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## Report says nude photo-sharing not new

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WASHINGTON — Months before the nude Marine photo-sharing scandal erupted, servicemembers were complaining about a similar issue in an anonymous Defense Department survey on sexual assault and harassment.

In a report issued Monday, the Pentagon said that nearly 6,200 military members said that sexually explicit photos of them were taken or shared against their will by someone from work, and it made them “uncomfortable, angry or upset.” Across the services, female Marines made up the largest percentage of women who complained.

More than 22,000 servicemembers said they were upset or angry when someone at work showed or sent them pornography. Again, female Marines represented the highest percentage

of complaints from women.

The responses reflect a growing concern across the military about inappropriate social media behavior. The scandal came to light last month when sexually explicit photos of female and male Marines were being shared on a secret Facebook page. The revelation triggered a wide-ranging criminal investigation that now encompasses all the services and has prompted changes and restrictions in military social media policies.

The latest survey results make it clear that the issue has long been simmering in the military.

Nate Galbreath, deputy director of the Pentagon’s sexual assault prevention office, said the results “tell us that this is a problem and we have to start having more conversations about social media behavior.”

The survey was released as

part of the annual report on sexual assault and harassment in the military. It found that reports of sexual assaults in the military increased slightly last year, and more than half the victims reported negative reactions or retaliation for their complaints.

Defense officials, however, said the anonymous survey done as part of the report showed some progress in fighting sexual assault, as fewer than 15,000 servicemembers described themselves as victims of unwanted sexual contact. That is 4,000 fewer than in a 2014 survey.

Because sexual assault is a highly underreported crime, the Pentagon has used anonymous surveys for several years to track the problem. The survey was sent to more than 735,000 servicemembers between June and October 2016, and more than 150,000 responded.

The two social media questions were asked for the first time in last year’s survey because the issue was becoming more of a concern, Galbreath said.

According to the data, 1.3 percent of military women said someone took or shared explicit photos of them against their will. When divided according to military service, 2.3 percent of female Marines made that complaint, compared with 1.5 percent of female soldiers, 1.6 percent of female sailors and .5 percent of female airmen.

On the pornography question, 4 percent of military women said someone showed or sent them sexually explicit material that made them upset or angry. Six percent of female Marines had that problem, compared with 5 percent of female sailors, 4.5 percent of female soldiers and 2.1 percent of female airmen.

## THAAD now ready to defend South Korea

By COREY DICKSTEIN

Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The controversial American anti-missile battery deployed to South Korea to protect the U.S. ally from a potential North Korean attack has reached its initial ability to intercept an incoming rocket, a U.S. defense official said Monday.

The Army weapon known as the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense system, or THAAD, was ready to shoot down a threatening North Korean missile as of Sunday, the official said on the condition of anonymity.

But it will be some months before the entire system is up and running full time, the official added.

The United States and South Korea announced in July that the two countries had reached an

agreement to deploy the defensive weapon, which is designed to destroy short- and medium-range missiles at a high altitude.

THAAD’s initial operating capability comes as already heightened tensions on the Korean Peninsula continue to escalate. North Korea test-fired a missile Saturday, an operation that the U.S. military said failed when it quickly blew up above North Korean territory. It was at least the eighth missile that the Kim Jong Un regime has launched this year in defiance of increased warnings and economic sanctions from the international community.

But THAAD faces opposition from locals in the rural region of Seongju, where it is deployed, and from China, which has expressed military concerns about the weapon.

Protests broke out near the THAAD site in the southern portion of South Korea on April 26 in opposition to the system, especially its deployment ahead of the country’s May 9 presidential election. The front-runner, Moon Jae-in, has called for THAAD’s deployment to be suspended until the next president can review the agreement.

THAAD, made by Lockheed Martin Corp., has six truck-mounted launchers that can fire up to 48 interceptor missiles. It also includes radar that can detect and track ballistic missiles.

That massive radar system is what most concerns China. Chinese officials have said the United States could use the radar to spy on them, and Beijing has imposed “unofficial” economic sanctions on South Korea for agreeing to the THAAD

deployment.

Last week, President Donald Trump told Reuters that it “would be appropriate” for South Korea to pay the \$1 billion price tag for THAAD.

The White House appeared to walk back that assertion over the weekend.

Trump’s National Security Adviser, H.R. McMaster, told Fox News on Sunday that the United States would pay for the system as long as the current agreement remained in place. If the THAAD agreement is renegotiated, Trump could seek to share the expenses for the weapon.

“What I told our South Korean counterpart is until any renegotiation — that the deal’s in place, (and) we’ll adhere to our word,” said McMaster, an Army lieutenant general.

## Analysts: MOAB's use more hype than heft

McClatchy Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — The use of the “mother of all bombs” on an underground network of Islamic State tunnels in a remote district in Afghanistan was a lot of hype with little long-term impact, according to many military analysts.

While breathless coverage of the use of the most powerful non-nuclear bomb in the U.S. arsenal gave the appearance that the Trump administration was taking assertive military action, the weapon itself fell far short of delivering a knockout blow to militants in the area.

Even if it had, military experts argue that the U.S. shouldn't be focusing its energy on the relatively small threat of ISIS in Afghanistan.

“The Islamic State is on the fringe. It's a small problem in Afghanistan compared to al-Qaida, the Taliban and other groups that operate there,” Bill Roggio, a military analyst at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies, told a House Foreign Affairs subcommittee Thursday.

The GBU-43/B massive ordnance air blast bomb, which had never been used in combat before U.S. forces dropped it on April 13, is designed to detonate 6 feet above the ground, creating horizontal pressure that destroys targets on the surface and just below it.

The U.S. military said it was the right weapon for the right target: a reinforced cave and tunnel complex used by entrenched ISIS fighters.

But there is little indication that the bomb dealt a devastating blow to ISIS in the area.

The district government of Achin, the town in Nangarhar province where the bomb exploded, has said that at least 90 fighters died in the blast.

But the U.S. military has made no independent damage assessment, and the area is still an active combat zone.

# Trump opens door to talks with North Korean leader

BY KIM GAMEL  
*Stars and Stripes*

SEOUL, South Korea — President Donald Trump opened the door to possible talks with North Korea, saying he would be willing to talk to leader Kim Jong Un. At the same time, the United States was putting its military prowess on display in a reminder that the new administration is keeping all options on the table.

Two supersonic bombers thundered over the divided peninsula on Monday, the Air Force said Tuesday, the latest show of force amid mounting tensions over Pyongyang's nuclear weapons program.

U.S. Forces Korea also confirmed that a recently deployed advanced anti-missile battery, called the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense system, or THAAD, is operational and ready to counter the threat from the North despite protests by local residents and objections from China.

North Korea's state-run media fired back in separate reports criticizing THAAD's deployment and vowing to “speed up at the maximum pace the measure for bolstering its nuclear deterrence.”

### Conflicting statements

The developments reflect the dual approach of the Trump administration, which has bounced from blunt threats of military action to suggesting it favors increased diplomatic and economic pressure against Pyongyang.

Experts are divided over whether the conflicting statements may be part of a negotiating tactic meant to keep rivals off guard or ill-conceived musings that could provoke a dangerous miscalculation by the North.

“I think the bottom-line intent here is to give the North

Koreans pause ... in the hopes that they will choose a different path,” said Evans Revere, a former high-ranking diplomat in Seoul.

Trump said he would meet with Kim under the right circumstances, although he didn't specify what those would be.

“If it would be appropriate for me to meet with him, I would absolutely,” Trump told Bloomberg News Monday in an interview. “I would be honored to do it if it's under the, again, under the right circumstances. But I would do that.”

While the North Koreans have engaged in past negotiations with U.S. diplomats and other mediators, leaders of the two countries have never met while in power.

Former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright became the most senior U.S. diplomat to meet with a North Korean leader when she traveled to Pyongyang for talks with Kim Jong Il, the current leader's father, in 2000.

### Miscalculation risk

Trump has vowed a new approach in dealing with the North, saying President Barack Obama's “strategic patience” policy had failed. However, many North Korea observers point out Trump's emerging policies bear many similarities to the past administration's reliance on diplomatic pressure and punishing economic sanctions.

Like his predecessors, he has called on China to do more to rein in its communist ally. One key difference is a warning that he's prepared to use unilateral force and possibly launch a pre-emptive strike.

Trump also has deployed several warships, including the USS Carl Vinson strike group and the guided-missile submarine USS Michigan, as well as B-1B bombers.

Last week, Trump warned “there is a chance that we could

end up having a major, major conflict with North Korea.”

Revere, who is now a nonresident senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, said he doesn't believe either side is looking for a military confrontation, which would be devastating for all involved.

He urged the Trump administration to avoid antagonizing its long-standing ally, South Korea, saying the president's recent suggestion that Seoul should pay the \$1 billion price tag for the anti-missile battery was “ill-timed and ill-conceived.”

### THAAD is operational

U.S. officials said THAAD — designed to destroy short- and medium-range missiles at a high altitude — has been ready to shoot down a missile since Sunday, but it will take some months before the entire system is operating full time.

“U.S. Forces Korea confirms the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) system is operational and has the ability to intercept North Korean missiles and defend [South Korea],” USFK spokesman Col. Rob Manning said in an email.

Washington and Seoul agreed to deploy the anti-missile battery on the peninsula last July as North Korea continued to defy U.N. Security Council resolutions banning it from using ballistic missile technology. Despite tightened sanctions, Pyongyang has conducted two nuclear tests and test-fired nearly 30 missiles since last year.

Critics say the allies rushed to install THAAD in the remote area of Seongju despite fierce opposition in order to establish it as a fact on the ground ahead of May 9 presidential elections. The vote is expected to usher in a left-leaning government that has promised to reconsider the decision.

# Trump advocates September 'shutdown'

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump tweeted Tuesday that the nation “needs a good ‘shutdown’ in September” to fix a “mess” in the Senate, issuing contradictory messages ahead of key votes on a spending plan to keep the federal government running.

Trump’s embrace of a government shutdown came days after he accused Senate Democrats of seeking a shutdown and obstructing majority Republicans during recent budget negotiations. Lawmakers announced Sunday they had reached an agreement to avoid a shutdown until September — a deal that does not include several provisions sought by Trump, including funding for a border wall.

Congress is expected to vote this week on the \$1.1 trillion

spending bill to fund the government through September. The White House on Monday praised the deal as a win for the nation’s military, health benefits for coal miners and other Trump priorities. The House is also considering a possible vote this week on a health care overhaul that would repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act.

Kicking off the day, the president tweeted Tuesday from his Twitter account, “The reason for the plan negotiated between the Republicans and Democrats is that we need 60 votes in the Senate which are not there!” He added that we “either elect more Republican Senators in 2018 or change the rules now to 51 (percent). Our country needs a good ‘shutdown’ in September to fix mess!”

About an hour later, House

Speaker Paul Ryan, of Wisconsin, defended the budget plan, telling reporters, “No longer will our military be held hostage for domestic spending.” He said the spending package was an “important first step in the right direction” that included a “big down payment” on border security and the military.

The presidential tweets displayed a contradictory message on the budget deal. Last Thursday, Trump had tweeted that Democrats were threatening to close national parks as part of the negotiations “and shut down the government. Terrible!” He also tweeted at the time that he had promised to “rebuild our military and secure our border. Democrats want to shut down the government. Politics!”

His Tuesday tweets about Senate procedures came after

Senate Republicans recently triggered the “nuclear option” to eliminate the 60-vote filibuster threshold for Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch. That change allowed the Senate to hold a final vote to approve Gorsuch with a simple majority, an approach that has not been used for legislation.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, of Kentucky, has said he’s not inclined to change Senate rules on the filibuster and legislation, something that has been echoed by other Republicans. McConnell said in April: “Who would be the biggest beneficiary of that right now? It would be the majority, right?” McConnell told reporters. “There’s not a single senator in the majority who thinks we ought to change the legislative filibuster. Not one.”

## Police say motive unclear in University of Texas stabbings

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — The man suspected of stabbing four people at the University of Texas, one fatally, suffered from mental health troubles and had been involuntarily committed for treatment in another city, authorities said Tuesday.

University Police Chief David Carter said Kendrex J. White was “obviously” suffering from some kind of mental difficulties, but he did not elaborate.

White, 21, who was enrolled at the Austin campus, was armed with a large hunting knife. He was described by former classmates as intelligent and easygoing and was active in a student group for black professionals.

Witnesses described a sudden and seemingly random assault on strangers in the middle of the campus of one of the nation’s largest universities.

Rachel Prichett said she was standing in line at a food truck outside a gym when she saw a man with a knife resembling a machete approach the person standing behind her.

“The guy was standing next to me,” Prichett said. “He grabbed him by the shoulder and shoved the knife in it. I just started running as fast as I could.”

Carter described the weapon as a “Bowie-style” hunting knife. He said the stabbings occurred within a one-block area as the attacker “calmly walked around the plaza.”

White was an active member of the Black Health Professionals Organization student organization on campus, said Melody Adindu, the group’s new president. She said he was passionate about his work and was “very interactive and easygoing.”

One person died at the scene. The others were taken to the hospital.

An administrator with the Graham school district, northwest of Fort Worth, identified the person who was killed as Harrison Brown, who graduated from the high school there before enrolling at the university.

The attacker did not resist when officers confronted him at gunpoint, Carter said.

## Thousands rally in US for, against Trump on May Day

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Tens of thousands across the U.S. peacefully chanted, picketed and protested Monday against President Donald Trump’s immigration and labor policies on May Day despite a small pocket of violent unrest in the Pacific Northwest.

Peaceful protesters flocked to the streets in Chicago. At the White House, they demanded “Donald Trump has got to go!”

But police shut down a protest in Portland, Ore., that they said had become a riot after marchers began throwing smoke bombs and other items at officers. Police said they made more than two dozen arrests.

Five people in Seattle were arrested, one for hurling a rock as pro- and anti-Trump demonstrators faced off.

In the Washington state capital of Olympia, police ordered protesters to disperse as some threw bottles, used pepper spray and fired marbles from slingshots at officers. Nine people were arrested, according to Olympia Police Chief Ronnie

Roberts.

In Oakland, Calif., at least four were arrested after creating a human chain to block a county building where demonstrators demanded that county law enforcement refuse to collaborate with federal immigration agents.

Despite the West Coast clashes, most nationwide protests were peaceful as immigrants, union members and their allies staged a series of strikes, boycotts and marches to highlight the contributions of immigrants in the United States.

May 1 is International Workers’ Day, and protesters from the Philippines to Paris celebrated by demanding better working conditions. But the widespread protests in the United States were aimed directly at the new president.

Trump, in his first 100 days, has intensified immigration enforcement, including executive orders for a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border and a ban on travelers from six predominantly Muslim countries.

# Overcoming opioids

## Amid national crisis, hospitals rethink their own dependence on painkillers

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — A car crash shattered Stuart Anders' thigh, leaving pieces of bone sticking through his skin. Yet Anders begged emergency room doctors not to give him powerful opioid painkillers — he'd been addicted once before and panicked at the thought of relapsing.

"I can't lose what I worked for," he said.

The nation's opioid crisis is forcing hospitals to begin rolling out nonaddictive alternatives to treatments that have long been the mainstay for the severe pain of trauma and surgery so they don't save patients' lives or limbs only to have them fall under the grip of addiction.

Anders, 53, of Essex, Md., was lucky to land in a Baltimore emergency room offering an option that dramatically cut his need for opioids. An ultrasound-guided nerve block bathed a key nerve in local anesthetic, keeping his upper leg numb for several days.

"It has really changed the dynamics of how we care for these patients," said trauma anesthesiologist Dr. Ron Samet, who treated Anders.

An estimated 2 million people in the U.S. are addicted to prescription opioids, and an average of 91 Americans die every day from an overdose of those painkillers or their illicit cousin, heroin. That grim spiral often starts in the hospital. A Harvard study published in the *New England Journal of Medicine* in February raised the troubling prospect that for every 48 patients newly prescribed an opioid in the emergency room, one will use the pills for at least six months over the next year. The longer the drugs are used, the higher the risk for becoming dependent.

Doctors and hospitals around the country are searching for ways to relieve extreme pain while at the same time sharply limiting what was long considered their most effective tool. It's a critical part of the effort to overcome the worst addiction crisis in U.S. history but, as Anders' experience shows, their options are neither simple nor perfect.

Anders' excruciating injury eventually did require a low opioid dose when the nerve block wore off but, Samet said, far less than normal.

"Provide them with good

pain relief initially, for the first 24 to 48 hours after surgery, the pain that comes back after that isn't necessarily as hard and as strong," said Samet, an assistant anesthesiology professor at the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

Some doctors are discovering an added benefit of cutting back or even eliminating opioids.

At the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, a program called "enhanced recovery after surgery" is getting some patients home two to four days faster following major abdominal operations, using nonopioid painkillers that are gentler on the digestive tract.

"Our patients are very afraid of pain, especially the patients with a history of opioid addiction," said Dr. Jennifer Holder-Murray, a UPMC colorectal surgeon who helped start the program. "When they come back to me and tell me they didn't even fill their opioid prescription, that's a remarkable experience."

In trauma centers and surgery suites, there are no one-size-fits-all replacements for prescription opioids — narcotic painkillers that range from intravenous morphine and Dilau-

did to pills including Percocet, Vicodin and OxyContin. They so rapidly dull severe pain that they've become a default in hospital care, to the point where it's not uncommon for patients to have an opioid dripping through an IV before they wake from surgery, whether they'll really need it or not.

Now, amid surging deaths from drug overdoses, some hospitals and emergency rooms are rethinking their own dependence on the painkillers, taking steps to make them a last resort rather than a starting reflex.

The new approach: mixing a variety of different medications, along with techniques like nerve blocks, spinal anesthesia and numbing lidocaine, to attack pain from multiple directions rather than depending solely on opioids to dampen brain signals that scream "ouch." It's known by the wonky name "multimodal analgesia."

"It's not just changing a medication or two. It's a whole culture change," Holder-Murray said.

Samet, the anesthesiologist, estimates that Anders' nerve block cut by tenfold the amount of opioids he'd otherwise have received for his latest injury.

# Study shines light on K-12 student sex assault victims

Associated Press

BRUNSWICK, Maine — Chaz Wing was 12 when they cornered him in the school bathroom. The students who tormented him were children, too, entering the age of pimples and cracking voices.

Eventually, he swore under oath, the boys raped him and left him bleeding, the culmination of a year of harassment. Though Chaz repeatedly told teachers and administrators about the insults and physical attacks, he didn't report being sexually assaulted until a year later, launching a long legal fight over whether his school had done enough to protect him.

Chaz's saga is more than a tale of escalating bullying. Across the U.S., thousands of students

have been sexually assaulted by other students in high schools, junior highs and even elementary schools — a hidden horror educators have long been warned not to ignore. Relying on state records, supplemented by federal crime data, a yearlong investigation by The Associated Press uncovered roughly 17,000 official reports of sex assaults by students over a four-year period, from fall 2011 to spring 2015. That figure represents the most complete tally yet of sexual assault among the nation's 50 million students in grades K-12. But it also does not fully capture the problem: Such attacks are greatly under-reported, some states don't track them, and those that do vary widely in how they classify and catalog sexual

violence.

And with school reputations and funding at stake, there is tremendous pressure to hide such violence. Even under varying state laws, acknowledging an incident can trigger liabilities and requirements to act.

"No principal wants their school to be the rape school," said Dr. Bill Howe, a former teacher who spent 17 years overseeing Connecticut's compliance with a federal law that helps protect student victims of at-school sexual assault. "It's the courageous principal that does the right thing."

The attacks the AP tracked ranged from rape and sodomy to forced oral sex and fondling. Assaults occurred anywhere students were left unsupervised:

buses and bathrooms, hallways and locker rooms. No type of school was immune, whether it be in a wealthy suburb, inner city or farm town. And all types of children were targeted.

Children remained most vulnerable to peer-on-peer sexual assault in the privacy of a home, the AP's analysis of the federal crime data showed. But schools were the No. 2 place where they were sexually violated by other children.

About 5 percent of reported attacks involved 5- and 6-year-olds. Incidents jumped between ages 10 and 11, and continued rising until age 14, when they began dropping as students progressed through high school.

Unwanted fondling was the most common form of assault.

# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Graduation held early for student's sick mom

**MT** BILLINGS — A small east-central Montana town held an early high school graduation ceremony for one student's mother, who has pancreatic cancer.

The Billings Gazette reported Carol Grant was diagnosed in January and wanted to live long enough to see her daughter, Kelsey, graduate as Terry High School's valedictorian. Doctors told her she likely wouldn't live long enough to attend the scheduled May 20 ceremony.

Two residents — Michelle Wolff and Mary Elizabeth Grue — helped organize the early ceremony at Prairie Community Hospital on April 26.

Kelsey Grant plans to attend Montana State University Billings and become a pediatrician.

## Man accused of DUI; left boy at crash site

**CA** ANAHEIM — Authorities in Southern California said a suspected drunken driver ran away from the scene of a rollover crash, leaving behind his 10-year-old stepson, who was found inside the overturned vehicle.

The Orange County Register reported officers discovered the boy uninjured after the early Sunday crash.

Anaheim police said the 29-year-old driver had been traveling at a high rate of speed down a neighborhood street when he crashed into a parked car. He fled the scene and police found him two blocks away.

The Anaheim man, who has not been identified, was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence, hit and run, and child endangerment.

## Boy, 5, recovering after being run over by SUV

**ME** GORHAM — A Maine boy is recovering after being accidentally run over by his family's SUV.

Colton Stormont, 5, of Gorham, ended up in Maine Medical Center's Pediatric Intensive Care unit. Officials said the boy suffered a bruised lung, fractured ribs, two broken arms and a fractured skull.

Police said the boy was playing inside a family SUV while family members worked on a project in their driveway. Officials said the SUV rolled backward after the boy knocked the vehicle out of park and into neutral, then jumped out.

Police said the child was run over by the SUV as it rolled toward the street.

## Caretaker charged with stealing from blind man

**MA** UXBRIDGE — A Massachusetts woman has been charged with stealing early \$200,000 from an 83-year-old legally blind man she was hired to help.

The Telegram & Gazette reported that Gloria Morvan, 61, was released on personal recognizance after pleading not guilty to larceny from a person over 65.

According to court documents, Morvan worked as a part-time caretaker for the man, who paid her in cash to help him with several tasks, including writing checks for bills.

## Senate prepared to OK robot deliveries bill

**WI** MADISON — Robot delivery vehicles may soon be cruising down sidewalks in some Wisconsin cities.

The state Senate was set to pass a bill Tuesday that would legalize the delivery robots.

The robots are essentially high-tech rolling coolers loaded with sensors that can read the environment. Humans also can operate them remotely. Starship Technologies has been using them to deliver takeout food in Europe, California and Washington.

The bill would limit the robots' operations to sidewalks and crosswalks, set an 80-pound weight limit and a 10-mph speed limit and require operators to control or monitor the devices.

## Good Samaritan gets \$1K to replace backpack

**NJ** EDISON — Police have given \$1,000 to the good Samaritan who had his backpack stolen after he leaped onto train tracks to help rescue a co-worker.

The Edison police union presented Anil Vannavalli, 34, with a \$1,000 check to replace the backpack, which held his laptop computer, headphones and about \$200 in cash.

Police said Vannavalli was waiting on the train station platform Friday morning when the woman fainted and fell about 6 feet onto the tracks.

Police said Vannavalli dropped his backpack and jumped onto the tracks, along with two other men, to carry the woman to safety.

## Man 'freaks out' over flag at theme wedding

**PA** BETHLEHEM — Police have cited a man for disorderly conduct for "freaking out" when he saw a Confederate flag displayed in a Pennsylvania hotel window as part of a Civil War-themed wedding.

Police Chief Mark DiLuzio

said the flag was flown next to the American flag. The married couple met during a Civil War re-enactment and their wedding followed that theme, with people in period uniforms and dresses.

The chief said the couple "just wanted their theme to be of the Civil War era. There was no political message."

The man was cited for "freaking out, screaming and yelling" and creating a "very aggressive and disorderly scene."

## Judge hands down \$33M malpractice judgment

**FL** MIAMI — Marla Dixon was in the final stage of labor and ready to deliver a baby boy when the obstetrician arrived at her bedside at North Shore Medical Center in Miami.

It was not a high-risk pregnancy. But over the next 90 minutes, the doctor made a series of missteps that led to a tragic outcome for Dixon and her baby — and a \$33.8 million malpractice judgment, according to a federal lawsuit.

The Miami Herald reported the verdict ruled the doctor ordered nurses to restart a drug to strengthen contractions, failed to perform a Cesarean section — and walked away from Dixon's room for long periods, once for an eight-minute phone call from his stockbroker.

By the time the baby was delivered on Dec. 2, 2013, he was blue in the face and his limbs were limp, according to the verdict handed down by U.S. District Judge Robert Scola.

It took a medical team to revive the infant, and by then he had severe brain damage from lack of oxygen, according to the lawsuit filed by Dixon and the boy's father, Earl Reese-Thorn-ton Sr.

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# Capitals win in overtime; Crosby hurt

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — A shot from the point by Washington's Kevin Shattenkirk salvaged — or at the very least, extended — his team's NHL season.

A far different kind of shot may end up determining the outcome of a playoff series growing more contentious by the shift.

Shattenkirk's goal 3:13 into overtime lifted the Capitals to a 3-2 victory over the Pittsburgh Penguins to cut Pittsburgh's lead to 2-1 in the Eastern Conference semifinal series, one that could go on without Penguins star Sidney Crosby.

The Pittsburgh captain left just over 5 minutes into the game after getting cross-checked to the head by Washington's Matt Niskanen. The NHL's leading scorer and one of the game's best players did not return and his status for Wednesday's Game 4 — and maybe the rest of the postseason — is uncertain.

"Certainly didn't mean to injure him," said Niskanen, who spent four years with Crosby in Pittsburgh before signing with Washington in 2014. "It's an unfortunate play that happened really quick."

Penguins coach Mike Sullivan said Crosby will be evaluated on Tuesday. Even without Crosby, Pittsburgh pushed Washington to the limit. With Washington leading 2-0 and less than 2 minutes left in regulation time, Evgeni Malkin and Justin Schultz scored in a 48-second span to force overtime.

For once Washington, whose history is littered with playoff collapses, dominated the extra period before Shattenkirk's flip zipped by Marc-Andre Fleury's blocker to send his teammates pouring over the boards in celebration.

"Tonight was a great test for all of us," said Shattenkirk, who played miserably during a blowout loss in Game 2. "There were a lot of different moments in the game where we had to see what we were made of."

One frightening moment, however, will resonate above all others.

The game was scoreless early in the first period when Crosby skated just outside the Capitals' crease. Washington's Alex Ovechkin slashed Crosby along the upper body and Crosby slid awkwardly trying to maintain his balance when he collided with Niskanen, who had his

stick raised.

The stick caught Crosby flush across the mouth and the two-time Hart Trophy winner laid on the ice in pain for several moments before slowly skating off under his own power as Pittsburgh trainers searched the area for Crosby's teeth.

Niskanen earned a major penalty for cross-checking and was given a game misconduct. Washington coach Barry Trotz called it "a hockey play." Niskanen allowed it looked "really bad" when he caught the replay, but stressed there was no malicious intent.

His former teammates weren't buying it.

"It's one of those things you look at it once, you see what actually happened and the next thing is watching how deliberate it was when the guy cross-checks him in the face," Pittsburgh forward Chris Kunitz said. "I thought all of that was kind of out of this league, but I guess not."

This wasn't the first time Crosby took an ugly shot to the head from a Capital. Crosby was in the middle of an MVP run on Jan. 1, 2011, when he took an elbow to the head from Washington's David Steckel

during the Winter Classic, leading to a concussion that cost Crosby the better part of two years in his prime as he struggled to recover.

Their captain gone for the rest of the game and perhaps longer, the Penguins appeared momentarily dazed as they tried to regroup.

Washington took a 2-0 lead early in the third period behind goals by Nicklas Backstrom and Evgeny Kuznetsov, rare moments of flow during a static and occasionally ugly three periods that tried to make up in physicality what it lacked in pace of the frenetic opening two games in Washington.

Braden Holtby, yanked after a sloppy second period in Game 2, remained steady during Pittsburgh's second-period surge and the Capitals appeared to be in control when the Penguins pulled Fleury with 3 minutes to go. Then Malkin scored with 1:53 remaining and Schultz tied it 48 seconds later when his blast from the point deflected off Capitals forward T.J. Oshie.

No matter. Washington dominated the extra period before Shattenkirk delivered his first goal of the playoffs.

## Pentagon changes rule; academy athletes must serve

Associated Press

CENTENNIAL, Colo. — The Defense Department has rescinded its 2016 policy allowing military service academy athletes to go straight to the pros upon graduation.

Athletes such as Air Force wide receiver Jalen Robinette, the NCAA's leader in yards per catch in 2016, will have to serve two years of active duty before applying for reserve status to pursue a career in professional sports.

"Our military academies exist to develop future officers who enhance the readiness and the lethality of our military services. Graduates enjoy

the extraordinary benefit of a military academy education at taxpayer expense. Therefore, upon graduation, officers will serve as military officers for their minimum commitment of two years," Pentagon chief spokesman Dana W. White said Monday in a statement.

White added that the Defense Department "has a long history of officer athletes who served their nation before going to the pros including Roger Staubach, Chad Hennings and David Robinson."

Robinette, who is on track to graduate later this month, was expected to be a mid-round selection in last weekend's NFL draft, but he wasn't chosen

after Air Force Academy officials were told Thursday night that the Air Force wouldn't allow him to go straight to the NFL.

Robinette was informed of this decision about an hour into the three-day, seven-round draft.

Robinette was the only NFL draft prospect from the service academies this year.

This change also affects Air Force pitcher Griffin Jax, a third-round pick by the Minnesota Twins last summer.

Robinette, who led the country with 27.4 yards per catch in 2016, had prepared for the draft believing he'd be allowed to play in the NFL right away

because of a Defense Department decision last summer.

After standout Navy quarterback Keenan Reynolds was drafted by the Baltimore Ravens in 2016, the Defense Department changed its policy for service academy athletes who are offered the opportunity to play professionally, saying they could receive reserve appointments upon graduation and start their pro careers immediately.

Although it was clear the Defense Department would rule on a case-by-case basis, Robinette and others believed this was a green light to prepare for an NFL career upon graduation.

# Rockets cruise past Spurs in Game 1

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — The Houston Rockets were willing to take whatever the Spurs gave them in Game 1 of the Western Conference semifinals.

Houston ended up with a record-setting offensive performance, a huge boost in confidence and home-court advantage.

Trevor Ariza scored 23 points, James Harden added 20 points and 14 rebounds, and the Rockets stormed past San Antonio 126-99 on Monday night, the Spurs' worst loss in a series opener under Gregg Popovich.

"Just taking what the defense gives us," Harden said. "Last series [against Oklahoma City] was a more grind-it-out. We weren't really making a lot of threes. We had to figure a way to get paint points and in this

series so far they gave opportunities to shoot threes."

The Rockets were 22-for-50 behind the arc, the most threes attempted and made against the Spurs in their long postseason history.

Houston had six players in double figures, including 20 points and 13 rebounds from Clint Capela.

"They came out ready, they outplayed us tonight," said Spurs forward LaMarcus Aldridge, who was held to four points. "They made most of their shots. Guys competed, but I thought we made mistakes early. They took advantage of it. Once they had offensive rhythm they were rolling. And we never really found ours."

Game 2 is Wednesday.

Houston led by as many as 39 points, including a 30-point lead in the first half, in the opener of

the first series between the rivals since the Rockets' victory in the 1995 Western Conference finals.

While the hot shooting wasn't completely unexpected from the explosive Rockets, the defense was. Houston was active in rotating to San Antonio's shooters and had both defenders stay on Kawhi Leonard on screens.

Leonard had 21 points, fighting his way to 5-for-14 shooting.

Tony Parker added 11 points and Jonathon Simmons had 10 for the Spurs.

Aldridge was held below double figures for the first time in the postseason with the Spurs.

The 6-foot-11 forward was 2-for-7 from the field and did not attempt any free throws.

"Obviously, we are really happy with our defense and

what we did," Rockets coach Mike D'Antoni said. "Knowing that this was kind of abnormal, they are not going to miss shots like that."

Houston led 69-39 in the first half, the Spurs' largest halftime deficit under Popovich.

"They came out hot tonight and we just have to do a better job defensively," Leonard said. "We kind of got stagnant there a little bit. I give my hats to them, they played a great game."

Popovich called a timeout 80 seconds into the game, berating David Lee for a missed defensive assignment that led to a three-pointer.

It didn't help.

Houston hit 12 three-pointers in the first half, the most San Antonio has allowed to a playoff opponent in the opening two quarters.

# Cavs hardly rusty in opening-game rout of Raptors

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — LeBron James resisted drinking some beer. He downed the Raptors again instead.

James grabbed a bottle of beer on the sideline while scoring 35 points, Kyrie Irving added 24 and the Cleveland Cavaliers picked up where they left off following a long layoff and throttled Toronto 116-105 on Monday night in the opener of their Eastern Conference semifinal.

The Cavs hadn't played since April 23, when they completed a four-game sweep of Indiana. But the defending champions didn't show signs of rust and were well-prepared to face the revenge-seeking Raptors, who lost to Cleveland in last year's conference finals.

"That was the mystery coming into the game, how we would come out?" James said. "Obviously you prepare, you want to come out and play well, but you never know after an eight-day layoff. But the energy was phenomenal."

Toronto dropped to 1-12 in playoff openers, and the Raptors got blown out in the playoffs for the fourth straight time in Cleveland.

Game 2 is Wednesday night.

Kyle Lowry scored 20 and DeMar DeRozan 19 for the Raptors, who were within seven in the third quarter before James dropped a three-pointer, converted a three-point play, drained another three and then considered washing down a brew — a moment he said wasn't planned.

After drawing a foul on a missed layup, James playfully hopped toward the sideline, where a courtside server was passing by. The three-time champion reached and grabbed a beer bottle from her hand and brought it toward his lips before putting it back.

"I wasn't going to run over our beer lady," he said. "She had one and I grabbed it. I'm not a beer guy. If she had some red wine I would have probably taken a sip."

With trade acquisitions

Serge Ibaka and P.J. Tucker, this Toronto team seemed better equipped to beat Cleveland than the one which lost in six games in last year's playoffs.

Trouble is, James only seems to be getting better and the Cavs are gaining speed.

"They were well-rested, flying around — almost like a half a step quicker than we were all night," said Toronto coach Dwane Casey. "We've got to make adjustments as far as how we want to guard the paint and then get out to the three. Offensively, get cleaner looks."

Before the game, Casey talked about the big comebacks that have been a theme in these playoffs. The Raptors blew a 25-point lead to Milwaukee in the first round, while the Cavs overcame a 25-point deficit and pulled off the biggest second-half rally in playoff history.

"There's no lead safe in the NBA," he said.

James' legs looked fresh early in the second quarter as he and Irving teamed up on a stunning alley-oop. After he

poked the ball away for a steal, James took off up the floor with Irving on the break. James pointed toward the backboard and Irving understood the message, bouncing a pass high off the glass that James grabbed and dunked with his left hand.

## The whole truth

James had some memorable playoff matchups with Paul Pierce, who played his last game on Sunday when the Los Angeles Clippers were eliminated by Utah.

The 39-year-old Pierce played 19 seasons, and as far as James is concerned, he should be on his way to basketball immortality.

"He put his mark on this game," James said. "Somebody I've always respected and competed against and pushed me in the Eastern Conference for quite a while. A champion. His numbers and what he was able to do out on the floor speaks for itself. So I would say his next stop is the Hall of Fame. He had a hell of a ride for sure."

# Cueto, Giants outduel Kershaw, Dodgers

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Coming off an extra-inning loss at home, the San Francisco Giants had to travel to Los Angeles and then face three-time Cy Young Award winner Clayton Kershaw on Monday night.

They certainly rose to the challenge.

Johnny Cueto outpitched Kershaw, and the Giants jumped out to a couple of early leads before hanging on for a 4-3 victory that snapped the Dodgers' four-game winning streak.

"It's disheartening to lose one like we did (Sunday) and then you come down here and face Kershaw, you have your hands full," Giants manager Bruce Bochy said. "But they found a way to put some runs on the board."

An unexpected way, actually.

San Francisco entered with a National League-low 16 home runs but hit two against Kershaw — a two-run shot by Hunter Pence in the first inning and a solo drive by Buster Posey in the third.

Pence began the night batting .100 in his career against Kershaw without a home run. But that first-inning jolt set the tone for the Giants.

"That's a huge shot in the arm," Bochy said.

Cueto (4-1) held the Dodgers to three runs and six hits in seven innings. He walked one and struck out three as the Giants generated just enough offense to win.

Derek Law fanned Yasiel Puig for the final out to earn his first save.

The Dodgers scored on Yasmani Grandal's RBI groundout in the first and tied it 2-all on

Kershaw's two-out single in the second. After that, Cueto retired 13 consecutive batters.

"After Kershaw's hit, I was giving myself a pep talk," Cueto said.

Kershaw (4-2) never appeared particularly sharp. He went six innings, allowing four runs — three earned — and eight hits. He struck out five and did not walk a batter.

"It just wasn't a great night," Kershaw said.

Posey's second home run of the season came in the third and gave San Francisco the lead for good.

The Giants scored their fourth run in the fifth after Kershaw threw away Gorkys Hernandez's bunt for an error that allowed Hernandez to reach second. He scored on Christian Arroyo's single.

"Tonight I wasn't great, but

they had something to do with it as well," Kershaw said.

The Dodgers pulled within one on pinch-hitter Chris Taylor's RBI single in the seventh, but never threatened again.

## Streak snapped

Dodgers third baseman Justin Turner went 0-for-4, ending the longest hitting streak in the majors at 16 games. He lined out twice.

## Nice chat

When the Dodgers scored in the seventh on Taylor's single, Bochy went to the mound to talk to Cueto. "I have to talk to Johnny there. He'd worked hard," Bochy said. "The inning was getting some length to it. I just want to see where he was at. He was adamant he was good."

# Hosmer, Bonifacio homers help KC snap 9-game slide

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Eric Hosmer and Jorge Bonifacio each hit a two-run homer, and the Kansas City Royals snapped a nine-game losing streak with a 6-1 victory over the Chicago White Sox on Monday night.

Bonifacio homered with two outs in the fourth inning after Alex Gordon's double. It was his second home run in eight games since being promoted from Triple-A Omaha.

Hosmer's two-out shot in the seventh with Christian Colon aboard finished the night for White Sox rookie starter Dylan Covey (0-2).

**Astros 6, Rangers 2:** Jose Altuve, Carlos Correa and Yuli Gurriel each hit an RBI double in a five-run seventh inning that lifted host Houston over Texas in a game that included a bench-clearing tussle.

Chris Devenski (2-1) struck out two in 12/3 scoreless innings for the win. Ken Giles pitched a scoreless ninth for his seventh save.

**Phillies 10, Cubs 2:** Tommy

Joseph hit an early three-run homer, Aaron Altherr had three RBIs and visiting Philadelphia routed Chicago.

Michael Saunders and Freddy Galvis also homered in support of starter Vince Velasquez (2-2) to help the Phillies stop a three-game losing streak.

**Orioles 5, Red Sox 2:** Manny Machado slugged a long homer out of Fenway Park, drove in two runs and made three solid plays at third base for Baltimore in his first game against Boston since a dustup between the two teams just more than a week ago.

In the teams' last meeting at Camden Yards, reliever Matt Barnes sent a pitch that whizzed behind Machado's head and hit the slugger's bat. Barnes was suspended four games and fined.

**Mets 7, Braves 5:** Michael Conforto homered and drove in three runs, and visiting New York scored five times in the fourth inning off nemesis Julio Teheran (2-2) before holding off Atlanta.

On a day when the Mets

placed ace Noah Syndergaard on the 10-day disabled list with a partial tear of his right lat muscle, Robert Gsellman (1-2) almost blew a 6-1 lead.

**Tigers 7, Indians 1:** Tyler Collins hit a three-run homer and Daniel Norris (2-2) gave up one run in six innings to help host Detroit beat Cleveland.

Nicholas Castellanos and Victor Martinez hit RBI doubles on consecutive pitches in the first. Collins went deep in the second for a 5-0 lead, and Alex Avila added a two-run single in the fifth.

**Blue Jays 7, Yankees 1:** Ryan Goins hit a two-run sacrifice fly, the first in the franchise's 40-year history, to go along with a two-run homer that led Marco Estrada (1-1) and visiting Toronto over New York for its season-high third straight win.

The crowd of 25,566 was the smallest for a Yankees home game since Sept. 20, 2004, against Toronto in a game moved to accommodate a makeup date.

**Rays 4, Marlins 2:** Jake

Odorizzi returned from the disabled list to combine with four relievers on a four-hitter in visiting Tampa Bay's victory over Miami.

Odorizzi made his first start since April 15 and allowed two hits and two runs, one earned, in five innings.

**Brewers 7, Cardinals 5 (10):** Travis Shaw and Jonathan Villar each hit a tape-measure home run, and visiting Milwaukee beat St. Louis in 10 innings.

Shaw's three-run shot off Seung Hwan Oh (0-2) traveled an estimated 451 feet and broke a 4-all tie with two outs in the top of the 10th. Villar's two-run drive in the third soared 450 feet and gave the Brewers a 2-0 lead.

**Reds 4, Pirates 3 (10):** Billy Hamilton hit an RBI double in the 10th inning to lift host Cincinnati over Pittsburgh.

Tucker Barnhart walked with one out in the 10th. Arismendy Alcantara pinch-ran for him and went to second on an errant pickoff attempt by Daniel Hudson (0-1).