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## US faced N. Korea conflict threat in '94

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WASHINGTON — In a nuclear standoff with North Korea more than two decades ago — long before the reclusive government had atomic weapons that could threaten America — U.S. officials planned for war.

Declassified documents published Friday show the U.S. believed its military and South Korea's forces would "undoubtedly win" a conflict on the divided Korean Peninsula, with the understanding it would cost many casualties.

The Pentagon estimated at the time that if war broke out with Korea, some 52,000 American servicemembers would be killed or wounded in the first three months. South Korean military casualties would total 490,000 in that time. And the number of North Korean and civilian lives claimed would be enormous, according to "The Two Koreas" by Don Oberdorfer, a definitive modern history of the Korean Peninsula.

Today, with North Korea al-

most able to directly threaten the U.S. mainland with nuclear strikes, the possibility of conflict looms as it had in 1994. President Donald Trump has vowed to stop the North Koreans from reaching such capability.

Twenty-three years ago, the stakes were different.

At that time, President Bill Clinton's administration considered a cruise missile strike on a North Korean nuclear complex after it began defueling a reactor that could provide fissile material for bombs for the first time. Former President Jimmy Carter headed off a conflict, meeting with founding North Korean leader Kim Il Sung and helping seal an aid-for-disarmament agreement. The pact endured for nearly a decade, despite frequent disputes and periodic flare-ups on the peninsula.

"We had taken a very strong position that we would not permit North Korea to make a nuclear bomb," William Perry, who was defense secretary dur-

ing the crisis, said last week. "We have said that many times since then, but then we really meant it."

A declassified transcript published by the National Security Archive at George Washington University records Perry's discussion on the standoff with South Korea's president in 1998. Perry was by then Clinton's special envoy for North Korea.

Perry told President Kim Dae-jung that the U.S. had planned for a military confrontation and that "with the combined forces of the ROK and U.S., we can undoubtedly win the war."

ROK refers to the abbreviation of the South's official name, the Republic of Korea.

Speaking to South Korea's Kim, who pursued a "sunshine" policy of diplomatic outreach to North Korea, Perry said the "war involves many casualties in the process. As a former defense secretary, I am well aware of the negative aspects of war and will do my best to

avoid war."

North Korea has since made leaps and bounds in its nuclear and missile development, particularly under its current young leader, Kim Jong Un. Most recently, it tested an intercontinental ballistic missile with a likely range of more than 8,000 miles, moving it closer to perfecting a nuclear-tipped projectile that can strike all corners of the U.S. mainland.

Trump has not ruled out using force to stop the North from achieving that capability if diplomacy fails. Backing up the threat, the U.S. has stepped up its military drills with allies, which Pyongyang condemns as preparations for invasion.

Last week, the U.S. and South Korea held air force drills involving more than 200 aircraft, including six U.S. F-22 and 18 F-35 stealth fighters.

North Korea's Foreign Ministry warned last week, "The remaining question now is: When will the war break out?"

## Air Force readies for holiday drop to Pacific islands

BY LEON COOK  
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YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Santa's sleigh looks like an Air Force cargo plane to many people living on isolated Pacific islands.

The crews of Japan- and Guam-based C-130J Super Hercules aircraft are preparing for this year's Operation Christmas Drop — a long-running annual mission to provide much-needed supplies to the islanders.

This year's airlift mission, which kicks off Monday, includes the Yokota-based 374th Airlift Wing and Andersen Air Force Base's 36th Air Wing. The Royal Australian Air Force and Japan Air Self-Defense Force also are taking part.

The packages contain items such as fishing nets, construction materials, powdered milk, canned goods, rice, coolers, clothing, shoes, school supplies and, of course, toys.

The Australian air force deployed a C-130J and its crew to Andersen on Thursday.

"Operation Christmas Drop provides support to more than 20,000 people in remote communities spread over six million square kilometers across the West Pacific including the Northern Mariana Islands, Federated States of Micronesia and Republic of Palau," Air Commodore Richard Lennon, commander of Australia's Air Mobility Group, said in a statement.

Lennon praised the training value of the operation, in which crews must plan and execute a challenging mission in an unfa-

miliar drop zone, delivering parcels weighing more than 400 pounds.

"Many of these communities have little physical contact with the outside world, and airdrop is an excellent means of delivering supplies when there's no other quick alternative, either due to the distances involved or lack of available infrastructure," Lennon said.

Christmas Drop began in 1952 when crewmembers of a WB-29 reconnaissance aircraft noticed islanders of the atoll of Kapingamarangi waving at them as they passed overhead. The crew decided to box up items from the cabin, attached a parachute and circled around to drop it to them.

Australia and Japan have assisted in the operation since 2015.

## Possible US aircraft part falls onto Okinawa day care

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CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — Okinawan protesters took to the streets Thursday night after a part that may have come from a U.S. military aircraft fell from the sky and landed on the roof of a day care facility in Ginowan, Japan.

About 100 protesters from various civic groups staged a rally in front of the Marine Corps' Camp Foster, which serves as headquarters for the U.S. military on Okinawa. "Don't fly U.S. military helicopters!" they chanted, according to Japanese public broadcaster NHK.

The demonstrators were responding to reports that a plastic, cylindrical aircraft part measuring 9.5 centimeters long, 7.5 centimeters in diameter and weighing less than half a pound landed on the day care's roof shortly before the incident was reported to police about 10:20 a.m. Thursday, a Ginowan police spokesman said.

The day care — which is about 1,000 feet from Marine Corps Air Station Futenma's fence line — was in session at the time, but there were no

injuries and no damage to the building, the spokesman said.

It is believed that the part came from an American military aircraft because it says "U.S." on it along with other English phrases like "remove" and "use to reset," according to police and media reports.

"We take this report very seriously and are still actively investigating this incident, working closely with local authorities," Marine 1st Lt. Karoline Foote, a spokeswoman from the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, said Friday in an email to Stars and Stripes. "We care deeply about the safety of our friends and neighbors in the communities around which we live and operate."

Officials from the Okinawa Defense Bureau, the local arm of Japan's Ministry of Defense, declined to comment Friday because they were still awaiting confirmation from their U.S. counterparts, a spokesman said.

Okinawa Gov. Takeshi Onaga has called for a thorough investigation and for Japanese government officials to strongly urge the U.S. military to stop flying the CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter, which he believes was involved in the incident.

## USS Fitzgerald departs for repairs stateside

BY TYLER HLAVAC  
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YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — The collision-damaged USS Fitzgerald finally has left Japan for repairs stateside after an earlier attempt was canceled due to a botched loading process.

The guided-missile destroyer departed its Yokosuka homeport Saturday morning aboard the heavy lift vessel MV Transshelf, the Navy said. The Fitzgerald is being taken to Ingalls Shipbuilding in Pascagoula, Miss., for fixes and upgrades.

A deadly collision on June 17 between the Fitzgerald and a Philippine-flagged merchant ship killed seven sailors and injured three others. The Navy relieved the ship's two senior officers and a senior enlisted sailor. Several other officers and enlisted watch standers were also held accountable for the accident.

The crippled warship attempted to leave Yokosuka on Nov. 23 but was sent back days later to repair two new punctures in the ship's hull caused by the Transshelf's steel sup-

port structure during loading.

Huntington Ingalls Industries was chosen to repair the destroyer because the company would be able to restore the ship in the shortest amount of time, Naval Sea Systems Command said in a statement issued in August.

"Given the complexity of the work and the significant unknowns of the restoration, the Navy determined that only an Arleigh Burke-class shipbuilder could perform the effort," the statement said.

The project's start date, scope, cost and timeline are still to be determined, it added.

The Fitzgerald incident was the first of two deadly accidents involving U.S. warships in the Pacific this year. Ten more sailors were killed in August when the USS John. S. McCain — also homeported at Yokosuka — collided with an oil tanker east of Singapore.

The McCain, which is scheduled to be repaired at Yokosuka, has been delayed reaching its homeport after the discovery of additional cracks in the ship's hull diverted it to the Philippines.

## California guardsmen train with French forces

BY MARTIN EGNASH  
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California National Guardsman with the 40th Infantry Division, nicknamed the "Sunshine Division," are assisting France's Rapid Reaction Corps to train in crises response techniques in Bydgoszcz, Poland.

About 30 guardsmen, acting as a subordinate unit of a NATO Joint Task Force, are working with the French unit during the two-week Citadel Bonus mission, which began Dec. 4.

During this time, the U.S.

soldiers have been helping with planning and guidance as the French soldiers train to secure and stabilize a place called "Arnland."

"NATO is in the fictitious country of Arnland, utilizing a Joint Task Force construct, in order to expel opposition forces from part of the country, restore order and then conduct stability operations," said Col. Michael Leeney, chief of staff of the 40th Infantry Division.

The troubled country faces several threats, including an

enemy occupation and chemical attacks.

"My position is chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear. I work hand in hand with (French) CBRN representatives," Master Sgt. Fernando Ravega said. "We are working together to decide courses of action we would take to either neutralize chemicals or cordon off the area to ensure the security of allied forces from a chemical attack."

Their mission in Arnland, which is constantly changing,

aims to simulate the real-world unpredictability of an unstable nation. The soldiers are working around the clock, gathering information for their French counterparts as the mission evolves, Ravega said.

This is one of several European exercises in which the National Guardsmen are participating before their deployment to Afghanistan in April as part of NATO's Resolute Support mission. The Californians will focus on training, assisting and advising their Afghan counterparts.



## Pre-winter storm leaves South, pushes into the Northeast

Associated Press

ATLANTA — A pre-winter storm that roared through the Deep South and coated half of North Carolina and portions of Virginia in snow pushed northward Saturday, leaving motorists to brave potentially icy roads and utility crews trying to restore heat and light to thousands.

Forecasters were warning that the slush created during daylight would turn to ice from temperatures dropping below freezing, creating black ice on roads, bridges and other elevated surfaces.

“That catches people more off guard than when you see snow,” said National Weather Service meteorologist Mike Money Penny, of the Raleigh, N.C., office.

Maine and New Hampshire also were digging out of the first significant snowfall of the season, with much of the two states under 4 to 8 inches of snow.

The National Weather Service said Saturday’s snowfall topped out at 8 inches in Carabassett Valley in Franklin County, Maine. Most areas of Maine and New Hampshire where snowfall was recorded were in the range of 3 to 6 inches.

Before Friday, the forecast for North Carolina called for little more than an inch of snow for the central counties with more expected for the higher elevations. By Saturday, Burnsville had reported 14½ inches of snow. The Hendersonville area had 12 inches and Asheville recorded 8 inches of snow.

## Calif. governor: Devastation from fires the ‘new normal’

Los Angeles Times

VENTURA, Calif. — California Gov. Jerry Brown surveyed the devastation Saturday in Ventura — the area hardest hit by firestorms that have displaced nearly 90,000 people in Southern California — calling it “the new normal.”

The visit came four days after Brown declared a state of emergency in response to the wildfires. In all, blazes from Ojai to Oceanside have destroyed more than 790 structures and burned 175,000 acres.

During a news conference at the Ventura County Fairgrounds, Brown said climate change may exacerbate the weather conditions that caused the wildfires to explode. He expressed sympathy for residents who had lost their homes and animals, saying the fires were horrific and a “terrible tragedy for so many people.”

“This could be something that happens every year or every few years,” he said. “We’re about to have a firefighting Christmas.”

By Saturday evening, officials said, the Thomas fire had crossed into Santa Barbara County. Residents in coastal communities, including Carpinteria, were told to be prepared to leave if necessary.

Still, the approximately 8,500 firefighters battling the six wildfires were making progress.

As Santa Ana winds finally died down

Friday, crews began containment of some of the biggest fires. But red flag warnings remained in effect, and forecasters said the Santa Anas were expected to return.

Firefighters had a successful day battling flames on the southern edge of the Thomas fire — working toward the coast as well as parts of Ojai — thanks to wind conditions and crews’ ability to improve the fire lines they had established, according to Bill Murphy, a Cal Fire spokesman.

By Saturday afternoon, the Thomas fire had burned 148,000 acres. Firefighting efforts were hampered overnight Friday by wind and topography, officials said, but the blaze was 15 percent contained. Evacuations were lifted for most of the city of Ventura and for Santa Paula.

The cause of the fire, which started Monday east of Highway 150 near Thomas Aquinas College, is under investigation.

Firefighters continued to encounter difficulty on the east side of the blaze, where helicopter crews dropped water above the city of Fillmore. But they made progress near Highway 33 and the 101 Freeway, on the west side of the blaze.

“This is a complex fire,” said Rich Macklin, a spokesman for the Ventura County Fire Department. “There are hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of men and women with packs on their backs, squirting the hills, putting the wet stuff on the red stuff.”

## Most Alabama GOP leaders say they’ll vote for Moore

Associated Press

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Most Republican leaders in Alabama say they plan to vote for Roy Moore on Tuesday despite sexual misconduct allegations against the former judge that have prompted others around the country to say he never should be allowed to join the U.S. Senate.

“I have stated both publicly and privately over the last month that unless these allegations were proven to be true I would continue to plan to vote for the Republican nominee, Judge Roy Moore,” Alabama Secretary of State John Merrill wrote in a text message to The Associated Press. “I have already cast my absentee ballot and I voted for Judge Moore.”

The accusations against Moore have left many GOP voters and leaders in a quandary. Voters face the decision of whether to vote for Moore, accused of sexual misconduct with teenagers decades ago when

he was a county prosecutor, or sending Democrat Doug Jones to Washington, which would narrow the GOP’s already precarious majority in the Senate.

They also could write in a name on their ballots or simply stay home. Meanwhile, most GOP politicians in the state must run for re-election next year — where they will face Moore’s enthusiastic voting base at the polls.

The AP tried to find out how Republican leaders from Alabama plan to vote. Most officeholders or their staffs responded, while others have publicly stated their plans during public appearances or to other media outlets.

However, several officeholders did not respond to calls, emails or texts from the AP. They include U.S. Reps. Martha Roby, Mike Rogers and Gary Palmer, as well as state Treasurer Young Boozar and state House Speaker Mac McCutcheon.

State officeholders who said they intended to vote for Moore often cited the need to keep the seat in Republican hands.

In addition to Merrill, others who plan to vote for Moore include Gov. Kay Ivey, Attorney General Steve Marshall, state Auditor Jim Zeigler, Agriculture Commissioner John McMillan, state Senate President Pro Tempore Del Marsh and Public Service Commissioner Twinkle Andress Cavanaugh, who previously led the state GOP. Also voting for Moore are current state party head Terry Lathan and U.S. Reps. Mo Brooks, of Huntsville, and Robert Aderholt, of Haleyville.

The state’s most influential politician, Republican U.S. Sen. Richard Shelby, has said he wrote in a prominent Republican on his absentee ballot.

“I wrote in a distinguished Republican. I did not vote for Judge Moore, but I voted Republican,” Shelby said.

# Iraq looks to uncertain post-ISIS future

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MANAMA, Bahrain — A day after Iraq declared victory over Islamic State, a sense of gloom about the country's future hung over a security summit in Bahrain as officials worried that age-old sectarian rifts could make the progress short-lived.

Toby Dodge, a British expert on Iraq, was hopeful Sunday when he walked into a closed-door panel talk at the swanky Ritz Carlton hotel that included an Iraqi parliamentarian and a Kurdish regional government official. But Dodge walked out of the meeting "pessimistic."

"It springs from a sense of familiarity," said Dodge, a one-time adviser to Gen. David Petraeus in Iraq.

After the U.S. surge in Iraq in 2007-08, much of the country was stabilized. Shiite militias were quelled, al-Qaida in Iraq was pushed out, and the U.S. eventually began drawing down.

But the Iraqi government under Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki failed to build on the gains, with power struggles happening among Shiite and Sunni government factions. Meanwhile, Iraq's military grew more fractured, its weakness exposed when ISIS fighters seized a third of Iraq.

After declaring victory Saturday, Iraqi President Haider al-Abadi called for national unity. But questions persist about the Iraqi government's ability to deliver services and to rise above the sectarian divisions uncorked in the aftermath of the 2003 U.S. invasion.

"The military victory may well be squandered," Dodge said.

On Saturday, Petraeus, a speaker at the conference, shared those concerns.

"The battle after the battle in Iraq ... may well prove more challenging than the defeat of ISIS," Petraeus said.

During the Bahrain conference, which had representatives

from about 40 nations, officials deliberated on security issues, including rivalries with Iran, the war in Syria and the potential effects on the Arab world of President Donald Trump's announcement to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital.

While the annual talks, organized by the International Institute for Strategic Studies, normally attract senior administration officials, none was present during three days of meetings.

On the military side, U.S. Central Command chief Gen. Joseph Votel attended but did not speak during public forums. He did meet with Pakistan's top general in a closed-door discussion. The U.S. has called on Islamabad to get more aggressive in targeting militant groups.

In Iraq, Baghdad also must find a way to navigate a fragile relationship with the semi-autonomous Kurdistan Regional Government, which has grown more tenuous in the wake of

Kurdistan's referendum for independence.

Iraq will also have to figure out a way to establish control of various militia groups that helped in ISIS' defeat. Among them are well-organized Shiite militias that also have political sway.

A more decentralized governing approach, with Baghdad pushing more autonomy down to the provincial level, could improve matters, Dodge said.

After ISIS' defeat in Iraq and the fall of its de facto capital in Raqqa, Syria, there is a "sense of military achievement," said Emile Hokayem, a Middle East analyst with the International Institute for Strategic Studies.

But Iran's larger profile in both Syria and Iraq ensures it will be a major power broker going forward. Russia's intervention in Syria, where it stabilized longtime ally Bashar Assad, also means Moscow is better positioned in the region than it was a few years ago.

## Gitmo prosecutor charges 3 in Southeast Asia terror case

*Miami Herald*

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba — The U.S. war court prosecutor has issued new charges against the suspected leader of an al-Qaida affiliate in Southeast Asia, blaming him for the 2002 Bali nightclub bombing and adding two Malaysian captives to the proposed case as suspected co-conspirators.

A copy of the noncapital charge sheet, obtained Saturday by the Miami Herald, accuses Indonesian Riduan bin Isomuddin, known as Hambali, of sending fighters from his Islamic extremist group Jemaah Islamiyah to Afghanistan after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks to meet with Osama bin Laden and to carry out suicide bombings.

The would-be suicide bombers were Bashir Lap, known as Lillie, and Mohd Farik Bin Amin, known as Zubair, two Malaysian prisoners at Guantanamo cast as Hambali acolytes. Together, the three are accused of murder, terrorism, attacking civilians and civilian objects, attempted murder, intentionally causing serious bodily injury and destruction of property as a war crime.

Pentagon officials provided no explanation for the development. In June, the war

court prosecutor charged Hambali, blaming him for the 2002 Bali nightclub bombings and the 2003 attack on the JW Marriott hotel in Jakarta that between them killed more than 200 people. But Army Brig. Gen. Mark Martins, the chief prosecutor, never moved forward on them.

The new charges still accuse Hambali of a role in the three simultaneous Oct. 12, 2002, bombings in the Indonesian island tourist destination of Bali — in a pub, near a dance club and the U.S. Consulate — that killed 202 people. Australia sustained the largest number of casualties — 88 dead — followed by Indonesia with 38. Seven Americans also were killed.

The new charges also accuse Hambali and the two Malaysians of conspiring in the Jakarta bombing of the Marriott, which killed 11 people.

Both attacks, according to the charges, were "calculated to influence and affect the conduct of the United States government and civilian population by intimidation and coercion," perhaps a basis for prosecuting the case at the war crimes tribunals.

All three of the men charged in the Southeast Asia conspiracy case arrived at Guantanamo on Sept. 4, 2006, as so-called high-value captives. None has been

charged with a crime. President Barack Obama's review boards classified all three men as indefinite detainees in the Law of War, or "forever prisoners" considered too dangerous to release.

The next step in the proposed case will be for the prosecutor to send the charges to a senior Pentagon official, Convening Authority Harvey Rishikof, to decide whether to go forward with the case. The prosecutor never did that with an earlier, non-capital case that targeted Hambali alone on June 20. The form Rishikof would use allows him to decide whether to make it a death penalty prosecution. For now, that box is not checked in the copy obtained by the Herald.

Ten of Guantanamo's 41 captives have had war crimes cases, two on guilty pleas to cooperate with the prosecutors. There is no sign, yet, that either of the deputies has turned government witness in the proposed Hambali prosecution.

It alleges a broad war crimes conspiracy stretching from January 1993 through August 2003, when all three men were captured in Thailand in a joint U.S.-Thai operation and were sent to the CIA offshore secret prison network known as the black sites.



# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Teen turns self in over video showing theft

**FL** PEMBROKE PINES — A teenager says his family and friends urged him to turn himself in days after surveillance video captured the theft of an assault rifle and other items from a police cruiser parked outside a Florida home.

The widely shared video released by Pembroke Pines police showed the face of the thief as he took the rifle, a police vest, a stun gun and ammunition from the Opa-locka police car parked outside the officer's home early Tuesday morning.

An arrest report says the teen showed up at the Hallandale Beach Police Department on Thursday morning, telling investigators he threw away the stolen items — including the assault rifle. He's charged with vehicle theft. Pembroke Pines police said they're trying to locate the missing items.

## Cops: Boy thinks gun is a toy, shoots sister

**PA** HARRISBURG — Police said a 10-year-old boy playing with a gun he thought was a toy shot his 6-year-old sister in the chest. Officials are searching for the man who left the gun in the home.

Harrisburg police Capt. Gabriel Olivera said police were called to the home about 2 a.m. Thursday for a report of shots fired. Officers arrived to find a blood trail leading to a 6-year-old girl on the floor and her mother frantically trying to help her.

She was taken to a hospital where she was in critical but stable condition.

Police are searching for Tremayne James, 24, who they said put the gun in the home. He's related to the family.

## Islamic group sues over workplace prayer

**WI** GREEN BAY — An Islamic group is suing a Wisconsin manufacturer alleging it failed to accommodate 19 Muslim employees who wanted to take prayer breaks during work time.

The lawsuit filed in federal court in Green Bay on Wednesday by the Council on American-Islamic Relations wants the Ariens Co. to rehire the former employees and give them back pay and damages. The plaintiffs also want the Brillion lawn mower manufacturer to reinstate a religious accommodation policy allowing the employees to take short breaks for prayers.

The Journal Sentinel reported Jaylani Hussein, director of the council's Minnesota chapter, said Ariens forced the Muslim employees to choose between their faith and their employment.

## Man guilty of illegally transporting snakes

**CT** BRIDGEPORT — A man who illegally collected endangered snakes and shipped them to his Connecticut home has pleaded guilty to illegally transporting protected wildlife.

William Carl Bartlett entered his plea Wednesday in federal court.

Prosecutors say Bartlett, a collector of snakes and other reptiles, took two kingsnakes from the Outer Banks of North Carolina in violation of that state's laws and brought them to Connecticut to breed. In July 2012, he shipped 10 kingsnakes via overnight courier to a person in Pennsylvania.

Prosecutors say he also collected five coastal plain milk snakes in Maryland in 2015 in violation of state law and brought them to Connecticut.

## Judge to decide case involving raccoons

**PA** PITTSBURGH — A Pennsylvania judge will decide whether raccoons are protected animals or vermin meant to be disposed.

Allegheny County officials said William Killgallon, 68, has been charged with felony animal cruelty after Pittsburgh police said he admitted to drowning trapped raccoons in a barrel.

The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette reported Killgallon's attorney argued Tuesday that his client should not have been charged in the first place. He argued raccoon are vermin that are not protected under an animal cruelty law.

Deputy District Attorney Jennifer DiGiovanni contended animals like raccoons should be killed humanely, not drowned in a barrel.

## Man is charged after mother found in filth

**WA** EVERETT — A Washington man has been charged with criminal mistreatment after his 81-year-old mother was found lying in filth with a broken hip and bound legs.

The Everett Herald reported Kenneth Strandt, 53, was charged Tuesday. He was in Snohomish County Jail on \$150,000 bail.

Strandt was arrested Dec. 1 after he called 911 to bring paramedics to the home he shares with his mother.

Authorities said she was found with bedsores and in clothing that was soiled with feces and urine. Court documents show a doctor characterized her injuries as life-threatening.

Strandt told detectives he works three fast-food jobs, is tired all the time and struggles to provide care for his mother.

## Skull found in car was Native American's

**CA** ANGELS CAMP — Authorities say a human skull found last month in the trunk of a car during a Northern California traffic stop belongs to a Native American and was dug up from a construction site.

The Stockton Record reported Tuesday that officials determined the skull was that of a Native American but experts are still trying to determine its age and whether it was extracted from a Native American burial site.

Angels Camp police officers on Nov. 22 pulled over Joshua Davis, 41, of Murphys, for failing to halt at a stop sign. They found methamphetamine behind the fuel door and the skull in the trunk.

## Skydiving Santa crashes, breaks leg

**FL** GULFPORT — A skydiving Santa looking to make a grand entrance while taking an Elf on the Shelf to a 9-year-old girl crashed into a tree and light pole before hitting a Florida beach and breaking his leg.

News outlets said George Krokus was dressed as Santa Claus during a Dec. 2 skydive to deliver toys to the Tampa Bay Beach Bums Operation Santa Charity Volleyball Tournament.

Madison Spiers saw the crash and later found a note from the "elf" named Kristoff who visits her house during the holidays. It said, "As we were about to land, this big tree jumped right out in front of us!"

She told Bay News 9 that Kristoff is no stranger to adventure. The elf sported a bandaged leg while staying with the recovering Krokus.

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# Black Knights knock off Navy

*Stars and Stripes*

PHILADELPHIA — After 14 years of futility, West Point has a streak of its own.

Army quarterback Ahmad Bradshaw scored on a keeper with 5:10 remaining, and Navy kicker Bennett Moehring missed a 48-yard field goal attempt on the final play Saturday as Army held on for a 14-13 victory in the 118th Army-Navy Game before a crowd of 68,625 at snowy Lincoln Financial Field.

Army (9-3), which snapped a 14-game losing streak to Navy (6-6) with a 21-17 victory last year, won back-to-back meetings for the first time since winning five in a row between 1992 and 1996.

The Black Knights also won the Commander in Chief's Trophy, presented to the winner of the annual football competition between Army, Navy and Air Force, for the first time since 1996.

The past four Army-Navy Games have been decided by a touchdown or less, and by a total of 16 points.

Bradshaw, a senior, scored on a sneak from the half-yard line to tie the game, and senior Blake Wilson's point-after kick put the Black Knights up 14-13.

Army's go-ahead drive was a 13-play, 65-yarder that took 7:40 off the clock. It nearly ended one play sooner. Senior running back John Trainor took a pitch from Bradshaw and headed down the left side of the field. He spun away from one tackler and tiptoed down the sideline for an 8-yard gain before being pushed out of bounds by Navy senior cornerback Elijah Merchant. Trainor was ruled out just short of the goal line, but it was close enough to warrant a replay review. The call stood, but Bradshaw finished the drive on the next play.

"All year long we've preached being warriors in the fourth quarter and winning the fourth quarter," Army senior defensive end John Voit said. "We just did that tonight. Navy played great, but in that fourth quarter we knew we had to win it. We did, and we came out on top."

Navy appeared to be on its way to a comeback victory behind quarterback Malcolm Perry, who rushed for 250 yards and a TD on 30 carries. Perry led a methodical drive, but Navy took two-false start penalties deep in Army territory. The latter flag left the Midshipmen staring at third-and-11 from the Army 31 with just 22 seconds left. Perry carried the ball to the middle of the field, setting up Moehring's potential game winner with three seconds to go.

He made a good effort. The kick had the distance, but drifted just to the left, falling gently to the turf as the snow had all afternoon. As the ball landed, the Army sideline and the cadets in the stands erupted.

"It is Navy football. When we are down at the goal line and close to the end zone, we have to put the ball in the end zone," Perry said. "We just didn't. That hurt us in the end. We really wanted to get the ball in the end zone."

Moehring, a junior, kicked a 24-yard field goal that gave the Midshipmen a 13-7 lead after three quarters and a 28-yarder in the first quarter.

"So close and our kids fought hard, so you give our kids credit," said Navy coach Ken Niumatalolo. "They (Army) fought hard too and played well. We had another penalty on another drive and couldn't sustain it in decent field position. In a close game it is the team that doesn't make mistakes, and those penalties hurt us."

Bradshaw, who rushed for 94 yards on 21 carries, was voted the game's MVP. He also led Army to its first consecutive wins over Navy since the Clinton administration, running for the deciding score in both victories.

"It feels amazing," he said. "For one, to understand all the work that we've put in since I've been here, since we've been together. We've trusted the process, and we've grown as an organization."

Army and Navy, both proponents of the triple-option offense, came into the game ranked No. 1 and No. 2 in the nation in rushing, respectively, and they stuck to the script. The Black Knights ran for 221 yards and the Midshipmen 294.

Army attempted just one pass, a 20-yarder from Bradshaw to junior fullback Calen Holt. Navy went 1-for-2 passing for 2 yards.

Army put together a promising drive early in the fourth quarter, but a false-start penalty on the 12th play of the possession gave the Black Knights a third-and-13 at the Navy 15-yard line. The Midshipmen strung out a reverse for a loss of two yards to force a 35-yard field goal attempt that Wilson missed wide to the right with 14:55 remaining.

The Black Knights' defense stepped up on Navy's next possession. Voit and junior linebacker James Nachtigal stopped senior fullback Chris High on third-and-8 to force a punt and put the ball back in Bradshaw's hands with 12:50 to go.

Perry ran for a 69-yard touchdown in the second quarter that put Navy up 10-7. It was his fourth touchdown of 60 or more yards this season (3 rushing, 1 receiving). He might have had a fifth, but Voit took a good pursuit angle to trip him up on a 46-yard run in the third quarter. Perry gave Navy a first down at the Army 11, but the Black Knights' defense stiffened and the Midshipmen had to settle for Moehring's second field goal and a 13-7 edge rather than a 10-point lead.

Perry's second 200-yard game of the season pushed him over the 1,000-yard mark. He became Navy's second 1,000-plus-yard rusher this year, joining junior Zach Abey. There was some mystery as to whether Niumatalolo would start Abey or Perry, who spent most of the season as Abey's backup. He opted for the faster Perry, who set the offensive tone by carrying the ball on the first six plays for the Midshipmen. It was revealed after the game that Niumatalolo had given the nod to Perry two weeks ago. It now looks like the job is his to lose.

## Academy closes case on Bradshaw

*Associated Press*

PHILADELPHIA — The U.S. Military Academy says sexual assault allegations against Army quarterback Ahmad Bradshaw were proved to be unfounded and the case is closed.

The academy released a statement Saturday, a day after the Daily Beast published a story in which former cadet Madeline Lewis said Bradshaw raped her in 2014.

Bradshaw, a senior captain, played and scored the go-ahead touchdown later Saturday in Army's 14-13 victory over Navy.

"USMA treated Cadet Bradshaw as it would any other cadet under similar circumstances," the statement said. "It fully investigated every allegation against him and suspended him from NCAA football competition during the eventually-unfounded criminal investigation."

Lewis said she met Bradshaw, a friend of her roommate, three weeks into the 2014 school. She told the Daily Beast she returned to her room after a shower one night, when Bradshaw assaulted her.

Bradshaw did not play during the 2014 season. The academy said Bradshaw was later disciplined for a separate academic incident in which he didn't properly cite material in a paper.

"USMA stands behind Cadet Bradshaw, as it stands behind our young men and women who choose to become part of it at great personal expense in order to emerge on the other end as leaders of character," the academy statement said. "These are leaders who are not immune from mistakes or their consequences but who are uniquely equipped to learn and grow from them."



# Sooners' Mayfield awarded Heisman

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Baker Mayfield took a unique road to the Heisman Trophy, a long and winding climb from walk-on to one of the most accomplished players to ever play college football.

The brash, flag-planting Oklahoma quarterback became the sixth Sooner to the win Heisman on Saturday night in one of the most lopsided votes in the 83-year history of the award.

Stanford running back Bryce Love was the runner-up, making it five second-place finishes for the Cardinal since 2009. Louisville quarterback Lamar Jackson, last year's Heisman winner, was third, the best finish by a returning winner since Tim Tebow of Florida in 2008.

Mayfield received 732 first-place votes and 2,398 points. Love had 75 first-place votes and 1,300 points and Jackson received 47 and 793. Mayfield received 86 percent of the total points available, the third-highest percentage in Heisman history behind Ohio State's Troy Smith (91.63 percent) in 2006 and Oregon's Marcus Mariota (90.92) in 2014.

Mayfield is the third player to win the Heisman heading to the College Football Playoff. The second-ranked Sooners meet No. 3 Georgia in the Rose Bowl on Jan. 1. He is the first senior to win the award since Smith and the first Heisman winner to begin his career as a walk-on since athletic scholarships started in the 1950s.

"It's been a tough journey," Mayfield said during his acceptance speech. He choked back tears, thanking his parents and first-year Oklahoma coach Lincoln Riley.

"Tried to play it cool," Mayfield said later. "That's not my thing though. I'm a guy that wears his emotions on his sleeve."

Mayfield finished fourth in the Heisman voting two years

ago and third last year. "It's motivating for me to be the best in the country," he said.

Mayfield entered this season as one of the Heisman favorites and jumped toward the front of the pack when he led the Sooners to an early victory at Ohio State that he celebrated by planting the OU flag in the Horseshoe turf.

He later apologized for that, but that has been Mayfield's career. Spectacular play fueled by grudges, slights and trying to prove doubters wrong. Moxie is the word that gets attached to Mayfield often, but at times poor judgment has gotten him in trouble on and off the field.

Those were really the only marks on Mayfield's Heisman résumé because his play has been consistently stellar. He has thrown for 4,340 yards and 41 touchdowns this season for the Big 12 champion Sooners (12-1). For his career, Mayfield is eighth in FBS history in yards passing (14,320) and sixth in touchdown passes (129).

Mayfield is an old-school Heisman winner. For decades, seniors dominated the Heisman, but over the last 10 years four juniors, four sophomores and two redshirt freshmen have won. By comparison, Mayfield has been around forever. He has played 47 college games. Only USC's Carson Palmer with 50 had played more when he won his Heisman in 2002.

There is at least one more game to play for Mayfield, and maybe two. He and the Sooners will go into the playoff as a slight underdog against Georgia, which seems only appropriate for a player who has built his career on exceeding expectations.

Asked what has been his best moment, Mayfield predictably answered: "It hasn't happened yet."

## MLS Cup

# Toronto tops Seattle for championship

Associated Press

TORONTO — This wasn't the kind of MLS Cup performance the Seattle Sounders were hoping for.

Far from it.

Jozy Altidore opened the scoring in the 67th minute and Toronto FC beat Seattle 2-0 on Saturday to become the first Canadian champion in league history, and deny the Sounders a repeat triumph.

Toronto avenged a penalty-shootout loss to Seattle last year in the title game.

"Lifting this trophy has been an obsession for the last 364 days, not just for me but for every single guy on our team," Toronto captain Michael Bradley said. "There's no other word for it."

Sounders coach Brian Schmetzer pointed to a single statistic, duels won, to illustrate the disparity between the teams. Toronto won 58 duels to Seattle's 24.

"We picked the wrong time to have a game that was below our standards," Schmetzer said. "We put our best attacking lineup out there but we weren't able to keep the ball in any part of the game. That was not one of our stellar performances."

In the 67th, Sebastian Giovinco's pass from just inside the Seattle half helped Altidore split a pair of defenders. Altidore took a few steps to his left and fired the ball over goalkeeper Stefan Frei, setting off a wild celebration among the 30,584 fans that left BMO Field shaking.

Altidore's goal snapped Seattle's lengthy streak of keeping opponents off the scoreboard. The Sounders had not been scored upon since a 2-0 loss to Philadelphia on Oct. 1, going six games without conceding.

Victor Vasquez made it 2-0 in injury time from close range after substitute Armando Cooper's shot rebounded off the post.

Altidore was selected MLS Cup MVP.

"To cap it off the way we

did shows what this team is all about," he said.

Altidore scored in Toronto's 1-0 victory over Columbus Crew in the Eastern Conference final. He had 15 goals in the regular season, second on the team to Giovinco's 16. Altidore, who injured his right ankle minutes after scoring against the Crew, was replaced by Nick Hagglund in the 86th minute.

Toronto won the title in its 11th season, TFC did not reach the playoffs until 2015, the first season it avoided losing more often than it won.

Toronto's 69 points this season are the most in league history, and the team won its first Supporters' Shield as regular season champion. Toronto also won the Canadian domestic championship, defeating MLS rival Montreal Impact in that final.

"In terms of seasons, I think we had the greatest season in the history of the league," Toronto coach Greg Vanney said. "I don't think it's debatable."

Seattle was seeking to become the fourth back-to-back champion in league history, joining D.C. United (1996 and 1997), Houston (2006 and 2007) and the Los Angeles Galaxy (2011 and 2012).

"The final game is what matters most and we didn't come to play," midfielder Cristian Roldan said.

Toronto outshot Seattle 22-7 and had 11 shots on target compared to two for the Sounders.

"At some point, if you're going to rely on your goalkeeper that often and in that many critical moments, one of them is going to get through," Schmetzer said.

Frei, who began his MLS career in Toronto, said he was "frustrated and disappointed" by Seattle's failure to match Toronto's desire and intensity.

"I'm disappointed in our performance," Frei said. "Toronto deserves to win, there's no two ways about it. You can only weather the storm for so long."



## College basketball roundup

## Boston College stuns Duke

Associated Press

BOSTON — Outside the Boston College basketball office, on the way to the practice gym, the walls are decorated with giant pictures from the Eagles' biggest wins.

The Sweet 16 appearance in 2006. Upsets over No. 1 North Carolina and No. 6 Duke in 2009. A victory over top-ranked Syracuse four years ago.

Make room for an addition: Boston College 89, Duke 84, an upset that sent the No. 1 Blue Devils to their first loss.

"We're putting one up for this one," coach Jim Christian said. "That's where I would put it. If you get a poster up on that wall, that's a big thing because of the proud history of this place."

Ky Bowman scored 30 points, adding 10 rebounds and nine assists to help Boston College (7-3, 1-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) win its third straight game against the No. 1 team in The Associated Press Top 25. Jordan Chatman scored 22, hitting four straight free throws in the final 16 seconds to ice it.

"I think this is probably going to be one of the top ones," Bowman said.

Gary Trent Jr. scored 25 and Marvin Bagley III had 15 points

and 12 rebounds for Duke (11-1, 0-1 ACC).

**No. 3 Michigan State 88, Southern Utah 64:** Miles Bridges, Nick Ward and Jaren Jackson each scored 17 points for the host Spartans.

Michigan State (9-1) has won eight straight by double digits since losing to top-ranked Duke.

**No. 5 Florida 66, No. 17 Cincinnati 60:** At Newark, N.J., Chris Chiozza scored the final six points of the game and Florida snapped a three-game losing streak in the second game of the Never Forget Tribute Classic at the Prudential Center.

**No. 6 Wichita State 78, Oklahoma State 66:** Landry Shamet scored a career-high 30 points for the visiting Shockers.

**No. 7 Texas A&M 73, Prairie View A&M 53:** Junior guard Admon Gilder scored 14 points and host Texas A&M overcame a sluggish start.

**No. 8 Kentucky 93, Monmouth 76:** Hamidou Diallo scored a season-high 23 points for the Wildcats at Madison Square Garden.

**No. 9 Notre Dame 92, Delaware 68:** At Newark, Del., Bonzie Colson had 19 points and 12 rebounds to lead the Fight-

ing Irish in coach Mike Brey's return to Delaware.

**No. 13 Xavier 96, Colorado 69:** At Cincinnati, Trevon Bluiett scored 25 points and J.P. Maura emerged from his slump by making his first six shots as Xavier completed a streak of non-conference payback wins.

**Arkansas 95, No. 14 Minnesota 79:** Jaylen Barford scored 22 points and freshman Daniel Gafford added 16 on 8-for-8 shooting for host Arkansas.

**No. 18 West Virginia 69, Pittsburgh 60:** At Pittsburgh, Jevon Carter scored 19 points and Daxter Miles Jr. added 15 as the Mountaineers fended off a furious second-half run.

**No. 19 Seton Hall 90, VCU 67:** At Newark, N.J., Angel Delgado had 14 points and 13 rebounds for Seton Hall in the Never Forget Tribute Classic at the Prudential Center.

**No. 23 Baylor 105, Randall 82:** Nuni Omot scored 30 points while Jo Lual-Acuil and freshman Tristan Clark notched double-doubles to lead Baylor at Fort Hood, Texas.

**No. 24 Tennessee 81, Lipscomb 71:** Grant Williams overcame early foul trouble to score 19 points in host Tennessee's first game as a ranked team since December 2010.

## NHL roundup

## Maple Leafs edge Pens

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Tyler Bozak scored two goals and the Toronto Maple Leafs got off to a fast start in a 4-3 victory over the Pittsburgh Penguins on Saturday night.

Conner Brown and James van Riemsdyk scored in the first 1:42 of the game, and Bozak also scored in the first period. Mitch Marner had three assists for the Maple Leafs.

Frederik Andersen stopped 33 shots for his 50th win with the Maple Leafs. Andersen has won 11 of his past 15 starts.

**Lightning 4, Jets 3 (OT):** Brayden Point scored 36 seconds into overtime and Tampa Bay completed a perfect four-game homestand.

**Kings 3, Hurricanes 2 (OT):** Tanner Pearson scored on his own rebound 4:40 into overtime for host Los Angeles.

**Rangers 5, Devils 2:** Mats Zuccarello scored twice, Henrik Lundqvist stopped 26 shots and host New York won for the 10th time in its last 11 at home.

**Golden Knights 5, Stars 3:** David Perron, Reilly Smith and Brayden McNabb scored in a span of 3:37 during the second period for visiting Vegas.

**Bruins 3, Islanders 1:** Brad Marchand and Jake DeBrusk scored, Tuukka Rask stopped 30 shots for host Boston.

**Blues 6, Red Wings 1:** Jaden Schwartz knocked home his own rebound and St. Louis scored four times on only five shots in beating host Detroit.

**Avalanche 7, Panthers 3:** Nathan MacKinnon and Alexander Kerfoot scored 41 seconds apart in the second period.

**Blue Jackets 1, Coyotes 0:** Josh Anderson scored 30 seconds into the game.

**Oilers 6, Canadiens 2:** Juhar Khaira had his first career two-goal game for the visitors.

**Sharks 5, Senators 0:** Logan Couture had a goal and two assists for host San Jose.

**Flames 4, Canucks 2:** Sam Bennett scored the go-ahead goal with 1:10 left.

## NBA roundup

## Harden rallies Rockets for win

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — James Harden scored 48 points and the Houston Rockets won their ninth straight, overcoming a 14-point, fourth-quarter deficit to beat the Portland Trail Blazers 124-117 on Saturday night.

**Cavaliers 105, 76ers 98:** LeBron James had his 58th career triple-double for host Cleveland.

**Thunder 102, Grizzlies 101 (OT):** Russell Westbrook overcame a poor shooting night, recording a triple-double, including two clinching free throws with 5.2 seconds left in overtime.

**Heat 101, Nets 89:** Goran Dragic and Tyler Johnson each scored 20 points in the Heat's first game in Mexico in franchise history.

**Lakers 110, Hornets 99:** Jordan Clarkson scored 14 of his 22 points in the fourth quarter and Los Angeles beat short-handed host Charlotte.

**Spurs 104, Suns 101:** Bryn Forbes sank a three-pointer with 21.5 seconds to play.

**Clippers 113, Wizards 112:** Lou Williams hit a go-ahead three-pointer with 1.2 seconds remaining, lifting host Los Angeles.

**Bulls 104, Knicks 102:** Kris Dunn made two free throws with 2.9 seconds left for Chicago.

**Bucks 117, Jazz 100:** Giannis Antetokounmpo had 37 points, 13 rebounds and seven assists for host Milwaukee.

**Hawks 117, Magic 110:** Ersan Ilyasova scored 26 points on 9-for-9 shooting.