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Repairs sideline three attack subs

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YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — The Navy's three newest fast-attack submarines are on operational restrictions after a contractor found undocumented repairs made to critical components, service officials said.

The USS John Warner, which was commissioned Saturday, along with the USS Minnesota and the USS North Dakota, have been sidelined because of concerns over pipe elbows that help connect the steam generated by the nuclear power plant to the turbines.

"As part of an ongoing investigation into a quality control issue with a supplier, General Dynamics Electric Boat (GDEB) determined that three steam pipe elbows supplied by the vendor in question required additional testing and repair due to unauthorized and undocumented weld repairs having been performed on these elbows," Rory O'Connor, a spokesman for the Naval Sea Systems Command, said in a statement sent to Stars and Stripes on Wednesday evening from Washington.

GDEB and Huntington Ingalls Industries-Newport News Shipbuilding are performing ad-

ditional inspections, O'Connor said. The two contractors are the Navy's primary submarine builders.

Keeping up standards for the components is an important safety measure for the crews, O'Connor said.

The safety concerns are related to long-term wear on the elbow pipe joints, according to an unidentified Navy official quoted by Defense News, which first reported the story.

The elbows were supplied by a subcontractor and passed ultrasonic inspections but later failed further inspections using different methods, according to

Defense News.

The North Dakota was commissioned last year after a Navy investigation into substandard third-party contractor components delayed the boat's launch by five months. The Navy inspected 58 components and made multiple repairs to the \$2.6 billion submarine.

The North Dakota and the John Warner are the first two Block III boats, which feature redesigned bows and replace 12 launch tubes with two larger tubes that can hold up to six Tomahawk cruise missiles.

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Calls for nuclear-free world from Hiroshima

BY SETH ROBSON
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HIROSHIMA, Japan — Seventy years ago, they struggled to stay alive in the wasteland wrought by the first atomic bomb used in war. On Thursday morning, the hibakusha — survivors of the blast that changed the world — were honored at an annual ceremony in the center of their rebuilt city.

The scent of incense wafted over survivors and dignitaries, including Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, during the ceremony at Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park, where water was offered to the souls of the tens of thousands of men, women and children — including U.S. prisoners of war — who died from the bombing.

Cicadas chirped as officials laid wreaths and added names to a register of the almost 300,000 Japanese victims at a cenotaph in the park. Some 55,000 people, by official count, prayed

in silence. A bell sounded for peace, and dozens of doves were released before a choir sang the Hiroshima Peace Song.

Abe expressed condolences to victims, noting some still suffer after-effects. The average age of the remaining survivors is 80, and the government of Japan will continue to assist them, he said.

Abe also vowed that Japan will make a continuous effort to rid the world of nuclear weapons, and will introduce a resolution to the United Nations this fall calling for the destruction of all nuclear weapons.

"Japan, as the only nation to have experienced nuclear bombs in war, we have a grave responsibility to make continued and steady effort through a realistic and pragmatic approach to realize the world without nuclear weapons," Abe said.

Hiroshima Mayor Kazumi Matsui issued a Peace Declaration warning that the threat of

nuclear weapons remains real.

"As long as nuclear weapons exist, anyone could become a hibakusha at any time," it said. "Our world still bristles with more than 15,000 nuclear weapons, and policymakers in the nuclear-armed states remain trapped in provincial thinking, repeating by word and deed their nuclear intimidation.

"We now know about the many incidents and accidents that have taken us to the brink of nuclear war or nuclear explosions. Today, we worry as well about nuclear terrorism."

After the ceremony, some of the hibakusha told their stories to visitors.

Keiko Ogura, 77, said her brother was working in a potato field on the outskirts of town and saw a tiny black dot falling from a B-29 just before the nuclear explosion knocked him to the ground. He climbed a hill and saw his city in flames as a mushroom cloud rose skyward.

Ogura, then an 8-year-old

schoolgirl, was in the street near her home.

"There was a blinding flash, and I couldn't stand or breathe," she said. "I was hit by sand and debris and lay unconscious on the ground."

She regained her senses amid darkness and silence. Then the air cleared, and she saw thatched homes catch fire, burning people to death as their loved ones tried to rescue them.

The Hiroshima survivors said they endured many hardships over the years, including nightmares and discrimination by people who saw them as damaged by radiation.

Those at Thursday's ceremonies said they found strength and purpose in their struggle to rid the world of nuclear weapons.

"If people aren't educated about nuclear weapons, they will use them," said survivor Minoru Furuta, 76.

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Senate OKs military branches' new chiefs

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WASHINGTON — The Senate on Wednesday confirmed new uniformed leaders of the Army, the Navy and the Marine Corps, completing a change in the lineup of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

After sometimes tense July hearings, lawmakers approved the Obama administration nominations of Gen. Mark Milley to be the Army chief of staff, Lt. Gen. Robert Neller as the Marine Corps commandant and Adm. John Richardson as the chief of naval operations during a closed-door vote before leaving Washington for a monthlong August recess.

The men will lead the services and will advise President Barack Obama as the United States navigates increasing tensions with Russia and wages a new war against the Islamic State group in Iraq and Syria while shouldering tighter defense budgets — subjects that dominated their Capitol Hill confirmations.

Milley, 57, testified to the Senate in July that Russia is the top global threat to the U.S., echoing an earlier statement by Gen. Joseph Dunford that grabbed headlines during his confirmation before becoming the new joint chiefs chairman.

Marine uniform survey nears end

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The Marine Corps is concluding a monthlong survey Sunday seeking feedback on several potential changes to current uniform policies.

Among those is a proposed change to the women's dress blue uniform that would bring its look more in line with what the men wear.

Currently, men and women wear similar, but visually distinct dress blue uniforms. The primary difference is the female uniform lacks the high, stiff neck collar that male counterparts sport. Marines can vote

to keep the current women's uniform, to adopt a more unisex look or to keep the current dress blue coat, but adopt the prototype for special assignments.

Another proposed change would eliminate a directive that was controversial at the time it was issued.

In 2008, then-Commandant Gen. James T. Conway issued a policy that all Marines, regardless of duty station, switch seasonal garb at the same time.

In essence, that meant Marines stationed in hotter climates were no longer allowed to stay in short-sleeve uniforms after daylight saving time

ended. Previously, the decision on what constituted the uniform of the day was made by local commanders.

The proposed change would again give local force level commanders the authority to dictate seasonal uniforms.

A related recommendation would remove camouflage utilities from the seasonal uniform policy altogether, leaving it up to commanders to decide what uniform can be worn.

Another recommendation would diminish the use of the camouflage uniform as daily wear for all Marines.

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Feds foil murderous plot vs. Jade Helm

The Washington Post

The men had a deadly plot to lure government forces into a trap, federal officials say, and were amassing a stockpile fit for war.

There were Kevlar helmets and body armor, pipe bombs and handmade grenades, large amounts of gunpowder and dozens of rounds of ammunition for a military-grade sniper rifle.

Federal officials say three North Carolina men — Walter Eugene Litteral, 50; Christopher James Barker, 41; and Christopher Todd Campbell, 30 — spent months compiling their cache, much of it purchased through a military surplus store owner who became so concerned about the plot that the person became

the FBI's informant.

The men were arrested Saturday and were charged with conspiracy and amassing weaponry allegedly to combat what they believe is the government's plan to impose martial law through (among other things) the multistate military exercise known as Jade Helm.

In January, the informant relocated the military surplus store to Gaston County, N.C. — just a few doors down from where Campbell operated a tattoo parlor. Almost immediately, Campbell told the informant of his "anti-government" views, according to federal court documents.

By April, months before the training operation was sched-

uled, the purchases from the military surplus store began — all of them paid for in cash, according to court documents. There were plans, the documents allege, to make pipe bombs, explosive tennis balls covered in nails and coffee cans filled with ball bearings that would be detonated with a shot from a sniper rifle.

The plan involved testing the explosives on land in Shelby, N.C. But the ambush against U.S. forces would take place on Litteral and Campbell's a 99-acre camp in Clover, S.C.

"According to [Campbell], he and Litteral intend to booby-trap the camp and draw government's forces into the camp and kill them," the warrant states.

Official: No charges over weapons in Tenn. attack

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WASHINGTON — Lt. Cmdr. Tim White, the Navy officer who fired a sidearm in defense during the attack on Navy Operational Support Center in Chattanooga, Tenn., will not face charges, an official familiar with the investigation told Stars and Stripes on Wednesday.

White was reported to be one of two servicemembers carrying sidearms at the time of the attack, which could have led to charges. The Department of Defense prohibits all military personnel other than security forces from carrying arms while on base unless they are in a combat zone.

The Navy is still investigating the shooting, in which a lone gunman attacked two

separate military facilities. The shootings resulted in the deaths of four Marines and one sailor.

After rumors that White would be charged spurred a national backlash, the Navy countered last week with a statement that said, "At this time we can confirm no service member has been charged with an offense."

Mack has something to prove

Associated Press

NAPA, Calif. — Despite being a top-five draft pick, a heralded rookie and a selection on the NFL's top 100 players list, Oakland Raiders linebacker Khalil Mack is far from satisfied heading into his second pro season.

That attitude is fueled by the rejection he faced coming out of high school when he got only one scholarship offer to Buffalo rather than the opportunity to play at a higher-profile school.

It helped Mack pass all those five-star recruits to become the second defensive player drafted in 2014 and become one of the top outside linebackers in the league last season.

"I had a lot of space between Buffalo and those elite conferences, so I had to do a lot of work in order to get to that level, in my mind," he said. "I'm still the same way. I feel like it's a lot of people on this level that are still great, but there's still a gap, so I'm trying to close it every day."

That work ethic has been evident all off-season as Mack has impressed a new coaching staff that had seen him from the other side of the field and on film but not up close.

So far, only one thing has been missing for Mack, and the Raiders believe that will change this season. Mack had just four sacks as he was unable to turn all that pressure into big plays.

"Everybody is saying how good he is

and he got four sacks," new defensive coordinator Ken Norton Jr. said. "I thought to myself, 'How many great players have four sacks?' You have to get in double digits. So he has a lot of growth to make. If they're thinking he's this good and he's done so little, imagine when he actually does what he's supposed to do."

In order to get to the quarterback more often, Mack added some extra pounds of muscle to allow him to use power as well as speed to beat NFL tackles.

Mack also could get more time as a defensive end this season under the new coaching staff after having a close to even split last season as a stand-up linebacker and a rush end with his hand on the ground.

"He's pretty doggone good getting after the quarterback," general manager Reggie McKenzie said. "He's just really good going forward and it's an opportunity really to do a lot of things with him. They're going to use Khalil all kinds of ways and that's the way it should be. He's a dominant defensive player, so let him do what he does best and move him around."

Mack hopes the added strength will help him deal with the longer NFL season and deliver the sacks that he was close to getting a year ago.

"It was a little frustrating," he said. "Even then, I had talks with Justin Tuck. He let me know everybody gets lucky. It's not all just because of technique and being fundamentally sound. Everybody gets lucky and you have to know how

teams are scheming against you."

While many outside linebackers make their names by sacking the quarterback, Mack has been at his best against the run where he fights off blocks to make plays in the backfield every week. Mack was second in the NFL to Houston's J.J. Watt with 11½ tackles at or behind the line against the run, according to STATS.

Mack is no slouch rushing the passer despite seeing more than his share of double-teams. In addition to his four sacks, he was tied for sixth among all linebackers with 51 quarterback pressures. Mack ranked third in quarterback pressures among linebackers over the last 11 weeks.

"Khalil is special," Norton said. "There are a lot of players that might be similar. But he's in a class of his own. Bruce Irvin in Seattle was similar. But, at the same time, Khalil is built. He's athletic. He's smart. And he's relentless. ... He's amazing."

Mack has earned comparisons with many of the top pass rushers in the league with former coach Dennis Allen likening him to Von Miller as soon as he was drafted.

Quarterback Derek Carr said Mack was similar to Kansas City's Justin Houston and Tampa Hali and Denver's DeMarcus Ware as well.

"I'm trying to go out there and be the best player I can be," Mack said. "My name is Khalil. I want to be the best Khalil. Whatever he says about me, I appreciate it but I still have a long way to go."

Cleveland hit hard by injuries at RB position

Associated Press

BEREA, Ohio — The Browns are running low on running backs.

Six practices into training camp, they've lost five backs, including Terrance West, the team's leading rusher in 2014, and touted rookie Duke Johnson, with injuries. On Wednesday, the Browns were so short-handed in the backfield that they used two defensive players at fullback during practice — not exactly the plan.

As the injuries mount, coach Mike Pettine's weariness grows.

"It is a source of frustration when you have limited (players)," he said, "and when it starts to pile up at a position, you have a ripple effect that starts to effect the other guys and their repetitions. And then you have to look at the overall picture of practice and cut down on reps, and there are guy at other positions that need reps."

"Sometimes the consequences of it are frustrating."

Johnson, a third-round pick from Miami, missed his third straight practice with a pulled hamstring. It's not known when he'll be back, but what's clear is that every day he's out costs him valuable experience — and a chance to get more comfortable in first-year coordinator John DeFilippo's offense and with one of the NFL's best lines.

The Browns will emphasize running the ball this season, and the team sees Johnson as a player they can use in a multitude of ways. But not while he's on the sideline. As their teammates worked out on a beautiful sunny morning, West (calf) and Johnson rode stationary bikes and then stood and watched.

"It's just disappointing that a guy that we're counting on to be a big part of what we do, to lose him at this formative time of what we're getting done, that's tough," Pettine said. "He'll have a lot of catch-up work to do. We're making sure he gets all of those reps mentally. But there's no substitute for actual live reps."

Along with losing West and Johnson, the Browns' bruised backs include Glenn Winston (knee) and fullbacks Malcolm Johnson (shoulder) and Luke Lundy (concussion).

If there is any positive to the injuries, it's that they are allowing Isaiah Crowell, who ran for 607 yards and eight touchdowns last season, and Shaun Draughn, signed late in 2014, to show what they've got. In addition, the team signed running backs Jalen Parmele and Timothy Flanders earlier this week for depth.

"We don't want to overuse those guys," Pettine said. "I think Shawn certainly benefits from it a lot, and Crow needs every rep he can get just being Year 2 in the NFL. But Year 1 in a new system, where the pass protection stuff is a little bit different and involving the running backs more in a pass game, he needs all of those reps."

Emotions run high for inductees' families

The Associated Press

Cheyenne Humphrey-Robinson was thrilled to hear that the Pro Football Hall of Fame will allow Junior Seau's daughter to speak from the stage during Saturday's induction ceremonies.

She got to do it for her father, Claude Humphrey, when he entered the shrine last summer.

"I think it would really have been sad for her considering her dad is not here and she not being allowed to speak," Humphrey-Robinson said. "It's already going to be tough because her father is not here, and that would have put a serious damper on it for her. So it's great that she will have the opportunity."

"It was unlike any experience I had before," added Humphrey-Robinson, who since has been given the nickname "The Presenter" by friends and family. "The crowd, the fans, the reporters, the superstars I got a chance to meet. It was amazing. And my favorite thing was putting the jacket on my dad, I just balled."

Sydney Seau won't have that opportunity, of course: Junior Seau took his own life in 2012. But the Hall of Fame, reversing its decision to only allow a video presentation to honor the great linebacker, is allowing Sydney to pay tribute to Junior.

"I am glad they are letting her speak," said Willie Roaf, the star tackle whose father, Clifton, presented him for induc-

tion in 2012. "This is his enshrinement. He played 20 years, didn't have as good a supporting cast as some others, and took his team to the Super Bowl. A great football player and an ambassador for the league. He meant a lot to the league and did a lot in the league. In these special type of circumstances ... at least to say something on his behalf, the way he died was tragic, it's right that she has that chance."

While children of enshrinees introducing or representing their dads hardly is uncommon at Canton — 35 sons and five daughters thus far — Clifton Roaf is one of only seven fathers to do so. For him, it was more than simply recognizing the magnificent career of his offspring.

"It was like a triumph for me," said Clifton Roaf, who played for two seasons at Michigan State before injuries ended his career. "He vindicated me and then he vindicated so many athletes that came through this small segregated (high) school on the delta of Arkansas."

"The whole family was just elated, but it was more personal with me. He had done something in my wildest dreams I never would have anticipated."

"The most memorable thing was I told Will that when he got through with his presentation we would hug each other. We gave ourselves perhaps one of the greatest hugs we ever had, and the crowd responded to it. It expressed our love, and expressed the bonding of a father and a son."

James Lofton, who entered the Hall of Fame in 2003, was presented by his son, David. To Lofton, everything about the weekend is memorable and special, and he was elated his son and the rest of the Loftons were able to share in it.

The great wide receiver emphasizes the communal experience.

"For a whole weekend they will be involved, be a part of the other events: roundtables and riding in the parade and the other events," Lofton said. "The inductions are one slice of it, the one seen the most on TV. But there's so much more to it."

Lofton originally asked Bart Starr to present him, but Starr suggested instead that one of Lofton's sons be given the honor. He chose the oldest, David, then 19.

"David is a very cool and calm character," Lofton said. "I don't know if he was intimidated by it or real excited by it, or even really knew what I was asking him to do. But at the hotel, his room was right across from my room, and I heard him practicing his speech in the bathroom. That was the first time I got wind of it. I have a picture in my office of him at the podium. On the back screen is a picture of my wife listening to him. He did an incredible job."

"To paint the picture of you as a player, but more so as a dad and a husband, and he encapsulated that really well, my eyes just welled up."

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Countdown begins for Rio

Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO — Exactly one year ahead of the start of Rio de Janeiro's Olympics, Mayor Eduardo Paes said on Wednesday that all the venues are running on schedule and will be delivered in time for next year's games — a feat he compared to a "miracle."

Speaking in an under-construction arena to a crowd of several hundred journalists in hard hats, Paes said the progress of Rio's Olympic infrastructure proved that Brazilians were capable of delivering big projects on time and on budget.

The South American nation came under sharp criticism for nail-biting delays and massive cost overruns on the stadium for last year's World Cup, and the International Olympic Committee has in the past expressed concerns about Rio's progress in preparing for the 2016 games.

Paes sought to dispel any further worries, giving a detailed run-down of the state of every venue and their expected dates of completion — all well ahead of the games' Aug. 5 opening ceremony.

"We want to show that we are capable of doing things on time, that Brazil is not a country where everything ends up over budget, everything ends up late," said Paes, speaking over occasional bursts of construction racket at the Arena Carioca

3, which according to the presentation is 98 percent completed.

"We are literally making a miracle happen here," he added.

Paes was flanked at Wednesday's news conference by Carlos Nuzman, an International Olympic Committee member who heads the local organizing committee. The event's top attraction, IOC President Thomas Bach, was a no-show, apparently because he was exhausted from his plane journey to Brazil that lasted around 30 hours — although he was due to meet later with Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff.

Speaking on Tuesday off the flight from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, where a top IOC meeting took place last week, Bach said, "I'm very confident that in one year we will all be overwhelmed by a wonderful opening ceremony and by the hospitality of the Brazilians."

"We will have great games that will reflect both Brazilian passion, but also Brazilian efficiency," he said. "I have no special worries because I'm very confident that the organizing committee and all levels of the government will continue in this dynamic way to work."

Paes and Nuzman were peppered throughout the news conference by persistent questions about the quality of Rio's Olympic waters.

An Associated Press study released last week showed dangerously high levels of

disease-causing viruses in all water-related venues, and the World Health Organization has asked the IOC to pursue viral testing in Rio during the next year.

Authorities here promised that a cleanup of Rio's human sewage-strewn waterways would be one of the games' most enduring legacies, but have since acknowledged that the Olympic targets were out of reach.

Nuzman, however, insisted on the cleanliness of Rio's waterways.

"We've heard from athletes that have swum with fish," he said, adding, "so there are some discrepancies."

Both men played down questions about the political and economic problems that are currently engulfing the country. Brazil is teetering on the brink of recession, amid a multi-billion dollar corruption scandal at the state-run oil giant Petrobras, while the local currency, the real, has plunged more than 30 percent against the dollar over the past year.

Nuzman said that because the majority of Olympic revenues are in dollars, the fall in the real hasn't proved too problematic. Paes added that the bad news overshadowing the rest of the country had only highlighted Rio's Olympic progress.

"At this moment, when all of Brazil is stopped, the city of Rio is forging ahead," said Paes, who is reported to have presidential ambitions. "Rio City Hall has been doing its homework over the past years."

Phelps working on image

Associated Press

Michael Phelps is still focused on going fast in the pool.

Outside the water, he's made some big changes.

The winningest athlete in Olympic history will be competing this week at the U.S. championships in San Antonio — basically, a backup meet for all those American swimmers who didn't qualify for the world championships in Kazan, Russia.

Actually, Phelps did claim a spot on the team. But, after his second drunken driving arrest last September, USA Swimming issued a six-month suspension and took away his trip to Russia.

"Obviously, I'd like to be competing at worlds," Phelps said. "But this is what I have to do."

There were other things he needed to do, as well.

Phelps underwent 45 days of inpatient treatment, enrolled in Alcoholics Anonymous, and decided that he needed to get drinking out of his life, at least in the short term.

"Before I even went to court, I said to myself that I'm not going to drink until after Rio — if I ever drink again," he said. "That was a decision I made for myself. I'm being honest with myself. Going into 2008 and 2012, I didn't do that. I didn't say I was going to take a year off from drinking and not have a drink."

Phelps, who has won 18 golds and 22 medals overall at the last three Olympics, retired from swimming after the 2012 London Games, saying he had no goals left to accomplish and didn't want to still be competing into his 30s. That decision lasted barely a year. By the following summer, he was itching to race again.

Now, after enduring another bump in his personal life, he's determined to end his swimming career on a high note. That means staying clean and sober.

"If I'm going to come back, I need to do this the right way," Phelps said. "I've got to put my body in the best physical shape I can possibly get it in. Is it a challenge? No. I go to bed earlier. I sleep more. I wake up every day and have a completely clear head. I don't feel like my head went through a brick wall. There are so many positives to it."

"Are there days I'm sitting on the golf course or sitting on my roof (patio) and would like to have a beer? Yeah. But I have a year left in my career. If I really want it bad enough, I will make that sacrifice."

Phelps is eager to see what kind of times he can post in San Antonio, saying he "has not been in this kind of shape in a long, long time. Maybe not ever." He's scheduled to swim four events: the 100- and 200-meter butterfly, the 200 individual medley, and the 200 breaststroke.

The breaststroke is simply a workout, something to do on the final day of the meet Monday. But those other three are his best events, the ones he's clearly eyeing for the Rio Olympics. While Phelps figures to be the class of the field in San Antonio, he'll be eager to compare his times to the ones being put up in Kazan, where the eight-day swimming competition began Sunday.

"Of course, it's going to motivate me," Phelps said. "I don't want to be No. 2. I don't want to be No. 3. I can't stand it. Sure, this is different. But it's still the end of the (season), and I'd like to put up some No. 1 times in the world."

Grichuk's HR rallies Cards in 13th

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Rookie Randal Grichuk knew that in homer-friendly Great American Ball Park, all it takes is one decent swing to end a game.

Matt Carpenter tied it with a solo homer in the eighth, and Grichuk connected in the 13th inning, rallying the St. Louis Cardinals to a 4-3 victory over the Cincinnati Reds on Wednesday night.

Grichuk was moved up to second in the Cardinals' struggling batting order. He doubled home a run in the sixth inning and hit his 15th homer in the 13th off Dylan Axelrod (0-1), Cincinnati's eighth pitcher.

He knew the ballpark's reputation for yielding homers that would be outs in most other places.

"You know the ball flies here," Grichuk said. "It's in the back of your mind."

So far, Grichuk has shown a propensity to hit balls hard and strike out a lot.

"Two big swings for us," manager Mike Matheny said. "He's got the potential. You might see some swings-and-misses sometimes, but you also see what he does tonight."

Seth Maness (4-1) gave up a pair of walks in two innings, completing an impressive night by the bullpen. Cardinals relievers blanked the Reds over the final eight innings.

"The way they've been throwing the ball this year, we know that if we can scratch a few runs — not many — we've got a chance to win," Carpenter said. "Today was a good example of that."

Matheny changed the batting order — Grichuk went from batting eighth on Tuesday to second — to try to spark his struggling offense, but the Cardinals didn't get much going until late in the game.

Left-hander David Holmberg allowed two runs, including Grichuk's RBI double off the top of the wall in center that cut it

to 3-2 in the sixth.

Carpenter tied it with a homer in the eighth off J.J. Hoover, only the third that the reliever has allowed this season. It was Carpenter's fifth homer in his last six games.

The Reds strung together walks and infield hits while scoring three times off Carlos Martinez.

Angels 4, Indians 3: C.J. Cron hit a tying two-run single with two out and the bases loaded in the ninth inning against Cleveland closer Cody Allen and pinch-runner Taylor Featherston scored on a wild pitch, giving host Los Angeles a victory.

Mets 8, Marlins 6: Closer Jeurys Familia finally got the last out and New York halted Miami's furious six-run rally in the ninth inning, holding off the host Marlins for its sixth straight victory.

Diamondbacks 11, Nationals 4: Washington reliever Aaron Barrett threw away a bunt in the sixth inning and Arizona broke away, handing the host Nationals their fifth loss in six games.

Dodgers 4, Phillies 3: Yasiel Puig hit a three-run home run, Brett Anderson allowed one run in six innings and visiting Los Angeles beat Philadelphia.

Giants 6, Braves 1: Madison Bumgarner pitched into the eighth inning, Kelby Tomlinson drove in three runs and San Francisco beat host Atlanta.

Blue Jays 9, Twins 7: Jose Bautista hit a grand slam, Edwin Encarnacion and Josh Donaldson homered and Toronto beat visiting Minnesota for its fourth straight win.

Encarnacion hit a three-run drive and Donaldson added a two-run shot. Toronto has homered in 17 of 18 games since the All-Star break, with 10 multihomer games in that span.

Red Sox 2, Yankees 1: Steven Wright handcuffed a torrid New York lineup with his steady supply of knuckleballs, and David Ortiz hit a colossal home run for

visiting Boston.

A costly throwing error by third baseman Chase Headley helped spoil the debut of prized Yankees pitching prospect Luis Severino, who yielded only two hits over five impressive innings.

Rangers 4, Astros 3: Chris Gimenez hit the deciding home run and host Texas held on to complete a three-game sweep of AL West-leading Houston.

White Sox 6, Rays 5 (10): Avisail Garcia hit a three-run homer in Chicago's five-run first inning and had a bases-loaded walk in the 10th to lift the White Sox past visiting Tampa Bay.

Orioles 7, Athletics 3 (10): Chris Davis hit his second grand slam in 12 days with one out in the 10th inning to lead visiting Baltimore past Oakland.

Davis hit his 28th home run and third in four games on a 3-2 pitch from Arnold Leon (0-1). It came two batters after Gerardo Parra was intentionally walked to load the bases.

Pirates 7, Cubs 5: Gregory Polanco and Andrew McCutchen homered and host Pittsburgh beat Chicago to snap the Cubs' season-best winning streak at six games.

Rockies 7, Mariners 5: Michael McKenry hit a two-out, two-run homer in the 11th inning in Colorado's comeback victory over visiting Seattle.

Brewers 8, Padres 5: Rookie Taylor Jungmann struck out a career-high eight and allowed six hits without a walk over seven innings in Milwaukee's victory over visiting San Diego.

Tigers 2, Royals 1: Matt Boyd pitched seven strong innings in his Detroit debut and Anthony Gose and Ian Kinsler hit key triples in the Tigers' victory over visiting Kansas City.

Acquired last week from Toronto in the David Price trade, Boyd (1-2) only allowed one run on seven hits and didn't walk a batter in a career-long seven innings.