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DOD goal: Track GIs' health via smartphone

The Washington Post

Imagine your smartphone's camera, microphone and motion sensors were monitoring you for signs of illness. That's the future envisioned by scientists at the Pentagon's secretive weapons development arm, where such a system is being built to keep tabs on deployed U.S. servicemembers.

The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency announced Thursday that it has awarded a \$5.1 million contract to the Fairfax, Va.-based cybersecurity company Kryptowire to develop what DARPA calls the "Warfighter Analytics using Smartphones for Health" program, or WASH for short. The app would be used to spot diseases based on data that it collects from a person's smartphone.

Tom Karygiannis, Kryptowire's vice president of product, said he hopes the technology one day can broaden access to health care by spotting health problems before a person visits a doctor or a nurse. "Ultimate-

ly, this could mean better treatment, cost savings and making treatment available to more people," he said.

But the idea has privacy advocates spooked.

"If you're activating a microphone on someone's phone, that is going to raise a lot of alarms," said Jay Stanley, a senior policy analyst with the American Civil Liberties Union. "People don't want to feel like someone is listening in on their private life. That's going to have to be subject to tight controls."

For DARPA, the goal is to help the military deal with some of its biggest health care problems while conserving resources. The WASH development program started last year and will continue through 2021, an agency spokesman said.

"The program aims to develop algorithms that use raw data from smartphone sensors to enable continuous and real-time assessment" of warfighters' health status, identifying latent or developing conditions and diseases, DARPA communications chief Jared Adams

said in an email.

According to a fact sheet published by the agency, the app will collect data from smartphone features including cameras, light sensors, pedometers, fingerprint sensors, microphones and other sources. With the knowledge and consent of the user, the information would be collected continuously and passively, meaning a soldier's smartphone could be constantly scanning for signs that something is wrong.

Company officials say one goal of the research is to find a way to keep that data secure and private — safe from hackers or inadvertent leaks.

The work evolved out of an earlier project at Kryptowire to replace password sign-ons with passive electronic monitoring.

Kryptowire's primary business is a software tool that searches for vulnerabilities in mobile applications. The company works under contract with the Department of Homeland Security, the Justice Department and private corporations.

That work led to a technology

designed to let people sign into their smartphones by identifying all the ways they interact with the device. How people walk, how they hold the phone and how often they use it all became a part of the "profile" that could detect whether the person using a phone is its true owner.

After learning how to build these profiles, product developers at Kryptowire realized they might also be able to detect when something is wrong.

"For example, if a user is inebriated, we found they would interact with the device differently," Karygiannis said. "So if you can do that, the question is, what else can you do?"

Now, with financial backing from DARPA, the company is reaching out to hospitals and medical research institutions to figure out how to use that information to detect illnesses.

Possible targets could include early detection of diseases such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's or conditions such as post-traumatic stress disorder, company officials said.

Navy: Jet flew too low – for thrills – before crash

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Navy is citing pilot error for a military training jet crash in Tennessee that killed the two aboard, saying it was being flown for thrills and too low.

Navy officials said in a report the T-45C Goshawk was flying below allowable altitudes in October when it plunged into a forest near Tellico Plains. The report was emailed Saturday to The Associated Press, which requested it under the Freedom of Information Act.

The crash killed instructor Lt. Patrick Ruth, 31, from Me-

tairie, La., and student pilot Lt. j.g. Wallace Burch, 25, from Horn Lake, Miss. Both were stationed at Naval Air Station Meridian, Miss. The flight originated from McGee Tyson Airport in Knoxville, Tenn.

The report cited a "culture" within the individual training unit and naval air training at large that allowed pilots to fly "beyond the bounds" of approved Naval Air Training Command curriculum. It also said leadership failed to ensure training operations adhered to approved publications.

Ruth "was overly confident, nonchalant, and aggressive

at low altitude training, with limited awareness of the performance capabilities" of the aircraft during the low-altitude awareness training flight, the report said. Ruth's attitude "conditioned (Burch) to fly the aircraft in an aggressive manner, without correction" from Ruth.

The report said Ruth exceeded approved training curriculum, including aggressive ridgeline crossings and descending turns that went below the minimum altitude of 500 feet.

Shortly before the crash, Ruth told Burch they would

"deviate from the direct line" of the approved training route in order to follow terrain. Ruth started a descending turn to demonstrate terrain-following techniques, then instructed Burch to make a hard right turn.

But the plane was going too slowly and too low relative to the rising terrain ahead, the report said. "In response to their maneuvers, the aircraft entered into a stall."

By the time the crew realized the situation, it was too late to eject safely, according to the report.

Marines on modest mission in Helmand

The Washington Post

BOST AIRFIELD, Afghanistan — In a dusty open-air building with houseflies buzzing, Marines here received a call for help. Afghan forces had been ambushed by Taliban fighters wielding machine guns and wanted an American airstrike so they could break free.

Within 20 minutes, an A-10 attack jet responded, killing the fighters with guided weapons and allowing Afghan forces to continue an April 1 offensive in Helmand province's Nad-e Ali district, said Marine Capt. Jesse Gonzalez, an intelligence officer. It was a success in the Marines' eyes. The strike occurred after Afghan forces provided enough information for the United States to carry out the airstrike even though there were no U.S. troops on the ground.

But the operation shows how

far expectations have been lowered after more than 16 years of war, with U.S. and Afghan forces seeking to recapture areas that were once under U.S. control.

"We want to get away from just, 'We're receiving fire at this position,'" said Maj. Wilson Moore, the senior Marine in an operational coordination center with the Afghans. "Well, where is the fire coming from? How heavy is the fire? What kind of weapons are they shooting at you with? ... Help us out."

Afghan government control in many areas outside of Kabul evaporated as the United States cut its troop numbers in Afghanistan from more than 100,000 in 2011 to fewer than 10,000 by late 2016. President Donald Trump authorized a more muscular strategy last August, enabling the military to

carry out hundreds of airstrikes each month while boosting the number of troops from about 11,000 to more than 15,000.

The air campaign, paired with additional U.S. military advising, has helped stop the disintegration of security, but it has meant sending U.S. troops back to regions where they once engaged in direct combat with the Taliban during a surge in 2009.

Trump has promised repeatedly that the United States will win in Afghanistan, but what that means is unclear. U.S. commanders say that the most likely path to declaring victory is reaching a political settlement with the Taliban. But the insurgents had control or influence in 56 percent of Afghanistan's 407 districts as of last fall, according to a U.S. military assessment. In fall 2016,

the government controlled 72 percent.

Under Trump's strategy, the Marines' goals are modest. On the ground, they appear to consist of bolstering Afghan forces, preventing the fall of a major city and — perhaps most important in terms of continuing the mission — keeping U.S. military fatalities as close to zero as possible, considering Americans' exhaustion from an unpopular "forever war."

U.S. military advisers work side by side with Afghans at headquarters like Bost Airfield, just south of Lashkar Gah, a city of 200,000. The Marines do not venture onto the battlefields but refer to Afghan forces as "our guys" and provide firepower from a distance and offer pointers with the belief that the United States could be in Afghanistan for years to come.

Watchdog: Millions of dollars in fuel stolen in Afghanistan

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Stars and Stripes

The disappearance of at least \$154.4 million worth of stolen fuel meant for coalition and Afghan troops may be helping supply Taliban and other insurgent forces in Afghanistan, the top American watchdog for rebuilding in the country said.

Fuel theft has become a lucrative venture, despite years of effort to curb corruption, the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction, or SIGAR, said in a report released Friday.

The true scale of fuel theft is likely higher than \$154.4 million, due to poor record-keeping, corruption and the vast amount of fuel available, the report stated. Fuel is easy to steal and is often sent to remote locations that are difficult to monitor.

The report comes as the Defense Department prepares a five-year contract to continue supplying Afghan forces with nearly \$2 billion of fuel.

Fuel theft affects troops directly, said Tim Patterson, a former Navy officer assigned to mentor Afghan police.

In 2009, Patterson's commander told him to investigate fuel loss in Jalalabad. His Afghan police partners never had enough fuel in their trucks before each mission, Patterson said. He said he checked fuel deliveries and demanded fuel logs from the Afghan police.

"If you added up all the gallons they would put in the trucks, they would be using a quarter of the fuel that was being delivered," Patterson said. "The obvious question is, 'what happened to the other three quarters of fuel?'"

He never caught a fuel thief in the act, and his Afghan partners never gave him direct answers about the fuel, Patterson said. Eventually he stopped arguing with the Afghan police, he said.

"I just stopped trying to fix it," Patterson said. "The problem was bigger than me."

Experts say fuel theft is among the most dangerous forms of corruption as it delegitimizes the Afghan military and police forces.

"It exposes the state as corrupt and weak," said Vanda Felbab-Brown, of the Brookings Institution.

Fuel stolen from coalition troops may also be sold to fund the Taliban and other insurgent forces, Felbab-Brown and federal auditors say.

In 2017, Afghanistan ranked as the fourth-most corrupt nation in the world, according to Transparency International. The Afghan government and its Western allies have launched numerous attempts to stem corruption.

DOD officials told federal auditors that they currently avoid giving funds directly to the Afghan government for contracts to supply fuel to Afghan security forces.

Investigations into fuel theft in Afghanistan have led to more than 40 convictions, including

those of several U.S. troops, federal auditors at SIGAR stated.

Among the examples highlighted in the report: Three soldiers who conspired with an Afghan trucking company to steal \$765,000 worth of jet fuel in 2012, four servicemembers who took bribes to allow the theft of \$1.5 million worth of fuel in 2010, and an Army sergeant who forged documents in a scheme that nabbed \$10 million worth of tanker fuel in 2013.

The report urged better monitoring of fuel deliveries and transfers. Sensors and digital record keeping decreased fuel use elsewhere, the report noted.

The recommendations may not be enough, Patterson said.

"They say we need more daily reports and more technology to monitor the fuel deliveries," he said. "They think more bureaucracy is going to solve these problems and that's wrong; they have to stop giving fuel to corrupt people."

US Forces Korea to dedicate new HQ in June

BY KIM GAMEL
Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — The U.S. military's main command in South Korea plans to dedicate its new headquarters in late June, marking the beginning of its historic relocation to a newly expanded base south of Seoul, a spokesman said Monday.

U.S. Forces Korea's move from its longtime home on the Army's Yongsan Garrison in Seoul to Camp Humphreys near the rural city of Pyeongtaek has been a long time coming. Seoul and Washington agreed to station most American troops, contractors and family members at Camp Humphreys in 2004, but the effort was delayed several times due to construction problems and other issues.

The new headquarters building, which has a tiled roof and sits next to the already occupied Eighth Army headquarters, was completed and determined to be troop-ready in January, officials have said.

But it has been complicated by delays in the completion of a secure operations center, which is not expected to be fully ready until January 2021, according to

a timeline laid out at a Yongsan town hall meeting last month.

Col. Jon Haight, the lead relocation planner, said a temporary, secure facility is being built to expedite the relocation, although it's not expected to be finished until February.

Camp Humphreys has been transformed from a remote outpost to the equivalent of a small American town in a nearly \$11 billion construction project that largely was funded by the South Koreans.

The population doubled to about 26,000 after the Eighth Army moved from Yongsan last year, although several facilities, including the new hospital, have yet to be completed.

Gen. Vincent Brooks — who wears three hats as the commander of USFK, the United Nations Command and the Combined Forces Command — has pressed for the acceleration of the relocation plans.

"Gen. Brooks has directed us to accelerate our headquarters relocation from Seoul to the maximum extent possible," Haight said during the March 14 town hall.

"We have already commenced a four-phase operation that will

ultimately split the three commands and completely relocate all three of them to new headquarters facilities by the summer of 2021," he added.

While officials stress the situation is fluid and timelines are subject to change, Haight said that two-thirds of the UNC and USFK headquarters personnel — about 650 employees and their families — were expected to move to Humphreys this summer.

"The vast majority of staff will move within the months of June and July after the school year is finished on June 14, 2018," he said.

The Combined Forces Command staff will move from Yongsan to facilities on the adjacent South Korean Defense Ministry compound in Seoul. Haight said that will position the command to eventually transition from U.S. to South Korean wartime operational control.

Haight said that was expected to happen later this year but could be pushed back to the middle of next year, depending on the completion of the new facilities.

The Yonhap News Agency quoted an unidentified informed

source as saying the preparations have been complicated because military officials have been preoccupied with preparing for the April 27 inter-Korean summit.

The summit will be held in the truce village of Panmunjom in the heavily fortified border area, which is overseen by the UNC since the 1950-53 war between the two countries ended in an armistice instead of a peace treaty.

South Korean media also have reported that President Moon Jae-in's administration has pressed for the Americans to completely vacate Yongsan despite a deal that would allow them to keep a residual force and Dragon Hill Lodge.

In addition to freeing up prime real estate in Seoul, the move will provide the military with upgraded and hardened facilities at Humphreys, about 40 miles south of Seoul.

It also will put the bulk of the some 28,500 American service-members, civilian contractors and family members at a safer distance from North Korea's massive arsenal of conventional weapons poised on the border, just 35 miles north of Seoul.

Former Marine, actor R. Lee Ermey dies at 74

BY SETH ROBSON
Stars and Stripes

R. Lee Ermey, the Vietnam veteran famous for playing a hard-bitten Marine Corps drill instructor in the Academy Award-nominated film "Full Metal Jacket," has died at age 74.

His death was announced by longtime manager Bill Rogin, who tweeted Sunday evening that Ermey had succumbed to complications from pneumonia.

"He will be greatly missed by all of us. Semper Fi, Gunny. Godspeed," the tweet said.

"The Marine Corps saved my life back in '61," Ermey told Stars and Stripes during a trip to mainland Japan and Okinawa in 2006. He recounted how he had a "little juvenile problem with the law" and enlisted at 17 with his mother's signature.

"They taught me how to be an honorable human being. It worked out good for me. ... I owe the Marine Corps everything," he said.

A Kansas native, Ermey served 11 years

in the Marines. He spent 14 months in Vietnam and then went to Okinawa, where he became a staff sergeant before being discharged in 1972.

He was studying drama at the University of Manila in the Philippines when director Francis Ford Coppola discovered him while filming "Apocalypse Now." Ermey served as a technical adviser for the film, in which he had a small role as a helicopter pilot.

His big break came eight years later in Stanley Kubrick's own Vietnam opus as the foul-mouthed Gunnery Sgt. Hartman, breaking in recruits, including Pvt. James T. "Joker" Davis, whose character ends up in Vietnam as a Stars and Stripes reporter.

"Here, you are all equally worthless," Gunny tells his charges at boot camp on Parris Island, S.C. "And my orders are to weed out all nonhackers who do not pack the gear to serve in my beloved Corps. Do you maggots understand that?"

Kubrick told Rolling Stone that 50 percent of Ermey's dialogue in the film was his

own.

"In the course of hiring the Marine recruits, we interviewed hundreds of guys," Kubrick said. "We lined them all up and did an improvisation of the first meeting with the drill instructor. They didn't know what he was going to say, and we could see how they reacted. Lee came up with, I don't know, 150 pages of insults."

Co-stars Matthew Modine and Vincent D'Onofrio tweeted their condolences Sunday evening.

"#SemperFidelis Always faithful. Always loyal. Do not go gentle into that good night. Rage, rage against the dying of the light," Modine wrote, quoting the Dylan Thomas poem. "RIP amigo. PVT. Joker."

Ermey was nominated for a Golden Globe for "Full Metal Jacket" and he raked in more than 60 credits in film and television across his long career in the industry, often playing authority figures in everything from "Se7en" to "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre" remake.

Comey says Russia may have compromising info on president

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Former FBI Director James Comey said he thinks it's possible the Russians have compromising information on President Donald Trump, that there is "some evidence of obstruction of justice" in the president's actions and that Trump is "morally unfit" for office.

Comey's comments in an ABC News interview broadcast Sunday were almost certain to escalate his war of words with the president and further erode a relationship marked by open hostility and name-calling.

Trump adviser Kellyanne Conway criticized Comey on Monday, accusing him of peddling a "revisionist version of history" and sinking into the "gutter" with petty comments about the size of Trump's hands and the length of his tie. "He looked a little shaky," she offered on ABC's "Good Morning America."

Hours before the interview was shown, the president, who fired Comey last year, unleashed a Twitter outburst that labeled Comey "slippery," suggested he should be put in jail and branded him "the WORST FBI Director in history, by far!"

Comey's televised remarks, coupled with the release of his forthcoming book, offer his version of events surrounding his firing and the investigations into Russian election meddling and Hillary

Clinton's email practices. Several of the episodes he describes in detail, including a private conversation about former White House national security adviser Michael Flynn, are central to special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation, and his recollections are presumably valuable for prosecutors examining whether the president's actions constitute obstruction of justice.

The FBI director, who until his firing last May led an investigation into possible ties between Russia and the Trump campaign, acknowledged that it was "stunning" to think that Russia could have damaging information about an American president. But he said that in Trump's case, he could not discount the possibility that the president had been compromised.

He also answered "possibly" when asked if the president was attempting to obstruct justice when he cleared the Oval Office of other officials last February before encouraging him to close the investigation into Flynn, who at that point was suspected of lying to the FBI about his Russian contacts. The retired general pleaded guilty in December and is now cooperating with Mueller's investigation.

Comey also said he believed that Trump was "morally unfit" to be president and that he treated women like "pieces of meat."

Former first lady declines further medical care

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Former first lady Barbara Bush, who was reported in "failing health" over the weekend, is in "great spirits," and the family is grateful for "everybody's prayers and thoughts," her granddaughter said Monday.

Bush family spokesman Jim McGrath said in a news release Sunday that "Mrs. Bush, now age 92, has decided not to seek additional medical treatment and will instead focus on comfort care" at home in Houston following consultations with her doctors and family.

McGrath did not elaborate on the nature of Bush's health problems but on Monday said she's suffered in recent years from congestive heart failure and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. She also has been treated for decades for Graves' disease, which is a thyroid condition, had heart surgery in 2009 for a severe narrowing of her main heart valve and was hospitalized a year before that for surgery on a perforated ulcer.

Jenna Bush Hager, an anchor on NBC's "Today" show, told the program Monday morning that Bush is resting comfortably with family.

"She's a fighter. She's an enforcer," Hager said, using the family's nickname for her grandmother. "We're grateful for her, for everybody's prayers and thoughts, and just know the world is better because she is in it."

Bush is one of only two first ladies who was also the mother of a president. The other was Abigail Adams, wife of John Adams, the nation's second president, and mother of John Quincy Adams, the sixth president.

Bush married George H.W. Bush on Jan. 6, 1945. They had six children and have been married longer than any presidential couple in American history.

Investigators kept from alleged attack site in Syria

Associated Press

BEIRUT — Independent investigators were prevented by Syrian and Russian authorities Monday from reaching the scene of an alleged chemical attack near the Syrian capital, an official said, days after the U.S., France and Britain bombarded sites they said were linked to Syria's chemical weapons program.

The lack of access to the town of Douma by inspectors from the watchdog group, the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, has left questions about the April 7 attack unanswered.

OPCW Director-General Ahmet Uzumcu said Syrian and Russian officials cited "pending security issues" in keeping its inspectors from reaching Douma.

"The team has not yet deployed to Douma," two days

after arriving in Syria, Uzumcu told an executive council of the OPCW in The Hague.

Syrian authorities were offering 22 people to interview as witnesses instead, he said, adding that he hoped "all necessary arrangements will be made ... to allow the team to deploy to Douma as soon as possible."

The U.S. and France say they have evidence that poison gas was used in Douma, east of Damascus, killing dozens of people, and that President Bashar Assad's military was behind it, but they have made none of that evidence public. Syria and its ally Russia deny any such attack took place.

Deputy Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov blamed the Western airstrikes carried out early Saturday for holding up a mission by the OPCW team to Douma. He told reporters in Moscow that the

inspectors could not go to the site because they need permission from the U.N. Department for Safety and Security.

But a U.N. spokesman said the clearances have been given to the OPCW team.

Government forces and Russian troops have been deployed in Douma, which is now controlled by the Syrian government.

Syrian opposition and activists have criticized the Russia deployment in the town, saying that evidence of chemical weapons' use might no longer be found.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov denied that Russia interfered with any evidence.

At least 40 people are believed to have died in the attack on Douma, which until Saturday was the last rebel-held town near Damascus.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Paddling Film Festival tour visits state

NH CONCORD — A world tour of the Paddling Film Festival is making a stop in Concord at the Red Rivers Theatre.

The annual festival features whitewater, adventure, canoeing and sea kayaking films at over 120 venues around the world, making several appearances in the U.S., Canada and overseas. The movie trailers can be viewed at paddlingfilm festival.com.

The event Wednesday is hosted by New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, the Northern Forest Canoe Trail and the Contoocook River Canoe Company.

Proceeds benefit the Northern Forest Canoe Trail.

Lawyer immolates self in ecology protest

NY NEW YORK — The lawyer who burned himself to death in a gruesome protest against ecological destruction was a nationally known gay rights advocate and lead attorney in a famous case involving transgender murder victim Brandon Teena.

The charred remains of David Buckel, 60, were found Saturday in a grassy meadow Brooklyn's Prospect Park. He left a suicide note in a shopping cart near his body. He wrote that he hoped his act would bring attention to the need to protect the environment.

Boy taken to hospital with burns after bath

SC HILTON HEAD ISLAND — A South Carolina sheriff's office said a 2-year-old boy was admitted to a hospital after he was appar-

ently burned while being bathed by his mother's boyfriend.

The Island Packet newspaper reported that the boy was admitted to the hospital Wednesday.

A Beaufort County Sheriff's Office report said the boy's mother told deputies she left the child with her boyfriend and went to work. Later, her boyfriend called to say she needed to come home because the boy had been burned in the bathtub, according to the report.

The report didn't say whether arrests have been made, but noted that a deputy was sent to the hospital to investigate a child abuse report.

Mainers get dirty, and 2 get hitched

ME WATERVILLE — Hundreds of Mainers got dirty, and one couple got hitched.

Thomas College, of Waterville, hosted its Dirty Dog Mud Run on Sunday. The race is a 5-kilometer, 14-obstacle course that loops through the woods and campus. WGME-TV reported Jennifer Denis and her now-husband Bill completed the run and were married at the finish line.

Obstacles in the race included monkey bars, tire flips, mud crawl, bucket carries, and wall climbs.

Mom searching for son hits bus driver

PA LOWER NAZARETH — Authorities said a Pennsylvania woman searching for her young son punched a school bus driver because she mistakenly believed the child was on the empty bus.

Lisa Conte was taken into custody following the attack last week at a Lower Nazareth store. But authorities say she

slipped out of handcuffs and tried to run away before she was caught.

The 34-year-old Easton woman was charged with aggravated assault, escape and other counts.

Authorities say Conte forced her way onto the bus and hit the driver in the eye after she was told to get out.

Authorities were later able to contact the child's father, who told them he had the boy. They say the father told them Conte was supposed to pick the boy up earlier but didn't show up.

Museum to showcase glassmaker's items

OH TOLEDO — The Toledo Museum of Art is planning an exhibit to mark 200 years of Libbey Glass.

The museum founded by the Libbey family in 1901 features an extensive glass collection.

Many of those items and others will be part of an exhibit opening on May 4.

The glassmaker's roots go back to East Cambridge, Mass., where it began 200 years ago. The company moved to Toledo in 1888 and later changed its name to the Libbey Glass Co.

African warthog found in neighborhood

FL PORT ST. LUCIE — African warthogs, not surprisingly, are not native to Florida so state wildlife officials are investigating how one wound up loose in a suburban neighborhood.

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation officials told TCPalm.com that it captured the tusky animal last month after a five-day search about 50 miles north of West Palm Beach. That included failed attempts to capture it with traps and a rope snare before a wildlife officer

spotted it and tackled it.

4 research baboons have brief freedom

TX SAN ANTONIO — Four baboons are back in an enclosure after escaping briefly from a San Antonio medical research center.

Officials at the Southwest National Primate Research Center, which is part of the Texas Biomedical Research Institute, say three of the baboons were captured within about 30 minutes Saturday after they managed to get out of their enclosure and beyond a perimeter fence. A fourth animal later also was accounted for.

The center has about 2,900 nonhuman primates — 1,100 of them baboons — used in research on chronic and infectious diseases.

Danish tourist mugged for Trump slogan hat

NY NEW YORK — New York City police say two men mugged a Danish tourist at knifepoint for his Make America Great Again hat.

Jannich Andersen, 18, was entering a Manhattan subway station when a stranger confronted him over the hat.

Andersen said the man plucked the hat off his head. Andersen said he grabbed it back and the man followed him and snatched it again.

While Andersen and the hat thief struggled, the robber's accomplice brandished a knife. Andersen says he let go of the hat then.

Make America Great Again was President Donald Trump's campaign slogan. Andersen says he bought the bright red hat for his father "as a joke."

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NBA roundup

Oladipo, Pacers stun Cavaliers

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — LeBron James figured he had experienced everything in 12 postseasons.

Turns out, there was something new.

Victor Oladipo scored 32 points and Indiana outplayed Cleveland from the start while pulling off a stunning 98-80 victory Sunday in the series opener, handing James and the Cavaliers' their first loss in the opening round in eight years.

It also was the first playoff-opening loss for James, who came in 12-0 in Game 1s and didn't realize he had been perfect starting the postseason.

"Is it?" James said. "I've never lost a game in the first round before in my career?"

But while he knows the narrative before Wednesday's Game 2 will be on the struggles of Cleveland's playoff newcomers, James isn't worried.

"I'm down 0-1 in the first round," he said. "I was down 3-1 in the Finals. So, I'm the last guy to ask about how you're going to feel the next couple days."

The Pacers are feeling confident after beating the Cavs for fourth time this season.

Indiana took control from the outset, opening a 21-point lead in the first quarter and pushing it to 23 in the third. The Cavs got within seven in the fourth, but Oladipo, once a role player who has blossomed into an All-Star in his first season with Indiana, hit a big three-pointer and Bojan Bogdanovic helped put Cleveland away with a three to make it 88-71.

When the final horn sounded, the Pacers didn't celebrate or run around the floor like they had accomplished anything special.

They calmly walked off, business as usual.

"We believe that we can win," Oladipo said. "We came into this game with a mentality that we wanted to attack on both ends of the floor and play the way we've been playing all year, and we did a great job of that. It's only one game, it's only Game 1."

The Pacers completely outplayed the three-time defending conference champions, whose turbulent regular season has carried over into the playoffs.

James scored 24 with 12 assists and 10 rebounds for his 20th career triple-double. But James got little help as Cleveland's four other starters — Kevin Love, Jeff Green, Rodney Hood and George Hill — combined for 25 points.

"They were more aggressive," James said of the Pacers. "They just played inspired basketball and they just took advantage of everything we wanted to try and do. They were more physical than us at the point of attack, and they were most precise with what they wanted to do and we couldn't score the ball."

Cleveland went just 8 of 34 on three-pointers and missed eight of 20 free throws.

The Cavs' playoff theme is: "Whatever It Takes."

Well, it's now going to take a first-round comeback.

Rockets 104, Timberwolves 101: James Harden scored 44 points and powered a big fourth-quarter run that allowed Houston to outlast visiting Minnesota in Game 1 of the first-round playoff series.

Minnesota scored four straight points to get within three with about 30 seconds left. Chris Paul added two free throws after that for Houston, but a tip-in by Karl-Anthony Towns got Minnesota back within three. After a bad pass by Paul gave Minnesota a chance to tie with 1.5 seconds left, Jimmy Butler's shot was short.

The top-seeded Rockets had their hands full with the No. 8 Timberwolves on a night where Houston made just 10 of 37 3-pointers. Harden made 7 of 12 3-pointers, but Trevor Ariza, P.J. Tucker, Eric Gordon and Paul combined to make just 3 of their 22 tries.

Houston kept All-Star big man Towns in check, limiting him to just eight points. Andrewiggins scored 18 points to lead Minnesota.

Game 2 is Wednesday night in Houston.

Thunder 116, Jazz 108: Paul George scored 36 points to help host Oklahoma City beat Utah in Game 1 of the Western Conference series.

George set an Oklahoma City playoff record with eight three-pointers, blowing past the previous record of five. He made 8 of 11 shots from long range, and 13 of 20 shots overall. It was his first playoff game with the Thunder since being acquired in a trade with Indiana in the offseason.

Russell Westbrook had 29 points, 13 rebounds and eight assists, and Carmelo Anthony added 15 points for the Thunder. Jazz rookie Donovan Mitchell had 27 points and 10 rebounds, but he left in the second half with left foot soreness. He returned in the fourth quarter but was noticeably hobbling.

Game 2 is Wednesday night in Oklahoma City.

Celtics 113, Bucks 107 (OT): Al Horford had 24 points and 12 rebounds and host Boston overcame Khrist Middleton's long three that beat the fourth-quarter buzzer to top Milwaukee in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference series.

The Celtics led 99-96 with 0.5 seconds left in regulation when Middleton took an inbounds pass on the far right wing and hit a contested 35-footer.

Terry Rozier added 23 points, four rebounds and three assists for Boston in his first career playoff start. Jaylen Brown finished with 20 points, and rookie Jayson Tatum added 19 points and 10 rebounds. Giannis Antetokounmpo led the Bucks with 35 points, 13 rebounds and seven assists before fouling out in overtime. Middleton had 31 points, eight rebounds and six assists.

Game 2 is Tuesday night in Boston.

Linden first US woman since '85 to win Boston Marathon

Associated Press

BOSTON — Desiree Linden splashed her way through icy rain and a near-gale headwind to a Boston Marathon victory on Monday, the first American woman to win since 1985.

The two-time Olympian and 2011 Boston runner-up pulled away at the end of Heartbreak Hill to finish in 2 hours, 39 minutes, 54 seconds. That was more than four minutes better than second-place finisher Sarah Sellers, one of seven Americans in the top 10, but the slowest time for a women's winner since 1978.

"It's supposed to be hard," said Linden, who wiped the spray of rain from her eyes as she made her way down Boylston Street alone. "It's good to get it done."

Yuki Kawauchi passed defending champion Geoffrey Kirui in Kenmore Square to win the men's race in an unofficial 2:15:58 and earn Japan's first Boston Marathon title since 1987.

On the fifth anniversary of the finish line explosions that killed three and wounded hundreds more, Linden and Kawauchi led a field of 30,000 runners through a drenching rain, temperatures in the mid-30s and gusts of up to 32 mph on the 26.2-mile trek from Hopkinton.

In Copley Square, crowds greeted Linden, the California native who lives in Michigan, with chants of "U-S-A!"

Lisa Larsen Weidenbach's 1985 victory was the last for an American woman — before the race began offering prize money that lured the top international competitors to the world's oldest annual marathon.

Marcel Hug of Switzerland earned his fifth wheelchair victory, and American Tatyana McFadden won the women's wheelchair race for the fifth time, pushing through puddles that sent the spray from their wheels into their eyes.

Golden Knights rally, near sweep of Kings

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — James Neal has been scoring big goals in pressure-packed playoff hockey games since way before the Vegas Golden Knights were even a gleam in owner Bill Foley's eye.

When this most remarkable expansion team needed a third-period goal to accomplish another incredible feat, their dependable veteran forward skated in on Jonathan Quick and got it with a flick of his wrist.

Neal scored the tiebreaking goal with 5:37 to play, and the Golden Knights rallied from a late deficit to move to the brink of their first playoff series victory with a 3-2 win over the Los Angeles Kings on Sunday.

Cody Eakin tied it with 13:50 left, and William Karlsson scored the eventual game-winner 21 seconds after Neal's goal in a third-period flurry for the Golden Knights, whose storybook debut season just keeps getting more exciting and more outlandish.

"Emotions were running high, and it's physical out there," Neal said in a voice that confirms he has seen this scenario before, even if his team hasn't. "It's tough. But a lot of guys on our team have been in those situations before and won in them before."

Vegas has a 3-0 series lead and will go for a sweep on Tuesday in Los Angeles.

After opening their first postseason series with two home wins in front of their frenzied home crowd, the hockey upstarts from the desert coolly won their first road playoff game in front of an angry sellout crowd at Staples Center, where two recent Stanley Cup banners hang above the ice.

It's nothing that scares Neal, who had 80 games of playoff experience with Pittsburgh and Nashville before joining Vegas in the expansion draft. With a second straight overtime game looking likely, Neal took a pass from Nate Schmidt, coolly skated around Kings defenseman Oscar Fantenberg and put a shot between Quick's legs.

Marc-Andre Fleury made 37 saves for the Golden Knights, who became the first team to take a 3-0 series lead in this postseason.

Quick stopped 23 shots, but the Golden Knights' three-goal flurry doubled their goal total against the former Conn Smythe Trophy winner from the first 201 minutes of play in this series.

The Knights make the improbable look easy, but only because of a balanced, hard-working lineup.

"We finally pushed them back far

enough to where our guys could make plays," Schmidt said. "That's what happened in Vegas, and we did it here. We finally pushed them back to where our forwards could do some things."

Captain Anze Kopitar had a late goal and an assist, while Alex Iafallo scored his first career playoff goal in the first period. The Kings still haven't won a playoff game at Staples Center since they last raised the Stanley Cup in June 2014.

"I thought we made a good push here tonight, created a lot more zone time and made Fleury work a little harder than he had to this point in the series," Los Angeles coach John Stevens said. "But [we] had some critical errors at critical times along the wall [that] ended up costing us."

While the Kings are down, they know they're not out: They rallied from an 0-3 series deficit in the first round in 2014 against San Jose.

"Oh yeah, we trust in ourselves, and it's been done before," said Iafallo, whose goal gave Los Angeles its first lead of the series. "We look at each other, look across the room, and we trust each other. We can definitely do it."

Roundup

Jackets take 2-0 lead on Caps with another OT win

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Matt Calvert scored 12:22 into overtime, Sergei Bobrovsky made 54 saves and the Columbus Blue Jackets overcame two goals from Alex Ovechkin to beat the Washington Capitals 5-4 on Sunday night to take a 2-0 lead in the first-round playoff series.

Calvert's goal held up after the NHL situation room reviewed the play for a possible offside. Calvert was just onside when Josh Anderson brought the puck into the zone.

Columbus heads home for Games 3 and 4 on Tuesday and Thursday two victories away from advancing to the second round for the first time in franchise history. The Blue Jackets stunned the Metropolitan Division-champion Capitals with back-to-back overtime wins.

Cam Atkinson scored twice, Anderson had a goal at even strength and Zack Werenski added one on the power play for the Blue Jackets, who have the odds on their side. In Stanley Cup playoff history, 86.4 percent of teams that take a 2-0 lead in a best-of-seven series have gone on to win it.

Jay Beagle and T.J. Oshie also scored for Washington, with Oshie tying it on a power play with 3:35 left in the third period.

Penguins 5, Flyers 1: Sidney Crosby had a goal and three assists and Matt Murray stopped 26 shots to help Pittsburgh silence a raucous Philadelphia crowd and take a 2-1 lead in the first-round playoff series.

Two of the so-called fiercest rivals in the NHL have provided three lopsided games: Pittsburgh's 7-0 win in Game 1

and Philadelphia's 5-1 victory in Game 2 could about qualify as nail-bitters in this series.

Game 4 is Wednesday night in Philadelphia.

Crosby scored his fourth goal of the series in the first period, and Derick Brassard, Evgeni Malkin and Brian Dumoulin scored in the second to make it 4-0. Malkin and Dumoulin scored 5 seconds apart.

Justin Schultz made it 5-1 in the third on Pittsburgh's third power-play goal of the game.

Brian Elliott, yanked in Game 1, had another rough outing and might need to borrow fellow Wells Fargo Center tenant Joel Embiid's black mask to have a better look at the puck.

Wild 6, Jets 2: Mikael Granlund and Zach Parise scored power-play goals in the first period for the spark Minnesota was missing on the road, and

the Wild used a four-goal second to roar back against visiting Winnipeg in the Western Conference series.

The Wild will try to tie the best-of-seven series 2-2 in Game 4 at home Tuesday night.

Jordan Greenway scored his first NHL goal just 20 seconds after Eric Staal sent a wrist shot past past a struggling Connor Hellebuyck, who was pulled for Steve Mason at the second intermission.

Matt Dumba and Marcus Foligno bookended the furious middle frame with goals for the Wild, who won a postseason home game for only the second time in their last nine contests. Mikko Koivu and Nick Seeler each had two assists and Devan Dubnyk made 29 saves, keeping the crowd loud all night.

Blake Wheeler and Tyler Myers scored for the Jets.

Rangers' Colon perfect until 8th in win

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Age is only a number and Bartolo Colon is evidence of that.

The 44-year-old pitcher carried a perfect game into the eighth and Robinson Chirinos drove in all three runs for the Texas Rangers during their 3-1 victory over the Houston Astros in 10 innings Sunday night.

"I don't ever think about what age I am or who is facing me," Colon said through a translator. "I always try to do my job and I always feel happy doing my job and that's what I think about."

Colon turned back the clock and dominated the defending World Series champions for seven innings, retiring his first 21 batters in an entertaining duel with Astros ace Justin Verlander.

Of the first 17 batters Colon faced, he went to an 0-2 count on 10 and struck out six in that span.

"He was doing everything he wanted to with that baseball," Chirinos said. "So it was fun to be behind the plate and receive those pitches."

Colon entered the eighth having thrown 83 pitches, 59 for strikes, with seven strikeouts.

"When I pitched seven innings perfect, I started thinking about it," he said. "I know that (Jose) Altuve and all those guys can be a hard out."

Colon walked Carlos Correa on a 3-1 pitch to start the eighth before Josh Reddick lined an 0-2 delivery down the right-field line for a double that put runners at second and third, spoiling the no-hit bid as well.

"He left a changeup up and I was looking over the plate and got enough of it to get it over the first baseman's head," Reddick said.

Opposing fans in Houston gave Colon a standing ovation, and he clapped his bare hand softly against the outside of his glove.

A fan favorite all around the majors, the beefy right-hander nicknamed "Big Sexy" is on his ninth team in his last 11 seasons.

"It was probably top three games I've ever been involved in," Rangers manager Jeff Banister said. "I was getting

excited. You find yourself pulling for it, a lot of different things run through your mind in those types of situations. It was his game."

Two outs later, Colon was removed with the score tied at 1. As he walked off the field, he glanced at Reddick on third base and the two shared some words.

"He looked at me and told me I was supposed to at least roll over it and not pull it like that," Reddick said. "He and I go way back from our Oakland days. I told him great job. He's one of the better guys you'll see in the game."

Chirinos homered early for the only hit off Verlander, who struck out 11 in eight innings.

"It's fun, but at the same time, you're hoping for some runs there," Verlander said about going toe-to-toe with Colon. "He was painting. It's like, what are you going to do? You're going to tip your cap. He did an excellent job tonight keeping our guys off balance and not giving anyone anything to hit."

In the 10th, Chirinos launched

a two-run double off Hector Rondon (1-1) that short-hopped the wall in straightaway center field. Jake Diekmann pitched out of trouble in the bottom half for his first save.

With runners at the corners, Jake Marisnick struck out swinging to end it and slammed his bat to the ground. Marisnick was angry that Diekmann's 3-1 pitch was called a strike even though it looked outside.

Keone Kela (2-0) worked a scoreless ninth for the win.

Colon threw 96 pitches, 66 for strikes, and kept the powerful Astros off balance by changing speeds and working expertly to both edges of the plate. He struck out seven in 7²/₃ innings but ended up with a no-decision after Yuli Gurriel tied the score at 1 with a sacrifice fly.

Colon's longest no-hit bid came with Cleveland on Sept. 18, 2000, when he held the New York Yankees hitless for 7¹/₃ innings. He finished with a one-hitter in a 2-0 win at Yankee Stadium.

Kenny Rogers threw Texas' most recent no-hitter, in July 1994.

Roundup

Kershaw helps Dodgers snap skid to D-backs

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Clayton Kershaw took care of the Los Angeles Dodgers' long drought against the Diamondbacks.

Kershaw struck out 12 and pitched two-hit ball for seven innings as the Dodgers ended an 11-game losing streak to Arizona in the regular season, beating the Diamondbacks 7-2 on Sunday.

"When you face a team like we're going to face the Diamondbacks, four times in the first two months — same thing with the Giants — you can't be predictable," Kershaw said. "The slider was better today. I mixed some shapes on it, I threw it to the arm side a little bit more today."

Los Angeles had been 0-5 versus the Diamondbacks this year, and hadn't beaten them in the regular season since last August. But the Dodgers swept Arizona 3-0 last year in the NL Division Series.

Red Sox 3, Orioles 1: Andrew Benintendi got three hits and Boston extended the best start in its 118-year history by beating Baltimore at frigid Fenway Park.

Mitch Moreland also had three hits for the Red Sox, who completed a three-game sweep of the shortened series and improved to a major league-best 13-2 under new manager Alex Cora.

Phillies 10, Rays 4: Aaron Altherr hit a three-run homer, Scott Kingery had a three-run double and visiting Philadelphia won its sixth in a row.

Mets 3, Brewers 2: Wilmer Flores hit a game-winning home run with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning and host New York beat Milwaukee to improve the best start in team history to 12-2.

Rockies 6, Nationals 5: Ian Desmond hit a tiebreaking, two-out homer in the ninth inning against his former team, Charlie

Blackmon drove in three runs and Colorado rallied to beat host Washington.

Pirates 7, Marlins 3: Starling Marte went 5-for-5 with a ninth-inning homer to help Pittsburgh beat host Miami.

Cardinals 3, Reds 2: Carlos Martinez struck out a season-high 11 batters in seven shutout innings and Harrison Bader's two-run home run helped St. Louis complete its first four-game sweep in Cincinnati since 1949.

Athletics 2, Mariners 1: Sean Manaea pitched seven strong innings and Jed Lowrie hit an early two-run homer off Felix Hernandez to lead visiting Oakland.

Padres 10, Giants 1: Joey Lucchesi struck out nine in six innings, fellow rookie Christian Villanueva homered, doubled and drove in three runs, and San Diego cruised past San Francisco 10-1.