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General: THAAD to be in S. Korea in months

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SEOUL, South Korea — An advanced U.S. missile defense system will be deployed to South Korea in eight to 10 months to counter a growing threat from the North, the commander of U.S. Forces Korea said Friday.

Gen. Vincent Brooks said the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense system will be larger than the one stationed at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam.

The remarks, made during a seminar hosted by the Association of the Republic of Korea Army in Seoul, gave the most specific timeline yet for the anti-missile battery's deployment.

The U.S. and South Korea agreed in July

to station THAAD on the divided peninsula after months of talks following North Korea's fourth nuclear test. Officials have expressed increasing urgency about the move as Pyongyang conducted some two dozen ballistic missile tests and two underground nuclear tests this year, the most recent on Sept. 9.

The decision has run into opposition from local residents in the southeastern area where it is to be deployed, as well as from regional powerhouse China, which fears the powerful radar could be used against its military.

"You're gonna see the deployment of a THAAD battery. This is an alliance decision. It will come in the next eight to 10 months," Brooks said, according to the Yonhap news agency. "That is an Army

unit and ... a larger configuration than the one in Guam."

The THAAD system on Guam consists of an X-band radar and two truck-mounted launchers loaded with eight interceptors each. It's designed to shoot down short- and intermediate-range ballistic missiles at high altitudes. That enables it to complement the Patriot missiles already on the peninsula in a layered defensive system.

Brooks' reported comments were confirmed by USFK's public affairs office.

The four-star general also was asked whether the U.S. might bring more strategic assets to South Korea to counter the North's defiance of U.N. Security Council resolutions and sanctions. He said "that is under review," according to Yonhap.

More US troops to head to Europe amid rising tensions

By ALEX HORTON
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SAN ANTONIO — An aviation brigade and an armored brigade are deploying to Europe this winter amid growing tensions with Russia, the Army announced Thursday.

The 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team of the 4th Infantry Division, based at Fort Carson, Colo., will send 4,000 soldiers, the Army said Thursday in a news release. An Army spokesman confirmed the unit will begin moving in January.

The Fort Drum, N.Y.-based 10th Combat Aviation Brigade will deploy 1,750 soldiers, more than half the brigade, the Army said in a separate news release, with earlier reports saying the unit will arrive in Germany in March.

Both units will support Operation Atlantic Resolve, the growing U.S. effort to reassure NATO allies in the region in response to the Russian intervention in Ukraine in 2014.

The Pentagon has signifi-

cantly increased the presence of troops and warfighting equipment in Europe to counter Russian aggression, with \$3.4 billion allocated this fiscal year for the ongoing European Reassurance Initiative — tripling last year's budget.

Tensions between Russia and the United States have increased since the Ukrainian incursion and annexation of Crimea, most recently in Syria, where Russian warplanes have aided President Bashar Assad's regime in its civil war against rebel groups, some aided by U.S. training and equipment, and the Islamic State group.

Concerns have mounted about near-collisions in Syrian airspace between U.S. and Russian jets. The Pentagon said last week a Russian fighter jet and a U.S. aircraft came within a half-mile of colliding during a night mission over Syria in mid-October. Pentagon officials held a video conference Thursday to discuss ongoing measures to prevent mishaps, a Defense Department news

release said.

The 3rd Armored Brigade will be the first continuous rotation armored brigade to deploy to Europe, with the intent of a permanent heavy-armor presence, said Army Lt. Col. Jason Brown, a 4th Infantry Division spokesman.

The brigade will arrive in Poland and will fan out across the continent, Brown said.

One battalion stocked with M1 Abrams tanks will cover the Baltic region of Estonia and Latvia, while another will operate in Germany.

A mechanized infantry battalion with M2 Bradley troop carriers and M1 Abrams tanks will have a foothold in the Romanian and Bulgarian region, Brown said.

Brigade headquarters will remain in Poland, along with an armored cavalry unit and a field artillery battalion wielding self-propelled M109 Paladin howitzers, Brown said.

"I am confident we are the right heavy brigade to continue the armored presence in

Europe," Col. Christopher R. Norrie, commander of 3rd Armored Brigade, said Thursday in the news release.

The 10th Combat Aviation Brigade will arrive with approximately 60 aircraft, including CH-47 Chinooks, UH-60 Blackhawks and medevac helicopters, said Maj. Isaac Taylor, a 10th Mountain Division spokesman. The brigade will be headquartered in Germany, and the brigade's units will be forward-based at locations in Latvia, Romania and Poland, Stars and Stripes reported Thursday.

Their deployment comes as allies in Europe have identified an increased need for aviation units in Europe to counter Russian power, and as a complement to the main focus on tanks and infantry.

The Europe-based 12th Combat Aviation Brigade hosted 21 NATO states and partner nations last week in Germany to discuss bridging language barriers, sharing tactics and finding opportunities for closer collaboration.

Battle for Mosul rages as militants kill 20 in Iraq

Associated Press

MOSUL, Iraq — Iraq's special forces worked Sunday to clear neighborhoods on the eastern edge of Islamic State-held Mosul as bombings launched by the extremist group elsewhere in the country killed at least 20 people.

The Mosul offensive has slowed in recent days as Iraqi forces have pushed into more densely populated areas where they cannot rely as much on airstrikes and shelling because of the risk posed to civilians, who have been told to stay in their homes.

"There are a lot of civilians and we are trying to protect them," said Lt. Col. Muhanad al-Timimi. "This is one of the hardest battles that we've faced till now."

Some civilians are fleeing the combat zone while Islamic State militants are holding others back for use as human shields, making it harder for Iraqi command-

ers on the ground to get approval for requested U.S.-led coalition airstrikes. Iraq's special forces are some of the country's best troops, but they still largely rely on air support to clear terrain.

Iraqi forces first entered the eastern edge of the city Tuesday. On Friday, forces began pushing into Mosul proper but so far have advanced only about a mile into the city.

On the southern front, Iraqi forces are still some 12 miles from the city center. The fighting is centered on the town of Hamam al-Alil, where Associated Press journalists could hear gunfire and saw attack helicopters firing on Islamic State positions.

The extremists, meanwhile, struck far from the front lines with a series of bombings.

The deadliest attack took place in the city of Samarra, 60 miles north of Baghdad and home to a major Shiite shrine. Provincial spokesman Ali al-

Hamdani said the attacker set off a bomb-packed ambulance in a parking lot near Shiite pilgrims before detonating his explosives vest.

The attack killed 11 people, including at least four Iranians, and wounded up to 100 other people.

Another suicide attacker rammed an explosives-laden car into a busy checkpoint outside the city of Tikrit, killing at least nine people. Al-Hamdani said five female students, a woman and three policemen were killed in the attack, while 25 others were wounded.

In the capital, Baghdad, a series of smaller bombings killed at least 10 people and wounded 21 others, according to police and medical officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to brief reporters. No one immediately claimed the attacks, but they bore the hallmarks of Islamic State.

Syrian Kurds begin campaign to retake Raqqa

Associated Press

BEIRUT — Kurdish-led Syrian forces backed by the U.S. said they have begun a military campaign to liberate the Islamic State group's de facto capital of Raqqa, urging civilians to avoid "enemy gatherings" and warning Turkey not to interfere in the operation.

The announcement by a coalition of Kurds and Arabs known as the Syria Democratic Forces came at a news conference in Ein Issa, north of Raqqa, and was attended by senior commanders and representatives of the group. It lacked specific details on how they plan to oust the militants from the city.

Islamic State forces already are under attack by U.S.-backed Iraqi forces on the eastern edges of Mosul, which the group seized in 2014 when it captured territory across Iraq and Syria. Iraqi forces, who began their operation Oct. 17, are trying to push deeper into the city, which is the militants' last urban bastion in Iraq.

Cihan Ehmed, an SDF fighter reading the statement, said 30,000 fighters will take part in the operation, dubbed "Euphrates Rage," and that a joint operations command had been set up to coordinate various factions on all fronts.

The SDF is dominated by the main Syrian Kurdish fighting force known as the People's Protection Units, or YPG. The United States considers the group to be the most effective force against the Islamic State group, but Turkey views it as a terrorist organization and claims it's linked to Turkey's outlawed Kurdish group.

There was no comment from Turkey, the U.S. or Syrian President Bashar Assad's government on the Kurdish announcement.

SDF spokesman Talal Sillo told The Associated Press the Raqqa campaign will occur on several fronts.

Soldiers killed in Jordan identified

BY CHAD GARLAND
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IRBIL, Iraq — The Pentagon has identified the three Special Forces soldiers supporting the anti-Islamic State coalition who died after their convoy came under fire on Friday while entering a military base in Jordan.

The Green Berets were identified in a statement released Sunday as Staff Sgt. Matthew C. Lewellen, 27; Staff Sgt. Kevin J. McEnroe, 30; and Staff Sgt. James F. Moriarty, 27. All three were assigned to the 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Campbell, Ky., and were supporting Operation Inherent

Resolve.

The incident is under investigation, the military said.

The U.S. Special Operations Command said in a statement that all three of the decorated soldiers killed in the attack had served multiple overseas tours.

Lewellen, a native of Lawrence, Kan., had more than six years of service in the Army and was serving his second overseas tour. Among his awards were a Bronze Star Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal and a Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal.

Tucson native McEnroe was an eight-year Army veteran on his third overseas tour.

His awards include the Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal and Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal.

Moriarty, from Kerrville, Texas, had more than five years of service in the Army. This was his second overseas tour. His awards include the Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal and Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

The deaths bring to seven the number of Americans killed in action since the start of the anti-Islamic State mission in 2014.

Historic atoll sees new conflict

Associated Press

MIDWAY ATOLL, Northwestern Hawaiian Islands — The Battle of Midway was a turning point in World War II's Pacific theater. The remote atoll where thousands died is now a sanctuary for millions of seabirds, and a new battle is pitting preservation of its vaunted military history against the protection of its wildlife.

Halfway between the United States and Asia, Midway's three islets are surrounded by coral reefs and are home to the biggest colony of Laysan albatrosses on Earth. The seabirds pair off and mate for life, nesting and raising their young on Midway.

President Barrack Obama recently traveled here to announce the expansion of the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument, now the world's biggest oceanic preserve.

The atoll is a place where many people have lived, and perished, almost 3,000 in the conflict with Japan. The public has not been allowed to visit for years.

Midway is now a mix of boarded-up buildings left over from the island's military heyday and freshly painted facilities still in use by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Six months after the Pearl Harbor attack, U.S. forces turned away the Japanese at Midway and went on the offensive. In all, 2,500 Japanese and 307 Americans were killed.

The Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1988 when the atoll was still under Navy control. In 1996, management was transferred to the wildlife agency with a mandate to maintain and preserve not only the wildlife but the atoll's historical significance.

Midway sits amid a collection of man-made debris called the Great Pacific Garbage Patch. Along Midway's paths lie piles of feathers with rings of plastic in the middle — remnants of birds that died with the plastic in their guts. Each year the agency removes about 20 tons of plastic and debris that washes ashore.

The critically endangered short-tailed albatross can be found only on Midway and one other small Pacific island. Endangered Hawaiian monk seals and green sea turtles also frequent Midway's shores.

In 1996, the government reached an agreement with the Georgia-based Phoenix Midway Corp. to help operate the island's visitor program, with lodging, a restaurant, a dive shop and bowl-

ing alley, at no cost to taxpayers.

But, in its six years of operation, the company had only one profitable month, according to a document submitted to the Fish and Wildlife Service and provided to The Associated Press by the memorial foundation.

In mid-2001, the company pulled out. After that, there was either no visitor program or a limited one.

The Government Accountability Office concluded in 2016 that the wildlife agency "maintained most historic properties" but tore down seven others without the required public notice.

But the GAO noted funding has been slashed from \$4 million annually to less than \$3 million, resulting in the end of public visitation in 2012.

Officials say more than \$1 million a year would be required to re-establish a visitation program, excluding startup costs.

Its World War II-era structures weren't built to last, and some are coated in lead paint, Fish and Wildlife spokeswoman Megan Nagel said, noting Laysan albatross ingest the paint chips, causing illness.

And too many visitors could disturb the delicate ecosystem, Nagel said.

No gun in commotion at rally

Associated Press

RENO, Nev. — No weapon was involved in a commotion that briefly disrupted Donald Trump's Saturday night rally and caused agents to hustle Trump from the stage, the Secret Service said.

The Republican presidential nominee had been speaking to supporters for a while when a disturbance broke out in the crowd close to the podium. Two Secret Service agents quickly surrounded Trump, then hustled him away.

In a statement, the Secret Service said a person in front of the stage had shouted "Gun!" but that no weapon was found after a search of the person and the immediate area. The person was apprehended, but officials did not identify the person or disclose whether the person had been charged with a crime.

The Secret Service said an investigation into the incident was ongoing.

Upon his return to the stage a few minutes later, Trump thanked the Secret Service and told the crowd: "Nobody said it was going to be easy for us. But we will never be stopped. Never ever be stopped."

The Secret Service statement noted that magnetometers are used at presidential campaign sites.

"All general public attending these events must go through a magnetometer screening prior to entering a protected area," the agency said.

Donald Trump's son and a top campaign aide were falsely spreading the rumor that an incident at a Nevada rally was an "assassination attempt" against the candidate even though no weapon was found.

Trump's son, Don Jr., and Dan Scavino, who runs Trump's social media operation, re-tweeted a message that read, "Hillary ran away from rain today. Trump is back on stage minutes after assassination attempt."

Clinton aims high, Trump goes hard in last days

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Hillary Clinton aimed to hit high notes Sunday in the final moments of her campaign, hoping an uplifting message would wash away voters' disgust with the presidential contest. Donald Trump vowed he and his supporters would never quit.

The candidates embarked on one of their final tours of battleground states, shifting to their closing arguments to weary voters deeply divided along racial, economic and gender lines.

With polls showing her retaining an edge, Clinton enlisted allies and A-listers for help at stops in Pennsylvania, Ohio and New Hampshire. She planned to campaign with Cavaliers star LeBron James in Cleveland

and rally voters in Manchester with Khizr Khan, the Gold Star father whose indictment of Trump delivered an emotional high point for Democrats.

Trump, meanwhile, planned a marathon day on the campaign trail, with stops in five states, including Minnesota, Michigan and Pennsylvania — states that have long proven unfriendly territory for Republican presidential candidates. But buoyed by a late surge of momentum, Trump declared that his loyal, white working-class voters will deliver an upset on Tuesday.

After voting in New York, Trump was expected to return to Pennsylvania, Michigan, Ohio, North Carolina and New Hampshire later in the day.

The Clinton campaign says it is focusing on the West and

upper Midwest. Clinton started her day with the largely African-American congregation of Mount Airy Church of God in Christ in Philadelphia.

President Barack Obama planned to rally in Ann Arbor, Mich., Monday, before joining Clinton for a rally in Philadelphia that evening.

Critical in both states is African American turnout. Black clergy were taking to the pulpits in a "Souls to the Poll" campaign to energize black voters, after early vote data shows some signs of diminished turnout.

Clinton campaign chairman John Podesta told NBC's "Meet the Press" that the campaign believes if Clinton wins Nevada and Michigan, she "is going to be the next president of the United States."

SC slaying suspect denied bond

Associated Press

SPARTANBURG, S.C. — A South Carolina man accused of holding a woman chained inside a storage container was denied bond Sunday after investigators say he also confessed to an unsolved quadruple murder that happened 13 years ago.

Authorities have charged Todd Kohlhepp, 45, with four counts of murder in the deaths of four people in 2003 at the Superbike Motorsports motorcycle shop in Chesnee, S.C.

His suspected role in those killings was uncovered after the woman was found last week in a locked metal container on Kohlhepp's property in rural Woodruff, authorities said.

Kohlhepp's arrest has put to rest for local law enforcement and the families of the victims a mystery that has haunted them for more than a decade.

"We got 'em today. We got 'em today. I'm rejoicing that this community can know that four people who were brutally murdered, there's no wondering about it anymore," Sheriff Chuck Wright said late

Saturday night.

Kohlhepp is also charged with the woman's kidnapping, and prosecutors say more charges are expected.

A Spartanburg County sheriff's investigative report says Kohlhepp "confessed to investigators that he shot and killed" the owner, service manager, mechanic and bookkeeper of the motorcycle shop. "Kohlhepp gave details ... that only the killer would know," the report says.

Authorities said Kohlhepp is a suspect in at least three other deaths.

Kohlhepp appeared before Magistrate Judge Jimmy Henson on Sunday for the brief bond hearing on the four murder counts. The issue of bond could be taken up by a circuit court later.

Wearing an orange jumpsuit, Kohlhepp declined to make a statement when offered the chance.

Wright said Kohlhepp also showed law enforcement officers Saturday where he says he buried two other victims on his 95-acre property near Woodruff. Wright said there could be more bodies.

Those are in addition to the body found Friday at the site. Authorities identified that victim as Charles Carver, 32, the boyfriend of the woman found Thursday. Carver died of multiple gunshot wounds.

Carver and the woman went missing around Aug. 31, and their last known cell-phone signals led authorities to the property. The Associated Press is not naming the woman because the suspect is a sex offender, though authorities have not said whether she was sexually assaulted.

Before Kohlhepp emerged as a suspect in the 2003 slayings, investigators had said all four victims were killed with the same 9 mm pistol. They have theorized that the killer came in the back, perhaps through an open garage door, and killed mechanic Chris Sherbert, 26, as he worked. Bookkeeper Beverly Guy, 52, was found just outside the bathroom in the middle of the showroom.

Thirty-year-old shop owner Scott Ponder was found just outside the door in the parking lot. He was Guy's son. Brian Lucas was in the doorway.

Philippine mayor linked to drugs shot dead in jail

Associated Press

BAYBAY, Philippines — Philippine police killed a town mayor in his jail cell in a purported gunbattle, the second killing in a week of a politician linked to illegal drugs under President Rodrigo Duterte's brutal crackdown.

Rolando Espinosa Sr., the mayor of the town of Albuera in the central province of Leyte, and a fellow inmate were shot dead before dawn Saturday after they fired at officers who staged a raid in search of firearms and illegal drugs in the provincial jail in Leyte's Baybay city, police said.

Some officials and an anti-crime watchdog have called for an investigation of the circumstances of the killings, wondering how the mayor and the other inmate got hold of guns and what prompted them to clash with several policemen while in detention.

Last week, police killed another town mayor, Samsudin Dimaukom, and nine of his men, allegedly in a gunbattle, in the southern Philippines.

Espinosa and Dimaukom were among more than 160 officials named publicly by Duterte in August as part of a shame campaign. Espinosa's son, a suspected drug lord, was arrested in the United Arab Emirates' capital city of Abu Dhabi last month.

After being linked by Duterte to illegal drugs, Espinosa surrendered to the national police chief in August in a nationally televised event. He later was released, but was arrested last month after being indicted on drug and illegal-possession-of-firearm charges.

Police estimate that more than 3,600 suspected drug dealers and users have been killed since Duterte took office on June 30.

WikiLeaks shows Chicago mayor used personal account

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel used personal email accounts and a personal email domain to communicate with government officials and political figures, according to a published report based on hacked emails posted by WikiLeaks.

Emanuel's personal account information turned up among the thousands of emails from John Podesta, Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton's campaign chairman, the Chicago Tribune reported. Clinton has come under fire for her use of a private email system because doing so potentially jeopardized classified information.

Emanuel registered his personal email domain, "rahme-mail.com," on May 16, 2011, the day he was sworn into office. The hacked emails also turned up evidence of Emanuel's personal Gmail account.

The messages mark the first direct evidence that Emanuel has used personal email accounts as mayor beyond official city government accounts.

Adam Collins, a spokesman for the mayor, said Emanuel's use of a customized email domain is common, and added that Emanuel has not had and does not use a private email server.

Collins did not say whether Emanuel has used either of the personal email accounts to conduct government business.

Federal records show that since taking office, Emanuel used his custom email domain to send at least seven messages on two different strings to Clinton while she was secretary of state, the newspaper reported.

The hacked emails WikiLeaks released also showed Emanuel using his rahme-mail.com domain to contact Podesta.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Police rescue fleeing man from badger hole

OR ONTARIO — An Oregon man who evaded police for hours was captured after he fell into a large badger hole.

State police Capt. Bill Fugate said two men and a dog went onto U.S. Bureau of Land Management land after fleeing from a traffic stop in Ontario. One suspect later was found on foot.

Police eventually saw the vehicle in a ravine. Tracks were followed for more than a mile before the dog was spotted.

As police approached, the dog fled into the badger hole and would not come out. After getting the dog out, police heard the suspect screaming.

Fugate said Gregory Morrow was stuck 8 feet underground and could not move. It took police 90 minutes to dig him out and to arrest him.

Fugate said Morrow likely would have died from exposure if police had not come along.

Woman gets life for killing officer boyfriend

FL FORT LAUDERDALE — A Broward County woman who killed her police officer boyfriend when he discovered she made up a story about being pregnant will serve life in prison.

Tiniko Thompson was sentenced Friday after being convicted of second-degree murder in the May 2014 shooting death of Miami police officer Carl Patrick, 53.

The Sun Sentinel of South Florida reported that Thompson moved in with Patrick after making up a story that she was pregnant. Patrick then tried to break off the relationship several months later when it became obvious she wasn't pregnant.

Prosecutors said Thompson, 48, shot Patrick, wrapped him

in a blanket, took his cellphone and left their home, leaving him to die.

Pregnant woman is accused of shoplifting

NM SANTA FE — A pregnant woman said she was humiliated at a Santa Fe Wal-Mart after an employee suspected her of shoplifting.

Patricia Pautke told Albuquerque's KOB-TV on Friday that she was stopped by an employee as she was leaving the store on Halloween.

According to Pautke, the male worker made her lift up her clothing in front of other employees and customers to prove she wasn't hiding any merchandise.

Pautke filed a police report last week and has since received an apology from a manager.

In a statement, Wal-Mart said it is looking into the incident and will take appropriate action.

Deputy saves girl and grandmother from lake

FL NORTH LAUDERDALE — An off-duty Broward Sheriff's deputy jumped into a lake outside his home near Fort Lauderdale to rescue a toddler and her 72-year-old grandmother.

Vincent Graham told the SunSentinel he was relaxing at home before heading to work as a detention deputy on Tuesday when his wife, Patricia, screamed. He dashed out and saw the child's head emerge from the water.

Graham said he grabbed the child with one hand and handed her to his wife. He used the other hand to feel under the water for Jacqueline Agard.

The pair were taken to a hospital as a precaution.

Agard told deputies that the girl ran after the family's cat

and jumped into the water. Agard jumped in after the girl but said she lacked the strength to get them both back to shore.

City uses toilet paper to repair cracked roads

CO LITTLETON — It's not pranksters or vandals who placed toilet paper all over the streets of Littleton; it was city workers.

The Denver Post reported that Littleton crews have used bathroom tissue to help seal up cracks along more than 120 streets.

Officials said toilet paper was applied with a paint roller over freshly laid tar used to fill asphalt cracks.

The paper absorbs the oil from the tar as it dries, keeping it from sticking to pedestrian's shoes or car and bike tires. The biodegradable paper will break down and will be gone in a few days.

Littleton spokeswoman Kelli Narde said the toilet paper allows traffic to retake the road more quickly.

Schoolteacher accused of selling steroids

AL ALBERTVILLE — A science teacher at an Alabama high school has been arrested on suspicion of selling steroids to undercover narcotics agents.

WAAY-TV reported Marshall County investigators arrested Albertville High School teacher David Darden on Thursday on seven counts of unlawful distribution of a controlled substance and one count of possession of a controlled substance.

He was absent from school on Friday.

Albertville City Schools Superintendent Ric Ayer said it is his understanding that no students were involved.

Darden was released on

\$150,000 bond Thursday night from the Marshall County Jail.

Police: Woman forced son, 11, to walk nude

GA MARIETTA — A Cobb County woman was arrested after she allegedly forced her 11-year-old son to walk nude through his school parking lot.

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported Joyce Cole, of Smyrna, is free after posting \$5,720 bond. According to jail records, Cole faces charges of first-degree child cruelty, contributing to the delinquency of a minor and simple battery for slapping the child as he walked.

Authorities said Cole forced her son to strip at the entrance of Norton Park Elementary and to walk to her car on Halloween morning. According to the arrest warrant, she told her son she was "going to embarrass him in front of people" if he "got in trouble at school again."

Police said the boy and his two siblings are no longer in their mother's care.

Police: Mayor keeps driving without license

OH PUT-IN-BAY — Police in Ohio said the mayor on a resort island in Lake Erie has been stopped for a third time this year for driving without a license.

Put-in-Bay police said officers cited Mayor Mack McCann, 80, last week while he was operating a "motorized bicycle."

McCann was warned this past summer for driving without a license and then was cited with the same offense a few days later in July.

Police said they have been giving the mayor rides when he calls as long as officers aren't busy.

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No. 1 Alabama shuts out No. 15 LSU

Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, La. — Alabama's suffocating defense bottled up Leonard Fournette and allowed freshman quarterback Jalen Hurts the luxury of a few scoreless quarters to get accustomed to operating in deafening Death Valley against a talented, stingy LSU defense.

Hurts finally broke loose for a 21-yard touchdown run to break a scoreless tie early in the fourth quarter, and No. 1 Alabama remained unbeaten with a 10-0 shut-out of the 15th-ranked Tigers on Saturday night.

"You can talk about winning ugly and maybe it wasn't always pretty, because we certainly didn't execute and do things the way we'd like, but you've got to give LSU a lot of credit," Alabama coach Nick Saban said. "It was a tough atmosphere for us out there. But our defense was outstanding."

The Crimson Tide (9-0, 6-0 Southeastern Conference, No. 1 CFP) won for the sixth straight time against LSU (5-3, 3-2, No. 13 CFP), and remained alone in first place in the SEC West — a game ahead of Auburn.

Hurts, a freshman who has exceeded expectations by establishing himself as one of the most dynamic, explosive players in college football, was the game's leading rusher with 114 yards on 20 carries. He also completed 10 of 19 passes for 107

yards.

"He has great poise. I don't think the stage is too big for him at all," Saban said about Hurts. "He expects a lot of himself and we expect a lot of him because he's in a role that has tremendous responsibility."

LSU had its share of big plays — but all on defense, forcing Hurts into an early interception, stopping Hurts on a fourth-and-goal play and forcing him into a third-quarter fumble. But LSU's offense could not capitalize against menacing defensive end Jonathan Allen and Co.

"We played our butt off on defense but we lose as a team," LSU interim coach Ed Orgeron said. "We just couldn't get anything going on offense."

The Tigers finished with 125 total yards. Alabama had five sacks, one more than LSU's offense had allowed in any other game this season. Allen, linebackers Rashaan Evans and Ryan Anderson; and end Dalvin Tomlinson each sacked Etling, while Rueben Foster and Tim Williams combined on a sack.

"We're just dominating the line of scrimmage," Allen said.

LSU's Danny Etling completed 11 of 24 passes for 92 yards and also was intercepted once in the fourth quarter on a pass that seemed to sail off target because he was being hit. The turnover led to a late Alabama field goal. The offense also looked

out of synch. LSU had to burn two timeouts early in the second half to avoid delay-of-game penalties, then was called for delay of game on third down in Alabama territory on a subsequent drive.

"We just had some miscommunications on what we were trying to do. Unfortunately, that was kind of what bit us," Etling said. "We did some stupid things and made some inaccurate throws."

Fournette, whose 2015 Heisman Trophy hopes faded when he was held to 31 yards on 19 carries in Tuscaloosa last year, had 35 yards on 17 carries. One game after touchdown runs of 78, 76 and 59 yards against Mississippi, Fournette's longest run against the Crimson Tide was 9 yards. He had declined interview requests in the week leading up to the game, and he didn't speak afterward, either.

Saban explained his team's success against Fournette this way: "When you play a great player like that, everybody has to really focus on doing their job. Our guys did it last year. We played a lot of the same stuff that we played a year ago."

"We've got some pretty hateful guys that play defense around here that are pretty good competitors," Saban added. "When they get challenged a little bit, they usually respond and I think they responded really well tonight."

No. 6 Buckeyes crush No. 9 Cornhuskers

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Curtis Samuel had 178 yards from scrimmage and two touchdowns, including a 75-yard touchdown reception on Ohio State's first play of the second half, and the sixth-ranked Buckeyes dominated No. 9 Nebraska 62-3 on Saturday night.

After three straight weeks of close games and inconsistent offense, the Buckeyes (8-1, 5-1 Big Ten) put forth their best performance of the season, led 31-3 at the half and handed the Cornhuskers (7-2, 4-2 Big Ten) their most lopsided loss since 2004.

"I didn't see this one coming," Ohio State coach Urban Meyer said.

Damon Webb got it started with a 36-yard interception return for a touchdown on Ne-

braska's first drive of the game. J.T. Barrett led three long touchdown drives, including a 15-play, 85-yarder that ended with 1-yard jump TD pass to Samuel with 3 seconds left in the half.

"Everything was clicking. The run game. The pass game," Samuel said. "Everything was going great tonight."

The Cornhuskers were playing as a top-10 team in November for the first time since 2010, but proved to still be a long way from the elites in the Big Ten. Nebraska is still in the Big Ten West race, but a loss to Wisconsin last week means the Huskers will need help.

"That was real bad, and we're all responsible for it, and Ohio State played really well," Nebraska coach Mike Riley said.

Nebraska lost quarterback

Tommy Armstrong to a scary head injury in the second quarter, when the senior slammed the side of his helmet on the turf after being knocked out of bounds. Armstrong was taken from the stadium in an ambulance, but returned to the sideline in sweats in the third quarter.

The takeaway: Nebraska: The Cornhuskers rode a fairly easy first-half schedule into the top 10 and gave their fans some hope that maybe they could be in the mix for a College Football Playoff spot down the stretch. Not happening. The loss was the Huskers' most lopsided since a 70-10 beating by Texas Tech in 2004. Year Two under Riley for the Huskers represents a step forward, not a giant leap.

"The game came out of the

blue to me," Riley said.

Ohio State: Buckeyes coach Urban Meyer has answered so many questions about getting the ball to Samuel more often over the last few weeks that he was laughing about them during the week leading up to Nebraska. Whether it was by design or not, Samuel had his best game since the opener against Bowling Green.

Poll implications: Nebraska: The Huskers are likely to plummet in the new AP rankings come out Sunday and the playoff rankings are updated Tuesday.

Ohio State: The Buckeyes were impressive enough to at least consider having them jump ahead of undefeated Washington in both the AP and playoff rankings.

Mississippi State upsets Texas A&M

Associated Press

STARKVILLE, Miss. — Mississippi State's Nick Fitzgerald was hit a few yards shy of the end zone as one, two and then three Texas A&M defenders tried to pull him to the ground.

But the 6-foot-5, 230-pounder kept straining, dragging the Aggies along with him into the end zone for a crucial touchdown late in the fourth quarter.

The sophomore quarterback — and these Bulldogs — weren't going to be denied in a 35-28 upset win over No. 7 Texas A&M on Saturday.

"After how hard my team worked for me all day," Fitzgerald said. "There was no way I wasn't going to score that for them."

Fitzgerald's bruising 4-yard touchdown run was one of the many highlights for Mississippi State's running game, which finished with a season-high 365 yards. Fitzgerald ran for 182 yards and two touchdowns while Aeris Williams ran for a career-high 140 yards and a score.

It was a stunning win for Mississippi State (4-5, 2-3 Southeastern Conference), which was coming off an uninspiring 56-41 win over lower-level Samford. The Bulldogs had lost their previous three games against FBS competition.

It was an equally stunning loss for Texas A&M. The Aggies were ranked No. 4 in the first College Football Playoff rankings released on Tuesday, but will now almost certainly tumble out of contention.

"We got whipped," Texas A&M coach Kevin Sumlin said. "We couldn't stop the run and we couldn't run it. They dictated play today."

The Bulldogs' biggest drive was a grinding 14-play, 73-yard push in the fourth quarter that ended with Fitzgerald's aforementioned 4-yard touchdown for a 35-21 lead. Mississippi State ran 10 straight running plays at one point in the drive.

Poll implications: Texas A&M will likely be punished in all three major polls following a loss to one of the SEC's worst teams so far this season.

Navy shocks Fighting Irish

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Navy's final fourth-down play worked to perfection. Just don't bother asking coach Ken Niumatalolo how it played out.

"I had my eyes closed. I was praying," Niumatalolo said. "It obviously worked out great."

It helped Navy get a rare win against Notre Dame.

Will Worth ran for 175 yards and two touchdowns, his eighth consecutive game with a rushing score, and the Midshipmen beat the Fighting Irish 28-27 Saturday in the nation's longest-running intersectional rivalry.

Navy (6-2) won its fourth game against Notre Dame since 1963. The Irish (3-6) had won five in a row in the series.

"We're kind of in euphoria, Cloud 9 right now having beaten Notre Dame," Niumatalolo said. "I've been here a long time. We've had some crushing defeats to these guys. To be able to finally come out on top, it feels so good."

Irish coach Brian Kelly deserved some of the blame for this one. Trailing 28-24 with a little more than 7 minutes to go, Kelly opted for a 31-yard field goal instead of trying to convert a fourth-and-4 play at the 14. He made the call even though his defense hadn't forced a punt all afternoon.

"Well, certainly thought about going for it," Kelly said. "Now in hindsight, it's something that we didn't get the ball back. But 28-27 made sense to me at the time. Even if they score a touch-

down, we still have the opportunity to score and get the two-point conversion. ... But those are the decisions you got to make.

"Again, I don't question the decision to go for the field goal other than the fact that we couldn't get the ball back."

Navy got the ball and ran out the clock with its triple-option offense. Worth converted two huge fourth-down plays on the final drive, one on a dive play near midfield and another with a pass to Jamir Tillman that essentially ended it.

Worth took a knee after that, setting off a raucous celebration that surely will continue through the weekend.

"There are no words for that (win)," Tillman said. "Every year we get so close. But close only matters in horseshoes. So it feels crazy to bet them my senior year and to go out just how we did."

Tillman finished with four receptions for 41 yards. Worth notched with his fourth straight 100-yard rushing performance and fifth of the season.

"The kid's playing phenomenal," Niumatalolo said. "We're where we're at right now because of Will Worth. He's given our team belief the way he plays, tough, hard-nosed and he's created an edge on our football team. We're a scrappy team that's not going to back down from anybody. A lot of that edge comes from the way he plays."

Navy finished with 368 yards, including 320 on the ground.

Worthman, Air Force top Army for trophy

Associated Press

WEST POINT, N.Y. — Air Force quarterback Arion Worthman found out on Friday that he would be making his first career start. That it would come against service academy rival Army on the road in a critical game apparently was no big deal.

The sophomore passed for 195 yards and one touchdown and rushed for 63 yards and another score, and Air Force beat Army 31-12 on Saturday to win the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy at Michie Stadium.

"It just shows the grit of our team," said tailback Jacobi Owens, who rushed for 106 yards and caught a 46-yard touchdown pass from Worthman. "It's good to have the trophy back. We'll just put it in the middle of the locker room so

everybody can see it."

The second leg of the round-robin competition between the three service academies ended with the Falcons claiming the prized hardware for the 20th time. Air Force (6-3), which dispatched Navy 28-14 a month ago, has won all but two of the last 20 games against Army and is 14-10 at Michie Stadium.

"There are much, much prettier football teams, but we do a super job when it comes to playing together in a group that's just unrelenting in terms of preparation," said Air Force coach Troy Calhoun, who is 9-1 against Army. "We're just a gritty, feisty, overachieving (team). It's unlike anything I've ever been around."

Army (5-4) needs to win two more games to become eligible for the postseason for only the second time in 20 years.

"It's tough, but our guys will bounce back," Army coach Jeff Monken said. "We'll put it behind us and try to get ready for the next one."

The takeaway: Air Force: The Falcons clinched their third straight postseason bowl and may have found their quarterback of the future in Worthman, just a sophomore. Romine relieved him late in the game.

Army: Army has no tie-in this year to a bowl and probably needs to win its next two games, against Notre Dame and Morgan State, prior to the finale against Navy on Dec. 10 to have a chance to play in the postseason.

Numbers: Jalen Robinette had three catches for 104 yards to become Air Force's all-time leading receiver with 2,410 yards, 18 more than Ernie Jennings (1968-70).

James, Cavs hold off 76ers

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — LeBron James scored 25 points, moving into 10th place on the NBA's career list, and added 14 assists and eight rebounds as the unbeaten Cleveland Cavaliers held off the winless Philadelphia 76ers 102-101 on Saturday night.

Kevin Love added 20 points and 11 rebounds for the reigning champion Cavaliers, who improved to 6-0.

Joel Embiid scored 22 points, making all four of his three-point attempts, but the 76ers dropped to 0-5.

James passed Hall of Famer Hakeem Olajuwon by converting a fast-break layup midway through the first quarter. Olajuwon finished his career with 26,946 points. James finished the game on 26,970.

James' first attempt at passing the record was an emphatic,

highlight-reel block by Embiid about 3½ minutes into the contest. After two more misses, James quickly raced up the court for an easy layup.

He is No. 12 in scoring on the combined ABA/NBA list.

Clippers 116, Spurs 92: Blake Griffin scored a season-high 28 points as Los Angeles handed San Antonio a second straight home loss.

The Spurs have dropped two straight at the AT&T Center after losing just two regular-season home games in the previous 600 days, including a 40-1 mark last season.

Hawks 112, Rockets 97: Dwight Howard had 20 points and 14 rebounds in his first game against his former teammates while Paul Millsap scored 23 as Atlanta beat visiting Houston.

James Harden scored 30 points and continued his hot start to the season by making 10 of 19 shots. He had 12 assists

and nine rebounds.

Pacers 111, Bulls 94: C.J. Miles scored 20 points and Myles Turner added 16 as host Indiana shut down weary Chicago.

Thunder 112, Timberwolves 92: Russell Westbrook scored 28 points to help Oklahoma City beat visiting Minnesota.

Magic 88, Wizards 86: Jeff Green came off the bench to score 18 points and Evan Fournier added 13 to help host Orlando beat Washington.

Pistons 103, Nuggets 86: Andre Drummond had 19 points and 20 rebounds as Detroit breezed to another easy win at home.

Bucks 117, Kings 91: Mirza Teletovic scored 22 points and matched his career high with seven three-pointers, Giannis Antetokounmpo added 17 points, eight assists and eight rebounds, and host Milwaukee beat short-handed Sacramento.

Pacquiao wins decision over Vargas

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Floyd Mayweather Jr. stopped by to see an old foe, and Manny Pacquiao tried his best to give him a show.

With Mayweather watching intently from a ringside seat, Pacquiao dropped Jessie Vargas in the second round and bloodied his face Saturday night on his way to a lopsided decision that gave him a piece of the welterweight title once again.

Pacquiao won on all three ringside scorecards — 118-109, 118-109 114-113 — to take the piece of the title Vargas won in his last fight. The Associated Press scored it 119-109 for Pacquiao.

"Not bad," Mayweather said, giving Pacquiao a thumbs up after the fight.

It was vintage Pacquiao at times, even though he couldn't stop Vargas like he desperately wanted to. And with Mayweather at ringside it certainly will stir talk of a second fight between the boxers who went at it last year in the richest fight ever.

That, of course, would depend on Mayweather coming out of retirement and Pacquiao being able to fight while still attending to his duties as a senator in the Philippines. Mayweather did not answer questions about a possible return to the ring shouted at him by writers at ringside.

"I invited him to be here tonight," Pacquiao said, saying "we'll see" when asked if the two could meet again.

Pacquiao pressed the fight from the opening bell, trying to score a knockdown. He looked as if he would when he caught Vargas with a straight left that put him on the canvas, but Vargas got up quick and fought the distance.

"I feel I could do more but every round I tried to knock him out," Pacquiao said.

Just before the bell rang to start the fight, Pacquiao smiled and waved a fist at Mayweather. He clearly wanted to impress Mayweather, who won their first fight easily.

Surging Rangers knock off Bruins

Associated Press

BOSTON — Derek Stepan and Kevin Hayes each scored short-handed goals, Antti Raanta made 35 saves and the surging New York Rangers beat the Boston Bruins 5-2 on Saturday night.

Pavel Buchnevich added a power-play goal, Stepan had two assists, and Michael Grabner and Nick Holden also scored for New York, which won its fourth straight game.

David Pastrnak and Patrice Bergeron scored for the Bruins, who had won their last three games. Tuukka Rask made 19 saves, but lost for the first time after winning his first six starts.

Capitals 4, Panthers 2: T.J. Oshie scored twice, including the game-winner during a third-period flurry, as host Washington beat Florida for its fifth consecutive victory.

Lightning 4, Devils 1: Victor Hedman and Nikita Kucherov both had a goal and an assist, Brayden Point scored his first NHL goal and host Tampa Bay beat New Jersey.

Blues 2, Blue Jackets 1 (OT): Jay Bouwmeester tied it early in the third period, and Vladimir Tarasenko scored the winner late in overtime to lift St. Louis to a victory over visiting Columbus.

Avalanche 1, Wild 0: Gabriel Landeskog scored with 9:37 remaining, Calvin Pickard stopped 32 shots for his second shutout and host

Colorado beat Minnesota.

Canadiens 5, Flyers 4: Tomas Plekanec scored a short-handed goal in the third period to lift Montreal to a win over visiting Philadelphia.

Penguins 5, Sharks 0: Sidney Crosby scored twice and Matthew Murray stopped 32 shots for his second career shutout as visiting Pittsburgh continued its dominance of San Jose.

Oilers 4, Islanders 3 (SO): Mark Letestu scored the only goal in the shootout to lift Edmonton to a victory over host New York.

Sabres 2, Senators 1: At Ottawa, Ontario, Kyle Okposo and Sam Reinhart scored in the third period in Buffalo's comeback victory over the Senators.

Maple Leafs 6, Canucks 3: Tyler Bozak scored twice and had an assist to lead Toronto to a victory over visiting Vancouver, handing the Canucks their eighth straight loss.

Hurricanes 3, Predators 2 (SO): At Nashville, Tenn., Jacob Slavin scored the only goal of the shootout to lead Carolina to a victory over the Predators.

Blackhawks 3, Stars 2: Patrick Kane scored the go-ahead goal and assisted on another, and Chicago beat host Dallas.

Kings 5, Flames 0: Devin Setoguchi scored twice and goalie Peter Budaj stopped 24 shots for his first shutout in three years as host Los Angeles beat Calgary.