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## Clinton, Dems try to move past FBI news

*The Washington Post*

Hillary Clinton opened the last full week of campaigning Monday with a television advertisement revisiting the famous 1964 “Daisy” ad about nuclear weapons, an attempt to shift the presidential election back to a comparison with Donald Trump after a renewed FBI inquiry roiled her campaign.

The new ad features the same woman who, as a small girl, plucked petals from a flower in the original one, which was aimed at Republican presidential nominee Barry Goldwater. The new one returns to a frequent Clinton theme this year — the claim that Trump is reckless and unfit to be commander in chief. The national security comparison has been one of Clinton’s strongest advantages over the Republican businessman in an election she remains favored to win.

The Democratic nominee was campaigning in Ohio on Monday, while Trump was in Michigan. Clinton’s efforts in Ohio are part of a strategy to provide her several paths to an Electoral College victory — the simplest of which would be to win Florida. Clinton spent the weekend campaigning in Florida, where some polls show Trump leading.

Trump is attempting to seize on what his campaign sees as momentum coming from

the FBI news. Michigan has been seen as a state that Clinton likely would win.

Clinton’s campaign pushed back hard all weekend against FBI Director James Comey’s decision Friday to notify Congress of a renewed look at potential mishandling of classified material when Clinton was secretary of state.

Democrats demanded swift answers about what Comey is looking for and why — after ending the investigation without charges in July — he chose to renew it less than two weeks before Election Day.

Democratic senators asked for answers by the end of the day Monday.

On Sunday in Colorado, Trump accused Clinton of “willful and deliberate criminal conduct.” The Republican nominee highlighted reports that investigators were sifting through some 650,000 emails from a separate investigation into disgraced former congressman Anthony Weiner, D-N.Y., to determine any ties to the Clinton probe.

“In the diamond business, in the coal business ... they go, ‘This could be the mother lode!’” Trump said. “This could be the 33,000 that are missing. This could be the 20,000 that are missing.”

“I would think they have some real bad ones, but we’re gonna find out. ... Maybe not,” he added.

Comey reignited a political firestorm

when he alerted select members of Congress on Friday that FBI officials had detected a batch of emails pertinent to the case during an “unrelated” investigation. People close to the situation have told The Washington Post that the emails were found on a computer belonging to Weiner, who is under investigation on suspicion of exchanging lewd messages with a 15-year-old girl. Weiner is the estranged husband of top Clinton adviser Huma Abedin.

On Sunday night, the FBI obtained a warrant to review the emails, which one official said contains a significant number of correspondences associated with Clinton and Abedin. In his letter to Congress, Comey said that whether the emails provide any new information to the Clinton investigation had yet to be determined, but Democrats worry the news could sway the election.

Clinton on Sunday made no direct mention of the FBI controversy, but on several occasions seemed to allude to it during campaign stops in Florida.

“I want you to know, I am focused on one thing: you, the problems that keep you up at night,” Clinton said during an event in Wilton Manors, Fla. “There’s a lot of noise and distraction, but it really comes down to what kind of future we want.”

## Iraqi special forces take town, position on Mosul’s edge

*Associated Press*

BAZWAYA, Iraq — Iraqi special forces advanced on the Islamic State-held city of Mosul from the east on Monday, taking heavy fire but seizing the last Islamic State-held village before the city’s eastern limits and clearing a path that was followed by army units.

Armored vehicles, including Abrams tanks, drew mortar and small-arms fire as they moved on the village of Bazwaya in the dawn assault, while allied artillery and airstrikes hit Islamic State positions. By evening the fighting had stopped and the units took up positions less than a mile from Mosul’s eastern border and some five miles from the city center.

Three suicide car bombers tried to stop

the advance during the day before the army took control of the town but the troops destroyed them, said Brig. Gen. Haider Fadhil. The army said another unit, its ninth division, had moved up toward Mosul and was now approximately 3 miles from its eastern outskirts, the neighborhood of Gogjali.

At one point, a Humvee packed with explosives raced ahead in an attempt to ram the forces, but Iraqi troops opened fire on it, setting off the charge and blowing up the vehicle. Plumes of smoke rose into the air from Islamic State positions hit by artillery, and from airstrikes the army said came from its U.S. allies.

Iraqi state television described the operation as a “battle of honor” to liberate the

city, captured by Islamic State from a superior yet neglected Iraqi force in 2014.

Some residents hung white flags on buildings and from windows in a sign they would not resist the government troops, said Maj. Salam al-Obeidi, a member of the special forces operation in Bazwaya. He said troops were requesting that villagers stay inside their homes as Iraqi forces made their way through the streets, as a precaution against potential suicide bombers.

Since the offensive began on Oct. 17, Iraqi forces moving toward the city have made uneven progress. Advances have been slower in the south, with government forces there still 20 miles from the city.

# Stolen email assesses military leaders

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Joseph Dunford, and the former uniformed leader of the Air Force were viewed as “great leaders but weak on strategic thinking,” according to a Pentagon official detailed to the National Security Council.

Stolen emails released by WikiLeaks on Sunday revealed a March 30, 2015, email from Christopher Kirchhoff to top

Clinton campaign aide John Podesta that offered stark opinions about the nation’s top military leaders. At the time, President Barack Obama was considering which officer to nominate as Joint Chiefs chairman.

In the exchange, Kirchhoff uses his government email account to update Podesta on the pros and cons of the four finalists. Kirchhoff says Adm. James “Winnefeld is seen as the clearest thinker” but is “often too abrasive to military and civilian leaders.” Air Force

Chief of Staff Mark Welsh and Marine Corps Commandant Dunford, “meanwhile, are seen as great leaders but weak on strategic thinking,” Kirchhoff wrote.

On May 5, 2015, in the White House Rose Garden, Obama announced Dunford’s nomination by saying, “I know Joe. I trust him.” Obama said Dunford “has already proven his ability to give me his unvarnished military advice based on his experience on the ground.

The email from Kirchhoff fo-

cused on the debate within the Obama administration over the next chairman.

“Winnefeld is a lucid thinker in crisis whose grasp of the substance of military options would best serve you and the president in a true emergency,” Kirchhoff wrote Defense Secretary Ash Carter. “He is more ready than anyone else for the 3am phone call.”

Obama cited the influence of his relationship with Dunford as one reason he picked him.

## Afghan troops surrender as Taliban gain ground

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KABUL, Afghanistan — Dozens of Afghan troops have surrendered with large amounts of military equipment to the Taliban in central Uruzgan province, a local government official said, as the insurgents continue to gain ground throughout the country.

The Taliban had surrounded the troops’ base in Chori district for more than a month, preventing food and support from reaching them, said the high-level official with direct knowledge of the situation, who was not allowed to speak to the media about the incident.

A Defense Ministry spokesman acknowledged that the troops were now in Taliban custody but disputed the characterization of their action as surrender, suggesting instead they might have been captured.

The soldiers were taken into Taliban custody Saturday, a day before the U.S. Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction released data showing the Afghan government had lost control of or influence over more than 2 percent of the territory it con-

trolled between May and August. Overall, about a third of the country is under insurgent control or at risk of falling to their control, the report said.

Afghan security analyst Ali Mohammad Ali said Afghan forces could be finding it difficult to keep up with increasing Taliban attacks across Afghanistan. The militants have been threatening some major urban centers, including Kunduz in the north and Lashkar Gar in Helmand province in the southwest. Afghan military officials have often complained that they do not get reinforcements in a timely manner and are often left short of supplies.

Afghan media initially reported that the troops had defected and joined the Taliban, but a statement on the group’s website said that the men had surrendered and would be released soon as part of the deal they had made with the troops.

Gen. Dawlat Waziri, an Afghan Defense Ministry spokesman, would not confirm that the troops had surrendered, suggesting that they might have been captured instead.

He said a government delegation had been sent to Uruzgan to find out exactly what had happened.

## Veteran barred from flying with service dog files suit

*The Washington Post*

Lisa McCombs, a decorated Army veteran who served in Iraq and Afghanistan, claims she’d never had any trouble flying with her service dog, a Labrador retriever named Jake.

That changed one year ago, when she was barred from boarding a regional American Airlines flight with Jake, who was wearing his service vest and was properly documented at the time, according to a federal lawsuit.

McCombs suffers from PTSD and relies on her dog to calm her anxiety and panic.

But as she waited to board her return flight from Manhattan, Kan., an airline agent approached her and asked “in a condescending tone, ‘Ummm, are you going to fly with that?’” the suit states.

Thus began a 48-hour nightmare, in which McCombs says she was unable to return to her home in Gulfport, Miss., while she was repeatedly interrogated, stressed and humiliated, causing her mental health to suffer.

The suit alleges negligence, breach of contract and violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and asks American Airlines to compensate McCombs for her airline tickets, legal fees

and medical treatment. She is also pursuing damages from American and its regional subsidiary, Envoy Air.

Army officials say McCombs enlisted in 2005 and did tours in Iraq and Afghanistan. By the time she was honorably discharged, in 2009, she had reached the rank of captain, according to military records.

According to the National Center for PTSD, “there is not enough research yet to know if dogs actually help treat PTSD and its symptoms.”

But the dogs are trained to notice PTSD symptoms and then interrupt those symptoms by forcing their owner to refocus on the animal, according to Service Dogs for America.

The suit states that McCombs tried to show agents an email proving Jake was her service animal; but, it says, an agent remained adamant that McCombs could pay \$125 to have her service dog shipped as “cargo,” or she could resubmit her documentation and try to book a different flight two days later.

The suit alleges that McCombs was never offered any accommodations.

McCombs got home two days after her originally scheduled arrival, the suit notes.



## US using HIMARS in Mosul battle

By **SETH ROBSON**  
*Stars and Stripes*

**QAYARA AIRFIELD WEST, Iraq** — The destruction wrought by heavy artillery is evident along the road to this air base in Iraq — a key staging area for U.S. forces offering fire support to Iraqi troops pressing their offensive toward Mosul.

A wrecked factory allegedly used to manufacture bombs is one of many structures flattened either by heavy artillery or air power from the U.S. or other members of the international coalition.

Here at Qayara Airfield West, the thud of outgoing fire from American M109 Paladins and CAESAR howitzers manned by French troops stationed at the base is punctuated by the occasional whoosh of rockets launched by a U.S. Army HIMARS (High-Mobility Artillery Rocket System) battery. The multiple-launch rocket systems have unleashed more than 200 rounds in support of Iraqi ground forces since the weapons started shooting from this area 10 weeks ago.

Two HIMARS, each with six rocket tubes, were initially at Fire Base Bell, a small outpost near Makhmour, where a Marine was killed by incoming fire in March. The HIMARS were moved to Qayara in October, after the base — which had been heavily damaged by Islamic State militants — was recaptured by Iraqi troops and refurbished by U.S. engineers.

The GPS-guided HIMARS rockets, the longest-range artillery fielded by U.S. forces in Iraq, are accurate to within 5 square meters and can launch in weather that makes airstrikes difficult such as dust storms or thunderstorms.

Crewmembers from the 18th Field Artillery Brigade out of Fort Bragg, N.C., receive target coordinates from a command post. When the artillery fires, the U.S. troops watch glowing rounds blast over the concrete T-barriers that surround their Spartan camp.

## US-Japan amphibious ops underway

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U.S. servicemembers and their Japanese counterparts will stage operations to retake an island during Keen Sword drills underway on Guam and the Northern Marianas.

The 17th run of the exercise, which began Sunday and goes through Nov. 11, is the first to include amphibious operations near the U.S. territory and commonwealth, a U.S. Forces Japan statement said.

The allies have practiced similar skills in recent years during Iron Fist exercises in

California.

The Japan Self-Defense Forces are creating a Marine Corps-like unit called the Amphibious Rapid Deployment Brigade, which would integrate their land, sea and air forces.

Japan has been refocusing its defense priorities toward southern islands, where tensions with China have simmered over sovereignty. China claims the Japan-administered Senkakus and has declared an Air Defense Identification Zone over them, which the U.S. and Japan do not officially recognize.

In the first half of fiscal year

2016, Japan scrambled fighter jets against Chinese aircraft nearing Japanese airspace a record 407 times, according to Japan's Ministry of Defense.

Keen Sword will also concentrate on ballistic missile defense, which comes in light of North Korea's recent missile test launches and its ongoing nuclear program.

About 11,000 U.S. servicemembers will take part in the exercise. Most are assigned to USFJ, 5th Air Force, Naval Forces Japan, U.S. Army Japan, 3rd Marine Expeditionary Force and the 7th Fleet.

## Marines ID Maeda Point victim, halt water activities on Okinawa

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**CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa** — The Marine Corps has identified the second Okinawa servicemember to die in October in an apparent drowning or diving accident off the southern island prefecture.

The Marine Corps also announced Monday it is putting a moratorium on all water-related activities on the island and will conduct a safety stand-down on recreational water-safety activities and measures to ensure the well-being of servicemembers and their families.

Sgt. Aubrey D. Williams, of Illinois, served as a UH-1 helicopter crew chief for Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 469, Marine Aircraft 39, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, I Marine Expeditionary Force,

a Marine Corps statement said. He was deployed to 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force on Okinawa.

It was unclear if Williams, who enlisted in 2012, was diving, snorkeling, swimming or taking part in some other water activity during Sunday's accident off Maeda Point.

The Marine Corps said an investigation is being conducted to determine the cause of death, and no further information, including Williams' age or hometown, would be released until 24 hours after next-of-kin notification.

"HMLA-469 is deeply saddened by Sgt. Williams' passing," Lt. Col. Robert J. Weingart, HMLA-469 commander, said in the statement. "He was a devoted husband and father, as well as a mentor to the Marines around him. The entire squad-

ron mourns his loss."

Maeda Point features coastal rock formations and reefs that have become synonymous with Okinawa and diving. It is on Okinawa's west coast, not far from Mermaid Grotto in Manzo-Mo, where Petty Officer 1st Class Jorge Noriega Suarez, a fleet Marine force corpsman and advance X-ray technician assigned to the 3rd Medical Battalion, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force, died on Oct. 10 in an apparent diving accident. An investigation is pending.

No date has been set for when the moratorium on water-related activities will be lifted, though a "comprehensive plan is being developed" and the Marine Corps "will release more information as soon as possible," a message to Stars and Stripes said.

## Sailor stationed on Okinawa is arrested

**CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa** — A sailor stationed on Okinawa was arrested over the weekend after allegedly attacking a local man walking on a Chatan

street.

Petty Officer 3rd Class Charles Wayne Lebaron, 22, assigned to Camp Foster, is accused of pushing a 22-year-old Okinawan man to the ground from behind and choking him about 11:40 p.m. Saturday, an Okinawan prefectural police

spokesman said.

The victim, a stranger to Lebaron, was not injured, police said.

Lebaron was taken into custody about 12:30 a.m. Sunday. Officers smelled alcohol on his breath, and he refused a Breathalyzer test, police said.



# Okla. manhunt ends with suspect dead

Associated Press

LEEDEY, Okla. — A massive, weeklong manhunt for a suspect in a string of violent crimes, including the killing of two relatives, the shooting of three law enforcement officers and multiple carjackings, has ended in a police chase and a shootout that left the man dead in western Oklahoma.

Authorities believe Michael Dale Vance Jr. posted two Facebook Live videos Oct. 24 documenting his run from police, although he had been silent since then. An Oklahoma state trooper shot and killed Vance late Sunday near Leedey, 130 miles northwest of Oklahoma City and 45 miles north of where he was last seen a week earlier.

Earlier Sunday, Vance shot and wounded a Dewey County officer and fled in a car, accord-

ing to Dave Turk, spokesman for the U.S. Marshals Service in Washington, which participated in the manhunt.

Officers pursued Vance for about half an hour when he was approached by an Oklahoma state trooper.

"There was an exchange of gunfire between the state trooper and the subject, and the subject was killed," Turk said.

Oklahoma Highway Patrol Chief Ricky Adams described the shootout as "pretty dramatic."

"We pinned him down," Adams told The Oklahoman newspaper. "He's dead. ... It was an extremely good job of police work by every agency involved."

Adams said the authorities were tipped off to Vance's whereabouts by a farmer who spotted in his field a vehicle that matched the description of

the car the fugitive was thought to be driving.

Vance was wanted on multiple charges, including two counts of first-degree murder. The hunt began after he shot and wounded two police officers on Oct. 23 in Wellston, 35 miles northeast of Oklahoma City, authorities said.

Vance, 38, was suspected of shooting a woman and stealing her vehicle at a mobile home park near Wellston, then driving about 8 miles to his relatives' mobile home in Luther and killing them.

Ronald Everett Wilkson, 55, had been shot and had stab wounds to his neck "consistent with an attempt to sever his head," an arrest affidavit said. Valerie Kay Wilkson, 54, had similar neck wounds along with defensive wounds on her arms, the affidavit stated.

# Federal employees behind in pay levels

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Federal workers earn 34.07 percent on average less than private-sector employees doing comparable work, according to the government's official, although not universally accepted, tally of how salaries compare.

The figure was announced at Friday's annual meeting of the Federal Salary Council, a group of union representatives and outside experts on compensation that oversees the General Schedule, the pay system for white-collar workers below the senior ranks.

In the prior three years, the reported overall average "pay gap" was about the same — 35.37, 35.28 and 34.92 percent.

"Federal pay needs to be substantially increased," said National Treasury Employees Union president Tony Reardon, a member of the council. "When you look at the private sector, what kind of pay increases they have had, it dwarfs what federal employees have received."

The "pay gap" figures are based on Labor Department surveys comparing salary data on 250 federal occupations at various levels of responsibility with corresponding rates in local labor markets. Other comparisons, using different data and different methods, have reached much different conclusions.

The Congressional Budget Office concluded in 2012 that federal workers were ahead by 2 percent on average, with less educated ones further ahead and more educated ones behind the private sector.

Federal employees are in line for a raise averaging 1.6 percent in January under a provision of that law allowing for a raise to be paid by default if no figure is enacted by the end of a year. Congress still could intervene and set a different amount, which if signed into law would override the default raise.

# Baby powder's link to cancer unclear

Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. — For the third time, Johnson & Johnson has been hit with a multimillion-dollar jury verdict over whether the talc in its iconic baby powder causes ovarian cancer when applied regularly for feminine hygiene.

Late Thursday, a St. Louis jury awarded \$70.1 million to Deborah Giannecchini, of Modesto, Calif., who was diagnosed with advanced ovarian cancer in 2012. Giannecchini, then 59, said she had used Johnson's Baby Powder for more than 40 years to keep her genital area dry, as many women do. She blamed it for her cancer and accused J&J of negligence.

Two other jury trials in St. Louis reached similar outcomes earlier this year, awarding the plaintiffs \$72 million and \$55 million.

But in J&J's home state of New Jersey a judge recently threw out two other cases, ruling there wasn't reliable evidence talc causes ovarian cancer.

The next trial is set to start in

January, also in St. Louis.

Here's what experts say about talc and cancer.

Talc is a mineral mined from deposits around the world. The softest of minerals, it's crushed into a white powder. It's been widely used in cosmetics and other personal care products to absorb moisture since at least 1894, when Johnson & Johnson's Baby Powder was launched.

Can it cause cancer? Like many questions in science, there's no definitive answer. Finding the cause of cancer is difficult. It would be unethical to ask a group of women to use talcum powder on their genitals and wait to see if it causes cancer, while comparing them with a group who didn't use it.

The biggest studies have found no link between talcum powder applied to the genitals and ovarian cancer. But about two dozen smaller studies over three decades have mostly found a modest connection — a 20 to 40 percent increased risk among talc users.

However, that doesn't mean talc causes cancer.

One large study published in June that followed 51,000 sisters of breast cancer patients found genital talc users had a reduced risk of ovarian cancer, 27 percent lower than in nonusers. An analysis of two huge, long-running U.S. studies, the Women's Health Initiative and the Nurses' Health Study, showed no increased risk of ovarian cancer in talc users.

If there were a link, Dr. Hal Lawrence III, vice president of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology, said large studies that tracked women's health for years would have verified results of the smaller ones.

The National Cancer Institute's Dr. Nicolas Wentzensen said the federal agency's position is that there's not a clear connection.

Research director Elizabeth Ward, of the American Cancer Society, said it is unusual to have so much discrepancy between studies.

"The risk for any individual woman, if there is one, is probably very small," Ward said.



# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Car reported stolen in '88 pulled from river

**MA** HAVERHILL — A car reported stolen in Massachusetts nearly 30 years ago has been found at the bottom of a river.

The Eagle-Tribune reported that a 1986 Nissan was hauled from the Merrimack River in Haverhill on Wednesday.

A state police trooper on site ran the vehicle's identification number and confirmed that it had been reported stolen in 1988.

The car was removed by the Clean River Project, a nonprofit dedicated to cleaning up the Merrimack and other rivers in the region.

## Panel: Relax pot rules when hiring police

**MD** BALTIMORE — Officials are looking to make it easier for people who've used marijuana in the past to become police officers in Maryland.

The Baltimore Sun reported that the commission that regulates hiring in Maryland has recommended that the state relax a rule regarding past marijuana use for prospective officers.

Under the current state policy, people cannot become officers if they used marijuana more than 20 times in their lives, or five times since turning 21.

The Police Training and Standards Commission wants to lift the lifetime limit. It is recommending the disqualification of only those who have used marijuana in the past three years.

The public now will get a chance to weigh in on the proposal. It also must pass legal review and be approved by top

state officials.

## Officer, dog reunited after home burglary

**FL** JACKSONVILLE — A Jacksonville police officer has been reunited with his dog, which had been missing after apparently being shot during a burglary at their home.

The Florida Times-Union reported the pit bull named Hemingway was recovering from a gunshot wound to its snout.

According to the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, Officer Paul Shaw's home was burglarized early Oct. 25 while he was working. Shaw said he found blood at the scene, but his dog was missing until neighbors found Hemingway on Friday.

An Orange Park veterinarian is donating care for Shaw's dog. Shaw said he's grateful for the community's support.

The sheriff's office has said a 14-year-old was arrested on several charges related to the burglary. Authorities also said a truck and a gun stolen from Shaw's home have been recovered.

## Shrews' nest causes musty odor at school

**PA** MCDONALD — These shrews haven't been tamed, but they have been located and blamed for the musty smell that plagued a western Pennsylvania high school for weeks.

Fort Cherry School District Superintendent Jill Jacoby even crawled through a trench under Fort Cherry High School — finding nothing — before a nest of shrews was found more than a week ago in the corner of a classroom, behind a furniture fixture.

The small, mole-like mam-

mals have smelly saliva, which they use to paralyze and subdue their prey.

Crews spent three weeks checking for mold, mildew or other causes of the musty smell before determining the animals got into the building through a small hole near a heating pipe.

Jacoby went public Wednesday to dispel rumors that the school was infested with rodents.

## Socialist candidate uninvited to school

**NM** ALBUQUERQUE — A socialist presidential candidate scheduled to address students at an Albuquerque high school won't be allowed to speak after all.

KOB-TV in Albuquerque reported Manzano High School last week was told to cancel an appearance by Gloria La Riva, the presidential nominee of The Party for Socialism and Liberation.

Albuquerque Public Schools spokeswoman Monica Armента said the school didn't follow protocol when it extended the invitation. She said the school invited the candidate without discussing it first with district administrators.

The party said it regrets it was denied the opportunity to speak with students.

La Riva, who is an Albuquerque native and a graduate of Manzano High, is the first socialist candidate for president to reach the New Mexico ballot 25 years. She is also on the ballot in seven other states.

## Deputies swing into action to help fawn

**UT** KAMAS — Sheriff's deputies in Utah came up with a creative way to free a fawn from a basement window well.

Summit County Sheriff's Detective Kacey Bates said the mule deer fawn fell into the 7-foot window well early Thursday morning and was so desperate to free itself it seemed likely to break the window.

Thinking quickly, one officer went to a swing set and unhooked a swing at the home near Kamas, about 40 miles east of Salt Lake City.

Body cam video showed the deputies looping the swing seat under its belly and hoisting the approximately 100-pound creature out of the well.

The deer was uninjured and bounded off into the darkness.

## Man cremated in error after name confusion

**CA** LOS ANGELES — A 26-year-old man was mistakenly cremated after a Los Angeles County Coroner's technician confused his remains with those of another man with the same name.

Armand Montiel, a spokesman with the coroner's office, said Friday that two men named Jorge Hernandez were at the morgue. One died of an accidental drug overdose earlier this month and the other was indigent and was scheduled to be cremated.

Montiel said the mistake occurred when the coroner's attendant matched the name on the man's body but failed to check the coroner case number.

Montiel said the chief medical examiner has apologized to the young man's family.

The Los Angeles Times reported the man's family began planning a funeral and a private viewing until they received the news. A relative said the family is devastated.

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# Closer Chapman comes through for Cubs

Associated Press

CHICAGO — They have waited 108 years for a championship. So with this World Series on the verge of slipping away, the Chicago Cubs could not wait any longer.

Manager Joe Maddon summoned closer Aroldis Chapman from the bullpen in the seventh inning for the first eight-out save of his big league career, a desperate move in a dire situation with the Cubs needing to hold off the Cleveland Indians in Game 5.

As nervous fans fretted at Wrigley Field, the big Cuban left-hander fired his 100 mph heat over and over, preserving a 3-2 win Sunday night that cut Cleveland's Series lead to 3-2.

"I didn't expect to come in so early, but I mentally prepared myself," Chapman said through a translator. "I was ready to come in at a moment's notice."

The crowd of 41,711 erupted when Jose Ramirez, who had homered earlier, foul tipped a 101 mph offering at the outside corner into the glove of catcher Willson Contreras for the final out.

A white flag with a blue "W" was raised atop Wrigley Field after a Series win for the first time since Oct. 8, 1945, in Game 6 over Detroit. Fans stayed long after the final out and sang "Sweet Home Chicago" as Cubs returned to the field for media interviews.

"High anxiety," first baseman Anthony Rizzo said. "A lot of deep breaths. Every pitch gets bigger and bigger as the game goes on. It's unbelievable. Great win here. We sent these fans off with a win. Now we have to go to Cleveland and win."

Chicago, which led the majors this year with 103 regular-season wins, will try to extend

its season again Tuesday night when Cubs right-hander Jake Arrieta faces Josh Tomlin. The Cubs are trying to become the first club to overcome a 3-1 Series deficit since the 1985 Kansas City Royals and the first to do it by winning Games 6 and 7 on the road since the 1979 Pittsburgh Pirates.

Seeking its first title since 1948, Cleveland is in search of its third-ever title and has won the championship at home just once, in 1920. Over 67,000 showed up at Progressive Field just to watch the three road games on the video board.

"It's going to be crazy. It's going to be nuts," first baseman Mike Napoli said. "They're going to be pretty fired up, and they're going to get us going."

Chapman, obtained from the Yankees in July, hadn't pitched in the seventh inning since 2012. He took a chug of water from a plastic bottle on the

left-field bullpen mound when Maddon called him in with a runner on.

"That was a big ask, and he answered," Indians manager Terry Francona said. "That was impressive."

Of Chapman's 42 pitches, 15 flew in at 100 mph or faster.

"It's something you can't normally do during the season without beating somebody up too badly," Maddon said. "But I talked to Chappy before the game. He was aware of being ready in the seventh inning. So we had that all in play."

Chapman struck out four, raising his total to eight over five innings in three Series appearances.

"This guy's used to just getting three outs," Cubs starter Jon Lester said. "He was fired up. We were all fired up to get through that."

# Indians head home needing one win

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Unable to close the deal in wild and windy Wrigley Field, the Cleveland Indians are heading home a win short.

One more. That's all they need. A rare opportunity they can't let slip away.

But that 68-year title wait isn't over yet.

Trevor Bauer had one shaky inning Sunday night and that was enough for the Chicago Cubs to claim their first World Series win at Wrigley since 1945, an intense 3-2 victory in Game 5 that prevented Cleveland players from spraying champagne inside the ballpark's ivy-covered walls.

The Indians, who managed to take two of three while playing by National League rules in Chicago, will get their next chance to win a first Series title since 1948 on Tuesday night at Progressive Field, where they went 53-28 during the regular season and are 5-1 in the postseason.

"We're in good position still," first baseman Mike Napoli said. "We're up 3-2 and going home. We did what we had to do here. We put ourselves in position to try and win it in a crazy atmosphere. Now we're going to go home and try and win it in front of our fans."

"We're still a confident group. Nobody's hanging their head in the clubhouse. We're all packing up to go home, sleep in our own beds and get after it when the time comes."

Josh Tomlin will start Game 6 on short rest against Jake Arrieta, and if he can't finish the job for the Indians, they still have an ace up their sleeve. Corey Kluber, who has won both his starts in this Series, will be ready again on three days' rest for Game 7 — if necessary.

Cleveland fans are hoping it isn't.

The drone-flying Bauer, whose post-season was briefly a bloody mess, soared through the first three innings, matching Chicago's Jon Lester almost pitch for pitch. Bauer struck out the side in the first and only gave up a single over the first three innings before he got into trouble in the fourth.

Bauer lost for the second time in the Series and more than a few Cubs fans weren't about to let him leave town without some postgame taunts.

As Bauer stood near the Indians' dugout following the game, one fan waving a "W" flag screamed: "Bauer, can you pitch Game 6? One more time."

Another fan thanked Bauer for losing.

This time, he fired back.

"Be sure to thank me when you lose Game 6," he hollered before heading to the Indians' cramped clubhouse.

In the fourth, Kris Bryant tattooed Bauer for a leadoff homer, and by the time the inning was over, he had allowed three runs and put the Indians in a hole that proved to be just a little too deep.

After Bryant's homer into the left-field bleachers, Anthony Rizzo doubled off the right-field wall and soon Cubs fans were bellowing "Bow-er, Bow-er," hoping to rattle the right-hander who has been prone to big innings all year and only recently had 11 stitches removed from his pinkie after slicing it open while repairing one of his remote-controlled models.

Ben Zobrist followed Rizzo's double by lacing a single to center and then the Cubs took a softer approach, getting an infield roller, bunt single and sacrifice fly to take a 3-1 lead.

Still, Bauer felt good about his outing.

"I felt great," he said. "I threw the ball really well. Had command of all my pitches, but I wanted to win tonight. We've got to win one more game."



# Prescott, Dallas rally past Philly in OT

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Dak Prescott won the rookie quarterback duel with Carson Wentz.

Prescott rallied Dallas in the fourth quarter and threw a 5-yard touchdown pass to Jason Witten in overtime to give the Cowboys a 29-23 victory over the Philadelphia Eagles on Sunday night.

Prescott won his sixth straight game filling in for Tony Romo, the 10-year starter who is getting close to returning from a preseason back injury. And the 23-year-old recovered from a shaky start that included several poor throws, the worst an end zone interception to Jordan Hicks that cost Dallas points late in the first half.

Dez Bryant caught a tying 22-yard touchdown pass with 3:04 left in regulation as Dallas (6-1) overcame a 10-point deficit in the fourth quarter to take a two-game lead over the Eagles (4-3) in the NFC East.

Prescott finished 19-for-39 for 287 yards with two scores and the interception.

"He's come back before this year for us," coach Jason Garrett said, referring to a fourth-quarter rally in Washington and a comeback from a 14-0 deficit at San

Francisco.

"He plays with the same mentality, the same demeanor, the same temperament regardless of what's happened before. The best players I've been around were able to do that. He was outstanding at the end of this ballgame."

Wentz had the Eagles in position for a win with another efficient performance, going 32-for-43 for 202 yards. But he couldn't move Philadelphia late in regulation with the game tied. The Eagles never got the ball in overtime after Prescott led the 75-yard scoring drive.

"It's just those late-game learning situations," Wentz said. "We've got a young team and just to lose like that in the fourth quarter when we had our opportunities. We've just to learn and put them away if we can."

On the winning play, Prescott started to his right before spinning back to his left and finding a wide-open Witten, who broke Ed "Too Tall" Jones' franchise record with his 204th start.

"A lot went through my mind," Prescott said. "Like, this is my first touchdown throw to Witten. This is the game-winner. Let's get it to him. A special moment."

Bryant had four catches for 113 yards, in-

cluding a 53-yarder to set up the first Dallas touchdown, in the 2014 All-Pro's return after missing three games with a hairline fracture in his right knee.

Ezekiel Elliott's NFL rookie record of four straight games with at least 130 yards rushing end, but the NFL's rushing leader played a big part on the winning drive with 18 yards rushing and a 10-yard catch that set up Witten's score. He finished with 96 yards on 22 carries and had another 52 yards receiving.

Elliott also had two highlight plays in the first quarter on safety Rodney McLeod — first running through him on a 25-yard catch and hurdling over him on a 13-yard run during a drive to a field goal for a 10-3 lead.

Prescott's TD pass to Witten tied Troy Aikman's rookie franchise record of nine scoring passes after Wentz broke Donovan McNabb's rookie mark of eight from 1999 with his ninth of the season, a 5-yarder to Jordan Matthews that put Philadelphia up 20-10 in the third quarter.

Darren Sproles had a season-high 86 yards rushing on 15 carries for the Eagles. Matthews had 11 catches for 65 yards.

# Raiders cap record day with win over Bucs

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Derek Carr threw a 41-yard touchdown pass to Seth Roberts with 1:45 remaining in overtime, capping a record-breaking day for Oakland in a 30-24 victory over Tampa Bay.

Carr threw for a franchise-record 513 yards, completing 40 of 59 passes without an interception, and the Raiders overcame an NFL-record 23 penalties for 200 yards.

Carr also threw touchdowns to offensive tackle and ex-Buc Donald Penn, Amari Cooper and Mychal Rivera as the Raiders (6-2) improved to 5-0 on the road.

Jameis Winston threw for 180 yards and two touchdowns for the Bucs (3-4), who took a 24-17 lead on a 1-yard run by Jacquizz Rodgers and 2-point conversion.

Carr threw his TD pass to Rivera to tie it with 1:38 remaining, and Sebastian Janikowski missed a 50-yard field

goal as time expired to send it into overtime.

Janikowski misfired again from 52 yards on Oakland's first possession of the extra period.

**Falcons 33, Packers 32:** Matt Ryan threw an 11-yard touchdown pass to Mohamed Sanu with 31 seconds remaining, rallying the host Falcons.

The Falcons (5-3) snapped a two-game losing streak, driving 75 yards for the winning score after Aaron Rodgers put the Packers (4-3) ahead with his fourth TD pass of the game.

**Broncos 27, Chargers 19:** Host Denver took turns picking off and pummeling Philip Rivers.

But defensive coordinator Wade Phillips was taken to a hospital after getting knocked down during Brady Roby's 51-yard touchdown return in the second quarter, tempering their enthusiasm.

**Saints 25, Seahawks 20:** Drew Brees passed for 265 yards and a touchdown and scored on a quarterback

keeper.

The victory wasn't assured until host New Orleans' much-maligned defense, ranked 29th, came up with a stop on Seattle's final drive.

**Panthers 30, Cardinals 20:** Jonathan Stewart ran for 95 yards and two touchdowns, Thomas Davis returned a fumble 46 yards for a score for the host Panthers.

In a game reminiscent of last season's NFC championship, a 49-15 Carolina victory, the Panthers jumped to a 24-0 lead and kept the pressure on Carson Palmer all day.

**Chiefs 30, Colts 14:** Nick Foles threw two touchdown passes in relief of the injured Alex Smith.

It was a rough game for the visiting Chiefs (5-2), who lost Smith twice after hits to the head and finished with Charcandrick West as their only healthy running back.

**Texans 20, Lions 13:** Brock Osweiler bounced back from an ugly performance by throwing

for 186 yards and a touchdown to help the Texans remain perfect at home. Osweiler has struggled in his first season in Houston, but has been better at home where he's thrown eight of his nine touchdown passes.

**Jets 31, Browns 28:** Matt Forte ran for 82 yards and a pair of second-half touchdowns, helping the visiting Jets rally to a second straight victory.

Ryan Fitzpatrick shook off an ugly first half to throw for 222 yards and a touchdown while leading the Jets (3-5) on three long scoring drives after spotting the Browns (0-8) a 13-point lead.

**Patriots 41, Bills 25:** Patriots quarterback Tom Brady asserted his on-field ownership of the host Bills again, matching an NFL record in beating them for the 26th time.

Brady went 22-for-33 for 315 yards and threw four touchdowns. He improved to 26-3 against Buffalo, and matched a record set by Brett Favre, who went 26-9 against Detroit.

## 3 spots up for grabs in Chase

Associated Press

MARTINSVILLE, Va. — Jimmie Johnson is on to NASCAR's championship race, which means Joe Gibbs Racing won't pull off a clean sweep of the final four.

Johnson's win Sunday at Martinsville Speedway clinched him a spot in the title-deciding Nov. 20 race at Homestead-Miami Speedway. With only three slots remaining, the jockeying for a shot at the championship could quickly turn cutthroat.

There's so much on the line, and only two races remaining to set the field. That means the teamwork that has worked so well for JGR this year may quickly be abandoned as every driver races with their own agenda.

"We're in a team business, but we're also in a business to win for our sponsors and ourselves," said JGR driver Denny Hamlin.

"I think at the end, you have to do what's best for yourself."

The crack started to show at JGR immediately after Johnson collected his ninth career victory at Martinsville. A tire problem had already dropped JGR driver Carl Edwards to last in the Chase field, but Hamlin, Matt Kenseth and Kyle Busch had cars capable of winning.

But as the JGR cars ran nose-to-tail in the closing laps, Brad Keselowski slipped past them and grabbed second-place behind Johnson.

Hamlin, Matt Kenseth and Kyle Busch are inside the top four as the series heads to Texas Motor Speedway.

There have been times this season that JGR was the most dominant organization in the garage, and as they advanced all four Toyotas into this round of eight of NASCAR's playoffs, it became a very real possibility they would roll into the final four. Of course, the odds were against a sweep. Johnson made it official.

# OKC rides Westbrook's 2nd triple-double in row

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Russell Westbrook scored 33 points as part of another triple-double to help Oklahoma City beat Los Angeles 112-96 to remain unbeaten.

Westbrook, coming off a 51-point triple-double against the Phoenix Suns on Friday, also had 16 assists and 12 rebounds against the Lakers. According to the Thunder, he joined Magic Johnson, Jerry Lucas and Oscar Robertson as the only players in NBA history with two triple-doubles in the first three games of a season.

The Thunder have won 20 straight regular-season games when Westbrook registers a triple-double. He clinched this one, the 39th of his career, in the third quarter. He ended the game with season averages of 38.7 points, 12.3 rebounds and 11.7 assists.

**Warriors 106, Suns 100:** Kevin Durant scored 37 points, Stephen Curry added 28 and Golden State held off the pesky host Phoenix.

The Warriors didn't seal the victory until Curry's two free throws with 12.9 seconds to play. Durant added a pair of free throws with seven seconds left to provide the final margin.

**Spurs 106, Heat 99:** Kawhi Leonard scored 14 of his 27 points in the final 6:04, doing so with a bandage under his right eye and helping visiting

San Antonio hold off Miami to remain unbeaten.

Hassan Whiteside made his final seven shots and tied a career-high with 27 points for Miami, also grabbing 15 rebounds.

**Rockets 93, Mavericks 92:** James Harden made a free throw with 0.1 seconds left, lifting Houston over Dallas in its home opener.

Harden had 28 points, seven rebounds and seven assists.

**Clippers 88, Jazz 75:** Austin Rivers scored 19 points, Blake Griffin added 18 and Los Angeles routed Utah in its home opener.

George Hill led the Jazz with 18 points and reserve Dante Exum added 10.

**Grizzlies 112, Wizards 103 (OT):** Marc Gasol scored 20 points, including a three-pointer to send the game into overtime, to help host Memphis beat Washington.

The game was tied in regulation after Gasol's three from 27 feet with 15.7 seconds left in regulation tied the score at 100-all. John Wall's 9-foot attempt at the horn was off, sending the game to an extra period.

**Pistons 98, Bucks 83:** Andre Drummond had 20 points and 23 rebounds for host Detroit.

Tobias Harris scored 16 points for Detroit, and Marcus Morris and Ish Smith added 11 each. Giannis Antetokounmpo led Milwaukee with 17.

## Emotional win for Anderson

Associated Press

EDMONTON, Alberta — Craig Anderson leaned on his stick in the hallway behind the Senators' bench and put his head down. The public address announcer said his name, and he lumbered onto the ice, tears flowing during an ovation from the other team's fans.

Anderson made his first start since learning of his wife's cancer diagnosis and had 37 saves for his second shutout in two starts, helping Ottawa beat the Edmonton Oilers 2-0 on Sunday night.

Anderson left the team Thursday to be with his wife, Nicholle, but returned to start this game.

Teammates took turns hugging Anderson after the final

horn, and then Anderson was left to wait alone in the hallway after being named the game's first star. The Edmonton crowd gave him a rousing cheer when he emerged, and among those clapping was Oilers goalie Cam Talbot, who had been named the No. 2 star.

It was Anderson's 35th career shutout, and he hasn't allowed a goal in 121:54.

**Blackhawks 3, Kings 0:** Corey Crawford made 32 saves, Jonathan Toews and Marian Hossa each had a power-play goal and host Chicago beat Los Angeles.

**Flyers 4, Hurricanes 3:** Brandon Manning scored the tiebreaking short-handed goal early in the third period, and Philadelphia held on to beat host Carolina.

**Lightning 5, Red Wings 2:** Colton Sceviour scored three goals — one at even strength, one on the power play and one short-handed — for his first career hat trick and added an assist to lead visiting Florida.

**Sabres 3, Jets 1:** Kyle Okposo scored twice to help visiting Buffalo beat Winnipeg.

**Islanders 5, Maple Leafs 1:** Brock Nelson and Shane Prince each had a goal and an assist, Thomas Greiss stopped 33 shots, and host New York snapped a two-game skid.

**Rangers 6, Lightning 1:** Michael Grabner scored three goals for his third career hat trick to help host New York win for the fourth time in five games.

**Capitals 3, Flames 1:** Marcus Johansson scored twice to lead visiting Washington.