as the attackers approached the base, one of them had an IV in his arm. He said they claimed to be from another brigade, whose name the guards recognized. Guards called a central command cen-

ter, which gave them permission to let the "soldiers" through.

The militants similarly passed through a second checkpoint. The attack began at a third checkpoint, at which guards were instructed to take the presumed soldiers' weapons. In response, one of the militants detonated an explosive vest, and the others raced toward the mosque.

The Taliban said in statement that it could not be independently verified that four of the attackers had served as soldiers and knew the layout of the base. It was not clear if they had joined the army as Taliban infiltrators or were soldiers who had defected.

The ability of attackers to penetrate one of the largest bases in the north was viewed as a shocking failure on the part of security and intelligence agencies. Some reports said many soldiers inside the mosque were shot in the back as they prayed.

## Footage shows ISIS using human shields in Iraq

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*Stars and Stripes*

IRBIL, Iraq — The Pentagon on Friday released surveillance footage it says shows the coalition's restraint in striking Islamic State targets when civilians are in danger.

The video follows a series of large-scale civilian casualty incidents last month that brought heightened scrutiny on coalition forces battling ISIS militants in Iraq and Syria.

The nearly 2½-minute video is condensed from two hours of footage from March 29, according to U.S. Central Command. CENTCOM said the video shows Islamic State militants establishing fighting positions

and firing on advancing Iraqi forces from a compound where women and children are being herded through an enclosed courtyard. The video appears to include footage that Iraq's elite Counter-Terrorism Service posted to Facebook roughly three weeks ago.

A statement at the opening of the video claims "there was no counter airstrike because the full-motion video made it clear civilians were present."

The video's release comes after weeks of U.S. and coalition officials claiming that ISIS has escalated its use of civilians as human shields. Brig. Gen. John B. Richardson IV, a top commander charged with approving

strikes in Iraq, called it "human sacrifice" in response to criticism that the coalition has not done enough to prevent civilian deaths.

Airwars, a nonprofit that seeks to track civilian deaths, said it has recorded an increase in reported casualties beginning at about the end of 2016. It has tallied more than 3,000 alleged civilian casualties in Iraq and Syria, though the coalition has confirmed less than one-tenth that number.

Some critics suggest President Donald Trump has relaxed requirements that prevent non-combatant deaths. Defense Department officials say the rules have not changed but the tempo of the anti-ISIS battle is

increasing.

DOD officials say authority to call in strikes has been delegated to field commanders closer to the front lines, speeding up the coalition's reaction to troops taking enemy fire.

ISIS appeared to be hit hard by this shift in procedure, but apparently seized on it by packing civilians into buildings that were then used as fighting positions to draw coalition strikes — the same type of behavior the video released by the Pentagon on Friday purports to show.

Accusations against the coalition reached a fever pitch in mid-March when a series of deadly strikes in Syria and Iraq led to dozens of apparent civilian deaths.

# Pence: Carrier group will be near Korean Peninsula soon

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The USS Carl Vinson strike group will be near South Korea “in a matter of days,” Vice President Mike Pence said Saturday, as concerns over a potential North Korean nuclear weapons test continue to mount in the Asia-Pacific region.

“With regard to the USS Carl Vinson carrier group, our expectation is that they will be in the Sea of Japan, in position, in a matter of days before the end of this month,” Pence said Saturday at a joint news conference with Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull.

The announcement comes following confusion over the strike group’s whereabouts

since the Navy announced that the ships were canceling their Australia port visits and heading toward the Western Pacific as of April 8.

Several news outlets then reported that the strike group was headed toward the Korean Peninsula, citing U.S. officials in Washington.

On April 11, President Donald Trump stated after being asked about North Korea that “we are sending an armada.”

However, photos posted on Navy.mil on April 15 showed the carrier and its accompanying ships near Indonesia’s Sunda Strait, which is about 3,500 miles from the Korean Peninsula.

On Wednesday, Vinson strike

group Commander Rear Adm. James Kilby wrote on the carrier’s Facebook page that their deployment would be extended 30 days “to provide a persistent presence in the waters off the Korean peninsula.”

The carrier was near the Philippines on Friday when a pilot ejected from an F/A-18E into the ocean as the aircraft was preparing to land on the carrier, the Navy said in a statement. The pilot was quickly retrieved and did not appear to have been seriously hurt.

The USS Carl Vinson strike group includes the flagship aircraft carrier, its air wing, the cruiser USS Lake Champlain and the destroyers USS Wayne E. Meyer and USS Michael Murphy.

# Navy SEAL arrested on child porn charges

*Associated Press*

NORFOLK, Va. — A Navy SEAL has been arrested on charges that he possessed dozens of images of child pornography and recorded himself molesting a young girl while she slept, according to court documents.

Petty Officer 1st Class Gregory Kyle Seerden, 31, of Missouri, was arrested April 3 in San Diego after a three-month investigation.

The investigation began after a woman alleged that Seerden had sexually assaulted her in Virginia Beach, Va., where he was on temporary assignment, according to court records. But the probe soon expanded after agents with the Naval Criminal Investigative Service obtained a warrant for Seerden’s cellphone, which contained the illicit materials, those documents show.

U.S. Marshals are preparing to take Seerden to Norfolk, Va., where the federal charges are filed, according to Ed Buice, an NCIS spokesman.

NCIS agents first spoke to Seerden in January after a woman said he sexually assaulted her, court records stated. They said the assault occurred in Seerden’s hotel room on a Navy base in Virginia Beach after the two had been drinking.

The woman said she began to black out but remembers telling Seerden to stop during the assault, according to court records. She woke up at 4 a.m. and reported the alleged assault to base guards.

While investigating the allegations, agents got permission to seize Seerden’s phone. They found 78 photos of child pornography, including an image involving a dog, and videos Seerden made of himself and a sleeping girl, according to the court documents.

# Russian bombers fly near Alaska

*(Anchorage) Alaska Dispatch News*

Russian military aircraft approached Alaska daily for four consecutive days since Monday, U.S. officials said, including two bombers intercepted Thursday night off northern Alaska by U.S. and Canadian fighter jets.

The latest intercept of two Tu-95 Bear aircraft occurred at about 7 p.m., according to a statement from NORAD spokeswoman MaryAnna Clemons.

“Two Alaskan-based F-22 Raptors and two Royal Canadian Air Force CF-18 Hornet fighters intercepted and visually identified two Russian (Tu-95s) flying in the Alaskan and the Canadian Air Defense Identification Zones near the northern coast of Alaska and Canada,” Clemons said Friday. “At no time, however, did the aircraft enter sovereign airspace for either the U.S. or Canada.”

The F-22s that made Thursday’s intercept were launched from Joint Base Elmendorf-

Richardson in Anchorage, according to Alaskan Command spokeswoman Capt. Anastasia Schmidt.

Pairs of Tu-95s also entered Alaska’s air defense zone — in which aircraft nearing the coast from overseas are asked to identify themselves and state their intentions — southwest of Kodiak on Monday night and off Alaska’s western coast Tuesday evening.

A pair of JBER-based F-22s, supported by an E-3 Sentry AWACS radar plane and a KC-135 tanker aircraft, intercepted the Monday flight, but only an E-3 was launched to track Tuesday’s bombers.

On Wednesday night, Clemons said, a Russian Il-38 maritime patrol aircraft also entered the Alaska air defense zone. Neither she nor Schmidt could provide further details on where that flight occurred or the U.S. response to it, citing a need to protect operational security.

Schmidt didn’t know when

Alaska last saw four Russian incursions in four consecutive days, but noted that this week’s general amount of activity wasn’t unprecedented.

“The last time we saw higher levels of flights like this was 2014,” Schmidt said.

The Russian Ministry of Defense told state-backed media outlet Sputnik Thursday that the bombers in Monday’s flight were on a patrol mission in international airspace. They flew more than 3,000 miles before returning to a base in the Amur region of the Russian Far East.

Schmidt declined to answer questions about whether the Russian flights had changed JBER’s alert posture this week but said NORAD — a joint U.S.-Canadian command — was well-equipped to handle its mission of North American aerospace defense.

“We’re always ready and prepared for anything that we might need to respond to,” Schmidt said.



# Trump says 'dreamers' can 'rest easy'

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Young immigrants brought to the U.S. as children and now in the country illegally can “rest easy,” President Donald Trump says, telling the “dreamers” they will not be targets for deportation under his immigration policies.

Trump, in a wide-ranging interview Friday with The Associated Press, said his administration is “not after the dreamers, we are after the criminals.”

The president, who took a hard line on immigration as a candidate, vowed anew to fulfill his promise to construct a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border. But he stopped short of demanding that funding for the project be included in a spending bill Congress must pass by the end of next week in order to keep the government running.

“I want the border wall. My base definitely wants the border wall,” Trump said in the Oval Office interview. Asked whether he would sign legislation that does not include money for the project, he said, “I just don’t know yet.” Throughout the campaign, he had firmly and repeatedly guaranteed that Mexico, not U.S. taxpayers, would pay for the wall.

Eager to start making progress on other campaign promises, Trump said he would unveil a tax overhaul package this week — “Wednesday or shortly thereafter” — that would include a “massive” tax cut for both individuals and corporations. He would not provide details of rate proposals or how he planned to pay for the package but asserted the cuts for Americans will be “bigger, I believe, than any tax cut ever.”

Congressional Republicans seemed caught off guard by Trump’s announcement and did not appear to have been briefed on the details of the White House’s

forthcoming plan.

Trump spoke with the AP ahead of his 100th day in office.

He panned that marker as “artificial.” Still, the White House is eager to tout progress on the litany of agenda items he promised to fulfill in his first 100 days, despite setbacks including court bans on his proposed immigration limits and a high-profile failure in repealing and replacing the current health care law.

The president said Friday he spent his first 100 days laying the “foundation” for progress later in his administration, including by building relationships with foreign leaders. He cited German Chancellor Angela Merkel as a leader he was surprised to have developed strong chemistry with, given that he has been critical of her handling of immigration policies.

As a candidate, Trump strongly criticized President Barack Obama for “illegal executive amnesties,” including actions to spare from deportation young people who were brought to the country as children and now are here illegally. But after the election, Trump started speaking more favorably about these immigrants, popularly dubbed “dreamers.”

On Friday, he said that when it comes to them, “This is a case of heart.”

Last week, attorneys for Juan Manuel Montes, 23, said he recently was deported to Mexico despite having qualified for deferred deportation. Trump said Montes’ case is “a little different than the dreamer case,” though he did not specify why.

The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program was launched in 2012 as a stopgap to protect some young immigrants from deportation while the administration continued to push for a broader immigra-

tion overhaul in Congress.

Obama’s administrative program offered a reprieve from deportation to those immigrants in the country illegally who could prove they arrived before they were 16, had been in the U.S. for several years and had not committed crimes since being here. It mimicked versions of the so-called DREAM Act, which would have provided legal status for young immigrants but never was passed by Congress.

DACA also provides work permits for the immigrants and is renewable every two years. As of December, about 770,000 young immigrants had been approved for the program.

On foreign policy, Trump said it was “possible” the U.S. will withdraw from the nuclear accord with Iran forged by Obama and five other world leaders. He said he believes Iran’s destabilizing actions “all over the Middle East and beyond” are violating the spirit of the accord, though the State Department last week certified that Tehran is complying with the tenets of the deal aimed at curbing its nuclear program.

The president also appeared to side with his advisers’ increasingly harder line on Julian Assange, the founder of WikiLeaks. Attorney General Jeff Sessions said Assange’s arrest was a priority for the Justice Department as it steps up efforts to prosecute people who leak classified information to the media.

The president said that he was not involved in the decision-making process regarding charging Assange but that the move would be “OK with me.”

During the campaign, Trump and his allies publicly delighted in WikiLeaks’ release of stolen emails from a top adviser to Democrat Hillary Clinton.

## Justice Dept. warns sanctuary cities in immigration fight

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration intensified its threats to crack down on so-called sanctuary cities that refuse to comply with federal immigration authorities, warning nine jurisdictions Friday that they may lose coveted law enforcement grant money unless they document cooperation.

It sent letters to officials in California and major cities including New York, Chicago,

Philadelphia and New Orleans, all places the Justice Department’s inspector general has identified as limiting the information local law enforcement can provide to federal immigration authorities about those in their custody.

Attorney General Jeff Sessions has warned that the administration will punish communities that refuse to cooperate with efforts to find and deport immigrants in the country illegally. But some of

the localities remained defiant, despite risking the loss of funds that police agencies use to pay for everything from body cameras to bulletproof vests.

“We’re not going to cave to these threats,” said Milwaukee County Supervisor Marina Dimitrijevic, promising a legal fight if the money is pulled.

Playing off Sessions’ recent comments that sanctuary cities undermine the fight against gangs, the Justice Department

said the communities under financial threat are “crumbling under the weight of illegal immigration and violent crime.”

After a raid led to the arrests of 11 MS-13 gang members in California’s Bay Area, “city officials seemed more concerned with reassuring illegal immigrants that the raid was unrelated to immigration than with warning other MS-13 members that they were next,” the department said in a statement.

# Scientists take to streets to defend research

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Scientists worldwide left their labs to take to the streets Saturday along with students and research advocates in pushing back against what they say are mounting attacks on science.

The March for Science, coinciding with Earth Day, was set for more than 500 cities. It was anchored in Washington and was to be joined by dozens of nonpartisan scientific professional societies in a turnout intended to combine political and how-to science demonstrations.

Marchers in Geneva carried signs that said, “Science — A Candle in the Dark” and “Science is the Answer.” In Berlin, several thousand people participated in a march from the one of the city’s universities to the Brandenburg Gate landmark. “We need to make more

of our decision based on facts again and less on emotions,” said Meike Weltin, a doctoral student at an environmental institute near the capital.

In London, physicists, astronomers, biologists and celebrities gathered for a march past the city’s most celebrated research institutions. Supporters carried signs showing images of a double helix and chemical symbols.

The protest was putting scientists, who generally shy away from advocacy and whose work depends on objective experimentation, into a more public position.

Organizers portrayed the march as political but not partisan, promoting the understanding of science as well as defending it from various attacks, including proposed U.S. government budget cuts under

President Donald Trump, such as a 20 percent slice of the National Institute of Health.

Signs and banners readied for the Washington rally reflected anger, humor and obscure scientific references.

The sign that Sam Klimas, 9, held was red, handmade and personal: “Science saved my life.” He had a form of brain cancer and has been healthy for eight years now. His mother, grandmother and brother traveled with him from Parkersburg, W.V. “I have to do everything I can to oppose the policies of this administration,” said his grandmother, Susan Sharp.

Scientists involved in the march said they were anxious about political and public rejection of established science such as climate change and the safety of vaccine immunizations.”

Christine McEntee, executive director of the American Geophysical Union, a global professional organization of earth and space scientists, cited concerns by scientists and threats to research as a result of elections in the U.S. and other countries.

Threats to science are heightened in Turkey and elsewhere in Europe, said McEntee, who planned to march with geophysical scientists in Vienna.

Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha, who exposed the dangerous lead levels in the drinking water and children’s blood in Flint, Mich., planned to march in Washington and speak to the crowd.

“It’s risky, but that’s when we make advancements when we take risks ... for our heart rates to go up, to be a little anxious and scared and uncomfortable,” she said before the event.

## Anti-Maduro protests continue in Venezuela

Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela — Amid anti-Maduro protests roiling Venezuela, leading to 20 deaths and dozens of arrests the past three weeks, the opposition is trying to rally international opinion against President Nicolas Maduro’s socialist government.

The leader of Venezuela’s rebellious congress has a message for the world’s capitalists: Think twice before signing another check to his government.

For his part, National Assembly President Julio Borges has sent more than a dozen letters to leading global banks warning them of the risk to their reputations and bottom line if they throw a lifeline to Maduro.

Lost in the surge of protests triggered by last month’s decision by the Venezuelan Supreme Court to strip congress of power is Maduro’s desperate need for financing.

Yet, as the government scrounges for financing, it

managed to donate \$500,000 to President Donald Trump’s inauguration events, through PDVSA’s wholly owned U.S. subsidiary, Citgo, federal election records revealed.

Borges called the donation a “hypocritical” attempt by Maduro to curry favor with Trump in hopes the Republican administration will go soft on human rights abuses. Several officials have already been targeted by U.S. sanctions, including under Trump’s watch Vice President Tareck El Aissami, for alleged drug trafficking.

Borges has been at the forefront with other lawmakers in the latest protests, rejecting repeat invitations by Maduro to return to negotiations that collapsed last year.

The next protest was planned for Saturday, when opponents were being asked to dress in white and march silently to commemorate the victims of the demonstration. Sit-ins to block major highways are planned for Monday.

## Drones used in major search at Grand Canyon

Associated Press

PHOENIX — The desperate effort this week to find two hikers who disappeared at the bottom of the Grand Canyon represented the National Park Service’s most extensive use yet of drones in a search-and-rescue mission.

The Grand Canyon is the only national park with its own fleet of unmanned aircraft for locating people who have gotten lost, stranded, injured or killed. Under a program that began last fall, it has five drones and four certified operators.

While the aerial search for the two hikers came up empty, it threw a spotlight on technology that can enter crevices and other rugged spots unreachable by foot while sparing searchers the dangers of going up in a helicopter.

Rangers were confronted with 1,200 medical emergencies, 293 search-and-rescue missions and 17 deaths in 2016, a year in which the park had nearly 6 million visitors. Last summer, a 35-

year-old Yelp executive tripped while hiking, fell backward and was found dead 400 feet below.

The aircraft were used Monday through Wednesday in the search for LouAnn Merrell, 62, and her stepgrandson, Jackson Standefer, 14. The park also sent out three ground search teams of about 20 people in all, an inflatable motor boat and a helicopter.

Merrell and Standefer vanished last weekend after losing their footing while crossing a creek near the North Rim. They were on a hike with Merrell’s husband, Merrell Boot Co. co-founder Randy Merrell, and the boy’s mother.

The park soon scaled back the operation and stopped using the drones but continued the search. In a statement, the hikers’ families backed the decision and said they were “still praying for a miracle.”

Other national parks use drones, but for wildlife research. The use of private drones is prohibited in national parks.



# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Coin flip decides new president of village

**IL** MARION — A coin flip has decided who will lead a tiny southern Illinois town after an election this month ended in a tie.

Tammy O'Daniell-Howell is the new village president of Colp, home to about 250 residents, after the coin toss Thursday.

Williamson County Clerk Amanda Barnes said opponent Bryan Riekema let O'Daniell-Howell choose heads or tails. She picked heads and that's where it landed.

Barnes said both candidates inspected the 2016 North Dakota quarter before the event and that she "let it just fall to the ground."

The candidates each received 11 votes in the April 4 election. Illinois law calls for coin flips to settle ties.

Barnes says the quarter was "the shiniest one" she could find in the office.

## Pet shop from 'Rocky' films demolished

**PA** PHILADELPHIA — A Philadelphia storefront featured prominently in the "Rocky" films has been demolished.

The building was home to the fictional pet store where Rocky courted his eventual wife, Adrian. It was featured in several of the films and was a frequent stop on tours designed for Rocky fans.

Tour guide Ben Caplan told Philly.com he was taking a group there Thursday when he found construction crews tearing the building down.

The building, once a real pet shop, had been empty for several years.

## Man loses challenge to driveway ticket

**MI** ROSEVILLE — Warming up your car in the driveway might be a Michigan winter tradition, but a judge says it's not legal in a Detroit suburb if no one's behind the wheel.

Nick Taylor challenged a \$125 ticket in court Thursday and lost. His lawyer, Nicholas Somberg, said a Roseville ordinance against unattended running vehicles shouldn't apply to driveways.

But Judge Marco Santia said the law is in the public interest.

Taylor got attention in January when he posted a photo of the ticket on Facebook. The post was shared more than 6,000 times and garnered more than 5,000 comments.

## 'Spokane Spanker' confesses on live TV

**WA** SPOKANE — A man who claims to have slapped the backsides of dozens of women along a popular hiking trail that runs through the eastern Washington city of Spokane read a tearful confession on live television.

Numerous women contacted law enforcement officers in recent days to report that a man approached them on the Centennial Trail, slapped them on the backside and then fled.

The Spokesman-Review said Jonathan Smith, 28, went to the offices of KHQ on Wednesday, identified himself as the spanker and apologized to victims.

Police said they are investigating and know where to find Smith. During the roughly five-minute long confession, Smith said he was trying to be "daring and mischievous, but not malicious."

## Loud sex sounds interrupt tennis match

**FL** SARASOTA — An outdoor professional tennis match in Florida came to a brief halt amid sounds of loud sex.

Frances Tiafoe was about to serve Mitchell Krueger during their Tuesday night match in the Sarasota Open when he paused and flashed a smile of disbelief over the sound of a woman moaning in pleasure. Broadcaster Mike Cation initially described the sounds as coming from someone playing a pornographic video in the stands, but later said they were coming from an apartment nearby.

Both players had fun with the situation while the crowd laughed. Krueger hit a ball sharply in the direction of the sounds, and Tiafoe screamed, "It can't be that good!"

Cation later saluted the responsible couple on Twitter, writing "Sounds like you guys had a good time!"

## Police chief issues self a speeding ticket

**OK** SPERRY — The police chief of a small northeast Oklahoma community said he issued himself a citation for speeding, but only after being caught on video.

Sperry Police Chief Justin Burch posted an apology on the department's Facebook page last Saturday, saying he was "wrong in traveling at 75 and 80 mph." Sperry is about 10 miles north of Tulsa.

Burch admits he's not sure he would have issued the ticket if not for the video, and that he had a "reason for being in a hurry." Nonetheless, he admits he must "be held accountable."

Burch said he wrote himself the more than \$300 ticket and that he'll pay it in full.

## Starbucks barista has meltdown over Unicorn

**WA** SEATTLE — A Starbucks barista took to social media hoping to make orders for the coffee chain's much buzzed about Unicorn Frappuccino disappear.

Starbucks' entry into the unicorn food craze was released Wednesday and its popularity was too much for Colorado barista Braden Burson. He posted a video on Twitter complaining that the drink was difficult to make and he's "never been so stressed out" in his life.

The Unicorn Frappuccino is a sweet and sour pink and blue cream swirl topped with what Starbucks calls "fairy powder."

Burson said a day of making the treat left him with sticky hands and residue from the drink stuck to his clothes and in his hair.

## Georgetown buildings renamed for sold slaves

**DC** WASHINGTON — Georgetown University renamed two campus buildings in honor of people who were sold as slaves in Maryland in 1838.

The renaming of the buildings is part of the university's effort to atone for profiting from the slave sale, which was orchestrated by two Jesuit priests to pay off debts at the school. Georgetown is also giving preference in admissions to descendants of the 272 people who were sold.

One building was renamed Isaac Hawkins Hall in honor of the first person listed in documents related to the sale. Another now bears the name of Anne Marie Becraft, a free woman of color who taught Catholic black girls in what was then the town of Georgetown.

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# Bruins avoid elimination with 2OT win

Associated Press

OTTAWA, Ontario — Sean Kuraly picked a great time to score his first two NHL goals.

Kuraly's second goal of the game at 10:19 of the second overtime gave the Boston Bruins a 3-2 win over the Ottawa Senators in Game 5 on Friday night, avoiding elimination in the first-round series.

Charlie McAvoy's shot from the right point was tipped by David Backes and then hit Senators defenseman Erik Karlsson's skate in front of goalie Craig Anderson, and Kuraly backhanded it in.

"I was just at the tail end of (my shift) and the puck lands on my stick and then

[I put] it into the back of the net," Kuraly said. "Those are the good ones, you don't get many of those, but hey it bounced on my stick and I'm happy that it did."

David Pastrnak also scored and Tuukka Rask finished with 41 saves to help the Bruins rally from a 2-0 deficit early in the second period and cut the Senators' lead to 3-2 in the best-of-seven series.

Boston nearly won it at 14:25 of the first overtime, but Noel Acciari's apparent goal was waved off due to goalie interference when Kuraly tripped over Anderson.

"We were just battling out there," Boston captain Zdeno Chara said. "We were close and a few denied goals, but that's just part of it and you have to battle through it and

keep going and that's what we did."

**Capitals 3, Maple Leafs 2 (OT):** Justin Williams scored the overtime winner as host Washington beat Toronto to take a 3-2 lead in their first-round series.

The Capitals survived a scare when captain Alex Ovechkin left the game late in the first period with an apparent left leg injury, but he returned in the second. Thanks to Williams' goal 1:04 into overtime, the Presidents' Trophy winners go to Toronto for Game 6 on Sunday with a chance to advance to face the Penguins in the second round.

Braden Holtby made 24 saves for the Capitals, who got a goal from T.J. Oshie on the power play that came from the hit that injured Ovechkin.

# Spring football provides little insight

Associated Press

The increasing visibility of spring football games has offered plenty of feel-good moments and fan-friendly opportunities. What fans won't get is much insight into what these teams will be doing this fall.

Nebraska's spring game last week reunited a military family. Nebraska Army National Guard Sgt. Matthew Hawke wore a Cornhuskers uniform and then took off his helmet to surprise his family at the game. That provided at least one memorable moment on a day when the actual football didn't give fans any idea about what they can expect from the Huskers this season.

With so many spring games on television, teams don't want to give anything away to rival coaches who may be tuning in.

"This game now, being on TV, it just becomes another scouting tool for all our opponents next year," Nebraska coach Mike Riley said. "So there was no way we wanted to do anything that was out of the box at all."

Thanks mainly to the launching of various conference networks, more and more spring football games are airing on television.

All 13 SEC spring games this year are airing live on SEC Net-

work, ESPN or ESPNU. Vanderbilt didn't even have a spring game, yet highlights of its final practice received SEC Network coverage.

ESPN was airing 15 spring games on its television networks — the vast majority on SEC Network — and had six more available through streaming. Just four years ago, before SEC Network's arrival, only one game each aired on ESPN, ESPN2 and Longhorn Network while 10 more were available through streaming.

Now that rival coaches can watch an increasing number of these games on television from the comfort of their office or living room, there's incentive for teams to stay as bland as possible.

"Offensively we kept it very vanilla," Mississippi coach Hugh Freeze said. "We have two new coordinators and it doesn't make sense to me for us to go out there and put on TV everything we think we can or can't do."

Spring football always has been about focusing on fundamentals more than anything else. In some cases, spring games can offer clues about a particular player's potential.

Feleipe Franks performed well enough at Florida's spring game that coach Jim McElwain

declared him the early leader in the Gators' quarterback competition. Florida State safety Derwin James showcased his big-play ability at Florida State's spring game and served notice that he's ready to make a successful comeback from the knee injury that sidelined him for most of last season.

But those are the exceptions. Often, even the format of the game itself is different from usual.

A survey of over 100 Football Bowl Subdivision programs showed nearly 40 percent of the schools this year were playing standard spring games in which the roster was divided between two teams, though rules are often designed to limit contact and protect quarterbacks.

But about 30 percent of the programs simply have the offense face the defense with a modified scoring system that awards points to each unit for various achievements such as first downs, big plays or takeaways. And about 30 percent of the teams don't have a formal spring game at all and instead conduct a scrimmage or practice in which nobody's keeping score.

Other teams don't want to give up the exposure spring games provide.

Georgia earned publicity and

likely impressed recruits last year when 93,000 fans packed Sanford Stadium for its spring game. Tennessee coach Butch Jones calls the SEC Network broadcast of the Volunteers' spring game "a two-hour commercial for the University of Tennessee." Spring games with large crowds give programs an opportunity to see how little-used underclassmen might perform on a big stage.

"When do they ever get to walk out on that kind of pressure and that kind of environment?" Florida State coach Jimbo Fisher said. "You can't simulate that in practice."

These games might provide some entertainment value, but they're unlikely to offer anyone an idea about what to expect in the regular season. Of course, that won't stop coaches from making sure.

"I think everybody probably tapes those games and looks at them and gets an idea of (an opponent's) personnel," Penn State coach James Franklin said. "I think they're probably most valuable if (an opponent) has a coordinator change, to look at those things. If not, it's another piece of information. But you don't get a whole lot out of it."



## Clippers' Griffin out for playoffs

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Los Angeles Clippers forward Blake Griffin is out for the remainder of the playoffs after injuring his big toe during Friday night's win against the Utah Jazz.

The team announced Saturday that the five-time All-Star was diagnosed with an injury to the plantar plate of his right big toe. Griffin left Game 3 with 3:18 remaining in the second quarter after landing awkwardly following a transition layup. He had 11 points, six rebounds and two assists in 18 minutes, and the team said at the time the injury was a bruised toe. X-rays at the arena were negative, but he was re-evaluated after the game.

Griffin averaged 25 points, 6 rebounds and 2.5 assists in the first two games.

His injury marks another playoff blow to a franchise that has dealt with a series of bad luck and internal turmoil in recent years.

Griffin and point guard Chris Paul were lost to injuries last year, and the Clippers blew a 3-1 series lead against Houston in 2015.

During the 2014 playoffs, voice recordings of then-owner Donald Sterling making racist comments surfaced, leading to him being banned by NBA Commissioner Adam Silver, who forced the sale of the team.

The Clippers were up 2-0 in 2013 before losing to Memphis in six games after Griffin stepped on teammate Lamar Odom and injured his ankle.

Paul said after the latest game that losing Griffin would keep the team from running offense through the post as much, where other players cut and move off of the 6-foot-10, 250-pounder. Paul called Griffin a "dynamic player" who is one of the best passers on the roster.

"Just his leadership, it's just a different feeling when he's on the court," Paul said Friday night.

## Westbrook, Thunder top Rockets

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Russell Westbrook figured out he didn't have to do it all.

Once that happened, the Thunder figured out how to beat the Houston Rockets.

Westbrook scored 32 points in a triple-double and the Thunder held off the Rockets 115-113 on Friday night to cut their deficit to 2-1 in the first-round Western Conference playoff series.

Westbrook was criticized for shooting too much after scoring 51 points in a losing triple-double effort on Wednesday. This time, shots and contributions were distributed more evenly throughout the game. Taj Gibson scored 20 points and Andre Roberson and Victor Oladipo each added 12 for the Thunder, who shot 55 percent from the field.

"I had to do a better job of trusting my teammates for 48 minutes," said Westbrook, who finished with 13 rebounds and 11 assists. "Tonight, those guys made plays throughout the whole game. That's what I'm trying to do."

James Harden scored 44 points for Houston, but he missed a three-pointer that could have won the game just before time expired.

"We were down two, so I just wanted to get the best shot available, honestly," Harden said. "I didn't try to overthink it or whatnot. I just dribbled up the basketball court and I see the paint kind of close in once I passed halfcourt. I gave him (Roberson) a little jab, and he bit for it, and I just shot the ball. I shot it with confidence. It was a little bit short."

Lou Williams scored 22 points and Ryan Anderson added 18 for the Rockets, who nearly overcame a double-digit, second-half deficit again. Instead, the Thunder will host Game 4 on Sunday in a much better position.

"We did enough offensively," Rockets coach Mike D'Antoni said. "We just didn't have the will or the want early in the game. It's a little bit of a recurring theme we have. It takes us a while to get going. We'll address it and try to get it better, because we've got to play the whole 48 (minutes) like we did the last 24, and the last two games we have not done that."

Westbrook also had 13 rebounds and 11 assists. It was his second straight triple-double and the seventh playoff triple-double of his career.

## Boston bounces back in Game 3

Associated Press

CHICAGO — The Boston Celtics got pep talks from a past champion as well as their current superstar. Then, they put a charge in a series that was slipping from their reach.

Al Horford had 18 points and eight rebounds, Isaiah Thomas scored 16 points, and the top-seeded Celtics beat the Chicago Bulls 104-87 on Friday night after dropping the first two games of their opening-round series at home.

The Celtics pulled away after a 20-point lead shrunk to one early in the third quarter and put themselves in position to tie the series just as it was getting away from them. Game 4 is Sunday in Chicago.

They got a recorded message from Kevin Garnett before the game. Thomas, still grieving the death of his sister, had a few things to say, too.

"To me personally, it was everything," Jae Crowder said. "It was just a little motivation speech. (Garnett) said we looked like a team that wasn't having fun. We looked like a

team that (wasn't) soaking in the moment. We just needed to play for one another, and play for the moment which is at hand being in the playoffs and have fun with it. He basically said put a little more KG into it."

Dwyane Wade scored 18 for Chicago. Jimmy Butler had 14 points on 7 of 21 shooting, and the offense simply didn't click the way it had been, with Rajon Rondo out indefinitely with a broken right thumb. Chicago shot about 39 percent and committed 18 turnovers.

"We're not going to put this all on missing Rondo because he might not show up," Wade said. "It sounds like he's going to be out for a while. We need to come out as a team and figure out how to be better."

Thomas rejoined the team after spending time with his family in Tacoma, Washington. He scored eight points in the third quarter, helping the Celtics regain control, and finished with nine assists in the game.

Crowder added 16 points. Avery Bradley scored 15 and hit four of Boston's 17 three-pointers.

"We weren't coming here hoping to get a win," Bradley said. "We knew we were coming here to win both games."

**Clippers 111, Jazz 106:** Chris Paul scored 34 points as visiting Los Angeles rallied to beat Utah and take a 2-1 lead in the first-round playoff series.

The Jazz led most of the game before Paul took over in the fourth quarter and powered a 15-0 run that gave the Clippers a 103-96 lead with 2:09 remaining. Utah never led again.

The win negated a spectacular night from Gordon Hayward, who scored a career-high 40 points. But Paul simply dominated the fourth quarter, scoring nine straight himself during the run and getting wherever he wanted on the floor. He iced the game with a pair of free throws with 5.3 seconds remaining and finished with seven rebounds and 10 assists.

DeAndre Jordan had 17 points and 13 rebounds for the Clippers, who played without the injured Blake Griffin in the second half. Luc Mbah a Moute scored a career playoff-high 15 points.

# Bundy sharp in Orioles win

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — If not for the image of Dustin Pedroia limping off the field with the aid of the Red Sox training staff, the talk in both clubhouses probably would have centered on the outstanding pitching performance of Dylan Bundy.

Bundy took a five-hitter into the eighth inning Friday night, yet the buzz after Baltimore's 2-0 victory centered on Pedroia's unexpected exit in the bottom half.

Pedroia, a four-time All-Star, left after hurting his knee. The injury occurred when Manny Machado slid into second on a force play and spiked Pedroia in the back of the left leg.

Boston manager John Farrell contended that Machado violated the rule preventing over-sliding the base.

"If the rule is in place to protect the middle infielder, then it didn't work tonight," he said. "It

was a late slide."

Pedroia walked around the clubhouse with just a faint hint of a limp.

"I just got caught in a weird position. I don't know what hit the side of my knee ... it kind of pushed it in a little bit," Pedroia said. "I've turned double plays in the big leagues for 11 years. It's my job, and it's not the first time I've been hit and it won't be the last. It's baseball, man."

It was the seventh win in nine games for the Orioles, whose major league-best 11-4 record includes a 9-3 mark in the AL East.

Bundy (3-1) struck out three, walked one and allowed six hits in seven-plus innings. The 2011 first-round draft pick lowered his ERA to 1.37 and extended his scoreless innings streak to 13.

"It was a tough one," Bundy said. "I got some double play balls that my defense helped me out on and got me out of some jams."

# Rockies get grand slam, inside-park HR in 4th

Associated Press

DENVER — Trevor Story has been tinkering with his swing to break out of a slump.

He just might be on to something.

Story hit his first career grand slam and Charlie Blackmon lined an inside-the-park homer as part of a six-run fourth inning, helping the Colorado Rockies beat Johnny Cueto and the San Francisco Giants 6-5 on a rainy Friday night.

It's the first time an NL team has hit a grand slam and an inside-the-parker in the same inning since the 1950 New York Giants, according to STATS. The Boston Red Sox accomplished the feat in 2011.

"We're seeing signs of better at-bats," Rockies manager Bud Black said of Story. "I liked the swing on the grand slam for sure."

Story had a monster April a season ago, when he hit 10 homers and was named NL rookie of the month. This season, he's slightly off, with his average dipping to .143.

"I feel close," said Story, who hit his third homer. "I trust and believe in the work I'm putting in."

Tyler Chatwood (2-2) started off shaky before finding his rhythm. He went six innings and allowed four runs. This was quite a contrast to his outing last weekend at San Francisco, when he threw a complete-game shutout.

Jake McGee bailed the Rockies out of a two-on, one-out jam in the eighth by getting a fly out and a pop out. Greg Holland pitched a perfect ninth for his ninth straight save.

"Those guys (in the bullpen) are doing a great job down there," Chatwood said. "They have big-time arms."

Cueto (3-1) went five innings and gave up six runs as his streak of seven straight wins dating to last season was halted.

# Wainwright's bat lifts Cards

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Adam Wainwright has been trying to pitch his way out of some early struggles, and he did that and a lot more Friday night.

Wainwright homered and drove in four runs while getting his first win of the season, leading the St. Louis Cardinals over the Milwaukee Brewers 6-3.

Wainwright ripped a fastball into the second deck in left field for a two-run homer off Wily Peralta (3-1) to put the Cardinals up 2-1 in the third.

"I crushed it," Wainwright said, laughing. "We needed that."

In the fourth, the Brewers intentionally walked Kolten Wong to load the bases for Wainwright, and he hit a two-run single to extend the lead to 5-1.

"Certainly, it gets my dander up a little bit," he said of the free pass.

Brewers manager Craig Counsell said Wainwright's hitting turned out to be the difference.

"He's certainly, for a pitcher, capable of swinging the bat," Counsell said. "But he's also a pitcher, so we have to be able to make pitches on those guys."

## Blue Jays 8, Angels 7 (13):

Jose Bautista hit a three-run homer in the 13th inning, Joe Biagini escaped a bases-loaded jam in the bottom of the inning and Toronto beat host Los Angeles.

## Cubs 6, Reds 5 (11):

Anthony Rizzo tied it with a two-out, three-run homer in the ninth, and Kris Bryant hit a sacrifice fly in the 11th inning, rallying visiting Chicago past Cincinnati.

## Nationals 4, Mets 3 (11):

Bryce Harper homered early, then doubled and scored the go-ahead run in the 11th inning on a bases-loaded walk by Jeurys Familia, sending Washington over host New York for a fifth straight win.

## Indians 3, White Sox 0:

Corey Kluber pitched a three-hitter and faced two over the minimum, leading visiting Cleveland.

## Twins 6, Tigers 3:

Justin Verlander stumbled again, Miguel Cabrera left after straining his right groin and visiting Detroit wasted a three-run lead against Minnesota, who burst ahead when Eddie Rosario hit a three-run homer that capped a six-run sixth inning.

## Pirates 6, Yankees 3:

Josh Bell hit his second home run in

as many games and host Pittsburgh got to CC Sabathia early for a win.

**Astros 6, Rays 3:** Carlos Beltran, playing three days before his 40th birthday, led off the second inning with his 423rd home run, and visiting Houston rallied past Tampa Bay.

**Rangers 6, Royals 2:** Joey Gallo and Robinson Chirinos each homered twice to back a season-high eight innings from Cole Hamels and host Texas beat Kansas City.

**Phillies 4, Braves 3:** Jeremy Hellickson pitched seven strong innings and Cesar Hernandez had three hits and scored two runs to lead host Philadelphia.

**Padres 5, Marlins 3:** Austin Hedges hit a three-run homer and Trevor Cahill pitched seven strong innings in his home debut for his hometown Padres, who beat Miami for their third straight win.

**Diamondbacks 13, Dodgers 5:** Paul Goldschmidt, Yasmany Tomas and Chris Iannetta each drove in two runs in a nine-run eighth inning and host Arizona turned a close game into a rout.

**Athletics 3, Mariners 1:** Yonder Alonso and Trevor Plouffe homered, and host Oakland beat Seattle.