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## US-style uniforms sold in Kabul markets

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KABUL, Afghanistan — Outfits that look the same as the U.S. Army-style combat uniform worn by a gunman in an attack last week on Afghanistan's Interior Ministry can easily be found for sale in the capital.

At the Kabul market known as Bush Bazaar, shops sell military goods of suspect origins — everything from what U.S. troops wear on their backs to what they put in their bellies, and more. The mall, which brings together hundreds of vendors, is named for the former U.S. president who ordered the 2001 invasion, which brought in thousands of troops and the supplies to support them.

Most of a convincing counterfeit Army uniform can be had there for about \$60 or less. Some of the uniforms and accessories seem genuine or are very good knockoffs.

Not long ago it was common for attackers to don friendly military disguises, but Wednesday's attack marked the first use in an assault in more than a year, said Gen. John Nicholson, commander of U.S. and allied forces in the country.

After a run of such attacks in 2012, including a deadly September assault on Helmand province's Camp Bastion that left two Marines dead and eight fighter jets damaged or destroyed, Kabul police began cracking down on the unauthorized sale of military and police uniforms.

As far as the police were concerned last week, those efforts had been effective.

"Selling uniforms is not allowed," police spokesman Hashmat Stanekzai told Stars and Stripes. "If someone is caught with selling those items, he gets jailed and the shop is shuttered."

They might be sold in secret,

he said, but not openly, as it's "strictly banned."

Yet shopkeepers displayed plenty of military-style clothing for sale, and even boasted recently that some items were the same as those worn by the country's commandos, the elite troops who work closely with American special operations forces and often conduct night raids against insurgents and terrorist groups.

Some Afghan forces and other coalition troops wear uniforms based on or difficult to distinguish from current or past U.S. uniforms.

When asked, some merchants claimed they sold uniforms only to military or security personnel, though they showed no reservations about offering military clothing to civilians before the question was raised.

Even if not worn to military standards, garb that passably disguises the enemy as friendly forces could cause confusion in an attack or create a few mo-

ments of hesitation, allowing a suicide bomber to get closer to military bases or patrols and inflict heavier damage.

During Wednesday's assault, the tactic proved largely unsuccessful. The gunmen wore outdated U.S. digital camouflage uniforms, known as the Universal Camouflage Pattern, which raised the gate guards' suspicions and led them to confront the attackers, Nicholson told Pentagon reporters last week.

That pattern of uniform was harder to find at the bazaar and priced about one-third more than what appeared to be brand-new military outfits resembling those currently worn by the Army and recently adopted by the Air Force.

Priced at about \$30 and found in several shops, not all those in the newer print known as Operational Camouflage Pattern seemed authentic. But without a close inspection, it was sometimes hard to tell.

## Bomb targeting Afghan cleric kills at least 7

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KABUL, Afghanistan — A suicide bomber attacked a gathering of the country's top clerics Monday, killing at least seven people after the group had declared such attacks were banned under Islamic law.

The bomber detonated his explosives about 11:20 a.m., at the entrance of a large hall where a religious body known as the Afghan Ulema Council was meeting, Kabul police spokesman Hashmat Stanekzai said.

No group had claimed responsibility for the bombing as

of Monday evening.

Some 2,000 council members had gathered for a meeting of the Loya Jirga, or council of elders. A couple of hours earlier, the council had issued an Islamic ruling, or fatwa, declaring that suicide attacks are "haram" — forbidden under Islamic law.

"Such attacks, trafficking and fraud are strictly prohibited and supporting and funding (them) is illegal," the edict said, according to local media.

Afghanistan's Pajhwok news agency published parts of the council's unanimous edict, which contained seven articles denouncing insurgent violence, calling on the Taliban to accept

the Kabul government's peace offer and condemning all outside influences trying to prolong the war.

"Those who ignore the imperative of peace clearly disobey the orders of Almighty Allah and his messenger Hazrat Muhammad," the council said, according to Pajhwok.

A spokesman for the council declined to speak to Stars and Stripes after the bombing, which some officials said was carried out by a man on foot and others said was motorcycle-borne.

One of the dead and two of the wounded were police officials, Stanekzai said. Most of the casualties were civilians, but he

could not say whether any were clerics.

Taliban spokesman Zabiullah Mijahid denied on Twitter the group's involvement in the attack.

The local Islamic State affiliate has also conducted deadly attacks in the Afghan capital in recent months, focusing mainly on gatherings of minority religious groups.

The U.S. Embassy in Kabul condemned the attack as cowardly, saying it would not deter those seeking to end conflict in the country.

"We join all those who call for peace and condemn suicide attacks," the Embassy said on Twitter. "#Peace will prevail."

# S. Korea vows to avoid hyping war games

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SEOUL, South Korea—South Korea will conduct annual war games with the United States as planned but will avoid publicizing them to facilitate diplomatic efforts over the North's nuclear weapons program, the defense ministry said Monday.

North Korea has sharply denounced joint military exercises, which it considers rehearsals for an invasion, ahead of an unprecedented summit planned between Kim Jong Un and President Donald Trump on June 12 in Singapore.

"We will be conducting the U.S.-[South Korean] joint military exercises normally in line with annual plans," ministry spokesman Lee Jin-woo said during a press briefing. "But we'll refrain from promoting the contents of the joint drills or opening them to the public as best we can."

The comments came a day after North Korea criticized the South for planning to join upcoming international maritime drills in Hawaii, which is known as Rim of the Pacific, and a major joint exercise with the U.S. called Ulchi Freedom Guardian, which begins in

August.

The U.S. and South Korea agreed earlier this year to postpone the start of springtime exercises until after the Olympics and Paralympics were held on the divided peninsula to encourage the North to join the Winter Games.

South Korean envoys who visited Pyongyang said Kim understood the allies would continue their military exercises, and state-run media were relatively quiet when the drills known as Foal Eagle and Key Resolve finally began in April.

Seoul and Washington also have kept the exercises rela-

tively low key, especially compared with last year when the U.S. deployed supersonic bombers and aircraft carriers to the region with fanfare amid a spike in tensions.

But the North has resumed its criticism and even called off a high-level meeting with South Korea last month to protest Air Force drills known as Max Thunder.

The U.S. maintains about 28,500 servicemembers in South Korea. The allies regularly train together but insist the drills are defensive in nature and necessary to maintain readiness.

## 19-nation Saber Strike 18 gets underway in Europe

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Saber Strike 18, one of the largest annual U.S.-led military exercises, kicked off Sunday in Eastern Europe where about 18,000 soldiers from 19 nations have joined together for war games.

Allies and regional partners will practice working together during the 13-day exercise through a variety of training events. They include bridging operations across swift rivers while under fire, air assaults and force-on-force mock tank battles in Poland, Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia, according to a statement.

The exercise has been an annual event in Eastern Europe since 2010, but it gained greater importance after Russia's 2014 invasion of Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula. Since then, the U.S. and its NATO allies have sought to bolster their presence on Europe's eastern flank.

A new emphasis of this year's event is to integrate NATO's Multinational Corps-Northeast and the Enhanced Forward Presence battle groups stationed in the areas. The units are part of NATO's deterrence

and defense posture and are designed to show the alliance's determination to unite in response to any aggression against its members, a U.S. Army Europe spokesman said in a statement.

Other U.S. forces participating in the exercise include soldiers from the Army's 2nd Cavalry Regiment, stationed in Vilseck, Germany; Marines from the 4th Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion; the Black Sea Rotational Force; and several combat logistics units.

"So far this has been awesome," said Cpl. Jordan Riley, a light armored vehicle crewman with the 4th LAR, according to a statement. "It's been a good experience for me. Being able to interact with the local people and answer their questions is great. We figure out what we have in common, and it's a good learning experience on both ends."

This year's exercise also will feature servicemembers from Canada, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Israel, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Spain and the United Kingdom.

## Yokosuka NCO wins Japan's Iron Dog competition again

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YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — A Yokosuka master-at-arms has won U.S. Forces Japan's Iron Dog competition for the second year in a row.

Petty Officer 1st Class Ashly Lester and her dog, Ttibor, competed last month against 17 other working-dog teams from across all services in the U.S. military and Japan Self-Defense Forces, the Navy announced Friday.

The service described the May 17 challenge at Yokota Air Base as a series of "grueling tasks that to outsiders may seem more akin to a Cross Fit competition or Iron Man race."

Canine competitors sniffed for explosive odors over three floors of a tower, extracted suspects from cars and ignored distractions like gunfire to complete handlers' commands. Handlers completed physical tasks, including dragging 200-pound mannequins 50 meters and carrying their 80-pound dogs up eight flights of stairs.

The handlers' veterinary skills also were tested through mock situations such as helping a dog with an open chest wound

or one that's in shock. Lester said those skills translate directly to the battlefield.

"We are trained in basic veterinary skills so that if we were downrange on a mission and something goes wrong, we're not just sitting there, asking, 'What do I do?'" she said. "We can at least do something [to help] until we can get the dog emergency care."

Though it was the second year in a row Lester took home the win, it was the first year for young Ttibor to compete. Lester used a different dog last year, but said she was impressed by how well the 2-year-old, brown-and-blond dog performed.

"He was doing things he hadn't done before and he was doing them fluidly," she said. "I was just so happy with him."

Master-at-Arms Master Chief James Meares, who manages the military working dog program at U.S. Fleet Forces Command in Norfolk, Va., commended Lester, according to the Navy statement.

"Lester took the right ingredients for success: hard work, patience, perseverance and the fighting spirit of the Navy," he said. "I know this achievement will inspire those around her."

## TV's Fallon speaks at Parkland graduation

Associated Press

SUNRISE, Fla. — Graduating seniors at the Florida high school where a gunman killed 17 people in February received diplomas Sunday and heard from surprise commencement speaker Jimmy Fallon, who urged them to move forward and “don’t let anything stop you.”

Four families received diplomas on behalf of loved ones slain in the attack that gave rise to a campaign by teens for gun control. Principal Ty Thompson underscored the honors for the dead students in a tweet.

“Remember those not with us, and celebrate all the successes the Class of 2018 has brought to the community and the world!” Thompson tweeted.

The “Tonight Show” host offered similar praise, saying, “You are not just the future — you are the present. Keep changing the world. Keep making us proud.”

In a video of his address, Fallon joked that the students “won’t be classmates anymore. You’ll be adults who will Facebook search each other at 2 in the morning for the next 10 years.”

Turning more serious, he said, “First thing is this: When something feels hard, remember that it gets better. Choose to move forward. Don’t let anything stop you.” He thanked them for their bravery and activism.

Graduate Shannon Recor said afterward that Fallon “made us laugh and cry” with his speech. “He brought a positive energy. I’m glad he came,” Recor said.

The private ceremony for the nearly 800 members of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School class of 2018 was held at the BB&T Center, where the National Hockey League’s Florida Panthers play. It was moved to the arena to accommodate the expected large crowd. Reporters were not permitted inside the arena.

# USS Ashland cook earns high honors in culinary competition

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SASEBO NAVAL BASE, Japan — A Navy cook who helps feed hundreds of servicemembers aboard the USS Ashland recently received high honors in a stateside culinary contest.

Seaman Kelija Rheubottom — the grandson of a Navy cook — placed third out of 132 junior chefs in a “student skills” competition during this spring’s 43rd Annual Joint Culinary Training Exercise at Fort Lee and Fort Pickett in Virginia.

The event pitted some of the best cooks from each military branch against one another for six weeks of training and eight days of competition in which participants prepared up to 12 meals per day.

The servicemembers trained with top White House and Pentagon chefs ahead of the contest, which was judged by civilian executive chefs from the U.S., France, Germany and Japan.

For the skills competition, Rheubottom had to fabricate a chicken, fillet a fish, roll out a pastry crust, prepare vegetables and “supreme” — or perfectly peel and displace — an orange.

He also earned his Level 3 Culinary Chef de Connoisseur certification from the American Culinary Federation after completing the training and the competition.

The event wrapped up in time for Rheubottom to deploy aboard the dock landing ship with the Wasp Expeditionary Strike Group.

The goal of military culinary competitions is to increase chefs’ skills and to improve the quality of food served aboard ships like the Ashland, said Rheubottom, who is teaching other junior chefs on the Ashland the French cooking techniques he learned.

The Ashland cooks, who serve more than 300 sailors each day while in port and an additional 350 Marines during deployments, focus on quality, he said. Rheubottom learned how to use fresh herbs and spices the galley now stocks when they’re available, which makes a huge difference in the taste of food when the menu is limited to a 21-day cycle.

“It can be as simple as eggs in the morning. When you are giving that person that sense of home with your cooking, it can really change someone’s day,” Rheubottom said. “Whether they work up in the pilot house, or down in the engine rooms, the job of a [culinary specialist] is very important.”

When Navy cooks put out hot food that’s on time and looks good, complaints will go away, said Command Master Chief Ryan Colosimo, the senior enlisted sailor aboard the Ashland, who spent his first 23 years in the Navy as a cook.

“Anytime you violate one of those three rules ... you are going to stop your entire day — whatever you’ve got planned, whatever you are doing — and you are going to address that issue,” he said.

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## Calif. officer wounds self during pursuit

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — A San Diego police officer accidentally shot himself in the leg Sunday while pursuing a hit-and-run suspect who pointed a weapon at officers and eventually was arrested on the roof of a parking structure near the finish line of an annual marathon, authorities said.

Officers fired at the woman but missed after she brandished the weapon at the parking facility at the edge of a downtown plaza shared by City Hall, police Chief David Nisleit told reporters.

The suspect, identified by police as Mona Elease Williams, 58, threw the weapon from the top of the structure to the

street below before being taken into custody, Nisleit said. It was unclear what type of weapon it was, but investigators were looking into whether it was a pellet gun that resembles the real thing, the chief said.

She was booked on a charge of felony resisting arrest, police said. It was not immediately known if Williams had an attorney who could comment on her behalf.

Police said they initially suspected the woman might have been linked to a kidnapping investigation in Chula Vista, but later Sunday a department spokesman said the two incidents appeared to be unrelated.

In announcing the woman’s

arrest, police said the scene was secure and there was no threat to the area near the San Diego Rock ‘n’ Roll Marathon, which brought thousands of people downtown along with a heavy police presence. Organizers said there were 27,000 registered runners in the marathon and half-marathon.

The incident began shortly before 11 a.m. with a call about a hit-and-run, officials said. A number of streets were closed after police chased the woman driving a white sedan into the parking structure.

The chief said the wounded officer’s gun accidentally discharged and he was struck once in the lower leg. He was expected to recover fully.

# Fiery volcanic eruption in Guatemala kills at least 33

Associated Press

EL RODEO, Guatemala — A fiery volcanic eruption in south-central Guatemala sent lava flowing into rural communities, killing at least 33 as rescuers struggled to reach people where homes and roads were charred and blanketed with ash.

Disaster agency chief Sergio Cabanas said Monday that helicopters had rescued 10 people from areas hit by thick ash, mud or lava.

The Volcan de Fuego, or “Volcano of Fire,” exploded in a hail of ash and molten rock shortly before noon, blanketing nearby villages in heavy ash. Lava began flowing down the mountain’s flank and across homes and roads about 4 p.m.

Eddy Sanchez, director of the country’s seismology and volcanology institute, said the flows

reached temperatures of about 1,300 degrees Fahrenheit.

Dramatic video showed a fast-moving lahar, or flow of pyroclastic material and slurry, slamming into and heavily damaging a bridge on a highway between Sacatepequez and Escuintla.

Sacatepequez television published images of a charred landscape where the lava came into contact with homes. Three bodies lay partially buried in ash-colored debris from the volcano, which lies about 27 miles west of Guatemala City.

Other video from local media showed residents walking barefoot and covered in muddy residue.

“Not everyone was able to get out. I think they ended up buried,” Consuelo Hernandez, a resident of the village of El Rodeo, told the newspaper Dia-

rio de Centroamerica. “Where we saw the lava fall, we ran to a hillside” to escape, she added.

Among the fatalities were four people, including a disaster agency official, killed when lava set a house on fire in El Rodeo village, National Disaster Coordinator Sergio Cabanas said. Two children were burned to death as they watched the volcano’s second eruption this year from a bridge, he said.

Guatemala’s disaster agency said more than 3,200 people had evacuated nearby communities, and ash fall from the eruption was affecting an area of about 1.7 million people. Shelters were opened for those forced to flee.

Guatemalan President Jimmy Morales said he would declare a state of emergency to be approved by congress and urged people to heed warnings from emergency officials.

# Court backs baker on same-sex wedding cake

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court ruled Monday for a Colorado baker who wouldn’t make a wedding cake for a same-sex couple. But the court is not deciding the big issue in the case — whether a business can invoke religious objections to refuse service to gay and lesbian people.

The justices’ limited ruling turned on what the court described as anti-religious bias on the Colorado Civil Rights Commission when it ruled against baker Jack Phillips. The justices voted 7-2 that the commission violated Phillips’ rights under the First Amendment.

Justice Anthony Kennedy said in his majority opinion that the larger issue “must await further elaboration” in the courts.

The same-sex couple at the heart of the case, Charlie Craig and Dave Mullins, complained to the Colorado commission in 2012 after they visited Phillips’ Masterpiece Cakeshop in suburban Denver and the baker quickly told them he would not create a cake for a same-sex wedding.

Colorado law prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, and the commission concluded that Phillips’ refusal violated the law. Colorado state courts upheld the determination.

But when the justices heard arguments in December, Kennedy was bothered by comments by a commission member. The commissioner seemed “neither tolerant nor respectful of Mr. Phillips’ religious beliefs,” Kennedy said in December.

Liberal justices Stephen Breyer and Elena Kagan joined the conservative justices in the outcome. Kagan wrote separately to emphasize the limited ruling.

Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Sonia Sotomayor dissented.

# China says OK to smaller trade surplus, but no to tech concessions

Associated Press

BEIJING — Narrow our trade surplus with the U.S.? No problem, say Chinese negotiators. But change technology tactics that are China’s path to prosperity and its rightful place as a global leader? Absolutely not.

China highlighted the sensitivity of the issue with its threat Sunday to scrap deals aimed at settling a trade dispute with Washington if President Donald Trump’s tariff increase on \$50 billion of Chinese technology goods goes ahead.

It sheds more light on where President Xi Jinping’s government might compromise and where it rejects any challenge to a Communist Party-led model for technology development that it sees as hugely successful.

“Where China does not budge

is in areas it considers to be its fundamental development strategy,” said Louis Kuijs, of Oxford Economics, a former World Bank economist in Beijing. “If the U.S. is asking China to stop these industrial policies to become a global technology leader, that is where China says, ‘Look, that’s not possible.’”

The desultory end to weekend talks led by Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross and China’s top economic official, Vice Premier Liu He, revived worries Beijing and Washington are sliding again toward open conflict.

The dispute is in two largely unrelated halves: American frustration with China’s overall trade surplus with the U.S. — a record \$375.2 billion last year and forecast to grow — and more narrowly focused complaints about Beijing’s technol-

ogy policy.

China already agreed to address the first with a May 19 pledge to buy more American farm goods, energy supplies and other products.

That is relatively easy, said private-sector analysts. Beijing can buy more U.S. natural gas and soybeans and less from Russia and Brazil. Its overall trade balance would stay the same.

Technology is thornier. It strikes at the heart of plans the ruling Communist Party sees as critical to reducing poverty that remains widespread despite two decades of explosive economic growth.

The U.S. and other governments complain Chinese technology industries are built on know-how Beijing steals or pressures foreign companies to hand over.

## AMERICAN ROUNDUP

### Fleeing suspect races through funeral

**CT** DANIELSON — A man is facing charges after he raced through a funeral ceremony while trying to evade state troopers.

State police said a citizen flagged down a trooper about 6:30 p.m. Friday to report an assault at a local park.

Authorities said another trooper later spotted the suspect, Bart Donnelly, 44, of Danielson, running through a funeral home property while a ceremony was going on. Donnelly eventually was captured.

He is charged with disrupting a funeral, breach of peace, third-degree assault and interfering with an investigation.

### Police: Husband killed for beating family cat

**TX** DALLAS — Dallas police said a woman told detectives she shot and killed her husband because he was beating the family cat.

Authorities said Mary Harrison, 47, was arrested and jailed on a murder charge in the slaying of her husband, Dexter Harrison, 49. She's being held on \$100,000 bond.

Harrison told authorities the shooting Saturday occurred during an argument. Dallas police said Sunday she told officers he'd been beating the cat.

Neighbors said the family cat recently went missing. Mary Harrison had posted signs about it disappearing, and the pet eventually returned.

### Legal documents were soaked with marijuana

**FL** MIAMI — A man is charged with selling prison inmates around the country fake legal documents that had been soaked in a syn-

thetic form of marijuana so the inmates could get high after eating them.

The Miami Herald reported that prosecutors say Danny Angel Rodriguez, 46, used the names of actual criminal defense attorneys on the paperwork to make it look legitimate.

During a 2017 investigation, FBI agents said they seized 33 packages sent to inmates by Rodriguez.

Rodriguez is serving a three-year prison term for violating probation from a 1994 case in which he was convicted of pistol-whipping a federal judge.

### Trucker stops rig on road to help trooper

**UT** SALT LAKE CITY — Wyoming Highway Patrol officials praised a Utah trucker who stopped on Interstate 80 near Green River to help a trooper wrestling with a man for the trooper's gun.

Trucker Darren Phillips, of Taylorsville, said his service with the Marines and the Army National Guard helped him put the man in a chokehold and pull him off the trooper. A second trooper arrived as Phillips restrained the man, who was taken into custody.

Officials said the struggle Thursday began as the trooper tried to take the man to the trooper's vehicle. Highway Patrol Lt. Ben Schlosser said troopers found 74 pounds of marijuana and some cocaine in the man's car.

The trooper had cuts and bruises but no major injuries.

### Honored teacher faces sex charges

**GA** MARIETTA — A Georgia high school's former teacher of the year is accused of sexually assaulting three female students on campus.

The Cobb County Sheriff's Department said Spencer Herron was arrested Friday on three felony charges of sexual assault by a teacher. News reports said Herron taught video production at Kell High School, where he was named "Teacher of the Year" in 2016.

The Marietta Daily Journal said charges were brought against Herron by three students or former students. In one case, Herron was accused of raping the victim multiple times in 2017.

### Police: Man lied about being shot with arrow

**MI** PAW PAW — A man who told police he was shot in the neck with an arrow while searching for deer antlers has been charged with filing a false report of a felony.

State police said Michael Downey actually fell on the arrow while in woods in Van Buren County in March. Investigators said he made up the story because he was embarrassed.

The Grand Rapids Press said Downey, 61, appeared in court Friday. Police said they plan to seek reimbursement for the "considerable amount of time" they spent investigating the case.

### Girl's post with rifle gets father charged

**IL** CHICAGO — A Chicago firefighter was charged with gun violations after his 14-year-old daughter posted a photo of herself online posing with his assault-style rifle.

The photo carried a message: "Don't worry, I won't shoot up Lane," referring to Chicago's Lane Tech College Prep High School.

The Chicago Tribune said the firefighter, 60, was cited for failing to secure a weapon

from a minor and possessing an assault rifle in the city. His daughter hasn't been charged.

Chicago Public Schools spokeswoman Emily Bolton said there was no credible threat.

### Boy fights off man who was trying to steal car

**CT** HARTFORD — Connecticut police said an 11-year-old boy attacked a man who stole his father's car while the boy was inside, prompting the man to flee.

Police said Edward Asberry, 43, of Hartford, faces charges including kidnapping and risk of injury to a minor after he jumped in the car outside a McDonald's on Saturday and took off with the boy inside.

Police said the boy's father had left the car running. The boy attacked Asberry when he realized the driver wasn't his father, causing Asberry to stop the car and take off on foot, officers said.

Asberry took a backpack from the car before he ran. He was arrested shortly after.

### Police say school bus driver was drunk

**PA** EAST STROUDSBURG — Authorities allege a Pennsylvania school bus driver was driving drunk with students aboard.

Lourdes Torres, 49, of East Stroudsburg, is facing 21 counts each of child endangerment and reckless endangerment.

Authorities said Torres had dropped off students at Stroud Area High School just before she arrived to get students at Smithfield Elementary School.

School resource officers at the elementary school called state police because they suspected Torres was impaired. She was taken into custody a short time later.

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# Curry's 3-point flurry lifts Warriors to 2-0

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Stephen Curry backpedaled in pure joy. He skipped, hollered and let the ball fly from everywhere with that feeling he gets when there's no way it will miss — unwavering even with a defender's hand in his face.

Curry dazzled in outdueling LeBron James, hitting an NBA Finals-record nine three-pointers and scoring 33 points to lead the Golden State Warriors to a 122-103 victory over the Cleveland Cavaliers on Sunday for 2-0 lead.

"Pretty special night," Curry said, "and hopefully some more special things happen and we get two more wins."

Kevin Durant found his steady stroke to score 26 points to go with nine rebounds and seven assists while also handling a load of the defensive assignment against James. Klay Thompson added 20 points playing on a tender left leg to put the defending champions two wins from a repeat title they have talked about since the season began last fall.

James followed up his 51-point performance in Game 1 with 29 points, 13 assists and nine rebounds in a far tamer finals sequel — and a much more lopsided one — minus the utter craziness of a drama-packed opener three days prior.

Game 3 is Wednesday night in Cleveland.

"We want to continue to be uncomfortable," James said. "Just because we're going home doesn't mean we can relax."

Kevin Love had 22 points and 10 boards for the cold-shooting Cavs, who will now try to gain some momentum back home.

Curry had the shot of the night with 7:54 to play, making an off-balance swish from several feet behind the three-point arc over Love as the shot clock wound down, then scooted backward in delight. Curry fell into the first row of fans with a baseline three again over Love and four-point play at the 5:44 mark of the fourth.

"He's a big shot taker, big shot maker," Draymond Green said. "Tough shot taker, tough shot maker."

The long shot over Love stood out to Curry's Splash Brother, Thompson.

"About seven seconds on the clock he just kept going backward, I don't know why, but he just threw it up and I didn't think it had any chance of going in," Thompson said. "That was kind of like a dagger shot. It just gave us all the momentum back."

The two-time MVP made 11 of 26 shots and was 9-for-17 from deep.

James pointed with both hands after his three with 11:04 remaining got his team within seven, before Curry answered from deep the next two trips down the floor.

"Those moments when you can come down and answer and keep the momentum on our side, it's big," Curry said. "Keep the crowd into it."

JaVale McGee scored 12 points, making all six of his shots in his first career NBA Finals start as Kerr made a lineup switch that proved spot on. Kerr went with 7-foot big man to start in place of Kevon Looney — McGee's 10th career start in the postseason. McGee scored the first four points as Golden State made its initial seven shots and 10 of 11.

Another key role player, Shaun Livingston, made his five field-goal tries for 10 points to give Golden State a lift in the first half after making all four of his shots Thursday.

"They're a dangerous ballclub no matter what," James said. "It starts with those four guys, those four All-Stars. Everybody else just does their job and they don't miss a beat when they put someone in or they take someone out."

Warriors forward Andre Iguodala missed his sixth straight postseason game nursing a bone bruise in his left knee. Kerr remains optimistic the 2015 Finals MVP will play at some point in the series.

# Stetson, Minnesota, Washington reach first super regional

Associated Press

The Stetson Hatters use the hashtag "OmaHats" on their baseball Twitter account, a nod to the city that's home to the College World Series.

The team from the 3,000-student private school in DeLand, Fla., is a step closer to Omaha, Neb., after sweeping through its regional in the NCAA Tournament and extending its win streak to 18 games.

Jack Perkins threw a three-hitter and struck out 13 as the Hatters beat Oklahoma State 11-1 on Sunday night to win a regional title for the first time in 18 tournament appearances.

"The bigger the scene for Jack, the better he performs," coach Steve Trimper said. "And certainly tonight was a big stage, and we have bigger ones coming up, too, but tonight, that was phenomenal."

Also making first appearances in super regionals will be Minnesota and Washington. The No. 14 national seed Golden Gophers beat UCLA 13-8 for their first regional title in 10 appearances since the tournament went to its current format in 1999. Washington, a No. 3 regional seed, won three straight in Conway, S.C., including 9-6 over UConn in the final.

In addition to Stetson and Minnesota, other national seeds winning regionals Sunday were: No. 3 Oregon State, No. 5 Arkansas, No. 6 North Carolina, No. 9 Texas Tech and No. 13 Texas.

No. 2 regional seeds Vanderbilt and Auburn and No. 3 regional seed Cal State Fullerton also advanced.

**See ya, seeds:** No. 2 Stanford was the highest of the five national seeds to get eliminated Sunday. A night after Jace "Jumbo" Chamberlin's pinch home run gave Cal State Fullerton a 2-1 walk-off win, Ruben Cardenas hit a three-run homer in the fifth to help lift the Titans to a 5-2 win in the final.

Also getting knocked out were No. 10 Clemson, No. 12 East Carolina, No. 15 Coastal Carolina and No. 16 North Carolina State.

**Kaiser's kabooms:** Vanderbilt beat Clemson on the Tigers' home field for the second straight year, hitting nine home runs in a 19-6 win in the final. Connor Kaiser went deep three times and tied the tournament record with 10 RBIs.

Kaiser came into the regional final with four home runs in 163 career games. His three homers against Clemson came in a span of four at-bats.

Kaiser's homers were for three runs, a grand slam and two runs, and he singled for his 10th RBI. He was voted regional MVP.

**Washington's journey:** The Huskies were 18-18 after losing to UT Rio Grande Valley on April 23. They're 15-5 since. They had to travel farther than any team for a regional — 2,987 miles from Seattle to Conway — and beat UConn twice and Coastal Carolina, with Joe Wainhouse homering three times.

"With our guys, we've been in absolute overdrive in terms of playoff mode, for the last six weeks," coach Lindsay Meggs said. "I'm really proud of our guys and really happy for them because they really, in my opinion, overachieved."

**Surprising Seahawks:** No. 4 regional seed UNC Wilmington knocked out No. 12 national seed East Carolina with a 9-7 win in an elimination game. The Seahawks scored nine runs in the fifth inning after a 5½-hour rain delay.

**Bulldogs blast away:** No. 4 national seed Georgia has 29 runs and eight homers in its first two regional games. Nos. 3 and 4 batters Keegan McGovern and Michael Curry in each went deep twice in an 11-7 win over Troy, going back-to-back in the sixth inning.

# Wacha comes up short of no-hitter again

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ST. LOUIS — Michael Wacha came close, again.

The St. Louis righty lost a no-hit bid in the ninth inning for the second time in his career, denied when pinch-hitter Colin Moran led off with a single Sunday in the Cardinals' 5-0 win over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

"It's just a slight disappointment because I wanted it," Wacha said. "I've flirted with it a couple times. It just didn't happen. Maybe next time."

"I was trying to get a changeup down and away," he said. "It ended up being middle-middle, just leaving it up in the zone. I gave him something he can handle."

As a rookie in 2013, Wacha was one out away from a no-hitter when Washington's Ryan Zimmerman got an infield single.

Wacha (7-1) came close to pitching the fourth no-hitter in the major leagues this season. He was in total control, striking out eight and walking two while mixing his fastball, curve and change.

Bud Smith was the last St. Louis pitcher to throw a no-hitter, doing it as a rookie in 2001 at San Diego. The last Cardinals pitcher to toss a no-hitter at home was Bob Forsch in 1983 against Montreal.

Wacha retired the first 13 batters, and the closest the Pirates had come to a hit was Josh Bell's flyout to the warning track in the second inning until the ninth.

St. Louis catcher Francisco Pena appeared more disappointed than Wacha at missing a shot at history.

"By the sixth inning, I was thinking about it, I'm not going to lie," Pena said. "I knew he could do it too because his pitches were working really well today."

Moran fouled off the first three pitches before the Pirates rookie lined a clean single well over the head of second baseman Kolten Wong into right field.

"I was just trying to get a pitch somewhere near the middle of the plate," Moran said. "And luckily, I got one I could do something with. Obviously, it was cool with the crowd standing on their feet."

The hit signaled the end for Wacha, and the 26-year-old was pulled after 111 pitches — 119 is his career high. The crowd of 44,432 at Busch Stadium gave Wacha a standing ovation, and he received hugs from his teammates in the dugout.

St. Louis manager Mike Matheny had Wacha remain on the mound a little longer than usual so the fans could continue their cheers.

"I wanted to make sure he stood there

and enjoyed it," Matheny said. "The crowd didn't disappoint. These are things you'll never forget."

Reliever Jordan Hicks gave up one hit while getting the last three outs.

Marcell Ozuna hit a grand slam on the eighth pitch of the game from Nick Kingham (2-2). In April, Kingham took a perfect game into the seventh inning against St. Louis in his big league debut before it was broken up.

The Cardinals have won three of four. Pittsburgh has lost three of four.

Wacha has allowed two runs or less in his last nine starts. He was the MVP of the 2013 NL Championship Series and an All-Star in 2015 before he was slowed by injuries. He made only had 24 starts in 2016 because of a shoulder inflammation.

There already have been three no-nos this year. Oakland's Sean Manaea began baseball's no-hit parade with a gem against Boston on April 21, four Los Angeles Dodgers pitchers combined to blank San Diego on May 4, and Seattle's James Paxton threw one against Toronto on May 8.

Matt Carpenter drew a leadoff walk in the first, Tommy Pham singled and Jose Martinez reached on an error by shortstop Sean Rodriguez. Ozuna then hit his fourth career-grand slam.

## MLB roundup

# Rosario reverses Twins' trend with walk-off HR

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — After suffering through a historic streak of walk-off losses, the Minnesota Twins were only too happy to reverse the trend.

Eddie Rosario hit his third homer of the game, launching a two-run shot in the bottom of the ninth to lift the Twins over the Cleveland Indians 7-5 Sunday.

On Tuesday, the Twins tied the 1968 Pirates and 2010 Mariners with their eighth walk-off loss in their first 50 games.

Rosario became the first Twins player to have a pair of three-homer games. He also hit three home runs last June 13 at home against the Mariners. Harmon Killebrew and Tony Oliva are among the Twins who did it once.

**Giants 6, Phillies 1:** Derek Rodriguez earned his first big

league win, giving up a home run to Jake Arrieta but outpitching the Phillies ace to lead host San Francisco to a three-game sweep.

Rodriguez (1-0), the 25-year-old son of Hall of Fame catcher Ivan Rodriguez, had pitched just once before in the majors, going 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings in relief last Tuesday at Colorado.

Making his first start, Rodriguez gave up one run — on Arrieta's sixth career homer — and five hits in six innings.

**Red Sox 9, Astros 3:** Rick Porcello pitched well into the seventh, Mitch Moreland and Andrew Benintendi each homered and Boston beat host Houston.

**Braves 4, Nationals 2:** Pinch-hitter Charlie Culberson hit a game-ending, two-run homer to lift host Atlanta.

**Cubs 2, Mets 0:** Jon Lester dominated for seven innings and Javier Baez stole home to break a scoreless tie as visiting Chicago blanked the Mets, completing a four-game sweep and winning for the seventh time in eight games.

**Dodgers 10, Rockies 7:** Max Muncy homered twice, Yasmani Grandal also went deep in a three-run ninth inning, and Los Angeles beat host Colorado.

**Diamondbacks 6, Marlins 1:** Matt Koch allowed three hits over seven scoreless innings and host Arizona completed a three-game sweep, sending Miami to its season-worst sixth straight loss.

**Angels 3, Rangers 1:** Tyler Skaggs pitched six scoreless innings of four-hit ball and Justin Upton homered for host Los

Angeles.

**Mariners 2, Rays 1:** Felix Hernandez was in vintage form, allowing one run in eight innings, and RBI singles from Denard Span and Dee Gordon lifted host Seattle.

**Athletics 5, Royals 1:** Matt Olson hit a three-run homer in the eighth inning for visiting Oakland.

**Blue Jays 8, Tigers 4:** Justin Smoak's sixth-inning homer broke a scoreless tie and Toronto ended its five-game skid.

**White Sox 6, Brewers 1:** Daniel Palka and Adam Engel hit back-to-back homers in a three-run sixth inning, and host Chicago beat Milwaukee.

**Padres 6, Reds 3:** Hunter Renfroe's pinch-hit, go-ahead grand slam in the fifth inning lifted Tyson Ross and host San Diego to a victory.

# Williams withdraws with pectoral injury

Associated Press

PARIS — Serena Williams called off her Grand Slam comeback because of a chest muscle injury on Monday, pulling out of the French Open shortly before she was supposed to play Maria Sharapova in the fourth round.

“It’s extremely disappointing,” Williams said during a news conference at Roland Garros. “But also, I made a promise to myself and to my coach and to my team that if I’m not at least 60 percent or 50 percent, then I probably shouldn’t play.”

Williams, who has won 23 Grand Slam singles titles, said she can’t hit serves because of a problem with her right pectoral muscle. Her voice trembled a bit as she explained that she will get an MRI exam and consult with doctors before figuring out what will happen next for her.

“The fact that I physically can’t serve at all is a good indication that maybe I should just go back to the drawing board and stay positive,” Williams said, “and try to get better and not get it to a point where it could be a lot worse.”

The 36-year-old American was competing at a major tournament for the first time in 16 months — and for the first time since giving birth to her daughter last September.

Sharapova wished Williams a speedy recovery and a rapid return to the tour in a two-sentence statement released by French Open organizers.

“I was looking forward to my match against Serena and am disappointed that she had to withdraw,” Sharapova said.

Williams said her chest began hurting in her third-round singles victory over 11th-seeded Julia Goerges on Saturday.

“It was really painful,” Williams said, “and I didn’t know what it was.”

Despite that, Williams played in a doubles loss alongside her older sister, Venus, on Sunday and tried to limit the pain by taping up the muscle. But nothing was effective enough that Williams thought she could continue in Paris.

Her withdrawal allows Sharapova, a two-time French Open champion, to move into the quarterfinals.

Sharapova’s coach said the Russian player was waiting courtside when they were informed of Williams’ withdrawal.

“It was a shock,” Thomas Hogstedt said. “We were ready. We prepared a long time for this match.”

Williams’ coach said they were holding out hope the match might be postponed because of rain.

## Defending champ Truex picks up Pocono victory

Associated Press

LONG POND, Pa. — Martin Truex Jr. had his car parked on the White House lawn and was feted with a day in his honor in his home state of New Jersey. Nearly seven months after winning his first NASCAR Cup championship, Truex’s whirlwind victory tour remains on a barnstorming schedule.

“It just kind of reminded us of how big a deal it is to win a championship in this sport,” Truex said.

Lost in the shuffle in a season where Kevin Harvick and Kyle Busch have turned the Cup Series into a two-driver show, Truex came to Pocono and gave the field a reminder that he’s still a driver to beat.

Truex stayed out on pivotal caution late in the race to take the lead, then pulled away off a restart with seven laps left to win Sunday at Pocono Raceway and thrust himself into title contention.

Truex said it with a straight face, as the 37-year-old Furniture Row Racing driver is still having the type of season that — oh, all but two drivers — would love to produce. He

won the fifth race of the season at Fontana and had runner-up finishes in each of the last two races headed into Pocono where he won his first race for FRR in 2015 and launched his journeyman-to-champion career metamorphosis.

Still, Busch and Harvick had made a habit of collecting checkered flags; the two former Cup champions combined to win nine of the first 13 races. And each driver spent enough time in front — Harvick led 89 laps; Busch 13 — that a one-two finish at Pocono seemed almost certain on the 2½-mile track.

Truex and Harvick each stayed out on a caution with 20 laps left in the race. Busch made a pit stop and surrendered the lead to Truex. Truex then held off a hard-charging Kyle Larson down the stretch and showed he’s still a threat to win his second straight title.

The Harvick-Busch-Truex trio have won 10 of 14 races.

“I think three of those guys are definitely head-over-heels better than the rest of us,” Larson said.

Larson was second, followed by Busch and Harvick. Brad Keselowski was fifth.

## Hunter-Reay races to 1st IndyCar win since 2015

Associated Press

DETROIT — After his first IndyCar victory since 2015, Ryan Hunter-Reay could look back on some of the most frustrating moments of the drought.

“If you look at the past Indy 500s in ’17 and ’16, ones I think we could have won — both of those. Led the most laps in one of them, didn’t finish the race,” he said. “Catching James Hinchcliffe at Long Beach in the last five laps or whatever it was. The electrical system shuts down. Leading in 2016 at Pocono and the same electrical problem shuts the car down.”

Hunter-Reay can finally put all that behind him after he prevailed at Belle Isle on Sunday, taking over the lead when teammate Alexander Rossi slid off the track at a turn with about seven laps to go. It was Hunter-Reay’s 17th career IndyCar victory but his first since Pocono in 2015.

Rossi, the pole winner, was struggling to hold off Hunter-Reay before the mishap at a right turn on lap 64 of 70. From there, it was smooth sailing for Hunter-Reay on the 2.35-mile street course. He finished more than 11 seconds ahead of

second-place Will Power.

“There was just no way anyone was going to beat him,” Power said. “We just seemed to struggle a little bit on full tanks and cold tires, but very happy with the result. You know, I feel like with what we had, that’s the most that we could have got out of that race.”

Ed Jones finished third, followed by Scott Dixon. Rossi fell to 12th and dropped out of the series points lead.

“Our car was quick. We led a lot of the race,” Rossi said. “I don’t have an answer for you, unfortunately.”

Rossi and Hunter-Reay both drive for Andretti Autosport.

Power, this year’s Indianapolis 500 champion, returned to the top of the season standings. He’d fallen from first to third after Saturday’s race, in which Dixon outlasted Hunter-Reay for the win.

The second half of Belle Isle’s IndyCar doubleheader was Sunday. It was delayed over a half-hour because the pace car crashed during a pace lap. There was another caution right after the start when Spencer Pigot spun. After that, the race was caution free the rest of the way.