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## Navy probes possible attack on US ships

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DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — The U.S. Navy on Sunday began investigating a possible overnight missile attack from Yemen on a group of American warships in the Red Sea amid uncertainty about what transpired.

The Red Sea and the nearby strategic Bab el-Mandeb strait, a crucial chokepoint for international shipping and crude oil, has been the scene of what the U.S. describes as at least two missile attacks from rebel-held territory in Yemen. American forces have fired back once with Tomahawk missiles, destroying mobile radar positions in the first shots fired by the U.S. in anger in the stalemated conflict.

In the latest incident, a group of American warships in the

Red Sea on Saturday night “had indications of a possible inbound missile threat and deployed appropriate defensive measures,” said Capt. Paula Dunn, a spokeswoman for U.S. Navy Forces Central Command. She said in a statement that all ships and sailors were safe, without elaborating.

An American defense official told The Associated Press on Sunday that one of the ships saw on radar what sailors believed to be missiles being fired on it out of Yemen at night.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss details of the incident, which had not yet been made public.

Yemen’s Shiite rebels, known as Houthis, and their allies did not immediately comment on the incident Saturday. Previously, the Houthi-controlled SABA news agency ran dis-

patches denying rebels ever fired on American warships.

Adm. John Richardson, the Navy’s top officer, said earlier Saturday that the destroyer USS Mason appeared “to have come under attack.” The Mason, an Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer whose homeport is Norfolk, Va., has been targeted twice before by missile fire out of Yemen, according to the U.S. Navy.

Also known to be in the Red Sea near the Mason are the USS Nitze and the USS Ponce.

Previously, an Emirati-leased Swift boat came under rocket fire near the same area as the Mason and sustained serious damage. The United Arab Emirates described the vessel as carrying humanitarian aid and having a crew of civilians, while the Houthis called the boat a warship.

Yemen has been at war since September 2014, when the Houthis swept into the capital, Sanaa. A Saudi-led coalition of Sunni Arab nations launched a campaign against the Houthis in March 2015.

Yemen’s war is largely overshadowed by the conflict against the Islamic State group elsewhere in the Middle East, although rights groups have mounted increased criticism of the Saudi-led airstrikes in recent months for killing civilians. The U.N. and rights groups estimate the conflict has killed at least 9,000 people and displaced nearly 3 million more.

The U.S. had been providing logistical and intelligence support to the Saudi-led coalition fighting in Yemen, but began to withdraw its support in recent weeks over the civilian casualties from the air campaign.

## Militant strikes Shiite mourners in Baghdad

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A suicide bomber struck a gathering of Shiite mourners in Baghdad on Sunday, killing at least four people and wounding another 12, Iraqi officials said, as government troops prepared for a decisive battle to drive the Islamic State extremist group from the major northern city of Mosul.

The attack took place in Baghdad’s Shiite-dominated Jadriyah neighborhood on the Tigris River, where the bomber approached Shiites commemorating the 7th-century death of Imam Hussein, the grandson of the Prophet Muhammad, a police officer said.

A medical official confirmed the toll. Both officials spoke on condition of anonymity as they

were not authorized to release information to the press.

Islamic State group militants claimed responsibility for the bombing in a statement carried by the Islamic State-linked Amaq news agency. The claim could not be independently verified.

The group swept through a swath of Iraq in June 2014 and took control of significant areas in the north and west. It declared an Islamic caliphate that covers nearly a third of both Iraq and Syria.

Since late last year, the militants have suffered battlefield losses and their power has shrunk to the northern city of Mosul, Iraq’s second-largest city, about 225 miles northwest of Baghdad, along with small towns in the country’s north

and west.

Iraq is gearing up for a major battle with the Islamic State group for Mosul, an operation that is expected to be the most complex yet for Iraq’s military, which is still rebuilding from its humiliating 2014 defeat.

The “operation to liberate Mosul will start very soon in the coming few days,” Brig. Gen. Haider Fadhil told The Associated Press.

Fadhil said more than 25,000 troops, including paramilitary forces made up of Sunni tribal fighters and Shiite militias, will take part in the offensive, which will be launched from five directions around the city.

In addition to carrying out airstrikes, the U.S.-led international coalition will offer artillery fire, he added.

According to U.N. estimates, up to 1 million people could be displaced from Mosul during the operation, exacerbating the humanitarian situation in the country. The conflict in Iraq has forced 3.3 million people to flee their homes, with most of them living in camps or informal settlements.

Fadhil voiced concern about potential action from Turkish troops based in the region of Bashiqa, northeast of Mosul. Turkey sent troops to the area late last year to train anti-Islamic State fighters there.

Baghdad has seen the Turkish presence as a “blatant violation” of Iraqi sovereignty and has demanded the Turkish troops withdraw, a call Ankara has ignored.

# Military relief mission in Haiti winding down

BY DIANNA CAHN  
*Stars and Stripes*

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — After 10 days of running near-nonstop helicopter relief flights to the areas in Haiti hit hardest by Hurricane Matthew, the U.S. military said Saturday it is winding down its operations out of the international airport here in the capital. The mission will transition to the Iwo Jima, the Navy amphibious assault ship anchored off the coast.

“What you will see over the next, probably, three days, much of the footprint ashore will move out of here,” said Adm. Kurt Tidd, commander of U.S. Southern Command, who flew down from Miami on Saturday

to visit the military operations organized under his command. That meant visiting the joint task force at the airport, and then flying to the Iwo Jima.

“We will move a lot of that footprint out afloat and will continue to conduct support operations,” Tidd said. “And then we will just continue to transition the mission more and more and more to civil authorities.”

The U.S. military was able to rush a joint task force to Haiti just days after the Oct. 4 hurricane tore across the western end of the peninsula that juts out from the southwest of the country. The storm killed at least 500 people, sent trees toppling, flooded roads, destroyed houses and farmland and left 1.4 million

people in need of assistance.

The military effort was part of a U.S. State Department-led response to a call for help from the Haitian government. Under the Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance at the U.S. Agency for International Development, the military task force was able to rush in helicopters, manpower and logistical support to the Port-au-Prince airport to quickly ferry supplies to areas that were unreachable by road.

From the beginning, it was designed as a two-week mission to fill the gap until the Haitians, assisted by the USAID and the U.S. Embassy, could put their own assistance mission in place.

“This is kind of standard procedure we adopt now,” said Jeremy Konyndyk, director of the Foreign Disaster Assistance Office. He said he’s worked several disaster responses with the military in recent years: after earthquakes in the Philippines and Nepal, and during the Ebola crisis in Africa. They have learned what’s needed.

“[The Department of Defense] doesn’t need to be here forever,” he said. “So DOD comes out on the front end, gives a real big push for a couple of weeks, gets some momentum to help get the response rolling and then the civilians step up and we’re able to send DOD home and hand it off to civilians.”

## Faulty leadership cited for USS Fort Worth woes

BY WYATT OLSON  
*Stars and Stripes*

Lack of leadership, failure to comply with procedures and complacency were the primary reasons propulsion gears were damaged on the USS Fort Worth in January, according to the results of an investigation released Friday by the Navy.

The ship was sidelined for months in Singapore for repairs.

After initial findings of the investigation were completed, the Navy relieved Cmdr. Michael Atwell of duty on March 29 due to loss of confidence in his ability to command the littoral combat ship.

No other personnel were relieved as a result of the incident or investigation, Lt. Clint Ramsden, a spokesman for U.S. Pacific Fleet, said in a written statement.

LCS vessels have experienced cost overruns and operational problems since the Navy began adding them to its fleet. Gears on the USS Milwaukee failed in December, requiring it to be

towed back to its Virginia port.

The turbine engines on LCS vessels run on both diesel and gasoline, requiring a complex set of combining gears to blend power from the two types of engines.

The Fort Worth’s combining gears were damaged because they overheated due to a misalignment of the lubricating oil system, the report said.

A melange of “lack of effective leadership, fatigue, frustration, lack of experience and failure to utilize external support” factored into the damage, the report said.

In the aftermath of the incident, Atwell had endorsed training, software updates and review of procedures “but failed to address how he would tackle procedural compliance and made no mention” of accountability, the report said.

Ramsden said the investigation and review have resulted in recommendations that will improve the way littoral combat ships are crewed, trained, equipped and operated.

## Sailor’s truck plunges off San Diego bridge; 4 dead

*Associated Press*

SAN DIEGO — A member of the U.S. Navy was arrested after the pickup he was driving plunged off a San Diego bridge, killing four people and injuring eight at a festival below, authorities said.

Authorities identified the driver as Richard Anthony Sepolio, 25, who was stationed at the naval base on Coronado Island across the bay from San Diego. His rank and job description were not immediately available.

Sepolio was alone in the truck Saturday afternoon when he lost control and it struck a guardrail and fell 60 feet onto a vendor’s booth at Chicano Park, said California Highway Patrol Officer Jake Sanchez. He was taken to the hospital with major injuries and later was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs causing deaths and injuries, the officer said. It wasn’t immediately known when Sepolio would be arraigned.

“It’s horrible. It’s horrific. We

had innocent people down here having a good time, and now they’re gone,” Sanchez said.

The California Highway Patrol identified the deceased as a 62-year-old man and a 50-year-old woman from Chandler, Ariz., and a 59-year-old man and a 49-year-old woman from Hacienda Heights, a suburb east of Los Angeles. Authorities did not immediately release their names.

Eight people on the ground were injured. One suffered major trauma and seven others had minor to moderate injuries, said Lee Swanson, a spokesman for the city’s Fire-Rescue Department.

Witnesses said the GMC pickup with Texas license plates landed on a vendor’s booth set up for La Raza Run, a motorcycle ride that ends with a celebration at the park and typically draws hundreds of participants. The crash was steps away from a stage where a rockabilly band was playing.

The park is beneath the bridge in a predominantly Hispanic neighborhood in central San Diego.



# Philippines' drug war reaches ex-US bases

BY SETH ROBSON

*Stars and Stripes*

CUBI POINT, Philippines — Shot in the stomach and the knee, the man crumpled in the parking lot in front of St. Therese, the old Naval Air Station Cubi Point chapel.

Arman Q. Juaneza's wounds appeared to be treatable, and a hospital was nearby. But no one wanted to get involved, said Victorio Vizcocho Jr., publisher of the Subic Bay News.

"There were authorities in the area but they didn't try to save him," said Vizcocho, whose newspaper was formerly the official publication of the U.S. naval base here.

The 43-year-old man died. Vizcocho said the killing was thought to be connected to Chinese drug operations.

Almost two months later, police have yet to make an arrest in the killing, which took place inside the still-fenced and guarded former U.S. military facility now known as the Subic Bay Freeport.

Not many want to get involved in the deadly drama that has claimed more than 3,400 lives in the Philippines since President Rodrigo Duterte took office June 30 and began his uncompromising war on drugs. He has encouraged citizens to kill drug dealers, and told Philippine National Police that he will support them in doing so as well. In a news conference in August, he was quoted as saying, "My order is to destroy."

Duterte has said that the drug problem is even worse than he thought, so similar scenes are likely to continue to play out on the streets.

"Hitler massacred 3 million Jews ... there's 3 million drug addicts ... I'd be happy to slaughter them," Duterte said recently, before apologizing to Jews.

The man who earned the nickname "Duterte Harry" while carrying out a similar purge as mayor of the southern city of Davao isn't apologetic about his extrajudicial campaign, bristling profanely at U.S. and U.N. suggestions that he should back off.

## 'Project Double Barrel'

Drug war battlefields surround the Freeport, which retains much of the character from its time as a U.S. military installation, including guard posts at its main entrances. The vacated Navy facilities have been occupied by commercial operations, including restaurants, shops and schools.

There's a striking contrast between the American-style development inside the fence and the hustle and bustle of ordinary Filipino towns outside, where motorcycle taxis and open-sided jeepney buses weave along narrow lanes made narrower

by roadside vendors hawking everything from Chinese Christmas lights to bows and arrows.

In Olongapo City, bordering the port and home to 220,000 people, drug users seeking rehabilitation can be trained and paid to build wooden coffins, Reuters reported this month.

Data released by the Olongapo Police, who have dubbed their counternarcotics effort "Project Double Barrel," show that between July 1 and Oct. 5, 13 drug suspects were killed and 220 were arrested in 111 raids and 1,201 house visits. Police confiscated 584 sachets of shabu, or methamphetamines, and more than 1,000 confessed drug users and dealers have surrendered voluntarily. Vizcocho said police have battled drug problems in the area for decades but that criminal groups involved in the manufacture and sale of shabu have become more organized.

In one day in Subic Town, at the other end of the bay from the port, 5,000 people confessed to drug offenses and surrendered to police. Those who surrender have their names added to a list. Some have been killed after they were sent home, Vizcocho said.

"At least 20 people have been killed around Subic Bay in recent months," he said.

## 'It is against God's will'

Most Filipinos support the counternarcotics campaign, Vizcocho said.

"They don't appear to understand the long-term implications of what is going on," he said. "If police are doing things that they know are illegal and if they are able to get away with it, it is going to erode the normal values of society."

The neighborhood where Juaneza was killed looks a lot like it did when the Americans were there. The Tiara Hotel — once officers' quarters — still stands like a flaking, white dinosaur beside the chapel, which was repaired after its roof collapsed from the weight of dust from the Mount Pinatubo eruption in 1991.

Juaneza's killing is said to involve links to Chinese drug manufacturers. Subic Bay is believed to be an entry point for ingredients used to manufacture crystal methamphetamine, the cheap drug of choice among the poor.

Ella Quinto, 26, who works at a convenience store behind the chapel, said some of the victim's coworkers were at the shop when the shooting happened. Images from the store's security camera disappeared, she said, but she isn't scared.

"This neighborhood is really quiet. It's just that one time," she said. She said she

heard the victim was involved in drugs, had impersonated a police officer and "had it coming."

Quinto said she has mixed feelings about the drug war.

"It's good they are getting rid of the drug dealers, but innocent people are being caught up in it," she said.

Rino Moraleta, a port operations manager who lives in former U.S. Navy housing across the road from the chapel, said the neighborhood was safe for his kids but he was against the extrajudicial killings.

"Absolutely it bothers me as a Catholic. It is against God's will," he said.

## Vigilante squads

There have been a dozen drug killings in Barrio Barretto, an Olongapo suburb that's home to Subic's Veterans of Foreign Wars post, according to Scott Sims, 57, a retired Navy chief warrant officer here.

In a country with a broken judicial system, it's cheaper and easier to kill recidivist offenders, he said while sipping on a cold San Miguel beer and watching the American Forces Network on a TV above the bar.

"Most of us retired military aren't bothered. We just keep our heads down," said Sims, who has lived in nearby San Antonio for 12 years.

Sims said he can spot expatriates who use shabu from their sunken eyes, pale skin and the absence of beer bellies sported by many retirees in Subic Bay. He said his neighbor, a European, fled the country soon after the drug raids started.

Few expatriates have been arrested, but police recently caught an American with drugs in Subic Bay, he said.

"He was stopped on a motorcycle with his girlfriend at 2 a.m. and when he pulled out his wallet to show ID, a packet of shabu fell out," Sims said.

Some drug dealers in his neighborhood have turned themselves in to police, he said.

"The locals know who the druggies are. Some guys who turned themselves in were sent home and killed. I've heard there is money being paid, so there are vigilante squads out there," he said.

While most of those who were killed after returning home may have been targeted for quickly falling back into their old habits, there has been speculation that some were killed by drug kings to make sure they didn't turn into informants.

Sims expects the violence to get worse.

"They're averaging more than 30 killings a day, and Duterte has said the drug problem is bigger than he thought it was, so what is the next step?"

## VFW commander: Group evolving to attract young vets

By NANCY MONTGOMERY  
*Stars and Stripes*

VICENZA, Italy — They're practicing yoga. They're keeping bees. The Veterans of Foreign Wars is casting off the stereotype of the group as a collection of hard-drinking old coots complaining about liberals and gays in the military, the group's commander-in-chief said Friday.

"We do 9 million hours of community service," VFW Commander-in-Chief Brian Duffy said, dismissing that stereotype as unfair. "If everybody's sitting at the bar, drinking, who's doing the work?"

The VFW has accomplished much since its inception after the Spanish-American War, including pushing hard for benefits newer combat veterans still receive, such as the GI Bill. With 1.4 million members, the group is a force on Capitol Hill.

"You give voice by numbers. We all know the folks in Congress listen to numbers, when they listen," Duffy said.

A former airman who served in the Gulf War and retired as a top UPS pilot, Duffy was in the midst of an annual tour of overseas posts. Vicenza's VFW post, with more than 1,000 members, is one of the largest. He said overseas posts attract more members because the organization provides an outlet for camaraderie with other veterans — one of the group's founding purposes — and other Americans in general.

But general membership is down from a peak of 2.1 million in 1992, Duffy said, when World War II veterans, Korean War and Vietnam veterans swelled VFW ranks. Now, most WWII vets have passed away. The majority of members are Vietnam vets in their 60s, he said.

Still, Duffy said, the service group, which did not admit women until 1978 and six years ago opposed allowing gay men and lesbians to serve openly in the military, is evolving.

Six of 53 top VFW officials are women. Denver's post elected its first openly gay commander this year.

"We're getting there. What's important is someone's leadership ability," Duffy said. "Some people get it. We understand it too."

The organization is working to attract younger vets, although Duffy said the eligible pool is far smaller than after WWII: just 1 million troops who deployed repeatedly to Iraq and Afghanistan. That's one reason for the yoga classes. Another is the VFW's growing emphasis on mental health issues.

"We've got a post doing beekeeping. Why beekeeping? It's been identified as a therapy for stress," Duffy said.

## US, S. Korea: N. Korea's missile test attempt fails

By KIM GAMEL  
*Stars and Stripes*

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea tried but failed to fire an intermediate-range missile, U.S. and South Korean officials said Sunday.

It was the first attempted missile launch since the North conducted its fifth and most powerful nuclear test Sept. 9, prompting international condemnation and efforts to impose new sanctions against the country.

The missile test also occurred hours before the nuclear-powered USS Ronald Reagan aircraft carrier docked in the southeastern port city of Busan on Sunday for what the Navy called a routine visit after a week of maritime war games with the South Korean navy.

North Korea watchers have predicted in recent weeks that Pyongyang was preparing for another provocation, with satellite images showing activity at its main nuclear testing facility as well as its Sohae satellite-launching station.

The Pentagon said U.S. Strategic Command systems detected the failed launch of a presumed Musudan missile near the northwestern city of Kusong on Saturday.

Pentagon spokesman Gary Ross strongly condemned the missile test and stressed the U.S. commitment to defending allies South Korea and Japan is "ironclad."

"This provocation only serves to increase the international community's resolve to counter the DPRK's prohibited activities," he said, using the acronym for the North's official name, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

South Korea's military said the missile failed immediately after launch, according to the Yonhap news agency. The Joint Chiefs of Staff condemned what it called an "illegal provocation" that violated U.N. Security Council resolutions prohibiting the North from using ballistic missile technology.

North Korea has carried out an unprecedented number of missile tests this year, and experts say it is showing clear technical progress in its nuclear weapons program despite numerous failures.

Only one of the Musudan missiles, which have a range that puts them in reach of U.S. bases in Japan and Guam, is believed to have flown far enough to be considered a success. But experts say the North's scientists learn from each failure.

## Trump lobs unfounded charge: Clinton on drugs at 2nd debate

*Associated Press*

PORTSMOUTH, N.H. — Donald Trump's latest unsubstantiated salvo against rival Hillary Clinton charges she might have been on drugs during their last debate and challenges her to join him in undergoing a pre-debate drug test ahead of their third and final clash.

The unfounded claim that the Democratic nominee needed pharmaceutical help took some attention away from whether voters would believe the women who claim that Trump sexually assaulted them or instead accept the Republican's flat denials.

Also overshadowed by Trump's accusation was the release Saturday of yet more emails hacked from accounts of Clinton campaign Chairman John Podesta.

The latest batch showed the campaign worrying whether Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., might endorse then-candidate Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., and wrestling

with how to respond to revelations about Clinton's private email use. Another subject: lining up materials to respond to fresh accusations from Juanita Broaddrick, who accused Bill Clinton of raping her decades ago. He denied the rape accusation, which was never adjudicated by a criminal court.

After surmising that Clinton was getting "pumped up" ahead of Wednesday's debate rather than preparing for it, Trump told supporters: "I think we should take a drug test prior to the debate, 'cause I don't know what's going on with her." He added: "But at the beginning of her last debate, she was all pumped up at the beginning. And at the end, it was like ... she could barely even reach her car."

Trump also returned to familiar ground, reiterating his claims that the presidential contest is rigged against him.

House Speaker Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wis., made clear he does not share the candidate's concern about the election's legitimacy.



# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Police: Car split in half in Long Island collision

**NY** ROCKVILLE — Police said a speeding car smashed into another car on Long Island, causing it to split in half.

Nobody suffered life-threatening injuries.

Nassau County police said Dustin Brandon, of South Hempstead, was driving a Mercedes-Benz convertible when he collided into a Mazda at Rockville Centre on Friday night. The impact caused the Mercedes to overturn and cut the Mazda in half.

Brandon and his female passenger, 25, had to be extricated from the vehicle. He suffered head and leg injuries. She suffered a lower leg injury.

The driver of the Mazda suffered internal injuries. They all were transported to a hospital.

Police charged Brandon with DWI, reckless driving and other infractions.

## Decoy deer draws fire from across state line

**WY** JACKSON — A deer that recently landed an Idaho hunter a \$790 citation draws fire from poachers who see its mechanical movements across the state line in Wyoming.

The Jackson Hole News and Guide reported the Wyoming Game and Fish Department decoy was set up on Idaho's opening day for deer hunting.

Department official Mark Gocke said the man who fired the shot fled after spotting law enforcement.

The man was stopped for firing at a deer in a closed hunt area. He was cited for taking a deer without a license and was warned for shooting from a public roadway.

## Woman pulls gun after getting 12 doughnuts

**AK** ANCHORAGE — Someone wanted more than pastries from a 24-hour doughnut shop in Anchorage and used a gun for the extra treat.

Anchorage television station KTUU reported a woman walked into Golden Donuts shortly before 1 a.m. Friday and ordered a dozen doughnuts.

As the employee handed over the doughnuts, he said the woman then pulled out a gun and demanded cash from the register. He gave her the money and called police after she left.

Police said they arrested Melissa Noel, 35, of Anchorage, after she ran a nearby stoplight following the incident. A box of doughnuts was found in her vehicle.

## Boy, 5, pulls brother, 2, from fiery truck wreck

**TX** HOUSTON — Police in Houston said a 5-year-old boy pulled his 2-year-old brother out of a burning tractor-trailer following a crash that killed their father.

KPRC-TV reported the truck was a moving van and the family was relocating to Galveston, Texas, when the crash occurred.

Police said the boys were passengers in the truck being driven by their father on Interstate 45 early Friday morning when the vehicle ran into a guardrail and a metal pillar. The truck rolled over and burst into flames. Investigators said the father died at the scene after he apparently was thrown out of the vehicle.

Both boys were hospitalized. The younger one suffered severe burns. His older brother had minor injuries.

## Crews rescue 2 people, 2 officers from cave

**IA** DUBUQUE — Rescue crews pulled two people from a cave in eastern Iowa.

The Dubuque Fire Department said it was called for help shortly after 1 a.m. Saturday.

Rescue crews rushed to the Dubuque cave off North Grandview near a dog park and Bunker Hill Golf Course and found two people inside. One person was injured and had to be carried from the cave.

Fire officials said two police officers also entered the cave to help and were assisted out. Neither officer was hurt.

Authorities have not released the names of those involved or the medical condition of the person injured.

## Firefighters discover toxic leak at lunch

**MD** LANHAM — A Maryland sandwich shop with dangerously high levels of carbon monoxide got lucky when two hungry firefighters walked in the door for lunch.

The Prince George's County Fire Department said in a statement that two firefighters stopped in a Subway during their lunch break on Friday when their portable carbon monoxide detectors started going off.

The firefighters immediately called for additional resources. Responders found that an exhaust vent from the boiler/HVAC unit had broken and was sending carbon monoxide directly into the store.

Firefighters turned the unit off and used fans to bring down the carbon monoxide levels. No one was injured. The fire department said it appeared the unit had just been turned on for the day.

## Mother jailed with daughter over drugs

**FL** KEY WEST — Authorities said a mother who mailed drugs to her incarcerated daughter is now an inmate in the same Florida jail.

Monroe County Sheriff's Department spokeswoman Becky Herrin said in a news release that a deputy at the jail near Key West found the envelope and noticed it had a chemical smell. He opened the envelope and saw a substance inside.

An incident report says the substance turned out to be Buprenorphine, a synthetic opioid. Deputies arrested Nadine Carroll, 55, on Thursday.

Now, Carroll is in the same jail as her daughter, Shannon Carroll, 27. Records show Shannon Carroll was arrested Sept. 15 on charges of driving with a suspended license and possession of cocaine. Nadine Carroll is charged with smuggling contraband into jail.

## Juvenile charged in teen's car-jump death

**GA** ROME — A police spokesman said a juvenile was charged in the death of another Georgia teen after a game called "jump the car" turned deadly.

Jerome Poole, a spokesman for the Floyd County Police Department, told the Rome News-Tribune that an unidentified juvenile was charged Thursday with felony vehicular homicide, reckless driving and violation of his provisional license.

Authorities said they believe teenager Kobe Thomas was playing "jump the car" when he was struck and fatally injured on Oct. 7. The game involves jumping over a car as it approaches.

Thomas died from his injuries Oct. 9.

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# Indians edge Blue Jays to go up 2-0

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — They don't have a true superstar, an embarrassment of All-Stars or a celebrity following. That's the NBA champion Cavaliers, who play next door.

The Indians, though, have depth, chemistry, one of baseball's best managers and quite possibly the most dominant bullpen weapon in the game.

Andrew Miller has Cleveland two wins from the World Series — and Toronto batters flailing.

Josh Tomlin baffled Blue Jays batters for nearly six innings and Miller, acquired just ahead of the trade deadline for exactly these pressure-packed October moments, blew them away as Cleveland edged Toronto 2-1 on Saturday to take 2-0 lead in the AL Championship Series.

Carlos Santana homered off 20-game winner J.A. Happ, and Francisco Lindor had an RBI single for the Indians. They won the second straight tense game in this series and have won five straight postseason games for the first time in their 116-year history.

An afterthought in August, Tomlin has

emerged as an unlikely October star for the Indians. He allowed one run and three hits in 5 2/3 innings for his second win of the postseason — he won the Game 3 Division Series clincher in Boston — before Cleveland manager Terry Francona handed the ball to the magnificent Miller, who is making the Blue Jays look like Little Leaguers.

The lanky left-hander struck out the side in the seventh, two more in the eighth and has 10 strikeouts in 32 2/3 innings in the series. He has not allowed a run in 16 career postseason innings.

"He's one of the best I've ever seen," said closer Cody Allen, who worked the ninth to close the three-hitter for his second straight save. "He goes out there for two innings, shuts them down and gets a lot of swings and misses. Whenever you get to come in behind a guy like that, you're in a pretty good spot."

So are the Indians, who had never been up 2-0 in four previous ALCS trips.

Miller has been the difference so far, blowing through the Blue Jays. Before getting a groundout in the eighth, he struck out seven straight over two games.

"There's a reason we gave up what we

did for him," said Francona, referring to the four top prospects the Indians sent to the Yankees in July. "We thought that he could be a guy that we could leverage in situations like we have. And it would make our bullpen that much better and give us a chance to keep playing. And that's exactly what he's doing."

After bludgeoning Texas in the ALDS by hitting eight homers and scoring 22 runs, Toronto has one run and 10 hits — eight singles and a pair of doubles — in two games against the Indians.

Jose Bautista is 0-for-6 in the series with five strikeouts and in a 0-for-14 postseason tailspin. The only bat flipping Joey Bats has done is back into the rack.

"We didn't get destroyed or anything in these two games, but we've got our work cut out for us," Jays catcher Russell Martin said. "History shows we can hit the ball. We're going to have the opportunity to do that at home."

The series heads north to Toronto's raucous Rogers Centre for Game 3 on Monday, with Cleveland's Trevor Bauer slated to face Marcus Stroman.

## Roberts' decision to stay with Blanton backfires for LA

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Los Angeles Dodgers manager Dave Roberts made all the right moves in the previous playoff round. Sticking with Joe Blanton backfired in the NL Championship Series opener.

Blanton gave up a tiebreaking grand slam to pinch-hitter Miguel Montero and a homer to Dexter Fowler on consecutive pitches in the eighth inning Saturday night, dooming the Dodgers to an 8-4 loss against the Chicago Cubs.

"We'll be ready tomorrow," first baseman Adrian Gonzalez said. "This game gave us a lot of confidence. We know we can beat them."

Roberts was praised for his aggressive pitching moves in the Division Series clincher at Washington, where closer Kenley Jansen was summoned in the seventh and ace starter Clayton Kershaw earned a save.

But against the Cubs, a big decision backfired.

Gonzalez had just tied the

score in the eighth with a two-out, two-run single on one of the 100 mph-plus darts from Cubs closer Aroldis Chapman.

Blanton relieved to start the bottom half and gave up Ben Zobrist's leadoff double. Addison Russell grounded to third, and Roberts had Blanton intentionally walk left-handed-hitting Jason Heyward to bring up righty Javier Baez for a righty-against-righty matchup.

"You've got to walk Heyward with the open base," Roberts said.

Baez flied to right. Lefty Chris Coghlan hit for righty David Ross, and Roberts decided to intentionally walk him to load the bases — bringing up Chapman's spot in the batting order.

"Obviously, I'm looking at the card and I see Chapman's still in the game," Roberts said. "I felt good for us to win the game, if we could get out of that inning."

Cubs manager Joe Maddon responded by sending up the left-handed-hitting Montero.

Roberts chose to stick with Blanton — Chicago would have batted righty Willson Contreras if the Dodgers brought in a lefty.

"I trust Joe. I've trusted him all year long. He's been great for us, and he got ahead 0-2 and left a pitch up," Roberts said. "It just didn't work out. But it was — our guys fought. It was a well-played game."

Montero fouled off a slider and swung past another. Blanton came back with yet another slider on the 0-2 pitch. Montero drove it about halfway up the right-field bleachers.

"Bases loaded, I was going to go with my strength," Blanton said. "I faced him earlier in the year. I kind of did the same thing and had success. Got ahead and tried to bury a slider and I didn't and got lucky on that one, actually. Probably the same pitch as the next one, or very close. Both backup sliders. Just didn't execute. Especially 0-2, can't do that in that situation."

Montero took a curtain call, and the crowd was still roaring when Fowler sent a hanging curveball 362 feet to right.

Kershaw will try to tie the best-of-seven series Sunday night for the Dodgers, coming off a heavy workload in the NLDS. The three-time Cy Young Award winner pitched in all three Los Angeles wins and earned a two-out save in the decisive Game 5 on Thursday.

That was one of several unconventional moves by Roberts, who pushed Jansen to a career-high 51 pitches before Kershaw came to the rescue.

This time, the Dodgers played from behind most of the night.

"If it was a sloppy game and we didn't play or compete, you get a little bit more of a sour face," Roberts said. "But we played hard. We played well. And we do have Kershaw going tomorrow, so that's a good thing."



# Ohio State claws past No. 8 Wisconsin

Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — J.T. Barrett escaped Wisconsin's pressure and shook off a mistake.

Ohio State's do-it-all quarterback proved his mettle after halftime in the toughest of road environments, accounting for three touchdowns and setting a school record in the process.

Barrett threw a 7-yard touchdown pass to leaping receiver Noah Brown in overtime, and the second-ranked Buckeyes finished off the eighth-ranked Badgers with a sack on fourth-and-goal from the 4 for a 30-23 win on Saturday night.

Barrett also ran for two touchdowns for the Buckeyes (6-0, 3-0 Big Ten) in a contest that had the intensity of a championship heavyweight bout.

"That was just two good teams going at each other," Ohio State coach Urban Meyer

said.

He had the best player on the field on his side.

The touchdown throw in overtime gave Barrett his 89th career touchdown passing or rushing, breaking the school record previously held by quarterback Braxton Miller.

The Buckeyes rushed the field after defensive end Tyquan Lewis sacked quarterback Alex Hornibrook to end the thriller. Just in time too, after school officials warned fans that severe weather was rolling through the area right before the final play.

Ohio State got the ball first in overtime, with Barrett ending the possession with the pass to Brown for the go-ahead score.

Barrett finished 17-for-29 for 226 yards with one interception, and ran for 92 yards on 21 carries.

"We grew up even more this week," Bar-

rett said.

Corey Clement ran for 164 yards on 25 carries for Wisconsin (4-2, 1-2) and its revived rushing attack.

The Badgers gained chunks of yards in the first half on the Buckeyes' vaunted defense, but often had to settle for field goals. They led 16-6 at halftime.

It took a little while for Ohio State to get its bearings in the second half.

"We just had to keep on grinding. This Big Ten football," Barrett said.

But Barrett, as usual, led the charge. Wisconsin's defense often got to Barrett in the backfield and tried to contain him in the pocket, only to watch him slip away with just enough time to hit big passes.

"You look at those things ... how can we finish," coach Paul Chryst said. "At the same time, you say, 'Hat's off, he's a heck of a player.'"

# Top-ranked Tide rolls over No. 9 Tennessee

Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Alabama wouldn't allow Tennessee to produce another comeback.

Jalen Hurts and Bo Scarbrough each rushed for over 100 yards Saturday and No. 1 Alabama again got points from its defense and special teams in a 49-10 blowout of No. 9 Tennessee.

It was the most lopsided victory by either team in this rivalry since a 51-0 Alabama victory in 1906.

"This is as proud of our team as I've been all year long in terms of playing a complete game against a very good team, especially in a tough environment," Alabama coach Nick Saban said.

Tennessee (5-2, 2-2 SEC) had erased double-digit deficits in five of its first six games — including a 45-38 loss at Texas A&M last week in which it forced overtime after trailing 28-7 — but the Volunteers couldn't deliver a similar rally this time.

Alabama (7-0, 4-0) instead had college football's cardiac kids dead and buried by the end of the third quarter. The Crimson Tide capitalized on the injury issues that have decimated

Tennessee's depth chart.

"That was our goal coming in, to score fast and get them tired," Alabama tight end O.J. Howard. "I think it worked."

Alabama earned its 19th straight victory overall and its 10th consecutive win in this annual series. Tennessee has lost its last 13 games against Southeastern Conference Western Division schools.

Hurts, the Crimson Tide's freshman quarterback, ran for 132 yards and three touchdowns as Alabama outrushed Tennessee 438-32. Scarbrough rushed for 109 yards on just five carries, including an 85-yard touchdown.

**No. 3 Clemson 24, North Carolina State 17 (OT):** Deshaun Watson threw a 10-yard touchdown pass to Artavis Scott in overtime and Marcus Edmond followed with an interception to give host Clemson the victory.

**No. 10 Nebraska 27, Indiana 22:** Terrell Newby ran for one score and Tommy Armstrong Jr. hooked up with Stanley Morgan Jr. on a 72-yard touchdown pass with 9:57 left to play for visiting Nebraska.

**No. 11 Baylor 49, Kansas 7:** Seth Russell threw two

touchdown passes and ran for two scores playing only the first half, and Ryan Reid returned the first of his two interceptions for a score for host Baylor.

**No. 22 Arkansas 34, No. 12 Mississippi 30:** Jared Cornelius scored on a 6-yard touchdown run late in the fourth quarter and host Arkansas outlasted Mississippi.

**No. 13 Houston 38, Tulsa 31:** Emeke Egbule returned a fumble 24 yards for a touchdown with 1:21 remaining to lift host Houston past Tulsa.

**No. 14 Florida State 17, Wake Forest 6:** Travis Rudolph had a career-high 13 receptions for 238 yards and host Florida State overcame three turnovers to beat Wake Forest.

**No. 15 Boise State 28, Colorado State 23:** Jeremy McNichols ran for 217 yards and two touchdowns and host Boise State withstood Colorado State's late rally.

**Syracuse 31, No. 17 Virginia Tech 17:** Eric Dungey accounted for 417 yards and two touchdowns and host Syracuse beat a rabbed opponent for the first time since 2012.

Fans stormed the field and carried off Dungey in celebration after he passed for 311

yards and ran for 106.

**No. 18 Florida 40, Missouri 14:** Jalen Tabor and Quincy Wilson returned interceptions for touchdowns, helping host Florida move into first place in the Southeastern Conference's Eastern Division.

**No. 19 Oklahoma 38, Kansas State 17:** Baker Mayfield was 25 of 31 for 346 yards and four touchdowns, and Dede Westbrook had nine receptions for 184 yards and three scores for host Oklahoma.

**No. 20 West Virginia 48, Texas Tech 17:** Skyler Howard ran for two touchdowns and threw for another for host West Virginia.

**No. 21 Utah 19, Oregon State 14:** Joe Williams came out of retirement and ran for a 5-yard first-quarter touchdown and Utah beat host Oregon State in wet and windy conditions.

**No. 24 Western Michigan 41, Akron 0:** Jarvion Franklin ran for a school-record 281 yards and Zach Terrell threw for two scores and ran for two more for visiting Western Michigan, ranked in the Top 25 for the first time.

# Ex-NFL lineman Byrd, 50, dies in crash

Associated Press

Dennis Byrd was an inspiration for far more than anything he ever accomplished on a football field.

He was able to walk again.

And with each step he took toward recovery from paralysis while guided by his always-present faith, Byrd defied doctors' grim predictions and became a symbol of perseverance and hope.

On Saturday, the former NFL defensive lineman, whose career was ended by a neck injury, was killed in a car accident.

The Oklahoma Highway Patrol said Byrd, 50, died in a two-vehicle collision.

The Tulsa World first reported Byrd's death.

He starred at Mustang High School outside Oklahoma City and then at the University of Tulsa before playing for the New York Jets.

"We extend our sincere condolences to Dennis' wife, Angela, their children and the entire Byrd family," said Dr. Derrick Gragg, Tulsa's athletic director. "Dennis exemplified true determination, tremen-

dous heart and humility throughout his life. He had a tremendous playing career at TU and professionally with the New York Jets. He overcame great personal adversity after a life-altering injury on the football field.

"We know that Dennis touched numerous lives and will be missed by many."

The Oologah-Talala Emergency Medical Services said the crash happened at about 11 a.m. between Oologah and Claremore. It said a 17-year-old Claremore youth driving a 2000 Ford Explorer northbound on Oklahoma 88 veered into the oncoming lane, striking the 2004 Hummer H2 that Byrd was driving.

Byrd, who had returned to his home in Talala in recent years, was pronounced dead at the scene, and the 17-year-old driver and a 12-year-old passenger in Byrd's vehicle were taken to the hospital in critical condition.

The 6-foot-5, 270-pound Byrd was a second-round draft pick of the Jets in 1989 and quickly became a fan favorite for his intensity on the field as much as his humble, soft-spoken approach off it.

He was considered one of the NFL's

promising young defensive ends during his first three seasons, racking up 27 sacks — a mark that only two players in franchise history surpassed: Mark Gastineau with 33½ from 1979-81 and John Abraham with 27½ from 2000-02.

Byrd had one sack midway through his fourth season when his life was changed during a game on Nov. 29, 1992, against Kansas City.

He broke his neck after slamming head-first into the chest of teammate Scott Mersereau as Chiefs quarterback David Krieg stepped forward to avoid a sack. The impact broke the C-5 vertebra in Byrd's neck, leaving him briefly paralyzed, although doctors were uncertain if Byrd would ever be able to walk again.

After a vigorous rehabilitation, Byrd returned to the Meadowlands for the Jets' opening game the following season and walked — gingerly but unaided — to mid-field as an honorary captain.

He never fully recovered from the injury, walking with some difficulty and going through continuous rehabilitation during the years since.

# Panik scores hat trick in Chicago's first win

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Richard Panik came through big to help the Chicago Blackhawks get their first win of the season.

Panik scored three goals for his first NHL hat trick, Scott Darling was sharp in making 33 saves and Chicago hung on for a 5-3 victory over the Nashville Predators on Saturday night.

"[Panik] had a great game," coach Joel Quenneville said. "He did a lot of good things. ... He's got ability offensively. He does some nice things with the puck. He's got some finish."

Panik scored his first goal midway through the first period to cap a Blackhawks blitz that put them ahead 3-0. Then, he scored twice in the third period, each time after the Predators had closed to within a goal.

Quenneville believes Panik, acquired from Toronto last January, can give the Blackhawks a boost if "he can nail his consistency."

Chicago has a healthy dash of new, young faces in its lineup, and seemed out of sync in dropping its first two games this season.

Panik hopes he can help.

"My biggest weakness was to stay consistent, so I'm trying to focus on that," Panik said. "Just bring it every night. For me, [hitting] gets me into the game."

Nick Schmaltz, one of four rookies in Chicago's lineup, scored his first NHL goal and Brent Seabrook added a power-play goal and an assist as the Blackhawks rebounded from a 3-2 loss at Nashville on Friday. Patrick Kane and Duncan Keith each had two assists.

**Penguins 3, Ducks 2:** Phil Kessel's power-play goal in the second period stood as the winner in host Pittsburgh's victory.

**Capitals 2, Islanders 1:** Fourth-line grinder Daniel Winnik scored two goals and Vezina Trophy winner Braden Holtby made 21 saves as Wash-

ington beat New York in its home opener.

**Sharks 3, Blue Jackets 2:** Mikkel Boedker and Joel Ward scored for an early lead and Patrick Marleau had a power-play goal, leading San Jose over host Columbus.

**Blues 3, Rangers 2:** Vladimir Tarasenko had a goal and an assist and Carter Hutton stopped 33 shots as host St. Louis beat New York.

**Panthers 4, Red Wings 1:** Colton Sceviour scored his first goal for host Florida and Aleksander Barkov added his second of the season.

**Avalanche 6, Stars 5:** Joe Colborne scored his first NHL hat trick and Chastity Colorado withstood a 6-on-4 opportunity over the final 46 seconds to hold off Dallas.

**Maple Leafs 4, Bruins 1:** Rookies Mitch Marner and Connor Brown scored, helping Toronto roll over visiting Boston for its first win of the season.

**Lightning 3, Devils 2:**

Valtteri Filppula scored the go-ahead goal on a nifty redirection early in the third period to lift host Tampa Bay over New Jersey.

**Wild 4, Jets 3:** Eric Staal and Chris Stewart each got their first goal with Minnesota since being acquired in the off-season, helping the host Wild overcome a two-goal deficit.

**Coyotes 4, Flyers 3 (OT):** Oliver Ekman-Larsson scored at 1:48 of overtime as host Arizona kicked off its 20th season in the desert with a win over Philadelphia.

**Senators 4, Canadiens 3:** Erik Karlsson scored the winner in the shootout to lift host Ottawa.

**Canucks 2, Flames 1 (SO):** Brandon Sutter scored the only goal of the shootout to give host Vancouver a victory.

Sutter beat Chad Johnson through the five-hole on the winner in the fourth round of the tiebreaker after Ryan Miller stopped the Flames' shooters.