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## North Korea tests new type of missile

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SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea fired a missile into the sea Sunday, slapping South Korea's new president with a major security challenge four days after he took office with a call for dialogue in dealing with the communist state.

The missile — launched from a western area north of the capital, Pyongyang — flew for about 30 minutes and reached an altitude of 1,240 miles before splashing into the sea east of the divided peninsula, Japanese officials said. South Korea's military said the missile traveled about 435 miles.

Japanese Defense Minister Tomomi Inada said the altitude and duration of the flight indicate it may have been a "new type of missile" but more analysis was needed.

U.S. Pacific Command said "the flight is not consistent with an intercontinental ballistic missile." The United States and its allies have been on alert for the North to test an ICBM, which would have the range to reach the U.S. mainland, since leader Kim Jong Un said his country was on the verge of being able to do so.

The launch poses the first test for South Korean President Moon Jae-in, who has said he would pursue a dual-track approach of engagement and pressure to try to persuade Pyongyang to give up its nuclear weapons program.

Moon strongly condemned the launch — calling it a "reckless provocation" — during an emergency meeting of his national security council. He also warned North Korea not to test his resolve.

"The president said we are leaving open the possibility of dialogue with North Korea, but we should sternly deal with a provocation to prevent North Korea from miscalculating," the president's spokesman, Yoon Young-chan, told reporters. He said Moon told officials that dialogue would be possible only if "North Korea changes its attitude."

Moon and President Donald Trump have vowed to work together to rein in the North, and Trump invited the South Korean leader to the White House for a summit.

No date has been set, but a U.S. delegation planned to meet with South Korean officials Monday in Seoul to lay the groundwork for the meeting, according to

the Yonhap news agency.

The White House issued an unusual statement that said Sunday's missile landed closer to Russia than Japan. "The president cannot imagine that Russia is pleased," it said.

"North Korea has been a flagrant menace for too long," the statement added, calling on all nations to implement stronger sanctions against the isolated country.

The timing of the launch also was a blow to North Korea's main ally, China,

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which began a two-day summit to promote a global trade infrastructure project dubbed the "one belt, one road initiative" on Sunday.

Beijing also denounced the missile test, which violated U.N. Security Council resolutions banning North Korea from using ballistic-missile technology. "All relevant parties should exercise restraint and refrain from further aggravating tensions in the region," the Foreign Ministry said.

China is under pressure to take stronger measures to persuade its communist ally to abandon its nuclear ambitions. It was North Korea's seventh missile test since Trump took office Jan. 20, although most of the others were considered failures.

Analysts have said the North learns something from each effort and appears to be making faster-than-anticipated progress toward its stated goal of developing a nuclear-tipped weapon that could target the U.S. mainland.

David Wright, co-director of the Washington-based Union of Concerned Scientists, said that if confirmed, the data would mean the missile launched Sunday had a maximum range of nearly 2,800 miles.

That would put it in reach of the U.S. territory of Guam.

"A 30 minute flight time would instead require a missile that was highly lofted," he said in an emailed statement, adding it may have been one of the new missiles displayed in North Korea's massive military parade on April 15.

Kim Jong Un has stepped up the pace of the weapons program since taking over in 2011 after his father, Kim Jong Il, died of a heart attack. North Korea also has conducted three of five underground nuclear tests under the younger Kim's regime.

"With this launch appearing to be successful, Kim Jong Un's overall missile test record is 59 successful, 17 failures. A .776 batting average," Shea Cotton, a research associate at the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies in California, said in a tweet.

The Trump administration has given mixed signals about his approach to the North, vowing to keep the possibility of military action on the table and deploying several warships in the region while pledging to pursue a more diplomatic policy of "maximum pressure and engagement."

Trump also said earlier this month he would be "honored" to meet with Kim under appropriate circumstances, although the White House quickly walked that back to stress the current conditions were not right.

North Korea, which has a history of conducting provocations in a bid to boost its leverage, has agreed in the past to suspend its nuclear program in exchange for aid and diplomatic rewards.

Six-party talks involving the North, the U.S., South Korea, Russia, China and Japan broke down in 2009. But there have been low-level contacts.

Yonhap reported Sunday that delegations from North and South Korea met on the sidelines of the Beijing forum.

Rep. Park Byeong-seug, of South Korea's ruling Democratic Party, said he had a short conversation with Kim Yong-jae, Pyongyang's minister of external economic relations.

The lawmaker reportedly said he strongly condemned the missile launch but added that he had "the impression that Pyongyang is looking forward to having a summit with Seoul."

# Clapper: Government 'under assault' by Trump

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Former Director of National Intelligence James Clapper on Sunday described a U.S. government “under assault” after President Donald Trump’s controversial decision to fire FBI director James Comey, as lawmakers urged the president to select a new FBI director free of any political stigma.

“I think, in many ways, our institutions are under assault, both externally — and that’s the big news here, is the Russian interference in our election system,” Clapper said. “I think as well our institutions are under assault internally.”

When he was asked, “Internally, from the president?” Clapper said, “Exactly.”

Clapper spoke following Trump’s sudden firing of Comey last week, which drew sharp criticism because it came amid the FBI’s probe into Russia meddling in the 2016 presidential election and possible ties between Russia and the Trump presidential campaign.

Clapper said America’s founding fathers had created three co-equal branches of government with checks and balances, but with Trump as president, that was now “under assault and is eroding.”

Lawmakers from both parties also criticized Trump’s actions last week, which included changing explanations from the White House for the firing and an ominous tweet by Trump that warned Comey against leaks to the press because he could have “tapes” of their conversations. The lawmakers urged the president to select a new FBI director without any political background.

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., a mem-

## Officials: Trump would need to hand over tapes

The Washington Post

Lawmakers in both parties said Sunday that President Donald Trump will need to hand over any recordings of conversations in the White House if such a taping system does exist.

Trump suggested Friday that he taped private White House conversations with then-FBI Director James Comey, who was fired abruptly last week, and White House officials have not confirmed or denied the existence of a recording system.

The nondenials have intensified calls by Democrats for an independent, nonpartisan special prosecutor to investigate Russian meddling in the 2016 election. And several key Republicans and Democrats said Sunday that any recordings of White House conversations will need to be preserved for congressional review.

“If there are any tapes of this conversation, they need to be turned over,” Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., told NBC’s “Meet the Press.”

ber of the Judiciary Committee, said promoting an FBI agent to lead the agency would allow the nation to “reset.” He dismissed as less desirable at least two

of the 14 candidates under consideration by Trump, former Rep. Mike Rogers, of Michigan, and Sen. John Cornyn, of Texas, explaining that “these are not normal circumstances.”

Rogers, an ex-FBI agent and former chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, has drawn the backing of the FBI Agents Association. Cornyn is the No. 2 Republican in the Senate.

“It’s now time to pick somebody who comes from within the ranks, or is of such a reputation who has no political background at all who can go into the job from Day 1,” the South Carolina Republican said. Asked whether Rogers or Cornyn would be good choices, Graham flatly said, “no.”

“The president has a chance to clean up the mess he mostly created,” Graham said, adding, “I have no evidence the president colluded with the Russians at all, but we don’t know all the evidence yet.”

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, of New York, said the new FBI director should certainly be someone “not of partisan background” with “great experience” and “courage.” He left open the possibility that Democrats might try to withhold support for a new FBI director unless the Justice Department names a special prosecutor. Under rules of the Senate, Republicans still could confirm an FBI director with 51 votes. Republicans hold 52 seats in the chamber to Democrats’ 48.

Less than a week after Trump fired Comey, the administration has interviewed at least eight candidates to be FBI director, and Trump has said a decision could come before he leaves Friday on his first overseas trip as president.

## Tillerson says Trump mulling Israel embassy move impact

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump is assessing whether moving the U.S. Embassy in Israel to Jerusalem would help or hurt prospects for clinching an Israeli-Palestinian peace deal, Secretary of State Rex Tillerson said, revealing Trump’s criteria for a decision that could reverberate throughout the volatile Middle East.

Since taking office, Trump has backed away from his campaign pledge to move the embassy in a gesture to Israel, instead saying he’s still studying the issue. But Tillerson linked Trump’s deliberations directly to his aspirations for brokering Middle East peace.

“The president is being very careful to understand how such a decision would impact the peace process,” Tillerson said in an interview broadcast Sunday on NBC’s “Meet the Press.” He said Trump’s decision would be informed by feedback from all sides, including “whether Israel views it as helpful to a peace initiative or perhaps a distraction.”

Trump’s decision is being watched closely as the president prepares to depart Friday on his first foreign trip. After stopping in Saudi Arabia, Trump will visit both Israel and the Palestinian territories, in a nod to his nascent bid to strike the Israeli-Palestinian deal that has eluded his

predecessors.

Jerusalem’s status is one of the most emotionally charged issues in the conflict, with both sides laying claims. Israel captured east Jerusalem — claimed by Palestinians for the capital of a future independent state — from Jordan in 1967 and annexed it, a move not internationally recognized.

U.S. presidents of both parties repeatedly have waived a U.S. law requiring the embassy be moved to Jerusalem. The most recent waiver — signed by former President Barack Obama — expires June 1. Trump is expected to sign a six-month renewal of the waiver before it expires, as he continues deliberating.

# GI's death could mark new stage in war

*The Washington Post*

ARLINGTON, Va. — They had followed him across the country and back, from one military base to another.

On Wednesday, Army Staff Sgt. Mark De Alencar's wife and five children followed him one last time: six figures, dressed in black, walking behind the caisson that carried his casket through Arlington National Cemetery.

As men in uniform lifted the flag-draped casket off the back of the horse-drawn carriage and marched across the grass, the fallen soldier's 4-year-old son raised a small hand in salute.

De Alencar, 37, was killed April 8 when his Special Forces unit clashed with Islamic State fighters in eastern Afghanistan.

He was the first American killed in combat in Afghanistan in more than four months. Now his death could mark the beginning of a new stage in America's longest war.

Five days after he died, U.S. forces dropped a 22,000-pound explosive — nicknamed “the mother of all bombs” — near where De Alencar was shot.

Since then, two more American soldiers have been killed fighting ISIS in the same area.

De Alencar's burial comes as the Trump administration weighs a re-escalation of the war in Afghanistan, which has lasted more than 15 years and claimed the lives of 2,216 U.S. servicemembers.

De Alencar always dreamed of joining the Special Forces. The only surprise was how long it took him.

He grew up on a military base in Germany, where his Brazilian-born father was stationed with the U.S. Army.

De Alencar wanted to join the Army after graduating from Joppatowne in 1998, but an arrest for marijuana possession got in the way, according to his father, then a Baltimore police officer.

De Alencar found work as a carpenter, and he became a single father when his girlfriend committed suicide, leaving him with a young son.

His wife, Natasha, was also a single parent, with two young children. She and Mark had been friends in high school. They reconnected in 2003

when De Alencar helped fix her mother's car, began dating and married several years later.

When the housing market collapsed in 2009, he met with an Army recruiter. This time, De Alencar was accepted. He began boot camp in July 2009, deployed to Iraq a year later, then began training to try out for the Army Rangers.

In 2015, after Natasha had given birth to their fifth child, the family moved from a base in Hawaii to Fort Bragg, N.C., so De Alencar could complete the grueling, 18-month Special Forces' qualification course.

Before De Alencar flew to Afghanistan on Feb. 11, he promised his 17-year-old daughter, Octavia, that he would be back in time to see her graduate on May 25. By then, they were living at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida.

The last time she spoke to him was March 31, the day before his 37th birthday.

A week later, Natasha, her mother and the children had just returned from soccer practice when her 13-year-old daughter, Tatiyana, burst through the front door. She had

been retrieving her headphones from the car when she spotted two men in uniforms walking toward the house.

Octavia peered outside and then raced upstairs, crying.

“Mom, you need to come here,” she said. “Two men are at the door like when something bad happens in the movies.”

“I literally froze,” Natasha recalled. When she finally was able to force herself to walk downstairs, the two Army men told her that her husband had been killed.

Two days later, the family was present when De Alencar's remains were removed from the plane at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware.

On Monday, exactly a month after De Alencar's death, his body lay in a white-lined casket in an Abingdon, Md., funeral home. On his medal-decorated chest lay a photo of him and Natasha inscribed with the words, “Our love.” Beside his head lay a blue Brazil soccer jersey.

“He wore this one all the time,” Rodrigo said, staring down at his father, who still wore a patchy Special Forces beard.

## Afghan troops vie for slot on Invictus Games team

By E.B. BOYD

*Stars and Stripes*

KABUL, Afghanistan — More than 70 wounded Afghan soldiers and veterans competed at a NATO base on Saturday for a chance to participate in the annual international wounded warrior Invictus Games, which will take place in Toronto in September.

Inside the Resolute Support headquarters gym, the athletes, some without legs, others with an injured hand or a missing eye, sat on the floor of a volleyball court, spiking a ball back and forth. Outside, soldiers lifted weights under the watchful eyes of U.S. troops clad in black “Invictus” T-shirts. Next to them, others competed on rowing machines, including one athlete who had no hands.

Britain's Prince Harry, who served in Afghanistan twice, created the games three years ago to celebrate the sacrifices and spirit of warriors injured in war. Named after the Latin word for “unconquerable,” the event previously has been held in London and Florida.

Speaking at an opening ceremony for the Afghan team trials, Gen. John Nicholson, the top U.S. commander in Afghanistan, said the games were “a demonstration of our respect and appreciation for all you have done.”

Sgt. Maj. Eugene Russell, the sergeant major of Resolute Support's Train, Advice and Assist Command-East, had been recruited to coach soldiers from the Afghan National Army's 201st Corps. On the sides of the volleyball court, he clapped

loudly and cheerfully shouted encouragement to the athletes.

Russell said the games, including the selection trials, gave the competitors, many still on active duty, a chance to represent their country “maybe not on the battlefield, but on the international stage.”

As much as U.S. veterans face challenges to recover from their wounds, most Afghan troops receive far less help. Surgeons who amputate limbs, for example, aren't always able to prepare them properly to fit prostheses later on.

On the volleyball court, Nasir Ahmad rallied his teammates, energetically shouting instructions mid-game and throwing up his hands with a loud roar on each successful point.

In 2015, Ahmad, 27, was a first lieutenant leading a pla-

toon in a clearance operation in the Helmand district of Sangin, when he stepped on an IED.

Sitting in a wheelchair, Ahmad said he'd return to the front lines in an instant if he had prosthetic legs. For now, he sees his role as an officer as encouraging his fellow troops in events such as these.

Later in the afternoon, in a shaded garden, the names of seven competitors who qualified and their alternates were read aloud. As they accepted their certificates, the athletes proudly shouted out their thanks.

As the ceremony wound to an end, Ahmad, sitting near the front in his wheelchair, flashed a big smile and waved the blue document signifying he would be heading to Toronto in the fall.

# Marine takes helm at SOCPAC

By WYATT OLSON  
*Stars and Stripes*

CAMP H.M. SMITH, Hawaii — Maj. Gen. Daniel Yoo took command of Pacific Special Operations on Friday, becoming the first Marine to head a theater-level special operations command.

Gen. Raymond A. Thomas III, head of U.S. Special Operations Command, described Yoo as “the embodiment of the American dream.”

“Born on the Fourth of July, in Korea, he immigrated to this country at a young age and the rest, as they say, is history,” he said during a ceremony at Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii.

Yoo is a career infantry officer who has led units from a rifle platoon to the entire 1st Marine Division. He previously served as director of operations for U.S. Special Operations Command at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa.

Yoo replaces Maj. Gen. Bryan Fenton, who had assumed com-

mand of SOCPAC less than a year ago.

Fenton was scheduled to receive a third star after the ceremony and then become U.S. Pacific Command’s deputy commander. That position has been unfilled since Lt. Gen. Anthony Crutchfield left in February and retired.

PACOM commander Adm. Harry Harris told the audience it was significant that Fenton, as PACOM’s 32nd deputy, was the first one to come from the ranks of special operators.

“I think this point not only proves what kind of outstanding leader General Fenton is, but it also demonstrates the value that I place on the work by our SOCPAC warriors,” Harris said. “And considering our global fight against the scourge to humanity known as ISIS, I think the time is right for this historic appointment.”

The spread of jihadi terrorism in the Pacific theater, in particular fighters connected with Islamic State in Iraq and

Syria, is considered an emerging threat by PACOM officials and by some governments of Asian nations.

Joint Special Operations Task Force-Philippines was formed shortly after 9/11 to help the Philippine government with training and surveillance to defeat al-Qaida-linked groups in the southern part of the country.

That task force was deactivated in 2015, but Fenton said there are 2,000 special operators forward deployed in the Pacific in 17 locations.

Much of what SOCPAC does in the theater is classified.

Harris praised Fenton for making sure that SOCPAC’s operations directorate and logistics support facility in Singapore “have meaningful effects at the operational level.” He said Fenton’s command led to greater collaboration with other agencies during complex exercises involving responses to terrorism.

## South Korean, US load crews vie for top spot

By MARCUS FICHTL  
*Stars and Stripes*

KUNSAN AIR BASE, South Korea — Six U.S. and South Korean load crews battled over the weekend for bragging rights to be the Korean peninsula’s premier load crew.

The 2017 Annual Load Crew Competition, hosted by the 8th Fighter Wing at Kunsan Air Base, saw six three-member U.S. and South Korean load crews based in South Korea and Japan race to load their jets.

The 8th Fighter Wing’s maintenance commander, Col. James Long Jr., said Saturday’s competition had two goals: Give the rest of the base a look into the weapons-loading world and provide a venue for the crews to show one another what they can do.

With a half-hour time limit, teams loaded their jets with three training munitions simulating a real-life load.

The judges graded speed, accuracy and attention to detail with an eye toward safety, said Tech Sgt. Cory Carlson, the event’s coordinator.

“We look for mistakes they make as far as forgetting to inspect specific portions of the aircraft or specific portions of the munitions,” said the 29-year-old from Clarinda, Iowa.

As the judges tallied scores, crews played a game of “Jammer Jenga” by using specially modified loading equipment to skillfully remove Jenga blocks without toppling the tower rather than their usual roles of precisely loading bombs.

The games and cheers masked the serious undertone of the competition, which was held on a base that sits 140 miles south of the Demilitarized Zone dividing the peninsula.

The winning team was from the 36th Aircraft Maintenance Unit of Osan Air Base. Airman 1st Class Zackary Lau, 21, of Mildenhall, England; Senior Airman Zachery Ward, 27, of Tulsa, Okla.; and Staff Sgt. Andreous Madrid, 28, of Elk City, Okla., earned bragging rights and a jersey declaring them “Peninsula Wide Champions.”

## III MEF’s top enlisted leader has lofty goals

By MATTHEW M. BURKE  
*Stars and Stripes*

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — The III Marine Expeditionary Force has an ambitious new top enlisted leader who’s no stranger to Okinawa.

Sgt. Maj. Mario Marquez has served on the island in each of the past three decades, for almost 14 years total. He speaks and writes Japanese, his wife is Okinawan and he has participated in nearly every local tradition Okinawa has to offer.

Marquez, who took over for Sgt. Maj. Lee Bonar Jr. on Friday, said he plans to use his life experiences to create opportunities for his Marines. He hopes to build character and skills through more contact with Okinawans, along with mentorship programs and training.

Marquez said he believes those initiatives will produce well-adjusted and culturally savvy Marines who are more able to deploy and fight at a moment’s notice if necessary.

“I’ve been married to [Okinawan] culture for about 22 years,” Marquez said during an interview Thursday with Stars and Stripes. “It’s important for me — not only for our Marines but for our entire community here on Okinawa and Japan — to really embrace the culture ... You’re going to hear me talk a lot about that the next couple of years.”

Marquez plans to bring Marines into remote Okinawan villages and expand a community relations program that saw 147 events in orphanages, children’s homes, clinics for the disabled and medical centers in March 2016 alone.

III MEF performs the most hours of community service in the entire Marine Corps, he said.

“I’m pretty proud of that but we can do better,” Marquez said. “Culturally indoctrinated Marines make better individuals and more educated individuals worldwide. You can deploy

a Marine from III MEF anywhere in the world and they will be effective, and that’s kind of my goal.”

Marquez also plans to encourage an unofficial “adoption” system where enlisted leaders and their families bring groups of single sailors and Marines into their homes for holidays and special events. He believes that family environment will create a more cohesive fighting force.

Marquez said he hopes to increase exercises and training missions as well.

The III MEF sergeant major post is tasked with representing the wishes and orders of III MEF commander Lt. Gen. Lawrence Nicholson to the enlisted ranks.

Marquez and Bonar said that often means not just relaying the orders and making sure everyone understands them, but also explaining their intent. They also must build morale and ensure readiness in a force of about 30,000.

# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Agents find registered church to be sex club

**TN** NASHVILLE — Undercover inspectors have determined that a building registered as a church was being operated as a sex club.

WTVF-TV reported that the city of Nashville has filed a complaint against the owners for “maintaining a public nuisance by permitting acts of lewd conduct” and violating a state law banning sex clubs from operating within 1,000 feet of a school.

The longtime downtown swingers club underwent a conversion in 2015 when it relocated to a run-down office park in the community of Madison, calling itself a church because the new location is near the back of the private Goodpasture Christian School.

Two code inspectors paid \$40 to enter the facility in March and filed affidavits detailing sex acts they witnessed within.

## Officer frees bear in car honking horn

**VA** ROANOKE — Roanoke County police said a young black bear managed to climb into a car, where it got stuck and honked the horn, rousing the car’s owners.

Police said it happened about 5 a.m. Thursday. A responding officer opened the back door and the animal ran into the woods.

Police said there were snacks inside the car, and said residents always should keep their vehicles locked.

## Woman held in bleach attack at drive-thru

**NJ** BAYONNE — Authorities said a woman poured bleach onto a man after he allegedly cut her off when she tried to enter the drive-thru lane of a fast food restaurant.

Bayonne police said city resident Sheri Williams, 29, was charged with aggravated assault, criminal mischief and a weapons count.

Authorities said Williams was enraged at being cut off at a Burger King and got out with a 64-ounce bottle of bleach. They said she started yelling racial slurs at the 36-year-old Bayonne man while pouring bleach onto his face and body. Williams then tried to drive off but was blocked by another car.

The man was treated at a hospital for chemical burns.

## Christmas-themed park to be reopened

**VT** PUTNEY — The new owner of a Christmas-themed amusement park in Vermont is prepping to reopen the park after a long hiatus, working past the vandalism that has plagued the park during its closure. David Haversat, of Oxford, Conn., said repairs are extra work before the park opens in August in Putney, but nothing he believes will set him back.

The Brattleboro Reformer reported that Haversat, a magician and auction house co-owner, finalized his purchase of the park last week.

## Police: Waitress pulls knife after argument

**NY** MASSAPEQUA — Police said a waitress at a New York IHOP pulled a steak knife on a Long Island family after an argument over poor service.

The mother of the family said they were shaken up after she, her husband and their two special-needs kids were surrounded by the pancake restaurant’s wait staff after complaining about poor service.

No one was injured.

WNBC-TV reported the Massapequa IHOP said they’re not supposed to discuss the matter with media. A statement released by the franchise owner, Camile Gnolfo, says the business is cooperating with a police investigation.

Authorities said the waitress who pulled the knife Friday morning was arrested on a charge of menacing.

## Good Samaritan’s SUV stolen after crash

**NC** MORRISVILLE — Three people have been charged after a three-car crash that saw a passenger steal the vehicle of a Good Samaritan who stopped to help.

WRAL-TV reported that North Carolina Highway Patrol officials said the crash happened near Morrisville about 2 a.m. May 7. Troopers said Lauren Starks, 24, was a passenger in one of the vehicles and is accused of stealing the SUV of a Good Samaritan who stopped to offer help.

Starks, a Duke nurse, was charged with DWI and auto theft. The driver of Starks’ car was charged with DWI and driving with a revoked license, and has not been identified. Another unidentified driver was charged with DWI, and police said drug charges against that driver are pending.

## Teen shows up for her prom in coffin

**NJ** PENNSAUKEN — A New Jersey high school student who hopes to become a funeral director surprised her classmates by arriving at her prom in an open prop coffin.

Megan Flaherty, 17, said she mainly wanted to have fun while attending Pennsauken High School’s junior prom May

6. She said she checked with her date to make sure he had no reservations about her plans.

Flaherty’s open coffin slid out of the back of a hearse. She then stepped out of the coffin holding the hand of her date and smiled as other prom attendees looked on in amazement.

## Taxi-police car to deter drunken driving

**VA** HAMPTON — Hampton dwellers may start seeing a half-taxi, half-police car rolling around the city.

The Daily Press reported the car is a partnership between Hampton Police and Yellow Cab of Hampton to deter people from driving under the influence.

There are two prices displayed on the car — one on the police portion says \$8,100 and one on the taxi part says \$15. The numbers point out the differences between calling a cab and paying the fines associated with a DUI.

Frank Azzalina, a spokesman for Yellow Cab of Hampton, said he hopes people will see the car and think they would rather be in a taxi.

## Man gets 5 years for threatening Obama

**OR** MEDFORD — An Oregon man who made threats to kill former President Barack Obama over social media will serve five years in federal prison.

The Mail Tribune reported Friday that U.S. District Court Judge Michael McShane sentenced John Roos, 62, of Medford, to 63 months in prison.

Roos said in court that he threatened on Twitter to kill Obama and the former first family.

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# Senators top Pens in OT

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — By his own estimate, it took Ottawa's Bobby Ryan a full 82 games to adjust to first-year coach Guy Boucher's system.

Consider the forward all caught up. The rest of the consistently surprising Senators, too.

Ryan broke in alone on Marc-Andre Fleury and deked the Pittsburgh goalie before flipping a backhand into the open net 4:59 into overtime to give Ottawa a 2-1 victory Saturday night in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference finals.

"I knew at some point those pucks I'd been chasing all year long, they were going to come," Ryan said after picking up his fifth goal of the playoffs. "You just want to redeem yourself. You let your teammates down (during the regular season). Now I'm getting to redeem myself a little bit. That's all I'm trying to do."

The Senators improved to 6-1 when pushed beyond regulation during the post-season to give them early control of the best-of-seven series against the defending Stanley Cup champions, a matchup few outside of the guys in the red, white and black jerseys gave them a shot of winning.

Not that it seems to bother Ottawa. One game in and the Senators have already done to the Penguins what Washington and Columbus could not: grab control of the series.

"There's a lot of things to like but it's just one game," Boucher said. "We won't get too excited."

Boucher hasn't backed away from the underdog role. If anything, he's embraced it. A year ago the Senators missed the playoffs while the Penguins sprinted to the franchise's Cup. Now Ottawa finds itself on equal footing and hardly appeared intimidated by the stage. Ryan assisted on Jean-Gabriel Pageau's first-period goal, Craig Anderson made 27 saves and the Senators turned away five Pittsburgh power plays.

Evgeni Malkin's goal late in the third period forced the extra period, but Pittsburgh struggled to generate any consistent pressure on Anderson. The problem wasn't Ottawa's neutral zone trap designed to slow teams down but a decided lack of aggression once Malkin, captain Sidney Crosby and company crossed the Senators' blue line.

"We're looking for that next play instead of putting pucks at the net," Pittsburgh coach Mike Sullivan said.

## Closer Chapman put on DL

NEW YORK — Closer Aroldis Chapman was put on the 10-day disabled list by the New York Yankees on Sunday because of rotator cuff inflammation in his left shoulder.

Chapman gave up a two-out RBI single by Houston's Josh Reddick in the ninth inning Friday night, shook his pitching arm and was checked by head athletic trainer Steve Donohue on the mound moments later after throwing his 22nd pitch. The left-hander initially remained in the game, then was removed after allowing a single to Jose Altuve.

Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said Sunday that Donohue told him about a half-hour after that game that Chapman reported pain. It was Chapman's first outing since blowing a three-run lead in the ninth inning last Sunday against the Chicago Cubs.

He had an MRI on Saturday.

"He's going to be shut down for two weeks and then we'll reassess," Cashman said.

Chapman would then need time to get his arm back into game shape.

"You're probably looking at a minimum of a month if everything goes right," Cashman said.

Dellin Betances will be the closer in Chapman's absence.

## Miocic TKOs Dos Santos

DALLAS — A piece of history and a measure of revenge both came swiftly for Stipe Miocic.

Miocic beat Junior Dos Santos with a technical knockout at 2:22 in the first round to defend his heavyweight title at UFC 211 on Saturday night.

In the co-main event, Joanna Jedrzejczyk of Poland scored a unanimous, five-round decision over third-ranked Jessica Andrade to defend her women's strawweight championship.

Since the heavyweight division was formed in 1997, only Miocic, Randy Couture, Tim Sylvia, Cain Velasquez and Brock Lesnar have won two title defenses. Miocic avenged a loss to Dos Santos in December 2014 in Phoenix, which was a five-round bout that left both fighters bloodied.

Miocic (17-2) stunned Dos Santos midway through the round with a series of punches ending with a hard right to Dos Santos' left cheek as the challenger was backing away. That pushed him into the cage before he fell to the mat. Miocic then straddled Dos Santos and fired away with a series of lefts that ended the fight.

The fourth-ranked Dos Santos (18-5), who'd hurt Miocic with multiple kicks, called the loss "terrible."

Saturday's victory was Miocic's fifth straight since the loss to Dos Santos. As for who's next, the affable champ said, "Right now, it's my kitchen. The kitchen when I get home. That's all I'm worried about."

— Associated Press

# Durant-James showdown looms

Associated Press

Kevin Durant admires LeBron James from afar, marveling at how Cleveland's main man finds ways to elevate his game at age 32 — year after year, title after title.

Kobe Bryant was much the same.

Ten years into his NBA journey, the unassuming, scoring machine everyone calls "KD", strives to emulate those superstars. Soon, he will likely see James again in the Finals, this time in a matchup that has been talked about from the very moment Durant departed Oklahoma City to join Golden State last July.

The anticipation of this potential matchup has overshadowed other postseason series.

Durant understands that like LeBron and Kobe, it's time to take his game to another level. They each have something Durant wants.

"It's a mindset, when you don't realize how old you are or how many years you've played or mileage or the moment," Durant said. "You've just got to try to keep getting better. You have that mindset when you step on the court that you want to be the best player on the court. It may not happen every game. You may not be the best, you might not have the best game, but just

having that mindset you never get satisfied with what you do.

"That's the mindset he (James) has taken on, that's the mindset Kobe did. There's a lot of other players that did it. I feel like I'm on the same path as far as — I wouldn't say I'm going to have four MVPs or three championships, I'm not guaranteeing that but I want that. On the basketball court, I want to be consistent and great every night."

James and Durant have squared off 23 times during their NBA careers, and James has a decisive 18-5 edge, including 4-1 in the postseason and 1-0 in battles for the championship.

Now the basketball world is watching and waiting, even hoping for a Durant-James rematch. And this one could live up to the hype.

It's a showdown made in hoops heaven, but Durant is downplaying a matchup with James as anything worthy of stealing the spotlight from the others.

"If we do end up making it to the Finals and Cleveland makes it to the Finals, it's never going to be me versus LeBron," Durant said. "It's going to be team versus team. It's not an individual sport. We're not playing 1-on-1 out there, as much as people want us to."

# Harper's HR lifts Nats over Phillies

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Bryce Harper was money for the Washington Nationals on Saturday night.

Fresh from getting a big deal, Harper hit a game-ending home run with two outs in the ninth inning that sent the Nationals over the Philadelphia Phillies 6-4.

Hours before the game, the Nationals announced they had reached agreement with Harper on a \$21,625,000 contract for the 2018 season, covering the slugging outfielder through his last year before he can become a free agent. Harper would've been eligible for salary arbitration next year.

"Nobody can say he ain't worth the money," manager Dusty Baker said after watching Harper's heroics.

On the day the deal was announced, the 24-year-old star provided an immediate payoff. Pinch hitter Adam Lind led off with a single against Edubray Ramos (0-3) and two outs later, Harper lined an 0-1 pitch over the wall in center for his 11th homer

of the season.

"I tried to go John Wall," Harper said, referencing the Washington Wizards guard whose late three-pointer lifted his team over the Boston Celtics in a playoff game Friday night. "Walk 'em off a little bit.

"I know nobody wanted to play extras with a doubleheader ahead of us tomorrow. So, a huge win tonight."

It was Harper's second walk-off homer of the season and the fifth of his career.

"You have to want to be the man in that situation," Baker said.

Phillies manager Pete Mackanin, whose team squandered a four-run lead, said he didn't even think about pitching around Harper with Ryan Zimmerman on deck.

"He was looking for a heater out over the plate that he can get," Mackanin said. "[Ramos] missed his spot; it was pretty much down the middle, above the knees."

Trailing 4-0 in the fifth, Washington tied it on a two-run homer by Trea Turner and a two-run double by Zimmerman.

Shawn Kelley (3-0) pitched the ninth.

Washington relievers threw 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> scoreless innings, helping send the Phillies to their eighth loss in nine games.

Nick Pivetta made his third career start and second against the team that sent him to Phillies for Jonathan Papelbon and cash in 2015. He gave up four runs on five hits over 4<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings.

**We should see other people:** Weather permitting, at the close of Sunday the Phillies will have played 12 of their first 35 games of the season against the slugging Nationals. "When you're facing teams of this caliber like the Nationals, that wasn't a good draw on our part," Mackanin said. After Sunday, the teams don't meet again until Sept. 7. Philadelphia is 4-6 so far against Washington.

**Comfort Zone:** Baker on Harper agreeing to a contract for 2018: "We always like to know where we are, where we're going. I think everybody likes to be comfortable, not to have to wonder what's in their future. And not only is he comfortable, he's very comfortable."

# Twins' Berrios waits out squirrel for win

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Jose Berrios had no problem handling the Cleveland hitters. Waiting for a squirrel to scam, now that took patience.

Berrios pitched neatly into the eighth inning in his first start of the season and the Minnesota Twins beat the Indians 4-1 Saturday in a game delayed several minutes when a squirrel ran around the field.

"It was fun because I've seen that before on TV, but never right in front of me," Berrios said.

The squirrel appeared from right field with Michael Brantley batting in the Cleveland sixth. Play was halted as the critter cut across the infield, angled past the mound and ran around the home plate area, drawing a loud cheer from the crowd at Progressive Field.

Twins manager Paul Molitor left the dugout to speak with plate umpire CB Bucknor, and Berrios threw up his arms in frustration.

"I still can't figure that out, how long they were going to let

that guy run around out there before someone got him," Molitor said.

Eventually chased toward right field by members of the grounds crew, the squirrel hopped into the stands and play continued, with Berrios retiring Brantley on a flyball.

"I felt sorry for Berrios because he was throwing a great game and had to wait, but it was fun to watch," said Twins right fielder Max Kepler, who homered. "That guy crawled down the wall right past me."

The home fans had little else to holler about as Cleveland was held to three hits for the second straight game by Minnesota.

"Those type of things are funnier when you're ahead," Indians manager Terry Francona said.

**Red Sox 6, Rays 3:** Chris Sale struck out 12 while pitching seven solid innings and Mookie Betts hit a two-run homer, leading host Boston.

It was Sale's seventh straight start with double-digit strikeouts. The 6-foot-6 left-hander allowed three runs and two

hits, both homers.

**Cardinals 5, Cubs 3:** Carlos Martinez pitched into the seventh inning and collected two hits, leading the host Cardinals.

**Rangers 6, Athletics 5:** Elvis Andrus and Nomar Mazara had consecutive two-RBI hits as host Texas rallied earlier this time, beating Oakland for its season-best fifth straight victory.

**Dodgers 4, Rockies 0:** Alex Wood struck out 10 in six innings and drove in a run with a well-placed bunt on a squeeze play, leading Los Angeles past host Colorado.

**Blue Jays 7, Mariners 2:** Jose Bautista hit a three-run homer, and the host Blue Jays earned their sixth win in seven games.

**Royals 4, Orioles 3:** Nate Karns struck out a career-high 12 in five innings, Eric Hosmer reached base four times and host Kansas City beat Baltimore.

**Giants 3, Reds 1:** Brandon Belt and Justin Ruggiano homered, Matt Moore pitched

into the eighth inning and the host Giants beat the Reds in a matchup of weary teams.

**Tigers 4, Angels 3:** J.D. Martinez powered up in just his second game of the season, hitting his second homer of the game in the ninth inning to lift Detroit over host Los Angeles.

**Pirates 4, Diamondbacks 3:** Trevor Williams pitched five strong innings and Pittsburgh snapped a six-game losing streak with a victory over host Arizona.

**Brewers 11, Mets 4:** Travis Shaw capped Milwaukee's eight-run fifth inning with a three-run homer, helping the host Brewers beat New York.

**Braves 3, Marlins 1:** Julio Teheran pitched six scoreless innings, leading visiting Atlanta to the road win.

**White Sox 5, Padres 4:** Yolmer Sanchez singled with one out in the bottom of the ninth to score Tyler Saladino and snap host Chicago's six-game losing streak.

Wil Myers, Manuel Margot and Allen Cordoba all had solo homers for San Diego.

# Truex win overshadowed by fiery wreck

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Kan. — Martin Truex Jr. finally ended his string of rotten luck at Kansas Speedway.

Danica Patrick was left to rue more bad luck of her own.

Truex pulled away from Ryan Blaney and Kevin Harvick on a late restart Saturday night, winning the NASCAR Cup Series race that he seemed to dominate every year without reaching victory lane.

“They’re all so special, honestly. These races are so hard to win,” said Truex, who had a fluke tire change problem rob him of the win after leading 172 laps last year. “Any of those restarts I could have gotten beat on. You never know what’s going to happen.”

Brad Keselowski made a pass on the final lap to take second, followed by Harvick and Blaney. Kyle Busch rounded out the top five after winning the Truck Series race Friday night.

“We were really good all day and just never had a chance to show it,” Keselowski said. “Every time we had a chance to pass cars and cycle up front,

something happened, which was a real bummer.

“Toward the end we made some runs and made the most of it.”

The race was halted with 67 laps to go when a broken brake rotor turned Joey Logano’s car into Patrick, sending her hard into the fence in the first turn. Aric Almirola had nowhere to go and slammed into Logano, the force of the impact lifting his car into the air.

Logano and Patrick were treated and released from the infield care center, while Almirola was airlifted to the University of Kansas Medical Center. He was conscious and alert.

“I hope Aric is OK. He’s definitely feeling the worst of everybody,” Patrick said. “NASCAR does everything it can to make it safe for everybody but these things happen. One of these times, these accidents aren’t going to be good for me. They’re all big. I’ve been fortunate so far.”

When it comes to escaping accidents unharmed. But Patrick has had very little fortune on the track, crashing out of the last four races and failing to

finish five times this season.

“Just out of nowhere. Everything was fine and then it took a hard one,” Logano said. “I hate that I’m the part of it that started it. I don’t know what I could have done.”

The race tied a track record with 15 cautions, and the last of them for a spin involving Jimmie Johnson bunched up the field with two laps to go. Truex dove to the bottom and roared from the rest of the field, ensuring there would be no more misfortune for him at Kansas.

It was Truex’s ninth career win and second this season. He also won at Las Vegas.

“I felt like if I could get out front on those restarts, I was OK,” Truex said. “If I came out second or third, it took me a long time to get around guys.”

The only race at the end was for second place. Keselowski, Harvick and Blaney went three-wide with Keselowski on the high side, and he made the move stick. Harvick finished third while Blaney was shuffled back to fourth after leading 83 laps.

“Truex had a couple of really good restarts and I didn’t,

and I don’t know if I could have held him off or what,” Blaney said. “But good showing. Go out there and lead laps and run with some really good cars. That’s where this team deserves to be.”

## Busch keeps on rolling:

After sweeping both intermediate stages and winning the Truck Series race Friday night, Busch kept his roll going by sweeping to the front on a restart and winning the first stage.

It was the first stage win for the Joe Gibbs Racing driver since the Daytona 500.

Johnson, Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Kasey Kahne were forced to start near the back because they were unable to get through qualifying inspection. But all of them quickly sliced through the field, despite an intense glare in the third and fourth corners caused by the setting sun.

The biggest drama came when Chase Elliott hit Michael McDowell trying to exit his pit, causing damage to the right from of the No. 24 car. Elliott quickly fell off the lead lap.

# Hamilton edges Vettel, tightens F1 title race

Associated Press

MONTMELO, Spain — Thanks to superior strategy and some help from his teammate, Lewis Hamilton tightened the early title race in Formula One after beating Sebastian Vettel to win the Spanish Grand Prix on Sunday.

Hamilton saw his advantage of a pole position evaporate when Vettel beat him to the first corner, but Mercedes’ decision to have Hamilton finish the race on faster tires allowed the British driver to overtake Vettel’s Ferrari with more than 20 laps left.

Hamilton would have had to leave his challenge until late if not for some assistance from teammate Valtteri Bottas, who held up Vettel before the Finn’s Mercedes broke down in a puff of smoke.

“This was the rawest fight I have felt in a long time. This is what the sport is meant to be, this is why I race — to have battles with him for the championship,” Hamilton said. “I just really have to congratulate and

thank my team. They did a wonderful job with the strategy and the pit stops.”

Hamilton’s second win in five races this season cut Vettel’s lead from 13 points to six heading into the Monaco GP. It was the three-time world champion’s 55th career victory and his second at the Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya after first winning here in 2014.

Daniel Ricciardo brought his Red Bull across in a distant third place to complete the podium, his best result of the season.

Vettel had a great surge from second on the grid, going past Hamilton to the first right-hand turn and staying in front just as his Ferrari partner’s race ended.

## Power dominates at Indy GP

INDIANAPOLIS — Will Power won the IndyCar Grand Prix on Saturday for his first victory of the season, leading 61 of 85 laps and easily holding off Scott Dixon on Indianapolis Motor Speedway’s road

course.

Power gave Team Penske its third straight victory this season and third in a row on the 2.439-mile, 14-turn road course. The Australian also won the event from the pole in 2015.

Ryan Hunter-Reay was third, more than 12 seconds behind Power. Simon Pagenaud finished fourth, and Helio Castroneves faded to fifth.

Pagenaud and Power each have won the race twice in the race’s four-year history.

Power was virtually untouchable all weekend. After winning the pole Friday in a track-record time, he only surrendered the lead twice Saturday — both after pit stops. He has 30 career victories.

It was the second straight race that Roger Penske’s drivers led every lap of the race, and it went almost perfectly according to script.