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## Affair cited in Guard general's downfall

USA Today

WASHINGTON — An Army National Guard general on the Joint Chiefs of Staff has been fired from his job following an extramarital affair, and interviews and records show that he had also negotiated a job and lived rent-free in the home of a defense contractor, USA Today has found.

Brig. Gen. Michael Bobeck has been the focus of an internal investigation into an extramarital affair — a violation of military law — and misuse of government resources, according to Defense Department officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak about the investigation. The probe remains open, and Bobeck has been reassigned pending its outcome.

On Friday, the Army also announced the abrupt dismissal of one of its rising stars, Maj. Gen. Wayne Grigsby, commander of the 1st Infantry Division

at Fort Riley, Kan. Grigsby is subject of an official investigation, but the unusual statement does not say why. Military officials did not disclose Bobeck's firing, nor did they announce the sacking this spring of the so-called swinging general, Maj. Gen. David Haight, whose lascivious lifestyle ended his once-promising career. They likely would have retired quietly if their cases had not been discovered.

USA Today found that Bobeck, a decorated helicopter pilot who once led the National Guard's aviation programs, lived, but paid no rent, in an apartment owned by an executive for Peduzzi Associates Ltd., an Alexandria, Va.-based consulting firm. Peduzzi has an aviation arm that supports companies "doing business with the Department of Defense."

Bobeck rejects any suggestion that he would have abused his military position to benefit himself or a defense contractor, said his Army lawyer, Lt.

Col. Adam Kazin. Moreover, Bobeck was in no position to award or influence contracts, Kazin said.

"Any implication that there was any wrongdoing is very upsetting to him," Kazin said. "Abusing his position to enrich himself is not in line with how he views himself."

Bobeck is cooperating with investigators and has asked for privacy for his family, Kazin said.

Peduzzi appears on congressional records as a lobbyist for Sikorsky, a division of the defense contracting giant Lockheed Martin. Sikorsky itself is a major player in military helicopters, specifically the Black Hawk, the workhorse transport helicopter for active duty and National Guard units.

Joe Ferreira, the Peduzzi executive who put up Bobeck in a basement apartment after his divorce and held discussions with him about joining the firm, said their friendship dates back 35 years. The free

accommodations had nothing to do with his business, he said. Bobeck lived in the small, furnished basement apartment after Bobeck divorced his wife, Ferreira said.

"I believe this is what friends do for friends," Ferreira said in an email.

Not necessarily so in the world of uniformed general officers and contractors, according to a government watchdog. Scott Amey, general counsel for the nonpartisan Project On Government Oversight, said that when job negotiations began between Bobeck and Peduzzi, the officer needed to avoid any dealings that affected the company and the government. At minimum, Bobeck needed to seek advice on the ethics of accepting gifts, particularly living quarters.

"This raises a number of red flags," Amey said. "The job offer opens another can of worms. He should have recused himself from any matter the company had an interest in."

## U-2 crash might boost case for drones

Los Angeles Times

The crash of a U-2 spy plane that killed one pilot and injured another during a Tuesday training mission could bolster arguments in favor of unmanned systems, as the long battle against the decades-old plane's retirement winds closer to an end.

However, analysts said the crash, which occurred in a rural area near Sacramento, Calif., did not necessarily sound a death knell for the U-2.

"It's just one data point out of a great many data points that will determine when and if

that mission transitions," said Richard Aboulafia, aerospace analyst at Teal Group, an aerospace and defense market research firm.

In President Barack Obama's recent budget request, the U.S. Air Force proposed the retirement of the U-2 after 2018.

That timeline corresponds with the expected addition of enhanced sensors for the Global Hawk surveillance and reconnaissance drone.

In the president's budget request, the Air Force said it will maintain the 33-plane U-2 fleet until the Global Hawk's capa-

bilities are "equal to or greater than U-2 capabilities."

"The decision was made, that transition will happen," said Michael Blades, senior industry analyst for aerospace and defense at consulting firm Frost & Sullivan. "I don't think there's a whole lot more that can affect that debate."

The U-2 took its first flight in August 1955. Since then, it has gathered intelligence over the Soviet Union during the Cold War, and in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The rivalry with the Global Hawk is part of a larger debate about roles for manned and un-

manned systems, especially in intelligence gathering, including surveillance missions.

Advocates have touted the drone's maximum endurance of more than 32 hours. And recently, Northrop Grumman was able to modify the sensors carried by the U-2 so they could fit on the Global Hawk, Blades said. Northrop Grumman currently has 32 Global Hawks in active service.

But analysts have brought up the cost of moving to the Global Hawk and integrating new sensors, whereas the U-2 is already paid for.

# Boxing a must for female cadets

*The Washington Post*

WEST POINT, N.Y. — Army cadets Kiana Stewart and DeAdre Harvey squared off in a boxing ring at the U.S. Military Academy this month, circling each other with their gloves up. Onlooking classmates already had suffered bloody noses, but the women stayed aggressive, bouncing on the balls of their feet while delivering the occasional jab.

The female cadets are part of a first at West Point: women who must box. Beginning this fall, West Point officials shifted from banning female students from taking the course to requiring it for all approximately 1,000 students in the Class of 2020. The move follows the Pentagon's historic decision last year to fully integrate women into all combat roles for the first time, and allowing women to box marked the fall of one of the last barriers to women being allowed to do anything they are qualified to in the U.S. military.

Female cadets said they heard about the decision to mandate boxing as they were preparing to arrive on campus this summer and were surprised.

"At first, I was kind of upset, but now I'm getting into it," Harvey said after the metallic clang of a bell marked the end of her match with Stewart. "Hitting is not something I want to do necessarily, hand-to-hand like, if I don't have to." She added: "In boxing, you have to hit them while looking at them."

A year ago, West Point faced scrutiny about how many concussions cadets had suffered, particularly in boxing class. The New York Times reported that nearly 1 in 5 concussions at West Point occurred during boxing class and that senior Army officials had discussed for months how to deflect attention from the issue before finally releasing the data.

Army officials acknowledge that there is an ongoing dis-

cussion about whether boxing should continue in service academies. But, they say, that's a separate debate than whether female cadets should be treated the same as male students and be required to take the same classes, including boxing. The sport, academy officials say, teaches leadership by testing how cadets react while they are under attack.

Brig. Gen. Diana Holland, who took over as West Point's first female commandant of cadets in January, said that when she was a cadet in the late 1980s, she had a hard time understanding why she wasn't boxing and her male classmates were. The course this year incorporates graded two-minute bouts in which women face women and controlled sparring in which men and women can be matched up against each other.

"The issue is men and women doing the same thing," Holland said. "Now, whether boxing should be a requirement for anybody is a different discussion."

In a boxing class this month, instructors guided students through a series of punches and sparring matches, with students matched up with someone their own size. They wore black T-shirts and shorts, matching protective headgear and oversized boxing gloves designed to cushion the impact of blows to the head more than those that professionals wear.

Capt. Juten Richard, a 2006 West Point graduate who now teaches boxing, bounced around the room, shouting both encouragement and corrections. The burly infantry officer also stressed the need to watch for telltale signs of concussion, such as the pupil of one eye being more dilated than the other.

"If they can't stand of their own free accord, we're going to stop it," Richard told the class as he stood in a blue boxing ring with red, white and blue ropes. "And of course, if there's fluid coming from some place other

than a bloody nose or a bloody lip, I need to know. Eyes and ears, those are of concern."

Statistics released by West Point show that cadets have suffered 185 concussions in boxing class over the past five full school years, accounting for slightly more than half of all 355 concussions recorded in physical education classes in that time frame.

But the total number of concussions and the number of boxing-related ones have declined several years in a row. Last year, there were 38 total concussions, including 20 reported among the 948 cadets who took the boxing class.

The number of boxing concussions peaked in 2011-2012, when 68 were reported among 1,022 students. That year, boxing concussions accounted for about three-quarters of all those reported in West Point physical education classes.

Adding women to the mix may complicate efforts to continue reducing concussions at West Point. Several medical studies suggest that young women are significantly more likely to sustain concussions than men.

Lt. Gen. Robert Caslen, the superintendent and top military officer at West Point, said the academy's boxing program has become increasingly conservative in how it handles suspected concussions, keeping cadets away from boxing until they make a full recovery.

That follows warnings issued by medical officials, including some within the Army, that suffering additional concussions before a first one has healed can do serious damage to the brain.

"Some people would say, 'Well, can you teach cadets those skills — that tenacity and resilience — through other programs and other mechanisms?'" Caslen said. "Yes, you can. But boxing becomes the ... one and only event for all cadets that pits one cadet against another in full-body contact."

# 'Kill list' hacker sentenced to 20 years

*The Washington Post*

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Ardit Ferizi was angry that he had been falsely accused of joining the Islamic State group. The hacker's response: to steal the personal information of U.S. servicemembers and hand it over to the terrorist group.

"Stupidly, I was annoyed that the U.S. Embassy would not defend me," the citizen of Kosovo wrote in a letter to a federal judge in Virginia. "I don't know why I thought the U.S. Embassy would get involved. I was doing a lot of drugs now and spending all the day online."

Judge Leonie Brinkema on Friday showed little sympathy for the convoluted justification that even Ferizi's defense attorney called "nonsensical." While acknowledging that Ferizi, 20, was young and suffers from mental health issues, she sentenced him to 20 years in prison for his crime.

Thanks to Ferizi's hack of a retail company server, the names, email addresses, passwords and other data of 1,351 military members and other government employees were published on an Islamic State group "kill list" last year. In court Friday, Assistant U.S. Attorney Brandon Van Grack said one woman named on the list has begun fearing all Muslims might attack her.

The case is the first to combine charges of hacking and terrorism, a confluence national security officials say represents the increasing prominence of cyber warfare. "This case represents the first time we have seen the very real and dangerous national security cyber threat that results from the combination of terrorism and hacking," Assistant Attorney General for National Security John Carlin said in a statement. "This was a wake-up call not only to those of us in law enforcement but also to those in private industry."



# African-American history museum opens

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The first national museum devoted exclusively to the history and culture of African-Americans is now open.

President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama opened the new Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture on the National Mall by ringing a bell from a historic African-American church.

The museum is the 19th and the newest of the Smithsonians.

The push for the museum began in 1915 with African-American Civil War veterans looking for a way to commemorate America's black experience. Former President George W. Bush signed the law authorizing the construction in 2003.

Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., co-sponsored legislation authorizing the museum. The civil rights icon said the bronze-colored museum "is more than a building, it is a dream come true."

Obama tweeted from his presidential Twitter account Saturday morning that he was "Proud to help open @NMAAHC with so many heroes. African American history is a central part of our glorious American history."

Before formally opening the museum, Obama rang the Freedom Bell, acquired in 1886 by the historic First Baptist Church in Williamsburg, Va., believed to be among the first Baptist churches organized entirely by African-Americans for African-Americans. It will be returned

to the church for its 240th anniversary later this year.

A shining, bronze beacon on the National Mall, only steps away from a monument dedicated to a slaveholder president, the new Smithsonian chronicles the complex relationship between the United States and a people it once enslaved, and tells the story of those who worked to make the necessary changes to bring the country to where it is today.

Thousands gathered on the National Mall on Saturday morning to watch Obama, the nation's first black president, cut the ribbon to open the museum. People are flying in from around the country to be some of the first people inside, if they were lucky enough to get the much-coveted opening-day

tickets.

"It's like walking across the desert and finally getting to a fountain of water to quench your thirst. It's absolutely breathtaking for me," said Verna Eggleston, 61, of New York, who planned to tour the museum Saturday.

Ground was broken for the new museum in 2012 on a five-acre tract near the Washington Monument after a decades-long push for an African-American museum on the National Mall. Congressman Lewis, a long-time civil rights figure, worked with then-Sen. Sam Brownback of Kansas to usher legislation through Congress, and President George W. Bush signed into law the bill that allowed the museum to move forward.

## Lawmakers vow to override Obama's veto

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democrats and Republicans are vowing to decisively override President Barack Obama's veto of a bill to allow families of Sept. 11 victims to sue the government of Saudi Arabia for the kingdom's alleged backing of the terrorists who killed nearly 3,000 people.

Obama rejected the bill Friday, warning of a host of unintended and severe consequences if it were enacted. The legislation, according to Obama, could leave American troops and diplomats overseas vulnerable to lawsuits in foreign courts from people seeking redress for actions taken by armed groups backed or trained by the United States.

The bill's proponents disputed Obama's rationale, arguing the measure is narrowly tailored and applies only to acts of terrorism that occur on U.S. soil. "This is a disappointing decision that will be swiftly and soundly overturned in Congress," said Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., who sponsored the bill. "If the Saudis did nothing wrong, they should not fear this legislation."

The bill, which has strained already tense relations with a key Middle East ally, passed the House by voice vote earlier this month. The measure cleared the Senate in May, also by voice vote.

## Police searching for gunman who killed 5 at mall in Wash.

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Associated Press

BURLINGTON, Wash. — Police searched Saturday for a gunman authorities said opened fire in the makeup department of a Macy's store at a mall north of Seattle, killing four females and one man, before fleeing toward an interstate on foot.

People fled, customers hid in dressing rooms and employees locked the doors of nearby stores after gunshots rang out just after 7 p.m. Friday at the Cascade Mall. A helicopter, search teams and K-9 units scoured the area for a rifle-carrying man.

"We are still actively looking for the shooter," Washington State Patrol spokesman Sgt. Mark Francis said at a news conference. "Stay indoors, stay secure."

Police said they were looking for a Hispanic man wearing black and armed with a "hunting-type" rifle and last seen walking toward Interstate 5. The description, including that he appeared Hispanic, was based on statements from witnesses, said Given Kutz, a spokesman for the Skagit County Emergency Operations Center.

Authorities say the motive was unknown for the shooting about 60 miles north of Seattle.

The FBI was assisting local authorities as dozens of police officers searched for the suspect. The FBI's Seattle office said on Twitter that it "has no information to suggest additional attacks planned" in Washington state but did not elaborate.

The male victim died early Saturday at a Seattle hospital. It was unclear where in the mall he was when he was shot. Authorities previously had announced the deaths of the four females. No other details about the victims were provided, including their ages.

Tari Caswell told the Skagit Valley Herald she was in the Macy's women's dressing room when she heard "what sounded like four balloons popping."

"Then I heard seven or eight more, and I just stayed quiet in the dressing room because it just didn't feel right. And it got very quiet. And then I heard a lady yelling for help, and a man came and got me and another lady, and we ran out of the store," Caswell told the newspaper.

Stephanie Bose, an assistant general manager at Johnny Carino's Italian restaurant near the Macy's store at the mall, said she immediately locked the doors to the restaurant after hearing about the shooting from an employee's boyfriend.

"He was trying to go to the mall and people were screaming," she told The Associated Press. "It was frantic."

# Russian, Syrian planes hit Aleppo

*The Washington Post*

BEIRUT — Syrian and Russian warplanes launched a ferocious assault against rebel-held Aleppo on Friday, burying any hopes that a U.S.-backed cease-fire could be salvaged.

Residents described it as the most intense airstrikes they had yet witnessed in a 5-year-old war that already has claimed in excess of 300,000 lives.

By nightfall, more than 100 bombs had landed, and more than 80 people were dead, said Ammar al-Selmo, head of the Aleppo branch of the White Helmets civil defense group.

Three White Helmets bases were among the locations targeted, and two were destroyed, along with their equipment and fuel supplies.

If there had been any doubt before that the cease-fire deal co-sponsored with Russia is dead, at least for the foreseeable future, the violence Friday put it to rest.

At a news conference in New York, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said

the United States needed to come around to the idea that President Bashar Assad is the only viable partner in the fight against terrorism, calling his army “the single most efficient force fighting terror in Syria.”

His comments, alongside the events of the past week, suggest Russia and Syria still believe the war can be won outright.

A U.S. strike against a Syrian army position in the east of the country Saturday exposed the deficit of trust between the two parties to the deal, with the Pentagon insisting it was a mistake but Russia accusing the United States of collaborating with the Islamic State group.

Assad repeatedly has expressed his intention to reconquer all of Syria from the rebels he uniformly calls “terrorists,” and he reiterated that determination on the eve of the cease-fire.

Days before the truce took hold, the assortment of Iraqi militias, Hezbollah fighters, government militias and Syrian army troops finally completed

the encirclement of rebel-held Aleppo, after months of fighting and hundreds of casualties that included several senior Iranian officers fighting alongside regime forces.

Iran’s support has proved as instrumental as Russia’s in shoring up Assad’s hold on power, with Iranian-trained and funded Shiite militias from Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as Lebanon’s Hezbollah, reinforcing the depleted Syrian army on most of the important front lines.

Whether Russia ever would have been able to persuade Assad to comply with the deal is in question, said Robert Ford, who served as U.S. ambassador to Syria during the earliest years of the uprising against Assad and is now with the Washington-based Middle East Institute. It is also far from clear whether the United States would have been able to sell the fractious rebels on a deal that would have required them to separate from extremists, he said.

# Nonprofit: 2 weeks in solitary for Manning

*Associated Press*

LEAVENWORTH, Kan. — A transgender soldier imprisoned in Kansas for leaking classified information to the WikiLeaks website faces up to two weeks in solitary confinement in part for attempting suicide, according to a nonprofit group that has been supporting her.

Chelsea Manning was sentenced late Thursday to 14 days in solitary confinement for a July suicide attempt and for having a “prohibited” book, “Hacker, Hoaxer, Whistleblower, Spy,” by Gabriella Coleman, according to a statement from Fight For the Future. The statement was backed by one of Manning’s lawyers.

Seven of the 14 days were suspended but could be added to the sentence if Manning gets “in trouble” in the next six months, according to comments from Manning in the statement. She also said she can appeal the sentence and no date has been set for when the discipline would begin.

Manning is serving a 35-year sentence at the military prison at Fort Leavenworth. She was arrested in 2010 as Bradley Manning and was convicted in 2013 in military court of leaking more than 700,000 secret military and State Department documents to WikiLeaks.

The ACLU also filed a lawsuit in 2014 against the Defense Department over its refusal to treat Manning’s gender dysphoria.

Fight for the Future Campaign Director Evan Greer said Friday that Manning dictated the information to a supporter who provided it to Fight for the Future. “Forcing Chelsea back into solitary confinement as a punishment for her suicide attempt is extremely worrisome to me and counterproductive to Chelsea’s mental and physical health,” Nancy Hollander, a lawyer for Manning, said in an email Friday.

# Oil fires could hurt Mosul mission

*Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — A fire at one of Iraq’s oil fields could hinder military and humanitarian efforts as operations to recapture the Islamic State stronghold of Mosul get underway.

Black smoke continues to billow into the air from the Qayara oil field, damaged by Islamic State militants last month as they fled the town. The fires also are clogging up the skies in the area, where airstrikes and aerial reconnaissance missions are taking place almost daily.

Located on the west bank of the Tigris River, about 40 miles south of Mosul, Qayara has since become an important staging ground for military and humanitarian efforts ahead of the Mosul operation.

There are slow-going Iraqi efforts to contain the fires, but nearly a month after the town was recaptured from the mili-

itants, smoke and toxic fumes continue to pollute the air in and around Qayara.

Iraqi Oil Ministry spokesman Assem Jihad said Wednesday that Islamic State militants set fire to 11 oil wells to derail security forces and wreak havoc in the area as they fled. He said fires at nine of the wells have been extinguished, but two continue to burn powerfully.

Kourosh Kian, an expert in petroleum drilling and reservoir engineering said the simplest method to extinguish these types of fires is to inject water at the base of the fire. Since Qayara is on the Tigris River, there would be no problem with the water supply, he said.

Qayara and Najmah, the two main fields in the area with reserves slightly over 1 billion barrels, came under the control of the Islamic State group when it captured Iraq’s Nineveh prov-

ince in June 2014.

At the Qayara West air base, where hundreds of U.S. troops are working to advise and assist their Iraqi counterparts, a small rocket that contained a mustard agent landed, Gen. Joseph Dunford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told Congress.

A U.S. official said U.S. soldiers who inspected remnants of the rocket after it exploded found a black, oily substance on a fragment of metal. An initial test showed it contained residue of mustard agent.

For aid workers in the country, the fires are an immediate, primary concern as they prepare for a potential mass influx of displaced people as Mosul operations get underway.

“There is also a major effort to stabilize Qayara,” Grande said. “Hundreds of thousands of people who may flee Mosul are likely to come in this direction.”



# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Clue found in theft of naked Trump statue

**FL** MIAMI — Police in South Florida said they have a “person of interest” in the theft of a naked Donald Trump statue.

Miami police said on the department’s Twitter account that the statue of the Republican presidential nominee was taken from the Wynwood arts district Thursday.

WSVN-TV reported security guards in Wynwood told police they saw a group of men loading the statue into a pickup truck. A witness told investigators he took a picture of the truck as it left the neighborhood. Police are now looking for the registered owner of the truck as a “person of interest.”

## Mannequin found in truck in carpool lane

**CA** BREa — A driver was cited for using a mannequin to gain access to the carpool lane.

The Orange County Register reported that Brea police found the mannequin Friday inside a truck on the congested 57 freeway. The truck veered out of the carpool lane close to an officer’s motorcycle, and as the officer went to warn the driver to be careful, he found the truck’s passenger wasn’t a passenger after all.

Police said the driver admitted to using the mannequin for some time and said he would now accept the fact he needs to sit in traffic like everyone else.

Driving alone in the carpool lane carries a fine of at least \$481.

## Man evades officers through hole in floor

**ME** WALDOBORO — The Waldoboro

Police Department is seeking the public’s help in locating a wanted man who evaded officers by escaping through a hole in the floor of his home in the Maine town.

Officers were dispatched to the home of Brian Bennett, 36, on Wednesday to take him into custody on an active arrest warrant.

Police said Bennett locked himself inside the residence when officers arrived and refused to surrender. After entering the home, police found Bennett fled through a hole in the floor.

Bennett was last seen running down his driveway. Lincoln County sheriffs tried unsuccessfully to track him with a police dog.

## City approves deal to lease strip for races

**NM** ROSWELL — Drag races will continue in Roswell as the city has agreed to lease an airstrip to a local hot-rod group for less than what it would charge other groups.

The Roswell Daily Record reported that the Legal Committee unanimously agreed to lease the runway at the Roswell International Air Center to Alien City Dragway for \$500 a month, with a \$500 deposit.

Interim Air Center Director Scott Stark said the 35-acre runway would net much more money renting as airplane storage. Alien City Dragway Board President Ben Thomas said the races bring more than rent. He said they also generate revenue from visitors and that the company has been improving the runway with its own money.

## University is seeking marriage vows record

**MI** KALAMAZOO — Western Michigan

University is lining up hundreds of couples to renew their marriage vows as part of a homecoming weekend record attempt.

The Kalamazoo Gazette reported the school is seeking to set a new Guinness World Records mark for the largest vow renewal ceremony. Guinness said the record of 1,087 couples was set at Miami University in Ohio in 2009.

Western Michigan University is asking couples to register to participate in the group ceremony.

Couples must provide a photocopy of their marriage license.

Kalamazoo Mayor Bobby Hopewell will officiate.

The event will include commemorative photo stations, live music, a wedding cake and a toast.

## Clown sightings spread to new states

**VA** BRISTOL — Reports of clown sightings have spread into southwest Virginia and northeast Tennessee following a recent rash of clown hoaxes in the South.

The Bristol Herald Courier reported that since August, authorities in states across the South have received calls about people dressed as clowns in parks, woods and neighborhoods, prompting arrests and school lockdowns and spreading fear in several communities.

In Virginia, law enforcement agencies in Tazewell and Dickenson County, as well as police in Bristol, have received reports of clown sightings. In Tennessee, the Sullivan County Sheriff’s Office received a call of a recent clown sighting at a Piney Flats apartment complex.

Authorities warn that people making false reports as well as those dressing up and trying to scare others will be charged.

## Masturbator gets life sentence reversed

**OR** PORTLAND — Oregon’s high court has reversed a life prison sentence for a frequent public masturbator, saying the state’s three strikes law for repeat sex offenders isn’t always constitutional.

The Oregonian reported the Oregon Supreme Court on Thursday said locking up Dennis Davidson, 39, with no possibility of getting out is a disproportionate sentence.

He was sentenced to life in prison after he was caught masturbating in front of women in four places over five years.

The case will go back to court, and Davidson will be resentenced.

## Quintuplets work first jobs at McDonald’s

**MI** POTTERVILLE — A set of quintuplets have landed their first jobs at a McDonald’s in Potterville.

MLive reported that Leith, Logan and Lucas Curtis all work in the kitchen at the restaurant. Lauren Curtis works at the front counter and drive-thru, and Lindsey Curtis handles the lobby.

The 18-year-old, nonidentical siblings usually get through their days without customers realizing they’re brothers and sisters.

Lucas and Lauren Curtis began working at the McDonald’s about 15 miles southwest of Lansing a year ago. Leith Curtis began working at the restaurant in March, and Lindsay and Logan Curtis joined two months later.

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# Garnett retires after 21 NBA seasons

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS— No fire burned hotter, no mouth was fouler, no opponent was in for a longer night than Kevin Garnett's.

In more than two decades in the NBA, Garnett opened the door for a new wave of young talent to enter the league, was partly responsible for a rewriting of the collective bargaining agreement and nearly single-handedly redefined what the game's tallest players were allowed to do on the court.

Fittingly, and maybe a little reluctantly, No. 21 is calling it a career after 21 years, leaving a legacy as one of the best defensive players in league history and one of the game's most influential and intense competitors.

Garnett posted a video on his Instagram account on Friday, saying "farewell" and "thank you for the journey." He narrated the short, black-and-white video that shows him walking alone through Target Center with sunglasses on.

"I'm just thankful. I can't even put that into words," Garnett says. "I'm just thankful. I'm just thankful for everybody and the love. I never would have thought that people love

me like this. But, for it to be reality is just something else, man. Man."

Garnett informed the Timberwolves of his decision to retire Friday. The team will waive the franchise icon, which will allow him to collect his entire \$8 million salary for next season. That is the same approach the San Antonio Spurs took with Tim Duncan.

"I'm proud of our association with Kevin, just seeing him grow over the years," Wolves owner Glen Taylor told The Associated Press. "I wish him the very best in the future and want to thank him, along with our fans, for the great memories that he has given us."

The 15-time All-Star was MVP in 2004 after leading the Timberwolves to the Western Conference finals and ranks first in the league in career defensive rebounds, third in minutes played and fifth in games played.

"Kevin Garnett is one of the fiercest competitors our league has ever seen," NBA Commissioner Adam Silver said in a statement released by the league. "He held himself to the highest standard of preparation and performance for a remarkable 21 seasons. On behalf of the NBA family, I thank Kevin

for his sustained excellence and the enormous impact he's had on the game."

The 40-year-old Garnett put the Timberwolves on the map by turning one of the most hapless franchises in professional sports into a perennial playoff team. He later helped return the Boston Celtics to glory, winning a championship in 2008. And he did it all with an unmatched competitive drive that made him a renowned terror in practices and versatile dynamo in games.

"Everything changed the day Kevin arrived in Boston," Celtics co-owner Wyc Grousbeck said. "From that moment we knew we would get to the Finals and have a chance to win. I've never met such a relentless competitor or such a great teammate. I'm so proud he will always be a Celtic champion."

He came into the league straight from high school in 1995, the first player to do so in 20 years. The move paved the way for Kobe Bryant, LeBron James and Tracy McGrady to follow him, and for the league to institute a rule requiring players to be one year removed from high school before being draft eligible. Garnett also made more than \$330 million in his career, the most by any

player in league history, and owners dug their heels in during a lengthy lockout in 1997 after a 21-year-old Garnett signed a six-year, \$126 million deal.

To his teammates and coaches, he was worth every penny.

He was unyielding on the court, bumping his head on the basketball support while muttering to himself and working up a sweaty lather before the opening tip. One of his trademark moves was to block the shot of an opposing player who tried to get a freebie after a foul was called. The message was clear: nothing was going to be easy with him prowling the paint.

Garnett insisted on being listed at 6-foot-11 even though he was at least two inches taller. He didn't want to be pigeonholed as a big man that needed to stay around the basket when he was so much more. Known as the "Big Ticket," Garnett could handle the ball, shoot it from outside, take an opponent off the dribble and guard all five positions.

"He literally changed our culture," said Clippers coach Doc Rivers, who coached Garnett in Boston. "You look at all the things he stands for. He follows through on all of them."

## NBA teams already discussing need for social change

Associated Press

MIAMI — Whatever the Detroit Pistons decide to do when it comes to protests that call for societal change this season, they'll have the support of coach Stan Van Gundy.

He's urging them to make an impact.

As NBA teams began gathering Friday to start training camps — three teams held their first practices Saturday, while 27 others get going in the coming days — an issue each is addressing is how players and coaches can help create substantive change in cities across the country. The NBA and the

players' union urged teams this week to develop ideas in a memo this week.

"No one can be happy with what's going on right now," Van Gundy said Friday. "I like what (Golden State coach) Steve Kerr said. Wherever you are on the political spectrum, I don't think a thinking person can say, 'This isn't a problem.' I mean, we're shooting unarmed people — and you've got to think largely, they are seen as threats largely because of their race. I mean, it's hard to fathom."

Similar sentiments have been expressed around the league for months, as the list of U.S. cities dealing with protests

— including Baltimore, Milwaukee, Chicago, New York, Ferguson, Mo., and now Tulsa, Okla., and Charlotte, N.C. — over the death of black men at the hands of police.

Dwyane Wade, LeBron James, Carmelo Anthony and Chris Paul talked openly about it in July, standing side-by-side on television. At media days Friday in Oklahoma City, Houston and New Orleans, it was a major topic. Around the rest of the league, it'll be the same Monday.

In a league where about 75 percent of the players are black and some have enormous social-media followings, plenty of

eyes will be on the NBA to see what it does after NFL players and some athletes from other sports have taken to kneeling during national anthem or raising a fist in an effort to spark discussion about race relations and other matters.

New Orleans center Anthony Davis said seeing frustration and violence in recent months has prompted him to become even more community-minded, with hopes that actions go deeper than any words could.

"We have the power to do stuff other people can't," Davis said. "So I think we have to use that."



# Ortiz homers, Red Sox win

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Boston's clubhouse was buzzing about David Ortiz's high-and-deep homer in the first inning, a drive that provided the winning margin as the Red Sox moved close to a postseason berth in the slugger's final season.

Ortiz hit a two-run shot to set the RBIs record for a player in his final year, and the AL East-leading Red Sox beat the Tampa Bay Rays 2-1 on Friday night for their ninth straight win.

"It's not all about the distance," Ortiz said after the 411-foot drive. "It's about scoring runs and make sure we put us in position to win the game."

Ortiz's 37th homer came off Chris Archer (8-19) and raised his RBIs total to 124, one more than Shoeless Joe Jackson in 1920. The 40-year-old's 540th homer, his 300th on the road, struck an overhanging catwalk above the right-field seats.

"I'm used to the ball going over the fence but that far, I don't think you really ever get used to that," teammate Mookie Betts said. "He's just doing what he always does."

When asked if he's thinking about 40 homers, Ortiz said with a laugh "I'm 40."

Coming off four-game sweeps of the New York Yankees and Baltimore, the Red Sox have a 5½-game lead over second-place Toronto in the AL East. They lowered their magic

number to two for clinching a playoff berth.

Drew Pomeranz (3-5) allowed one run and four hits in five innings. Brad Ziegler, the fifth Boston reliever, got his fourth save after allowing a leadoff double in the ninth to Evan Longoria.

Red Sox set-up man Koji Uehara and closer Craig Kimbrel were both given the night off after extensive use recently.

Archer set a Tampa Bay record for losses in a season, breaking the mark Tanyon Sturtze set in 2002. He has lost 11 straight decisions against Boston since beating the Red Sox in his first career start against them on Sept. 19, 2012.

# Rangers clinch AL West

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Adrian Beltre and the Texas Rangers were subdued as they began the celebration, exchanging hugs near the pitcher's mound at Oakland Coliseum.

Things got more raucous in the clubhouse, with cigar smoke and champagne everywhere.

The Rangers are getting pretty good at this division title thing. Now it's time to chase some more important hardware.

Beltre hit a two-run homer in the seventh inning and the Texas Rangers secured their second straight AL West title, becoming the first American League team to clinch a playoff spot with a 3-0 victory over the Oakland Athletics on Friday night.

"It's just the first step, it's just the first step," Beltre said.

"It's not easy to get where we are right now. We took the first step to win the division and get into the playoffs. We have a good enough team to win the World Series. That's our goal. We're going to celebrate today, but we know this is not just what we accomplished. We want to accomplish a lot more things."

This is Texas' seventh AL West title — not including the strike-shortened 1994 season — and fourth since 2010. The Rangers have won division titles in both seasons since manager Jeff Banister took over after losing an AL-high 95 games in 2014.

"It's a lot of fun to be part of, honestly," Banister said. "Hard to describe unless you're there every day, but everyone would rather to go to work where you love the people that you're working with, you enjoy the culture, the camaraderie, and we're fortunate that's what we got right now."

That camaraderie is a big part of how they got there.

# Cubs shut out Cardinals for 98th victory

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Jake Arrieta struck out 10 in seven innings and Chicago beat St. Louis 5-0 for its 98th victory, the Cubs' most since they last played in the World Series in 1945.

Arrieta (18-7) allowed five hits and walked one, Anthony Rizzo had three hits and Ben Zobrist drove in two runs to help the Cubs (98-55) tie a team record with their 56th home win. They clinched home-field advantage throughout the NL playoffs.

Chicago scored four runs in the first inning off Mike Leake (9-11).

**Dodgers 5, Rockies 2:** Joc Pederson and pinch-hitter Andre Ethier hit back-to-back home runs in the fourth inning and host Los Angeles defeated Colorado after an emotional pre-game ceremony honoring Vin Scully.

**Mets 10, Phillies 5:** Michael Conforto hit a three-run homer to cap a six-run rally in the fifth inning, Hansel Robles gave a big boost from the bullpen and New York beat visiting Philadelphia to stay atop the

NL wild-card race.

**Pirates 6, Nationals 5 (11):** Rookie Jacob Stallings' pinch-hit single in the 11th inning lifted host Pittsburgh past Washington, preventing the Nationals from clinching a postseason berth.

**Padres 7, Giants 2:** Wil Myers hit a three-run homer off rookie Albert Suarez in the first inning and host San Diego beat San Francisco for its seventh win in eight games against the struggling Giants since the All-Star break.

**Indians 10, White Sox 4:** Jose Ramirez hit a two-run homer and drove in four runs, and Cleveland beat visiting Chicago to move a step closer to the AL Central title.

**Orioles 3, Diamondbacks 2 (12):** Mark Trumbo led off the 12th inning with his major league-leading 44th home run, and host Baltimore overcame a late two-run deficit to beat Arizona.

**Blue Jays 9, Yankees 0:** Francisco Liriano and three relievers combined on a three-hitter, Troy Tulowitzki had four RBIs and Toronto routed visiting New York to maintain a

one-game lead in the AL wild-card standings.

**Brewers 5, Reds 4:** Chris Carter homered, Ryan Braun had a late clutch hit and host Milwaukee its second triple play of the season in a victory over Cincinnati.

**Angels 10, Astros 6:** Yunel Escobar hit a two-run homer and pinch-hitter Rafael Ortega had three RBIs during a six-run ninth inning, lifting visiting Los Angeles past Houston.

**Tigers 8, Royals 3:** Michael Fulmer pitched seven sharp innings for his first win in over a month and host Detroit homered three times in a victory over Kansas City.

**Mariners 10, Twins 1:** Robinson Cano had four hits and two RBIs, and Nelson Cruz added a towering two-run homer among his four RBIs and struggling Seattle beat host Minnesota.

**Braves 3, Marlins 2:** Adonis Garcia hit a tiebreaking single in the ninth inning, and visiting Atlanta beat Miami for its season-high seventh straight win.

# Williams, No. 24 Utah overtake USC

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Troy Williams grew up 15 miles from Southern California's campus but said he wasn't recruited by the Trojans despite being ranked the No. 1 dual-threat quarterback in the country by Rivals. On Friday night, the Utah quarterback showed the storied program what it missed.

Williams threw for 270 yards and two touchdowns and ran for another score in No. 24 Utah's 31-27 comeback victory over USC.

The Utes roared back in spectacular fashion with Tim Patrick catching an 18-yard touchdown pass at the pylon with 16 seconds remaining to cap a 15-play, 93-yard drive. Patrick had his third 100-yard receiving game of the season.

"USC, that's my hometown," said Williams, who is from Carson, Calif. "Growing up watching Reggie Bush, Carson Palmer and Mike Williams and all those dudes, just sitting at home watching on TV and imagining maybe one day I'll play with them or against them. Today was that day."

The Trojans controlled most of the game and had a 27-17 fourth-quarter lead, but Utah (4-0, 1-0 Pac-12) scored 14 straight

points. Coach Clay Helton decided to punt on fourth-and-3 from the Utah 37-yard line on the possession before the winning drive. USC fell to 1-3 for the first time since 2001.

"I thought it was tonight," said Helton when asked about getting over the hump. "I'll be honest with you. I thought the attitude and the competitiveness was great. I'm heartbroken for them. If they compete like they did tonight, they're going to win a lot of games."

Utah attempted to control the game on the ground early against the No. 98 run defense in the country, but USC tightened up and forced the Utes to win through the air.

USC's Sam Darnold threw for 253 yards and ran for a touchdown in his first career start after replacing Max Browne.

"Refused to quit, just kept fighting the entire 60 minutes," Utah coach Kyle Whittingham said. "Made play after play after play at the end there when we had to make plays. Nobody panicked. Just kept doing our thing."

## The takeaway

**USC:** The Trojans are in serious trouble. There were already whispers that Helton was on the hot seat, but blowing a 10-point

lead in the final quarter may solidify that. Darnold was an upgrade, but USC is now 0-2 in conference.

**Utah:** Friday was the first true test for the Utes and they passed — barely. The run game started hot with 132 yards in the first half, but faded fast and continued to have ball-control issues with two fumbles. The defense allowed the most yards it has all season (466), but bowed up in the fourth quarter when the team absolutely needed it.

## Fancy

The Utes wore new black helmets that were individually hand painted by an artist. The design mimics a granite texture and no two are identical as each has its own serial number painted on the helmet.

## Poll implications

**USC:** The Trojans will continue to stay out of the poll. They didn't receive a single vote last week.

**Utah:** The Utes could move up a couple spots depending on what happens in front of them because of a 4-0 start. A win over USC, however, won't get a lot of points from voters.

# TCU's Hill throws for 452 yards in rout of SMU

Associated Press

DALLAS — John Diarse was on his hands and knees in the end zone, trying to catch his breath after the TCU receiver took a hard hit that led to a targeting ejection for SMU safety Darrion Millines.

The junior transfer from LSU was just telling himself to breathe. Once he took care of that, Diarse hooked up with quarterback Kenny Hill on the play that triggered a runaway for the Horned Frogs.

Hill threw for 452 yards and two second-half touchdowns, including a 75-yarder to Diarse on the first play after halftime, and TCU pulled away from the Mustangs 33-3 on Friday night.

Diarse's catch-and-run score on a quick slant came after Millines delivered the second-quarter hit in the end zone after Anthony Rhone's interception in front of him.

Athletic trainers and coach Gary Patterson came out to check on him, but Diarse said he just had the wind knocked out of him.

"We always talk about if you get hit, it's about how you get back up and how you finish," Diarse said. "That was my whole mindset for the rest of the game, finish, finish, finish, make up for it."

Diarse came back later in the second quarter to catch a 23-yard pass on the drive to a field goal that put TCU ahead for good in a fifth straight victory over the Mustangs and the 15th win in the past 17 meetings between the crosstown rivals.

It was the second straight week for a career high in yards receiving for the 6-foot-1, 209-pound Diarse, who had 139 yards on six catches.

"A lot of guys would have taken that hit in the end zone, they'd have been out for the ballgame," Patterson said. "The

thing about John is he gives you a big body. He's a wide receiver, but he's kind of like a tight end body."

SMU (2-2) played a touchdown-free first half against a high-scoring Big 12 team for the second time this season, trailing 6-3 at the half following a 6-6 halftime tie against No. 16 Baylor in Waco two weeks ago. The Bears went on to a 40-13 win.

"It was very disappointing the way that we responded in the second half, especially after playing as hard and as well as we did in the first half," second-year SMU coach Chad Morris said.

TCU kicked four field goals, two each from Brandon Hatfield and Ryan Graf, who just cleared the crossbar on a career-long 46-yarder.

## The takeaway

**TCU:** The Horned Frogs, who opened the season at No.

13, were less than impressive in all three nonconference games. After leading by just four points early in the fourth quarter of a 59-41 victory against lower-division South Dakota State in the opener, TCU trailed by 13 points in the fourth quarter of a double-overtime loss to Arkansas. Even with a 21-point home win over Iowa State in the Big 12 opener, the Frogs look vulnerable with tougher league foes awaiting.

**SMU:** The Mustangs don't have much to show for another strong first-half performance against a Big 12 team, instead seeing their losing streak against that conference reach 23 games dating to a victory over Kansas in the 2000 opener. But SMU figures to be much more competitive in the American Athletic Conference a year after going 1-7 in league play and giving up 51 points per game in the losses.