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US strikes radar sites in Yemen

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The United States attacked three radar sites in Yemen early Thursday in response to two missile attacks in four days on Navy ships launched from territory controlled by pro-Iranian rebels.

Initial assessments show the Houthi rebel-controlled sites were destroyed, according to a statement from Pentagon spokesman Peter Cook.

The USS Nitze launched Tomahawk missiles at targets north of the Bab el Mandeb, which lies between the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden, defense officials said.

"These limited self-defense strikes were conducted to protect our personnel, our ships and our freedom of navigation in this important maritime passageway," Cook said.

The strikes were authorized by President Barack Obama on the recommendations of Defense Secretary Ash Carter and Gen. Joseph Dunford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The radar site strikes followed attacks launched Sunday and Wednesday against Navy ships. The destroyer USS Mason and the amphibious staging base USS Ponce were targeted Sunday while transiting international waters,

according to earlier Pentagon statements. On Wednesday evening, a cruise missile was fired at the Mason, a destroyer, and the USS San Antonio, an amphibious transport dock ship, Pentagon officials said.

On Oct. 1, a missile heavily damaged the HSV-2 Swift, a former Navy high-speed vessel operated by the United Arab Emirates, according to reports and photos released by the Emirati government.

The Houthis claimed responsibility for the attack on the Emirati ship but denied responsibility for attacking the U.S. Navy, according to the Washington Post.

However, Pentagon spokes-

man Navy Capt. Jeff Davis said Tuesday that "the facts certainly point" to Houthi involvement in the attacks on USS Mason and USS Ponce.

The Bab el-Mandeb Strait and the Red Sea form part of a critical commercial passageway for oilers and other commercial traffic transiting through the Suez Canal.

"The United States will respond to any further threat to our ships and commercial traffic, as appropriate, and will continue to maintain our freedom of navigation in the Red Sea, the Bab al-Mandeb, and elsewhere around the world," Cook said.

Pay program for sailors reauthorized

The Virginian-Pilot

The Defense Department has reauthorized a program that pays sailors who spend more than 220 days at sea extra, but it will expire after one year instead of two as the Navy requested.

Sailors receive a prorated bonus of \$495 a month for an extended deployment, or \$16.50 for each day beyond 220 days.

The hardship duty pay program was first authorized for two years in 2014 when deployments were regularly stretching to nine and 10 months. Before the Sept. 11 attacks, a typical deployment lasted about six months.

"This is something that the Navy wants for our sailors as we believe it positively affects sailors' morale," Lt. Cmdr. Nathan Christensen, spokesman for the chief of naval personnel, said in a statement. "It's one small way to help them during long

and difficult deployments away from home."

The Navy has doled out \$15.5 million to more than 23,000 sailors from about 1,100 units since the program's inception, according to Navy Personnel Command.

The decision was made to keep the program to one year, so defense officials could evaluate how well it is working, but it's unclear how the effectiveness of the program will be determined.

Morale can be difficult to quantify, and a variety of factors may shape it.

A Pentagon memo authorizing the program said only that a report on the effectiveness of the program should be submitted by Aug. 1, two months before it expires.

It's also unclear how many people may benefit from the pay in the future. The Navy wants its standard deployments

to last seven months as part of its optimized fleet response plan.

But the first time an aircraft carrier deployed under that plan, the USS Harry S. Truman's deployment was extended 30 days so it could continue conducting strikes against the Islamic State group in Iraq and Syria until the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower arrived to relieve it.

The Truman and the other ships in its strike group arrived back this past summer, and more than 4,000 sailors in the strike group qualified for extended deployment pay. Navy officials have said they're committed to seven-month deployments going forward.

If that plan holds, the Eisenhower Carrier Strike Group will return to Norfolk in December.

Naval drills spur threats from N. Korea

Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea lashed out at U.S.-South Korean naval drills that began this week and warned that a pre-emptive strike by the allies would lead to their "self-destruction."

The war games, dubbed *Invincible Spirit*, began Monday with the nuclear-powered USS Ronald Reagan aircraft stationed in the waters surrounding the divided peninsula. The U.S. and South Korean navies also began a round of multinational anti-mine exercises.

North Korea accused the allies of rehearsing precision strikes against its nuclear and missile bases as well as plans to infiltrate areas north of the 38th parallel with special forces.

Neller: Marines must adapt for future foes

BY MATTHEW M. BURKE
Stars and Stripes

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — The Marine Corps commandant told his forces on Okinawa they must adapt to face new adversaries as the United States shifts from combat in Iraq and Afghanistan to preparations for potential future foes like North Korea, China, Russia and Iran.

In November, Gen. Robert Neller told Marines here it was up to the politicians in Washington to decide what would come after the defeat of the Islamic State group. During a town hall Thursday at Camp Kinser, he remained cognizant of the extremist group but looked toward future and emerging threats.

“We have a very good Marine Corps, but we’ve been at war for 15 years,” Neller said. “In the future that I think we’re going to face, fighting different types of adversaries means we have to change.”

Neller said potential future adversaries have been studying the U.S. military during the Iraq and Afghanistan campaigns and have modernized based on the lessons they have learned. He said the next conflict likely will feature elec-

tronic and space warfare and will be all about technology. He cited areas that need — and will receive — attention: people, readiness, training, naval modernization and technology.

“We’re going to leverage technology in everything we do,” he said. “Change is inevitable. Embrace it.”

Neller said that even the Islamic State group is using personal drones to scope troop positions in Iraq and to deliver explosives.

Neller said Marines on Okinawa are the tip of the spear for potential future conflicts. He asked the audience if they were ready to fight tonight.

“I’m not looking to pick a fight with anybody, but you have to be ready to go,” he said.

Neller also touched on a number of topics, including suicide, hazing, sexual assault and alcohol abuse.

“I’ve been doing this for 40 years, and I keep reading the same stuff,” he said after telling several tragic stories about Marines abusing alcohol. “We’ve got to do better. Alcohol is killing us — literally. It’s killing us. I need your help. I can’t fix this. Only you can fix this.”

Neller said the Islamic State

group would soon be defeated on the battlefield but the fight against its ideology would continue, with hope and economic opportunities needed for those most vulnerable to recruitment.

He questioned whether most Filipinos agree with Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte’s anti-American comments and calls to end joint exercises, but “I don’t see how we have any other choice but to comply.” He added that relations have cooled in the past, only to improve with changes in political leadership.

Neller said it remains unclear how humanitarian and relief cooperation would work if exercises end. However, he said the U.S. always stands ready to help in a crisis.

He acknowledged that plans have been pushed back for the relocation of Marine Corps Air Station Futenma to Camp Schwab in Okinawa’s remote north. He didn’t elaborate, but it is most likely due to the fervent opposition by Okinawa’s Gov. Takeshi Onaga and concessions by Tokyo after a string of high-profile crimes linked to American servicemembers and civilian base workers.

Neller told Stars and Stripes

after the meeting that the Marine Corps would adjust to delays and any other issues that may arise.

“It’s just part of the landscape,” he said. “We’ll see what the Japanese courts say after the first of the year and how that works between the Okinawan prefecture and the mainland Japan government, Prime Minister [Shinzo] Abe, and we’ll address it.”

Neller said the Marines have refrained from making improvements to barracks and other facilities on Futenma because of the impending move but now will proceed because of the significant delays. He asked Marines to make do with aging facilities in the meantime.

Regarding the nuclear capabilities of potential future adversaries, Neller said the Marine Corps is supportive of U.S. efforts to recapitalize its nuclear capabilities as a deterrent. Marines will likely see more training in the future for biological, chemical and nuclear attacks, he said.

“It’s almost kind of back to the future, like we were during the Cold War, when we were addressing the Soviet Union,” he said.

Lawyers seek CIA health records in Gitmo’s 9/11 case

Miami Herald

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba — Lawyers for some of the suspected 9/11 plotters asked the trial judge Wednesday to get them the captives’ full medical records from their time in CIA custody, arguing they need the details to avert their military execution.

In one instance, a defense attorney for a Saudi captive scheduled to undergo rectal reconstruction surgery later this week said prosecution summaries of CIA medical care make no mention of Saudi Mustafa al Hawsawi’s rectal damage. A declassified portion of the so-called Senate Torture Report

cites “CIA records” that indicate Hawsawi was “diagnosed with chronic hemorrhoids, an anal fissure, and prolapse.”

Hawsawi, 48, is accused of helping the hijackers in the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks with money, Western clothing, traveler’s checks and credit cards. He was captured in Pakistan in March 2003 with suspected plot mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed and “from all indications, he was a healthy, young male” when he disappeared into the CIA’s black sites, said his lawyer, Army Lt. Col. Jennifer Williams.

He emerged three years later with hepatitis C, cervical damage, the prolapse, an

anal fissure, hearing loss and a gastrointestinal issue, and he has urinated blood since July 2014, she said. None of it is mentioned in summaries of medical records prosecutors furnished them in trial preparation, she said.

Defense attorneys say they need the medical records to demonstrate that the United States has lost the moral authority to execute the five men accused of orchestrating the worst terrorist attack in U.S. history — the hijackings that killed 2,976 people in New York and Pennsylvania and at the Pentagon. They could argue that to the judge before trial, to get the death penalty dropped

from the case, or to the jury, if they are convicted, or both.

Case prosecutor Robert Swann told the judge, Army Col. James L. Pohl, that 9/11 case prosecutors provided either Hawsawi’s lawyers or the judge every one of Hawsawi’s CIA medical records that they could find — a total of 191 pages.

Under the war court’s classified-information-protection process, prosecutors can withhold or summarize certain pretrial discovery but must demonstrate to the judge that they are providing them with an adequate substitute that doesn’t disadvantage their ability to defend their clients.

NC keeps vigil amid post-Matthew floods

Associated Press

GREENVILLE, N.C.—Anita Van Beveren has been returning day after day to watch the brown floodwater creep toward the rental home she shares with her two teenage children. While she got many belongings out, they couldn't move everything — a bicycle is chained to a back deck surrounded by water.

"I cry and pray. There's nothing else to do," said Van Beveren, who is staying with friends. "We keep coming up here every hour. And every hour it's worse."

Many neighbors are keeping similar vigils on Van Beveren's side of Willow Street, which runs parallel to the Tar River and has largely served as a boundary between those who evacuated and those who stayed. The leafy neighborhood — one of many around North Carolina to suffer flooding after Hurricane Matthew — includes one-story homes and small apartment buildings that house a mix of families and students from nearby East Carolina University.

North of Willow, houses and apartments were filling up with water even before the river was

expected to crest Thursday.

The flooding triggered by heavy rain from Matthew has left at least 35 dead in the U.S.

Matthew also brought record flooding to some areas of South Carolina. The National Weather Service reports the Little Pee Dee River near Galivants Ferry in Horry County has broken a flood record set almost 90 years ago. The storm closed more than 200 roads in the state. Officials say more roads are being reopened. And North Carolina officials say they are reopening a long section of the main road on the Outer Banks.

North Carolina Gov. Pat Mc-

Crory said Thursday the number of power outages was down to about 55,000, from a high of nearly 900,000 when the storm hit last week. He said no new deaths have been reported, leaving the state's death toll at 20.

But McCrory said flooding continues to be a major problem in the eastern part of the state.

"The poorest of the poor are the ones that are being hurt the most by the floods," the governor said, citing conditions in Lumberton and smaller communities of Pembroke and St. Pauls.

2016 race focuses on treatment of women

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Already deeply divisive, America's campaign for president is quickly devolving into an ugly fight over who has treated women worse: Donald Trump, whose White House bid is floundering, or former President Bill Clinton, who isn't on the ballot.

ANALYSIS Trump's campaign is now signaling it will spend the election's final month relitigating Bill Clinton's marital affairs and unproven charges of sexual assault, as well as what Trump says is Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton's role in intimidating the women who were involved. But Trump is a deeply imperfect messenger, given that almost everything he says is being overshadowed by a flood of allegations that he kissed and groped women without their consent.

Just four days ago, Trump campaign manager Kellyanne Conway promoted a tweet from Clinton declaring that "every survivor of sexual assault deserves to be heard, believed, and supported."

"'Every' the operative word here," wrote Conway, whose campaign is now attacking the credibility of the new allegations against Trump.

The New York Times and the Palm Beach Post on Wednesday reported stories about three women who alleged Trump had touched them inappropriately. Separately, a People Magazine reporter wrote a detailed, first-person account of being attacked by Trump while interviewing the businessman and his wife, Melania Trump.

Trump on Thursday took to Twitter to denounce the Times story as a "total fabrication," and to assert that the incident cited

by People "did not happen." His campaign threatened to sue.

The stories come less than a week after the publication of a 2005 recording in which the Republican nominee boasted of using his fame to kiss and grab women.

In an interview broadcast Thursday, Arianne Zucker, the soap opera actress in the video, said Trump's comments were offensive. But on NBC's "Today," she said she wasn't shocked, given "that type of personality." She said that's "probably why it doesn't mean a lot to me."

The revelation of the video on Oct. 7 prompted many Republicans to withdraw their support for Trump, with some calling for him to drop out of the race, though a handful switched back to supporting him.

Clinton adviser Jennifer Palmieri said the latest revelations match "everything we know about the way Donald Trump has treated women."

Taken together, the stories about Trump and his retorts about Bill Clinton have plunged a rancorous campaign to new lows. The real estate mogul also has charged that Hillary Clinton not only needs to be defeated in November but also "has got to go to jail." And his campaign is facing questions about ties to Russian interests accused of hacking Democratic groups, as well as the hacking of a top Clinton adviser's emails.

For Trump, the cumulative effect appears to be a tumble in the battleground states he needs to win in November.

Rather than trying to make up ground by shifting attention to issues like trade that energized Trump backers and could appeal to new voters, the Republican appears to be moving swiftly to make Bill Clinton's past a centerpiece of its campaign.

Building on Trump's decision to bring three Bill Clinton accusers to last week's presidential debate, the Republican nominee is expected to have the women appear with him on stage at rallies and do television interviews, according to a person briefed on the plan but not authorized to discuss it publicly.

Trump supporters are also confronting Hillary Clinton with the accusations about her husband. Multiple Clinton rallies were interrupted this week by hecklers shouting "Bill Clinton is a rapist."

The former president never faced any criminal charges over the allegations, and a lawsuit over an alleged rape was dismissed. He did settle a lawsuit with one of the women who claimed harassment.

The Trump campaign's hope is to showcase the decades-old accusations to young voters, particularly women, who may not have been old enough to remember the controversies that dogged the Clintons in the 1990s. If the campaign can't get them to vote for Trump, the hope is that they will stay home and depress turnout, which likely would hurt Democrats.

Former Trump senior adviser Michael Caputo said the businessman's only way to win is to "go nuclear" on the Clintons.

"There's no way Trump can do anything positive to earn back women," Caputo said. "The only way he can stave off the bleeding is to drag them into parity."

But it's unclear whether Trump's strategy is even aimed at winning the election at this point. Increasingly, Trump's campaign feels like an opportunity for longtime Clinton opponents to air decades worth of grievances about the Democratic power couple on the biggest stage in American politics.

Bob Dylan wins Nobel for literature

Associated Press

STOCKHOLM — Singer-songwriter Bob Dylan won the 2016 Nobel Prize in literature on Thursday; this is the first time the prestigious award has been bestowed on a musician for “having created new poetic expressions within the great American song tradition.”

Reporters and others who gathered at the Swedish Academy’s headquarters in Stockholm reacted with a loud cheer as his name was read out.

His songs, such as “Blowin’ in the Wind” and “The Times They Are A-Changin’” became anthems for the U.S. anti-war and civil rights movements.

Dylan’s impact on popular culture was immense, and his influence as a lyricist extends to every major music figure and songwriter of the last 50 years, from The Beatles to Bruce Springsteen and beyond.

Although he had been mentioned in Nobel speculation for years, many experts had ruled

him out, thinking the academy wouldn’t extend the award to the world of music.

The academy’s permanent secretary, Sara Danius, said while Dylan performs his poetry in the form of songs, that’s no different from the ancient Greeks, whose works were often performed to music.

Dylan, 75, is the first American winner of the Nobel literature prize since Toni Morrison won in 1993.

Danius told The Associated Press that a “great majority” on the 18-member Nobel panel voted for Dylan.

Dylan’s selection was not popular with everyone. Scottish novelist Irvine Welsh reacted angrily in a series of exchanges on Twitter.

“I’m a Dylan fan, but this is an ill conceived nostalgia award wrenched from the rancid prostates of senile, gibbering hippies,” the “Trainspotting” author wrote.

He continued: “If you’re a

‘music’ fan, look it up in the dictionary. Then ‘literature’. Then compare and contrast.”

Lyrics from scores of Dylan songs, such as “Blowin’ in the Wind,” “Stuck Inside of Mobile With the Memphis Blues Again” and “My Back Pages,” have worked their way into the public lexicon over the years.

Born on May 24, 1941, in Duluth, Minn., Dylan grew up in a Jewish middle-class family.

By his early 20s, he had taken the folk music world by storm. From that time on, he would constantly reinvent himself — often enraging followers in the process — but then later winning them back and adding new admirers.

He won an Academy Award in 2001 for the song “Things Have Changed” and received a lifetime achievement award from the Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences in 1991. In 2008, he was awarded a Pulitzer Prize for his contributions to music and American culture.

DOD: Feud won’t affect Mosul plans

The Washington Post

An ugly public feud between two key U.S. allies in the fight against the Islamic State group will not affect plans for recapturing a key city from the group, a Pentagon spokesman said Wednesday.

Col. John Dorrian, a U.S. military spokesman in Baghdad, played down the effect of this week’s clash between the leaders of Iraq and Turkey as the U.S. military prepares to assist an Iraqi assault on the city of Mosul, a major objective in defeating the Islamic State group.

Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi is expected to launch an operation this month aimed at recapturing the northern city, which has been occupied by the Islamic State group for more than two years. The Iraqi leader faces an array of challenges in that fight, including thick militant defenses and the problem of managing a diverse force including Iraqi troops, militiamen and foreign advisers. In an additional sign of the complexities in Iraq, there is also a modest Turkish force on a base near Mosul, and its presence has repeatedly been condemned by Abadi.

About 1,500 Turkish troops are believed to be stationed at several locations in northern Iraq, primarily training Kurdish peshmerga troops, according to U.S. officials.

The tensions escalated this week after Turkish leaders affirmed their intention to keep those troops in Iraq until after Mosul, which also includes a sizable Turkmen population, can be recovered, prompting emphatic Iraqi objections.

In a speech Tuesday, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said Abadi should “know his place.”

“You are not my interlocutor anyway. You are not on my level, you are not of my quality,” Erdogan said, according to Reuters. “You ranting and raving from Iraq is not of any importance to us.”

Pilot, student argued before crash

Associated Press

EAST HARTFORD, Conn. — A plane crash that killed a student pilot and left his flight instructor with serious burns appears to have been a suicide attempt, a U.S. official familiar with the investigation said.

The two men had an altercation inside the cockpit of the small plane, and the instructor was unable to regain control from the trainee before it crashed near the Connecticut headquarters of a military jet engine manufacturer, according to the official, who spoke Wednesday on the condition of anonymity.

The Piper PA-34 Seneca crashed with the men aboard during a training flight Tuesday in East Hartford near the headquarters of Pratt & Whitney while returning to Hartford’s Brainard Airport, authorities said. The flight instructor was badly burned but survived.

The instructor described the

student pilot as disgruntled about learning to be a pilot, the U.S. official said.

The flight instructor is Arian Prevalla, 43, and the student was Feras Freitekh, said a law enforcement official, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

Prevalla’s social media pages indicate he is president of the American Flight Academy and a managing member of the Hartford Jet Center, both based in Hartford. The pages say he originally is from Albania and now lives in Hartford. On LinkedIn, Prevalla said he received a bachelor’s degree in Aviation Science from Mountain State University, a now-defunct university in Beckley, W.V.

Public records show Freitekh received a private pilot certificate last year from the Federal Aviation Administration. They also indicate he lived in the Chicago suburb of Orland Hills since 2013, but authorities there

said that there was no record he ever lived in the village but that he received mail there at the home of a friend of his father.

The survivor told police detectives it was not an accident, according to East Hartford Mayor Marcia Leclerc.

“It’s troubling,” Leclerc said. “But I also know that stories change, and information can be skewed. We’re waiting for the facts to come out.”

Authorities said the student and the instructor were about to land at Brainard Airport in Hartford when the plane struck a utility pole and crashed onto the road at about 4 p.m. Tuesday, bursting into flames. The crash site is a short distance from the airport, across the Connecticut River and in line with the runway.

“The path that the plane took could have been much worse. So we’re very fortunate in that sense,” said East Hartford Police Chief Scott Sansom.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Bear who attacked man may have been mating

CA SIERRA MADRE — A man who was attacked by a bear in foothills near Los Angeles has been released from the hospital.

KABC-TV reported that Dan Richman was back in his Sierra Madre home Tuesday.

Richman said he was running on a wilderness trail Monday when he saw a bear standing on its hind legs ahead. He tried to back away and found another bear behind him. He yelled and it walked off the trail.

Richman told KCAL-TV the bear attacked when he tried to run past. He wound up on his hands and knees with the bear's mouth around his neck. He held completely still until the bear left. He suffered cuts, scratches and punctures.

State wildlife officials said Richman may have interrupted a mating session.

Authorities allege vegan diet endangered child

PA FARMINGTON — A Pennsylvania woman was charged with endangering her 11-month-old son by restricting him to a vegan diet of fruits and nuts.

State police said Elizabeth Hawk, 30, of Farmington, became "obsessed" with the vegan diet, which prompted her estranged husband to contact Fayette County child welfare workers.

A police complaint says the baby developed a rash "so bad that the child was scratching his skin off." Hawk allegedly refused to use a cream to treat the rash.

Hawk has been mailed a summons for the child endangerment charge and faces a preliminary hearing Nov. 14.

Police said doctors determined in August that the baby

is developmentally disabled and can't crawl because he's malnourished.

City seeking ways to curtail goose poop

MA BOSTON — Goose poop is piling up in parks and playgrounds in Boston and city officials are looking for ways to rein it in.

Councilor Annissa Essaibi-George says Boston's open spaces are home to thousands of Canada geese that can each eat about four pounds of grass and produce up to three pounds of fecal matter every day.

Wildlife experts say the birds are typically migratory but are increasingly staying year-round. Canada geese are federally protected but have no natural predators in the region.

Ithaca, N.Y.; Columbus, Ohio; and other communities have also tried controlling the geese in recent years, as have the caretakers of the National Mall in Washington.

Woman sentenced for locking kids in cage

ND GRAFTON — A Grafton woman who pleaded not guilty to locking four children in a dog cage has changed her plea and been sentenced.

Court documents show Jordan Nelson entered an Alford plea to four counts of child abuse or neglect, and prosecutors dismissed four felonious restraint charges. An Alford plea means Nelson acknowledges there was enough evidence to convict her.

Nelson was sentenced to serve 2½ years in prison.

Authorities said the children, who range in age from 5 to 9, told investigators they were locked in the kennel in a basement with the lights off as

punishment. Nelson allegedly forced one of the children to eat dog food. Nelson is not the children's mother.

Duck hunter rescued after becoming stuck

NE STANTON — Authorities rescued a rural Madison man who got stuck in mud and water while duck hunting in northeast Nebraska.

The Stanton County Sheriff's Office said John Johnson, 56, was hunting alone Saturday morning southeast of Stanton when he moved into a marshy area and his hip waders began filling with water. He soon was mired up to his neck.

Johnson was found by a game warden who was in the area to check hunting permits. Rescuers called to the scene in Wood Duck Wildlife Management Area used ropes and a boat to get Johnson back on solid ground.

Ex-deputy convicted in road rage incident

FL ST. PETERSBURG — A former Florida sheriff's deputy has been convicted of improper display of a gun following a February road rage incident involving a parking space.

Former Pinellas County deputy Sheila Langlais will spend nearly a year in jail for two misdemeanor convictions. Langlais had faced felony charges, but jurors cleared her on those.

The Tampa Bay Times reported that Langlais and the occupants of another vehicle began arguing after both tried to pull into an apartment complex parking space. Evidence showed that Langlais grabbed her gun and pointed it at the passenger of the other car with both her hands before driving away.

Langlais' attorney argued

that she was relying on law enforcement training.

Langlais resigned during the investigation.

Police track phone to rescue man in woods

MA RUTLAND — Police said they used a police dog and tracked a Shrewsbury man's phone to find him more than eight hours after he said he was wet and cold and became lost in a wooded area in Rutland.

Police told WFXT-TV the man's mother said she had missed a call early Sunday from her son who told her he had wandered away from a house party. She said his phone died during the voicemail.

Police pinged his phone to find his last known location and used a Petersham police bloodhound to track him.

Searchers found the hypothermic man around 11:30 a.m. with some of his clothes removed. The man, who hasn't been identified, was released from a hospital Sunday night.

Man who fled trial remains on the loose

TN CHATTANOOGA — A 22-year-old Chattanooga man remained on the loose after he fled a trial that ended with him being sentenced to life in prison for the 2012 killing of a taxi driver in Chattanooga.

Authorities said Christopher Padgett cut his GPS ankle monitor and fled from his mother's home. He was sentenced in the slaying of driver Nathan Deere, who was shot in the back of the head, The Times Free Press reported.

Authorities hope to have Padgett in custody by Dec. 15, when he will be sentenced on an aggravated robbery conviction.

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Leafs rookie has record-setting debut

Associated Press

OTTAWA, Ontario — Auston Matthews needed 40 minutes to get into the NHL record book.

In the highest-scoring debut in modern NHL history, Matthews scored four goals for the Toronto Maple Leafs, but Kyle Turriss scored 37 seconds into overtime to give the Ottawa Senators a 5-4 victory Wednesday night.

Matthews got his fourth with three seconds left in the second period, bringing his mother to tears in the stands.

He called it a “surreal” moment, adding that “I couldn’t believe that was happening out there.”

The 19-year-old from Scottsdale, Ariz., is the 12th first overall pick to score in his NHL debut.

“Since I’ve been the Leafs coach, that’s the best night I’ve had since I’ve been here by 10 miles,” said second-year coach Mike Babcock. “Not even close.”

Despite the historic first game, Matthews took responsibility for the loss after failing

to pick up Turriss coming into the Toronto zone. Turriss took in a pass from Mark Stone with Matthews chasing, set himself and fired a shot by Frederik Andersen.

“That last play was 100 percent my fault,” Matthews said. “We came here to win and we didn’t get that done.”

Turriss scored twice, including the tying goal 6:45 into the third period. Bobby Ryan, Erik Karlsson and Derick Brassard also scored for Ottawa.

Frederik Andersen stopped 25 shots for the Maple Leafs. Craig Anderson had 34 saves for Ottawa.

Matthews scored on his first shot 8:21 into the first period, snapping in a pass from Zach Hyman during a scrum around the net.

The second goal came with 5:42 left in the first period. He dangled through a pair of Senators near the blue line, stole the puck from two-time Norris Trophy winner Erik Karlsson along the boards then beat Anderson with an odd-angle forehand.

“I’ve never seen anything like it,” Babcock said. “He’s a good player. You see that second goal he scored, not many guys do that.”

Matthews put Toronto ahead 3-2 with a one-timer from inside the right circle on a feed from Morgan Rielly 1:25 into the second period, and fans showered the ice with hats.

The fourth goal followed a give-and-go with William Nylander. Matthews lifted the puck past Anderson after blowing by a defender in the slot. Nylander had two assists.

Matthews scored on his first three shots of the game.

“He’s a man,” Babcock said. “He’s 19 years old but he acts like he’s 27. He has great maturity. If you meet his mom and dad, you’re thoroughly impressed with the kind of people they are and the respect he has for his mom and sisters, the kind of guy he is.

“Don’t get me wrong, we would’ve drafted him anyway, but that makes him more special.”

His parents, Brian and Ema,

were in the stands and celebrated the first goal with a kiss. After the third goal, Matthews’ mom was shown on the broadcast high-fiving fans and covering her face in disbelief. She cried following the third and fourth goals.

“Those were tears of joy,” Ema Matthews said. “I feel very excited. This is what Auston has been dreaming since he was 6, be playing right here in the NHL.”

“I hope that nobody’s going to wake me up here anytime soon,” Brian Matthews said. “This is unbelievable.”

Matthews’ success was no surprise to Senators coach Guy Boucher, who coached against the young center last season in the Swiss Elite League.

“He’s the real deal,” Boucher said. “I told everybody and I saw it firsthand last year so I’m not surprised. He’s the total package. He played against men last year and he’s playing against men now, so I’m not surprised.”

Tarasenko, Blues top Blackhawks in season opener

Associated Press

CHICAGO — St. Louis Blues coach Ken Hitchcock got what he needed from his top players, and that was more than enough on opening night.

Vladimir Tarasenko had two goals and an assist, and the Blues kicked off the season with a solid 5-2 victory over the Chicago Blackhawks on Wednesday.

“The guys that have been around did a number today,” Hitchcock said. “The guys that have been here before and know what it’s like to play in this building, know what it’s like to play against Chicago, they played really well today.”

Kevin Shattenkirk and Paul Stastny each had a goal and two assists for the Blues, who eliminated the Blackhawks in seven games in the first round of the playoffs in April. Jake Allen had 17 saves in his first game since he was handed the goaltending job with Brian Elliott’s June trade to Calgary.

St. Louis went 3-for-5 on the power play. “I think that last two days in practice really helped us find our groove,” said de-

fenseman Alex Pietrangelo, who took over as captain after David Backes signed with Boston in the offseason. “We kept it simple, try not to be overly complicated. We’ve got a lot of guys who can shoot the puck. The big thing is putting the puck toward the net.”

Richard Panik and Ryan Hartman scored for Chicago, which struggled in the second period. Corey Crawford finished with 29 saves.

The Blackhawks had five rookies in the starting lineup, and four players made their NHL debut. And they looked out of sync for much of the night.

“There’s definitely some learning going on,” coach Joel Quenneville said. “We’ll accept mistakes through hard work, because that’s how you get better.”

Sharks 2, Kings 1: Brent Burns scored the tiebreaking goal early in the third period after visiting Los Angeles goalie Jonathan Quick left with an injury.

Logan Couture added a power-play goal and an assist and Martin Jones made 21 saves in San Jose’s first real game since losing the Stanley Cup Final to Pittsburgh

exactly four months earlier.

Tyler Toffoli scored a power-play goal in a rough start to the season for the Kings.

Quick left after stopping 14 of 15 shots in the first period with a lower body injury. He appeared to hurt himself stretching to get to the post to stop a chance by Joe Pavelski late in the period. Jeff Zatkoff replaced him and stopped 15 of 16 shots.

Oilers 7, Flames 4: Connor McDavid scored two straight goals in the second period and had an assist, lifting host Edmonton over Calgary.

Edmonton led the season opener 3-1 after one period on goals by Patrick Maroon, Tyler Pitlick and Zack Kassian. Alex Chiasson had a first-period score for the Flames.

Troy Brouwer and Michael Frolik scored in the second period to tie it 3-3, but then McDavid got goals with 7:43 and 5:27 left in the second for a two-goal lead — the second score came on a penalty shot.

First-round pick Jesse Puljujarvi scored for Edmonton in his NHL debut in the third period.

Indians not set on rotation for full ALCS

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Corey Kluber is back at the top of the Indians' make-it-up-as-they-go rotation.

Cleveland will start its ace in Game 1 of the AL Championship Series against the Toronto Blue Jays, one of the few certainties Indians manager Terry Francona has as his team plays for a spot in the World Series.

Trevor Bauer, who started the opener of the Division Series against Boston, will pitch Game 2 and Josh Tomlin will take the mound for Game 3 in Toronto on Sunday. After that, Francona has "penciled in" Mike Clevinger for Game 4, but that plan could change depending on what happens in the first three games.

The uncertainty is nothing new to Francona, who has been forced to juggle his rotation for weeks after losing starters Carlos Carrasco and Danny Salazar to injuries.

Francona's decision to send

out Kluber first was expected after the right-hander showed no signs of a late-season quadriceps injury and pitched seven shutout innings in Game 2 against the Red Sox. Kluber limited baseball's highest-scoring team to three hits and ended any concerns about him not being himself in his first postseason.

The Indians will need Kluber and the rest of their staff to be on when they face the wild-card Blue Jays, who battered Texas in their ALDS by hitting eight homers and scoring 22 runs.

"They're good," said Indians pitching coach Mickey Callaway. "They're excellent. Their whole roster is pretty good, as far as swinging the bat. We've got to make pitches from Pitch 1. They're a little bit different makeup than Boston. They're not going to sit around and take a first-pitch strike. You can't just groove a first pitch to them. You've got to throw quality strikes right out the get-go,

and then make sure you stay ahead. That's going to be the challenge, making sure you throw quality strikes early and see what happens after that."

Kluber, who will face Toronto right-hander Marco Estrada in the opener, went 18-9 during the regular season, bouncing back from a 16-loss season in 2015. He was 0-1 with a 6.30 ERA in two starts against the Blue Jays.

While Francona has had to mix and match with his starters, he won't have Salazar on the ALCS roster.

The Indians sent the right-hander to Arizona to build up stamina in hopes that he might be able to return for this series after being sidelined since early September with forearm tightness. But Francona said the 11-game winner is not ready, and the Indians don't want to rush him back.

"He's doing pretty good," Francona said. "He's not back yet where he's throwing all his

pitches or letting it go 100 percent. I think if we ask him to do that, he might be reaching right now. We've been pretty vocal about the first priority is getting him back healthy. I think this proves it. We wouldn't do that to somebody."

The loss of Salazar was compounded when Carrasco broke his right hand when he was hit by a line drive on Sept 17. Francona has had to be creative with his bullpen, using eight relievers to complete the game in which Carrasco got hurt.

"There's not much our bullpen hasn't experienced throughout the course of the year," team president Chris Antonetti said. "We've had all different types of games, from the extra-inning game in Toronto to the game when Carlos left after two pitches. So, there's not too much our guys haven't handled and I think they're prepared and ready to go pitch when it's their turn, whenever Tito calls upon them."

Wisconsin looking to rev up running game

Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — Wisconsin running back Dare Ogunbowale didn't stray far from football during his team's bye week.

The senior watched every game he could on TV while spending time at home with his family and friends. He seemed interested in one team in particular, No. 2 Ohio State.

Ogunbowale gets to see the Buckeyes in person Saturday night when they visit Camp Randall Stadium for a primetime showdown against the eighth-ranked Badgers.

"The defense looks athletic," Ogunbowale said Monday.

But perhaps slightly vulnerable, at least for the high standards set by the Buckeyes, who beat Indiana 38-17 last week.

Indiana stayed within a touchdown of Ohio State until late in the third quarter, and threw for 182 yards and two touchdowns at the Horseshoe.

Wisconsin (4-1, 1-1 Big Ten), though, runs a completely different offense. The Badgers are out to push people around in the running game and dominate the line of scrimmage.

"It's always tough to watch offenses that do a lot of things differently from you," Ogunbowale said. "But at the same time, we saw that Indiana played hard and they had success."

The rested Badgers are coming off their first loss of the season, two weeks ago at Michigan. Wisconsin has a defense that can go big play-for-big play with Ohio State, even with outside linebacker Vince Biegel sidelined with a foot injury.

But the Badgers could use more production out of their running game.

Senior tailback Corey Clement is averaging 3.9 yards a carry, 2 yards less than his career average. He has missed a game because of a sore ankle, and backup running backs Taiwan Deal and Bradrick Shaw have been hurt, too.

Injuries have sidelined two left guards, forcing coach Paul Chryst to shuffle the interior of his line.

Yet Wisconsin has still played well, especially given that it has already faced the tough defenses of LSU, Michigan State and Michigan.

"We've played against good teams, but

that's no excuse," said Ogunbowale.

The passing game is a work in progress with freshman Alex Hornibrook scheduled to make just his third career start.

In Ogunbowale, Hornibrook has an experienced third-down back and effective check-down option. But the 5-foot-11 Clement has the potential to break away on any run.

"He's a perfect back for their offense," Ohio State defensive coordinator Greg Schiano said, "and they've had a long line of them."

Chryst coached a few stellar backs during an earlier stint at Wisconsin as offensive coordinator, including Montee Ball and P.J. Hill. He'd love to get a few more explosive plays out of Clement, Ogunbowale and his other backs.

"I think there (have) been a few instances where we've been trying to take the explosive run instead of just taking what's there," Chryst said. "And I think the explosive runs are byproducts of just doing your job well, and then you break a tackle and it ends up increasing."

Fury to vacate boxing titles

Associated Press

MANCHESTER, England — Tyson Fury's downward spiral since becoming world heavyweight boxing champion escalated Thursday when the British fighter relinquished his titles and had his license suspended over drug use and medical issues.

Fury's promoters said the 28-year-old boxer was giving up his WBO and WBA belts with immediate effect to focus on treatment and recovery from drug use and other personal problems.

Hours later, the British Boxing Board of Control said Fury had been temporarily relieved of his license "pending further investigation into anti-doping and medical issues."

The unbeaten Fury has not fought since beating Wladimir Klitschko in November 2015 to claim the WBA, WBO and IBF titles in one of the most stunning heavyweight upsets in recent times. He has twice pulled out of a rematch with Klitschko, most recently ahead of the rearranged Oct. 29 bout after being declared "medically unfit" by his team.

"I'm unable to defend at this time and I have taken the hard and emotional decision to now officially vacate my treasured

world titles and wish the next in-line contenders all the very best as I now enter another big challenge in my life which I know, like against Klitschko, I will conquer," Fury said in Thursday's statement.

"I feel that it is only fair and right and for the good of boxing to keep the titles active and allow the other contenders to fight for the vacant belts that I proudly won and held as the undefeated heavyweight champion of the world," he said.

In an interview with Rolling Stone magazine this month, Fury said he has been bingeing on cocaine and alcohol to cope with manic depression.

"I've been out drinking, Monday to Friday to Sunday," Fury said. "I've taken drugs, cocaine, on many, many occasions for the last six months."

In the interview, he also described himself as a "manic depressive" and said: "I just hope someone kills me before I kill myself."

The WBO said Monday that it had received a report from the Voluntary Anti-Doping Agency in the United States showing that Fury failed a drug test on Sept. 22. The body also said it received information from the British boxing board that Fury refused to be drug-tested last month ahead of the postponed

Klitschko fight.

Fury's promotional company, Hennessy Sports, said the titles were being vacated "out of respect for the governing bodies, the sport of boxing and the heavyweight division."

The statement said the break will also allow Fury "the time and space to fully recover from his present condition without any undue pressure and with the expert medical attention he requires."

Fury was stripped of the IBF belt soon after beating Klitschko, for not fighting a mandatory challenger. That belt is now owned by fellow Briton Anthony Joshua, who could fight Klitschko for the vacant heavyweight titles.

Negotiations between the two camps are underway.

Fury has constantly said that he feels he didn't get enough credit for ending Klitschko's near-decade-long reign as champion, claiming it was partly because of his Gypsy heritage.

However, his image has been stained by controversial comments and tweets he has made in recent years about women, homosexuality and doping.

Fury's trainer and uncle, Peter Fury, said last month that the fighter was at an "all-time low."

McGregor is fined \$150,000

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — UFC star Conor McGregor has been fined \$150,000 by the Nevada Athletic Commission for a profanity-laced bottle-throwing fracas with rival Nate Diaz during a pre-fight news conference in August in Las Vegas, officials said.

The commission on Monday unanimously approved the penalty representing 5 percent of the \$3 million that McGregor was paid for his Aug. 20 win over Diaz in UFC 202.

Half the fine and a portion of the 50 hours of community service that McGregor was ordered to perform are expected to go toward producing an anti-bullying public service announcement, Commissioner Pat Lundvall said Tuesday.

McGregor, 28, was represented by a lawyer at a Nevada Athletic Commission hearing and answered questions by telephone from Ireland, where he is training for UFC 205 in November in New York.

Diaz, who was paid \$2 million for the bout against McGregor, still faces possible commission discipline.

Former champ Rousey to return to cage for UFC 207

Associated Press

Ronda Rousey will return to the UFC on Dec. 30 in Las Vegas, fighting Amanda Nunes for the bantamweight title.

UFC President Dana White confirmed Wednesday that Rousey will be in the main event of UFC 207 at T-Mobile Arena.

Rousey (12-1) hasn't fought since November 2015, when Holly Holm stunned the previously unbeaten champion with a second-round knockout at UFC 193 in Melbourne, Australia.

Rousey became one of the world's most popular female

athletes and the UFC's biggest mainstream star during her meteoric rise through mixed martial arts. The former Olympic judo competitor became the first UFC women's champion in late 2012, with her talent compelling White to create a women's bantamweight division in his promotion.

Rousey kept the 135-pound belt through six defenses before Holm's dominant victory, which was punctuated by a dramatic head kick.

Before losing to Holm, Rousey had beaten four contenders for her belt in a combined 130 seconds, including a 14-second

stoppage of Cat Zingano and a 16-second victory over Alexis Davis. Rousey had finished every opponent of her MMA career, beating 10 of those 11 opponents in the first round, before her defeat.

The bantamweight title has changed hands two more times since Rousey's loss, with Miesha Tate beating Holm and Nunes stopping Tate in the first round at UFC 200 on July 9. Holm has lost both of her fights since beating Rousey.

Nunes (13-4), a Brazilian fighting out of Florida, has won four straight fights. After she took the title away from Tate,

Nunes made it clear she would prefer to defend her belt against Rousey.

While Rousey apparently kept training after her loss, she took an extended break from competition, working as a model and appearing in a handful of films as an actor.

Rousey was arguably the UFC's biggest star when she began her break, and she acknowledged having suicidal thoughts after her loss. White always assumed Rousey would resume her fighting career when ready.