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## ISIS had access to dirty bomb content

*The Washington Post*

On the day Islamic State overran the Iraqi city of Mosul in 2014, it laid claim to one of the greatest weapons bonanzas ever to fall to a terrorist group: a large metropolis dotted with military bases and garrisons stocked with guns, bombs, rockets and even battle tanks.

But the most fearsome weapon in Mosul on that day was never used by the terrorists. Only now is it becoming clear what happened to it.

Locked away in a storage room on a Mosul college campus were two caches of cobalt-60, a metallic substance with lethally high levels of radiation. When contained within the heavy shielding of a radiotherapy machine, cobalt-60 is used to kill cancer cells. In terrorists' hands, it is the core ingredient of a "dirty bomb," a weapon that could be used to spread radiation and panic.

Western intelligence agencies were aware of the cobalt and watched anxiously for three years for signs that the militants might try to use it. Those concerns intensified in late 2014 when ISIS officials boasted of obtaining radioactive material, and again early last year when the terrorists took over laboratories at the same Mosul college campus with the apparent aim of building new kinds of weapons.

In Washington, independent nuclear experts drafted papers and ran calculations about the potency of the cobalt and the extent of the damage it could do. The details were kept under wraps on the chance that Mosul's occupiers might not be fully aware of what they had.

Iraqi military commanders were apprised of the potential threat as they battled ISIS fighters block by block through the sprawling complex where the cobalt was last seen. Finally, earlier this year, government officials entered the bullet-pocked campus building and peered into the storage room where the cobalt machines were kept.

They were still there, exactly as they were when ISIS seized the campus in 2014. The cobalt apparently had never been touched.

Why ISIS failed to take advantage of their windfall is not clear. U.S. officials and nuclear experts speculate that the terrorists may have been stymied by a practical concern: how to dismantle the machines' thick cladding without exposing themselves to a burst of deadly radiation.

More certain is the fact that the danger has not entirely passed. With dozens of ISIS stragglers still loose in the city, U.S. officials requested that details about the cobalt's current whereabouts not be revealed.

## Crackdown on immigration ups stress among deployed

*McClatchy Washington Bureau*

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's crackdown on illegal immigrants is having the dangerous, unanticipated effect of putting additional stress on U.S. troops who have relied on a little-known program to protect their undocumented family members from deportation while the military personnel are deployed to war zones.

"Parole in place" reprieves, known inside the military as PIP, are meant to keep deployed servicemembers focused by easing any worry about the safety of undocumented spouses and immediate family back home. Defense officials say the program is crucial to alleviating unrelated stress on the battlefield by allowing troops' family members to live in the U.S. without fear of being deported and to apply for green cards without having to leave the country.

But as immigration arrests spike under the Trump administration's promised crackdown on people in the country illegally, immigration lawyers have begun warning their military clients that they can no longer rely on the PIP program.

"The concern is that it hasn't been endorsed by the administration, and there are several initiatives that might sweep this into the broader reworking of the immigration system," said David Kubat, an immigration lawyer and military veteran who serves in the National Guard in St. Paul, Minn.

Kubat said the program affects thousands of military families but doesn't get the same attention as other special-status programs, such as the DACA program that protects people brought to America illegally as children.

"It helps them deploy without being afraid," said Kubat. "Having your parents, your spouse and your children in a secure status is critical, especially in a stressful environment where you might not speak to them for weeks."

Many military family members applying for PIP received calls from their immigration attorneys in February after Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly

issued a memo on implementing Trump's executive order on immigration. Under the new guidance, the program appeared to have been scrapped. Kelly's memo stated that with the exception of the Obama-era deferred action policy, "all existing conflicting directives, memoranda or field guidance regarding the enforcement of our immigration laws and priorities for removal are hereby immediately rescinded."

In the following weeks, spokespeople for the Department of Homeland Security and the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services said the PIP program still existed and the language did not apply to it. A spokeswoman for USCIS confirmed to McClatchy that as of July, the program is still accepting applications under the existing policy.

But there has been no official word from the White House that the protection for families of deployed military will stay in place as the president considers changes to all special-status programs. Immigration and military advocates say they are wary of relying on the word of department spokespeople given the widening crackdown and news that even DACA is now at risk of being eliminated.

Immigration attorneys in California, Florida, Minnesota and Texas told McClatchy that they have been able to get military families' applications approved since the Trump administration's new guidance. However, the uncertainty about the program's future and the fear of being caught up in the widening net of ICE arrests has had a significant dampening effect.

Indeed, attorneys say they are seeing more PIP applications denied since Trump took office.

"I'm seeing a lot more denials under Trump than we saw under the Obama administration, and many people are afraid to apply now because of all the mixed signals from the administration," said Margaret Stock, an immigration attorney and retired Army officer who designed the military's program for immigrant recruits.

## Gates at bases on Okinawa reopen

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*Stars and Stripes*

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — Manpower issues that led to gate closures and traffic backups at some Marine Corps bases on Okinawa in recent months have been resolved, officials said.

The closures affected Camps Courtney, Kinser and Foster, where backups led to 45-minute delays in getting off base on some days during rush hours.

"The problem involving [gate-guard] manpower has been fixed; that is why we see a return to current gate hours," said 1st Lt. Edward Pringel, a Marine Corps spokesman.

The Camp Foster gates that have returned to normal operating hours include Gate 3 and the fire station gate, which is now open 24 hours. Gate 6 (Legion Gate) remains closed for construction and is slated to reopen on Aug. 16. Gate 2 (Exchange Gate) remains open 24 hours but only to passenger vehicles.

Camp Courtney's Gates 1 and 12 (Exchange Gate) are open 24 hours. Gate 7 is open 6 to 9 a.m. for inbound traffic and 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. for outbound traffic starting Friday.

Camp Kinser's Gates 3 and 4 are open 24 hours, while Gates 1 and 5 remain closed until further notice.

Resources were shifted around after "several Japanese Security Guards recently chose employment elsewhere," Marine officials said in April.

Officials from the Okinawa Chapter of the All Japan Garrison Forces Labor Union said the guards the Marines referred to are still Japanese government employees working for the U.S. military. They said 20-25 guards took jobs at other facilities on Okinawa.

## NCIS special agent to write novel with best-selling author

By TYLER HLAVAC  
*Stars and Stripes*

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — A Yokosuka-based Naval Criminal Investigative Service special agent has won a literary contest that's given him a chance to co-author a book alongside best-selling novelist James Patterson.

Tucker Axum III beat out thousands of other competitors in the James Patterson Co-Author Competition, MasterClass recently announced. The organization pairs participants with experts in their fields, allowing them to learn from a "master."

One of the country's most prolific fiction authors, Patterson has sold more than 350 million books worldwide and is recognized by Guinness World

Records for having the most No. 1 New York Times bestsellers, according to his website. No stranger to collaboration, he is expected to release "The President is Missing," co-authored with former President Bill Clinton, next spring.

Axum has published a novel, "The Reawakening of Mage Axum," and has written several articles that have appeared in various newspapers and periodicals. He hoped MasterClass would help him produce a second book.

Axum said he entered the contest by submitting one chapter and a book description. When the competition narrowed to him and two others, Patterson asked the finalists to submit two more chapters and an outline showing every chap-

ter of the planned book and a summary of each chapter.

Axum received a surprise phone call from Patterson on May 31, letting him know that he won.

During his time as an NCIS special agent, Axum has been stationed in both Italy and Japan, and has deployed to several countries. He said he has served in a variety of roles including security and investigations and spent a short tour in Kenya conducting counterterrorism operations.

Axum, whose writing is heavily influenced by his experiences overseas, said his next book will feature an ex-Secret Service agent who moves to Japan after being fired and finds himself caught up in the Japanese underworld.

## Hawaii agency says no to bunkers under crater

By WYATT OLSON  
*Stars and Stripes*

FORT SHAFTER, Hawaii — Hawaii's Emergency Management Agency has put the brakes on an idea to shelter people in old military bunkers beneath Diamond Head Crater in the event of a North Korean missile attack.

"Based on the current level of threat, we're focusing on sheltering in place and informing the population of what to do and when to do it," said Vern Miyagi, the administrator at the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency.

Sheltering is for protection against radioactive fallout, not the nuclear blast itself.

"There's no such thing as a blast shelter," Miyagi said. "If you're at ground zero, you're not going to survive."

The agency has fielded a wave of media inquiries after recent reports of a Hawaii state legislator suggesting the World War II-era underground tunnel complex at Diamond Head could be revamped into bomb shelters. Various military and state agencies lease space in the complex, primarily for storage.

North Korea tested its first intercontinental ballistic missile on July 4, sending it 1,550 miles high and 580 miles away, where it splashed into waters between Korea and Japan.

The launch's success has alarmed some resi-

dents of Hawaii, which, along with Alaska, stands as the closest target on U.S. soil.

Gene Ward, the Hawaiian legislator who suggested using the Diamond Head bunkers, told Reuters that North Korea's most recent launch was "shaking us out of bed."

Gen. Paul Selva, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told a Senate committee Tuesday that North Korea has not yet shown the capacity to strike any part of the United States with any degree of accuracy or "reasonable confidence of success."

Still, even a near-miss would bring with it radioactive fallout, and Miyagi's agency sees that as a threat requiring preparation.

While some of the bunkers below Diamond Head, which is near Waikiki Beach, could be retrofitted, Honolulu's usual traffic gridlock would make it impossible to reach the site in less than the 15 to 20 minutes warning time the public would likely have.

Miyagi said the agency is poised to kick off a statewide public information campaign advising "sheltering in place" in lieu of mass migrations to shelters.

Individuals comprising a family, for example, have to plan on separate stays at work, home, school or wherever if an ICBM were to ever detonate near Hawaii — for days, perhaps several weeks.

# Taliban seize control of 2 Afghan districts

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KABUL, Afghanistan — The Taliban seized control of two districts in different areas of Afghanistan in a matter of hours, officials said Sunday — the latest advances by the militants, who have vowed to step up attacks as the year progresses.

The Taliban overran Kohistan district in northern Faryab province after storming the district government's headquarters — which houses the police headquarters — late Saturday night, Abdul Karim Yourish, a

provincial police spokesman, said.

Security forces retreated to another base, but four were killed in the attack in addition to an unspecified number of Taliban casualties, he said.

"We are trying to send more forces to the district to recapture all of it," Yourish said.

Just hours after the Kohistan takeover, Taliban fighters in western Ghor province overran Taywara district.

The Associated Press reported the Taliban launched four assaults on the district headquarters early Sunday, pushing forces from the compound. The forces took up position about 5

miles away to wait for reinforcements to launch a counterattack, the AP said.

"There is a fear that the neighboring districts might also fall to the Taliban if the central government doesn't send enough troops and weapons soon," Fazal Haq Ihsan, head of the provincial council, told Stars and Stripes.

Zabihullah Mujahid, a Taliban spokesman, said the district takeovers are part of efforts by the group to step up activity in the latter half of 2017.

"We are trying to attack the enemy everywhere in the country now," Mujahid said, referring to the Afghan gov-

ernment as the enemy.

Gen. Dawlat Waziri, spokesman for the Afghan Defense Ministry, played down the significance of the takeovers.

"The enemy cannot maintain the capture of any district for long," Waziri said, adding that additional Afghan forces were being sent to Faryab and Ghor, which should help the government retake them in "four or five days."

In light of the poppy season drawing to a close, Waziri said, an uptick in Taliban activity is expected. The militants are directly involved in cultivating poppies used for heroin, the group's largest revenue source.

## Panel set to vote on vets' access to medical pot

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WASHINGTON — A measure allowing veterans easier access to medical marijuana garnered bipartisan support in Congress last year and nearly became law. A vote Monday could be the end of the line this year in another attempt to pass it.

The House Rules Committee will decide Monday whether to allow Rep. Earl Blumenauer, D-Ore., to offer an amendment to the Department of Veterans Affairs budget on the House floor. His "Veterans Equal Access" amendment would allow VA

doctors to recommend medical marijuana to their veteran patients in states where the drug is legal. VA providers also would be able to complete veterans' paperwork required by some states to purchase marijuana.

If the committee approves the amendment, Blumenauer will offer it up later this week when the House debates the VA appropriations bill. If the committee rejects it, the amendment will die before an opportunity for debate.

"All we're trying to do is make conversations between veterans and their VA providers about all

treatment options more accessible," Blumenauer said in an emailed statement. "We have Republicans, Democrats and veterans behind this effort. Our hope is that the Rules Committee will take note of the overwhelming bipartisan support for this amendment, show compassion for our veterans and give us a vote."

This marks Blumenauer's fourth time trying to pass the legislation.

The amendment failed in the House in 2014 and 2015 but passed 233-189 last year. It also was approved in the Senate,

with a vote of 89-8. But during negotiations, the measure was stripped out of the VA appropriations bill by a conference committee established to reconcile differences between the House and Senate versions.

In 2016, the Veterans Equal Access amendment didn't have to go through the Rules Committee. The additional step this year is mandatory for all amendments to the VA appropriations bill.

"We feel this should be a priority, given the support for it in the past," said Nicole L'Esperance, communications director for Blumenauer.

## AAFES will provide tax-free online shopping for veterans

*Associated Press*

OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE, Neb. — Veterans will soon get to shop tax-free online with the Army and Air Force Exchange Service.

Starting later this year, all honorably discharged veterans, no matter their branch of service, will be eligible to shop tax-free online at AAFES with the same discounts they enjoyed on base while in the military. It's the latest way in which the organization is trying to keep its

customers as the armed forces shrink and airmen and soldiers buy more for delivery.

Adding 13 million potential new customers will give extra ammunition to the group that runs the stores on U.S. Army and Air Force bases worldwide as it fights Amazon and other retailers for veterans' online shopping dollars.

Since hiring its first civilian CEO five years ago, the Exchange has upgraded the brands at base stores to include items

like Disney toys, Michael Kors fashions and other top names. Like private stores, it's also imposed tighter cost controls, reduced the number of employees and improved people's experience on the website.

"The intent is to really beat Amazon at their game because we have locations literally on the installations," said CEO Tom Shull. "We're leaning toward not just ship-from-store but pick-up-from-store and, eventually, deliver-from-store."

Expanding online shopping to all honorably discharged veterans is expected to add about \$200 million annually within three years to the \$8.3 billion in sales the Exchanges generated last year.

Adding those shoppers, what Shull called "the foundation of our growth," is critical to help offset the 13 percent decline in the number of active-duty Army and Air Force soldiers since 2011, when the Exchange generated \$10.3 billion in revenue.

# 8 found dead in tractor-trailer

## 20 others in dire condition; police suspect human smuggling

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Authorities called to a Wal-Mart parking lot in San Antonio overnight found eight people dead and 20 others in dire condition in the back of a sweltering tractor-trailer, in what police are calling a horrific case of immigrant smuggling.

The truck's driver was arrested, and all 28 survivors were taken to hospitals, where 20 were in extremely critical or serious condition, authorities said. Eight others were being treated for lesser injuries, including heat stroke and dehydration.

Temperatures in San Antonio reached 101 degrees on Saturday and didn't dip below 90 degrees until after 10 p.m., according to the National Weather Service.

The truck's trailer also didn't have a working air conditioner system, San Antonio fire Chief

Charles Hood said in a news briefing.

"They were very hot to the touch. So these people were in this trailer without any signs of any type of water," San Antonio Fire Chief Charles Hood said. "It was a mass casualty situation for us."

A person from the truck initially approached a Wal-Mart employee in the parking lot and asked for water late Saturday night or early Sunday morning, police Chief William McManus said. The employee gave the person the water and then called police, who found the dead and desperate in the truck.

McManus said the driver was arrested.

"We're looking at a human trafficking crime this evening," McManus said, adding that many of those inside the truck appeared to be adults in their 20s and 30s but that there

were also what appeared to be two school-age children.

Investigators could be seen gathering evidence from the truck Saturday, hours after those who were inside were taken away. The trailer had an Iowa license plate but no other markings.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security is assisting in the investigation.

In Mexico, smugglers have often crammed migrants bound for the United States into tractor-trailers, sometimes in hidden compartments. Authorities there have made a number of discoveries of large numbers of people being trafficked in such vehicles in dangerous conditions.

In December, Mexican immigration officials found 110 migrants trapped inside a truck after it crashed while speeding in the state of Veracruz.

# Rookie from N.J. becomes poker champ

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — A New Jersey man with a degree in accounting is this year's World Series of Poker champion.

Scott Blumstein won the series' marquee no-limit Texas Hold 'em main event early Sunday in Las Vegas surrounded by dozens of supporters including relatives and college friends. He is now more than \$8.1 million richer after eliminating Pennsylvania's Daniel Ott on the 246th hand of the final table, more than 60 hands with just the two of them with bricks of bills and a gold bracelet separating them.

Blumstein's final hand of an ace of hearts and a two of diamonds ended up being stronger than that of Ott, who went all in with an ace of diamonds and an eight of diamonds. The community cards were a jack of spades, a six of spades, a five of hearts, a seven of hearts and a two of hearts.

Ott, of Altoona, Pa., earned \$4.7 million. Neither he nor Blumstein, of Brigantine, N.J., had previously played at the main event.

Blumstein, a graduate of Temple University, is a regular on New Jersey online poker sites but had never cashed in the World Series of Poker. His total live winnings stood at more than \$300,000 before Sunday. Besides his multimillion-dollar payout, he took home a bracelet made from white and yellow gold, diamonds and rubies.

The millions of dollars Blumstein earned probably won't go toward buy-ins at high-roller poker tournaments, though. Blumstein said money is not what motivates him to play, but his payout will allow him to do "whatever" he wants to do whether that is play more poker, go into business or return to school.

The champion's home state is one of three where online poker is legal. After the tournament ended, he credited his many hours playing online for helping him win the main event.

# German girl who joined ISIS ID'd in Iraq

dpa

LEIPZIG, Germany — A 16-year-old girl from Germany has been identified in Iraq one week after the capture of 20 female Islamic State fighters in the liberated city of Mosul, officials in her home state of Saxony confirmed.

Prosecutors in Dresden, the capital of the eastern state, said the girl is receiving assistance at the German Embassy in Baghdad and did not give further details.

ISIS militants were ousted from Mosul, Iraq's second-largest city, earlier this month following a grueling U.S.-backed campaign that has left much of the city in ruins.

Days after recapturing the city, Iraqi counterterrorism units detained 20 female jihadis from a tunnel under a Mosul Old City neighborhood.

Reports began circulating that the German teen was one of them, but prosecutors were unable to confirm Saturday whether this was the case.

The schoolgirl from the small town of Pulsnitz, northeast of Dresden, disappeared in 2016 shortly after converting to Islam. She is thought to have been in contact with ISIS supporters via internet chatrooms.

German weekly Spiegel reported that the girl is one of four German women currently in prison

in the Iraqi capital after having joined ISIS. They reportedly were caught shortly after Mosul was liberated.

German diplomats were able to visit all four prisoners at a detention facility at Baghdad airport after Iraqi officials had shared a list of their names earlier in the week, the magazine reported.

They are reported to be in good condition, according to an initial assessment. One of the German women has Moroccan heritage, while another is from Chechnya but has a German passport.

There have been contradictory reports about the women's identities and whether the teen was one of the 20 women arrested.

An Iraqi counterterrorism official said all of those detained were older than 30, adding that they were armed with explosive belts and weapons in order to attack troops.

The detained group included foreign nationals from Russia, Turkey, Canada and Chechnya, he said.

According to Germany's domestic intelligence agency, 20 percent of Islamic State sympathizers who have left the country to travel to conflict zones in Iraq and Syria were women. Among those aged under 18, that figure jumps to about half.

# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## 60 gravestones toppled in Jewish cemetery

**CT** HARTFORD — Sixty gravestones have been toppled in three Jewish cemeteries in Connecticut, but police say they've found no evidence it was a hate crime.

Hartford police said a woman reported last week that the markers had been pushed over in the Ateres Kneseth Israel Cemetery.

Howard Shovronsky, head of the Greater Hartford Jewish Federation, which helps maintain the cemeteries, told the Hartford Courant that it appears to be a random desecration and a cowardly act of vandalism.

He said some of the headstones broke, and they are still calculating the cost to repair them.

## 'Chicken sludge' spill causes road closure

**PA** LANCASTER — A busy intersection in Pennsylvania was closed during the morning rush after a spill of "chicken sludge" — processed waste from poultry production facilities.

The spill occurred Friday after a Valley Proteins truck had to stop quickly to avoid hitting an ambulance driving through the Lancaster intersection. WPMT-TV reported that the hard braking caused some of the load of sludge to spill out onto the road.

According to its website, Valley Proteins provides waste disposal for restaurants and slaughterhouses, along with poultry processing facilities. The company collects and recycles animal-processing waste throughout the mid-Atlantic region.

## Mom who towed kids in wagon pleads guilty

**OR** SPRINGFIELD — A Eugene woman arrested for towing children behind her car on a city street July 12 has pleaded guilty and been released from custody.

The Register-Guard reported Alana Donahue, 27, pleaded guilty to recklessly endangering another person.

The agreement requires Donahue to not engage in any similar conduct and says she must comply with any state Department of Human Services directives and not have contact with an 8-year-old victim in her case. Police said the victim was her nephew.

Donahue was arrested after witnesses reported seeing her two children, ages 3 and 5, riding in a red, plastic wagon that was tied to the back of a Ford Taurus. Police subsequently learned of a photo that showed the 8-year-old boy also riding in the wagon.

## Man charged with setting blaze at store

**NC** WINSTON-SALEM — Authorities have charged a man with setting fire to a Winston-Salem thrift store.

A news release from the Winston-Salem Police Department said the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission Thrift Store was set ablaze early Thursday morning.

Police alleged Ronald Anthony Houser, 44, set the fire and stole items. He's been jailed on charges including felony burning of a public building and larceny.

The Winston-Salem Journal reported that Houser was an employee of the Rescue Mission. A safe and two cash boxes were taken, according to the newspaper.

## Teens charged after egg thrown at officer

**FL** LAKELAND — Two Florida teens are accused of picking the wrong bicyclist to throw an egg at.

The Ledger reported that the young men, both 18, were arrested Wednesday night shortly after their victim, Lakeland police Lt. Michael Lewis, called his colleagues.

Police said the officer, who was not in uniform, was riding his bike during a work break when he felt something hit the back of his helmet. He chased the vehicle and called for help on his cellphone.

A patrol officer pulled over the teens' car. The officer reported finding two cartons of eggs and a small amount of marijuana in the vehicle. Authorities said the vehicle's passenger, who admitted to throwing the egg, was charged with simple battery, and the driver was charged with culpable negligence.

## Lured by household trash, bears on move

**CO** BOULDER — Black bears are on the move in populated areas, causing problems in cities and towns up and down Colorado's Front Range, and activists say improperly stored household garbage is a big part of the problem.

Authorities have killed about three dozen bears causing problems in Colorado this year. No bears have been removed or killed in Boulder this year, but there has been plenty of bear activity in and near town lately, the Boulder Daily Camera reported.

One bear spent the better part of a day in a tree downtown. Another bear entered a campsite and bit a man while he slept.

Brenda Lee, of the Boulder Bear Coalition, told the city

council recently that overturned garbage cans are a sure sign bears are active.

## Car trying to beat train knocked into police SUV

**MS** BILOXI — Mississippi police said a freight train hit a car trying to beat it across the tracks, knocking it into a police SUV and a car that had been pulled over for a traffic stop.

Biloxi police Lt. Christopher De Back said the car hit by the train rolled over, injuring the driver. He said a woman inside was treated and released after being extricated Tuesday evening. Nobody else was hurt.

De Back said the CSX train conductor sounded the horn, but the driver kept heading south toward the train tracks.

## Woman guilty of cruelty gets 21 dogs returned

**IN** EVANSVILLE — A judge said 21 dogs can be returned to a woman who pleaded guilty to animal cruelty, months after authorities removed dozens from her property in Vanderburgh County.

Martha Crosley said she struggled to take care of dogs at her animal sanctuary earlier this year only because her husband had health problems. Nearly 70 dogs were removed in February due to poor conditions.

The Evansville Courier & Press said a prosecutor and animal control officers objected to having dogs returned to Crosley. But Superior Court Magistrate J. August Straus said she can have the 21 that remain. He sentenced her to a year of probation and 100 hours of community service for misdemeanor cruelty.

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# Spieth rallies, wins first British Open

Associated Press

SOUTHPORT, England — Jordan Spieth is the British Open champion, just like expected. Not like anyone could have imagined.

On the verge of another meltdown in a major, so wild off the tee that he played one shot from the driving range at Royal Birkdale and lost the lead for the first time all weekend, Spieth bounced back with a collection of clutch shots, delivering a rally that ranks among the best.

A near ace. A 50-foot eagle putt. A 30-foot birdie putt.

Spieth played the final five holes in 5 under and closed with a 1-under 69 for a three-shot victory over Matt Kuchar, giving him the third leg of the career Grand Slam and a chance to be the youngest to win them all next month at the PGA Championship.

"This is a dream come true for me," Spieth said, gazing at his name on the silver claret jug. "Absolutely a dream come true."

For so much of Sunday, it felt like a recurring nightmare.

Just 15 months ago, Spieth lost a five-shot lead on the back nine at the Masters, coming undone with a quadruple-bogey 7 on the 12th hole. It was more of a slow bleed at Royal Birkdale, with three bogeys on the open-

ing four holes and four putts inside 8 feet that he missed on the front nine to fall into a tie with Kuchar.

And then it all fell apart — or so it seemed.

His tee shot in the rain on the par-4 13th was so far right it sailed over the gallery, over the dunes behind them and was closer to the practice range than the fairway. When he finally found the ball, it was nestled in thick grass on a hill so steep Spieth could barely stand up.

Kuchar was 15 feet away for birdie, waiting — and waiting — on the green. Spieth appeared to be headed for a double bogey at best.

But the break of the tournament — and a moment that will rate alongside Seve Ballesteros making birdie from the car park when he won at Royal Lytham & St. Annes in 1979 — was when Spieth discovered the range was part of the course.

He took a one-shot penalty for an unplayable lie and took relief as far back as he wanted, onto the range, behind the equipment trucks. Then he received free relief from the trucks. That still left him a blind shot over the tall dunes to a fairway littered with pot bunkers.

His 3-iron stopped just short of one of them in front of the green, and he pitched over it to about 7 feet and holed the putt

to escape with bogey.

Kuchar missed his birdie, but had the lead for the first time.

Spieth had momentum from his bogey, and his 6-iron landed in front of the flag and missed going in by inches. He made a 4-footer for birdie to tie for the lead, and then seized control with a 50-foot eagle putt on the 15th hole, looking at caddie Michael Greller filled with playful bravado and barking, "Go get that!"

Spieth said his caddie played a massive role in keeping his head in the game.

"I was getting down on myself, as I think anyone would," Spieth said. "This is as much mine as it is his."

Kuchar made birdie from the bunker on the 15th to stay one behind, but he had no answer when Spieth poured in a 30-foot birdie at the 16th. And after Kuchar rolled in a 20-foot birdie on the 17th to stay in the game, Spieth buried a 7-foot birdie on top of him to keep that two-shot lead going to the 18th.

The sequence left the crowd — the largest ever this week for a British Open in England — simply delirious.

And they weren't alone.

"Is Jordan Spieth something else?" Jack Nicklaus tweeted.

Zach Johnson, Justin Thomas and Rickie Fowler were among those who waited by the 18th

to watch Spieth capture yet another major. Johnson won at St. Andrews two years ago, when Spieth missed the playoff by one shot in his bid for the calendar Grand Slam. Spieth drank wine from the jug that year, which he was told was bad luck for anyone wanting to possess the trophy one day.

"I started to believe them a bit through nine holes today," he said. "It feels good to have this in my hands."

From the driving range to the claret jug, Spieth put himself in hallowed territory just four days before his 24th birthday. He joined Nicklaus as the only player to win three different majors at age 23. Gene Sarazen in 1923 was the only other player with three majors that young. The Squire was 21.

Spieth goes to Quail Hollow in North Carolina next month with a chance to get that final leg of the Grand Slam.

Kuchar closed with a 69 and did nothing wrong. He just had no answers for Spieth's final blitz. Kuchar had a one-shot lead leaving the 13th green. He played the next four holes with two pars and two birdies and was two shots behind.

Spieth finished at 12-under 268. He became the first player to post all four rounds in the 60s at Royal Birkdale, which was hosting its 10th Open.

## Li surprises with 63 in final round for third

Associated Press

SOUTHPORT, England — Li Haotong crept into unexpected contention at the British Open with the round of his life on Sunday.

It didn't win him the claret jug. It definitely earned him a place at the Masters.

The 21-year-old Chinese golfer became the fourth player to shoot 63 in the final round of a major, after Jodie Mudd (Birkdale, 1991), Payne Stewart (Royal St. George's, 1993) and Henrik Stenson (Troon, 2016). The 7-under round moved him to 6 under overall. Only Jordan Spieth and Matt Kuchar, who were tied for the lead and playing in the final group, were ahead of him at 8 under with nine holes left.

Ernie Els, Li's playing partner, had a front-row seat of a bogey-free round containing seven birdies — four coming in the final four holes — and just 25 putts.

"I could see he wasn't backing off," Els said. "You see some guys get a little bit scared, but he kept going. So it was really special to see."

Li said he felt at home at Royal Birkdale because it was similar to the course he plays in Shanghai, Lake Malaren.

"Unbelievable, actually," he said. "I can't explain."

"Glad to see I holed everything. So quite happy out there."

Li won the Volvo China Open last year and maybe gained more notoriety last month at the French Open, when he threw

his putter into a lake in frustration at making a bogey. Minutes later, his mother waded into the muddy water to retrieve the club, slowly returned with it to dry land, only to throw it back into the water because it had been snapped in half by Li.

"Don't remind me, please," he told reporters, laughing.

The 63 would have tied a record for major championship scoring if Branden Grace had not set a new record of 62 on Saturday.

"Obviously Branden has the record. It's absolutely done and dusted. So what he did yesterday broke every record in the book," Els said. "But today's round, for what it is, is as good a round. It's not the same number, but it's the same quality golf."

# Dempsey lifts US into Gold Cup final

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Clint Dempsey grew up playing youth soccer in the Dallas area, nearly 200 miles from his Texas hometown.

Back in his home state and coming off the bench, Dempsey matched American international scoring record and sparked the U.S. to a spot in the CONCACAF Gold Cup title game.

Dempsey fed Jozy Altidore for the go-ahead goal not long after entering, then scored on a free kick to match Landon Donovan with his 57th international goal Saturday night in a 2-0 semifinal win over Costa Rica.

"This has to be the best in Texas for me, since I tied the record and it was an important game," said the 34-year-old forward from Nacogdoches.

Dempsey entered in the 66th minute and made a perfectly timed through pass six minutes later that allowed Altidore to break in alone and beat goalkeeper Patrick Pemberton with a left-footed shot from 10 yards.

Dempsey doubled the lead in the 82nd minute with a 27-yard shot that went around a four-man defensive wall and got past Pemberton on two bounces.

"I saw the keeper cheat-

ing a little bit, and it went in," Dempsey said.

Dempsey has 136 international appearances, trailing only Cobi Jones (164) and Donovan (157) among American men. The assist was his 20th for the national team.

"Coming back from two heart procedures, being able to still play at this level," Dempsey said in his Texas twang, "living a dream. So I'm happy."

After starting in Wednesday's win over El Salvador, Dempsey moved to a reserve role against the Ticos. While the U.S. inserted five new starters in a roster rotation, Costa Rica went with the same 11 who opened in Wednesday's win against Panama.

"I know it's something that was important to Clint, and to score that goal in a big game makes it even more special for him," coach Bruce Arena said.

Arena said the plan all along was to have Dempsey enter the semifinal between the 60th and 70th minutes, to provide a spark when legs got heavy.

"He thought it was going to be a tight game, and they'll bring me on late and it'll open up," Dempsey said. "He was right with what he said. It's always going to be a little difficult to try and go 90 three days after going 90 against El Salvador, so

I was happy with the decision."

Trying for their sixth Gold Cup title and first since 2013, the Americans play Mexico or Jamaica in the final on Wednesday at Santa Clara, Calif.

The U.S. improved to 8-0-5 since Arena replaced Jurgen Klinsmann in November and returned for a second stint as national team coach. Arena can become the first coach to win three Gold Cup titles following championships in 2002 and 2005.

Tim Howard got his second straight shutout and 42nd overall for the U.S., making key saves on Marco Urena in the 37th and 71st minutes.

After the second save, Dempsey took a pass from Darlington Nagbe in the center circle, made a cut, and took three touches as he sprinted toward goal. Altidore one-timed a shot for his first national team goal since September and ripped off his No. 27 jersey in a wild celebration, earning a yellow card.

Dempsey's goal sealed the win, putting the U.S. back in the championship after a shocking semifinal loss to Jamaica two years ago.

"Look, Clint's ability to impact a game with goals, assists at the highest level is nothing new," American captain Michael Bradley said. "Bruce felt

like for tonight his ability to come off the bench and come into a game, that maybe had started to open up a little bit, was going to make a difference and it sure did."

Dempsey said he bought 27 tickets for the game and saw many more people from his hometown.

"Congratulations, Clint. Feel free to stop now. We'll share it together," Donovan said while commentating during the Fox telecast.

Costa Rica routed the U.S. 4-0 at home in a World Cup qualifier in November, the final game before Klinsmann was fired and Arena was brought back. And up ahead is another matchup, a qualifier on Sept. 1 at Harrison, N.J.

Jordan Morris was among five new starters and hit a post just 11 seconds in. Arena didn't want Dempsey playing three full matches in an eight-day span.

Dempsey hopes to play in a fourth World Cup next year.

"He understands where he is in his career," Arena said. "There's going to be games he'll start, games where he'll play the role he played tonight. Things can change in other directions, but that's the plan right now."

# UK's Froome wins fourth Tour de France

Associated Press

PARIS — Riding a bright yellow bike to match his shiny leader's jersey, defending champion Chris Froome won his fourth and most challenging Tour de France title on Sunday.

The 32-year-old Kenyan-born British rider finished 54 seconds ahead of Colombian Rigoberto Uran overall, the smallest margin of his wins.

This was the third straight win for the Team Sky rider. His first in 2013 came the year after former teammate Bradley Wiggins sparked off an era of British dominance.

Frenchman Romain Bardet, runner-up last year, placed 2 minutes, 20 seconds behind in third place, denying Spaniard

Mikel Landa — Froome's teammate — a podium spot by just one second. Italian Fabio Aru finished fifth.

As per tradition, the 21st stage was reserved for sprinters and mostly a procession for Froome and the other overall leaders.

Dutchman Dylan Groenewegen won the final stage in a dash to the line, edging German rider Andre Greipel and Norwegian Edvald Boasson Hagen.

Moments later, Froome and the rest of the peloton crossed the line after eight laps of an eye-catching circuit around the city's landmarks, finishing as usual on the famed Champs-Elysees.

Froome now needs only one more title to match the Tour record of five shared by Jacques Anquetil, Eddie Merckx, Bernard

Hinault, and Miguel Indurain.

Froome sealed his win on Saturday, finishing third in the time trial in Marseille where he put more time into Uran and Bardet, who dropped from second to third.

After more than three weeks of stressful racing, it was a relaxed and easygoing atmosphere as riders set out from Montgeron in the Essone suburb south of Paris to the evening finish 164 miles away.

Froome chatted casually with two-time champion Alberto Contador, the Spanish veteran, as if they were on a sight-seeding ride.

Australian Michael Matthews, became the third Australian to win the green jersey, for top sprinter, following Robbie McEwen and Baden Cooke.

# Cruz, Gamel help Mariners edge Yanks in 10th

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Ben Gamel showed the Yankees his value as an everyday player.

Gamel, who began his career with New York, homered early, doubled and scored on Nelson Cruz's 10th-inning single that lifted the Seattle Mariners to a 6-5 win Saturday night.

"I can't thank this organization enough for giving me an opportunity," said Gamel, acquired from the Yankees last August. "It's been kind of an up-and-down career so far. Love it over here."

Masahiro Tanaka had another shaky outing and New York trailed 4-2 before Aaron Judge hit his major league-leading 32nd home run, a sixth inning drive against Steve Cishek. Matt Holliday's sacrifice fly tied the score in the eighth, but former Yankee Robinson Cano homered against David Robertson leading off the bottom half.

"The pitch was about as good as I could throw it," said Robertson, who returned to the Yankees this week in a trade from the Chicago White Sox. "I don't think I could do anything better with it."

Edwin Diaz blew a save for the fourth

time in 22 chances when Didi Gregorius walked leading off the ninth, pinch-runner Jacoby Ellsbury stole second and Torreyes, starting because Starlin Castro's ailing right hamstring is causing another trip to the disabled list, followed with a single.

Gamel opened the 10th with a double against Adam Warren (2-2), Cano was intentionally walked and Cruz lined a pitch to left for his AL-leading 75th RBI.

"I saw Warren yesterday and knew how he pitched me last night," said Gamel, hitting .321 after beginning the season at Triple-A Tacoma. "I kind of had a pitch in mind and I got it."

Tony Zych (4-2) pitched a perfect 10th, throwing called third strikes past Clint Frazier and Judge.

New York, which won the first two games of the four-game series, heads into Sunday 0-8-2 in series since sweeping Baltimore from June 9-11. The Yankees went 2-for-8 with runners in scoring position and fell to 9-19 in one-run games.

"Some of them have been us coming back and getting close," Yankees manager Joe Girardi said. "We had some opportuni-

ties to score that were missed today and to me that was the difference."

Tanaka allowed four runs and seven hits in six innings, raising his ERA to 5.37. Mike Zunino and Gamel hit solo homers in a four-run third against Tanaka, who has allowed 26 homers — one more than his previous big league high.

Danny Valencia and Mitch Haniger hit run-scoring singles in the inning.

"The third inning, obviously that wasn't good but you just try to turn things around and just being able to put up some zeros after that inning I think that's a positive I can take out of this outing," Tanaka said through a translator.

Gamel, who played in six games with the Yankees last year after seven seasons in their minor league system, also prevented a run in the first. Brett Gardner walked to open. Clint Frazier followed with a drive off the left-field wall, but Gamel played the ricochet perfectly and fired a strike to second to get Frazier, who slid past the bag.

"I got a carom right back to me, so I knew I had a play at second," Gamel said. "I was just trying to give Robbie a good hop."

## Roundup

# Simmons, Pujols help Angels knock off Red Sox

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ANAHEIM, Calif. — Andrelton Simmons drove in three runs, including a go-ahead two-run homer and Albert Pujols went 3-for-4 with two RBIs as the Los Angeles Angels rallied for a 7-3 victory over the Boston Red Sox on Saturday.

Simmons hit his 10th homer of the season to left and put the Angels ahead 4-3 in the third inning after falling behind early. Pujols doubled to score Yunel Escobar and Mike Trout to start the four-run burst.

Pujols became the 26th player to score 1,700 runs when he touched home plate after Simmons went deep. Pujols joins Barry Bonds, Hank Aaron, Babe Ruth, Alex Rodriguez and Willie Mays in amassing at least 600 home runs and 1,700 runs.

JC Ramirez (9-8) recorded his second win at home in 11 starts, striking out six while al-

lowing one earned run and five hits in six innings.

**Rangers 4, Rays 3:** Visiting Texas turned three Tampa Bay miscues into a three-run sixth inning and beat the Rays.

**Dodgers 6, Braves 2:** Chris Taylor drove in three runs with a home run and a triple, and Corey Seager and Chase Utley hit solo home runs to lead host Los Angeles past Atlanta.

**Cubs 3, Cardinals 2:** Kris Bryant raced home from first base on Anthony Rizzo's bloop double, capping host Chicago's three-run rally in the eighth inning.

**Brewers 9, Phillies 8:** Domingo Santana singled home the go-ahead run in the ninth inning after visiting Milwaukee blew a big lead, and the Brewers ended a season-worst six-game losing streak.

**Giants 5, Padres 4 (12):** Backup catcher Nick Hundley singled in Kelby Tomlinson

with two outs in the 12th for host San Francisco.

**Marlins 5, Reds 4:** At Cincinnati, J.T. Realmuto hit a pair of two-run homers and a double, powering Miami to its second straight victory.

**Nationals 4, Diamondbacks 3:** Bryce Harper homered and drove in two runs, Tanner Roark struck out a season-high 11 and Sean Doolittle stranded the potential tying run to preserve visiting Washington's win.

**Rockies 7, Pirates 3:** Host Colorado's German Marquez matched a career best with nine strikeouts in seven solid innings and also had a wayward pitch that fueled a near brawl.

**Mets 6, Athletics 5:** Wilmer Flores hit a solo home run with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning as New York rallied from an early five-run deficit to beat visiting Oakland for its fourth consecutive victory.

**Royals 7, White Sox 2:** Mike Moustakas homered twice, and Salvador Perez, Brandon Moss and Jorge Bonifacio also went deep to lead host Kansas City over Chicago, extending the White Sox's longest losing streak in two years to eight games.

**Astros 8, Orioles 4:** Marwin Gonzalez stepped in for injured Colin Moran and delivered a pinch-hit, three-run homer in the sixth inning to propel visiting Houston past Baltimore.

**Indians 2, Blue Jays 1:** Francisco Lindor hit a leadoff home run in the bottom of the 10th inning as host Cleveland defeated Toronto.

**Twins 6, Tigers 5:** At Minneapolis, Kyle Gibson took a shut-out into the eighth inning in his longest start of the season, Zack Granite had three of the Twins' 14 hits, and Minnesota held off a late rally to beat Detroit.