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## DOD: Anthrax breach wider than reported

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The Department of Defense mistakenly shipped live anthrax to all 50 states and nine countries, the Pentagon said Tuesday, confirming a much wider breach than it first reported.

According to the latest data released online by the Defense Department, the number of labs receiving shipments from the Army's Dugway Proving Ground in Utah has more than doubled to 194 from the original number confirmed by the Pentagon.

The release of most recent data, through Sept. 1, was updated online weeks ago, but the exact numbers were not discussed in a formal brief-

ing, Pentagon spokesman Navy Capt. Jeff Davis said Wednesday.

In June, Pentagon spokesman Col. Steve Warren told Stars and Stripes that Osan Air Base in South Korea and a remote Pentagon security office were among 52 facilities in 17 states and three countries that had been notified that samples of the biological weapon they received might have inadvertently contained live spores. "No other overseas military facilities received anthrax samples," he said at the time.

The Pentagon said the numbers of labs and countries would rise as more samples were tested, and figures released since June have shown the growing

reach of the mistake.

At a briefing with reporters Wednesday, the Pentagon had no information on whether these updated figures represented the final reach of the shipped samples, or whether all of the countries impacted had been notified.

According to the most recent data, shipments from Dugway were inadvertently sent to:

- 194 labs — government labs, university labs and corporate labs.

- Nine foreign countries — Japan, United Kingdom, Korea, Australia, Canada, Italy, Germany, Norway and Switzerland.

- 50 states and the District of Columbia.

- Guam, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The shipments, which occurred over the last 12 years, have not been tied to any known exposures or sickness, although the department had 31 personnel on preventative treatments in case they'd been exposed. Twenty-two of those were stationed in South Korea. The rest were scattered at facilities throughout the U.S.

The Defense Department "ships inactivated samples of anthrax spores to outside labs for research and development of DOD countermeasures to protect U.S. troops, allies, partners and the American public from biological attack," according to its website.

## SIGAR: Afghan ministries are failing refugees

*Stars and Stripes*

KABUL, Afghanistan — Millions of Afghans displaced by decades of war and economic malaise continue to face problems due to the corruption and incompetence of government ministries responsible for helping them, a U.S. watchdog agency said Thursday.

Despite nearly \$1 billion in U.S. aid money and the efforts of international organizations like the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the true number of Afghan refugees in countries like Pakistan and Iran remains unverified, and the Afghan government is unable to effectively help refugees who try to return home or are otherwise internally displaced, according to a report by the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction.

Nearly 4 million Afghans

are refugees in other countries or internally displaced within Afghanistan, according to U.N. estimates. Afghans make up one of the largest groups of refugees currently seeking asylum in Europe, with many taking a hazardous route across the Mediterranean Sea. And officials report a spike in the number of Afghans applying for passports and visas to leave the country.

At the heart of the problems for refugees who do return, either voluntarily or otherwise, according to SIGAR, was the Afghan government's failure to implement the so-called Solutions Strategy, a joint program between Afghanistan, Pakistan and Iran that calls for the countries to help Afghan refugees who voluntarily return and to provide aid, such as new land for homes.

Under the administration of former President Hamid Kar-

zai, the Ministry of Refugees and Repatriation was viewed as so corrupt and incompetent that the U.S. State Department and the U.N. ended most of their financial aid to the ministry, the audit reported. Other government ministries that have responsibilities for helping displaced Afghans have shown little inclination to pitch in, the report added.

"The new Afghan national unity government has indicated its intent and commitment to addressing these issues" within the refugees ministry, the report concluded. "However, until the (ministry) is able to identify returnee needs and communicate those needs to other ministries responsible for implementing Afghanistan's national priority programs, effectively implement the Land Allocation Scheme, and address ongoing corruption issues, refugees will continue to

face challenges (reintegrating) into Afghanistan."

In 2011, for example, a State Department probe found that of 266,000 families who had applied for land, only 38,000 had received plots, and only 9,200 of those had moved in. In 2013, a U.N. investigation found that refugee ministry officials had misappropriated at least \$117,000 through forged documents and other illegal measures.

Those failures have a cascading effect on efforts to help refugees still in other countries, the report's authors said. "This not only undermines U.S. and other donor efforts to address the ongoing Afghan refugee situation, but also discourages the Pakistani and Iranian governments from abiding by their commitments under the Solutions Strategy to support Afghan refugees residing in their countries."

# US murder probe leaves Afghans dubious

*The Washington Post*

MAIDAN SHAHR, Afghanistan — For the villagers of Nerkh district, it's a matter of too little, too late.

Too little: The decision by the U.S. military, first reported last week, to reopen a criminal investigation into the murders of at least 18 Afghan civilians, who were allegedly slain by an Army Special Forces A-team.

Too late: The killings unfolded between 2012 and 2013. With so much time having passed, few expect that justice will be served.

"I have not the slightest belief in this inquiry," said Esmatullah, a student who, like many

Afghans, uses only one name. "It's like throwing dust into the eyes of the people."

The unsolved murders remain among the most sensitive controversies of the American military presence in Afghanistan.

Allegations of the murders first surfaced in November 2012, when villagers in Nerkh accused the U.S. Special Forces A-team unit of arresting and abusing family members in the Taliban-infested area. The disappearances of villagers continued until early 2013, triggering protests in Wardak province, where Nerkh is located. That prompted then-President Hamid Karzai to order an investigation. He also ordered

the A-team to leave the province, which it did in April 2013.

Shortly thereafter, human remains were found buried near the A-team's base. Afghan authorities, using clothing and possessions found at the sites, identified the bodies of 10 men who had been taken into custody by U.S. forces, according to Human Rights Watch. Eight other men were also believed to have been killed in operations linked to the A-team.

At the time, the U.S. military denied the allegations. It said several investigations had found that neither U.S. forces nor other military coalition members were responsible for

the killings, but none of those probes was a criminal one. The military did open and close a separate 2013 criminal investigation into the matter.

It is not clear when the U.S. military decided to reopen the investigation, or why.

At a bus stand in Maidan Shahr, the provincial capital, villagers arriving from Nerkh wondered how an investigation more than 2½ years later could bring closure.

"An inquiry into the killings is good," said Mohammad Khalil, an elderly shop owner. "But it will have to be done by a neutral body. If not, it will have no meaning to us."

## Obama secures Iran deal votes

*Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama secured a landmark foreign policy victory over ferocious opposition from Republicans and the government of Israel when Democratic Sen. Barbara Mikulski became the 34th vote in favor of the Iran nuclear deal.

Mikulski's backing gives supporters the margin they need to uphold an expected Obama veto of a congressional resolution of disapproval that Republicans hope to pass later this month.

It spells failure for opponents of the international agreement who sought to foil it by turning Congress against it. Leading that effort were Israel and its allies in the U.S., who failed to get traction after spending millions of dollars trying.

The agreement signed by Iran, the U.S. and five other world powers limits Iran's nuclear program in exchange for relief from hundreds of billions of dollars in sanctions. Republicans and Israeli leaders contend that concessions made to Iran could empower that country, which has sworn to destroy Israel.

"No deal is perfect, especially one negotiated with the Iranian regime," Mikulski said in a statement. "I have concluded that this Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action is the best option available to block Iran from having a nuclear bomb. For these reasons, I will vote in favor of this deal."

## 2 wounded, dog dead in mix-up

*Associated Press*

ATLANTA — Tama Colson was finishing an evening walk when she saw the police cars speed into her neighborhood. As she approached her home she heard a loud "pop-pop-pop" and saw her neighbors fleeing into their yard two houses down.

"They shot me and they shot my dog!" one neighbor yelled as his wife ran screaming, according to Colson.

The shooters were DeKalb County police officers who were dispatched Monday night to check out a possible burglary reported at a southeast Atlanta home, authorities said. The officers went to the wrong house. The consequences were bloody.

Authorities said Tuesday the responding officers shot homeowner Christopher McKinley, killed his dog and "likely" shot a fellow officer, Travis Jones, leaving him seriously wounded.

Lacking an exact address for the home, the officers were sent in the dark to a neighborhood where many houses look similar. Three officers found a home they thought matched a description provided by a 911 caller, but were unable to make contact with anyone inside, according to a statement from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation. They entered through an unlocked rear door and two officers fired their guns at a dog, killing it.

McKinley, 36, was also shot in the leg by police, GBI officials said. Jones was shot in the hip.

## N. Korean airline rated world's worst

*Associated Press*

PYONGYANG, North Korea — If an Air Koryo passenger ignores its no-photography rule, a flight attendant might take the camera and delete the pictures herself. Crumpling up a newspaper bearing the image of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un can earn travelers a stern lecture, or worse.

Those are among many quirks that may help explain why North Korea's airline has been ranked the world's worst airline for four straight years. Air Koryo is the only carrier to have been awarded just one star in rankings released recently by the U.K.-based SkyTrax consultancy agency. More than 180 airlines are included in the five-star ranking system, which is considered the global benchmark of airline standards.

Some experts and passengers disagree with the "world's worst" title.

"It's a bit of a giggle, actually. They are clearly not the world's worst airline," said Simon Cockerell, of the Koryo Group, a Beijing-based travel agency that specializes in North Korea. The agency has no relation to Air Koryo, though Cockerell and his tourists often fly on the airline.

Cockerell said Air Koryo's weaknesses tend to be the kind of thing SkyTrax focuses on: Cabin attendants tend not to speak foreign languages very well; there is no magazine; the meals aren't going to win any awards; and, on older planes, condensation from the cooling systems tended to dampen seats and drip on passengers.

# No second thoughts for TCU Petersen ready to visit Boise

Associated Press

FORT WORTH, Texas — TCU coach Gary Patterson wants his No. 2 Horned Frogs focused on winning their season opener instead of trying to live up to their highest ranking in the preseason.

"The worst thing that can happen to us is worry that we have to play like a No. 2 team in the country," Patterson said Tuesday. "We only have to worry about that at the end of the season."

The Frogs, who finished 12-1 with a share of the Big 12 title last season but were left out of the first College Football Playoff, open Thursday night at Big Ten team Minnesota. Patterson goes into his 15th season as head coach with the same approach as always.

"For us, how you leave Minneapolis with a one-point victory, is what we're trying to accomplish. If it can be 25, great," he said. "But for us, we're not trying to say that we have to live up to a No. 2 ranking."

Asked about the demeanor of his team, Patterson said things were probably a lot calmer on the offensive side.

Trevone Boykin finished fourth in the Heisman Trophy voting last season and is considered an early 2015 front-runner for the award. The senior quarterback is among 10 returning offensive starters after the Frogs averaged 47 points and 533 total yards per game in the debut of

their new scheme.

"Defensively, we'll probably have walk-throughs all the way up to when we get on the bus to go to the stadium," Patterson said. "Maybe that's just me, not them."

Patterson oversees the TCU defense like he has been since arriving as coordinator in 1998. Six of the top seven tacklers from last season are gone, including both linebackers in the 4-2-5 scheme. That will leave the Frogs depending on freshmen at several positions.

Since Patterson hadn't released a depth chart, it was unclear which freshmen had cracked the starting lineup and how many others would be part of the rotation. But he sounded optimistic about what could happen this season.

"I think this defense, every week, if we can stay healthy, is going to keep getting better and better and better. We're faster than what we were, have youth in places we wish we were a little bit older," he said. "I've probably pushed this group to grow up, as far as knowing the defense, from how physically you play and everything, and now we'll see Thursday night."

At the same time, Patterson said it will be much easier if the offense goes out and scores points and, "you're not trying to win a game 17-14 with a young defense."

Patterson said there is one mistake he won't repeat on the defensive side like he did in the first half of last season when

the Frogs starting scoring a lot of points.

"I tried to play defense off the offense," said the coach, who then reverted to his old ways. "I went back to calling defense the way I called defense. I'm going to act like we're not going to score any."

With Boykin and Co., TCU could now be closer than ever to reaching the pinnacle of its pyramid of goals — a national championship. That pyramid, reset each season, has long been a constant reminder hanging in their meeting room. There are plenty of building blocks that have to be colored in purple to get to the top, just like when the Frogs went to two BCS games as Mountain West Conference champions.

"Our team goals have not changed. It's been the same since I stepped on campus," said Boykin, who averaged 300 yards passing and 54 yards rushing per game last season, when he accounted for 42 touchdowns.

Boykin was the Big 12's top offensive player last season and finished fourth in the voting for the Heisman Trophy, for which he is now considered an early 2015 front-runner.

"He knows that if we don't win a lot of ballgames, all the rest of the hype doesn't matter," Patterson said. "He can throw for a gazillion yards and not be the Heisman Trophy winner if we go 6-6."

## Petersen ready to visit Boise

Associated Press

The Harris Ranch neighborhood sits about five miles from campus, off a road that continues into the foothills and the popular Lucky Peak reservoir.

This is where Chris Petersen decided to put down roots. Those roots were not just isolated to the area a short drive — or jog for avid runner Petersen — from the blue football field he helped launch into prominence in 13 years as a resident of Boise, Idaho, including eight years as head coach of Boise State.

Petersen's roots spread. He played a key role in building an identity for a school that started out as an upstart little guy trying to take down the behemoths, and then building them into a college football powerhouse.

He may be the most revered resident Boise has ever had.

"I just kind of always have been one of those guys that, wherever I was going, I was thinking I'm staying for a long time," said Petersen, who returns to Boise next Friday night as he starts his second season as coach of the Washington Huskies. "I never wanted to take a job thinking I'm trying to take another job, and I never have. Being able to stay a long time was great and a bonus, but you go there thinking that."

"You don't go there thinking, 'Oh I don't know, hope we can stay here for a while.' You think, 'This is going to be a good place and going to stay here for a while,' and it worked out."

Next week, though, he will be clad in some shade of purple with the 'W' of Washington prominently placed. It's a logo and color combination never seen on the blue turf with Petersen dressed in those Huskies' colors.

Surely, his return will be welcome, at least for a while. There doesn't seem to be much resentment over his departure. He simply will be the other coach. If there are boos, they'll be muffled. Signs? Maybe. But they're more likely to say "Thank You Pete" than "Good Riddance."

The night should be a mix of excitement — for Boise State's season and an appreciation of what Petersen created. A brand. A destination. An identity. Just about everything that has endeared Petersen to the community and region.

"The bigger surprise is that he stayed as long as he did," said former athletic director Gene Bleymaier, who hired Peterson at Boise State. "I think there comes a time in most coaches' careers where a timer goes off and they're ready for a change or feel like they need a change of scenery and situation. I think what was remarkable is that Pete stayed there so long."

Then there's Petersen. "I know what that environment is like, and whether it's good, bad, whatever, that lasts five seconds and then it's on," Petersen said.

## AAC adds Navy, title game to close gap

The Associated Press

NEWPORT, R.I. — Cincinnati coach Tommy Tuberville isn't fond of the divide that has the American Athletic Conference on the outside of the five power conferences in college football.

Tuberville, whose Bearcats (9-4 in 2014) are favored to win the AAC this season ahead of Memphis, said there are really only a few teams in the nation that have the ability to compete for a title every year, no matter what the league.

"The rest of them are about like we are," he said. "They are trying to fight their way in."

The AAC has made some changes for its third season, hoping to help teams battle their way onto the national stage. The American went just 4-22 against Power Five schools in 2014.

Navy, which had been a football independent for 134 years, becomes the 12th member of the league, allowing the AAC to divide into two divisions and play a lucrative conference championship game at the end of the season.

The Eastern Division will include the four remaining teams from the old Big East Conference — Cincinnati, UConn, South Florida and Temple — along with UCF and East Carolina. Navy, despite its geographic location, will be in the West with Houston, Memphis, SMU, Tulane and Tulsa.

Tom Herman, who was offensive coordinator at Ohio State before becoming Houston's head coach, said the AAC may not be the Big 10, but it has something that conference does not — parity.

"At the end of the day when Ohio State lines up and plays the 14th best team in the Big Ten, you're chalking that one up as a win," Herman said. "I don't think when Cincinnati or Memphis lines up to play the 10th or 11th best team in our league, anybody chalks it up as an automatic win."

Here are some other things to watch as the AAC enters its third season:

**New coaches:** Herman is just one of four new head coaches on the AAC sidelines this season. SMU's Chad Morris was hired from Clemson, where he was the offensive coordinator and national assistant coach of the year in 2013. Tulsa coach Philip Montgomery coached the offense at Baylor, which had the na-

tion's fifth-best passing offense last season and the nation's best total offensive production in 2013. Navy's Ken Niumatalalo is also new to the conference, though he's been at the helm of that football program since 2007.

**Long season:** In admitting Navy to the AAC, the conference agreed to allow the Midshipmen to continue scheduling Army in its traditional December slot as the last college football game of the regular season. This year's Army-Navy game is scheduled for Dec. 12, a week after the American Athletic Conference's inaugural championship game.

That means the Midshipmen conceivably could win the conference title before finishing their regular season.

**Temple's challenge:** Temple, which was left out of a bowl game despite being eligible at 6-6 last season, has a couple of chances to make a statement on a national stage at home this season. The Owls open by hosting Penn State on Sept. 5. Temple then welcomes Notre Dame to Philadelphia on Halloween.

**Confidence:** UConn coach Bob Diaco is coming off a 2-10 season in his first year as a head coach, but is not lacking in confidence. The Huskies were picked to finish last in their division. But when Diaco made a bold prediction.

"We're going to win every game," Diaco said. "We're going to play as one of four teams in the playoffs and win a national championship."

**Manufactured rivalry:** UCF coach George O'Leary seems to be warming to the idea of a rivalry game with UConn. Earlier this summer the Huskies tweeted out a picture of a trophy the school created for what it is calling the "Civil ConFLICT." The Huskies only conference win last year was a 37-29 victory over UCF, giving the Knights their only conference loss. UCF, which already has a conference rival in South Florida (recently moved to Thanksgiving), quickly responded by saying it had no part in creating a rivalry game with UConn. But O'Leary told reporters at the conference's media days that he understands why Diaco is trying to build up the game and said he hopes UConn brings the trophy with it on Oct. 10.



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# Wozniacki wins opener easily

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Caroline Wozniacki crashed John Isner's post-match news conference, needling her good friend for arriving late to his interview session and delaying the start of hers.

The fourth-seeded Wozniacki was in quite a hurry Tuesday, when she needed just 67 minutes to win at the U.S. Open against an opponent making her Grand Slam debut. Those sorts of lopsided victories have been rare among the top women so far in the first round.

Of the first 25 seeded players to take the court, nine lost. Half of the top 10 women are already out, counting third-seeded Maria Sharapova's withdrawal because of injury.

A record 12 midmatch retirements in the first round. The previous mark for most players quitting because of injury or illness during any round of any Grand Slam tournament in the professional era, which dates to 1968, was nine in the first round of the 2011 U.S. Open.

Ten men and two women have dropped out so far, including five Tuesday: Thanasi Kokkinakis, Marcos Baghdatis, Ernests

Gulbis, Aleksandr Nedovyesov and Marina Erakovic.

This comes in a year when the main spectacle is whether Serena Williams can complete the first Grand Slam since Steffi Graf in 1988. Less than two days into the tournament, fewer and fewer top rivals stand in her way.

Sixth-seeded Lucie Safarova, who pushed Williams to three sets in the French Open final, was upset by 37th-ranked Lesia Tsurenko earlier Tuesday. She said after losing 6-4, 6-1 that she was bothered by a strained abdominal muscle on her right side.

Like Wozniacki, second-seeded Simona Halep had no trouble, moving on in 47 minutes on a hot, humid day when Erakovic retired in the second set. Halep was leading 6-2, 3-0.

Wozniacki, last year's U.S. Open runner-up to Williams, beat NCAA champion Jamie Loeb 6-2, 6-0. The 20-year-old Loeb earned a wild card into the draw by winning the college title as a sophomore at North Carolina.

On the men's side, second-seeded Roger Federer routed Leonardo Mayer of Argentina 6-1, 6-2, 6-2 in a brisk 77 min-

utes. The 34th-ranked Mayer had given the 17-time Grand Slam champion trouble in their only previous meeting, when Federer saved five match points to win in three sets in Shanghai last year.

"I actually wasn't so confident yesterday and today," he said. "I just felt like maybe could be one of those matches I just couldn't see it coming. So thankfully I took this match extremely serious. I thought at times almost I was taking it a bit too serious. I got that lucky in Shanghai, so that's why it was just creeping around in my mind that maybe today was going to be a bad day."

In the tournament's most-anticipated first-round matchup, No. 3-seeded Andy Murray hit 18 aces, saved 11 of 14 break points and, perhaps most importantly, stayed steady in the face of Nick Kyrgios' various distractions, putting together a 7-5, 6-3, 4-6, 6-1 victory.

American Donald Young rallied from down two sets and a break to stun 11th-seeded Gilles Simon. The 68th-ranked Young won 2-6, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4 in 3 hours, 34 minutes with a packed Court 17 urging him on.

# Saints battling injuries

Associated Press

METAIRIE, La. — Saints coach Sean Payton is willing to concede that New Orleans' preseason hasn't been ideal as far as creating cohesion among projected regulars.

A handful of veterans who were expected to compete for starting or regular roles haven't practiced or played much at all in several weeks, and one of them is already out for the season.

"Some of that you can't control and it's not just unique to our team. It's pretty common in the league," Payton said after practice Tuesday evening. "You'd like to have your starting units intact and yet that's not always the case."

Cornerback Brandon Browner, linebacker Dannell Ellerbe, running back C.J. Spiller and linebacker Anthony Spencer were all brought in this past offseason in the hope they could play significant roles while providing veteran leadership at their position groups.

On Tuesday, the Saints placed Spencer on injured reserve, ending his season. Spiller has yet to play in a preseason game and hasn't practiced in weeks. Browner and Ellerbe were both hurt in the early stages of the opening preseason game at Baltimore on Aug. 13 and Payton hasn't provided timelines for their returns.

Meanwhile, former Pro Bowl safety Jairus Byrd, the Saints' most significant offseason acquisition in 2014, has been on the physically unable to perform list this training camp after missing the last 12 games of last season with a knee injury.

New Orleans (0-3) closes its preseason slate at Green Bay on Thursday night, and then preparations start for the season opener at Arizona on Sept. 13.

"Continuity is important. Obviously, the more [snaps] you can have together, that's important, especially as a comfort level going into the season," quarterback Drew Brees said, referring to the absence of key veterans for much of the preseason. "But all these guys have played enough football and they're all smart guys. They're professionals."

"So, even though maybe they haven't been out there ... you know that they've been around," Brees continued. "You know that they've been in meetings. You know that they will be ready to go when they're healthy and when they are able."

Kevin Williams is another veteran who was brought in play a regular role. So far, he has remained healthy and is on track to start at defensive tackle.

He said experienced players like Browner know what to do when they step back on the field after an absence and are able to keep up with their assignments by attending meetings. Conditioning is their biggest concern, he said.

And if it turns out that some projected regulars remain unavailable, "Most teams look at it as: You're only as good as your backups anyway," Williams said.

Payton's own decade of experience since receiving his only head coaching job helps him keep his cool when it comes to circumstances beyond his control.

"Every team at this point in the year gets anxious to start the regular season," Payton said. "That same anxious feeling exists with how your team is going to be, how it is going to come together, how your (53-man active roster) is going to shape up — because some of those things still aren't decided — and then how are they going to play early on in the season?"

# Yankees rally to beat Porcello, Red Sox

Associated Press

BOSTON — Brett Gardner homered and Stephen Drew hit a two-run double as the New York Yankees pieced together just enough offense to overcome Rick Porcello's career-high 13 strikeouts and beat the Boston Red Sox 3-1 on Tuesday night.

Porcello (6-12) scattered five hits over eight innings and the only earned run he allowed was Gardner's solo homer in the eighth. However, the Red Sox gave him little support at the plate, stranding seven runners.

Michael Pineda (10-8) pitched six strong innings for the Yankees, scattering four hits and striking out seven and Andrew Miller picked up his 29th save as New York evened the series at one game apiece.

Boston had a promising rally going in the eighth that quickly fizzled on an attempted double steal.

**Marlins 7, Braves 1:** Justin Nicolino (3-2) pitched seven scoreless innings, Justin Bour hit a three-run homer, and visiting Miami beat hapless Atlanta again.

Nicolino shut down the Braves with help from a pair of double plays. Atlanta lost for the 14th time in 15 games, including the last seven in a row, but at least avoided its second straight shutout when A.J. Pierzynski drove in a run with a two-out single in the eighth off Erik Cordier.

**Rays 11, Orioles 2:** J.P. Arencibia homered and drove in six runs to back an impressive pitching performance by Drew Smyly (2-2), and visiting Tampa Bay cruised past Baltimore.

Brandon Guyer had four hits for the Rays, who scored four runs in both the fourth and fifth innings to send the Orioles to their 12th loss in 13 games. Tampa Bay has won three in a row to get back to .500 and stay in the hunt for the final AL wild card spot.

**Blue Jays 5, Indians 3 (10):** Ryan Goins hit a two-run homer in the bottom of the 10th inning and host Toronto snapped Cleveland's six-game winning streak.

Yan Gomes hit two home runs and Michael Brantley also connected but it wasn't enough for the Indians.

**Phillies 14, Mets 8:** Darin Ruf homered and had a career-high six RBIs, helping visiting Philadelphia emphatically end its 10-game losing streak to New York.

Leadoff batter Darnell Sweeney drove in three runs for the last-place Phillies, who won for the second time in 15 meetings with the NL East leaders this season. Andres Blanco hit a two-run double and scored twice in an eight-run sixth, Philadelphia's biggest inning of the year. The Phillies scored the eight runs on only three hits.

**Brewers 7, Pirates 4:** Jimmy Nelson (11-10) pitched seven dominant innings and host Milwaukee hit Pittsburgh ace Gerrit Cole for five early runs.

Nelson gave up four hits, didn't walk a batter and struck out six.

**Cubs 5, Reds 4:** Kyle Schwarber hit a go-ahead two-run home run in the seventh inning, and Kris Bryant had three hits to lead host Chicago.

Schwarber sent a deep drive into the left-center field bleachers on a 3-2 pitch from Burke Badenhop (1-4). The blast scored Dexter Fowler, who had singled with two outs.

**Twins 8, White Sox 6:** Miguel Sano's towering home run tied the game for his team in the seventh inning, and two Chicago errors aided the go-ahead rally in the eighth to help host Minnesota win.

Eduardo Escobar's leadoff double, his third hit, started the trouble for Zach Duke (3-5), who threw away a sacrifice bunt attempt by Kurt Suzuki for one run. Third baseman Tyler Saladino let a grounder go through his legs, and the Twins scored twice more on a single and a sacrifice fly.

**Tigers 6, Royals 5:** Justin Verlander (3-6) threw his fifth consecutive quality start, and Ian Kinsler homered and drove in three runs to help visiting Detroit snap a four-game losing streak.

The Tigers had lost nine of 10 to drop into last place in the AL Central.

**Mariners 7, Astros 5:** Logan Morrison's tiebreaking two-run pinch-hit homer in the eighth inning lifted visiting Seattle past Houston.

The game was tied 5-5 when Morrison hit the third pinch-hit homer of his career,

sending a pitch from Pat Neshek (3-4) into the seats in right field.

**Cardinals 8, Nationals 5:** Brandon Moss hit a three-run walk-off home run with two outs in the ninth to lift host St. Louis.

The NL Central-leading Cardinals have won nine of 10 and lead the division by six games. They've won nine in a row over Washington, coming from behind the last two nights.

**Diamondbacks 6-5, Rockies 4-3:** A.J. Pollock hit a tiebreaking two-run homer, Paul Goldschmidt also homered to help visiting Arizona complete a doubleheader sweep.

Phil Gosselin homered and drove in four runs to lead Arizona to a win in the first game. It was the second time this season the Diamondbacks swept a doubleheader from Colorado.

**Rangers 8, Padres 6:** Elvis Andrus singled in the go-ahead run and then stole home to cap a four-run seventh inning, and Prince Fielder hit a two-run homer as visiting Texas held off San Diego.

The seventh inning started with reliever Marc Rzepczynski (0-1) getting the first two outs before the Rangers broke a 4-all tie on Andrus' bases-loaded single off Sean Kelley. Two more runs scored on catcher Derek Norris' error on the play. Andrus capped off the inning with a straight steal of home.

**Angels 6, Athletics 2:** Kole Calhoun had three hits, including his 21st home run of the season, to back a strong start by Matt Shoemaker, and visiting Los Angeles snapped a four-game losing streak.

David Freese singled and scored in his return to the Angels' lineup after missing more than a month with a fractured right index finger. Carlos Perez added two hits while Mike Trout also singled and scored for the Angels.

**Dodgers 2, Giants 1:** Zack Greinke (15-3) beat Madison Bumgarner (16-7) in a premier pitching matchup, and first-place host Los Angeles beat second-place San Francisco.

The Dodgers increased their division lead to 5 1/2 games after taking the series opener 5-4 in 14 innings in a game that ended at 12:39 a.m. PST Tuesday. They have won seven of their last eight.