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## Navy: Case would highlight sex abuse scandal

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Last fall, the Navy Department had a controversial disciplinary case before it: Maj. Jason C. Brezler had been asked by Marine colleagues to submit all the information he had about an influential Afghan police chief suspected of abusing children. Brezler sent a classified document in response over an unclassified Yahoo email server, and he self-reported the mistake soon after. But the Marine Corps recommended that he be discharged for mishandling classified material.

The Navy Department, which oversees the Marine Corps, had the ability to uphold or overturn the decision. However, rather than just looking at the merits of the case, Navy officials also assessed that holding new hearings on the case would renew attention on the scandal surrounding child sex abuse in Afghanistan, according to

military documents newly disclosed in federal court.

The documents, filed Tuesday in a lawsuit by Brezler against the Navy Department and the Marine Corps, also show that Marine and Navy officials in Afghanistan were aware in 2012 of allegations of abuse against children by the Afghan police chief but that the chief was allowed to keep his position in Helmand province anyway. This became a major issue after a teenage boy who worked for the chief — and allegedly was abused by him — opened fire on a U.S. base Aug. 10, 2012, killing three Marines and badly wounding a fourth.

The five-page legal review, written last October by Lt. Cmdr. Nicholas Kassotis for Vice Adm. James W. Crawford III, the judge advocate general of the Navy, recommended that the Marine Corps' actions against Brezler be upheld. Calling for a new administrative review, known

as a Board of Inquiry, would delay actions in the case another six to nine months and possibly increase attention on the case, "especially in the aftermath of significant media attention to the allegations regarding the practice of keeping personal sex slaves in Afghanistan," Kassotis wrote. A month later in November, acting assistant Navy secretary Scott Lutterloh upheld the Marine Corps' decision.

Brezler's case has drawn new attention in recent months as critics of presidential candidate Hillary Clinton have compared her email controversy to Brezler's, noting that the officer's military career is on the brink of being over. He sued the Marine Corps and Navy Department in 2014, saying that he was a victim of reprisal for discussing his case with a member of Congress, and it has languished in court since. Brezler wants to block his dismissal, which is now on hold.

## Attacks in Kabul never more gruesome, deadly

BY PHILLIP WALTER WELLMAN

*Stars and Stripes*

KABUL, Afghanistan — Col. Abdul Azim Oriakhel, who has been managing disasters in Afghanistan for more than 30 years, says his job has never been more gruesome than it is today.

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"It's getting worse because the enemy are using new tactics," Oriakhel said. "Day to day, they use new techniques to try to cause more damage and kill more people ... things have got worse since my experience started, for sure."

Despite America's 15-year military presence in Afghanistan and the investment of

more than \$100 billion in the country, the security situation here remains uncertain. Attacks in the capital are becoming deadlier.

Last month, a suicide bombing in Kabul claimed by the Islamic State group left 80 people dead and more than 200 injured. A Taliban attack on the city in April killed 60 and injured more than 300.

Oriakhel said the most disturbing moment of his career occurred in the past year, after a bombing outside a hospital in central Kabul.

"I found a mother holding a child after the explosion," he recalled. "The child was crying, but the mother, who was holding the child very tightly, didn't have a head. She was beheaded in the blast. That was the worst moment for me."

The Afghan men employed by the Disaster Management Department, which also deals with traditional emergencies such as fires and earthquakes, witness all of the carnage.

When called to an insurgent attack, a security team arrives first to secure the area, followed by a health team, and lastly the cleaning team, which gathers any body parts and washes blood away.

Some workers have found it difficult to cope.

A Taliban attack on a bus carrying foreign security guards in Kabul in June left most of the victims decapitated. One worker was put in charge of collecting the heads. He passed out.

Gen. Maboob Amiri, who leads the Disaster Management Department, said most of his employees have become inured to seeing such atrocities.

"It's becoming very normal for our personnel," he said.

Some analysts say that as the Taliban and the Islamic State group find it increasingly difficult to achieve decisive success on the battlefield, the militants see terrorist attacks — especially in the capital — as their best option to make an impact.

"We expect such situations," said Osmatullah, an employee of the Disaster Management Department, who like many Afghans uses only one name. He said that after witnessing particularly bloody scenes in recent months, he and his colleagues expect the worst when they are called to an attack.

"Even before we reach the incident, we have bad images in our minds."

# California revokes ITT Technical Institute's GI Bill approval

BY ALEX HORTON  
*Stars and Stripes*

SAN ANTONIO — California revoked GI Bill approval for all 15 campuses of ITT Technical Institute on Thursday, a decision that will affect more than 1,300 California veterans and beneficiaries at the troubled for-profit school.

The California State Approving Agency for Veterans Education, which grants authority to state-based universities to enroll students in the GI Bill, said the move was to “protect the hard-earned GI Bill education benefits for California veterans,” according to a statement.

The agency's decision to disapprove GI Bill usage at ITT was based on the company's failure to comply with federal and state regulations.

The accrediting agency responsible for certifying ITT has doubts the school would come under legal compliance, according to its corporate filings. The U.S. Department of Education required ITT to pay more than \$250 million in assurances to offset losses in federal loans if the company went under, *Stars and Stripes* reported last week.

States have ultimate authority to approve which programs can receive federal government tuition from the Post-9/11 GI Bill, which is administered by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

A university closure produces unique challenges for veterans. The GI Bill is not considered federal student aid, and students using the benefit cannot recoup benefits if their program folds, said James Schmeling, an official at SVA.

Proposed legislation, currently stalled in Congress, would allow veterans to recover some benefits used if a university goes under, said Ryan Gallucci, a legislation expert at Veterans of Foreign Wars.

ITT's dramatic spiral has some students on edge.

Chelsea Langston, an Army veteran who served in Iraq, is five classes short of completing her bachelor's degree in electrical engineering at ITT in Jacksonville, Fla. She is set to graduate in June 2017.

Langston said a local college and the University of Phoenix, another for-profit school, are unlikely to accept transfer credits from ITT, leaving her with few choices other than starting over and paying thousands of dollars in tuition out of pocket.

Another quarter at ITT starts Sept. 12, she said, but she's not sure whether it is worth attending if the school has a chance of going under.

“If they close their doors before I graduate, I'm screwed,” Langston said. “I don't get those months back. So where am I going to go?”

# Turkish tanks cross into Syria

*Associated Press*

ISTANBUL — Turkish tanks have crossed into Syria to the west of a frontier town seized from the Islamic State group last week, in a “new phase” of an operation aimed at sealing off the last stretch of border controlled by the extremists.

The Dogan news agency reported at least 20 tanks and five armored personnel carriers crossed at the Turkish border town of Elbeyli, across from the Syrian town of al-Rai.

The tanks linked up with Turkish-backed Syrian rebels, who are participating in operation Euphrates Shield.

The official Anadolu News Agency said that “with this new phase of the operation, the Azaz-Jarablus line is expected to be cleared of terror elements.”

Turkish-backed Syrian rebels said they had captured three more villages to the west of Jarablus from the Islamic State group, bringing them to 13 miles from those positioned at al-Rai. The gap is the last remaining stretch of the Syrian border under Islamic State control.

Three rockets fired from territory in Syria held by the Islamic State Group struck the Turkish town of Kilis, some 19 miles from Elbeyli, according to the Turkish governor's office, which said one person was lightly wounded.

The Turkish Armed Forces responded with howitzers, striking two weapons pits and bunkers, and “destroying the locations and the Daesh terrorists there,” Anadolu said, referring to the Islamic State group by an Arabic acronym.

Turkey and allied Syrian rebels have also fought U.S.-backed Kurdish forces known as the People's Protection Units, or YPG, around Jarablus. Turkey views the YPG as an extension of the Kurdistan Workers' Party, or the PKK, which Turkey and its allies consider a terrorist organization.

# Violence jeopardizes Syria talks

*Associated Press*

GENEVA — With war trumping peace efforts in recent weeks in Syria, U.N.-mediated talks sputtered over another missed deadline to resume this past week. Analysts say patience is waning and prospects for a deal brokered by the United Nations are wearing thin.

U.N. special envoy Staffan de Mistura on Thursday shrugged off his inability to meet two target dates in August to bring envoys from President Bashar Assad's government and the main opposition back to the table in Geneva.

De Mistura blamed the “militarization” of Syria's crisis for his failure and again deferred to Russia and the United States to lead the way out.

De Mistura, a veteran Swedish-Italian diplomat, has long touted his “three-legged table” approach to helping end a merciless five-year war: Reducing the violence, boosting humanitarian aid and drawing Assad's state and its enemies into a political process.

But Syria's largest city, Aleppo, is on the cusp of disaster, and a truce that gave beleaguered Syrians a respite early this year is all but dead. U.N.-

led humanitarian aid is trickling in but only to the neediest spots.

De Mistura said Assad now has “clearly a strategy” to force local surrenders and evacuations like recent ones by residents of two Damascus suburbs, Daraya and Moadamiyeh, after years of grueling sieges.

De Mistura is now focusing on getting the world community more involved. He says he's preparing an unspecified “quite clear political initiative” to present before the U.N. General Assembly this month in New York, to help the assembly “look the Syria problem straight in the eye.”

Assad allies Russia and Iran also appear to be hoping to rearrange the chessboard by improving ties between Syria and Turkey, long one of the strongest supporters of the anti-Assad rebels. Turkey's incursion into northern Syria in August to fight Kurdish militias and Islamic State militants showed that Ankara and Damascus have common enemies.

De Mistura on Thursday expressed “a strong feeling of outrage and disappointment” because of the new violence and increasing struggles to get convoys of aid into priority U.N. areas.



## In Detroit, Trump tries to woo black voters

Associated Press

DETROIT — Donald Trump said Saturday he wanted to help rebuild Detroit and told members of a black church that “there are many wrongs that should be made right” as the GOP presidential nominee tried to woo African-Americans two months before the election.

“I am here to listen to you,” Trump told the congregation at the Great Faith Ministries International in remarks that included references to some of his campaign plans. “As I prepare to campaign all across the nation, I will have the chance to lay out my economic plans, which will be so good for Detroit.”

Seated in the front row was Omarosa Manigault, a former contestant on Trump’s reality television series who has been helping guide his outreach to the black community. Also in the audience was Detroit native Ben Carson, the retired neurosurgeon who ran against Trump in the primaries and is now advising the campaign.

While protesters were a vocal presence outside, Trump made a pitch inside for support from an electorate strongly

aligned with Democrat Hillary Clinton.

“I want to help you build and rebuild Detroit,” he said. “I fully understand that the African-American community has suffered from discrimination and there are many wrongs that should be made right.”

He also said the nation needs “a civil rights agenda of our time,” with better education and good jobs.

Unlike his usual campaign stops, in which he confidently has addressed mostly white crowds that supported him and his plans for the country, Trump’s visit to Detroit on Saturday was intended to be more intimate.

Some protesters tried to push through a barrier to the parking lot but were stopped by church security and police.

The Rev. Horace Sheffield, who led a march from his church blocks away, said, “I walked up to the gate and said I was going to church. I was immediately confronted and was told I needed a ticket. You need a ticket to get in church? Anybody who is in this church should be appalled. I love Bishop Wayne T, but to not let the public in?”

## FBI publishes notes on Clinton’s email use

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Hillary Clinton told the FBI she relied on her staff not to send emails containing classified information to the private email server she used as secretary of state.

The revelation came Friday as the FBI, in a rare step, published scores of pages summarizing interviews with Clinton and her top aides from the recently closed criminal investigation into her use of a private email server in the basement of her Chappaqua, N.Y., home.

The Democratic presidential nominee told the FBI she never sought or asked permission to use a private server or email address during her tenure as the nation’s top diplomat from 2009 to 2013. A prior review by the State Department’s internal watchdog concluded the practice violated several polices for the safekeeping and preservation of federal records.

The latest developments highlight competing liabilities for Clinton. Either she made a conscious effort to prevent a full public accounting of her tenure at State or she was nonchalant

about decisions with national security consequences and risks. The first scenario plays into Republican arguments and voter concerns about her trustworthiness and transparency, while the second casts doubt on her pitch as a hypercompetent, detail-driven executive.

Clinton campaign spokesman Brian Fallon said Friday the campaign was pleased the FBI had released the documents.

“While her use of a single email account was clearly a mistake and she has taken responsibility for it, these materials make clear why the Justice Department believed there was no basis to move forward with this case,” Fallon said.

Clinton repeatedly has said her use of private email was allowed. But over a 3½-hour interview in July, she told investigators she “did not explicitly request permission to use a private server or email address,” the FBI wrote. Clinton said no one at the State Department raised concerns during her tenure, and she said everyone with whom she exchanged emails knew she was using a private email address.

## After hammering Fla., Hermine threatens East Coast

Associated Press

The once-and-future Hurricane Hermine, now a tropical storm, was drenching coastal Virginia with heavy rains and winds Saturday as it moved up the East Coast.

Hermine could regain hurricane strength late in the weekend after spinning over the Atlantic Ocean and could lash coastal areas as far north as Connecticut and Rhode Island through Labor Day, forecasters said.

“Anyone along the U.S. East Coast needs to be paying close attention this weekend,” said Dennis Feltgen, a spokesman for the National Hurricane Center.

The first hurricane to hit Florida in more than a decade rose up over the Gulf of Mexico, wiping away beachside buildings, toppling trees onto homes and leaving hundreds of thousands without electricity as it plowed onward to the Atlantic Coast.

About 300,000 homes were without electricity in Florida, Gov. Rick Scott said Saturday morning. Other outages included more than 107,000 without power in Georgia, 21,000 in South Carolina, 45,000 in North Carolina and 53,000 in Virginia.

“I want everybody to have their power. I want them to be able to take a hot shower,” Scott said.

Governors Terry McAuliffe of Virginia and Larry Hogan of Maryland declared states of emergency for coastal areas and warned of life-threatening storm surges.

Hermine pushed a storm surge powerful enough to crumple docks and to wash out homes and businesses in Florida’s Big Bend area. A homeless man south of Gainesville died when a tree fell on him, Scott said.

Scott observed damage in the coastal communities of Cedar Key and Steinhatchee by helicopter, and pledged state help for damaged businesses.

Forecasters said the storm threatened another dangerous storm surge in Hampton Roads in southeast Virginia as moved northeast at 21 mph with top sustained winds of 60 mph at 8 a.m. Saturday.

Flash flood watches were in effect for northeastern North Carolina and southeastern Virginia, including Virginia Beach and Norfolk through Saturday evening.

A small tornado spawned by Hermine knocked over two trailers and injured four people on North Carolina’s Outer Banks.

The storm forced Bruce Springsteen to move a Saturday night concert in Virginia Beach to Monday.

Farther along the coast, Amtrak canceled or altered some service as the storm approached. New Jersey officials ordered swimmers out of the surf. And Gov. Andrew Cuomo activated New York’s Emergency Operations Center to begin preparations.

## Uzbekistan president Karimov dies at 78

Associated Press

MOSCOW — Islam Karimov, who crushed all opposition in the Central Asian country of Uzbekistan as its only president in a quarter-century of independence from the Soviet Union, has died of a stroke at age 78, the Uzbek government announced Friday.

Karimov will be buried Saturday in the ancient city of Samarkand, his birthplace, the government said in a statement.

Little other information was available. Media freedom and human rights have been harshly repressed since he became leader in 1989, while it was still a Soviet republic.

One of the world's most authoritarian rulers, Karimov cultivated no apparent successor, and his death raised concerns the predominantly Sunni Muslim country could face prolonged infighting over its leadership, which its radical Islamic movement could exploit.

Under the Uzbek constitution, if the president dies, his duties pass to the head of the senate until an election can be held within three months. However, Karimov's death is expected to set off a period of jockeying for influence.

Karimov was known as a ty-

rant with an explosive temper and a penchant for cruelty. His troops used machine guns on unarmed demonstrators during a 2005 uprising; he jailed thousands of political opponents; and his henchmen reportedly boiled some dissidents alive.

He came under widespread criticism from human rights groups, but because of Uzbekistan's location as a vital supply route for neighboring Afghanistan, the West sometimes turned a blind eye to his worst abuses.

President Barack Obama, U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and China's Foreign Ministry all released statements acknowledging Karimov's death.

Uzbekistan, a country of 30 million people famous for apricot orchards, cotton fields and ancient cities along the Silk Road, was one of the Muslim world's paragons of art and learning.

But Karimov cracked down on any form of Islam that wasn't patently subservient to him.

Under Karimov, endemic corruption stymied development, despite considerable resources of natural gas and gold, along with its cotton exports. Millions of Uzbeks have flooded into Russia and neighboring Kazakhstan.

## China, US agree to join pact on climate

Associated Press

HANGZHOU, China — Setting aside their cyberspace and maritime disputes, President Barack Obama and China's President Xi Jinping on Saturday sealed their nations' participation in last year's Paris climate change agreement. They hailed their new era of climate cooperation as the best chance for saving the planet.

At a ceremony on the sidelines of a global economic summit, Obama and Xi, representing the world's two biggest carbon emitters, delivered a series of documents to U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. The papers certified the U.S. and China have taken the necessary steps to join the Paris accord that set nation-by-nation targets for cutting carbon emissions.

"This is not a fight that any one country, no matter how powerful, can take alone," Obama said of the pact. "Some day we may see this as the moment that we finally decided to save our planet."

Xi, speaking through a translator, said he hoped other countries would follow suit and would advance new technolo-

gies to help them meet their targets. "When the old path no longer takes us far, we should turn to innovation," he said.

The formal U.S.-Chinese announcement means the accord could enter force by the end of the year, a faster-than-anticipated timeline. Fifty-five nations must join for the agreement to take effect. The nations that have joined also must produce at least 55 percent of global emissions.

Together, the U.S. and China produce 38 percent of the world's man-made carbon dioxide emissions.

The meeting of the minds on climate change, however, hasn't smoothed the path for other areas of tension. The U.S. has criticized China over cyberhacking and human rights and voiced increased exasperation with Beijing's growing assertiveness in key waterways in the region. Most recently, the U.S. has urged China to accept an international arbitration panel's ruling that sided with the Philippines in a dispute over claims in the South China Sea.

China views the South China Sea as an integral part of its national territory.

## Philippines' Duterte OKs troop use after bomb kills 14

Associated Press

DAVAO, Philippines — Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte declared a nationwide "state of lawlessness" Saturday after suspected Abu Sayyaf extremists detonated a bomb that killed 14 people and wounded about 70 in his southern hometown.

Duterte, who inspected the scene of Friday night's attack at a night market in downtown Davao city, said his declaration did not amount to an imposition of martial law. It allows troops to be deployed in urban centers

to back up the police in setting up checkpoints and increasing patrols, he said.

An Abu Sayyaf spokesman, Abu Rami, claimed responsibility for the blast near the Jesuit-run Ateneo de Davao University and a five-star hotel, but Duterte said investigators were looking at other possible suspects, including drug syndicates, which he has targeted in a bloody crackdown.

"These are extraordinary times and I supposed that I'm authorized to allow the security forces of this country to do searches," Duterte told report-

ers at the scene of the attack, asking the public to cooperate and be vigilant.

"We're trying to cope up with a crisis now. There is a crisis in this country involving drugs, extrajudicial killings, and there seems to be an environment of lawless violence," said Duterte, who served as mayor of Davao for years before being elected president in June.

The attack came as Philippine forces were on alert amid an ongoing military offensive against Abu Sayyaf extremists in southern Sulu province that intensified last week after the

militants beheaded a kidnapped villager. The militants threatened to launch an unspecified attack after the military said 30 of the gunmen were killed in the weeklong offensive.

Rami is the son-in-law of Mohammad Said, an influential militant commander who used the nom de guerre Amah Maas and was killed in the ongoing Sulu offensive. Davao Vice Mayor Paolo Duterte, the president's son, also told reporters that militants linked to the Islamic State group had threatened the progressive city.



# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Man denies heroin found in his new car is his

**MA** SPRINGFIELD — A Massachusetts man charged after police reportedly found heroin in his car said the drugs aren't his — they were in the vehicle when he bought it.

The Republican newspaper reported a lawyer for Sean Deglis, 29, said in court Monday that his client had no idea 95 packets of heroin were stashed in a hidden compartment of the car he bought.

Attorney Tony LaCasse said it was unfair to expect his client to “hire a drug-sniffing dog to inspect a car before purchasing it.”

Prosecutors said narcotics detectives, acting on a tip from a confidential informant, arrested the Southwick man Saturday night in a liquor store parking lot.

Deglis pleaded not guilty and was held on \$10,000 bail.

## Police: Stumbling baby sitter was drunk, high

**MA** ARLINGTON — Police in the Boston suburb of Arlington said they arrested the baby sitter for a 3-year-old boy after officers found her stumbling around a neighborhood drunk and high on prescription drugs with the child in tow.

Police Chief Frederick Ryan said officers arrested Susan Devereaux, 51, of Medford, on Wednesday afternoon after being called to the neighborhood by a resident. Ryan said officers found Devereaux trying to enter the wrong house, and they noticed a strong odor of alcohol coming from her.

Devereaux was charged with reckless endangerment of a child.

The boy's mother told police she hired Devereaux through the baby-sitting website Care.com.

## Man shot corncobs at neighbor's home

**RI** WESTERLY — A Westerly man is charged with shooting corncobs at his neighbor's home.

The Westerly Sun reported that Jeffrey Osella, 50, was arrested Tuesday night. Police said he answered his door shirtless and had corn kernels stuck to his chest.

According to police, Osella used a potato gun to shoot corncobs at the house, which is up for sale. The gun is made of PVC pipe and uses a light accelerant such as hair spray that can be ignited.

Police said Osella and his neighbor have long-running disputes.

## Boy finds bag of meth in video game package

**LA** LAKE CHARLES — It was Grand Theft Auto come to life: When an 11-year-old bought a video game Wednesday in Lake Charles, La., he opened the plastic case to find a bag of drugs.

KPLC-TV reported that the boy's father returned to the store and called police. Det. Rebecca Reed with the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office confirmed the substance was methamphetamine.

Joey Mooring is director of public relations for GameStop. Mooring told the TV station that the Grapevine, Texas-based company checks used games for quality when customers trade them in. He also said games are checked again before being shipped to another store. The Lake Charles store manager said employees there typically don't examine games received from elsewhere in the company.

GameStop told police it couldn't track the game's origin.

## Deer interrupts tryouts for surfing team

**CA** SANTA ANA — Surfing team tryouts in California were interrupted by a four-legged friend who apparently wanted to get in on the fun.

Surfers at Southern California's Dana Point were shocked when a deer rushed into the ocean Thursday morning. One surfer had to kick his board out and bail out of a wave when the animal suddenly appeared in front of him.

Tryout judge Sheri Crummer told the Orange County Register that no one knew where the deer came from. It was hopping over rocks and then went off to sea.

Surf team coach Tim Samson paddled out about a quarter of a mile and herded the deer back to shore, where it promptly took off toward a hotel.

Lifeguard Capt. Brad Herzog said deer occasionally do come for a swim, but it's rare.

## Swine brew: Beer celebrates pork roll

**NJ** SOMERDALE — New Jersey's favorite breakfast meat has now inspired a beer flavor.

Flying Fish Brewing Co. last week released a Pork Roll Porter beer.

The brewery said the dark brown, caramel porter is made with pork roll and spices in the brew kettle. The beer's aroma features cocoa and hints of maple and smoke.

The southern portion of the state calls the processed pork product pork roll, while it's referred to as Taylor ham to the north.

The beer was released to celebrate the company's 20th anniversary and is part of its Exit Series of beers.

Flying Fish also released

a beer inspired by the Pine-lands brewed with foraged pine needles.

## Bears rummage through trash, swim in suburb

**CA** PASADENA — Three black bears treated a suburban California neighborhood like a resort, taking a dip in a backyard pool and helping themselves to a dumpster buffet.

The trio — two cubs and their mother — wandered out of the San Gabriel mountains and into Pasadena on Thursday afternoon.

They ventured through several backyards and jumped into at least two pools before being chased out of the area by a brave dog.

## Janitor used cleaner to poison boss' soda

**FL** TAVARES — A central Florida high school janitor has been charged after he poisoned his boss' drink with a product used to remove wax coating from floors, according to authorities.

Lake County Sheriff's officials said Jackie Rocket-Smart Hansell told them she and Russell Terrence Smith had been at odds over her recent promotion to head custodian.

Authorities said Hansell left a soda on her desk. When she returned, she took a big sip and said it burned her throat. According to an affidavit, a witness saw her struggling to breathe and smelled a strong odor in the cup.

Hansell was hospitalized Monday.

Smith later said his fingerprints were on the cup because he moved it to eat lunch on the table. The Orlando Sentinel reported the pH level of the drink matched that of the floor cleaner.

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# Stanford rides McCaffrey past K-State

Associated Press

STANFORD, Calif. — As Stanford's offense sputtered in the second half, Christian McCaffrey kept urging his teammates on that the offense could be better. Then he finally took matters into his own hands and iced away another win.

McCaffrey scored his second touchdown on a late 41-yard run that helped lead No. 8 Stanford to a 26-13 victory over Kansas State on Friday night in the season opener for both teams.

Stanford had just 30 yards in the second half before McCaffrey's long touchdown run following a failed onside kick by Kansas State put the game away.

"By nature, he's not a patient human being. He wants everything to be perfect," coach David Shaw said. "Like many players, he drives himself and he drives his teammates. At the end of the game, he kept saying it, 'We're so much better than this. We're so much better.' It's not about his yards, not about his carries, it's about our machine when we're humming."

After a fast start led by quarterback Ryan Burns in his first career start, the Cardinal were far from a machine in the second half. With a new quarterback and three new offensive linemen, Stanford struggled to get anything going with a fumble and four punts to start the second half.

But a defense that had eight sacks, one safety and two turnovers made sure it wasn't an issue.

"The defense bailed us out a lot in the second half," McCaffrey said. "We just have to be better in a lot of different areas. We have a lot of new guys on this team playing their first college football game. Sometimes that comes back and haunts you, especially Week 1."

Burns started fast by completing his first 10 passes, including a 40-yard touchdown strike to Michael Rector on the opening play of the second quarter.

McCaffrey then got into the act with an electrifying 35-yard touchdown run. He froze safety Kendall Adams with a juke and raced to the end zone

for the score.

"When he touches the ball enough, good things happen," coach David Shaw said.

McCaffrey shattered Barry Sanders' 27-year-old record by gaining 3,496 all-purpose yards last season when he finished second to Alabama's Derrick Henry in the Heisman.

He finished with 126 yards on 22 carries and 210 all-purpose yards in the opener this year.

"He had those two big plays," Kansas State coach Bill Snyder said. "Outside of that I think our guys defended him quite well."

## The takeaway

**Kansas State:** The Wildcats' inexperienced offensive line featuring two freshmen struggled. Stanford had eight sacks, including one in the end zone by Jordan Watkins for a safety. Jesse Ertz was briefly knocked out of the game in the second half after one hit. He recovered to throw a late TD pass to Isaiah Zuber.

"There was just absolutely no consistency with us offen-

sively," Snyder said.

**Stanford:** After converting his first five third-down passes into first downs, Burns struggled. The Cardinal had just one first down in the second half before McCaffrey's second TD run. The defense was up to the task to make the lead hold but could have more trouble doing that once the Pac-12 schedule starts.

## Wiped off TD

The biggest highlight might have been a play that didn't even count. McCaffrey fielded a punt at his own 3 and made his way through almost the entire Kansas State coverage unit for a 97-yard score. The only problem was an illegal block by Curtis Robinson that wiped it all out and forced Stanford to start a drive on its own 2.

"There is a reason why there are no 97-yard punt returns because you should not catch the ball on the 3-yard line. He knows that," Shaw said. "But what he did after he caught it, wow, that's the best punt return that doesn't count I've ever seen."

# Baylor looks like its old self in rout of Northwestern St.

Associated Press

WACO, Texas — With a coach named Briles still calling the plays, and Seth Russell throwing touchdown passes, Baylor's offense certainly looked very familiar.

Russell threw four touchdown passes in less than a half, and the No. 23 Bears beat FCS team Northwestern State 55-7 on Friday night in their first game since the sudden dismissal of coach Art Briles just more than three months ago.

"It felt like Baylor," Russell said, who took the calls from offensive coordinator Kendal Briles, the former coach's son.

Two-time Big 12 Conference champion coach Art Briles lost his job in the wake of a May report from an external investigation into allegations the uni-

versity mishandled complaints of sexual assault, including some against football players.

Acting head coach Jim Grobe retained the rest of the staff, and had no issues with the younger Briles having the initials "CAB" written on his hand — presumably for Art Briles.

"To think about him losing Art as his head coach ... it had to be tougher on KB than anybody," Grobe said. "I have no problems with that whatsoever. If you don't love your dad, something's wrong."

Russell was the top-rated FBS passer when he suffered a season-ending neck injury in the seventh game last year. He completed 14 of 20 passes for 163 yards with TDs to four receivers, including two tight ends. The Bears led 41-0 when

he threw his last pass, a 10-yard TD pass to Pooh Stricklin with 5 minutes left in the first half.

"All for it, he's who brought me here. He gave me opportunity and I love him for it," Russell said when asked about Kendal Briles' tribute. "Coach Grobe did a fantastic job of stepping into a risky situation."

**No. 12 Michigan State 28, Furman 13:** Tyler O'Connor threw for 190 yards and three touchdowns, and the host Spartans held off the upset-minded Paladins.

O'Connor went 13-for-18 with an interception, a generally efficient performance in his second career start. The fifth-year senior is taking over as Michigan State's No. 1 quarterback after spending the past three seasons backing up Connor Cook.

Michigan State was merely serviceable on offense for most of the night, and that was good enough against Furman. LJ Scott ran for 105 yards and a touchdown, but the Spartans let the Paladins hang around for a while in the opener for both teams.

Down 21-13, Furman took over at the Michigan State 44 with 11:49 remaining after O'Connor's pass was intercepted. But P.J. Blazejowski's pass was picked off on the very next play — linebacker Andrew Dowell made a diving, one-handed grab to give the Spartans the ball back.

O'Connor threw a 12-yard touchdown pass to Jamal Lyles with 4:55 remaining to make it 28-13.

The Spartans have won 18 home openers in a row.



# IndyCar makes return to speedy Watkins Glen

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WATKINS GLEN, N.Y. — IndyCar racing returned to Watkins Glen International on Friday after a six-year hiatus, and New York's Thunder Road didn't disappoint as the teams practiced in earnest for the first time.

"It's great to be back, great to be going around here," Helio Castroneves said. "This is the DNA of open-wheel racing, and the history behind this place. It suits perfectly the series."

Most of the teams were permitted to test earlier for this weekend's race, which replaced a street event in Boston that was canceled. WGI was repaved after last season, and it created a smooth-as-silk surface with gobs of grip that opened a lot of eyes in Friday's two practices on a sunny day.

In morning practice around the 3.37-mile, 11-turn layout, all 22 drivers eclipsed Ryan Briscoe's track record of 1 minute, 28.1322 seconds at 137.657 mph set in 2009 in a Honda V-8. Scott Dixon, a three-time winner at The Glen, topped the charts in the No. 9 Target Chevrolet in both sessions: he turned a fast lap of 1:23.8921 seconds at 144.614 mph in the morning session and 1:22.8740 at 146.391 mph in the two-hour afternoon session to edge Castroneves and Will Power of Team Penske.

"There's no other track where you commit like here," said Power, second in the standings, 28 points behind teammate Simon Pagenaud with two races left in the season. "It's so different. There's no comparison. It's so much faster."

Pagenaud's first extended time on the track in his career ended on a sour note. He was 11th fastest in the afternoon but crashed into a tire barrier in the waning moments.

Watkins Glen was the birthplace of road racing in America after World War II. A 6.6-mile course using mostly paved roads with a short dirt and

gravel stretch served as the layout for the first race at Watkins Glen in 1948.

In 1961, Formula One came to The Glen and the race became a fall tradition, remaining through 1980. Financial difficulties helped lead to The Glen's departure from the Formula One calendar after Alan Jones won the 1980 race. The last open-wheel race of that era was the Watkins Glen 200, a CART event in 1981 — Mario Andretti started on the pole and Rick Mears won the race.

For the next two years, the track was not well maintained. Then, in 1983, Corning Enterprises, a subsidiary of Corning Glass, partnered with International Speedway Corporation to buy the track and rename it Watkins Glen International.

NASCAR has raced each year at Watkins Glen since 1986, and IndyCar began a five-year run in September 2005 before the track parted ways with the series when the finances didn't add up.

The departure of open-wheel racing didn't sit well with track president Michael Printup, a devotee of Formula One, and when Boston organizers pulled out of their deal in May, IndyCar and WGI worked out a deal to move the race to upstate New York's Finger Lakes region. That turned into a three-year commitment when a two-year contract extension was agreed to last week, ahead of original plans to talk after Sunday's 60-lap, 202.2-mile race.

The short time to promote Sunday afternoon's race means attendance won't turn any heads. It's a start, though, at the very least.

"We're not going to hit a home run. You can't plan a birthday party in 90 days," Printup said. "We sold just under 10,000 tickets in corporate in 2010. We have 200 this race. It's too hard to call a company in June and say, 'Hey, our race is the first week of September.' Budgets are done. Even family budgets are done."

# Hurricane cancels NASCAR qualifying

Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Joey Logano hung pictures and changed lightbulbs at home. Jamie McMurray tinkered around with his radio controlled car. Chris Buescher shrugged his shoulders, wasn't much he or fellow drivers could do after qualifying for Sunday's Southern 500 at Darlington Raceway was canceled because of Hurricane Hermine.

"I'm definitely disappointed we couldn't qualify," Buescher said. "On the flip side of that, what are you going to do? We're along for the ride when it comes to Mother Nature."

And it's been a soggy ride for Sprint Cup teams in recent weeks as weather once more engulfed NASCAR.

Rain delayed the Pocono race that was scheduled for Sunday, July 31 until the following day, while Bristol's Saturday night showcase last month also had to finish a day late because of heavy storms in East Tennessee that race weekend.

At Darlington, Hermine shoved her way into the picture and forced NASCAR to call off qualifying for the Sprint Cup and Xfinity series, deciding it was more important to use Saturday's track time — the forecast calls for sunshine and minimal rain chances the rest of the weekend — for precious practice time on Darlington's egg-shaped layout.

The Xfinity race was set to run Saturday afternoon with the Southern 500 on Sunday night.

Still, the canceled activities gave drivers some unexpected downtime to fill.

"This is weird. I'm home right now," Logano said Friday. "It doesn't feel right."

Buescher has been helped and hurt by the weather.

The rookie driver for Front Row Motorsports was leading at Pocono when rains finally ended things, gaining the victory that would qualify him for the Chase as long as he finished within the top 30 in points after next week's Richmond race.

Buescher rose up to No. 30 two weeks ago with his fifth-place finish at Bristol, yet finished 35th at Michigan last Sunday and is just seven points ahead of David Ragan — and falling out of the Chase — headed to Darlington.

Buescher will start 31st on Sunday and knows he would've begun much higher if qualifying had gone on before Hermine's interference.

Logano, who completed a "honey-do" list from wife Brittany with his down time, had hoped to be at Darlington to enjoy the throwback festivities as 36 of 40 teams are using special paint schemes to honor NASCAR history.

Logano is driving a Shell-sponsored car that Bobby Labonte drove to the company's first victory in 1996 at Nashville Speedway.

"I wish we were down there today and the weather was nice so we could see some of those beauties," Logano said of the throwback Sprint cars.

Logano, who's best finish in seven career Sprint Cup races at Darlington was a fourth last September, was glad that NASCAR made the decision to wipe out Friday's sessions early enough that teams and crewmembers weren't caught between the track and hotels waiting out delays.

"This is a lot better situation to deal with it, stay at home, spend some time with your family," Logano said.

Kevin Harvick will start on the pole with the field set by owner's points. Brad Keselowski is second followed by Carl Edwards, Kurt Busch and Logano. Kyle Busch is sixth, ahead of Joe Gibbs Racing teammate Denny Hamlin with Martin Truex Jr., Jimmie Johnson and Matt Kenseth closing out the top 10.

Jeff Gordon, subbing once again for injured Dale Earnhardt Jr., starts 15th. Hendrick Motorsports announced Friday that Earnhardt would miss the rest of the season because of concussion-like symptoms.



# Sock tops '14 champ Cilic

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NEW YORK — Before Jack Sock took on 2014 U.S. Open champion Marin Cilic in the third round, the 23-year-old American acknowledged that, as of a couple of years ago, simply making it that far would have made him, to use two of his words, “satisfied” and “excited.”

Now Sock wants more. He thinks his game and his mindset are ready for deep Grand Slam runs. And the way he overwhelmed the No. 7-seeded Cilic 6-4, 6-3, 6-3 in a little more than 1½ hours on Friday to reach the fourth round at Flushing Meadows for the first time, who would doubt Sock?

“Just all around, I think I’m putting things together, better and better,” said the 26th-seeded Sock, who celebrated his victory with a racket-as-foil jousting move in tribute to his

friend and fellow U.S. Olympian, bronze medalist fencer Miles Chamley-Watson. “I definitely feel more confident out there in everything I’m doing.”

Rightly so.

Against Cilic, who followed up his title with a semifinal appearance a year ago, Sock won all 14 of his service games, never facing so much as one break point. Not much of a surprise there on a hard court for a guy whose game is best known for two parts — “‘serving and forehand’ is what I hear all the time,” he said with a hint of a smirk.

Sock’s second career appearance in the fourth round at a Grand Slam tournament — the other came at the 2015 French Open on clay — will come against No. 9 Jo-Wilfried Tsonga of France. Tsonga, the runner-up at the 2008 Australian Open, moved on Friday with a

6-3, 6-4, 7-6 (4) victory over No. 23 Kevin Anderson.

Other men into the round of 16 included No. 1-seeded and defending champion Novak Djokovic, No. 10 Gael Monfils, No. 24 Lucas Pouille, and 2006 Australian Open finalist Marcos Baghdatis, who ended the career-best showing of American qualifier Ryan Harrison by beating him 6-3, 7-6 (4), 1-6, 6-1.

At night, Rafael Nadal produced a spectacular ‘tweener lob with his back to the net on the next-to-last point of his 6-1, 6-4, 6-2 victory over Andrey Kuznetsov. Nadal returned to the fourth round at the U.S. Open for the first time since winning the 2013 title.

That was followed by the day’s last match, No. 2 Angelique Kerber’s 6-1, 6-1 victory over 17-year-old American CiCi Bellis.

# Eagles trade QB Bradford to Vikings

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Sam Bradford got the trade he wanted months ago — just eight days before the season opener.

The Philadelphia Eagles sent Bradford to the Minnesota Vikings on Saturday for a pair of draft picks. Bradford replaces Teddy Bridgewater, who is out for the season after suffering a knee injury this week.

The Eagles receive a first-round pick in 2017 and a fourth-round pick in 2018.

Bradford’s departure means backup Chase Daniel will start the season as Philadelphia’s No. 1 quarterback. Carson Wentz, selected with the No. 2 overall pick, missed the last three preseason games after breaking his ribs. McLeod Bethel-Thompson is currently the third quarterback on Philadelphia’s roster.

The Vikings will be turning to Bradford over veteran Shaun Hill once Bradford learns yet another new system. Bradford will now play for his sixth offensive coordinator — Norv Turner — in seven seasons. A former 2010 No. 1 overall pick, Bradford was acquired from St. Louis by Chip Kelly last year. He had a strong second half in Kelly’s up-tempo offense.

Bradford passed up a chance to test free agency and signed a two-year, \$36 million deal with \$22 million guaranteed in March. He regretted the decision after the Eagles traded several draft picks to select Wentz, and Bradford skipped some voluntary workouts in the off-season. The Eagles discussed a trade with the Broncos, but couldn’t agree to a deal, so Bradford returned and played well in the preseason in new coach Doug Pederson’s offense.

Bradford reunites with Pat Shurmur, Minnesota’s tight ends coach. Shurmur was Philadelphia’s offensive coordinator in 2015 and Bradford’s OC his rookie season with the Rams.

# Red-hot Cubs edge Giants

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CHICAGO — Jon Lester pitched 6⅔ innings of no-hit ball and settled for his second complete game of the season, helping the sizzling Chicago Cubs beat the San Francisco Giants 2-1 on Friday to move a season-high 40 games over .500.

**Orioles 8, Yankees 0:** Mark Trumbo hit his major league-leading 41st homer to cap a six-run second inning, and Baltimore peppered visiting New York with four long balls.

**Rangers 10, Astros 8:** Rougned Odor homered for the third straight game in a seven-run fourth inning, Carlos Gomez had two hits in his first game against his former team and host Texas held off Houston.

**Nationals 4, Mets 1:** Bryce Harper hit two doubles and became the latest player to steal a base against Noah Syndergaard, helping A.J. Cole post his first major league win as visiting Washington beat New York.

**Indians 6, Marlins 2:** Carlos Carrasco struck out 11 while pitching scoreless ball into the eighth inning, and host Cleveland beat Miami.

**Tigers 7, Royals 6:** Miguel Cabrera homered and finished with three hits and four RBIs to help visiting Detroit beat Kansas City.

**Rays 8, Blue Jays 3:** Alex Cobb went five solid innings during his first start in two years, Logan Morrison hit a go-ahead two-run homer, and host Tampa Bay beat AL East-leading Toronto.

**Reds 3, Cardinals 2:** Eugenio Suarez singled up the middle with the bases loaded in the ninth inning, rallying host Cincinnati past St. Louis.

**Braves 8, Phillies 4:** Freddie Freeman hit a tiebreaking RBI double in the ninth, Matt Kemp had four RBIs and visiting Atlanta beat Philadelphia.

**Rockies 14, Diamondbacks 7:** Nick Hundley hit a grand slam in a seven-run eighth in-

ning that sent host Colorado past Arizona.

**Brewers 1, Pirates 0:** Six Milwaukee relievers picked up the slack when starter Junior Guerra’s return from the disabled list lasted less than four innings, leading the Brewers past host Pittsburgh.

**White Sox 11, Twins 4:** Todd Frazier homered for the second straight game, Adam Eaton had four hits and visiting Chicago beat Minnesota.

**Padres 4, Dodgers 2:** At Los Angeles, Yangervis Solarte hit a tiebreaking home run leading off the eighth inning for last-place San Diego.

**Red Sox 16, Athletics 2:** David Ortiz singled twice and drove in three runs, and David Price won his fifth consecutive start for visiting Boston.

**Mariners 11, Angels 8:** Ketel Marte had two singles and three RBIs in a nine-run second inning and host Seattle stopped a five-game losing streak.