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## 2 vets win Agent Orange exposure cases

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CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — There have long been rumors that Agent Orange was stored or used on Okinawa, but no one has been able to find proof.

Now two servicemembers who served on the Japanese island during the Vietnam War era have won court cases claiming they developed ailments from exposure to the toxic defoliant.

Judges in the separate lawsuits cited specific diseases linked to Agent Orange and a lack of proof that the chemical compound wasn't on Okinawa, based on a two-year gap in records and other evidence.

The judges were careful to limit their rulings to the specific cases, likely to avoid opening the door for hundreds of veterans to seek class-action status for physical problems that may be linked to Agent Orange.

The U.S. military began using plant-killing chemicals called herbicides in the 1950s to defoliate military facilities.

Agent Orange is a blend of "tactical herbicides," according to the VA's website, that was used in Korea to deprive the enemy of cover and in Vietnam to defoliate jungles and kill crops. The toxic mixture has been blamed for a slew of health problems, from cancers to heart disease, and has been known to cause birth defects in the offspring of those exposed.

The military discontinued use of Agent Orange in 1970, and veterans have battled the VA for benefits regarding exposure ever since. The VA has recognized the claims of some veterans who served in Vietnam, Korea, Thailand, on some ships and in some aircraft, while denying others. Guam and Japan have been left off the list despite claims.

In January, Guam Gov. Eddie Calvo ordered the Environmental Protection Agency to investigate claims made by U.S. military veterans that Agent Orange was sprayed on the island.

In October 2015, an unnamed veteran was awarded disability benefits related to Agent Orange exposure on Okinawa.

The aircraft crew chief who served at Air Force bases on Okinawa and Moses Lake, Wash., in the mid- to late-1950s was granted disability after alleging a service connection to his prostate cancer, which is associated with herbicides like Agent Orange.

The veteran said he was exposed to 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T — later known as Agent Orange — JP-4 jet fuel, benzene and other chemicals while working on the flight lines for hours at a time with no protection.

### A second case

In a second case, an unnamed Army veteran with the 412th Transportation Company said he was exposed between October 1968 and May 1970 at Naha Military Port as the defoliant spilled on him while he was loading and unloading barrels from cargo ships. The veteran said the barrels had orange bands around them, a telltale sign of Agent Orange.

The veteran claimed that caused his diabetes mellitus, type 2, which is associated with herbicide exposure.

He collected multiple statements from fellow veterans that supported his claim. Those veterans said the drums were shipped to Okinawa, offloaded and loaded onto other boats heading to Vietnam. They often leaked and reportedly came back through the port the same way, the veterans said.

Despite ruling in the veteran's favor, Veterans Law Judge Mi-

chelle Kane said the determination was in no way a comment "as to whether Agent Orange was ever actually stored, used, tested, and/or transported in Okinawa, Japan."

### Checkered past

Okinawa has a checkered history regarding U.S. military chemical storage and contamination.

A 1993 U.S. government position paper provided to Stars and Stripes by the Japan Times described how large amounts of hazardous chemicals and waste coming back from Vietnam were stacked in barrels at U.S. bases on the island.

The barrels, which appear to number in the thousands, according to photographs from the time, were exposed to the elements and leaked into the soil, which then seeped into the sea, the paper said.

Cleanup efforts were launched in 1973 and continued through the years. Nearly 30,000 pounds of highly toxic ferric chloride was buried across from the Camp Kinser theater. Pesticides were repackaged and buried in a landfill. Some were neutralized and flushed away, and in some cases Mother Nature was left to her own devices to expel the toxins.

Veterans claiming Agent Orange-related disabilities on Okinawa say they feel vindicated by the evidence that keeps being unearthed and the cases found in the veterans' favor, even if they are a small portion of the total claims.

Kris Roberts, a former facilities maintenance officer at Marine Corps Air Station Futenma and a New Hampshire state representative, is the first servicemember to receive VA recognition for a condition — prostate cancer — related to chemical exposure at Futenma.

The retired lieutenant colo-

nel said he and dozens of men under him unearthed more than 100 leaking barrels from the base in 1981. After loading the barrels for transport off the island, a typhoon flooded the area.

Roberts said he and some of his men were forced into the neck-deep water to open a flood-control gate.

Shortly after, he said, he began suffering from asthma and blackouts. He said he had two strokes and damage to his central-nervous system.

He said he developed thymus cancer, and his daughter was born suffering from a multitude of similar conditions.

Roberts began fighting for VA disability in 2007. His doctors told him in a 2012 medical report provided to Stars and Stripes that they believed he had been exposed to Agent Orange. The records also indicate the Marine Corps could not provide documentation about the barrels. Roberts was awarded disability in August 2015.

He already gets 100 percent VA disability, so he won't see an increase in benefits. To him, it was the principle.

"What I'd really like to see out of all of this is stop the blaming, stop pointing fingers," he said. "I have been telling people, I don't care if it's Agent Orange." Dioxin and PCBs "kill people, too."

"We've been arguing for years over the name of a hazardous chemical while not dealing with any other hazardous chemicals."

Roberts said he feels responsible for the Okinawans and the Navy Seabees who worked for him. They may be sick and have no idea why.

"To me, there's no way the U.S. military and government can deny hazardous chemical hot spots on Okinawa," he said.

# Raqqa plan increases US participation

*The Washington Post*

WASHINGTON — A Pentagon plan for the coming assault on Raqqa, the Islamic State capital in Syria, calls for significant U.S. military participation, including increased Special Operations forces, attack helicopters and artillery, and arms supplies to the main Syrian Kurdish and Arab fighting force on the ground, according to U.S. officials.

The military's favored option among several variations currently under White House review, the proposal would ease a number of restrictions on U.S. activities imposed during former President Barack Obama's administration.

Officials involved in the planning have proposed lifting a cap on the size of the U.S. military contingent in Syria, currently numbering about 500 Special Operations trainers and advisers to the combined Syrian Demo-

cratic Forces, or SDF. While the Americans would not be directly involved in ground combat, the proposal would allow them to work closer to the front line and would delegate more decision-making authority down the military line from Washington.

President Donald Trump, who campaigned on a pledge to expand the fight against the militants in Syria, Iraq and beyond, received the plan Feb. 27 after giving the Pentagon 30 days to prepare it.

But in a conflict where nothing has been as simple as anticipated, the Raqqa offensive has already sparked new alliances. In just the past two days, U.S. forces intended for the Raqqa battle have had to detour to a town in northern Syria to head off a confrontation between two American allied forces — Turkish and Syrian Kurdish fighters. There, they have found themselves effectively side by side with Russian and Syrian

government forces with the same apparent objective.

Approval of the Raqqa plan would effectively shut the door on Turkey's demands that Syrian Kurds, considered terrorists by Ankara, be denied U.S. equipment and kept out of the upcoming offensive. Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has said that arming and including the Kurdish People's Protection Units, or YPG, in the operation is unacceptable and has vowed to move his own troops and Turkish-allied Syrian rebel forces toward Raqqa.

U.S. officials, some of whom spoke on the condition of anonymity about the still-secret planning, believe Erdogan's tough talk is motivated primarily by domestic politics, specifically a desire to bolster prospects for an April 16 nationwide referendum that would transform Turkey's governing system to give more power to the presidency.

## Iraqi troops facing heavy resistance in western Mosul

*Associated Press*

BAGHDAD — Iraqi troops encountered the "heaviest" clashes yet with Islamic State group fighters Sunday in western Mosul since the start of the new push more than two weeks ago, according to a senior commander.

Maj. Gen. Haider al-Maturi, of the Federal Police Commandos Division, told The Associated Press that Islamic State militants dispatched at least six suicide car bombs, which were all destroyed before reaching the troops. The militants, he said, are moving from house to house and deploying snipers.

The wave of heavy resistance comes as Iraqi forces launched attacks against Islamic State-held neighborhoods in western Mosul from three points Sunday morning. The Federal Police are closing in on the city's main government complex in the Dawasa neighborhood, and Iraq's special forces are attempting to push into the Shuhada and Mansour neighborhoods.

Islamic State fighters have

"some mortar (teams) and snipers positioned inside homes," said Iraqi special forces Maj. Ali Talib, explaining that U.S.-led coalition airstrikes have helped destroy some of the Islamic State defenses, but clashes are still ongoing.

Al-Maturi, of the federal police, said his troops are now some 500 meters away from the government complex.

Also on Sunday, The Hague, Netherlands-based Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons said in a statement the organization was "seriously concerned" about reports of chemical weapons use in Mosul.

The alleged attack last week hit a neighborhood along the Tigris River, which roughly divides the city in two. Hospital officials said 10 patients were admitted for exposure and would be discharged in the coming days.

The United Nations warned that the alleged use of chemical weapons, if confirmed, would be a war crime and a serious violation of international humanitarian law.

## Trump orders expansion of counterterrorism in Yemen

*Tribune Washington Bureau*

WASHINGTON — More than two years after a multisided civil war erupted in Yemen that allowed al-Qaida's local franchise to amass power and seize territory, President Donald Trump has told the Pentagon to conduct a complicated counterterrorism campaign.

Trump's decision, just six weeks into his presidency, intends to reverse the largely unchecked expansion across southern Yemen of the group, al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula.

The willingness to expand counterterrorism operations inside war-torn Yemen is another signal that Trump is more willing to defer to military commanders on national security policy than was President Barack Obama, who was criticized publicly by three of his four defense secretaries and privately by uniformed officers for micromanaging the military.

Over two days last week, armed drones and warplanes conducted more than 30 air-

strikes against suspected al-Qaida positions in three Yemeni provinces. They were the first U.S. attacks in the country since an ill-fated Navy SEAL raid in January that killed two dozen civilians, including women and children, al-Qaida militants and Navy SEAL William "Ryan" Owens.

The airstrikes are expected to continue into this week. Trump is also considering giving more power to U.S. military commanders to conduct operations in Yemen, including ground attacks.

No specific threats or plots were being tracked in Yemen, Capt. Jeff Davis, a Pentagon spokesman, said Friday. Rather, he said, the latest strikes were designed to eliminate the Yemeni countryside as a place "where they can plot and execute external attacks."

The U.S. military did not specify why the operation kicked off last week. Targets inside Yemen, the Arab world's poorest nation, have been under surveillance for months.



## Japan dial-a-driver service now operating on Okinawa

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*Stars and Stripes*

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — A Japanese dial-a-driver service is now operating on U.S. bases on Okinawa to help prevent servicemembers from drinking and driving.

The service, known as “daiko” in Japan, gives inebriated people a lift home, along with their vehicles, after a night on the town.

The service is common in Japan, but drivers got access to Okinawa bases only last month after coming to an arrangement with the Army and Air Force Exchange Service.

The Japan Daiko Association is working with six taxi companies to extend the service to the bases. The goal is to cut down on DUI incidents involving the U.S. military, said Naoko Teruya, AAFES’ area service manager for Okinawa.

“This new service currently has 27 cars islandwide to assist servicemembers with a safe means of arriving home with their vehicle when they have chosen to drink on or off base,” she said. “More cars will be added as passes are processed and business warrants are attained.”

In Japan, driving with a blood alcohol concentration of 0.03 percent — the equivalent of as little as one alcoholic drink, depending on body weight — is unlawful and can result in a jail sentence.

Alcohol-related incidents involving American military personnel on Okinawa have provided fuel for activists campaigning to remove U.S. forces from the island.

U.S. military personnel on Okinawa are arrested on DUI charges at a rate roughly on par with locals. However, the rate at which American servicemembers and civilians have been involved in drunken-driving crashes causing injury or death since 2014 is 4.2 per 10,000 people, compared with 2.2 per 10,000 for Japanese.

To use Okinawa’s English-language daiko service, customers can call 098-932-4035 from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. seven days per week.

The service costs about \$14 for the first 2 kilometers (about 1.2 miles), and about \$1.75 for each kilometer after that. Fares must be paid in yen, but there are plans to allow credit cards in the near future, Teruya said.

## New C-130J plane on way to Yokota

By SETH ROBSON  
*Stars and Stripes*

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — The first of Yokota’s 14 new C-130J Super Hercules transport planes is headed for Japan, the aircraft’s manufacturer said.

The aircraft, which left a Lockheed Martin aeronautics facility in Marietta, Ga., on Feb. 24 before stopping off in Greenville, S.C., for post-production work, was due to touch down Monday at the headquarters of U.S. Forces Japan and 5th Air Force in Tokyo, Air Force officials said.

“Other Super Hercs will arrive throughout the next 14 to 16 months,” Larry Gallogly, Lockheed Martin’s director of domestic business development for Air Mobility and Maritime Missions, said in an email Friday.

Yokota’s 36th Airlift Squadron, 374th Airlift Wing is replacing 14 older C-130H cargo planes with the new model, which will be used to support peacekeeping and contingency

operations in the western Pacific, including cargo-delivery, troop-transport, airdrop and aeromedical missions.

The planes will be the first Air Force C-130Js to be permanently assigned to the Pacific region, an Air Force statement said.

“It is an honor for Lockheed Martin to deliver this milestone C-130J to the Airmen who fly, support and maintain the 374th Airlift Wing’s Hercules fleet,” said George Shultz, a Lockheed Martin vice president and general manager. “The 374th has a long, distinguished history with the C-130 and its C-130J fleet will continue — and expand — the wing’s unmatched and vital airlift capabilities.”

C-130Js already have seen extensive service with the Air Force and have accumulated more than 1.5 million flight hours. They have superior performance and new capabilities, including more range and flexibility than the old C-130Hs, the Air Force statement said.

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## At SHARP training, victims of assault tell their stories

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VICENZA, Italy — Capt. Joanna Moore never touched alcohol in college, figuring that would prevent her from being sexually victimized. But drinking with her battle buddies in the Army — that was safe, she thought. But Moore was raped while passed out in a friend’s car.

Spc. Brittany Leitner was stone-cold sober when she was raped in her home by a man she’d reluctantly let come over to watch a movie.

“I fought, of course. I fought,” she said. “He laughed at me. He enjoyed himself.”

The two young women sat at a table on stage and told the crowd of about 500 people, mostly soldiers, that they had been raped by men wearing the same uniform.

It was a frank beginning to the first of

two days of required annual training about military sexual assault and harassment.

Aiming to educate troops on the dynamics of sexual assault, the SHARP — or, Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention — summit at Army post Caserma Ederle in Vicenza, Italy, covered a lot of territory.

Joseph Maio, a psychologist at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany and its chief of outpatient programs for trauma survivors, gave a whirlwind talk about perpetrators and survivors, about rape myths and the cult of hypermasculinity in the military, and about the incidence of sexual assault.

Sexual assault affects one in four military women and one in 25 men — about two-thirds of whom will suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder as a result, he said. “It’s amazing how much of a penalty

a survivor pays for a few moments of a perpetrator exercising dominance and control over them.”

Maio also talked about how difficult it was to identify military sexual offenders, often high-performing servicemembers who are “not overtly creeps,” he said. He noted a study of male Navy recruits that found 13 percent of them had committed sexual assault, averaging seven victims each.

And he suggested to senior leaders that although it might be natural to value and believe a high-functioning soldier over a lower-status soldier who reports being assaulted, that sort of bias is ultimately self-defeating.

“They’re strong members of your unit, except that they’re destroying your unit,” Maio said.

# Probe urged into wiretapping allegations

Associated Press

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — The White House on Sunday demanded that Congress, which is already investigating Russian meddling in the 2016 presidential election, also examine whether former President Barack Obama abused his executive powers in connection with that campaign.

The request followed President Donald Trump's claim Saturday that his predecessor had tapped the telephones at Trump Tower. Trump offered no supporting evidence, a spokesman for Obama said the claim is "simply false," and lawmakers in both parties asked for proof.

James Clapper, director of national intelligence under Obama, said Sunday that no such wiretap activity was carried out

against Trump as a candidate or against his campaign.

"Absolutely, I can deny it," said Clapper, who left the White House when Trump took office Jan. 20.

White House press secretary Sean Spicer announced the request to Congress in a statement Sunday that referred to "very troubling" reports "concerning potentially politically motivated investigations immediately ahead of the 2016 election." Spicer did not respond to inquiries about citing those reports.

Trump said the wiretapping happened in October at Trump Tower, the New York skyscraper where he ran his campaign and transition. It's also where he lived before taking office.

"President Donald J. Trump is requesting that as part of their investigation into Rus-

sian activity, the congressional intelligence committees exercise their oversight authority to determine whether executive branch investigative powers were abused in 2016," Spicer said.

Spicer's chief deputy, Sarah Huckabee Sanders, said she thinks Trump is "going off of information that he's seen that has led him to believe that this is a very real potential." If the conduct alleged is confirmed, Sanders said it would amount to the "greatest overreach and the greatest abuse of power that I think we have ever seen and a huge attack on democracy itself.

"The American people have a right to know if this took place," she said of a congressional inquiry.

Josh Earnest, who was

Obama's press secretary, said presidents do not have authority to unilaterally order the wiretapping of American citizens, as Trump has alleged was done to him. FBI investigators and Justice Department officials must seek a federal judge's approval to investigate by demonstrating that probable cause exists.

Earnest accused Trump of leveling the allegations, in a series of tweets Saturday in an attempt to distract from the attention being given to campaign-season contacts by his aides with a Russian official, including campaign adviser Jeff Sessions before he resigned from the Senate to become attorney general. The FBI is investigating those contacts, as is Congress.

## 10 arrested after pro-Trump rally in Calif. turns violent

Associated Press

BERKELEY, Calif. — A rally in Berkeley, Calif., in support of President Donald Trump turned violent, and his supporters clashed with counterdemonstrators in several fights that led to the arrests of 10 people and left at least seven people injured.

People wearing goggles, motorcycle helmets, gas masks or with their faces half-covered with bandanas pushed each other, threw punches and hit each other with the sticks holding their signs or American flags. The melees started almost as soon as Trump supporters arrived at the Martin Luther King Jr. Civic Center Park in downtown Berkeley.

Video of scattered fights showed smoke bombs being thrown at the crowd, a man pepper-spraying a brawling group and paramedics tending to a man bleeding from the head and helping another with cuts on his face.

"This is a sad day," Berkeley Councilman Ben Bartlett said. "We're better than this."

Five people were arrested for battery, four for assault with a deadly weapon and one for resisting arrest, the Berkeley Police Department said.

Officers confiscated a dagger, metal pipes, bats, pieces of lumber and bricks, it added.

Berkeley police officers in riot gear first stood by the rally that attracted hundreds of Trump supporters and opponents at a park less than a mile from the University of California, Berkeley campus. The department said officers worked to identify suspects and to arrest them at the first available opportunity.

"Because of the nature of the crowd, police are not always able to make immediate arrests without inciting further violence or injuring peaceful bystanders," it said.

"This is the most immature and disgusting display of human interaction," David Tomes, 49, a pro-Trump marcher draped in a "Don't Tread on Me" flag, told the San Francisco Chronicle.

He owns a yoga studio in Petaluma and said he has been targeted for his political beliefs.

## Poll finds divided citizens fret over US losing identity

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Add one more to the list of things dividing left and right in this country: We can't even agree what it means to be an American.

A new survey from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research finds Republicans are far more likely to cite a culture grounded in Christian beliefs and the traditions of early European immigrants as essential to U.S. identity.

Democrats are more apt to point to the country's history of mixing of people from around the globe and a tradition of offering refuge to the persecuted.

While there's disagreement on what makes up the American identity, 7 in 10 people — regardless of party — say the country is losing that identity.

"It's such stark divisions," said Lynelle Jones, 65, an accountant in Boulder, Colo.

"There's so much turmoil in the American political situation right now. People's ideas of what is America's place in the world

are so different from one end of the spectrum to the other," Jones said.

There are some points of resounding agreement among Democrats, Republicans and independents about what makes up the country's identity. Among them: a fair judicial system and rule of law, the freedoms enshrined in the Constitution and the ability to get good jobs and to achieve the American dream.

Among the areas seen as the greatest threats to the American way of life, Democrats coalesce around a fear of the country's political leaders, political polarization and economic inequality. Most Republicans point instead to illegal immigration as a top concern.

The AP-NORC poll of 1,004 adults was conducted Feb. 16-20 using a sample drawn from NORC's probability-based AmeriSpeak panel, which is designed to be representative of the U.S. population. The margin of sampling error for all respondents is plus or minus 3.9 percentage points.



# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Sheriff: Cuffed man stole deputy's car

**FL** DEFUNIAK SPRINGS — Authorities in Florida's Panhandle say a Texas man stole a deputy's patrol car while handcuffed.

According to the Walton County Sheriff's Office, deputies arrested Cody Dwayne Hynum, 30, of Highlands, Texas, on Friday in DeFuniak Springs on suspicion of stealing a pickup and attempting to steal another vehicle.

Authorities told the Northwest Florida Daily News that after being handcuffed and put into the back of a patrol car, Hynum kicked out one of its windows.

The sheriff's office said Hynum got into the driver's seat and drove off while still handcuffed. Authorities said Hynum drove the vehicle into a fence before fleeing on foot into nearby woods, where he was caught.

## Wife guilty of burning man; he is arrested

**NM** SANTA FE — A northern New Mexico woman was convicted of aggravated battery against a household member for setting her husband on fire in 2015, and he was arrested on suspicion of making a threatening gesture during her trial.

Defense attorney Roderick Thompson told the Santa Fe New Mexican that the jury verdict Thursday means Layla Coriz, 43, of Chimayo, could face up to three years behind bars.

James Coriz was burned on his chest, face and other parts of his body. He was arrested Thursday on suspicion of bribery of a witness — a state police officer who testified during the trial — by running his hand across his throat. He offered to apologize for making the gesture but was arrested.

## Woman hopes to wed in Taco Bell dress

**CA** IRVINE — The wedding of one woman's dreams will take place in a Taco Bell while she's wearing a dress made of burrito wrappers.

The winner of Taco Bell's "Love and Tacos" contest gets an all-expense-paid trip to Las Vegas to get married in a chapel at the chain's flagship restaurant when it opens later this year.

Diane Nguyen entered the contest with an Instagram picture of herself wearing a burrito-wrapper dress while holding a tray with her fiancée in front of a Taco Bell counter. She wrote that Taco Bell has been there for the couple throughout the years and the couple's love "is as cheesy as a quesadilla."

The winning couple will be announced later this month.

## Pizza-tossing brothers spin their way to fame

**NJ** JERSEY CITY — Two young New Jersey brothers have become internet sensations after a video was posted of them tossing a rubber pizza.

Their father, Carmine Testa, said he has posted numerous videos over the years of Nicholas, 12, and Michael, 10, tossing the rubber dough in Carmine's Pizza Factory in Jersey City.

He just can't figure out why the latest video, posted to Facebook in February, generated more than 14 million views in less than two weeks.

## City worker busted over bedroom at work

**RI** CRANSTON — An employee of a Rhode Island city wasn't sleeping on the job — it appears he was sleeping at his job.

WPRI-TV reported that a Cranston Highway Department worker who had just sold his house set up a makeshift bedroom on the second floor of the department's building.

A photo making its way around social media shows a room with a bed, a nightstand, a coffee maker, even slippers and what appear to be pajamas.

City Administration Director Robert Coupe confirmed that an employee has been disciplined. He said the bedroom was in use for a short period of time and the setup has ended.

## Teen lying down near train tracks loses feet

**GA** LILBURN — A 17-year-old Georgia boy lost both his feet after being hit by a train in suburban Atlanta.

Lilburn Police Capt. Thomas Bardugon said the teen was lying down with his feet draped over the train tracks Thursday afternoon when he was hit by a CSX train.

The boy was able to call 911 and emergency medical services responded. Lilburn police officers applied tourniquets to his legs, which Bardugon said likely saved his life.

The teen was taken to Gwinnett Medical Center in Lawrenceville in stable condition. Paramedics said he told them he didn't intend to hurt himself.

## CPR-trained teen saves small child

**TN** BRISTOL — Officials said a Tennessee teenager who learned CPR at school used the training to save the life of an unresponsive toddler.

Kaela Eads, 18, said she was just finishing her shift at a fast-food restaurant in Bristol when a woman ran up to the drive-thru window holding a small child. Eads said she told

the workers that her son wasn't breathing and asked if anyone knew CPR. Eads said instinct took over and she ran outside to help.

Darrell Mears, a Bristol Tennessee Fire Department paramedic told the Bristol Herald Courier that the CPR administered by Eads saved the child's life.

Eads said she's considering a career in the medical field.

## Nonswimmer rescues boy in pool at hotel

**NJ** FAIRFIELD — Police said a Pennsylvania man who doesn't know how to swim rescued a boy from drowning in a New Jersey hotel's pool.

Fairfield police said a Paterson woman and a male companion were in the pool at the La Quinta Inn on Thursday with her five children. Police said none knew how to swim, and a 9-year-old went under the water.

Police said Randolph Tajada-Perez, 37, of Hazleton, Pa., who was checking in, doesn't know how to swim but jumped into the pool and, after several attempts, reached the child. The boy is in stable condition.

## Firefighter's widow seeks return of statue

**OH** CANTON — The widow of an Ohio firefighter is asking for the return of a cement statue that she placed at his grave.

The 2-foot likeness of a firefighter had stood sentinel near Scott Hickenbotham's burial site at Union Cemetery for about five years.

Hickenbotham died of a rare form of leukemia more than 30 years ago, when he was 28.

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# Berry lifts No. 5 Tar Heels past Duke

Associated Press

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Joel Berry II scored 28 points — including a critical late-game burst of seven straight for his team — to help No. 5 North Carolina hold off No. 17 Duke 90-83 on Saturday night.

Isaiah Hicks added 21 points for the Tar Heels, who battled through a nearly shot-for-shot fight with their fiercest rival to finish unbeaten at home. The game featured 24 lead changes and 14 ties before UNC (26-6, 14-4 Atlantic Coast Conference) finally pushed ahead for good in the final six minutes, with its final margin the biggest lead for either team all night.

Berry shot 9 of 14 and made all five of his three-pointers to offset a tougher shooting night for leading scorer and ACC player of the year candidate Justin Jackson.

Luke Kennard, another league player of the year contender, finished with 28 points to lead the Blue Devils (23-8, 11-7).

**No. 1 Kansas 90, Oklahoma State 85:** Frank Mason III, the Big 12's leading scorer, scored 27 points to help the top-ranked Jayhawks hold off host Oklahoma State.

**No. 2 Villanova 81, Georgetown 55:** Josh Hart scored 21 points, including back-to-back three-pointers with seven minutes left that put the game out of reach for the visiting Wildcats (28-3, 15-3 Big East).

**No. 3 UCLA 77, Washington State 68:** Aaron Holiday scored 16 points and the Bruins rallied with a 14-0 run in the final

10 minutes for their ninth straight victory and a 16-1 finish at home.

**No. 4 Gonzaga 82, Pacific 50:** At Las Vegas, Jordan Matthews scored 22 points, Nigel Williams-Goss added 20 and Gonzaga recovered from its first loss of the season and a sluggish first half to beat Pacific in the West Coast Conference quarterfinals.

**No. 6 Oregon 80, Oregon State 59:** Dillon Brooks had 25 points and visiting Oregon earned a share of the Pac-12 regular-season title.

**No. 7 Arizona 73, Arizona State 60:** Alonzo Trier scored 19 points, guard Rawle Alkins grabbed 15 rebounds and visiting Arizona (27-4, 16-2) pulled away in the second half to win a share of the Pac-12 regular-season title.

**No. 8 Louisville 71, No. 19 Notre Dame 64:** Donovan Mitchell scored 20 points, including four free throws in the final 22 seconds, and Deng Adel made a big three-pointer for host Louisville.

**No. 9 Kentucky 71, Texas A&M 63:** De'Aaron Fox scored 19 points and the visiting Wildcats (26-5, 16-2) overcame an early 15-point deficit to claim the SEC regular-season title outright.

**No. 11 Baylor 75, Texas 64:** Johnathan Motley had 17 points and 17 rebounds for the visiting Bears.

Jake Lindsey added 16 points as Baylor (25-6, 12-6) matched school records for total victories and Big 12 wins.

**Vanderbilt 73, No. 12 Florida 71:** Riley LaChance's layup with 1:35 left gave Vanderbilt the lead for good as the host Commodores rallied from a 12-point deficit to sweep Florida.

**Seton Hall 70, No. 13 Butler 64:** Desi Rodriguez scored 21 points, and Angel Delgado added 20 points and 16 rebounds and the visiting Pirates (20-10, 10-8 Big East) scored the game's final seven points.

**No. 14 SMU 103, Memphis 62:** Sterling Brown had 26 points and 10 rebounds for host SMU (27-4, 17-1), which clinched the outright American Athletic Conference title.

**No. 15 Florida St. 66, No. 25 Miami 57:** Dwayne Bacon scored 23 points and host Florida State clinched a double bye in the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament.

**No. 20 Saint Mary's 81, Portland 58:** At Las Vegas, Calvin Hermanson hit five three-pointers and scored 21 points, and Saint Mary's pulled away from Portland in the second half in the West Coast Conference quarterfinals.

**No. 21 Wichita State 78, Missouri State 63:** At St. Louis, Shaquille Morris scored 21 points, Conner Frankamp added 18 and Wichita State beat Missouri State in the semifinals of the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament.

**No. 23 Virginia 67, Pittsburgh 42:** London Perrantes scored 22 points in his final home game for the Cavaliers.

## Woodley edges Thompson, keeps UFC belt

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Although the sequel had nowhere near the drama of the original, both fights ended with Tyron Woodley's hands on the UFC welterweight belt.

Woodley retained his 170-pound title with a majority decision over Stephen Thompson at UFC 209 on Saturday night.

Until the final 30 seconds of their five-round rematch, Woodley (17-3-1) and Thompson (13-2-1) failed to recapture the excitement of their memorable majority draw last November. Woodley put on a cautious, tactical fight until he caught Thompson with a right hand late, landing several big shots on the ground.

"It wasn't the most exciting

fight, like you guys were used to the last time," Woodley said. "Sometimes chess is move by move. ... When you fight someone for the second time, it's like a chess match, you don't want to give up anything. I knew that his game plan was going to be to keep it on the outside and not let me get in close because that's where I do the most damage, and he did a great job. He made it very hard to get it in close."

Thompson made it to the bell, but two judges scored the bout 48-47 for Woodley, with a third seeing it 47-47.

Alistair Overeem also stopped Mark Hunt in the third round of an entertaining heavyweight bout at T-Mobile Arena, and Rashad Evans debuted at middleweight with a split-decision upset loss to 39-year-old

Australian Daniel Kelly.

The UFC 209 card lost one of the year's most anticipated bouts one day earlier when Khabib Nurmagomedov was hospitalized while struggling to make weight. The unbeaten Russian was scheduled to fight Tony Ferguson for the interim lightweight title.

Earlier, veteran Dutch kickboxer Overeem (42-15) flattened Hunt to bounce back solidly from his knockout loss to Stipe Miocic in his heavyweight title shot last September.

Overeem also fought through food poisoning that sent him to the hospital on the night before this fight, although he didn't reveal it. White told the media afterward.

After two bloody rounds that looked largely even, Overeem

staggered Hunt with a left elbow in a clinch. Overeem then landed two right knees, leaving the 42-year-old Hunt (12-11-1) planted face-down on the canvas.

Evans (24-6-1), the former UFC light heavyweight champion, moved down in weight after losing four of his last six fights. Although he looked sharp, Evans narrowly lost an entertaining duel with the relentless Kelly (13-1), who has competed in judo for Australia at four Olympics.

Kelly is an improbable 6-1 since joining the UFC as a 37-year-old jiu-jitsu black belt with just seven MMA bouts. He has been the betting underdog six times in his seven-fight UFC career.

# Pass rushers could go quickly

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Myles Garrett might be a nice guy off the football field.

On it, the Texas A&M defensive end can be as mean and nasty as anyone else whose dream job is dragging pretty-boy quarterbacks through the mud. And the imposing 6-foot-4, 272-pound Garrett intends to spend next season taking his new job quite seriously.

"I can't be smiling at folks while I'm sacking people," he joked Saturday at the NFL's annual scouting combine.

Some NFL team will learn to appreciate the refreshing candor coming from the early front-runner to be the first overall pick in the April draft.

Garrett looks like a prototypical pass rusher — big, fast, strong, a quick first step and incredibly productive in one of America's toughest football conferences.

But what makes Garrett particularly attractive to NFL scouts is his position. These days, the only players who seem to be prized more than franchise quarterbacks are the ones hitting them. And players like Garrett understand the expectations of being a consistent pass rusher.

"You have to be a game-changer," Garrett said. "You have to be able to turn the tide of a game at any given time. Somebody who, when it's third-and-15 and maybe it's the fourth

quarter and we need a stop to get the ball back, they put you in and say 'You're the guy.' That's how good you have to be."

And many NFL teams are eager to get their first real look at a deep class of potential game-wreckers.

Defensive linemen and linebackers work out Sunday in Indianapolis.

The list begins with Garrett, a unique athlete who finished with 15 sacks last season and 47 in three years with the Aggies.

If Garrett doesn't go No. 1 in the draft, Alabama defensive tackle Jonathan Allen could.

Allen had 22½ sacks in his final two college seasons and returned two turnovers for touchdowns in 2016. He may have eased some concerns about both shoulders, which have been surgically repaired, by bench-pressing 225 pounds 21 times.

"It's not really a problem now, but it might be a problem 15, 20 years down the road so I'm not worried about that right now," he said, referring to an arthritic left shoulder. "I'm worried about playing good for whichever team I go to."

Defensive ends Solomon Thomas, of Stanford, Taco Charlton, of Michigan, could both be taken early, too. UCLA's Takkarist McKinley's stock took a big jump with an 18-sack season in 2016, and Tennessee's Derek Barnett, Missouri's Charles Harris and

Temple's Haason Reddick are all intriguing prospects in a defensive class that is rife with talent.

Barnett was sick Saturday and it's unclear if he'll work out.

Alabama linebacker Reuben Foster also will be missing after being sent home for getting into an argument with a hospital worker Friday.

But coaches, scouts and general managers realize the best pass-rushers won't stick around long on draft weekend because they are in such great demand.

"This league is a passing league," new Colts general manager Chris Ballard said earlier this week. "So it's about protecting the quarterback and getting guys who can go get the other quarterback."

One problem is finding players who fit defensive schemes.

Some of college football's top pass-rushing specialists are too small to play on an NFL defensive line and wind up moving to outside linebacker — a switch that doesn't always work.

Whether the team that drafts them plays a 3-4 defense or a 4-3, just about every pro linebacker is asked to play coverage, something many making the position change never have done.

If it works, a team can strike gold — as the Baltimore Ravens did with Terrell Suggs.

If it doesn't, a team may be scrambling for years to find a solution.

# WR Ross sets 40 record

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Washington receiver John Ross III has run the 40-yard dash in a record-setting 4.22 seconds at the NFL scouting combine.

Ross completed the feat on his first attempt Saturday, breaking Chris Johnson's record of 4.24 seconds in 2008.

While Ross was winding down, he appeared to hurt his left leg. The NFL Network reported that Ross wouldn't do any more drills during the workout because of sore calves.

Ross told the league's television network he felt good but "got tight at the end."

One player who was impressed after hearing the time was Texas A&M defensive end Myles Garrett, who just shook his head. Garrett is the current favorite to be picked first overall in April's draft.

Ross' time was the fastest among the 3,784 players who have run the distance at the NFL's annual scouting combine since 2003.

# Tide's Foster unfazed about ejection from combine

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — If linebacker Reuben Foster is worried that he hurt his draft stock by getting kicked out of the NFL's scouting combine he isn't showing it.

The former Alabama star posted a live video on Instagram on Saturday, but he demurred when fans asked about him getting sent home allegedly for getting into a heated confrontation with a hospital worker over his long wait time.

"Y'all, stop asking me what happened, for real," Foster said on the video, according to AL.com. "Nothing happened."

Then, Foster, the 2016 Butkus Award winner and a potential top-10 pick, deflect-

ed questions to his Crimson Tide teammates who were with him at the combine.

"Talk to Tim" Foster said in reference to Tim Williams, a defensive end who was at the Indiana University Health Methodist Hospital at the same time. "Talk to Ryan (Anderson). Talk to Dalvin (Tomlinson). Them boys know. They were there."

Williams said he was in a different group and couldn't say exactly what happened.

"We were all waiting for our names to be called. He was with the linebackers and I was with all of the D-line," Williams said. "I was in a different room."

Pass rusher Ryan Anderson could only say that there was quite a logjam of prospects at the hospital, so much so that he,

himself, missed a scheduled interview with the Miami Dolphins.

In his video chat, Foster also addressed the recent surgery on his right rotator cuff. He said he'd be out of the sling in a week.

"Everything ain't perfect," Foster said. "I'm good. I just have to think. I just had to sit back and relax and think about what I really want."

The surgery was going to prevent Foster from any on-field drills in Indianapolis anyway, but teams still wanted to get the medical reports on him and have a chance to interview him.

NFL Network draft analyst Mike Mayock said he didn't think the incident would hurt Foster's stock, however.



# Heat scorch short-handed Cavaliers

Associated Press

MIAMI — Goran Dragic scored 23 points, Hassan Whiteside had 20 points and 13 rebounds, and the Miami Heat beat the undermanned Cleveland Cavaliers 120-92 on Saturday night.

Tyler Johnson added 17 points for the Heat, who won for the 18th time in their last 22 games.

LeBron James and Kyrie Irving sat out for Cleveland, both getting the night off to rest. The Cavaliers fell to 0-5 this season when James isn't in the lineup, and continue to be without two other would-be starters in Kevin Love and J.R. Smith — both still recovering from surgeries. Newly signed center Andrew Bogut also wasn't with the Cavaliers.

Channing Frye scored 21 points and Kyle Korver added 15 for the Cavaliers, who have lost their last 12 games in Miami. This one was largely drama-free until the final seconds, when players from both sides did a little shouting back and forth, with Miami's Dion Waiters — a former Cavs guard — among those most upset.

**Spurs 97, Timberwolves 90 (OT):** Kawhi Leonard had 34 points and 10 re-

bounds and host San Antonio overcame a listless start to beat Minnesota and wrap up its 20th straight playoff spot.

The Spurs won in overtime for the second straight night to extend their winning streak to seven.

LaMarcus Aldridge added 18 points and 10 rebounds for the Spurs, and Pau Gasol had 17 points and eight rebounds in his fifth straight game as a reserve. The Spurs outscored the Timberwolves 35-20 in the final quarter and overtime.

**Clippers 101, Bulls 91:** Reserve Jamal Crawford scored 25 points and took over down the stretch to carry visiting Los Angeles over Chicago.

Crawford, a former Bulls guard who won his third Sixth Man of the Year award last season, scored 10 points in a 14-7 spurt in the fourth quarter as the Clippers won for just the second time in six games.

**Rockets 123, Grizzlies 108:** James Harden scored 33 points to help host Houston build a big lead in the third quarter and coast to a victory over Memphis.

Eric Gordon added 18 points and made six of Houston's 18 three-pointers in the victory that tied the season series with the Grizzlies at 2-2.

**Pistons 136, 76ers 106:** Kentavious Caldwell-Pope scored 13 of his 26 points in visiting Detroit's dominating third quarter, and the Pistons set a season high for points.

The Pistons, holding the final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference, had lost two of three, including Wednesday's 109-86 drubbing at New Orleans that resulted in coach Stan Van Gundy calling out point guard Reggie Jackson.

Van Gundy told reporters Friday that he wanted to see Jackson play with more energy and contemplated starting backup point guard Ishmael Smith over Jackson on Saturday. Jackson, though, did make the start and scored 21 points.

**Bucks 101, Raptors 94:** Khris Middleton scored a season-high 24 points, Giannis Antetokounmpo added 21 and Milwaukee beat visiting Toronto.

**Hornets 112, Nuggets 102:** Kemba Walker scored 27 points, Nicolas Batum had 21 points and eight assists, and Charlotte beat host Denver.

**Trail Blazers 130, Nets 116:** CJ McCollum scored 31 points to lead host Portland past the Brooklyn.

# Backstrom boosts Capitals to OT win

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Capitals and Flyers tried to pummel each other out of the gate Saturday night, then Washington settled things on special teams.

The Caps again shut down Philadelphia's potent power play, and then Nicklas Backstrom scored with a man advantage in overtime to lift Washington over the Flyers 2-1 in another contentious showdown between bitter rivals.

Amid all the pushing, shoving and yapping, the Capitals extended their franchise-record home winning streak to 15 by killing off all six Flyers power plays just to reach overtime.

"In order to be successful against them, you've got to limit the zone time, and we did that for the majority of the time," said goaltender Braden Holtby, who stopped 30 of the 31 shots, including all seven while short-handed. "When they get in zone,

they have some options, some dangerous players. We limited that, so I think that's a big reason why we were successful."

The Capitals' penalty kill improved to 15-for-15 against the Flyers after going 22-for-23 in the teams' playoff series last spring that sparked the animosity on display Saturday night. With the ice partially to blame after basketball games Friday night and Saturday afternoon, neither power play could get much going.

That is, until Backstrom beat Steve Mason 3:25 into overtime for his 20th goal of the season. Backstrom saw that Alex Ovechkin and T.J. Oshie — who returned after missing four games with an upper-body injury — were covered and decided to shoot, and the result was his sixth career overtime goal.

**Blackhawks 5, Predators 3:** Brian Campbell scored with 1:05 remaining to lead visiting

Chicago to its seventh straight win.

Patrick Kane scored twice, including an empty-netter after Campbell's goal, and Jordin Tootoo and Jonathan Toews also scored for Chicago. Corey Crawford made 32 saves.

**Canadiens 4, Rangers 1:** Carey Price made 26 saves and the visiting Canadiens extended their winning streak to five games.

Shea Weber, Artturi Lehkonen, Andrew Shaw and Jordie Benn scored for the Canadiens, who are in first place in the Atlantic Division.

**Bruins 3, Devils 2:** Ryan Spooner scored midway through the third period to lift host Boston to its eighth victory in 10 games under interim coach Bruce Cassidy.

**Lightning 2, Sabres 1 (SO):** Brayden Point and Nikita Kucherov scored in a shootout and visiting Tampa Bay defeated Buffalo.

**Stars 2, Panthers 1:** John Klingberg scored the winning goal with 1:07 left for visiting Dallas.

**Senators 3, Blue Jackets 2:** Zack Smith scored a short-handed goal in the third period for host Ottawa.

**Jets 6, Avalanche 1:** Blake Wheeler and Nikolaj Ehlers each had a goal and two assists, leading host Winnipeg.

**Oilers 4, Red Wings 3:** Connor McDavid had a goal and an assist and host Edmonton started an eight-game homestand with a victory over Detroit.

**Canucks 4, Kings 3:** Sven Baertschi scored twice, Ryan Miller made 41 saves and visiting Vancouver ended a four-game losing streak.

Henrik Sedin had a goal, Nikolaj Goldobin scored in his Canucks debut and Bo Horvat had three assists as Vancouver won in regulation for just the second time in its last nine games.