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Terrorists strike in London; 7 killed

3 men ram bridge pedestrians with van, get out and stab people in bars, restaurants

Associated Press

LONDON — British police arrested a dozen people Sunday in a widening terrorism investigation after attackers used a van and large knives to kill seven people in London, and the county's major political parties temporarily suspended campaigning with only days to go before the general election.

Prime Minister Theresa May said the vote would take place as scheduled Thursday because "violence can never be allowed to disrupt the democratic process."

The assault unfolded over a few terrifying minutes late Saturday, starting when a rented van veered off the road and barreled into pedestrians on busy London Bridge.

Three men then got out of the vehicle with large knives and attacked people at bars and restaurants in nearby Borough Market until they were fatally shot by police.

"They went, 'This is for Allah,' and they had a woman on the floor. They were stabbing her," said witness Gerard Vowls.

Florin Morariu, a Romanian chef who works in the Bread Ahead bakery, said he saw people running and some fainting. Then two people approached another person and "began to stick the knife in ... and then I froze and I didn't know what to do."

He said he managed to get near one attacker and "hit him around the head" with a bread basket.

"There was a car with a loudspeaker saying, 'Go, go,' and they (police) threw a grenade. ... and then I ran," he said.

London police said officers killed the attackers within eight minutes of arriving at the scene.

Eight officers fired some 50 rounds, said Assistant Commissioner Mark Rowley, the force's head of counterterrorism.

The three attackers were wearing what appeared to be suicide belts, but the belts turned out to be fake. Investigators were working to determine whether others assisted them, Rowley said.

A bystander also was wounded by the gunfire, but the civilian's injuries were not believed to be critical.

Forty-eight people, including two police officers, were treated at hospitals across London. Twenty-one remained in critical condition Sunday. Among the wounded were German, French and Spanish citizens, officials said.

The death toll of seven did not include the three attackers. Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said a Canadian was among the dead.

Homes raided

Counterterrorism officers raided several addresses in Barking, an east London suburb, and arrested 12 people there Sunday, police said.

Neighbors at the site of one raid in Barking said a man who lived there resembled one of the attackers shown in news photographs.

"He's lived here for about three years," Damien Pettit said. "He's one of our neighbors. I've said hello in passing more than 50, 60 occasions. He has two young kids. He was a very nice guy."

Armed officers also conducted a raid in the East Ham area of the city.

The rampage was the third major attack in Britain in the past three months, including

a similar vehicle-and-knife attack on Westminster Bridge in March that left five people dead.

On May 22, a suicide bomber killed 22 people and injured dozens at an Ariana Grande concert in Manchester, in northwestern England. Grande and other stars are scheduled to perform a benefit concert for victims under tight security Sunday night in Manchester.

Islamic State claimed responsibility for the Manchester bombing, but there was no immediate claim of responsibility for the London attack, which the prime minister linked to Islamic extremism.

May said the attacks were not directly connected but that "terrorism breeds terrorism" and attackers copy one another. She said five credible plots have been disrupted since March.

"It is time to say, 'Enough is enough,'" she said.

Britain's official terrorism threat level was raised from "severe" to "critical" after the Manchester attack, meaning an attack could be imminent. Several days later, it was lowered again to "severe," meaning an attack is highly likely.

Home Secretary Amber Rudd said Sunday that the level would remain at severe because police believe there are no perpetrators still on the loose.

Area to be avoided

A large area on the south bank of the River Thames remained cordoned off Sunday, and police told people to avoid the area. London Bridge and the adjacent train station, as well as nearby Borough subway station, were still closed.

Hours earlier, the area packed with bars and restau-

rants around the foodie magnet of Borough Market had been a scene of panic as people barricaded themselves in pubs and restaurants or fled through the streets.

Medics treated the wounded near the market as shocked people cried and shouted around them. Police officers yelled at people to run from the area, and blasts were heard as officers performed a series of controlled explosions.

Amid the violence and fear were stories of compassion and heroism. The British Transport Police said one of their officers, among the first to arrive, took the attackers on armed only with his baton and was seriously wounded. He was later described as being in stable condition with injuries that were not life-threatening.

Witnesses described how passersby threw chairs and beer glasses at the attackers in an attempt to stop them.

Richard Angell, who was in a restaurant, said he looked out, "and opposite, there's a guy who is throwing a table at somebody and it's very unclear about what is happening and it turns out to be a heroic guy who saw what was happening and just bombarded these terrible, cowardly people with stuff."

Vowls also saw people striking back at the attackers, and said he joined in.

"They were trying to force their way into a restaurant," he told ITV. "People were throwing bottles at them, pint glasses, whatever they could pick up. Then they went on the Wheat Sheaf (a pub). ... I went 'Oi, oi cowards!' — something like that to them. And then I started picking up bottles. I threw a chair at them, a stool, glasses — anything I could get my hands on."

Pentagon budget plan gives USAF in Europe big boost

By JOHN VANDIVER

Stars and Stripes

The U.S. Air Force is slated to get a boost of more than \$600 million — an increase of more than 150 percent — in the Pentagon's proposed 2018 budget for operations in Europe, the sharpest increase among the services as the military seeks to intensify efforts aimed at countering Russia.

Under the European Reassurance Initiative, the U.S. Army in Europe still gets the most dollars overall, but adding more Air Force capabilities is required to establish a stronger overall fighting force, U.S. European Command said.

"As a joint force, to provide a more credible deterrent, it is important we have not only the land forces but those other domains that are ready to respond and ready to react ... to be able to thwart aggression," said Maj. Gen. David Allvin, EUCOM's strategy chief.

The 2018 ERI, which still must be approved by Congress, calls for nearly \$4.8 billion — \$1.4 billion, or 41 percent, more than last year — to be invested in a range of operations aimed at deterring Russian aggression. The Army accounts for

the bulk of those funds, \$3.2 billion, largely in support of maintaining a year-round presence of a U.S. armored brigade and an aviation brigade and building up prepositioned stocks of equipment. But the ERI request for the Air Force, while smaller, is set to jump from \$388 million last year to \$1 billion in 2018.

The ERI is funded out of contingency funds and is separate from the Pentagon's \$574.5 billion base budget, which is set to rise by \$52 billion, or 10 percent, over the previous year's spending level.

The Navy got a more modest bump in Europe, a theater traditionally dominated by Army and Air Force presence, with funding to increase 78 percent from last year's \$86 million to \$153 million.

Roughly \$100 million of Air Force funding will go toward "air superiority capabilities" by deferring previously planned force reductions.

That ensures the retention of F-15C aircraft in the 493rd Fighter Squadron at RAF Lakenheath, as well as support squadron operations and weapon systems to maintain combat readiness. Enhancing Air Force rotations around Europe will cost \$160 million more.

Code-breakers' role in Midway battle honored

By WYATT OLSON

Stars and Stripes

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii — On June 4, 1942, Marine Corps Pfc. John F. Miniclier knew the Battle of Midway had begun as Japanese fighters strafed his encampment on Sand Island, one of the islands of the Midway atoll.

He and his fellow Marines had been told a few weeks earlier by Pacific Fleet command to expect an attack by a powerful Japanese armada.

What he didn't know then — and like most Americans did not learn until decades after — was the key role a small group of code-breakers had played in the American victory over that Japanese naval force intent on seizing the Midway Atoll, which lies about 1,000 miles northwest of Honolulu.

The 95-year-old has a different understanding now.

"The code-breakers, I think, are the guys who saved my life," Miniclier said after a ceremony Friday at Pearl Harbor commemorating the 75th anniversary of the pivotal naval battle.

It was held on the lawn outside

the historic Building I, which housed the code-breakers in the early part of World War II.

The intelligence they produced was key in stymieing Japan's takeover of Midway Atoll, an overwhelming invasion that would likely have spelled doom for the Marines defending it.

The Battle of Midway, which came just half a year after the Japanese surprise attack on Pearl Harbor, is widely regarded as the turning point of the war in the Pacific.

The 75-year commemoration paid particular homage to the code-breakers, whose role in the Battle of Midway was "the most successful intelligence operation in history," Samuel J. Cox, director of the Naval History and Heritage Command, told the audience.

Under the code name Station Hypo, the unit began intercepting and analyzing Japanese communications in the summer of 1941.

"Today, we honor those who broke more than codes but broke through barriers here at Hypo to enable victory," Adm. Scott Swift, commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet, said at the ceremony.

Liberty Bells leave Japan after 44 years

By TYLER HLAVAC

Stars and Stripes

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — The Liberty Bells of Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron 115 said goodbye to Japan after 44 years of service, departing Naval Air Station Atsugi for a new assignment stateside.

VAW-115's tenure made it one of the Navy's longest-serving forward-deployed air squadrons, according to a service statement.

The outgoing squadron of E-2C Hawkeyes has been relieved by VAW-125, which arrived at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni last February and flies the new E-2D Advanced Hawkeye early warning and control aircraft — the latest variant of the series.

The E-2D "employs long-range radar and electronic communications capabilities to

oversee the battle space and detect threats beyond the sensor range of other friendly units," according to a Navy statement.

Thursday's departure of VAW-115 is the latest step in the Navy's relocation of the bulk of Carrier Air Wing 5's nine air squadrons from Atsugi to Iwakuni.

VAW-115 is relocating to Naval Base Ventura County, Calif., where it will continue to support carrier strike groups, according to the Navy.

The Liberty Bells squadron arrived in Japan in 1973, but it deployed globally at times. Its pilots flew 179 combat sorties in support of Operations Desert Storm and Desert Shield and later flew 350 hours in support of major combat operations during the opening stages of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Navy officer who shared secrets gets prison time

NORFOLK, Va. — A U.S. Navy officer has been sentenced to six years in prison for revealing military secrets and other crimes.

Media outlets reported that Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lin was sentenced Friday in a Virginia military court. With the time he has already served, his prison term will last four more years.

Lin, 40, also was dismissed from the Navy.

Lin pleaded guilty last month to mishandling classified information, communicating national defense information and failing to report foreign contacts.

From The Associated Press

Officials say Trump probably won't block Comey testimony

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump is leaning against invoking executive privilege to try to block fired FBI Director James Comey from testifying about their private conversations regarding an investigation into Trump's former national security adviser, two administration officials said Sunday.

There's been no final decision, and the matter remains under discussion, according to the officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss private deliberations. Trump's known to change his mind on major issues.

Comey is to testify Thursday before the Senate Intelligence Committee. He'll probably be asked about conversations with Trump about Russian election meddling and the FBI probe into former national security adviser Michael Flynn. Accord-

ing to one memo Comey wrote, Trump personally appealed to Comey in a February meeting to abandon the investigation into Flynn and Flynn's Russian contacts, said a person who had read the notes.

Trump could invoke executive privilege by arguing discussions with Comey pertained to national security and that he had an expectation of privacy in getting candid advice from top aides. But legal experts say Trump likely undermined those arguments because he's publicly discussed the conversations in tweets and interviews. Trump's argument in favor of privilege also may be overcome because the investigation is focused on corruption and possible obstruction of justice.

In his letter firing Comey, Trump said the former FBI director had informed him "on three separate occasions that I am not under investigation."

Trump later tweeted: "James Comey better hope that there are no 'tapes' of our conversations before he starts leaking to the press!"

Trump also said in an interview that he was thinking of "this Russia thing" when he decided to fire Comey.

Sen. Mark Warner, the top Democrat on the Senate Intelligence Committee, said Sunday he hoped Trump would not attempt to bar Comey's testimony.

"I think he would be on shaky legal ground, to say the least," Warner told CNN's "State of the Union," citing Trump's comments about his conversations with Comey.

"Director Comey was fired by the president. And you have the president himself making derogatory comments, in effect, at least reported to the press, calling Comey a nut job. ...Totally inappropriate," Warner said.

Law may allow guns in Tenn. bus hub used by students

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Police and security guards keep watch as thousands of children zigzag through Nashville's downtown bus hub each morning and afternoon.

Barring a court challenge, the authorities likely won't be alone in carrying lethal firepower through the Music City Central station. A law signed by Gov. Bill Haslam that takes effect July 1 will force Nashville to let people carry loaded guns there and potentially even on city buses.

The law gives local governments an ultimatum: Either let handgun permit-holders carry guns, or invest in metal detectors and security guards to inspect bags where people enter public facilities.

But transit officials say it's logistically impossible to add metal detectors at stations and secure all city buses. Even trying to apply airport-style security to a public transit system would cost millions and create chaos, they say.

The law has officials in Tennessee's large cities fearing for children's lives, but Republican state lawmakers who approved the change in a largely party-line vote said the law enables people to properly defend themselves.

Adding the security features at stations and on buses could cost the state's four large urban public transit systems — Nashville, Knoxville, Memphis and Chattanooga — \$3.8 million up front and \$36 million annually, and make efficient connections impossible by forcing riders to show up an hour or more in advance to get through security, said Tennessee Public Transit Association Executive Director Jason Spain.

Between 4,500 and 5,600 students use Nashville's free city bus pass program. All public high schoolers and some students in grades 5 through 8 qualify.

SpaceX launches recycled cargo ship

Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — SpaceX launched its first recycled cargo ship to the International Space Station on Saturday, yet another milestone in its bid to drive down flight costs.

After a two-day delay caused by thunderstorms, the unmanned Falcon rocket blasted off carrying a Dragon capsule that made a station delivery nearly three years ago. When this refurbished Dragon reaches the orbiting lab Monday, it will be the first returning craft since NASA's now-retired shuttles.

The first-stage booster flown Saturday afternoon was new, and as is now the custom, returned to Cape Canaveral following liftoff for a successful vertical touchdown. "The Fal-

con has landed," SpaceX Mission Control declared from company headquarters in Hawthorne, Calif., and a cheer went up.

The plan is to launch the booster again, instead of junking it in the ocean as so many other rocket makers do. Just two months ago, SpaceX launched its first recycled booster on a satellite mission. Another flight featuring a reused booster is coming up later this month.

This Dragon capsule, meanwhile, came back for take two following a few modifications and much testing. Shortly before liftoff, a SpaceX vice president, Hans Koenigsmann, called the Dragon reflight "a pretty big deal."

It's all part of the company's quest, he said, to lower the cost of access to space through

reusability.

SpaceX chief Elon Musk tweeted early Sunday morning: "It's starting to feel kinda normal to reuse rockets. Good. That's how it is for cars & airplanes and how it should be for rockets."

The Dragon soaring Saturday has the same hull and most of the same parts from its 2014 flight. SpaceX installed a new heat shield and parachutes, among a few other things, for the trip back to Earth at flight's end. The Dragon is the only supply ship capable of surviving re-entry; all the others burn up in the atmosphere.

Besides the usual supplies, SpaceX's latest 6,000-pound shipment includes mice and flies for research, a new kind of roll-up solar panel and a neutron star detector.

Putin: Buildup on Kuril Islands due to US

BY SETH ROBSON
Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Russia's military buildup in the Far East is a necessary response to the U.S. missile defense shield, Russian President Vladimir Putin told reporters in Saint Petersburg.

Russia is planning to deploy a division of troops and already has sent two types of anti-ship missiles to the Kuril Islands, which the Soviet Union claimed from Japan at the end of World War II.

Meanwhile, the U.S. has been strengthening missile defenses in the Far East, deploying a Terminal High Altitude Area Defense system to South Korea in March.

The THAAD system's roughly 125-mile range is made to stop missiles in their terminal phase; however, analysts say China and Russia are concerned THAAD's radar could track their missile systems.

Putin said Thursday that Russia's buildup is a "countermeasure out of necessity" against the U.S. missile defense and not something started by Russia, according to a Kyodo News report.

U.S. Pacific Command spokesman Navy Cmdr. Dave Benham said in an email Friday that THAAD is a defensive system designed to counter short- and medium-range ballistic missiles from North Korea.

Demilitarization of the islands, known as the Northern Territories in Japan, is possible but should be considered in the context of reducing tension throughout the region, Putin said, according to Kyodo News.

Russia and Japan are negotiating joint economic development of the islands, but the return of the islands has long been a rallying cry among right-wing supporters of Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

However, Putin expressed concern that they could be armed by the U.S. military if they were returned, according to Japan's Asahi Shimbun newspaper.

"A U.S. missile defense system may be deployed," Putin said, according to Asahi. "Russia cannot accept that."

James Brown, an international affairs expert at Temple University's Japan campus, said Putin's latest statements were typical.

"Whenever they are asked about increases in military deployments, their standard

approach is that it is a response to American provocation," Brown said. Russia appears to be trying not to antagonize Japan, despite the deployment of 3K60 Bal and K300P Bastion-P missile systems to the islands, he said.

The longer-range Bastion-P, which has carried out strikes in Syria, has been installed on what Japan calls Etorofu Island, the northernmost of the disputed territories. The shorter-range Bal is on Kunashir Island, close to Japan's Hokkaido, Brown said.

"The Russians have minimized the amount of Hokkaido (prefecture) that can be covered by these missiles," Brown said. "One system just upgrades an older anti-ship missile that had been there for some time. The Japanese are fairly relaxed (about the deployments)."

It's unclear how many troops are in the Russian division headed to the islands, which already host 3,000 troops.

"Even with these increases, it will still be a lot less than the Soviets had there during the Cold War," Brown said. "They used to have a fighter base (on one of the islands), but now they only have a few helicopters."

Philippine police: Casino attack suspect was indebted gambler

Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — The lone suspect behind a deadly attack on a casino and shopping complex in Manila was a heavily indebted Filipino gambling addict, police said Sunday, bolstering their claim that the assault was not terrorism-related.

The man's immediate family confirmed his identity as Jessie Carlos — a married father of three and former Finance Department employee who owed more than \$80,000.

Manila police Chief Oscar Albayalde said, "This incident is confined to the act of one man alone, as we have always said."

Islamic State claimed responsibility for Friday's attack on Resorts World Manila, where 37 patrons and employees died, mostly from smoke inhalation as they tried to hide in one of the casino's VIP rooms on the second floor. Authorities have rejected the militants' claim, saying there is no evidence to back it and pointing out that the assailant shot no civilians during the two-hour ordeal despite being heavily armed.

The Philippines has faced a Muslim insurgency in the country's south for decades, and Manila has been on edge since government forces began battling Islamic militants who besieged

the southern city of Marawi.

On Sunday, Carlos' father told reporters that his son had no connections to terrorism.

Carlos' distraught mother, Teodora, said, "The message of what happened to my son is people should not get hooked on gambling so their families won't get destroyed," she said.

Albayalde said Carlos had sold off property to support his gambling habit. His family had grown so concerned that they had asked casinos in the capital to ban him from entering since April 3.

The breakthrough in efforts to identify him came when investigators traced his path to the casino from a Manila suburb, where he had hailed a taxi after midnight Thursday. They found his wife there early Sunday.

She told them she had seen images of her husband on TV. "She knew it was him, but she was really afraid," Albayalde said.

Authorities on Saturday released video footage of the attack to bolster their argument it was a botched robbery attempt by one man with no known link to terrorism.

He was later found dead on the fifth floor of a hotel connected to the complex, the 38th fatality of the night. Police said he shot himself and set fire to the empty room into which he had burst.

Bahrain shuts down newspaper

Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Bahrain shut down a prominent independent newspaper Sunday over an article about unrest in Morocco.

The closure of the daily Al-Wasat marks the third time authorities have ordered it to stop publishing a print edition since the island's 2011 Arab Spring protests, and it comes after officials briefly banned it in January from publishing online.

Bahrain's Information Affairs Authority issued the order first verbally on Sunday and later through a statement published by the state-run Bahrain News Agency, said Mansoor al-Jamri, the paper's editor-in-chief. The statement said the closure came over a story "affecting the relations of the kingdom of Bahrain with other countries."

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Police: Man set fire to get girlfriend to leave

MS COLUMBUS — A Mississippi man has been arrested for allegedly setting fire to his own mobile home, apparently to make his girlfriend leave.

The Commercial Dispatch reported that Aaron Augustinowicz, 62, of Caledonia, was arrested and was charged with arson after a May 27 fire.

Lowndes County court documents said Augustinowicz poured gasoline in multiple locations in the trailer before setting it on fire. At the scene, Augustinowicz told sheriff's deputies that burning the structure was the only way to get his girlfriend out of the house.

But the girlfriend told deputies that Augustinowicz set the fire after they had fought physically over the man's new girlfriend.

Firefighters rescue abandoned pigs

WV CHARLESTON — A truckload of pigs wasn't ready to become bacon, despite being parked in the hot sun for hours in West Virginia.

Bystanders called the fire department Friday after spotting 165 "panting pigs" in a seemingly abandoned tractor-trailer outside a Long John Silver's restaurant.

The Charleston Gazette-Mail reported that firefighters doused the pigs with water to keep them cool and had the truck towed to a shady spot until the Ohio trucking company could come to retrieve the animals.

The newspaper identified the driver as Keith Stikeleather, 55, who said it's his second week on the job. He said he went for a walk and lost track of time.

The department's Assistant Fire Chief Rob Sutler said the pigs appeared healthy but would need to regain the weight they sweated off.

Inmate released in error after hearing

KY OWENSBORO — State officials said a man serving a five-year sentence was mistakenly released from prison after a court hearing.

The Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer reported that Michael Bishop, 34, was serving a sentence out of Ohio County for flagrant nonsupport when he was taken to Jefferson County in May for a court hearing on other charges. After that hearing, officials released Bishop instead of taking him back to prison.

The newspaper reported that state officials said Bishop was "inadvertently released from custody on May 13." Davies County Detention Center Sgt. Raygen Bennett said an arrest warrant for Bishop on a charge of escape was issued.

Coast Guard rescues deer trapped in rocks

MI MANISTEE — A Coast Guard crew has rescued a pregnant deer that was trapped in rocks along the edge of the Manistee River in northern Michigan.

The Coast Guard said crewmembers from the Manistee station were doing routine training Wednesday morning when they saw the deer struggling to free itself.

They moored their boat, pulled the deer out and carried her to a nearby field. The deer suffered only small scrapes.

The Coast Guard said it does not routinely rescue animals. But Petty Officer 3rd Class Adrian Ledesma said in a re-

lease that he and the other crew "decided to rescue the deer before a person without rescue training could get hurt."

Upset man releases bedbugs in city office

ME AUGUSTA — The city manager in Augusta said the municipal office building had to be sprayed for bedbugs after a man threw a cup of the pests onto an office counter and about 100 of them scattered off.

City Manager William Bridgeo told the Kennebec Journal the man apparently complained Friday to the code enforcement office about bedbugs at his former apartment and then left, but returned after he showed the cup of bugs to a manager at his new apartment and was told he couldn't live there.

Bridgeo said the man let the bugs loose in the General Assistance Office, where he had asked for a form to request assistance and apparently was told he didn't qualify.

Wanted: A dad for Father's Day barbecue

WA SPOKANE — A group of men in their 20s in Washington state posted a Craigslist ad seeking a generic dad to grill burgers and hot dogs for a gathering set for the Saturday of Father's Day weekend.

Qualifications include a minimum of 18 years of experience as a dad and 10 years of grilling experience. The successful dad must bring his own grill, but burgers and hot dogs will be provided.

Dane Anderson said the young men in Spokane don't live with their fathers and, as the ad says, none is prepared to fill the role of barbecue dad.

Additional requirements in-

clude talking about dad things like lawn mowers, building your own deck and musician Jimmy Buffet. Payment is food and beer.

Arrest made after stolen boat gets stuck

OR NORTH BEND — Police arrested a homeless man accused of stealing a sailboat from a pier along the southern Oregon coast.

North Bend police Sgt. Michael Kuehn said Andrew Morgan, 28, hid below deck when the boat got stuck in the mud during low tide. Kuehn said Morgan ignored Coast Guard warnings to leave the cabin, and authorities stormed the boat and made the arrest Wednesday night.

Morgan faces charges of theft and unauthorized use of a vehicle.

Carriage horse breaks free, runs into traffic

NY NEW YORK — A New York City carriage horse is safely back in its stable after breaking free and running wild through rush hour traffic.

The horse, a 12-year-old mare named Goldie, broke free last week while being taken back to her stable in the Hell's Kitchen neighborhood of Manhattan. Witnesses said Goldie soon went into a full gallop, cutting off cars and running across streets.

After running 11 blocks, Goldie returned to her stable on her own. She was not injured.

A carriage driver said it wasn't that big of a deal and told WNBC-TV that Goldie probably wanted some exercise after a slow day at work.

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Angels' Pujols joins 600-home run club

Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Albert Pujols hit his 600th career home run Saturday night, delivering a grand slam to become the ninth player in major league history to reach the mark.

The Los Angeles Angels slugger connected in the fourth inning against Minnesota's Ervin Santana, driving a high fly into the short left-field porch at Angel Stadium.

The milestone homer is the latest superlative in the 17-year career of Pujols, a 13th-round draft pick who became one of the greatest hitters of his generation.

The 37-year-old Pujols is the fourth-youngest player to hit 600 homers behind Alex Rodriguez, Hank Aaron and Babe Ruth. Pujols joins home run kings Barry Bonds and Aaron as the only players to hit 600 homers and 600 doubles.

The Dominican veteran is the first player to hit his 600th homer since Jim Thome in August 2011. With his ninth homer this season, Pujols has joined the club with Bonds (762), Aaron (755), Ruth (714), Rodriguez (696), Willie Mays (660), Ken Griffey Jr. (630), Thome (612) and Sammy Sosa (609).

Pujols also became the first player to hit

a grand slam for No. 600 during the Angels' 7-2 victory over the Twins.

He put a long, looping swing on the struggling Santana's low 87-mph pitch, and he briefly stood at the plate to see whether the ball would stay fair. When it did, he rounded the bases to a fusillade of fireworks before greeting his excited teammates at home plate.

Pujols waved to the roaring crowd on his way to the dugout, and he paused briefly before the steps to plant a kiss on his wife, Deidre.

"I don't play here for numbers," Pujols said this week after hitting No. 599. "My goal since Day 1 when I got to the big leagues was to help the organization that I wear the uniform of. At the end of my career, numbers are numbers. I think I'm going to have plenty of time, but my main goal is to try to win a championship here."

"I'm aware of the history, don't get me wrong. I respect it, but I think that's kind of a distraction that I don't want to bring into the game for me."

Mike Trout went to the ballpark right after having thumb surgery Wednesday because he wanted to see Pujols make history — and Trout has returned every night

since, his hand in a cast.

"It's pretty incredible," Trout said. "Each night he gets a hit or gets an RBI, he's passing somebody. (On Thursday) he passed Babe Ruth in hits. I think that's pretty special. It's remarkable, his career so far. He's got a lot of baseball left, but I think the biggest thing is 600. That's special."

The three-time NL MVP has slowed in numerous ways since joining the Angels, who haven't won a playoff game since giving him a \$240 million free-agent contract in December 2011. Pujols doesn't round the bases or play the field with his youthful vigor, but he still delivers solid pop at the plate as one of the majors' top RBI producers.

Pujols has homered in 37 ballparks and against all 30 big-league teams, including the Cardinals. Santana is one of 386 pitchers to yield a homer to Pujols.

Pujols is the majors' active leader in homers by a long shot, and the 600-homer club might not get its next member for several years. Detroit's 34-year-old Miguel Cabrera has 451 homers, and the next-closest player under 34 years old is Milwaukee's 33-year-old Ryan Braun with 292.

MLB-leading Houston wins 9th in a row

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — A.J. Hinch isn't getting caught up in the streaks or all the impressive things the Houston Astros are doing this season.

Their manager is just relishing each victory, and the Astros have 40 of them after winning their major league-best ninth in a row with a 6-5 victory over the Texas Rangers on Saturday night.

"It means we've put a lot of games together in a row successfully," Hinch said. "We don't get caught up in first to 40, or leads. It's June and we're trying to win as many games as we can."

Carlos Beltran had three hits and drove in three runs, Jose Altuve capped his three-hit game with a key homer leading off the ninth and the Astros (40-16), with best record in the majors and best start in franchise history, are already 14 games

ahead of two-time defending division champion Texas.

"Everyone is having a good year, everyone is swinging the bat well so it's kind of rare to see that from top to the bottom, anyone could do damage," Beltran said. "It's fun for us. For other people, I don't know how much fun it is."

Red Sox 5, Orioles 2: At Baltimore, David Price took a three-hitter into the eighth inning to earn his first win of the season, Hanley Ramirez homered and drove in three runs for Boston.

Yankees 7, Blue Jays 0: Brett Gardner, Matt Holliday, Starlin Castro and Didi Gregorius all hit solo home runs in the eighth inning, leading Jordan Montgomery and New York over host Toronto.

Cubs 5, Cardinals 3: Slumping Kyle Schwarber hit his first career grand slam in the bottom of the seventh inning to rally Chicago to a victory over

visiting St. Louis.

Braves 6, Reds 5 (12): Matt Adams hit his first career grand slam and connected again for a solo shot in the 12th inning, powering Atlanta to a victory over host Cincinnati that ended a three-game losing streak.

Athletics 10, Nationals 4: Ryon Healy had two doubles and two homers, Jed Lowrie doubled twice and homered, and Oakland beat visiting Washington.

Royals 12, Indians 5: Lorenzo Cain capped a six-run fifth inning with a two-run homer, Jason Hammel settled down after a shaky start and host Kansas City routed Cleveland.

Phillies 5, Giants 3: Ben Lively pitched seven strong innings in his major league debut, Odubel Herrera drove in three runs Philadelphia's four-run seventh and the Phillies held on against visiting San Francisco.

Mets 4, Pirates 2: Neil Walk-

er hit a two-run homer against his former team and host New York also got long balls from Jay Bruce and Wilmer Flores in beating Pittsburgh to stop a three-game slide.

Tigers 10, White Sox 1: Jordan Zimmermann tossed six solid innings and Detroit used four home runs to power past visiting Chicago.

Rockies 10, Padres 1: Nolan Arenado hit his 14th homer, Ian Desmond added a grand slam and Colorado stopped host San Diego's season-high, five-game winning streak.

Dodgers 10, Brewers 8: Chris Taylor hit a go-ahead grand slam off Carlos Torres in a five-run ninth inning, and visiting Los Angeles rallied late for the second straight day to beat Milwaukee.

Mariners 9, Rays 2: Mike Zunino hit his first grand slam and drove in a career-high seven runs to power host Seattle past Tampa Bay.

Volquez throws no-hitter

Associated Press

MIAMI — Edinson Volquez's day was nearly over after three pitches. And he strongly considered leaving the game after five innings because of ankle pain.

A couple hours later, nothing was hurting at all.

He stuck around — and pitched the game of his life.

Volquez threw the sixth no-hitter in Marlins history, facing the minimum 27 batters on Saturday and beating the Arizona Diamondbacks 3-0. Tied for the major league lead in losses when the game began, he struck out 10, and the two baserunners who reached on walks were erased by double plays.

He needed 98 pitches, the last of those striking out Chris Owings to complete the masterpiece.

"When I passed the seventh, I said, 'I'm going to go for it,'" Volquez said. "And I got it."

It's the first no-hitter since Jake Arrieta did it for the Cubs on April 21, 2016, at Cincinnati, and the first time Arizona was no-hit since Miami's Anibal Sanchez threw one on Sept. 6, 2006.

Volquez (2-7) was nearly knocked out of the game after just one batter, when he collided with Diamondbacks leadoff man Rey Fuentes as he covered first, rolled his ankle and took a hard fall to the turf.

"I thought I broke my ankle," he kidded after the game.

Alas, that was the only hit the Diamondbacks got. Luckily for Volquez, body blows don't show up in the scorebook.

The 33-year-old righty's first season in Miami started about as badly as possible; the Marlins lost eight of his first nine starts and Volquez dropped his first seven decisions.

Yet on this day, he was nearly perfect.

"This is one of those days, you didn't know what was going to happen," Volquez said. "And today I had a no-hitter."

Predators rout Penguins 5-1

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Predators coach Peter Laviolette heard all the questions and criticism of Pekka Rinne after the goaltender's struggles in the Stanley Cup Final in Pittsburgh.

Well, Laviolette never thought of switching goalies.

A change of scenery helped Rinne and all his Nashville teammates as they dominated once again on their own ice for the biggest piece of franchise history yet.

A victory in the Stanley Cup Final.

Roman Josi and Frederick Gaudreau scored 42 seconds apart in the second period, and the Predators beat the Pittsburgh Penguins 5-1 Saturday night to pull within 2-1 in the best-of-seven series. Rinne started and made 27 saves against a Pittsburgh team that continued to struggle on the power play and lacked the same zip they had in winning the first two games at home.

"There was no decision," Laviolette said of changing goalies. "He was terrific. I said that after Game 2. He's been the backbone for our team. He's been excellent. His game tonight was rock solid."

The Predators capped the biggest party in Nashville history with a victory that gave thousands of fans inside and outside of the arena reason to celebrate. Country star Keith Urban and wife, actress Nicole Kidman, were high-fiving inside the arena and they had plenty of company. Credit Rinne for coming through with a stingy performance and helping the Predators improve to 8-1 at home this postseason.

The 6-foot-5 Finn looked so shaky in the first two games, giving up eight goals on just 36 shots. Laviolette benched him in the third period of Game 2 when Rinne gave up three goals in the first 3:28 of a 4-1 loss.

Rinne said he changed nothing and knew he was playing all the time. Nashville fans did their best to lift his spirits by chanting his name in pre-game warm-ups.

"Collectively we came into the locker room, and we were telling each other we've never seen anything like that," Rinne said.

Josi also had two assists. James Neal, Craig Smith and Mattias Ekholm also scored for Nashville as the Predators worked out some frustration against the Pens.

"Like our team has done the whole playoffs against Chicago, St. Louis, Anaheim, we showed really good composure," said Nashville defenseman P.K. Subban, who had predicted a win in Game 3. "We're going to take that into the next game."

Game 4 is Monday night.

Pittsburgh coach Mike Sullivan said he thought his Penguins gave up a couple of easy goals.

"We're disappointed we didn't get the result,

but we also understand that this is a series," Sullivan said. "Our guys, they've been through this. They can draw on their experience. We're not going to let this certainly get us down. We're going to learn from it, move by it and get ready for the next game."

Captain Sidney Crosby did not have a shot on goal, and neither did Evgeni Malkin.

"Hopefully a game like this is something that's a hard lesson," Crosby said. "But we've got to make sure we're better."

Jake Guentzel scored his 13th goal this postseason and fourth of this series for Pittsburgh and now is one off Dino Ciccarelli's rookie record of 14 in 1981 for Minnesota.

Guentzel, already with two game-winning goals in the series, put the Penguins up 1-0 on their second shot with a wrister off a rebound of Ian Cole that beat Rinne just 2:46 into the game.

Rinne stopped the next 26 shots for the victory.

Early on, Matt Murray extended his scoreless streak to 72:54 with the Pittsburgh goalie looking ready to notch his 21st playoff win. Then he gave up five goals in the span

of 15 shots and the catfish watch was on.

The Predators got it started with a three-goal flurry in the second.

Josi scored his sixth goal off a slap shot at 5:51, tying it at 1-1 and finally giving nervous fans something to enjoy. Then Gaudreau, who scored his first career NHL goal in Game 1, scored 42 seconds later to put Nashville ahead with his wrister from the high slot, taking advantage of a screen by Penguins defenseman Ian Cole to beat Murray glove-side.

Just after that go-ahead goal, the Penguins had a rush on Rinne, and the three-time Vezina Trophy finalist made back-to-back big saves. First, he stopped Phil Kessel's wrister from the right circle. The rebound bounced back into the slot, and Rinne made a save on Chris Kunitz with an assist from Subban sliding over to help.

Neal made it 3-1 with 22.6 seconds left in the second, banking the puck off Murray's left arm for his first goal in the series and sixth of the playoffs. Smith's goal on a breakaway at 4:54 was his first of the playoffs, and Ekholm padded the lead with a power-play goal with 6:50 left.

"We played some good hockey in those first two games, just a couple little breakdowns and they jumped all over us and it was in the back of the net," Neal said. "It was a good job of limiting that tonight."

As for Rinne, Neal added: "We felt we left him out to dry a few times in the last game. I thought we did a better job tonight."

'Like our team has done the whole playoffs ... we showed really good composure.'

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Predators
defenseman

Holloway TKOs Aldo for UFC title

Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO — Max Holloway claimed the undisputed UFC featherweight title on Saturday night, stopping long-reigning champion Jose Aldo in the third round of an impressive upset victory.

Holloway (18-3) won the belt in Aldo's native Brazil with a dynamite finish. The interim 145-pound champion floored Aldo with a big right hand, getting on top and raining down punishment until referee John McCarthy stopped the bout with 47 seconds left in the round.

Holloway earned his 11th consecutive UFC victory and claimed the title held by Aldo for most of the past six years. Aldo lost the belt to Conor McGregor in December 2015, but regained it last year.

Aldo (26-3) is the most accomplished featherweight in mixed martial arts history, but he has lost two of his last three bouts after winning 18 consecutive fights from 2006-15.

Brazilian strawweight contender Claudia Gadelha recorded an impressive first-round stoppage of Poland's Karolina Kowalkiewicz, and Vitor Belfort also won a debatable unanimous decision over Nate Marquardt, thrilling the Brazilian fans of the 40-year-old former UFC champ from Rio.

But in the main event, Aldo couldn't capitalize on his home-crowd advantage after the opening round against Holloway, who didn't waste his first shot at the undisputed title.

Holloway clawed his way to this stage with a lengthy unbeaten run since his loss to McGregor in 2013, capped by his win over Anthony Pettis for the interim belt last December.

Aldo's hand speed and overall quickness were confounding early on for Holloway, whose normally crisp striking struggled to match Aldo's movement. After Aldo controlled the first round, Holloway found his rhythm in a tight second, matching Aldo's famed work rate and aggression.

Williams bounced from French

Associated Press

PARIS — There will be a first-time Grand Slam champion at the French Open. And there's a week left in the tournament to figure out which of the 12 women still around that will be.

Venus Williams was the last of the past major title winners in the draw, and she lost in the fourth round to 30th-seeded Timea Bacsinszky 5-7, 6-2, 6-1 at Court Philippe Chatrier on Sunday. That happened less than an hour after defending champion Garbine Muguruza was beaten 6-1, 3-6, 6-3 by 13th-seeded Kristina Mladenovic at Court Suzanne Lenglen.

The only other two women with a Grand Slam trophy on their résumés who made it to the fourth round — Svetlana Kuznetsova and Samantha Stosur — lost earlier Sunday to women without one.

Kuznetsova, who won the 2009 French Open and 2004 U.S. Open, was ousted by two-time major finalist Caroline Wozniacki 6-1, 4-6, 6-2, while 2011 U.S. Open champion Stosur was eliminated by 19-year-old Jelena Ostapenko of Latvia 2-6, 6-2, 6-4.

Mladenovic will face Bacsinszky next, and Wozniacki meets Ostapenko. Plus, all eight women who play for quarterfinal berths Monday are seeking

a first major title.

Heading into this French Open, many figured the women's draw was wide open, because of the absences of Williams' sister, Serena, and Maria Sharapova. How right those folks were.

This was Muguruza's first attempt at defending a Grand Slam championship, and she ran into a determined Mladenovic, who was backed by a vocal crowd of countrymen who chanted her nickname, Kiki, throughout the match.

Mladenovic often played to the fans, waving her arms to ask for more noise. And as Muguruza walked to the locker room after her defeat, she wagged a finger toward the stands as if to say, "Tsk, tsk!"

A year after showing so much resolve while winning the French Open, Muguruza fell apart down the stretch.

The 24-year-old Mladenovic never had been past the third round at her home major — and has never made it beyond the quarterfinals at any other.

But she managed to pull off the biggest victory of her career despite 16 double-faults, seven in each of the last two sets on a windy day with the temperature in the 60s.

"Everything wasn't perfect. There were a few concerns," Mladenovic said, before joking: "I made about 35 double-faults

today, but everything's OK!"

Muguruza, who was seeded No. 4 in Paris, beat Serena Williams in the French Open final last year. She also was the runner-up to the American at Wimbledon in 2015.

The last repeat women's champion at Roland Garros remains Justine Henin, who won the tournament three consecutive years from 2005-07.

Mladenovic broke down in tears during her post-match speech to the crowd, telling her supporters: "The courage and the force you give me is just unimaginable. It's thanks to you that I fought for every point. And we're in the quarterfinals. Yes!"

The last woman representing France to win the country's Grand Slam tournament was Mary Pierce in 2000.

This was the second year in a row that Bacsinszky beat seven-time major champion Venus Williams in the fourth round in Paris.

Earlier, Rafael Nadal tied Roger Federer's record by reaching the French Open quarterfinals for the 11th time.

Nadal, seeking a record 10th championship at the clay-court major, overwhelmed Roberto Bautista Agut 6-1, 6-2, 6-2 and has dropped only 20 games so far.

Mickelson out of Open for graduation

Associated Press

DUBLIN, Ohio — Phil Mickelson says he will miss the U.S. Open for the first time in 24 years to attend his oldest daughter's high school graduation in California.

Mickelson hasn't officially withdrawn from the U.S. Open, which starts June 15 at Erin Hills in Wisconsin. But that's the same day as Amanda Mickelson's graduation from Pacific Ridge School, and he doesn't see any way he'll make a tee time.

The U.S. Open is the only major Mickelson has not won. He has not missed it since his first full year as a pro in 1993.

This is the same daughter who nearly caused Mickelson to miss the 1999 U.S. Open at Pine-

hurst No. 2, where he carried a beeper with him and pledged to leave in the middle of the tournament even if he were leading. Mickelson lost on a 15-foot par putt at the last hole to Payne Stewart. Amanda was born the next day.

And now she's graduating high school.

"It's a tournament that I want to win the most," Mickelson said after his third round at the Memorial. "The only way to win is if you play and have a chance. But this is one of those moments where you look back on life and you just don't want to miss it. I'll be really glad that I was there and present."

He said Amanda is the school president and the valedictorian. She is going to Brown.