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On trip to S. Korea, Trump warns North

By KIM GAMEL Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — President Donald Trump warned Tuesday the United States is prepared to use its "unmatched military capabilities" against North Korea as he began a visit to the South.

But he expressed hope that wouldn't be necessary.

South Korea is the second leg of Trump's first official visit to Asia, which began Sunday in Japan.

He vowed that the growing threat from the North will be "front and center" during his discussions in Seoul, which is just about 35 miles from the heavily fortified border.

"North Korea is a worldwide threat that requires worldwide action," he said at a joint press conference with South Korean President Moon Jae-in. "It's time to act with urgency and with great determination.

"The United States stands prepared to defend itself and its allies using the full range of our unmatched military capabilities if need be," he added.

Trump noted that three U.S. aircraft carriers and a nuclearpowered submarine have been positioned near the peninsula.

But he also said his administration is making progress in dealing with the threat and bringing Pyongyang back to negotiations over its nuclear weapons program. "We hope to God we never have to use" the military option, he said, adding he believes "it makes sense

President dines with S. Korean, US troops at Camp Humphreys

By KIM GAMEL Stars and Stripes

CAMP HUMPHREYS, South Korea — U.S. troops who had lunch with President Donald Trump on Tuesday at a military base in South Korea say he told them there was no place he'd rather be.

Trump and his South Korean counterpart, Moon Jaein, joined 108 hand-picked servicemembers, including 20 South Koreans, for Taco Tuesday at a Camp Humphreys dining facility.

Pvt. Merion Holmes, 21, of Georgetown, S.C., said he was honored to see the president in person and found Trump's words motivating.

"He said he'd rather eat with the troops than at a fancy restaurant," Holmes told Stars and Stripes after the president's 20-minute appearance. "It made me feel like he cared."

Trump flew to Humphreys in a helicopter shortly after landing at Osan Air Base on Tuesday to begin his visit to South Korea, the second leg of his first official visit to Asia.

The soldiers, Marines, airmen and sailors who had

waited for more than an hour applauded as Trump and Moon entered the cafeteria and sat down in pre-arranged seats at a long table.

"Hello, everybody; good food," Trump said to reporters before turning his attention to his dining companions.

Marine Sgt. Cortney Wells, 25, of Villa Ridge, Mo., said she was humbled to have been chosen to sit near Trump. She noted that the two presidents talked to each other about relations between their countries and other issues.

"With everything going on, I know people at home are concerned. I think it's great, especially for the alliance, that both presidents are going to be here together," she said.

The menu was as it always is on Tuesday — Mexican food. Trump had tacos, a burrito and curly fries.

Sgt. 1st Class Michael Banegura, manager of Provider Grill, as the dining facility is known, said he gave Trump's team other choices but was told the president would eat the same thing as the troops. mocking North Korean leader Kim Jong Un as "Little Rocket Man."

Trump also threatened to unleash "fire and fury" and to "totally destroy" the communist state if forced to defend the U.S. and its allies.

The U.S. administration also faces cracks in its decades-old alliance with South Korea.

Trump and South Korean counterpart Moon agree on the need to increase punishing economic sanctions and diplomatic pressure against the North.

However, Moon has vowed never to allow another military conflict on the peninsula, which was devastated by the 1950-53 war.

Trump has demanded the renegotiation of the Free Trade Agreement between the two countries.

The U.S. president appeared to offer an olive branch with a tweet before leaving Japan on Tuesday.

"Getting ready to leave for South Korea and meetings with President Moon, a fine gentleman. We will figure it all out!" he wrote on Twitter.

After landing at Osan Air Base, Trump and Moon flew to Camp Humphreys to have lunch with troops in a mess hall.

"Hello, everybody. Good food," Trump told reporters before turning his attention to Moon and a select group of U.S. and Korean servicemembers.

He also received a military briefing at the new 8th Army headquarters, which opened at Camp Humphreys in July after decades of being based in the capital at Yongsan Garrison. The South Koreans have touted Camp Humphreys, a newly expanded Army garrison that is to become the U.S. military's flagship installation here, as an example of positive burden sharing.

for North Korea to come to the table and to make a deal.

"I do see certain movement, yes. Let's see what happens," he told reporters.

Earlier, Trump praised Seoul's purchases of U.S. military equipment as he continued his stress on cutting the imbalance in trade relationships with U.S. allies. The president said he understood South Korea planned to "substantially increase" its military orders — a move he said would reduce the trade deficit. "We have trade deficits with numerous countries and we don't want trade deficits, so we appreciate that very much," he added. Trump's visit comes as tensions are at the highest point in decades as North Korea demonstrates rapid progress toward its goal of developing a nucleartipped missile that could reach the U.S. mainland.

The Republican leader has responded with a string of bellicose statements, including

Drill instructor's violent tactics detailed Conduct before Muslim recruit's suicide at Parris Island is described in court

The Washington Post

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. — Several Marines who attended boot camp with a Muslim recruit when he committed suicide told a military court on Monday that before Raheel Siddiqui jumped to his death last year, the drill instructor who allegedly slapped and abused him had also choked, kicked and assaulted others.

The trial of Gunnery Sgt. Joseph Felix entered its second week with testimony from a parade of active-duty Marines, reservists and civilians who were at Parris Island, S.C., with Siddiqui, who died there March 18, 2016. Prosecutors say Felix called Siddiqui a "terrorist," then disciplined and slapped him repeatedly until Siddiqui sprinted out of the squad bay, jumped over a rail and fell 40 feet onto a concrete stairway. He was pronounced dead three hours later. Felix faces obstruction of justice charges along with maltreatment, dereliction of duty, violations of orders, drunk and disorderly conduct, and false official statements. He pleaded not guilty.

The Siddiqui family has filed a \$100 million wrongful death lawsuit against the Marine Corps and the federal government. About 20 of Siddiqui's former platoon-mates were called by the prosecution to testify against Felix.

Prosecutors asked them about five incidents during March 2016. They allege Felix choked one recruit in the shower; encouraged others to choke fellow recruits for infractions such as smiling or laughing; kicked a foot locker held by a recruit, who was knocked to the floor; and made recruits endure unapproved physical discipline in the shower room, such as wall-sits and walking lunges. Lance Cpl. Tyler Stanley testified that one evening he was in the shower room, waiting for the hot water to come on, when Felix "grabbed me by the neck and put me into the wall. My head hit the wall three times as he spoke to me ... he told me he had caught me smiling again and I should stop."

Other recruits said they witnessed that shower incident.

Felix "cocked his arm back, grabbed [Stanley] by the neck, and threw him up against the bulkhead," Cpl. Brandon Yu said.

Felix "grabbed him by the neck and put him against the wall ... with a great deal of force," former recruit Bryce Herman said. Another former recruit, Lance Cpl. Marco Assuncao, confirmed the testimony of Yu, Herman and Stanley.

The next day, Stanley testified, Felix caught another recruit smiling and told Stanley to show the man what happens to recruits who smile. "So I put my hands around the other recruit's neck," Stanley said. "I didn't squeeze. But [Felix] told me to keep doing it."

On the morning of his death, Siddiqui awoke with a sore throat and wrote a note saying he had no voice. When he failed to address his senior drill instructor properly, Felix had Siddiqui run the length of the squad bay repeatedly until Siddiqui fell to the ground with his hands around his neck, Herman and Assuncao said. Felix asked him to "get up and keep going, and to respond, but Recruit Siddiqui was not following orders or getting up. He was not making any sound," Assuncao said. "Gunnery Sgt. Felix then slapped Recruit Siddiqui. I heard it, and Recruit Siddiqui's head turned to the side."

Seconds later, prosecutors said, Siddiqui stood, ran out of the bay, and fell to his death.

The Naval Criminal Investigative Service investigation into the secretive world of Marine Corps drill instructors on Parris Island began in earnest after Siddiqui's death in 2016. Twenty instructors, officers and staff members were investigated, and 13 faced some form of legal or disciplinary proceedings, Capt. Joshua Pena of Marine Corps Public Affairs said. One was acquitted at court-martial, and the only two still awaiting legal resolution are one-time friends Sgt. Michael Eldridge and Felix.

In the trial's first week, prosecutors focused on incidents in 2015, alleging that Felix and Eldridge put two Muslim recruits, Lance Cpl. Ameer Bourmeche and Rekan Hawez, now a civilian, into industrial clothes dryers, and turned on the dryer with Bourmeche in it.

The drill instructors were once close. But Friday, after Eldridge cut a deal to testify against his former friend, they faced off as adversaries.

Felix's lawyer, Lt. Cmdr. Daniel Bridges, said Eldridge played a more active role than Felix did in the dryer incidents. But on Sept. 1, Eldridge's charges were reduced and prosecutors referred him to a summary court-martial, where he faces reduced charges and a maximum sentence of 30 days in a military jail. In return, Eldridge testified against Felix, the Marine Corps said.

USS Chafee wraps up drills off S. Korea as Trump arrives

By Tyler Hlavac Stars and Stripes

U.S., South Korean and Australian warships finished a two-day exercise off the Korean Peninsula on Tuesday aimed at intercepting and searching unauthorized merchant vessels. The drills involving the USS Chafee, South Korea's Sejong the Great and Australia's HMAS Parramatta and HMAS Melbourne wrapped up the same day President Donald Trump arrived on the peninsula to start the second leg of his five-nation

tour of Asia.

They also come on the heels of tough new sanctions imposed by the United Nations against North Korea, which has conducted a series of banned ballistic-missile and nuclear tests in recent months.

The ships practiced ship tracking, hailing and boarding procedures, said 7th Fleet spokeswoman Lt. j.g. Cassandra Thompson. She said such drills are conducted frequently and are not related to Pyongyang's recent provocations. The Chafee, a Hawaii-based guided-missile destroyer, departed its homeport in June for a deployment to South America and the Western Pacific. In October, Beijing protested after the warship sailed within 16 nautical miles of the Chinesecontrolled Paracel Islands in the South China Sea, calling the mission "dangerous" and a violation of the country's sovereignty. China has constructed military facilities in the Paracel and Spratly island chains. The U.S. views that militarization as a threat to regional stability. The Chafee and several other ships from the Navy's 3rd Fleet have been operating in the Pacific to bolster the Japan-based 7th Fleet. A series of recent accidents and deadly collisions have put the 7th Fleet ships USS Antietam, USS Fitzgerald and USS John S. McCain out of commission. Meanwhile, unexpected engineering issues have extended the dry dock period for the 7th Fleet's flagship, the USS Blue Ridge, while modernization upgrades have delayed the arrival of the USS Milius to Japan until next year.

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Trump ups DOD budget request

By CLAUDIA GRISALES Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump has boosted his defense budget request, asking for Congress to consider more money for missile defense, repairs for Navy ships and resources to fund an expanded war strategy in South Asia.

Trump on Monday asked to amend an earlier 2018 defense budget request by allocating an additional \$4 billion for missile defense, \$1.2 billion for the administration's new Afghanistan effort and another \$700 million for Navy ship repairs.

The new missile defense funding will address an increasing threat from North Korea, Trump said.

"This request supports additional efforts to detect, defeat, and defend against any North Korean use of ballistic missiles against the United States, its deployed forces, allies, or partners," Trump said in the amendment request, which came in the form of a letter sent late Monday to House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis.

Earlier this year, Trump proposed a defense budget of \$668 billion, a 5 percent increase above last year's spending plan. But in light of a military readiness crisis, ongoing safety concerns and an expanding war strategy, some congressional defense hawks have said the president's plan didn't go far enough.

On Monday, the chairmen of the House and Senate Armed Services committees said the timing of Trump's letter means the proposals can be incorporated into ongoing negotiation talks for the defense bill, called the National Defense Authorization Act.

"We welcome the president's amendment to his initial defense budget request and look forward to giving it the serious consideration it deserves," Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Rep. Mac Thornberry, R-Texas, said in a joint statement.

In July, the House approved a \$696 billion defense budget, while the Senate approved a nearly \$700 billion plan in September. Either would require congressional action to exceed current budget caps that limit defense spending to \$549 billion for the 2018 fiscal year.

Both plans went farther than the original Trump request.

Trump said the requests for missile defense and Navy ship repairs should be considered emergency funding.

Pentagon has known of military crime reporting lapses for more than 20 years

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon has known for at least two decades about failures to give military criminal history information to the FBI, including the type the Air Force didn't report about the accused Texas church killer who assaulted his then-wife and stepson while serving as an enlisted airman.

The Air Force lapse in the Devin Patrick Kelley case, which is now under review by the Pentagon's inspector general, made it possible for him to buy guns before the murderous attack Sunday at a church in Sutherland Springs, Texas. Twenty-six people were killed, including multiple members of such tragic consequences," he said, adding that he fears the failure to report domestic violence convictions may be more widespread.

Defense Secretary Jim Mattis said Tuesday he has directed the Pentagon inspector general to review circumstances of the Kelley case and "define what the problem is."

At its core, the problem is that military criminal investigative organizations have too frequently, for too long, failed to comply with rules for reporting servicemembers' criminal history data to the FBI.

As recently as February 2015, the Pentagon inspector general reported that hundreds of convicted offenders' fingerprints were not submitted to the FBI's criminal history database. The report found about a 30 percent failure rate for submitting fingerprints and criminal case outcomes. It did not determine the reasons for the lapses. In February this year, the inspector general's office launched a new review to assess compliance with updated reporting requirements. A spokesman, Bruce Anderson, said that review is ongoing.

The problem has persisted much longer. A February 1997 report by the Pentagon inspector general found widespread lapses. Fingerprint cards were not submitted to FBI criminal history files in more than 80 percent of cases in the Army and Navy, and 38 percent in the Air Force. Failure to report the outcome of criminal cases was 79 percent in the Army and 50 percent in the Air Force, the report said. In the Navy, it was 94 percent.

"The lack of reporting to the FBI criminal history files prevents civilian law enforcement agencies from having significant information on military offenders," the report concluded. It cited several reasons for the lapses, including ambiguous DOD guidelines and a lack of interest among the services in submitting information to an FBI viewed as chronically overburdened with data.

Artemis Strike held on Crete

By DAN STOUTAMIRE Stars and Stripes

U.S. troops are launching Stinger and Patriot missiles from the Greek island of Crete in an effort to boost the Army's shortand long-range air defenses in Europe, an area of heightened focus as the Army works to close potential capability gaps.

For two weeks, NATO air- and missile-defense teams are testing the alliance's ability to deter and, if necessary, intercept missiles entering its airspace.

Besides two Patriot batteries from the Baumholder, Germany-based 5th Battalion, 7th Air Defense Artillery Regiment, Stinger missile teams from the 173rd Airborne Brigade and 2nd Cavalry will test newly acquired short-range missile defense capabilities. The infantrymen are fresh out of the Army's missile defense school in Fort Sill, Okla.

"This is a recent chief of staff of the Army initiative to ... help bring back that capability of short-range air defense," said Col. David Shank, commander of the 10th Army Air and Missile Defense Command.

In Europe, insufficient shortrange fire capability has been an area of concern for the Army, which lost significant firepower during a long post-Cold War drawdown.

This year's live-fire Artemis Strike exercise, with Germany in the lead, has taken on increasing importance in light of a more assertive Russia and a buildup of Moscow's missile capabilities in its enclave of Kaliningrad, sandwiched between the NATO countries of Poland and Lithuania.

More than 600 German soldiers from the Surface to Air Missile Wing 1, along with more than 200 U.S. soldiers from the 10th Army Air and Missile Defense Command, will fire about 100 Patriot and Stinger missiles during the four-day drills at NATO's Missile Firing Installation in Chania. Troops will be evaluated by a team of NATO officers. The live-fire portion kicked off on Monday morning, when German and American troops fired shortrange missiles.

some families. About 20 other people were wounded.

Rep. Mac Thornberry, the Texas Republican chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, said he was appalled at the Air Force mistake and unsatisfied by its plans to investigate the matter.

"I don't believe the Air Force should be left to self-police after

Lawmakers begin work on GOP tax plan

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Buffeted by seething differences, members of a key House panel are digging into work on the sweeping GOP tax plan that President Donald Trump and Republicans are counting on to protect their majorities in elections a year from now.

The Ways and Means Committee started debating the proposed legislation on Monday with nearly eight hours of heated argument and accusations. For majority Republicans, the plan would bring needed tax relief to the middle class, kickstart the lagging economy and create jobs. For the Democrats, it's a tax-cut bounty for big corporations and the wealthy and a ham-fisted elimination of benefits relied on by middle-class and low-income people.

Late in the day, the panel approved late changes to the bill that were proposed by its

chairman, Rep. Kevin Brady, of Texas. The revision restored the tax exemption for employees receiving child care benefits from their companies but also put new requirements on a tax credit used by working people of modest means.

The vote for Brady's amendment was 24-16 along party lines. That pattern is likely to hold for votes on other possible GOP amendments through the next three days and on the panel's passage of the bill.

The changes were the first set of revisions to a nearly \$6 trillion plan for the first major revamp of the U.S. tax system in 30 years. Republicans aim to get the complex GOP tax legislation introduced by Thursday and through Congress and to Trump's desk by Christmas. Trump made overhauling the tax system a campaign pledge and an economic promise.

Committee Democrats repeatedly lodged objections to the bill, especially its limits on prized deductions for homeowners and its repeal of the child adoption credit and the deduction for medical expenses

Democrats criticized new, tighter requirements in Brady's amendment for access to the earned income tax credit, including stricter documenting of children and their ages. They insisted it's a valued tax break for working people of modest income that provides an incentive to remain employed.

"We're not talking about fraud here," said Rep. Bill Pascrell, D-N.J. "We're zeroing in on fraud that doesn't exist."

Republicans focused on findings by Congress' nonpartisan Joint Committee on Taxation that the bill would lower taxes across all income levels over the next several years.

Democrats returned repeatedly to a section of the same analysis showing taxes would actually go up beginning in 2023 for some 38 million taxpayers, or families making \$20,000 to \$40,000 a year.

Looking ahead to the 2018 midterms, Democrats and Republicans are both trying to win the debate over who best looks out for middle-class Americans.

The legislation would add \$1.5 trillion to an already ballooning national debt as it delivers a major tax cut to corporations and repeals the estate tax, which would benefit a tiny percentage of the wealthiest families in the country.

And there's considerable trepidation. In addition to the overall increases in later years for lower-income Americans, many earners in the upper-middle class, especially those from high-tax states, are facing tax increases. That's because the measure would no longer permit taxpayers to deduct state income taxes from their federal taxes.

FSU is latest to suspend Greek life over alcohol-related tragedies

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Florida State University has become at least the third university this year to suspend Greek life because of alcohol-related tragedies.

University President John Thrasher announced the indefinite suspension on Monday of the school's 55 fraternities and sororities following the death of a freshman pledge.

"I just feel like for whatever reason, the message is not getting through," Thrasher said. "Unfortunately, we've got to take steps with our students to make sure this never happens Theta, was charged with the sale and trafficking of cocaine. Marcy, 20, was arrested by FSU police and booked into Leon County jail, where his bail was set at \$75,000.

"For this suspension to end, there will need to be a new normal for Greek life on campus. They must participate in that culture," Thrasher said.

Penn State suspended fraternities and sororities from holding social activities during the spring semester after the February hazing death of Timothy Piazza, 19. Louisiana State had a one-month suspension and continues to ban alcohol at Greek parties after the hazing death of Maxwell Gruver, 18, in September.

Severe storm sweeps across 3 states, creates 9 tornadoes

Associated Press

A powerful storm with at least nine confirmed tornadoes tore roofs off factories, ripped away storefronts and destroyed homes across Indiana, Ohio and into Pennsylvania.

Scuba divers found the bodies of two men inside a home's flooded basement where they were seeking shelter Sunday during a tornado warning in Erie, Pa., authorities said.

Six people were hurt, though none seriously, at a restaurant in the western Ohio city of Celina on Sunday when a tornado touched down. Gaping holes could be seen in the concrete walls and roof of a nearby factory that makes heavy equipment. "I've seen a lot of hard-hit areas with storms, even as far as having relatives down in the hurricanes," Celina Mayor Jeffrey Hazel told WHIO-TV. "I can say this is pretty tremendous damage in this area."

The National Weather Service said Monday that at least six tornadoes hit northern and western Ohio, including one that began in Indiana and hopped along nearly 40 miles before hitting Celina. Several large livestock barns were flattened, and neighbors pitched in to save nearly 400 cows at one farm in Mercer County.

The other tornadoes in Ohio touched down in Ashland, Crawford, Sandusky and Erie counties.

In Indiana, survey teams confirmed at least three other tornadoes hit the cities of Salem, Muncie and Springville.

again."

Andrew Coffey, a pledge at Pi Kappa Phi, died Friday after he was found unresponsive following a party. Police said there were indicators that alcohol may have been a factor, but authorities were waiting for the results of an autopsy.

On Monday, Garrett John Marcy, a member of Phi Delta Florida State students were surprised about the announcement.

"For me and a lot of the people who are entering, we're all pretty upset because we are trying to get the reputation back up," said freshman Lila Pullo. A falling tree landed on an SUV near Muncie, injuring a family of four, including a 44year-old father who was in critical condition.

Close to 40,000 people near Cleveland and Akron were without power Monday morning and some were told it could take a few days before electricity was restored.

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Former Casey Anthony lawyer is convicted

NY NEW YORK — A disbarred lawyer who once represented Casey Anthony has been convicted of conspiring to fly a plane filled with \$13 million worth of cocaine from Ecuador to Honduras.

The office of U.S. Attorney Robert L. Capers said Todd Macaluso was found guilty Friday in Brooklyn of international cocaine distribution conspiracy. He could get 10 years to life in prison when he's sentenced on Feb. 16.

Macaluso was on Anthony's defense team between 2009 and 2010. In 2011, Anthony was acquitted in the death of her daughter, Caylee, 2, in a high-profile Florida case.

Senator disputes DUI; says he wasn't driving

SC CHARLESTON — Troopers said a South Carolina state senator charged with driving under the influence had a blood-alcohol level above the legal limit, but Sen. Paul Campbell said that doesn't matter because he wasn't driving.

Campbell's blood-alcohol level was 0.09 percent on a breath test taken at the Charleston County jail after the Saturday night crash, Highway Patrol Cpl. Sonny Collins said. The legal limit in South Carolina is 0.08 percent.

Campbell and his wife, Vicki, were also charged with providing false information to police because they switched seats after the senator failed to stop in time on Interstate 26 and hit the back of a Jeep, Collins said.

The family of the other driver, Michaela Caddin, told troopers that Paul Campbell was driv-

Man accused of taking apart, selling bridge

IN HAMMOND — He asked, they told him no, but he did it anyway, authorities say, accusing a scrap-metal dealer of taking apart an abandoned railroad bridge and selling the metal for \$18,000.

Court records show Kenneth Morrison, of Whiting, was indicted last month on a federal charge of interstate transportation of stolen property.

Morrison was operating as T&K Metals in 2014 when he allegedly dismantled the shuttered Monon Bridge, built in 1909 over the Grand Calumet River in Hammond. The records show Morrison had asked city officials multiple times since 1991 for permission to purchase and dismantle the bridge, but his requests were denied.

Ex-treasurer of PTA admits stealing funds

NJ NEWTON — Authorities said the former treasurer of a northern New Jersey school district's parent-teachers association admitted taking more than \$15,000 from the group.

Sussex County prosecutors said Aimee Lowry-Crane, 40, pleaded guilty Thursday to misapplication of entrusted property. They said the Hamburg resident will have to serve a 60-day county jail sentence and a probation term.

Prosecutors said Lowry-Crane admitted taking the money from the Hamburg PTA between June 2014 and March 2016.

She returned about twothirds of the stolen funds when her theft was discovered and has agreed to repay the re-

Sheriff's office probes zebra's shooting death

OELWEIN — Authorities in northeast Iowa are investigating the shooting death of a zebra.

KCRG-TV reported Buchanan County Sheriff Bill Wolfgram confirmed the Oct. 31 shooting of the zebra in Oelwein, but he wouldn't comment on a claim by the animal's owner that a neighbor was to blame.

Mike Henninger said he found the $2^{1/2}$ -year-old zebra, named Taz, dead from a gunshot wound. T

he death came after months of threatening texts, photos and videos from a neighbor, including images of him shooting a stuffed zebra.

On Saturday night, a neighbor identified by Henninger called KCRG and denied killing the zebra.

Toilet-papering teens chased; man arrested

LA MANDEVILLE—Authorities said a Louisiana homeowner who's accused of arming himself and chasing down high school students who were toilet-papering homes was arrested.

Mandeville police Chief Gerald Sticker told news outlets that Craig Scott was arrested Thursday and charged with aggravated assault with a firearm and obstruction of a roadway.

Authorities said Scott looked for the teenagers, who were rolling the homes of fellow students in the early-morning hours of Oct. 27.

When he found them, he's accused of blocking the street to prevent them from getting

Woman stabbed in car drove away to call cops

MA PEMBROKE — Police said they're searching for the person who stabbed a woman in her vehicle in Massachusetts.

The victim, in her 50s, told police she was stabbed multiple times on Saturday in Pembroke. She drove away after being stabbed and called police in nearby Hanson.

WFXT-TV reported that police said the woman was airlifted to Massachusetts General Hospital with serious injuries. She wasn't immediately identified.

Police said the male suspect is known to the victim.

Officers accused of rape quit police force

NEW YORK — Two New York City police detectives accused of sexually assaulting an 18-year-old woman in their van have quit the police force.

Eddie Martins, 37, and Richard Hall, 33, resigned Monday before they were to face an administrative proceeding that could have resulted in their firing. They were arraigned last week on kidnapping, rape and other criminal charges.

Prosecutors say the detectives stopped the woman in September for suspicion of drug possession and then handcuffed her, drove her around and raped her. The prosecutors said DNA evidence matches the detectives.

The detectives' lawyers have said the woman's account is not

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From wire reports



Miami, Notre Dame renewing rivalry

Associated Press

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. - The rivalry between Miami and Notre Dame is as wellchronicled as perhaps any in college football. Catholics vs. Convicts. Pregame brawling. Postgame insults.

Thing is, all of that happened a generation ago.

So wake up the echoes. Flash the turnover chain.

It's Miami-Notre Dame week - and a chance to update those history books. No. 3 Notre Dame (8-1, No. 3 in the College Football Playoff rankings) will visit No. 7 Miami (8-0, 6-0 Atlantic Coast Conference, No. 10 CFP) on Saturday night, the first time in more than a quarter-century the teams will meet with both being full-fledged national title contenders.

"It's incredible to be this close, to put ourselves in this situation, in this position," Miami wide receiver Braxton Berrios said. "We control our own destiny, and that's all we can ask for."

Notre Dame has its highest AP Top 25 ranking since 2012, while Miami has matched its highest ranking since 2005. The Hurricanes easily topped Virginia Tech 28-10 on Saturday, and the Fighting Irish racked up 710 yards in their 48-37 win over Wake Forest — a victory that left Notre Dame quarterback Brandon Wimbush wanting more.

"We didn't dominate our opponent and we'll go back and evaluate the film," Wimbush said. "I think next week when we head down to Miami it will be the same outcome, with a 'W' — but a more dominant and convincing way."

That sure sounded like a prediction. Just like old times, there's some swagger on both sides.

Miami's is most apparent by the turnover chain — the gaudy gold necklace with a massive "U" pendant, a prize immediately handed out in a raucous sideline ceremony to any defensive player who comes up with a takeaway. It began as an internal motivation ploy only to become a piece of marketing genius for Miami.

"People are starting to get excited about the 'Canes," Miami defensive coordinator Manny Diaz said.

Miami fans should be excited. So should Notre Dame fans. Both teams earned their way into the spotlight.

Notre Dame was unranked coming into the season, unranked again after losing to Georgia and didn't even crack the Top 10 until two weeks ago. Miami has the longest current FBS winning streak at 13 games, survived a four-week flurry of nail-biters to keep that streak afloat and took control of the ACC Coastal race by beating Virginia Tech.

Miami's last loss was more than a year ago — and the team that beat the Hurricanes was none other than Notre Dame.

"It's going to be a great matchup," Irish coach Brian Kelly said.

Think of it as a national quarterfinal — sort of. Saturday's winner obviously will not clinch a spot in the four-team playoff that will decide the national title, but the loser could easily see its championship hopes vanish.

The stakes are high, and Miami and Notre Dame know what that's like.

They met in four straight seasons — 1987 through 1990 — and both teams were in the Top 10 all four times. They entered those four games with combined 54-5 records. Miami

won the game and went on to claim national championships in 1987 and 1989; Notre Dame won the game and eventually the national title in 1988, the infamous Catholics vs. Convicts game that was preceded by a fight in the tunnel leading to the field.

Here they go again. Notre Dame is 18-7-1 against Miami, winning the last four matchups including a 30-27 decision last year.

"Two programs that have great traditions, that have won national championships," Kelly said. "You would think sooner or later they're going to meet again with something that's on the line. We're excited that we're back in that position for our university."

So on a Saturday when there will be seven matchups between teams that are both in the AP Top 25 — including No. 1 Alabama, No. 2 Georgia and No. 3 Notre Dame all being on the road — there may be no bigger game in America than this one.

"We're not done yet," Berrios said. "We're not content. We're not satisfied. And there's a long way to go."

Big Ten's CFP hopes likely ride on Badgers

Associated Press

The Big Ten suddenly has a whole lot more riding on No. 6 Wisconsin.

As skeptics claim the unbeaten Badgers padded their record with a weak schedule and the College Football Playoff selection committee appears to be equally unimpressed, Wisconsin finds itself on a mission.

The league's playoff spot may depend on it.

With two of the conference's top teams

looking around at each other like, 'This is our chance.' We didn't start fast but we felt like we could definitely finish the way we wanted."

The Badgers can clinch the Big Ten West and a trip to the conference title game with a victory against No. 25 Iowa in Madison, Wisconsin, next Saturday.

They left nothing to chance against the Hoosiers, rallying from a 10-0 first-half deficit with 24 consecutive points before sealing the win by scoring the last 21.

The bizarre twists have also made the East Division a jumbled mess.

No. 13 Michigan State and No. 11 Ohio State head into this weekend's showdown in Columbus tied for the division lead at 5-1.

No. 16 Penn State and No. 21 Michigan are one game behind at 4-2. All are 7-2.

The big question is whether Wisconsin belongs in the championship conversation after playing no ranked teams and facing only two teams that currently have winning records.

"We can't really control that," quarter-

losing for a second time Saturday, Wisconsin — which dropped two spots in The Associated Press college football poll despite a win — becomes the Big Ten's best hope of making college football's Final Four.

"This whole week we wanted to send our message and say that we're a really good team and people should respect us," fullback Alec Ingold said after scoring three touchdowns in the Badgers' 45-17 win at Indiana. "At halftime, we were kind of

It was good enough to get a win on the road — something Ohio State and Penn State, the expected national contenders, failed to do.

When the Buckeyes went down 55-24 at Iowa and the Nittany Lions fell 27-24 at Michigan State, Wisconsin (9-0, 6-0, CFP No. 9) became the last Big Ten team with fewer than two losses. Committee members have never put a two-loss team in the playoff.

back Alex Hornibrook said. "We just have to control what we've got to control. It's each game. It's this game, and we're doing a good job so far."

The Badgers' 10-game winning streak is tied with Georgia for the second longest in the Football Bowl Subdivision. Their 12 consecutive conference wins are a school record. They are one of five unbeaten FBS teams.

Lions QB Stafford carves up Packers

By GENARO C. ARMAS Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Matthew Stafford put on a quarterback clinic for the Detroit Lions at Lambeau Field.

Aaron Rodgers could only watch from the sideline.

Stafford passed for 361 yards and two touchdowns to Marvin Jones, and the Lions snapped a three-game losing streak with a 30-17 win on Monday night over the offensively challenged Green Bay Packers.

"Matt [made] some great throws ... I just did what I love to do — go out there and get them," Jones said.

Stafford was 26-for-33, including 12-for-14 in the first half with a 25-yard touchdown pass to Jones. Ameer Abdullah added a 4-yard touchdown run for Detroit (4-4).

Green Bay (4-4) finally got in the end zone on Brett Hundley's 1-yard quarterback sneak with 9:52 left.

The Lions answered with Stafford's 11-yard touchdown pass to Jones with 8:06 remaining, putting the game out of reach with a 17-point lead. Jones had seven catches for 107 yards. The Packers have lost three straight games. Their once-potent offense has struggled since Rodgers broke his right collarbone on Oct. 15 at Minnesota.

Hundley finished 26-for-38 for 245 yards. Cornerback Darius Slay blanketed Jordy Nelson when the Packers did try to throw long while the game was still competitive.

"With this one, obviously, it doesn't get a whole lot better than this. We played well," Lions coach Jim Caldwell said.

Abdullah fumbled the ball away in the third quarter, but the Packers went three-and-out on the ensuing drive. Familiar problems in the red zone popped up for the Lions when they were stopped on three plays at the Packers 1, forced to settle for a field goal for a 17-point lead with 12:25 left.

But without Rodgers, the Packers couldn't keep up with the accurate, rocket-armed Stafford.

"I believe in Brett, that's not just a press conference statement," coach Mike McCarthy said about Hundley.

Third downs: The Lions were 8-for-13 on third-down conversions, with Stafford burning the Packers with clutch throws. The Packers were just 2-for-9 on third downs and failed to convert both of their fourth-down chances.

"They controlled the thirddown battle tonight," McCarthy said. "We have work to do. That's the fact of the matter and we have to do it fast."

Critical penalty: The Lions' opening score was set up by an unnecessary roughness penalty on Mike Daniels, after the defensive lineman appeared to head-butt Detroit center Travis Swanson. The flag negated an incompletion on third-and-15 that would have forced the Lions to punt from their own 25. Stafford connected with Jones for the touchdown pass five plays later.

Milestone: The first scoring strike to Jones was the 200th touchdown pass in 117 career games for Stafford, the sixthquickest in NFL history to reach the milestone. Stafford, who turns 30 in February, is also fourth in NFL history for career touchdown passes before age 30 behind Dan Marino, Peyton Manning and Brett Favre.

Not special: Special teams didn't help the Packers.

Working in their third long snapper of the season because of injuries, Green Bay had a 38-yard field goal blocked in the first quarter on a play that started with a low snap. Trevor Davis didn't get past the 22 on three kickoff returns in the first half.

Stat lines: Lions: WR Golden Tate joined Jones over the 100yard mark with seven receptions for 113 yards. ... Abdullah had 21 carries for 48 yards.

Packers: The team's playmaking receivers did have more opportunities, though most came on short passes. Randall Cobb finished with 58 yards on five receptions, including a catchand-run for a 46-yard gain that set up Hundley's TD run. Davante Adams had seven catches for 53 yards.

"This game they were giving us the underneath stuff," Hundley said. "You have to take what's given."

Injuries: Packers S Morgan Burnett left in the third quarter with a groin injury. He had returned from a two-game absence for a hamstring injury. RT Bryan Bulaga left in the fourth quarter with a knee injury.

Bucs' Winston shut down, Evans suspended

By FRED GOODALL Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — A five-game losing streak isn't the only source of frustration for the reeling Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

The team's woes intensified Monday, when quarterback Jameis Winston learned he will be shut down for at least two weeks in hopes his injured throwing shoulder improves. Star receiver Mike Evans was suspended one game by the NFL for his role in a sideline skirmish. Winston's streak of 40 consecutive starts to begin his pro career will end Sunday, when Ryan Fitzpatrick replaces him against the New York Jets, Fitzpatrick's team the last two seasons.

Evans will miss this week's

game, too, for violating league rules regarding unsportsmanlike conduct and unnecessary roughness during a 30-10 loss at New Orleans — an incident the receiver escalated after Winston initiated a confrontation with Saints cornerback Marshon Lattimore.

"Totally unacceptable behavior, first by Jameis and then by Mike," Koetter said, reflecting on Evans running up from behind and knocking Lattimore to the ground after the Saints rookie pushed Winston in response to the quarterback coming off the sideline to confront Lattimore. sideline when he's not even playing in the game," Koetter added. "Trash talking is trash talking. But to go out and tap another player — whatever you want to call that, touch another player at all on the field — that's inexcusable."

Koetter spoke about the incident during his weekly news conference, before the NFL announced Evans' suspension.

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The coach said he didn't see the incident as it was developing and that none of the game officials did, either.

When Koetter asked why a penalty was called on Evans, the coach said the official who threw the flag explained "they told us from upstairs that 13 started the whole thing."

"I talked to the entire team about that today, and that can-

Winston was not in the game at the time because of his sore shoulder.

"Jameis cannot, under any circumstances come off the game Sunday he was taking up for his quarterback, but acknowledged that he had let his emotions get the best of him.

"That's not having your teammate's back. That's just wrong," Koetter agreed.

"If I had known what I know now, Mike probably should have been ejected, and maybe Jameis should have been ejected," not happen," Koetter said. "That's totally unacceptable."

Winston sat out the second half against the Saints after being sacked late in the second quarter and landing on the shoulder he initially hurt at Arizona on Oct. 15.

"He's going to be out for the next couple of weeks," Koetter said.

NBA roundup

Irving lifts Celtics to 9th straight win

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Kyrie Irving took charge in a fashion only he can.

Dribbling and weaving through the lane and around the perimeter, Irving scored from all over and kept his teammates involved all night.

"It's a beautiful game when it's played the right way," the four-time All-Star said. "It's not going to look good every possession, but you've got to be able to move on to the next play. I understand that better than most."

Irving scored 35 points, Jayson Tatum added 21 and the Boston Celtics held off the Atlanta Hawks 110-107 Monday night for their ninth straight victory.

Irving's three from the right wing put the Celtics up 104-103 — the game's 25th lead change — with 1:37 remaining, and Boston led the rest of the way.

Dennis Schroder had 23 points for the rebuilding Hawks, who dropped to 2-9 a night after a surprising two-point win at Cleveland.

"It would've been sweet to win two in a

row against those kinds of teams," Schroder said. "But we ended up short."

Boston improved to 9-2, best in the NBA, and has its longest winning streak in seven years.

Al Horford had 15 points, 10 rebounds and nine assists in his best game against the Hawks. Horford spent his first nine seasons in Atlanta before leaving as a free agent ahead of last season and had totals of 20 points and 17 rebounds in three games against his former team.

Irving had his first 30-point game as a Celtic on a night packed with highlights. He dribbled between his legs and behind his back before hitting a floater off the glass from the left baseline to put Boston up 46-44. He had two impressive assists late in the third with long, one-handed passes that led to threes by Marcus Smart and Tatum, the latter giving Boston a 72-71 lead.

Irving either scored or assisted on every basket of a 16-2 run in the third that put the Celtics up by seven. He finished with seven assists.

Warriors 97, Heat 80: Kevin Durant

had 21 points and eight rebounds to help host Golden State overcome its shooting woes and beat Miami in a rare low-scoring outing.

Draymond Green scored 18 points with a season-high four threes to go with nine rebounds as the defending NBA champions won for the seventh time in their past eight games, including three straight in lopsided fashion on their recent road trip.

Stephen Curry added 16 points and Klay Thompson 13. The Warriors shot just 36.8 percent and 11-for-32 from deep. Durant added six assists and three blocks.

Nets 98, Suns 92: D'Angelo Russell had 23 points and eight assists, Joe Harris scored a season-high 18 points and visiting Brooklyn beat Phoenix.

The Suns rallied from a 15-point firsthalf deficit to lead 75-74 after Jared Dudley's layup with 9:17 to play, but the Nets went back ahead moments later and held on to end a four-game skid.

Russell scored 13 points in the fourth quarter.

NHL roundup

Carlson's OT goal lifts Caps over Coyotes

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Finally, the Washington Capitals cashed in on a power play at home and not a moment too soon.

Alex Ovechkin snapped a home power-play drought and John Carlson scored the winner with 45.4 seconds left on the clock in overtime as the Capitals came back to beat the NHL-worst Arizona Covotes 3-2 on Monday night for their first three-game winning streak of second period. "Sometimes it's working, sometimes it's not. Finally, it's nice to get a goal. It was a big goal for us, as well."

The Capitals went 1-for-6 on the power play against the Coyotes, who were penalized four times for slashing.

The Capitals will take the two points any way possible, but this wasn't pretty. They fell behind 2-0 as the Coyotes scored on their first two shots: Clayton Keller's rookie-best 11th of the season, then Christian Fischer

four times in the third period to rally past Columbus for its fourth straight victory.

Kevin Shattenkirk, Chris Kreider and Pavel Buchnevich scored in the third for the Rangers, with Mika Zibanejad getting an assist on all three goals.

Bruins 5, Wild 3: Jake De-Brusk and Frank Vatrano each scored a first-period goal, and host Boston held off Minnesota for its third victory in the past 11 games against the Wild.

scored for Toronto, which led 3-1 after the first period. Frederik Andersen made 22 saves and stopped three skaters in the shootout.

Jets 4, Stars 1: Mark Scheifele scored in the opening minute and final seconds, and Blake Wheeler had four assists to help visiting Winnipeg beat Dallas.

Patrik Laine scored on the power play and Kyle Connor also had a goal for the soaring Jets, who are 8-1-3 in their past

the season.

Washington hadn't scored on its past 21 home power plays, with the team's hallmark in previous seasons looking like a weakness.

"We just have to manage the puck because we knew exactly what we have to do out there," said Ovechkin, who scored his team-leading 12th goal in the

on a deflection.

Washington scored on a backhand by Devante Smith-Pelly and poured it on against Arizona goalie Scott Wedgewood, who stopped 37 of the 40 shots he faced and was one of the best players on the ice. Rangers 5, Blue Jackets 3:

Michael Grabner had two goals and host New York scored

Sean Kuraly and Torey Krug both scored in the second for the Bruins.

Maple Leafs 4, Golden Knights 3 (SO): Mitch Marner scored in the shootout to lift host Toronto over Vegas after the Maple Leafs blew a twogoal lead.

Nazem Kadri had two goals and James van Riemsdyk also 12 games.

Red Wings 3, Canucks 2: Tomas Tatar scored the tiebreaking goal with 1:14 left to lift visiting Detroit over Vancouver.

Martin Frk and Darren Helm also scored for the Red Wings, who have won four of five following a six-game losing streak.