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## House panel's chairman to seek \$705B defense budget

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — An influential House committee chairman will press his case on Monday for a \$705 billion defense budget in 2018, more military spending than at any point during the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and a level even a number of his Republican colleagues don't support.

Rep. Mac Thornberry, of Texas, who heads the Armed Services Committee, argues the sharp increase is badly needed to repair a military that's been at almost continuous combat for a decade and a half. He'll unveil a blueprint that proposes \$37 billion above the \$603 billion that President Donald Trump requested for core Pentagon operations along with another \$65 billion for warfighting missions.

But Thornberry is at odds with fellow Republicans over how much the Pentagon should get in the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1. Conservatives who dominate the Budget Committee agreed last week on an outline that promises \$620 billion for the core military budget that pays for weapons, training and troop salaries. That's \$20 billion less than Thornberry wants. The two committees, along with senior GOP members of the appropriations panel, have been meeting behind closed doors. Thornberry said he's willing to accept a lower number, but only if he's assured the Pentagon will no longer be hamstrung by a budgeting process that leaves the armed services unsure of how much they'll get each year and when the money will arrive.

Squarely in the sights of Thornberry and other defense hawks on Capitol Hill is a 2011 law that strictly limits defense spending. If the budget caps mandated by the Budget Control Act are breached, automat-

ic spending reductions known as sequestration are triggered. They've been pushing for the law to be repealed, but that won't happen without help from Democrats who want limits on domestic spending erased.

"If we can get to a point where we don't have these draconian cuts hanging over our head there is value to that," said Thornberry, whose committee will craft the sweeping defense authorization bill this week.

Thornberry criticized Trump's maiden Pentagon's budget as inadequate, but he refused to blame the president. The defense budget sent to Congress last month was essentially what former President Barack Obama would have proposed, he said.

"There wasn't anybody at DOD to write a Trump budget request," according to Thornberry. "I have no doubt that our president wants to repair and rebuild our military."

Yet the Trump administration is almost entirely responsible for the skeleton crew at the Pentagon. There are dozens of top-level jobs that require Senate confirmation before they can be filled, but Trump, in office since late January, has nominated just 20 so far.

Thornberry's blueprint recommends an increase of just over 18,000 active-duty troops for the Army, the Air Force and the Navy. Overall, the plan envisions a full-time fighting force of 1.3 million.

The plan provides a 2.4 percent pay raise for the troops, which is slightly higher than the wage increase the Pentagon had proposed. Defense Secretary Jim Mattis defended the lower amount during a committee hearing earlier this month, telling lawmakers that the salaries of U.S. service-members are competitive with those in the private sector.

## Justices OK limited version of travel ban

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court is allowing the Trump administration to go forward with a limited version of its ban on travel from six mostly Muslim countries, a victory for President Donald Trump in the biggest legal controversy of his young presidency.

The justices will hear full arguments in October in the case that has stirred heated emotions across the nation. In the meantime, the court said Monday that Trump's ban on visitors from Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen can be enforced if those visitors lack a "credible claim of a bona fide relationship with a person or entity in the United States."

Trump said last week that the ban would take effect 72 hours after being cleared by courts.

The administration has said the 90-day ban was needed on national security grounds to allow an internal review of screening procedures for visa applicants from the six countries. Opponents say the ban is unlawful, based on visitors' Muslim religion. The administration review should be complete before Oct. 2, the first day the justices could hear arguments in their new term.

A 120-day ban on refugees also is being allowed to take effect on a limited basis.

Three of the court's conservative justices said they would have let the complete bans take effect. Justice Clarence Thomas, joined by Samuel Alito and Neil Gorsuch, said the government has shown it is likely to succeed on the merits of the case, and that it will suffer irreparable harm with any interference.

Some immigration lawyers said the limited nature of the

ban and the silence of the court's liberals on the issue Monday suggested that the court had not handed Trump much of a victory. They said relatively few people would fall under the ban because people coming to study, work or visit family in the U.S. already have sufficient relationships with others already in the country.

Trump, though, hailed the high court's order as a "clear victory for our national security." He said in a statement that his "number one responsibility" is to keep the American people safe.

The court explained the kinds of relationships people from the six countries must demonstrate to obtain a U.S. visa. "For individuals, a close familial relationship is required," the court said. For people who want to come to the U.S. to work or study, "the relationship must be formal, documented and formed in the ordinary course, not for the purpose of evading" the travel ban.

The opinion faulted the two federal appeals courts that had blocked the travel policy for going too far to limit Trump's authority over immigration.

Trump's first executive order on travel also applied to travelers from Iraq, and took effect immediately, causing chaos and panic at airports over the last weekend in January as the Homeland Security Department scrambled to figure out whom the order covered and how it was to be implemented. A federal judge blocked it eight days later, an order that was upheld by a 9th circuit panel. Rather than appeal, the administration said it would revise the policy. In March, Trump issued the narrower order.



# Afghan War waste gives pause to some members of Congress

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — One shirt, one pair of pants.

Those are the basics for outfitting an Afghan soldier. But in that simple uniform combination are the threads of two troubling stories — one about the waste of millions in American taxpayer dollars, the other about the perils of propping up a partner army in a seemingly endless war.

Together these tales help explain why some in Congress question the wisdom of investing even more resources in Afghanistan, nearly 16 years after the U.S. invaded the Taliban-ruled country in response to the al-Qaida attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. The Army general who runs the U.S. war effort in Afghanistan calls it a stalemate. Defense Secretary Jim Mattis says the U.S. is “not winning,” and he vows to “correct this as soon as possible.”

The Trump administration is searching for an improved approach to achieving the goal it inherited from the Obama administration: to get the Afghan government to a point where it

can defend itself and prevent its territory from being a haven for extremists. Mattis has said he expects to have that revised strategy ready for Congress by mid-July. This week he will be consulting with NATO allies in Brussels on troop contributions and other Afghan issues.

The long war has generated repeated examples of wasted funds, which may be inevitable in a country such as Afghanistan, where the military has been built from scratch, is plagued with corruption and relies almost completely on U.S. money for even the most basic things, including salaries and uniforms.

Among the costs rarely noted publicly: The Pentagon has spent \$1 billion over the past three years to help recruit and retain Afghan soldiers.

The money wasted on uniforms is small potatoes by comparison with other U.S. missteps in Afghanistan, but it is emblematic of broader problems.

The Pentagon has not disputed the gist of findings by its special inspector general for Afghanistan, John Sopko, that the

U.S. spent as much as \$28 million more than necessary over 10 years on uniforms for Afghan soldiers with a camouflage “forest” pattern that may be inappropriate for the largely desert battlefield. In a report released last week, Sopko’s office said the Pentagon paid to license a propriety camouflage pattern even though it owns patterns it could have used for free. The choice, it said, was based on the seemingly offhand fashion preference of a single Afghan official.

Sopko’s office is still investigating the camouflage uniform contract process, which it found “questionable.”

Since 2002, the U.S. has spent \$66 billion on Afghan security forces alone. In recent years that spending has grown, even though President Barack Obama’s stated goal was to wean the Afghans from U.S. military help after he formally ended the American combat role there three years ago. U.S. spending on Afghan forces rose from \$3.6 billion last year to \$4.2 billion this year, and President Donald Trump’s proposed 2018 budget asks for \$4.9 billion.

## Report: CIA head and Syria spy chief talked

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The CIA’s director held a secret negotiation with Syria’s intelligence chief earlier this year as part of an effort to free an American journalist taken hostage in the Arab country five years ago, The New York Times reported Friday.

The phone conversation between CIA boss Mike Pompeo and Syria’s Ali Mamlouk occurred in February, the newspaper reported, citing unidentified American officials. The subject was Austin Tice, a former Marine who has reported for The Washington Post, McClatchy newspapers, CBS and other outlets.

While further communications followed, the Times reported that the diplomatic effort collapsed after the U.S. accused Syrian President Bashar Assad’s government of killing dozens of civilians in a sarin gas attack in April and President Donald Trump responded by launching some 60 cruise missiles at a Syrian air base.

The Pompeo-Mamlouk call would represent the highest-level communication between the two governments in years. It also is surprising given the widespread allegations of Mamlouk’s culpability in human rights atrocities in Syria’s civil war. Mamlouk has been subject to U.S. sanctions since 2011.

Tice disappeared in 2012 while working near Damascus, shortly after his 31st birthday. A month after his kidnapping, a video was released showing him blindfolded, being held by armed men and saying “Oh, Jesus.” He has not been heard from since, though the U.S. has believed Syria’s government might be holding him.

No nation or group has come forward saying it has Tice.

## ISIS launches attacks in western Mosul

Associated Press

IRBIL, Iraq — Islamic State fighters launched a string of counterattacks in a western Mosul neighborhood that had recently been declared free of the group, setting off clashes that continued overnight, Iraqi officials said Monday.

By daylight, the situation was calm and the fighting had subsided, according to army spokesman Brig. Gen. Mohammed al-Khodari.

The attacks came as Iraqi forces continue to move in on the last pocket of territory ISIS holds in the neighborhood known as the Old City.

Al-Khodari told The Associated Press that ISIS sleeper cells set fire to houses and cars Sunday afternoon in the Tanak neighborhood on Mosul’s far western edge. The area was declared fully liberated in early May.

“This is in line with tactics we have seen previously in Samarra (and) Anbar,” he said. Both the

Iraqi city of Samarra and the western province of Anbar had been liberated from ISIS militants last year but have seen occasional counterattacks by the extremist group.

“When they sense defeat somewhere, they counterattack somewhere else to draw away attention and to show that they are still strong,” said al-Khodari. “This attack shows that they will soon be defeated in Mosul.”

Earlier this month, ISIS launched a large-scale counterattack in Mosul that underscored the extremist group’s resilience in the city despite months of heavy fighting with Iraqi forces backed by U.S. air power.

The June 14 assault was carried out by more than 100 ISIS militants and killed 11 Iraqi police and four civilians in clashes that lasted hours.

Iraqi forces launched an operation to retake Mosul’s Old City — ISIS’s last stronghold there — just over a week ago.

# 'Missing' Shiloh sailor faces court-martial

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YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — A USS Shiloh sailor who sparked a massive, three-day search after appearing to have fallen off the ship only to be found later in the ship's engine room is facing court-martial.

Navy spokesman Cmdr. Clay Doss told Stars and Stripes in an email Monday that Petty Officer 3rd Class Peter Mims, who served as a gas turbine systems technician on the Yokosuka-based guided-missile cruiser, has been held in the Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Brig since June 21 in anticipation of possible court-martial charges.

Doss said further details will be released pending an investigation but added that

early indications are that Mims was actively trying to avoid sailors who were searching for him on the ship. Doss said the investigation is expected to conclude in mid-July.

Mims was found missing June 8 at 9:30 p.m. and was presumed to have fallen overboard off the ship. Navy, Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force and Japan Coast Guard ships spent more than 50 hours searching for Mims, the Navy said. Helicopters and other aircraft from the Shiloh, the USS McCampbell, the USS Barry, the USS John S. McCain and the aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan assisted in the search before it was suspended June 11, with the presumption that he was lost at sea.

The Shiloh crew even continued searching the ship after surface and air searches were canceled, and the crew was in the

process of planning a memorial service for Mims when he was found, according to Navy statements.

Mims joined the Navy in February 2014 and reported to the Shiloh the following August. His awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, the Overseas Service Ribbon and the Sea Service Ribbon, according to the Navy.

Mims was presumed to have been the second sailor in a week to fall overboard from a ship. On June 6, Petty Officer Christopher Clavin, of the USS Normandy, was reported missing while the ship trained off the North Carolina coast. Navy and Coast Guard ships searched for Clavin for more than 76 hours, officials said.

## Unexploded ordnance discovered at Yokota

*Stars and Stripes*

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Construction workers have unearthed unexploded ordnance at Yokota in western Tokyo in an area that houses the U.S. Forces Japan commander and other high-ranking officers, an Air Force statement said.

The discovery, which happened just before noon Monday at Kenney Court, prompted security forces to cordon off the area and to notify an explosive ordnance disposal team to assess the situation. The area was still blocked off as of 5 p.m., although the perimeter had been reduced from its initial 300 feet.

There was no threat to base personnel or the local community, a base spokesman said.

On June 14, a military team investigating "possible unexploded ordnance" at Tokorozawa Communication Site in Saitama Prefecture found the item to actually be construction material, Air Force officials said.

## F-35Bs make first Okinawa appearance

By MATTHEW M. BURKE  
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CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — Two F-35B Lightning II aircraft landed on Okinawa on Monday, the first time the state-of-the-art stealth fighter has visited the strategically important Japanese island.

The jets from Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 121 arrived at Kadena Air Base in central Okinawa to become familiar with the airfield, a Marine Corps statement said. The aircraft flew in from Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni on the Japanese mainland, where

they are based.

"The F-35B represents the future of Marine Corps tactical aviation," the statement said.

The Marine Corps has said the fighters will be operating out of Okinawa's Marine Corps Air Station Futenma and Kadena on a "transient basis."

The fighters arrived in Japan in January with much fanfare. A month later, they were training in the skies around Okinawa. This is their first visit to an Okinawan airfield, the statement said.

The F-35B Lightning is a short-takeoff, vertical-landing aircraft meant to replace the

F/A-18 Hornet, the AV-8B Harrier and the EA-6B Prowler. As with most new platforms, the fighter's development was plagued with issues, and at one point President Donald Trump indicated he might scrap the program altogether.

However, the aircraft has endured and typically is seen as a valuable tool in maintaining the status quo in the Pacific region.

As with the Hornet and the Harrier before it, the F-35B will operate in designated military airspace and ranges, the statement said.

## Soldiers learning about forestry in internship

Several soldiers looking to transition to a new career are spending the summer in the White Mountain National Forest getting training in land management skills.

They are working with specialists in the fields of recreation, forestry, hydrology and wildlife through the Veteran Conservation Corps in a special internship program. They also are getting help with resume writing and interview skills. Forest officials will try to help place them in jobs.

Organizers hope the program,

a partnership between the U.S. Forest Service and the Department of Defense, will provide a model that can be applied nationally to assist soldiers interested in land management.

## WWI vet's lost Purple Heart returned to kin

SKANEATELES, N.Y. — A long lost Purple Heart medal awarded to a World War I veteran wounded in a gas attack has been returned to his family in central New York.

Vermont-based Purple Hearts Reunited said the medal belonged to Cpl. Everett Jesse Proper, who was born in

1894 in a Catskill Mountains town. He served with the U.S. Army's 77th Infantry Division in France, where he was gassed in August 1918.

Proper survived the war. He died in 1981.

Proper's Purple Heart medal was found in a house near Lee, N.H. Purple Hearts Reunited was contacted and it tracked down Proper's great-nephew, Victor Swart, of Skaneateles.

Purple Hearts Reunited founder Zachariah Fike returned the medal Sunday to the Swart family at their home 15 miles southwest of Syracuse.

From The Associated Press



# Family of slain black motorist reaches nearly \$3M settlement

MINNEAPOLIS — The mother of Philando Castile, a black motorist killed by a Minnesota police officer last year, has reached a nearly \$3 million settlement in his death, according to an announcement Monday by her attorneys and the Minneapolis suburb that employed the officer.

The settlement to be paid to Valerie Castile, who is the trustee for her family in the case, will avoid a federal wrongful death lawsuit stemming from Philando Castile's death. The 32-year-old elementary school cafeteria worker was killed by St. Anthony officer Jeronimo Yanez during a traffic stop July 6 after Castile told the officer he was armed. Castile had a permit for his gun.

The shooting gained widespread attention after Castile's girlfriend, who was in the car with her then-4-year-old daughter, livestreamed its aftermath on Facebook.

Yanez, who is Latino, was acquitted of manslaughter and other charges earlier this month. The jury's decision prompted days of protests, including one in St. Paul that shut down Interstate 94 for hours and ended with 18 arrests.

The \$2.995 million settlement will be paid by the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust, which holds the insurance policy for the city of St. Anthony. It requires approval by a state court, which could take several weeks. The statement from the city and Castile's attorneys says no taxpayer money will be used to fund the settlement.

Robert Bennett, who along with attorney Glenda Hatchett is representing Valerie Castile, said the idea behind the settlement was to move expeditiously rather than have the case drawn out in federal court, a process that would "exacerbate and reopen terrible wounds." The settlement will also allow the

family, the city and community to work toward healing, Bennett said.

"No amount of money could ever replace Philando," the joint statement said. "With resolution of the claims the family will continue to deal with their loss through the important work of the Philando Castile Relief Foundation."

A Facebook page for the non-profit foundation says it was established to help victims of gun violence and to provide relief for the grieving. During his trial, Yanez, 29, testified that Castile ignored his commands not to pull out his gun. The officer said he feared for his life.

According to squad-car video that captured the shooting, Castile said: "I'm not pulling it out" before Yanez fired seven rapid shots. Castile's last words after the shooting were "I wasn't reaching..."

Castile's girlfriend, Diamond Reynolds, later said Castile was reaching for his wallet.

## Ex-sheriff on trial for immigration crackdowns

Associated Press

PHOENIX — The immigration rhetoric and crackdowns pushed by President Donald Trump have a familiar ring in Arizona, where former Sheriff Joe Arpaio became a national figure using similar tactics.

Now, Arpaio, 85, is going on trial on a criminal charge stemming from those immigration enforcement actions.

The eight-day trial that begins Monday in federal court in Phoenix will determine whether Arpaio is guilty of misdemeanor contempt of court for disobeying a judge's order to stop traffic patrols that targeted immigrants. The judge later found officers were racially profiling Latinos.

Arpaio's legal troubles played a major role in voters turning him out of office in November.

The former six-term sheriff of metro Phoenix has acknowledged defying the judge's 2011 order in a racial profiling lawsuit by prolonging the patrols for months. But he insists it was not intentional. To win a conviction, prosecutors must prove he violated the order on purpose.

If convicted, Arpaio could face up to six months in jail.

For nine of his 24 years in office, Arpaio did the sort of local immigration enforcement that Trump has advocated. To build his highly touted deportation force, Trump is reviving a program that deputizes local officers to enforce federal immigration law.

Unlike other local police leaders who left immigration enforcement to U.S. authorities, Arpaio made hundreds of arrests in traffic patrols that sought out immigrants and business raids in which his officers targeted immigrants who used fraudulent IDs to get jobs.

His immigration powers were eventually stripped away by the courts and federal government, culminating with the 2013 ruling that Arpaio's officers profiled Latinos.

## Support for gay marriage surges in poll

Associated Press

NEW YORK — In the two years since same-sex marriage was legalized nationwide, support for it has surged even among groups that were broadly opposed, according to a new national survey.

The Pew Research Center survey found that for the first time, a majority of blacks and baby boomers support allowing gays and lesbians to wed. It said Republicans are now split almost evenly, a marked shift from 2013, when 61 percent opposed gay marriage.

Pew's survey was conducted among 2,504 adults across the U.S. from June 8 to 18. It was released Monday, the second anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling on same-sex marriage.

Resistance to the ruling has

largely faded away, and same-sex marriage is now treated as a routine occurrence across the U.S. According to the Williams Institute at UCLA School of Law, there are more than 547,000 same-sex married couples in the U.S., including at least 157,000 couples who married in the past two years.

Some staunch opponents of gay marriage are now focusing their efforts on trying to provide legal protections to civil servants, merchants and other business people who do not want to provide services to same-sex couples.

There's a case pending before the Supreme Court involving a Colorado baker who was found guilty of discrimination for refusing to sell a gay couple a wedding cake. A florist in Washington state also is

expected to appeal to the high court after she was fined for violating that state's anti-discrimination law because she would not provide flowers for a same-sex wedding.

Some of the notable findings in the Pew survey:

■ Overall, 62 percent of Americans support same-sex marriage, the highest level in 20 years of Pew polling on the issue. As recently as 2010, support was at 42 percent.

■ Among baby boomers, support is now at 56 percent — up from 46 percent a year ago.

■ Support among blacks has risen from 39 percent to 51 percent over two years.

■ Among Republicans and Republican-leaning independents, 48 percent oppose same-sex marriage and 47 percent support it. In 2013, 61 percent were opposed.



# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Petition seeks removal of Confederate marker

**MD** SALISBURY — A petition is circulating to remove a marker commemorating a Confederate general from the lawn of a courthouse.

James Yamakawa, co-founder of Showing Up For Racial Justice Delmarva, has started a petition on Change.org asking the County Council to remove a marker honoring Gen. John Henry Winder from the historic Wicomico County Courthouse.

The Daily Times of Salisbury reported the courthouse is the site where slaves were kept before being auctioned and where Matthew Williams was lynched in 1931. Salisbury Mayor Jake Day signed the petition and said Winder has no connection to Salisbury. He said Winder is from Nanticoke, and his sign belongs there, if anywhere.

## Man gets 4 years for billy club possession

**NY** NEW YORK — A New York man was sentenced to four years in prison for possession of a billy club.

State Supreme Court Justice William Garnett had denied a motion to set aside Christian Tan's guilty verdict when he faced sentencing Thursday.

Tan, 27, was arrested in 2016 after police found a billy club in his car. He was found guilty of criminal weapon possession two months ago. Possessing a club is a misdemeanor, but the charge was elevated to a felony because Tan has a prior conviction for assault.

## Misunderstanding on social media stirs panic

**OH** AKRON — A misunderstanding on social media caused panic in Ohio

when restaurant-goers thought an iconic pizza and spaghetti restaurant was closing.

While it is true that Luigi's Restaurant is closing, it is not the location in Akron. The Facebook post announcing the closing came from a store in Fife, Scotland. Facebook users in Ohio quickly shared the post, commenting with messages of disbelief and sadness.

Jen Mock told the Akron Beacon Journal the Akron restaurant manager received several calls from customers concerned about the store closing. Mock said she "about died" when she found the original post was from Scotland.

## Couple living together die in separate rooms

**FL** KEY WEST — A medical examiner found that a Florida couple whose bodies were found in separate rooms in their home died of natural causes.

Authorities never suspected foul play or suicide in the March 29 deaths of Richard Lee Hadlock, 50, and Sandra Lee Witkowski, 54. But the Miami Herald reported their deaths on the same day, which raised questions for many around Key West.

In reports released June 20, Dr. Thomas Beaver found Hadlock had a long-standing history of medical problems, including diabetes and renal failure. His body was found in one bedroom while his companion's body was in another. The autopsy says Witkowski had suffered from severe cirrhosis.

## Police captain accused of 63 policy violations

**CT** MERIDEN — An internal affairs investigation has accused a Connecticut police captain of committing 63 department pol-

icy violations.

The Record-Journal reported Meriden Police Capt. Patrick Gaynor is being accused of violations that include falsifying records, being untruthful and retaliatory conduct.

Gaynor has been on paid administrative leave since December. City Manager Guy Scaife said Thursday he is still waiting on a report from the hearing officer.

The investigation against Gaynor was launched in December after a law firm failed to substantiate his claims that the police chief had engaged in retaliatory behavior against him.

## 2 Pa. kids win National Marbles Tournament

**NJ** WILDWOOD — A boy and a girl from Pennsylvania have won the 94th annual National Marbles Tournament along the New Jersey shore.

Officials in Wildwood said Eli Murphy, 14, of Pittsburgh, defeated Josh Frazho, of Genesee, Mich., in the boys' final on Thursday. Sierra Ricci, 12, of Shaler Township, Pa., defeated Lauren Shutey, 13, of Pittsburgh, in the girls' division.

## Police: Woman faked cancer, got money

**RI** PROVIDENCE — A Rhode Island woman who police say faked that she had cancer has been charged with obtaining money under false pretenses.

Rhode Island State Police said Alicia Pierini, 35, of Woonsocket, was arrested Thursday. She did not enter a plea during her arraignment in Providence and was released on \$40,000 personal recognizance.

Police said they received a complaint that Pierini told people she had a brain tumor or brain cancer. A friend started a

GoFundMe account to help with her medical expenses, raising about \$28,000. Police said their investigation determined she had not been diagnosed with a tumor or cancer.

A GoFundMe spokesman said all donors have had their donations refunded.

## 80 fall ill with food poisoning after rodeo

**CO** GLENWOOD SPRINGS — State health officials say 80 people who became ill after attending a rodeo in western Colorado had food poisoning.

The Glenwood Springs Post Independent reported samples sent to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment tested positive for *Clostridium perfringens*, a leading cause of foodborne illness.

The complaints were tied to the June 5 Rifle Rodeo.

## For fourth time, town elects dog as its mayor

**KY** RABBIT HASH — A small Kentucky town has, for the fourth time, elected a dog to be its mayor.

Jordie Bamforth said her 3-year-old pit bull, Brynneth Pawltro, beat out a cat, a chicken and a donkey, among others, to become the next mayor of Rabbit Hash, 78 miles north of Lexington, WDRB-TV reported.

Bobbi Kayser, who works with the town's Historical Society, said the election started in the late 1990s as a fundraiser.

"We charge you a dollar for your vote; you vote as often as you want," she said.

The election money this year will be used to help repair the town's General Store, which was destroyed in an electrical fire.

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# Busy week for NHL going into free agency

Associated Press

As New York Rangers players cleaned out their lockers after a second-round play-off exit, all the talk was about impending change.

That's just getting started — for the Rangers and the rest of the NHL.

Big moves leading up to and at the draft by the Rangers, rival New York Islanders, Chicago Blackhawks and others set up a potentially crazy week to come going into free agency. Teams could begin talking to pending free agents Sunday and can sign them starting Saturday afternoon, and in between there could be plenty more movement now that the Vegas expansion draft is over and the foundation has been laid for trades.

"Everyone had a lot of doubt moving into (the expansion draft) because they didn't know who will be on their team," Florida Panthers general manager Dale Tallon said. "I think more teams will be aggressive in that regard because they know what they have."

The Golden Knights are expected to flip at least a couple more players selected in the expansion draft, the Islanders are looking for a No. 2 center and no one knows what the Panthers and Coyotes will do next. The Rangers cleared significant salary cap space by buying out Dan Girardi and trading Derek Stepan to Arizona and could take a run at defenseman Kevin Shattenkirk and other top free agents available.

Here are some things to watch for this week:

## Active Islanders

New York already acquired winger Jordan Eberle from Edmonton for Ryan Strome and traded defenseman Travis Hamonic to Calgary for picks, but no one believes Garth Snow is done. Captain John Tavares can be an unrestricted free agent in a year and Snow said he'd like the star center to retire with the Islanders — and there's some work to do to get back into playoff contention.

That's why Snow said it's very possible the Islanders use draft picks they got from the Flames for Hamonic "as a currency in a future player transaction."

## Changing Coyotes

Within the past 10 days, Arizona has traded starting goaltender Mike Smith, told captain and face of the franchise Shane Doan they're moving on, parted ways with coach Dave Tippett and traded for Stepan, Rangers backup Antti Raanta and Blackhawks defenseman Niklas Hjalmarsson. The youth movement is on for the Coyotes, but they haven't made the playoffs since 2012 and new sole owner Andrew Barroway isn't afraid to shake things up.

## Re-do in Florida

Since Tallon reassumed control of Florida's front office, he has taken steps to undo a lot of what former GM Tom Rowe did last summer and put his own stamp back on the Panthers. Tallon cleared \$5 million cap space by trading Reilly Smith to Vegas and said he'll be "aggressive moving forward" and attack July 1 with a defined plan in place.

## Penguins march on

Changes are afoot in Pittsburgh with goalie Marc-Andre Fleury already gone to Vegas and Daley, Nick Bonino, Chris Kunitz, Matt Cullen and Ron Hainsey set to be unrestricted free agents. With Justin Schultz and Conor Sheary among those needing new contracts, GM Jim Rutherford told free agents to test the market and come back to him, so the Penguins could look very different just three weeks after another Cup parade.

## Shattenkirk should get paid

The Capitals committed big money to winger T.J. Oshie with a \$46 million, eight-year deal, but they're unlikely to re-sign Shattenkirk, Justin Williams, Karl Alzner and Daniel Winnik. Shattenkirk, 28, wants to be a No. 1 defenseman and is a good bet to sign the richest contract of any free agent Saturday.

## Always a goalie controversy

The goaltender carousel has stopped spinning after Carolina acquired Scott Darling, Dallas landed Ben Bishop, the Flames picked up Smith and the Coyotes got Raanta. That leaves the Philadelphia Flyers, no strangers to goaltending predicaments, as the only potential playoff contender in search of a starter.

The Flyers could run it back with Steve Mason and Michal Neuvirth, inquire with Vegas about 27-year-old Calvin Pickard or look to sign someone such as Jonathan Bernier, Ryan Miller, Brian Elliott or Mike Condon.

# Spieth birdies 1st playoff hole to win Travelers

Associated Press

CROMWELL, Conn. — Jordan Spieth needed an extra hole, a little bit of luck and an amazing final shot to finish off a wire-to-wire victory in the Travelers Championship.

The two-time major champion holed out from 60 feet for birdie from a greenside bunker on the first hole of a playoff with Daniel Berger on Sunday at TPC River Highlands.

The 23-year-old Texan joined Tiger Woods as the only PGA Tour players in the era since World War II with 10 victories

before the age of 24. Woods won 15 times before he turned 24.

"That was one for the ages," said Spieth, also the winner at Pebble Beach in February.

Spieth held a one-stroke edge after each of the first three rounds. He closed with an even-par 70 to match Berger — who birdied three of the final six holes for a 67 — at 12-under 268.

Berger, the Memphis winner two weeks ago before missing the cut last week at the U.S. Open, just missed a 50-foot putt from off the 18th green left that would have forced a second

playoff hole.

**LPGA:** So Yeon Ryu became the LPGA Tour's first two-time winner this season, taking the Walmart NW Arkansas Championship in Rogers, Ark., with a tournament-record 18-under 195 total.

Five strokes ahead after a course-record 10-under 61 on Saturday, the third-ranked Ryu closed with a 69 for a two-shot victory over fellow South Korean player Amy Yang and Thailand's Moriya Jutanugarn.

Ryu has five LPGA Tour victories, also winning the major ANA Inspiration in April in a

playoff with Lexi Thompson. Ryu won at Pinnacle Country Club four years after losing a playoff to Inbee Park in event.

Yang finished with a 64, and Jutanugarn had a 66.

**PGA Tour Champions:** Fred Couples rallied to win the American Family Insurance Open in Madison, Wis., for his second PGA Tour Champions title of the year and 13th overall.

The 57-year-old Couples shot a 6-under 66 in cool and windy conditions at University Ridge for a two-shot victory over Scott Verplank.



# Harvick nabs first win of season

Associated Press

SONOMA, Calif. — Kevin Harvick led a 1-2-3 podium sweep for Ford while proving that veteran experience still counts for something in NASCAR.

Harvick returned to victory lane for the first time this season with a dominating run Sunday on the road course at Sonoma Raceway. The former NASCAR champion came to Sonoma winless in 20 races since Kansas last fall and has been overshadowed in this season of NASCAR's young new superstars.

But at a track where experience and ability can separate the field, it was Harvick and a bunch of veterans who led the way. It was the first win on the winding wine country road course in 17 tries for the Bakersfield, Calif., driver.

Sonoma was one of just four active tracks where Harvick had never claimed a Cup victory. He did, however, win the K&N Series race at Sonoma on Saturday and it may have given him some inside knowledge.

Harvick was on cruise control and conserving fuel when Kasey Kahne had a hard accident on the final lap. Either way, Harvick had a cozy 9-second lead over Stewart-Haas

Racing teammate Clint Bowyer before the caution.

Bowyer, now the driver for the entry Tony Stewart used for his final NASCAR victory last year at the track, was second and Brad Keselowski third.

**IndyCar:** Scott Dixon spoiled Team Penske's party at Road America in Elkhart Lake, Wis.

First, his Chip Ganassi Racing team had to fix a faulty fuel cell on the No. 9 Honda that provided nervous moments during warmups Sunday.

The payoff came a few hours later when Dixon held off Josef Newgarden after a restart with eight laps to go to win the IndyCar race at the rural Wisconsin road course.

"Toward the end, I thought it was a straight-up battle," Dixon said. "I thought it was going to be tough."

He edged Newgarden by 0.57 seconds, posting an average speed of 123.431 mph. Dixon's first victory since Watkins Glen in September was his 41st career win, moving him within one of tying Michael Andretti for third on the list of drivers with the most IndyCar wins.

Dixon picked up his first victory in four starts at Road America, a favorite stop among drivers. It was the second year the 14-turn course was back on

the schedule following a nine-year hiatus.

**Formula One:** At Baku, Azerbaijan, Red Bull driver Daniel Ricciardo profited from the chaos to win the Azerbaijan Grand Prix on Sunday, while Sebastian Vettel extended his championship lead over Lewis Hamilton.

The Australian secured his fifth career win, while Mercedes driver Valtteri Bottas overtook 18-year-old Canadian Lance Stroll's Williams in the closing meters to take second place.

"It was just a crazy race, with all the safety cars and the chaos," Ricciardo said. "On the cool-down lap, I was just giggling like a schoolboy."

Vettel steered his Ferrari into fourth, just ahead of Hamilton's Mercedes.

After eight races, Vettel leads Hamilton by 14 points in the drivers' championship.

In a stop-start race, the safety car came out three times in quick succession before a red flag stopped the grand prix near the midway point because debris littered the track.

The fact Ricciardo won from 10th on the grid, and that Bottas clawed his way back from last following an early incident, summed up a bizarre race.

## FIFA's video review system again scrutinized

Associated Press

SOCHI, Russia — FIFA's new video review system is bringing turmoil to the Confederations Cup, with technology designed to deliver quick, clear decisions agitating players and leaving coaches and fans confused.

Perhaps even worse for FIFA, the latest controversy on Sunday — exactly one week after four goal reviews in that day's two matches — made one of the world's highest-rated referees look hesitant and wrong.

Wilmar Roldan sent off a Cameroon defender more than three minutes after a high tackle on a German opponent and only after his own case of mistaken identity.

The Colombian official arrived at what was arguably the correct decision following two visits to the touchline to consult video replays and first showing only a yellow card, then a red card, to the wrong Cameroon player.

"I think everyone is confused, including me," Cameroon coach Hugo Broos said of referee Roldan after a 3-1 loss in Sochi that eliminated his team.

Cameroon was also involved in two video decisions last Sunday, when possible Chile goals were reviewed for offside rulings. The first goal was disallowed, the second counted in Chile's 2-0 victory.

Portugal had the most to complain about one week ago when a potential opening goal in a 2-2 draw with Mexico was ruled out by an offside judged in an earlier phase of play.

FIFA stressed last week that all of the decisions proved ultimately correct, and the controversies were simply inevitable overreactions as world soccer gets used to a new system being put to its highest-profile tests.

FIFA President Gianni Infantino felt confident to proclaim video review was "the future of football" and still on track to be approved by the guardians of the game's laws before the 2018 World Cup.

## Stars waive Niemi, plan to buy him out

Associated Press

A person with direct knowledge of the decision has confirmed to The Associated Press that the Dallas Stars have placed goalie Antti Niemi on waivers with the intention to buy out the final year of his contract.

The person spoke to the AP on the condition of anonymity on Monday because the Stars have not announced the move, which was first reported by the Dallas Morning News.

Niemi is due to make \$4.5 million next season, and would be bought out at \$3 million spread over two years. The ninth-year

player, who won a Stanley Cup with Chicago in 2010, is coming off a disappointing season in which he went 12-12-4 and had a 3.3 goals-against average in 37 games.

Dallas did announce it resigned rookie defenseman Esa Lindell to a two-year, \$4.4 million contract, and forward Mark McNeill to a one-year deal. Lindell had six goals and 18 points in 73 games during his first full NHL season last year.

### Ex-Packers RB Green jailed on abuse claim

GREEN BAY, Wis. — For-

mer Green Bay Packers running back Ahman Green is jailed in Brown County, Wis., on suspicion of child abuse.

Online records show Green was booked into the jail Monday on a possible charge of child abuse-intentionally causing harm for an incident that occurred Sunday. Green was expected in court Monday afternoon.

Lammi Sports Management, which has handled Green's appearances, had no immediate comment.

# Dodgers cruise to 10th straight victory

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles Dodgers unleashed yet another weapon to continue their winning streak: the vaunted wild pitch.

The Dodgers made some baseball history Sunday, albeit with a great assist from the Colorado Rockies, scoring a record five runs in the final two innings on four wild pitches by Adam Ottavino.

Add the almost requisite home-run production from rookie sensation Cody Bellinger — this time he had two — and the Dodgers had a 12-6 comeback win over the Rockies for their 10th consecutive victory.

“That was a long, crazy game,” said Dodgers manager Dave Roberts.

The game went four hours and 19 minutes, making it the longest nine-inning game since Dodger Stadium opened in 1962.

Incorporated were the seventh and

eighth innings when they scored five consecutive runs on four wild pitches by Ottavino (1-2).

According to the Elias Sport Bureau, the Dodgers were the first team in the live-ball era (since 1920) to score at least five runs on wild pitches.

“These games are played by human beings,” Rockies manager Bud Black said. “Games like this happen. They’re painful when you’re on this end of it but we’ve had our share where it’s gone the other way.”

The two teams combined to throw eight wild pitches, which according to STATS is the most in a single game since 1913. Dodgers starter Brandon McCarthy threw three, one of them scoring a run.

Bellinger now has 24 home runs, helping the Dodgers stretch their longest string since they won 10 straight in August 2013. Colorado lost its season-worst fifth in a row.

The Dodgers have hit at least one home

run in 17 consecutive games, tying their record in Los Angeles. Their franchise record is 24 consecutive games set when they were the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1956.

Kenley Jansen got five outs for his 17th save, and his first career double and RBI to drive in the Dodgers’ final run.

Jansen also walked his first batter of the season after striking out 51 in a dominant year.

Colorado led 6-4 when Ottavino took over with two on and two out in the seventh. He walked a batter and threw a wild pitch that allowed one run to score. Ottavino then threw another wild pitch for the tying run, and when catcher Tony Wolters couldn’t find the ball, Austin Barnes raced home from second.

The Dodgers added five more runs in the eighth, the first two scoring on another pair of wild pitches by Ottavino. He had thrown three wild pitches this season before the problems at Dodger Stadium.

# Cubs miss opportunity in loss to Marlins

Associated Press

MIAMI — The Chicago Cubs wasted a fine pitching performance by Mike Montgomery, stranding 11 runners and allowing three unearned runs to lose Sunday to the Miami Marlins, 4-2.

Edinson Volquez (4-8) gave up five hits and five walks in five innings, but he stranded eight runners and departed with a 3-2 lead.

Miami’s Ichiro Suzuki, 43, became the oldest player to start in center field since at least 1900, surpassing Rickey Henderson. Suzuki batted lead-off for the first time this year and went 0-for-4, dropping his average to .200.

Giancarlo Stanton hit his 20th homer for Miami, a solo shot off reliever Pedro Strop in the seventh.

The Marlins scored three unearned runs in the first after Suzuki reached when shortstop Addison Russell bobbled his grounder for an error. Russell left the game in the fourth with a sore throwing shoulder.

Montgomery (1-4), making his fourth start of the year, settled down after the rocky first

to pitch six innings. He allowed three runs, none earned, and his ERA fell to 2.03.

The Marlins have scored 12 runs on 21 hits in their past five games, but won three. The teams split the four-game series.

Miami’s Martin Prado, playing his third game after a long stint on the disabled list, hit a two-run double in the first for his first RBIs since May 5.

Volquez and three relievers combined to give up eight hits and seven walks. But the Cubs bounced into a double play, had a runner caught stealing and stranded at least one runner in seven innings.

Volquez improved to 8-0 in 13 games against the Cubs, the best record against them among active pitchers. A.J. Ramos retired all four batters he faced for his 12th save.

**Diamondbacks 2, Phillies 1 (11):** Daniel Descalso lined a run-scoring single in the 11th inning, and host Arizona extended the best start in franchise history.

**Twins 4, Indians 0:** Ervin Santana struck out seven in six innings, Jason Castro drove in three runs and Minnesota

swept host Cleveland.

**Rangers 7, Yankees 6:** Adrian Beltre, Shin-Soo Choo and Drew Robinson homered off Michael Pineda, and Texas held on for the road win.

**Blue Jays 8, Royals 2:** Toronto closer Roberto Osuna struck out three in a scoreless ninth inning a day after saying he was dealing with anxiety issues.

Osuna didn’t pitch in a save situation on Friday night, and the Blue Jays’ bullpen let a game get away. On Saturday, the 22-year-old reliever said he was out of sorts mentally and feeling anxious.

**Brewers 7, Braves 0:** Travis Shaw became the first player to reach SunTrust Park’s right-field roof, belting a long two-run homer for visiting Milwaukee.

**Cardinals 8, Pirates 4:** Randal Grichuk homered in his return to the majors, Yadier Molina had three hits and host St. Louis beat Pittsburgh.

**Astros 8, Mariners 2:** George Springer, Yuli Gurriel and Evan Gattis homered, and Houston wrapped up another winning road trip.

**Angels 4, Red Sox 2:** Parker Bridwell pitched 6<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings

and visiting Los Angeles scored three runs after their challenge overturned an inning-ending double play in the second.

**Tigers 7, Padres 5:** Mikie Mahtook drove in three runs, including a tiebreaking two-run single in the ninth inning, and visiting Detroit snapped an eight-game losing streak.

**Reds 6, Nationals 2:** Scooter Gennett homered, and visiting Cincinnati scored five times in the first inning off Tanner Roark.

**Orioles 8, Rays 5:** Joey Rickard hit a tiebreaking double in the ninth inning, sending Baltimore to the road win.

Caleb Joseph, Trey Mancini and Jonathan Schoop homered for the Orioles.

**Athletics 5, White Sox 3:** Sonny Gray pitched seven effective innings for visiting Oakland, and Adam Rosales and Matt Joyce hit back-to-back homers in the ninth.

**Mets 8, Giants 2:** Rene Rivera homered twice, Rafael Montero pitched into the sixth inning in a spot start and visiting New York finished off the series sweep.