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## Team analyzing Korean War-era remains to grow

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WASHINGTON — The Pentagon said Thursday that it is doubling the size of its Hawaii-based team responsible for identifying Korean War remains after North Korea turned over 55 boxes last week believed to contain missing U.S. troops.

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency will expand its Korean War Program team of scientists from five to 10 people after receiving the first transfer of remains from the North Korea in more than a decade, said Kelly McKeague, the director of the DPAA, the organization charged with searching for and identifying missing troops and prisoners of war. The team already has begun collecting DNA samples and examining teeth and bones to begin the process of identifying the individuals, McKeague said.

That process could take anywhere from a couple of months to several years, he said, noting some remains recovered in the 1990s still have not been positively identified.

The transfer, which took place July 27, followed an agreement made by North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and President Donald Trump when they met in June in Singapore. It was the largest unilateral turnover of remains from the North Koreans to the U.S. on record, but it was not immediately clear how many individuals were contained in the 55 boxes, said Dr. John Byrd, director of scientific analysis for DPAA.

"It's too early to tell," he said. "You should not assume that one box is one person. There are many possibilities ... including that one person may be in two boxes."

In addition to human remains, Byrd said the boxes contained several artifacts that appeared to belong to American servicemembers who served in the Korean War, including canteens, boots and metal parts of uniforms.

One set of military dog tags included in the boxes will be returned to the family of a missing soldier next week, though Byrd warned the inclusion of the soldier's identification tags did not indicate his remains were among the materials returned.

Many of the boxes turned over last week contained remains recovered from the North Korean village of Sinhung-Ri, a town just east of the Chosin Reservoir, Byrd told reporters.

## NDAAs: Sex scandals could kill ex-officers' clearances

*USA Today*

WASHINGTON — Generals, admirals and senior Pentagon civilians caught in sex scandals could lose their valuable access to classified information — even in retirement — under a new bill passed Wednesday by the Senate.

An amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act would require the Pentagon to investigate senior officials guilty of sexual assault, harassment and fraud to determine whether they should retain their security clearances. The measure passed last week in the House, and the Senate approved the legislation Wednesday. It now awaits President Donald Trump's signature.

Continued access to top secret information in retirement is often required by defense contractors offering lucrative jobs.

Rep. Jackie Speier, D-Calif., a member of the House Armed Services Committee, proposed the amendment in part after reporting by USA Today and other news media on a spate of scandals involving senior officers and sexual misconduct.

The act authorizes \$717 billion in military spending. The Senate's action, by a 87-10 vote, approves a compromise reached with the House.

"For too long, lax punishment of senior military officers has let these violators get off easy and failed to deter other transgressions," Speier said. "The security clearances that retired military officers hold even after they retire is worth its weight in gold."

"Those who have been found to commit crimes should not retain those clearances. Increasing the likelihood misconduct committers lose their clearances is an important step in the right direction," Speier said. "I look forward to working with my colleagues to continue increasing accountability and justice in the military."

Defense Secretary Jim Mattis said the passage of the defense bill means "it is now our duty to implement these policies responsibly and ensure a culture of

performance and accountability."

Speier's amendment directs Mattis to conduct a security clearance background re-investigation under expedited procedures for military brass and senior civilians ensnared in sex scandals.

Loss of a security clearance can cost a retired officer tens of thousands of dollars per year, said Mark Zaid, a Washington-based national security attorney. Defense contractors often require employees to have access to classified information before hiring retired officers.

Just one Army general out of 14 from 2015 through August 2017 had his security clearance revoked after being issued a memorandum of reprimand, according to Pentagon records obtained by USA Today. Such a memo is typically a career-killing action taken after misconduct has been found.

That officer, David Haight, was busted from a two-star officer to a lieutenant colonel after his extramarital affair and allegations of a swinging lifestyle became public.

Twelve were allowed to retain their clearances in retirement, and the other general continued to serve on active duty and kept his clearance.

All of the armed services would be affected by the measure, including the Navy, which is struggling with one of its worst-ever scandals. Named after the defense contractor who lavished money, meals and prostitutes on officers in return for information that allowed him to gouge the Navy for his services in the Pacific, the "Fat Leonard" saga has prompted the investigation of dozens of admirals.

In February, Speier and Rep. Mike Coffman, R-Colo., held a hearing on senior officers' misconduct that was prompted by reporting on unethical behavior.

There have been 590 substantiated allegations of misconduct among generals, admirals and senior civilian officials from 2013 to 2017, although trends show a steady decline in misbehavior, according to figures by the Defense Department Inspector General.

# Former Marine's wife deported to Mexico

BY CLAUDIA GRISALES  
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*Stars and Stripes*

WASHINGTON — Alejandra Juarez, the wife of a combat veteran who took on a dramatic fight to remain in the United States under increasingly stringent immigration policies, left her Florida home Friday morning and boarded a plane in Orlando to begin her daylong deportation back to Mexico.

Juarez was surrounded by media, family and friends as she began a series of emotional goodbyes ahead of a morning flight scheduled to go to Atlanta before boarding another plane to Mexico. Juarez made the connecting flight and was on her way to Mexico by Friday afternoon, according to the office of Rep. Darren Soto, D-Fla., who has been fighting on her behalf.

In an emotional interview with Orlando's

WTMO Telemundo ahead of her flight, Juarez said in her native Spanish that President Donald Trump was elected by the help of voters like her husband, who voted for him, and she's heartbroken the president couldn't help.

"I am very disillusioned by how (Trump) has treated my husband ... I don't know, maybe I deserve for it for the way I came in, but his wife is an immigrant. She had the luck to get papers easily, not me," Juarez said early Friday from Orlando International Airport while surrounded by a sea of media cameras, microphones and journalists. "Mr. President by deporting me, you are not only making me suffer, you are making a veteran suffer."

For months, Juarez and her family have worked to exhaust every legal and political avenue to petition against her deportation.

Juarez is not an American citizen. But she has lived in the United States for 20 years, is married to an American Iraq War veteran and raised their two American children. They had hoped one day she'd be able to get her citizenship.

"The girls are, of course, sad," her husband, Cuauhtemoc "Temo" Juarez, told Stars and Stripes after his wife boarded her final flight to Mexico.

It wasn't until the Trump administration's policy of zero tolerance for illegal immigrants that the Juarez family faced being torn apart. They've sought the help of congressmen and lawyers, knowing that if they failed, she would have to take their younger daughter Estela, 9, with her, while 16-year-old Pamela, whom they believe would not be safe in Mexico, would remain in Florida with her father, Temo.

## Suicide bombing at Afghan mosque kills at least 29

*Associated Press*

KABUL, Afghanistan — Two suicide bombers attacked a Shiite mosque in eastern Afghanistan during Friday prayers, killing at least 29 people and wounding another 81, officials said.

Abdullah Asrat, spokesman for the governor of Paktia province, said the heavily armed attackers, disguised in the all-encompassing burkas worn by conservative Afghan women, opened fire on private security guards outside the mosque in the city of Gardez. Then they slipped inside and set off their explosives among about

100 worshippers.

Five of the seriously wounded were small children, he said.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack, but the Islamic State affiliate in Afghanistan has targeted Shiite worshippers in the past. The group also has warned Afghanistan's minority Shiites that their houses of worship would be targeted.

Syed Sufi Gardezi, the most senior Shiite cleric in Gardez, put the death toll at 30. He described a scene of panic and distress outside the Imam-e-Zaman mosque as news of the explosion spread and relatives gathered.

Gardezi said the wounded were screaming for help and body parts of the dead were scattered throughout the single story mosque. The dead were all men and boys, he said.

Dr. Mohammad Wali Roshan, a physician at a local hospital, said some of the relatives, armed with sticks and guns, were furious at the lack of security and began beating people, even medical personnel who arrived to help the wounded.

"They were shouting that there was no security and screaming for their loved ones," he told The Associated Press in a telephone interview.

## 911 call at Ohio base sets off active-shooter fears

*Associated Press*

DAYTON, Ohio — A 911 call at a sprawling Air Force base on Thursday sent armored vehicles and unmarked police cars rushing to a medical center, where people hid behind locked doors until authorities determined there was no threat.

During an extensive search after the call, a security team member shot through a locked door while checking rooms throughout the hospital, according to officials at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

The call came during a training exercise that included an active-shooter scenario in another area of the base at least

a half-mile away, said Daryl Mayer, a base spokesman.

So far, it's not clear why the 911 call was made from inside the base nor whether it was prompted by the training exercise, he said.

Security team members involved in the training don't fire blanks and use guns that clearly aren't real, Mayer said.

Initial tweets from the base and authorities saying security forces were responding to an active-shooter report set off a scare at Wright-Patterson, which is Ohio's largest single-site employer, with more than 27,000 civilian employees and mili-

tary personnel.

Some workers said via Twitter that they were locked down and hiding in their offices.

Within about two hours, servicemembers and medical workers began leaving the hospital with their hands in the air and stood outside the building.

The base's commander, Col. Thomas Sherman, said security forces stopped their training exercise and responded to the hospital after the 911 call. After security searched the hospital, which had been on lockdown, they determined there had been no active shooter.

## Colo. police chief: Unclear if homeowner heard arriving officers' orders to drop gun

Associated Press

DENVER — Thirty-three seconds after arriving at a suburban Denver home where a man had broken in and attacked an 11-year-old boy, police officers heard shots fired inside.

An armed man came into view, police said Thursday, refusing five orders to drop his gun. He started to come toward officers and raise a flashlight he held in his other hand.

An officer fired four rounds, killing Richard Black, 73, Aurora Police Chief Nick Metz said in the department's first detailed account of the shooting early Monday.

The officers soon found the intruder — Dajon Harper, 26 — dead in a bathroom from shots Black fired to protect his grandson. Those were the shots officers heard after arriving at the chaotic scene.

Metz said he did not hear the uniformed officers identify themselves as police in body camera video. He acknowledged that Black, a decorated Vietnam veteran, had a "significant hearing impairment" from his military service that may have made it hard for him to hear the orders to drop his gun.

Police will not release bodycam footage yet, citing the wishes of the Black family and prosecutors who will decide whether to charge the unidentified officer who opened fire.

Portions of the audio and video are hard to understand because of background noise, including screaming, but the police chief said a forensic review will try to clear it up.

A family lawyer said Black's wife, Jeanette, gave an emergency dispatcher physical descriptions of Black, her son and the intruder, but Metz said those were not found on any of the 911 recordings.

Black was white, and Harper was black.

The Black family said in a statement released by police that Jeanette Black's 911 call was difficult to understand and acknowledged the police

department's position that the officers did not receive descriptions.

Jeanette Black was heard on bodycam footage saying, "He has a gun," as police arrived, but Metz said he does not know if the officer heard that.

In one of several 911 recordings released Thursday night, a woman who identified herself as Harper's mother told the dispatcher that her son was on drugs but was unarmed.

"He's literally kicked in some people across the street door. ... He's on some type of drug or something," she said frantically. "He's running through the neighborhood busting cars, busting in people's doors while they sleep. I don't know what he's on. He's bleeding."

The woman later said Harper is "hurting this little baby. He kicked in their door."

Harper, who was released from prison in February after serving time for weapons and menacing charges, broke into the home by knocking open the front door. He had left a party across the street, where he became out of control, acting irrationally and damaging cars, Metz said.

Some partygoers followed him into Black's house to try to get Harper to come back, adding to the confusion. Others were standing outside with Black's wife when police arrived.

The police chief said Black acted heroically to protect his family but also defended the actions of his officers, including the one who killed Black, a fellow military veteran who was involved in another fatal police shooting just over a month ago. The officer returned to duty 14 days after that shooting, which Metz said was much longer than the minimum three days of leave recommended by the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

"They were not reckless. These officers responded how I would expect them to respond, given the very limited information they had," he said.

# No motive and no 2nd shooter found in Vegas massacre

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — More than 10 months after the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history, police say they are closing their investigation without answering the key question: What drove a gunman to unleash a hail of gunfire that killed 58 people and wounded hundreds more?

But authorities say after hundreds of interviews and thousands of hours of investigative work, they are confident there is no evidence of a conspiracy or a second gunman.

Stephen Paddock was an "unremarkable man" who showed signs of a troubled mind leading up to the Oct. 1 shooting on the Las Vegas Strip, Clark County Sheriff Joe Lombardo said Friday. He also was a re-

clusive, high-stakes gambler who spent more than \$1 million in the year leading up to the shooting.

"What we have been able to answer are the questions of who, what, when, where and how," Lombardo said. "What we have not been able to definitively answer is ... why Stephen Paddock committed this act."

Paddock, who fired across Las Vegas Boulevard from a room on the 32nd floor of the Mandalay Bay hotel into a concert crowd of 22,000 people, was the only gunman, the sheriff said.

Lombardo said that with the closure of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department's 10-month investigation, no one else will be charged in connection with the shooting.

## Trump staffing his Mideast team for peace plan rollout

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. officials say the Trump administration is staffing up a Middle East policy team at the White House in anticipation of unveiling its long-awaited but largely mysterious Israeli-Palestinian peace plan.

The National Security Council last week began approaching other agencies seeking volunteers to join the team, which will work for President Donald Trump's Mideast peace pointmen Jared Kushner and Jason Greenblatt, according to the officials. The team, which is being set up to organize the peace plan's public presentation and any negotiations that could ensue, will comprise three units: one concentrating on its

political and security details, one on its significant economic focus and one on strategic communications, the officials said.

The creation of a White House team is the first evidence in months a plan is advancing. Although Trump officials have long promised the most comprehensive package ever put forward toward resolving the conflict, the plan has not been described by any official.

Timing on the release of the plan remains undecided. The State Department, the Pentagon, intelligence agencies and Congress have been asked to detail personnel to the team for six months to a year, according to the officials, who were not authorized to publicly discuss the matter and spoke on condition of anonymity.

## China, ASEAN navies stage emergency drills amid disputes

*Associated Press*

SINGAPORE — Chinese and Southeast Asian naval forces staged their first computer-simulated drills so they can jointly respond to emergencies and build trust amid the long-seething disputes in the South China Sea.

The two-day exercises that ended Friday involved more than 40 sailors from China and the 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations. They worked on search and rescue scenarios following a mock ship collision.

Singapore's navy hosted the drills at a training center in Changi naval base, where officers coordinated their force deployments and helicopter landings on navy ships. They monitored developments on three giant screens, including one showing the location of a collision between an oil tanker, which supposedly caught fire, and a passenger ship that sank and scattered people in the high seas.

It's a successful prelude to actual maneuvers at sea that are planned for October in China, said Col. Lim Yu Chuan of the Singapore navy.

"The exercise is beneficial to promote military exchanges and cooperation between China and ASEAN member states, to advance our mutual trust," Capt. Liang Zhijia from China told reporters.

Organizers did not directly link the exercises to the territorial disputes, which escalated after China turned seven disputed reefs into man-made islands, including three with runways. They now resemble bases with buildings and weapons, including surface-to-air missiles, and have sparked protests, including from rival claimants.

# Apple becomes world's first \$1 trillion company

*The Washington Post*

Apple became the first \$1 trillion company shortly before noon on Thursday, briefly crossing the lofty mark in a closely watched ascent that made stock market history.

"Apple's \$1 trillion cap is equal to about 5 percent of the total gross domestic product of the United States in 2018," said David Kass, professor of finance at the University of Maryland. "That puts this company in perspective."

Apple crossed the threshold in Thursday trading following a strong third-quarter report that showed earnings beat expectations and also showed increased revenue from the technology giant's services and software businesses. Apple briefly hit the \$1 trillion mark before falling back below it amid fast-moving trade.

Wall Street loved it. Apple climbed nearly 9 percent since the earnings report.

"The combination of a strong macro environment and an increasingly engaged customer base led to double-digit growth in all regions," Morgan Stanley said in a note, according to CNBC. "A clean beat on the path to \$1 trillion."

Apple on Wednesday stated in a regulatory filing that as of July 20, 2018,

the company had 4,829,926,000 shares, said Howard Silverblatt, a senior index analyst with S&P Dow Jones Indices.

Based on that number, Apple needed a \$207.05 price to reach \$1 trillion in market value, Silverblatt said. If the company continues to buy back its shares, the \$207.05 price will rise. In calculating market cap, S&P uses the most recent number of shares trading multiplied by the stock price.

"These are the actual shares outstanding able to trade, even though some may be held by insiders, interlocks or others," Silverblatt said.

In other words, the share price means people would pay a lot — \$1 trillion — to buy the company.

Why?

Apple is among the most widely held stocks in the world. It makes more money and pays its owners — the shareholders — more than any other public enterprise on the planet.

Because of its size and value, the health of Apple ripples through the U.S. economy and its markets. It pays dividends to tens of millions of investors who own Apple stock directly or indirectly, from pension funds to individuals.

## Pompeo: N. Korea far from fulfilling vow to denuke

*Associated Press*

SINGAPORE — U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo says North Korea is far from living up to its pledge to denuclearize and remains in violation of numerous U.N. Security Council resolutions.

Speaking Friday before he attends an Asian security forum with North Korea's foreign minister, Pompeo told reporters in Singapore there was "still a ways to go before" achieving the goal of ridding the North of its nuclear weapons.

Pompeo's comments came after the White House announced Thursday that President Donald Trump received a new letter from North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and responded quickly with a letter of his own. The correspondence, following up on their Singapore summit in June, came amid fresh concerns over Pyongyang's commitment to denuclearization despite a

rosy picture of progress painted by Trump.

Pompeo has taken the lead in negotiations with the North, having traveled to Pyongyang three times since April and accompanied Trump to the summit. He will be in the same room on Saturday as his North Korean counterpart at the Association of South East Asian Nations annual regional forum. A separate meeting between the two was a possibility, but not confirmed, according to State Department officials.

"Chairman Kim made a commitment to denuclearize," Pompeo told reporters accompanying him to Singapore from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. "The world demanded that (he) do so in the UN Security Council resolutions. To the extent they are behaving in a manner inconsistent with that, they are in violation of one or both the UN Security Council resolutions, we can see we still have a ways to go to achieve the ultimate

outcome we're looking for."

On Thursday, Trump tweeted his thanks to the North Korean leader "for your nice letter — I look forward to seeing you soon!"

The White House did not provide details on the specific content of the letter from Kim, received Wednesday, or of Trump's reply. White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders said the letters addressed their commitment to work toward North Korea's "complete denuclearization."

Sanders said no second meeting is "locked in" as a follow-up to the Singapore summit in June, but they remain open to discussions.

Trump, in his tweet, expressed gratitude to Kim "for keeping your word" on the return of the remains of more than 50 American servicemembers killed during the Korean War.

## AMERICAN ROUNDUP

### Septuagenarians spar over Costco samples

**SC** GREENVILLE — Free samples briefly turned a Costco warehouse club into a fight club for two seniors.

The State newspaper in Columbia cited a July 26 Greenville police report saying it began when a 72-year-old man cut ahead of a 70-year-old man who was waiting for a complimentary piece of cheese.

It happened again as the 70-year-old was awaiting a cheeseburger sample. First there were angry words, and then a punch.

Police said the cheeseburger stand worker confirmed the Hawaiian shirt-clad 72-year-old then smacked the 70-year-old, causing his hat and glasses to fly off. The 72-year-old said he felt the other man was aggressive and about to hit him.

Police spokesman Donald Porter said authorities are seeking surveillance footage, and no one has been arrested.

### Break-in suspect jumps into canal, can't swim

**LA** SLIDELL — Police say a man wearing an ankle monitor after being accused of vehicle burglaries was caught in a New Orleans suburb after breaking into more cars.

Slidell police said a police dog tracked down a 16-year-old and Raikenzie Durgin, 22. Durgin jumped into a canal, then had to be rescued because he couldn't swim. The dog caught the teenager, who was treated for bites and was taken to juvenile detention.

Detective Daniel Seuzeneau said police were called shortly after 3 a.m. Tuesday by a man who found his vehicle burglarized. Officers noticed other cars also had been broken into.

Seuzeneau said Durgin and

the teen were arrested on seven counts each of simple burglary and one of resisting an officer.

### Man breaks window to aid dogs in car, is cited

**OH** PARMA — An Ohio man who says he broke a window to rescue two dogs locked in a hot car has been given a citation charging him with criminal damaging.

Richard Hill was in a parking lot in the Cleveland suburb of Parma when he saw the dogs and grabbed a hammer from his van to break the car window.

Parma police said officers arrived four minutes after receiving a 911 call Saturday about the dogs and two minutes after Hill broke the window.

Sgt. Dan Ciryak said he believes Hill's heart was in the right place, but "he should have waited a little more." Police said it was 78 degrees outside.

### Fresh brownies confirm suspicions in drug raid

**NC** BROADWAY — Freshly baked pot brownies cooling on a stove confirmed North Carolina deputies were on the right track as they raided a marijuana-growing operation.

A Lee County Sheriff's Office statement says the raid Wednesday shut down a sophisticated growing operation at a home in Broadway. Deputies said they found numerous plants hanging in a closet for processing. A shed contained lamps and filtration equipment to eliminate odor.

Narcotics agents also found butter and oil infused with marijuana for making baked goods. They said the butter was used in the brownies they found.

Police said Michael Cheeseman, 46, was held on a charge of trafficking marijuana.

### Man gets rare blood infection from dog lick

**WI** WEST BEND — Surgeons have amputated the legs and hands of a Wisconsin man who contracted a rare blood infection from a dog lick.

Greg Manteufel, 48, remains hospitalized at a Milwaukee area hospital. Froedtert Hospital and Medical College of Wisconsin infectious disease specialist Dr. Silvia Munoz-Price said the bacteria that invaded Manteufel's body came from the saliva of a dog. She said the infection caused Manteufel's blood pressure to drop and the circulation in his limbs to decrease rapidly.

His wife, Dawn Manteufel, said her husband was perfectly healthy until he began having flu-like symptoms that landed him in the hospital. The bacteria attacked quickly and aggressively. Munoz-Price said the infection is rare, adding that 99 percent of people with dogs will never contract the bacteria.

### Homeless man shaved by officer gets job

**FL** TALLAHASSEE — A Florida homeless man got hired after he was videotaped getting a shave from a police officer before his job interview.

The Tallahassee police tweeted McDonald's hired the man they have identified only as Phil and he started work Friday.

Video of Tallahassee Officer Tony Carlson's shaving of Phil's unkempt beard went viral last week.

Phil had told Carlson he was applying for a job at a nearby McDonald's, but needed help shaving off his beard. A passerby recorded the men using an electric razor to remove it in a convenience store parking lot.

### Fan turns Tom Brady's autograph into a tattoo

**MA** FOXBOROUGH — A young Connecticut woman didn't want to lose the autograph she got from Tom Brady.

The New England Patriots star signed Megan Uhrynowski's arm after a practice at Gillette Stadium on Monday night.

Uhrynowski, 19, a college student, told WHDH-TV her friend had suggested she turn the autograph into a tattoo.

So she did.

Uhrynowski went to a tattoo parlor the following day and had the five-time Super Bowl champion's signature permanently etched onto her arm.

She said she was "freaking out" when Brady responded to her request to sign her arm during an autograph session with fans, adding: "It was probably like the coolest thing."

### Tractor-trailer crash destroys home, hurts 2

**VT** LUDLOW — A tractor-trailer crash has destroyed a home in a Vermont area known as "Terrible Mountain."

Ludlow Police Sgt. Richard King said the crash happened in Ludlow on Tuesday afternoon when the truck tried to turn with failing brakes. The turn caused thousands of pounds of pallets on the truck to shift, and the truck flipped onto its side.

The crash sent the pallets into the first floor of a home that had five people inside.

Police said one person in the home has been hospitalized with a broken wrist and the driver of the truck was hospitalized with minor injuries.

King said "Terrible Mountain" has seen three crashes in the past 14 years, all involving tractor-trailers.

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## COMMENTARY

# T.O. making it about himself, one last time

Associated Press

Terrell Owens should have had a better excuse for blowing off his induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

You know, like maybe he was going bowling.

That, at least, might have been understood in the tiny universe of T.O., the one the former wide receiver lives in and no one else seems to penetrate. Owens was so into bowling after his football career was over that he tried to go pro, only to be undone by slippery lane conditions.

Owens was a lot more successful in football, where his numbers were so good he arguably — and Owens argues this most — should have been inducted in Canton in his first year of eligibility. It wasn't until his third year that Owens was voted in, part of a class that includes, among others, Jerry Kramer, Ray Lewis and fellow wide receiver Randy Moss.

They'll all be there, slipping on the gold jackets for the first time that signify they're the best of the best.

Owens probably will get his in the mail.

That's entirely on T.O., and it's not entirely surprising. His great numbers always came with great problems, and he's never been one to forget a slight, perceived or otherwise.

That's why he's still engaged in a mostly one-way feud with Donovan McNabb, 13 years after the Philadelphia Eagles lost the 2005 Super Bowl to New England and Owens famously said he "wasn't the guy who got tired" in the game.

It's also why he's spending the day he should be getting his gold jacket at a ceremony of his own at the University of Ten-

nessee at Chattanooga, where he went to college.

Hard to say exactly, but it seems T.O. is not happy with the way the media covered him over his 15-year career. He believes he got a bad rap as a bad teammate, and didn't get the credit for the things he did on the field for his teams.

And he's really not happy with being skipped over two years before finally being voted into the hall.

Just T.O. being T.O., a familiar scene to anyone who followed his career. Now Owens can claim a first that may hold a long time — the only living player of the 318 elected to the Hall of Fame who refused to attend his own induction.

"It wasn't like he had to wait that long," said Paul Domowitch of the Philadelphia Daily News, who championed Owens' cause to his 47 fellow Hall of Fame voters. "A lot of people have waited a lot longer than three years."

Owens may not be there to get his jacket, but he'll still be a Hall of Famer. There will be a T.O. bust, and provisions have been made to send him a jacket.

But he won't be inducted individually like the others in his class in what should be one of the greatest moments of his life.

His call, yes. But if Owens is trying to make a point, it's likely to get lost in the fuss being made over those actually in Canton for their inductions.

Then again, this is a player who held a bizarre press conference while working out in his driveway after being suspended for arguing with Eagles coach Andy Reid prior to the 2005 season. Shirtless and doing sit-ups, Owens mostly answered "no comment" before exasperated writers asked him if he

was trying to set a record for offering no comment.

"No comment," he said.

Wide receivers tend to be a strange breed, even if Owens took it to a new level. Moss, after all, once famously walked off the field with 2 seconds left in a game and his Minnesota Vikings lined up for an onside kick attempt.

Moss will be in Canton on Saturday for his induction, and maybe Owens didn't want to share the stage with him. Unlike Owens, Moss got in in his first year of eligibility.

A look at the numbers makes the case for Owens, who had a great career playing in San Francisco, Philadelphia, Dallas, Buffalo and Cincinnati. Owens is second only to Jerry Rice in receiving yards, and third in touchdown catches behind Rice and Moss. He was a six-time Pro Bowl pick, and his touchdown celebrations live on in NFL lore.

Yes, he once questioned the sexuality of one of his quarterbacks. Yes, he threw quarterbacks and coaches under the bus whenever it suited his fancy.

But he deserves to be in Canton. He should be in Canton.

"I don't understand what he's trying to accomplish here, but he's a tough guy to understand," Domowitch said. I think he's going to regret it later on because a lot of the Hall of Famers are going to hold it against him. Part of the joy of being one of those guys is not just getting inducted but all the things you go to together in the future. When the other Hall of Famers get together, he won't really be welcomed."

No he won't, though to Owens it doesn't seem to matter.

It's just T.O. being T.O.

## Owens learned key lessons from grandma

Associated Press

Terrell Owens learned a valuable lesson at a young age from the most influential person in his life.

"I've always listened and learned a lot from my grandmother and how she lived her life and how she wanted me to live my life," Owens told The Associated Press about Alice Black, who died of Alzheimer's disease in 2012. "No matter what people say about you good, bad or indifferent, you just have to believe in yourself.

And when you have belief in the man above, knowing you're not perfect, the people who walk this Earth aren't perfect either, and [if] you start to pass judgment and start to believe things about people who you don't know personally, then that's really a reflection of yourself."

Growing up in a poor family in Alabama, Owens had a difficult childhood and he was often lonely. He was raised by his grandmother and his single mother, who spent much of her time working double shifts to support her children.

"Early in my career when I was an adolescent and teenager, I had self-esteem issues," Owens said. "I had to get out of that and understand that you have to believe in yourself in order to progress in order to do anything in your life. I'm very proud of how my grandmother raised me."

Plenty of people have formed strong opinions about Owens, sometimes based on rumors and innuendo. T.O. certainly brought much of the criticism on himself with some of his out-

landish behavior, but he believes he was also misunderstood at times. It was easier for critics to pile on than try to understand what made Owens tick.

That's why Owens believes it took Pro Football Hall of Fame voters three tries to finally get him into the Canton shrine, although he's not actually going to Ohio. Miffed that he was passed over twice, Owens is skipping the induction ceremony and instead giving his acceptance speech at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

# Ohio State closes ranks amid scandal

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Ohio State closed ranks around the rollout of its football season as the university investigates whether coach Urban Meyer failed to report domestic abuse allegations, a scandal hitting a school already accused of not facing up to sexual misconduct allegations against a sports doctor.

The Buckeyes planned to open their first football practice Friday without Meyer, who was put on administrative leave during the probe and also suspended from an endorsement deal by restaurant chain Bob Evans. It's not clear how restrictive the paid leave will be for the coach set to earn \$7.6 million for the season after getting a raise this year.

Ohio State officials said Thursday that reporters would be barred from football practices until at least next week, and university trustees announced

that a six-member committee will head up the investigation.

Co-offensive coordinator Ryan Day has been named acting head coach.

"Due to the ongoing investigation, football coaches and student-athletes will not be available for interviews until further notice and all practices will be closed," Ohio State spokesman Jerry Emig said in an email.

Meyer's future with one of the most storied programs in college football depends on how he managed allegations that Buckeyes assistant and recruiting coordinator Zach Smith abused his ex-wife, Courtney Smith — answering the questions of what Meyer knew and when.

Courtney Smith alleged Wednesday that she told Meyer's wife, Shelley, about the abuse in text messages and phone conversations in 2015 and that Shelley Meyer indicated she would tell the head

coach. Courtney Smith's allegations — including the text messages — were reported by former ESPN reporter Brett McMurphy on his Facebook page and in a video interview with Smith.

"In 2015 I came forward with it," Courtney Smith said in the interview. "I told Shelley, I sent her some pictures (of her injuries), I spoke to her on the phone."

Meyer told reporters last week that he didn't know anything about the 2015 incident. It is not clear what contact Meyer had, if any, with university officials about the situation until Smith was fired last month. Smith has never been criminally charged.

Separately, a court hearing for Zach Smith was postponed Thursday on a domestic protection order sought by his ex-wife. She asked for the order after a July 20 disagreement and the court action resulted in Zach Smith being fired from Ohio

State, where he was set to make \$340,000 for the 2018 season. The Smiths are due in court in September and their lawyers did not respond to messages seeking comment Thursday.

Ohio State is investigating Meyer while also facing three federal lawsuits about its response to allegations of groping, leering and other misconduct by a deceased athletic department doctor who treated wrestlers and other students for two decades. The lawsuits alleging sexual abuse by Dr. Richard Strauss say Ohio State facilitated the abuse by ignoring complaints.

Since Ohio State announced an independent investigation in April, more than 100 former students have come forward with accounts of sexual misconduct by Strauss. The allegations range from 1979 to 1997 and involve male athletes from 14 sports, as well as his work at the student health center and his off-campus medical office.

## Sports briefs

# Rookie QB Jackson scores in Hall of Fame game

Associated Press

CANTON, Ohio — The goals were to let the backups play and learn, and to be inspired.

Missions accomplished.

The Ravens and Bears honored their great linebackers Ray Lewis and Brian Urlacher with some defense to make them proud in the Hall of Fame game that opened the NFL's preseason Thursday night. Baltimore held on 17-16.

"Ray is the greatest linebacker of our time," said 2016 Heisman Trophy winner Lamar Jackson, who quarterbacked the second half for the Ravens. "That was a big thrill and exciting stuff."

Oh, there was a little spark of offense, some provided by Baltimore's first-round draft pick. Jackson's 7-yard touchdown pass to fellow first-rounder Hayden Hurst came after the

Ravens' defense recovered a fumble.

Chicago put together its best drive in the final minutes and journeyman Tyler Bray connected with Tanner Gentry for a 10-yard score to cap a 92-yard march. But the two-point conversion pass fell incomplete.

Otherwise, D was the letter of the day: there were six turnovers in all, and 12 sacks, eight by the Bears.

## Alabama unanimous No. 1 in coaches' poll

Defending champion Alabama is a unanimous No. 1 in the preseason coaches' poll, with Clemson No. 2 and Ohio State No. 3.

The Crimson Tide received 61 first-place votes from a panel of major-college coaches in the poll released Thursday.

The Associated Press media poll will be released Aug. 20.

Alabama won its fifth national championship under coach Nick Saban last season, beating Georgia in overtime of the College Football Playoff title game.

## Woods-Mickelson match set

AKRON, Ohio — Phil Mickelson confirmed a report that an exhibition match against Tiger Woods is set for Thanksgiving weekend in Las Vegas.

Golf.com reported last month that Woods and Mickelson, who have combined for 19 majors, 122 victories on the PGA Tour and 90 years on earth, were contemplating a winner-take-all \$10 million match.

ESPN said it would be at Shadow Creek on Thanksgiv-

ing weekend. Woods says he had nothing more to add. "We haven't signed anything. Nothing's confirmed."

## Sabres get Skinner in trade with Hurricanes

BUFFALO, N.Y. — The Buffalo Sabres acquired forward Jeff Skinner in a trade with the Carolina Hurricanes in a move that continues an offseason roster shake-up for both teams.

The Hurricanes acquired prospect forward Cliff Pu and three draft picks, including a second-round selection in 2019, in the trade completed Thursday night. The Hurricanes also acquired Buffalo's third- and sixth-round picks in the 2020 draft.

Skinner is an eight-year NHL veteran and was the NHL's rookie of the year in 2011.

# Pearce's 3 HRs lead Red Sox in rout

Associated Press

BOSTON — When Steve Pearce's third homer of the game clanged off the light tower above the Green Monster, a few fans behind home plate tossed their caps onto the field to celebrate his first career hat trick.

When he came to the plate in the eighth for his final at-bat, he received a standing ovation from the Boston fans eager to see him make more history against the hated Yankees.

"It was a good night. A fun night. A great team win, and something that I'll never forget," Pearce said on Thursday night after driving in six runs with three homers to help the Red Sox beat New York 15-7.

"It was exciting, especially when you get home and you see all your teammates there, ready for you," said Pearce, who walked on five pitches in his final at-bat. "To be able to celebrate with them, it's a great feeling."

In the opener of a four-game series that gave New York the potential to erase most of its

division deficit, the Red Sox instead expanded the lead to a season-high 6½ games, taking advantage of manager Aaron Boone's decision to pull starter CC Sabathia after three innings with a 4-2 lead. Jonathan Holder (1-2) faced seven batters and did not record an out.

"We have to do a better job playing a better brand of baseball especially against a real good opponent," Boone said. "When it's difficult, not everything going our way, we need to be airtight to minimize damage on the other side."

Mookie Betts had four hits and two walks, reaching safely all six times he came to the plate. Pearce, J.D. Martinez, Ian Kinsler and Andrew Benintendi had three hits apiece for Boston, which has won five of its last six games and 20 of its last 25 to match a season-high 42 games above .500.

Pearce hit a solo homer in the third and then added a three-run shot in an eight-run fourth inning that erased the rest of a 4-0 Yankees lead. He also had a two-run homer in the sixth,

joining Mo Vaughn and Kevin Millar as the only Red Sox players to have three home runs in a game against the Yankees.

Didi Grigoriu homered twice, Aaron Hicks hit one and Giancarlo Stanton got his 25th of the season for the Yankees, who have lost just twice in the past week — playing sloppily both times — but dropped two games in the division. The rivals will meet nine more times, including the final three games of the season.

**For starters:** Early in the game that Chris Sale was supposed to start, the Red Sox were already trailing 4-0 and their ace was getting frustrated.

"He was like, 'I can't believe this,'" manager Alex Cora said after Brian Johnson filled in for Sale, the AL strikeout and ERA leader, who went on the disabled list with left shoulder soreness that he said wasn't that bad. "But we trust B.J."

Johnson (2-3) fanned a career-high 11 for his first victory since April 2. He allowed five runs — four earned — six hits and two walks in five innings.

"It didn't look pretty in the beginning," Cora said. "But he was able to get some key outs. He gave us a chance."

**Big inning:** Johnson spotted the Yankees a 4-0 lead, but the Red Sox got one in the second and one in the third before taking the lead in the fourth.

With runners on second and third and nobody out, Benintendi hit a chopper back to the mound. Holder threw behind Jackie Bradley Jr., who broke for home and beat the throw to the plate with a head-first slide.

Pearce homered for a 6-4 lead, Martinez doubled and scored on Kinsler's single and then, after Kinsler stole second, Eduardo Nunez doubled to make it 8-4 and chase Holder. Chad Green got the next two batters before Bradley doubled in another run, Betts singled and Benintendi added an RBI single.

Luis Cessa replaced Green and got Pearce on a ground ball to end the 13-batter, seven-hit (five for extra bases), 46-minute half-inning.

## MLB roundup

# Bellinger hits grand slam as Dodgers crush Brewers

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Cody Bellinger hit a grand slam, Joc Pederson and Yasiel Puig hit two homers each, and the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the Milwaukee Brewers 21-5 on Thursday night.

Brian Dozier and Justin Turner also went deep as the Dodgers finished with their highest-scoring total at Dodger Stadium. Los Angeles hit a season high-tying seven homers, and also set season highs for runs in a game, and in an inning when they had nine in the seventh.

Clayton Kershaw (5-5) gave up two runs and five hits over six innings, winning his second consecutive start. He also won for the fourth time in his last

six outings, while striking out seven with two walks.

**Cardinals 3, Rockies 2:** Pinch-hitter Jose Martinez sliced an opposite-field single to the right-center field gap off Wade Davis with one out in the ninth inning, driving in the tying and go-ahead runs and lifting host St. Louis over Colorado.

**Rangers 17, Orioles 8:** Jurickson Profar hit a three-run home run and a run-scoring single as his team scored 10 runs during the first two innings, and host Texas routed Baltimore.

**Padres 6, Cubs 1:** Austin Hedges hit a go-ahead, three-run homer, Robbie Erlin (2-3) pitched two-hit ball over five innings in a spot start, and vis-

iting San Diego beat Chicago.

**Nationals 10, Reds 4:** Max Scherzer (15-5) struck out 10 in six innings for his fifth win in as many starts, helping host Washington beat Cincinnati.

**Phillies 5, Marlins 2:** Maikel Franco hit a three-run homer with two outs in the bottom of the ninth to lift Philadelphia over Miami.

**Giants 8, Diamondbacks 1:** Madison Bumgarner (4-4) worked through traffic in five innings to out-pitch Zack Greinke (12-6) in a duel of aces, lifting visiting San Francisco past Arizona.

**Braves 4, Mets 2:** Ronald Acuna Jr. led off with his first big league triple and reached three times, Johan Camargo hit a two-run double in a three-

run third inning, and visiting Atlanta extended its winning streak to four.

**White Sox 6, Royals 4:** Jose Abreu hit a tying home run off Jason Adam (0-3) in the eighth and pinch-hitter Daniel Palka had a three-run homer off Jason Hammel later in the inning, giving host Chicago the win over Kansas City.

**Blue Jays 7, Mariners 3:** Kendrys Morales homered in the seventh inning to back Mike Hauschild's (1-0) impressive debut with his new team as visiting Toronto beat Seattle.

**Rays 4, Angels 2:** Jalen Beeks (1-1) got his first major league win, C.J. Cron had a two-run single and host Tampa Bay completed a three-game sweep of Los Angeles.