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## Bombing suspect captured in New Jersey

Associated Press

LINDEN, N.J. — An Afghan immigrant wanted for questioning in the bombings that rocked a New York City neighborhood and a New Jersey shore town was captured Monday after being wounded in a gunbattle with police that erupted when he was discovered sleeping in a bar doorway, authorities said.

Ahmad Khan Rahami, 28, appeared conscious, his upper right arm bandaged and bloodied, as he was loaded into an ambulance in Linden. Two officers were wounded in the shootout but were not believed to be seriously hurt, authorities said.

The arrest came just hours after police issued a bulletin and photo of Rahami, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Afghani-

stan who lived with family in an apartment in Elizabeth, N.J., over a fried-chicken restaurant owned by his father.

Linden Mayor Derek Armstead said that late Monday morning, the owner of a bar reported someone asleep in his doorway. A police officer went to investigate and recognized the man as Rahami, police and the mayor said.

Rahami pulled a gun and shot the officer — who was wearing a bulletproof vest — in the torso, and more officers joined in a running gunbattle along the street and brought Rahami down, police Capt. James Sarnicki said.

Police did not disclose how they zeroed in on Rahami as a person of interest in the bombings but were known to be poring over surveillance video and

examining bomb fragments and components for evidence.

At the same time, five people who were pulled over in a vehicle Sunday night were being questioned by the FBI, officials said.

The shootout came after a weekend of fear and dread in New York and New Jersey, with authorities saying the bombings were looking increasingly like an act of terrorism with a foreign connection.

In addition to the blast that injured 29 people in Manhattan's Chelsea neighborhood on Saturday, an unexploded pressure-cooker bomb was found blocks away, and a pipe bomb exploded in a New Jersey shore town before a charity race. No one was injured there. On Sunday, five explosive devices were discovered in a trash can at an

Elizabeth, N.J., train station.

Also Saturday, a man who authorities say referred to Allah wounded nine people in a stabbing rampage at a Minnesota mall before being shot to death by an off-duty police officer. The Islamic State group claimed responsibility. Authorities have not drawn any connection between the bloodshed there and the bombings.

Citing the FBI, New Jersey State Police said Monday that the bombings in Chelsea and the New Jersey shore town of Seaside Park were connected.

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo said as investigators gathered information, they learned there were "certain commonalities among the bombs," leading authorities to believe "that there was a common group behind the bombs."

## Syria says cease-fire is over

Associated Press

BEIRUT — Syria's military on Monday declared that the U.S.-Russia-brokered cease-fire was over, shortly after the Russian military said it was "meaningless" to continue observing the agreement. The Syrian declaration and Moscow's statement came amid mounting violations and an exchange of accusations between Russia and the United States.

Soon after, the U.S. said it's prepared to extend the fractured cease-fire despite numerous violations and the Syrian military's announcement.

It was unclear Monday evening whether the agreement — which has brought a brief respite to the war-torn country — would truly collapse on the ground. Shortly before the Syrian military declaration, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry told reporters on the sidelines of the U.N. General Assembly that the truce was "holding but fragile."

Residents of eastern Aleppo reported the

resumption of airstrikes in their besieged areas. There were no immediate reports of casualties. The government also said it repelled an insurgent attack on areas it controls south of Aleppo.

In the wake of the Syrian announcement, Kerry expressed annoyance at Damascus and Moscow's handling of the cease-fire.

"It would be good if they didn't talk first to the press but if they talked to the people who are actually negotiating this," he said. "As I said yesterday, (it's) time to end the grandstanding and time to do the real work of delivering on the humanitarian goods that are necessary for access."

But Kerry also acknowledged that the first stage of the truce — which called for a week of calm and the delivery of humanitarian aid to several besieged communities — had never really come to fruition.

The State Department later said it was ready to work with Russia to strengthen the terms of the agreement and expand deliveries of humanitarian aid.

## Marine on weekend leave shot

LOS ANGELES — Police were looking for suspects Monday after a U.S. Marine was shot in the head while on weekend leave in Los Angeles, authorities said.

Carlos Segovia, 19, who was found slumped over in the driver's seat of his car in South Los Angeles on Friday night, was unlikely to survive, officials said.

A vehicle pulled up beside Segovia's car, and at least one person opened fire, striking him once in the head, Officer Norma Eisenman said.

A family friend, Claudia Perez, told the Los Angeles Times that the Marine was visiting family and friends while on leave from Camp Pendleton near San Diego.

Segovia had spent time with his girlfriend and was on his way to Perez's home, where he usually stays while in Los Angeles, when he was struck by gunfire, she said. "He texted my son that he was bringing pizza home. He never made it."

Police notified the U.S. Marine Corps, which in turn notified Segovia's family.

From The Associated Press

## At UN, world leaders OK plan for refugee crisis

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — With more people forced to flee their homes than at any time since World War II, global leaders on Monday approved a declaration aimed at providing a more coordinated and humane response to the refugee crisis that has strained resources and has stoked divisions from Africa to Europe.

The issue of what to do about the world's 65.3 million displaced people took center stage at the General Assembly, with leaders from the United Nations' 193-member states converging on New York for the first summit on Addressing Large Movements of Refugees and Migrants.

The New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants contains no concrete commitments and

is not legally binding but rather calls on countries to protect refugees' human rights, to boost humanitarian aid and to increase resettlement of refugees.

The declaration seeks to standardize responses to refugee situations and to provide better education and jobs to refugees. It also encourages resettlement and includes plans for a campaign to combat xenophobia.

More concrete progress is expected at a follow-up summit on Tuesday called by President Barack Obama, where at least 45 countries are expected to make pledges that are in line with U.S. goals of increasing humanitarian aid by \$3 billion, doubling resettlement and increasing access to education for 1 million youngsters and access to employment for another 1 million of the displaced.

## Senators: LCS in need of more fixes

Bloomberg

The Senate's two top defense policy lawmakers want the Navy to make additional major changes to the service's troubled \$29 billion Littoral Combat Ship program or risk losing their support for future purchases.

"Until these actions are taken, we will have significant concerns about supporting the procurement of additional LCSs," Republican John McCain and Jack Reed, the chairman and ranking Democrat, respectively, of the Senate Armed Services Committee, wrote Navy officials on Sept. 15 in a letter obtained by Bloomberg News.

Current plans call for 12 LCS vessels or frigates to be procured from 2018 through 2025. The Senate committee and its House counterpart have already approved the two requested for fiscal 2017; congressional appropriators added a third.

The ship, built in two versions by Lockheed Martin and Austal and designed to operate in shallow, coastal waters, has been criticized for reliability flaws, limited combat power, and uncertain ability to survive in combat. The vessels this month suffered their fifth reliability or maintenance failure in less than a year.

## In Okinawa, 3rd Marine Division puts history on display

By MATTHEW M. BURKE

Stars and Stripes

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — Marine Sgt. Maj. Vincent Santiago owes everything in this world to the rain and the 3rd Marine Division.

The division's top enlisted leader, a Guam native, recalled Friday how his maternal grandmother stood in a Japanese execution line during World War II after two massacres in his village that already had claimed family members.

Driving rains delayed her execution. Before the slaughter could be rescheduled, the 3rd Marine Division landed on the island's western beaches near Asan Point, and Guam was liberated three weeks later after savage fighting.

"If it wasn't for the rain and this division, I wouldn't be here," Santiago told Stars and Stripes. "That's why I serve."

Santiago, the second of three generations to serve the division wearing Marine Corps green, could not help but reflect on that family history Friday as he helped unveil a permanent historical display inside the division's headquarters at Camp Courtney, Okinawa.

The display, nearly two years in the making, tells the 3rd Marine Division's story through uniforms, artifacts and jars

of earth from nearly every conflict where it fought and bled.

The unveiling coincided with the division's 74th anniversary.

Santiago, who sometimes tells his story to motivate his Marines, said the display will help inspire the division to achieve future greatness, and he hopes additions will be made to the cases, whether through valor in combat or humanitarian operations.

"Without our history, what are we?" the Iraq and Afghanistan combat veteran said. "The blouses in that case represent that [particular] Marine, but it also represents everyone else who was there. To think, 'I'm part of this legacy,' if this doesn't resonate with you, you don't have a pulse. ... That is who we are."

The display, laid out geographically, features maps and photos starting with the division's first conflict, in Bougainville during WWII, to the present. Jars filled with sand from Iwo Jima, Vietnam and Iraq serve as a reminder of the turf fought for and taken.

Uniform displays include that of Marine 1st Lt. Harvey C. Barnum Jr., who was awarded the Medal of Honor for actions in Quang Tin Province, Vietnam, in 1965. Barnum assumed command of a rifle company in the midst of a deadly ambush and led a successful counterattack. A Navy de-

stroyer, slated to join the fleet in 2024, will be named after him.

The idea for the display came from leadership nearly two years ago, said Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Caraway, chief of reproductions and graphics, who oversaw its production along with lead designer Cpl. Kristy Koljonen. Their team began working with the 3rd Marine Division Association to get the uniforms and artifacts, which include Mendoza's medical kit. In all, 15 Marines contributed to the project.

To get the command behind such an elaborate display, Caraway said he had to build a mock-up to show what was possible. No detail was overlooked. They didn't want sand from the shores of Guam; they wanted sand from underneath Japanese machine-gun nests.

The only item they were not able to get was sand from Bougainville; however, a jar sits empty next to a graphic about that battle, and they pledge to have it filled soon.

The division also hopes to display more items and to release a booklet about their historical background.

"For 74 years, this division has been doing great things," Maj. Gen. Richard Simcock II, 3rd Marine Division's commander, told his Marines at the unveiling. "This day is important to us. This is our day."

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## Minn. mall stabbing probed as possible act of terrorism

Associated Press

ST. CLOUD, Minn. — Authorities are investigating the stabbings of nine people at a Minnesota mall as a potential act of terrorism, a finding that would realize long-held fears of an attack in the immigrant-rich state that has struggled to stop the recruiting of its young men by groups, including the Islamic State.

A young Somali man dressed as a private security guard entered the Crossroads Center mall in St. Cloud during the weekend wielding what appeared to be a kitchen knife. The city's police chief said the man reportedly made at least one reference to Allah and asked a victim if he or she was Muslim before attacking.

The rampage ended when the man was shot dead by an off-duty police officer. None of the injured suffered life-threatening wounds.

The motive of Saturday's attack is still unclear, but FBI Special Agent-in-Charge Rick Thornton has said it is being investigated as a "potential act of terrorism." The Islamic State group claimed responsibility,

but it wasn't clear whether the attacker was radicalized. Authorities were digging into his background and possible motives, looking at social media accounts and electronic devices and talking to his associates, Thornton said.

The attack in St. Cloud, a city of about 65,000 people, began shortly after an explosion in a crowded New York City neighborhood injured 29 people. Hours before that, a pipe bomb exploded in Seaside Park, N.J., before thousands of runners were due to participate in a charity 5K race. But President Barack Obama said Monday that authorities see no connection between the New York-area explosions and the Minnesota stabbing.

Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton planned to meet with St. Cloud's mayor and other local officials Monday morning. He said in a statement that Obama called him to express concern about the stabbing, as well as to "convey his high regard for the work" by law enforcement officials and "deep appreciation for the heroism of the police officer who stopped the attacker."

## Fla. governor says Miami's Wynwood area is Zika-free

Miami Herald

MIAMI — Florida Gov. Rick Scott declared Monday morning during a visit to Wynwood that the artsy Miami neighborhood is Zika-free — urging visitors to return to the struggling entertainment district even as federal health officials continued to advise that pregnant women and their partners consider postponing "nonessential travel" to all parts of Miami-Dade County.

"Everybody should be coming back here and enjoying themselves," Scott said during a news conference at Wynwood Walls, where he was joined by local business owners, elected officials and health department representatives.

Scott's visit to Miami came as the Florida Department of Health announced no new local infections of Zika have been reported in the Wynwood area since early August — meeting the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's standards for suggesting mosquito-borne transmission is no longer occurring.

In late July, the Wynwood neighborhood, known for its graffiti murals and art galleries, became the first place in the nation identified as having mosquito-borne spread of Zika, which poses the greatest risk to pregnant women and their developing fetuses because it is known to cause severe birth defects and neurological disorders.

## More than 800 made US citizens in error

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. government has mistakenly granted citizenship to at least 858 immigrants from countries of concern to national security or with high rates of immigration fraud who had pending deportation orders, according to an internal Homeland Security audit released Monday.

The Homeland Security Department's inspector general found that the immigrants used different names or birthdates to apply for citizenship with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, and such discrepancies weren't caught because their fingerprints were missing from government databases.

The DHS said in an emailed statement that an initial review of these cases suggests that some of the individuals ultimately could have qualified for citizenship, and the lack of digital fingerprint records does not necessarily mean they committed fraud.

The report does not identify

any of the immigrants by name, but Inspector General John Roth's auditors said they were all from "special interest countries" — those that present a national security concern for the United States — or neighboring countries with high rates of immigration fraud. The report did not identify those countries.

DHS said the findings reflect what has long been a problem for immigration officials — old, paper-based records containing fingerprint information that can't be searched electronically. DHS says immigration officials are in the process of uploading these files and that officials will review "every file" identified as a case of possible fraud.

Roth's report said fingerprints are missing from federal databases for as many as 315,000 immigrants with final deportation orders or who are fugitive criminals. Immigration and Customs Enforcement has not reviewed about 148,000 of those immigrants' files to add fingerprints to the digital record.

## 45 percent in poll expect Trump to win election

Tribune Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Donald Trump is enjoying his strongest position in the presidential race since immediately after his nominating convention and, for the first time, has started to significantly close the gap with Hillary Clinton on the question of which candidate voters expect will win — a shift that could boost turnout on both sides.

The nominees have moved up and down in polls over the summer and into the fall, but until now large majorities of voters, regardless of whom they supported, expected to see Clinton win.

That's now changed, according to the University of

Southern California Dornsife/Los Angeles Times Daybreak tracking poll of the election. Although Clinton still holds an edge on that question, Trump has narrowed it to the point that the results are within the poll's margin of error.

The voter-expectations question is important because it often — although not always — has proved a more accurate way to forecast elections than asking which candidate a person plans to vote for.

Clinton leads 50 percent to 45 percent on the question of which candidate people expect will win, the Daybreak poll finds. That's down from her 13-point lead just a week ago.

# S. Korea may deny aid to North

BY KIM GAMEL  
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*Stars and Stripes*

SEOUL, South Korea — South Korea said Monday that it's unlikely to provide assistance to help the North recover from massive flood damage because of tensions over the communist country's nuclear test.

International aid agencies, meanwhile, issued an urgent appeal for \$28.2 million to provide humanitarian assistance to tens of thousands of people affected by some of the worst flooding in recent history.

North Korean soldiers and rescue workers have been struggling to clear roads and

provide food and shelter since Typhoon Lionrock unleashed flash floods and heavy winds.

The U.N. resident coordinator said in the appeal Monday that 138 people have been killed, 400 people remain missing and at least 140,000 people are in immediate need of assistance, including 69,000 who have been uprooted from their homes.

He also said as many as 600,000 people have lost access to safe water and basic services; schools and clinics have been damaged; and arable land has been inundated, destroying crops and killing livestock.

North Korea has not formally asked the South for help, and it's not likely to do so, said the Unification Ministry in Seoul.

South Korea has come to its rival's aid in the past, sending humanitarian assistance in 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2010, according to the ministry.

But Jeong Joon-he, spokesman for the Unification Ministry, said Pyongyang needs to be held accountable for carrying out its most recent nuclear test on Sept. 9.

Despite outrage over the nuclear test, many South Koreans have expressed sympathy for the flooding victims. The peninsula was divided into a U.S.-backed South and a Soviet-backed North in the aftermath of World War II. Both sides profess a desire for eventual reunification, although they differ sharply in what that would entail.

## Terror attack victims honored at ceremony

*Associated Press*

PARIS — A ceremony in memory of all victims of terrorist attacks was held in Paris as France remains under a state of emergency.

The names of the victims of attacks carried out by Islamic extremists last year in Paris and in July in Nice were read Monday during the ceremony, which also remembered those killed in attacks in Brussels, Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast and Mali.

The ceremony, organized by associations of victims, gathered hundreds of families and people injured in the attacks. French President Francois Hollande spoke at the ceremony.

He insisted on the need for support, protection and help for survivors and their families. Medical and psychological care must be provided for free, he said.

Hollande promised to reform the system of state indemnities for survivors but didn't give any details.

Last year's attacks in Paris, carried out on Nov. 13 on the Bataclan concert hall, cafes and the national stadium by assailants with links to the Islamic State group, killed 130 people.

The Nice attack, carried out on July 14 by an Islamic extremist who drove a truck into crowds gathered for Bastille Day celebrations, left 86 dead.

Yasmine Marzouk, a Muslim woman who survived the Nice attack, said "these barbarians have no law, no faith, no religion. These criminals attacked that day, a republican symbol, especially children who represent France's future, and families — symbols of tolerance, cohesion and love."

Marzouk, who lost three members of her family in the tragedy, called on the president and his successors to make terrorism cease so that "the flames of hatred stop fanning between the different religious communities. Let's be one single community with our shared values and our differences," she said.

## Pro-Kremlin party wins big

*Associated Press*

MOSCOW — The Kremlin's power-base party took an overwhelming victory in national parliamentary elections, winning three-quarters of the seats, the head of the Central Elections Commission reported Monday.

With 93 percent of the ballots from Sunday's vote counted, the United Russia party was on track to get 343 of the 450 seats

in the State Duma, the lower house of parliament, CEC head Ella Pamfilova said.

It's an immense gain for the party that already held a majority in the parliament — soaring by more than 100 seats. The party now has enough to amend the constitution on its own.

Turnout was less than 48 percent, compared with 60 percent in the last Duma election in 2011.

Complaints of violations, in-

cluding ballot-box stuffing and so-called "carousel voting," in which voters are transported to several locations to cast multiple ballots, came from around the country.

Pamfilova said the national Investigative Committee had launched a criminal probe of one voting district, where video from a closed-circuit camera appeared to show a poll worker carefully dropping multiple ballots into the box.

## Merkel takes blame for election loss

*Associated Press*

BERLIN — German Chancellor Angela Merkel took partial responsibility for her party's worst performance in a Berlin state election, acknowledging her government's policies at the national level were a factor.

Merkel called the second-place finish with only 17.6 percent of the vote "bitter."

"I take responsibility as party leader and chancellor," she said.

Merkel said she's prepared to address voters' concerns about the unprecedented influx

of migrants over the past year but that if people simply don't want Muslim asylum-seekers because of their religion, then that would be counter to her Christian Democratic Party's basic principles, as well as Germany's.

The Social Democrats, or SPD, and Merkel's CDU emerged from the Berlin election as the two strongest parties, but both lost support, meaning they won't be able to continue a coalition government.

The SPD received 21.6 percent, dropping 6.7 points, while

the CDU received 17.6 percent, down 5.7 points.

The anti-capitalist Left Party, a descendant of the former East German communists, gained 3.9 points to 15.6 percent.

The nationalist anti-immigrant Alternative for Germany, known as AfD, entered its 10th state parliament with 14.2 percent of the vote. The election also saw the Pirate Party voted out of state parliament, and the pro-business Free Democratic Party winning 6.7 percent.

Voter participation rose to 66.9 percent from 60.2 percent in the last election.

# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## School district's bid for police force rejected

**PA** MONROEVILLE — A western Pennsylvania judge has denied a school district's request to create its own armed police force for all of its schools.

The Allegheny County judge issued an opinion Thursday saying it's "not a good idea" for the Gateway School District to implement an independent, private 11-officer police force. He said more thought needs to be put into the proposition and more training needs to be developed.

The judge said giving the officers full police power can lead to abuses.

District solicitor Bruce Dice said he expects the board to appeal. He said whether Judge Timothy O'Reilly thinks it's a good idea is "none of his business."

The district had voted 7-2 to authorize the petition's presentation and hired 11 officers in August.

## Alleged Jamaican phone scam investigated

**ND** MINOT — Minot police are investigating a phone scam that allegedly originated in Jamaica.

Police said an elderly Minot woman was contacted by someone who claimed to be with the Publishers Clearing House organization. The caller told the woman she won a car and a large certified check, and asked if she would meet at a Minot retail store to claim her prize.

A Minot officer who had not entered the contest called the number in Jamaica and was told he won \$2.3 million. The officer was told that a certified check would be delivered to him in person after he made a payment for taxes.

## Man gets probation for emojis taken as threat

**IL** PEORIA — A Peoria man found guilty of threatening a police officer based on the emojis he included in a Facebook post has been sentenced to more than two years of probation.

Brian C. Tyler, 21, pleaded guilty to one count of attempted aggravated intimidation and was sentenced Thursday.

The (Peoria) Journal Star reported that Tyler posted the Facebook message after the officer kicked him off another person's property in May.

Tyler took a selfie while making a vulgar gesture toward the officer, who can be seen in the background. The message includes an expletive along with emojis depicting a police officer, a handgun and a bomb.

Prosecutors said the message was taken as a threat against the officer.

## Report of naked bike rider investigated

**VA** ANNANDALE — Police in Fairfax County are investigating a report of a naked man riding a bicycle.

A 63-year-old woman told police that she was walking in a park in Annandale on Thursday when she saw the man. The woman told police that the man had a shirt covering his face and was wearing a helmet but nothing else. The woman said the man was white, had brown hair and was in his 40s.

## Man pays stripper with fake bill, gets probation

**MI** KOCHVILLE TOWNSHIP — A Michigan man who paid a stripper with a counterfeit \$100 bill after a lap dance could have the charges dropped if he stays out of crim-

inal trouble for a year.

The Saginaw News reported that Stephen Gidcumb received a delayed sentence Sept. 12 and was placed on probation for a year for uttering and publishing counterfeit notes and carrying a concealed weapon.

Gidcumb was arrested May 13 after the fake money was passed at a strip club in Kochville Township, near Saginaw. Other bogus bills were found at his Mount Morris home. They were made on a computer.

Gidcumb also was ordered to pay \$100 in restitution.

## Transit agency to test urine-repelling paint

**PA** PHILADELPHIA — Philadelphia's main transit agency plans to try urine-repelling paint to combat smells and complaints about cleanliness.

The Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority will run a trial this fall of a product called Ultra-Ever Dry. The surface coating has been used in public spaces in San Francisco and Hamburg, Germany. The coating makes urine spray back onto the offender.

## 2 ex-officers charged in beating of defendant

**OH** CLEVELAND — Two former Ohio policemen accused of beating a defendant in their custody have been indicted on charges including felonious assault, kidnapping and dereliction of duty.

The Cuyahoga County prosecutor's office said the East Cleveland Police Department fired the officers shortly after the July 24 altercation was reported to their supervisors.

Authorities said the officers followed up on a robbery report and were supposed to be taking two suspects to the police sta-

tion but diverted to a park after verbally sparring with one of them. Prosecutors allege the officers pulled that man from the squad car and assaulted him, leaving him cut and bruised.

## Woman charged with setting car on fire

**NE** LINCOLN — Authorities arrested a Lincoln woman on suspicion of setting a car on fire.

The Lincoln Journal Star reported that Gabrielle Loving, 29, is accused of setting fire to a car she believed belonged to a former boyfriend. Authorities said the blaze caused about \$7,000 in damage.

Loving told police she had nothing to do with fire, but police said her daughter told a school counselor that her mother admitted to the crime and that her clothes smelled like smoke.

## Teens turned away as mall enforces curfew

**MD** TOWSON — Several hundred unaccompanied teens were turned away from a Baltimore-area mall over the weekend after the shopping center instituted a curfew.

The Baltimore Sun reported that Towson Town Center barred 194 teens from the property on Friday night and 216 on Saturday night. Mall officials said the curfew was implemented without incident.

The new policy requires children under age 18 to be accompanied by an adult on Fridays and Saturdays from 5 p.m. until the mall's closing time.

Mall officials said they implemented the curfew after conducting market research and receiving feedback from retailers and shoppers.

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# Broncos defense overwhelms Colts

Associated Press

DENVER — Von Miller tormented the quarterback. Aqib Talib had a pick-six.

Just another Sunday for the Broncos, and after two games, the Denver defense is battling away doubts about whether it could lead the way to a Super Bowl repeat.

The Broncos stifled another contender: This time, it was Andrew Luck and the Indianapolis Colts taking a 34-20 beating.

"I'm pretty sure we woke [critics] up today," said Broncos linebacker Brandon Marshall, alluding to those who didn't think the Broncos would be a repeat threat without Peyton Manning, Malik Jackson and a few others who left after last season's title.

With 1:54 remaining and facing fourth-and-1 at the Indy 17, coach Gary Kubiak elected to kick a field goal to extend the lead to 26-20 rather than try to close out the game with a first down. A risky proposition giving the ball back to Luck, who has picked apart the Broncos in recent meetings.

Not so risky this time. On

Luck's first play, Miller got the sack and strip, and Shane Ray returned the fumble 15 yards for a game-sealing TD as the Colts dropped to 0-2.

"If the game is on the line on defense, you can almost guarantee we're going to finish the game and win it for us," cornerback Chris Harris Jr. said. "We've been in that situation all year last year. Coming into this year, same thing."

"Something we're accustomed to, we're used to and we like winning on defense."

The Broncos rode that defense all the way to a championship a season ago. They think they're even better at this point, too, than when they went on to lead the league in yards per game (283.1).

"We didn't shut down Andrew Luck at this time last year," Harris said.

They held Luck to 197 yards passing and came up with the game-changer when Talib stepped in front of Luck's pass early in the fourth quarter and returned it 46 yards for a score. It was the ninth pick-six of Talib's career.

Then there's Miller, who was constantly in the backfield ha-

arrassing Luck, much like he did last week with Cam Newton on their way to a 21-20 win over Carolina.

"How many sacks did Von have? Five?" Marshall asked.

Only three, actually. But it probably felt like more. After one, Luck said about the only thing he could say to Miller: "good sack."

"This is what I am supposed to do. That's what I do. That's why I dance," Miller said. "That's what I live for."

What else we learned from the Colts-Broncos game:

**Butler almost did it:** Cornerback Darius Butler picked off a pass by Trevor Siemian and had a clear path for a TD. All of a sudden, he dropped to the turf with a hamstring injury after a 19-yard return. His afternoon was done. "I've never seen anything like it," Colts coach Chuck Pagano said. "I probably [thought] the same thing that was going through everyone else's head: 'It's a pick-six. No one is going to catch him.'"

**Rocky start:** For a third straight season, the Colts start the year 0-2. They rebounded to make the postseason in 2014.

"There is only one level of

frustration with losing, and that is, wanting to win," Luck said.

**Ailing:** Broncos linebacker DeMarcus Ware broke his right forearm early in the third quarter. Kubiak said the team will see Monday morning about the extent of the injury and "whether we think it's something he can play with or something that has to be fixed."

**Impressive Siemian:** Siemian completed 22 of 33 passes for 266 and a pick. He also became the fourth Broncos QBs drafted by the team to win his opening two starts. (The others: Marlin Briscoe, Craig Penrose and Brock Osweiler.) "I don't think you are ever going to be perfect," Siemian said. "But it's encouraging we're doing some good things."

**Write that check:** Safety Darian Stewart was called for a roughing penalty when he hit Luck in the head as the quarterback slid late in the game. "That's just me playing ball," Stewart said. "I just hope I'm not fined." Stewart was docked \$18,231 by the league for a helmet-to-helmet hit on Newton in the opener.

## Backup QB Garoppolo hurt in Patriots' win

Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — The New England Patriots have a brand new quarterback issue.

Jimmy Garoppolo had three touchdown passes before leaving in the second quarter with a right shoulder injury as the New England Patriots outlasted the Miami Dolphins 31-24 on Sunday.

It was the Patriots' eighth straight home victory over Miami (0-2). It came at a price as New England (2-0) was dealt another blow at quarterback with Tom Brady already out his four-game "Deflategate" suspension.

Garoppolo's injury came on third down with less than five minutes left in the first half. He was chased out of the pocket and got off a completion to Malcolm Mitchell and driven into the ground on his shoulder by Miami linebacker Kiko Alonso.

Garoppolo initially got up, before going down to one knee and being attended to by the training staff. He ended his day 18-for-

27 for 234 yards and the three scores.

Patriots coach Bill Belichick, never one to reveal much information, said of Garoppolo's injury: "I don't know yet. So we'll take it day by day."

Garoppolo was replaced by rookie Jacoby Brissett, who led New England to a touchdown on its first possession of the second half. Brissett was 6-for-9 for 92 yards. LeGarrette Blount rushed 29 times for 123 yards and a touchdown. Martellus Bennett also had five catches for 114 yards and a touchdown.

The Dolphins, who beat the Patriots in Miami in last season's finale, had no answers for New England's offense early and fell into a 24-0 hole as they were stymied by three turnovers. Ryan Tannehill finally found some traction and trimmed a 31-3 deficit to 31-24 with 6:06 to play.

Tannehill didn't complete a pass until the second quarter as the Patriots' defensive line pressured him into quick throws.

**Comeback Dolphins:** Tannehill found

Kenny Stills for a 24-yard touchdown in the third quarter and connected with Jordan Cameron for a 12-yard score in the fourth. Kenyan Drake also had a 7-yard touchdown run as Miami closed the gap. Tannehill completed 20 of his first 21 passes to begin the second half.

The usually reliable Stephen Gostkowski missed a 39-yard field goal with 1:08 to play. But Duron Harmon intercepted Tannehill's pass in the back of the end zone with 2 seconds remaining. Tannehill finished 32-for-45 for 389 yards, with two touchdowns and two interceptions.

"We were in a tough situation," Tannehill said. "At that point, you can go one of two ways. You can either pack it up for the day, or battle. And those guys battled. That's what you want to see."

**Quick start:** Garoppolo had touchdown passes on each of the Patriots' first three drives to build a 21-0 lead.

He had four completions of more than 10 yards on the opening drive.

# Steelers dominate Bengals

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Ben Roethlisberger threw for 259 yards and three touchdowns to offset a pair of interceptions and the Pittsburgh Steelers beat the Cincinnati Bengals 24-16 on Sunday.

DeAngelo Williams churned out 94 yards on a career-high 32 carries and added a 4-yard touchdown grab with 6:48 remaining to give the Steelers all the breathing room they would need. Tight ends Jesse James and Xavier Grimble also caught scoring passes from Roethlisberger as the Steelers (2-0) kept Cincinnati in check at rainy Heinz Field.

Andy Dalton passed for 366 yards and a touchdown but needed 31 completions to reach that total, working almost exclusively on dump offs to running backs and tight ends while Pittsburgh clamped down on star wide receiver A.J. Green, who had just two receptions for 38 yards.

Pittsburgh controlled the tempo throughout and after Roethlisberger shook off a so-so first half in which he threw a pair of picks in the rain, the Steelers pulled away. Roethlisberger hit Sammie Coates with a pretty 53-yard strike to set up a 9-yard toss to James. The quarterback later used a 14-yard scramble — his longest run in three seasons — to set up a flip to Williams that put Pittsburgh up 24-9.

**Vikings 17, Packers 14:** Sam Bradford had a Minnesota debut almost as dazzling as the new \$1.1 billion building itself, completing 22 of 30 passes for 286 yards, two touchdowns and no turnovers to lead the Vikings over Green Bay.

The defense did the rest, sacking Aaron Rodgers five times and producing two turnovers in the fourth quarter that quashed the comeback and sent the crowd of 66,813 into a deafening frenzy in celebration of first regular-season game at U.S. Bank Stadium.

**Rams 9, Seahawks 3:** Greg Zuerlein kicked three field goals, the longest a 47-yarder

in the fourth quarter, and the Rams marked the NFL's return to Los Angeles after nearly 22 years with a win.

Plenty of penalties slowed down the game for the announced crowd of 91,046 on a searing day at the Memorial Coliseum.

**Falcons 35, Raiders 28:** Justin Hardy caught a deflected 8-yard touchdown pass to break a tie midway through the fourth quarter.

Matt Ryan threw three TD passes, but got lucky on the go-ahead one in the fourth quarter. His third-down throw to Tevin Coleman was broken up, but the ball bounced high in the air and Hardy caught it in the end zone to put visiting Atlanta (1-1) up 28-21.

**Cardinals 40, Buccaneers 7:** Carson Palmer threw for 308 yards and three touchdowns and host Arizona (1-1) intercepted Jameis Winston four times.

Marcus Cooper, acquired off waivers from Kansas City on Sept. 2, had two interceptions, returning the second 60 yards for a score. Winston also fumbled the ball away once.

**Chargers 38, Jaguars 14:** Philip Rivers matched his career-high with four touchdown passes, including two to Travis Benjamin and Melvin Gordon ran for one score and had his first 100-yard game.

Host San Diego (1-1) bounced back from its stunning loss at Kansas City, when they blew a 21-point third-quarter lead and fell 33-27 in overtime.

The Jaguars started 0-2 for the fourth time in five seasons. They crossed midfield only six times and committed three turnovers.

**Cowboys 27, Redskins 23:** Alfred Morris scored the go-ahead touchdown on a 4-yard run with under five minutes left, leading visiting Dallas over his former team.

Washington's Kirk Cousins threw an end-zone interception that set up a long Dallas drive to the winning score.

With rookie quarterback Dak Prescott looking poised throughout and scrambling for

a 6-yard TD run in the second half, Dallas (1-1) won for only the second time in its past 16 games without the injured Tony Romo.

**Giants 16, Saints 13:** Eli Manning hit Victor Cruz on a third-down 34-yard pass to set up Josh Brown's winning 23-yard field goal as time expired. Host New York got off to its first 2-0 start since 2009, while New Orleans lost its second straight.

Brown's third field goal capped an 11-play, 70-yard drive that featured two key third-down passes by Manning and a pass interference call on a throw to Odell Beckham Jr.

**Ravens 25, Browns 20:** Joe Flacco threw two touchdown passes to Mike Wallace and visiting Baltimore rallied from a 20-point first-quarter deficit.

Justin Tucker kicked three field goals and the Ravens withstood Cleveland's final drive to improve to 15-2 against the Browns under coach John Harbaugh.

**Panthers 46, 49ers 27:** Cam Newton threw for 353 yards and four touchdowns, and host Carolina overcame four turnovers.

Newton threw two TD passes to Kelvin Benjamin and one each to Greg Olsen and Devin Funchess to pass Jake Delhomme for most TD passes in franchise history with 122.

**Titans 16, Lions 15:** Marcus Mariota converted a fourth down with a perfectly lofted 9-yard pass TD pass to Andre Johnson with 1:13 left for visiting Tennessee.

Mariota dropped the pass over linebacker Tahir Whitehead to Johnson just before safety Rafael Bush could get to the veteran receiver.

**Texans 19, Chiefs 12:** DeAndre Hopkins had 113 yards receiving and a touchdown and Nick Novak kicked four field goals. Novak connected from 32, 24, 31 and 43 yards for host Houston.

Cairo Santos made three field goals in the fourth quarter to cut the lead to 19-12, but Houston recovered the onside kick with less than a minute left.

# Truex Jr. rallies to win Chase opener

Associated Press

JOLIET, Ill. — Martin Truex Jr. went from a completely unraveled tire that left him a lap down to the NASCAR Chase for the Sprint Cup championship lead for the first time in his career.

He can thank a late caution in what has been an emotional year for the small-team driver.

Truex shot to the front after a late re-start and pulled away to give Furniture Row Racing a NASCAR Sprint Cup playoff-opening victory Sunday at Chicagoland Speedway.

"I've had a lot of practice at it," Truex said about the on-track obstacles. "I think my approach really changed two years ago when (girlfriend) Sherry got diagnosed with cancer. My approach to all those things changed and made me a better driver."

NASCAR announced after the race that Truex's No. 78 Toyota failed the laser inspection, but the infraction was not at the level of negating the victory for Chase qualification purposes. Truex is expected to receive a point penalty this week.

Rookie Chase Elliott appeared on his way to an easy win until Michael McDowell blew a tire and spun out to bring a caution with five laps left.

Elliott and Truex came in to pit for tires, with some non-Chase drivers Ryan Blaney and Kasey Kahne and Chase contender Carl Edwards staying on the track.

Truex restarted fourth and Elliott fifth, and Truex quickly got to the front and held off Joey Logano on the final lap for his third victory of the season. Truex is guaranteed to move on when the Chase field is cut from 16 to 12 in two weeks.

# Reyes, Cardinals shut down Giants

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Alex Reyes arrived in the majors this year already packing some of the best stuff in baseball.

On Sunday, the 22-year-old Cardinals right-hander showed he can handle the spotlight just fine, too.

Reyes pitched seven dominant innings in his third major league start, fellow rookie Aledmys Diaz hit a two-run homer and St. Louis moved up in the tight NL wild-card race by beating the San Francisco Giants 3-0 on Sunday.

"He kind of answers a lot of questions about whether he can handle pressure when you put him in a spot like that," Cardinals manager Mike Matheny said. "He knows where we are in the season and he's been able to stay focused and continue to really maximize the moment."

The Giants dropped one game behind the New York Mets for the top NL wild-card spot. The Cardinals closed within one game of San Francisco.

St. Louis split this four-game series, win-

ning the final two. The struggling Giants finished their homestand 2-5 and have won just one series at AT&T Park since the All-Star break.

Reyes (3-1) has thrived since being called up on Aug. 9 when Michael Wacha went on the disabled list with shoulder discomfort.

Reyes gave up four hits, struck out six and walked two. The righty's fastball was consistently in the mid-to-upper 90s mph, and he also mixed in a slider.

Not the 100-plus mph stuff he's flashed, but an efficient game plan that got the job done.

"Just being consistent, throwing everything for strikes and getting early contact and not being afraid to let them put the ball in play," Reyes said. "That's what worked today."

Seung Hwan Oh pitched a scoreless ninth for his 18th save.

Diaz hit his 16th homer in the third off Albert Suarez (3-4). The All-Star's shot followed Matt Carpenter's two-out double.

Suarez has allowed three runs or fewer

in his first 11 career starts, but the rookie is winless in 10 outings (including six starts) since June 23.

The Giants appeared to still be reeling from another blown ninth-inning lead in Saturday's 3-2 loss.

"That hurt, not holding on, that's a big swing," Giants manager Bruce Bochy said of Saturday's game.

**Law and order:** With the Giants in desperate need of bullpen help, Bochy said right-hander Derek Law will be a ninth-inning option in a reshuffling plan going forward. Giants relievers have blown seven of 11 save opportunities this month. The team has already tied a franchise record with eight losses in games it led after eight innings.

Law has an 0.39 ERA in 26 outings since July 4.

"It's time to tweak it a little bit," Bochy said, "I'm not saying Law's the closer, but with him and (right-hander Hunter Strickland), they're going to be more in the mix in the eighth and ninth."

# BoSox rally to complete sweep of Yankees

Associated Press

BOSTON — Hanley Ramirez couldn't hold back a smile when asked if he's hot yet.

Ramirez homered twice and drove in four runs to rally the Boston Red Sox over New York 5-4 on Sunday night, completing a four-game sweep that severely diminished the Yankees' chances of winning the AL East.

"I think we all are, our whole team," Ramirez said. "We've been able to create some rallies when we needed to and continued to fight."

Jackie Bradley Jr. had a tying RBI single for the East-leading Red Sox, who overcame a rough start by Drew Pomeranz to post their ninth win in 12 games. Boston remained three games ahead of second-place Baltimore, which beat Tampa Bay 2-1 on Sunday.

The Red Sox opened a 10-game trip at Baltimore with the first of four games Monday.

Gary Sanchez belted his 16th homer since Aug. 3 for the Yankees, who dropped eight back in

the division and remained four behind Toronto for the second wild-card spot.

Robby Scott (1-0) got two outs for his first major league win. Koji Uehara got three outs for his seventh save.

Tyler Clippard (1-1) allowed Ramirez's tiebreaking homer in the seventh.

**Mets 3, Twins 2:** Gabriel Ynoa struck out eight over 4<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings in his first major league start to aid the Mets' rickety rotation, and host New York completed a three-game sweep.

New York took over the top spot in the NL wild-card race, winning for the 11th time in 14 games.

**Tigers 9, Indians 5:** Ian Kinsler got his helmet knocked off by a pitch from Trevor Bauer, yelled at the Cleveland right-hander and later was ejected in visiting Detroit's win.

**Orioles 2, Rays 1:** Mark Trumbo hit his major league-leading 43rd home run to break an eighth-inning tie and carry host Baltimore.

Manny Machado also homered for the Orioles, who lead

Toronto by one game for the top AL wild-card spot.

**Angels 4, Blue Jays 0:** Mike Trout and Albert Pujols each scored twice, Alex Meyer gave up two hits in five innings for his first career win and host Los Angeles beat Toronto.

**Mariners 7, Astros 3:** Seth Smith hit two home runs and host Seattle moved up in the AL wild-card race.

**Diamondbacks 10, Dodgers 9 (12):** Brandon Drury singled with two outs in the 12th inning to score Paul Goldschmidt, lifting host Arizona over the NL West leaders.

**Athletics 5, Rangers 2:** Khris Davis homered twice, giving him 40 this season for visiting Oakland.

Davis is the first A's player to hit 40 homers since Jason Giambi had 43 in 2000.

**Royals 10, White Sox 3:** Kendrys Morales homered for his 1,000th career hit and drove in four runs while Danny Duffy pitched effectively into the eighth inning for host Kansas City.

**Braves 6, Nationals 2:**

Adonis Garcia drove in three runs, Matt Wisler pitched five-plus innings and host Atlanta beat the NL East leaders in a rain-shortened game.

The game ended in the bottom of the seventh after a second delay that lasted 1 hour, 50 minutes.

**Brewers 3, Cubs 1:** Major league ERA leader Kyle Hendricks allowed two runs in six innings for NL Central champion Chicago in a loss to visiting Milwaukee.

**Reds 7, Pirates 4:** Joey Votto hit his 25th homer, Tucker Barnhart tied his career high with four RBIs and host Cincinnati ended Pittsburgh's four-game winning streak.

**Marlins 5, Phillies 4:** J.T. Realmuto delivered a go-ahead infield single in the eighth inning and visiting Miami rallied to avoid a sweep.

**Rockies 6, Padres 3:** Mark Reynolds homered in the fourth inning and Chad Bettis pitched into the sixth for host Colorado.