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## DOD makes duty in Turkey unaccompanied

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KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — Military and civilian families won't be returning to Turkey for the foreseeable future, as the Pentagon decided last week to change the status of permanent duty assignments there to one-year, unaccompanied tours, Air Force officials in Europe said Friday.

The decision was made Wednesday, when it went into effect, said Capt. Robert Howard, a spokesman for U.S. Air Forces in Europe–Air Forces Africa.

It applies to all Defense Department personnel in Turkey under U.S. European Command authority, Howard said. It does not apply to State Department personnel.

“This decision was made in response to continued security concerns in the region — primarily the risk of terror attacks from militants affiliated with or inspired by” the Islamic State group, Howard said in a statement.

It's intended to mitigate the risk to Defense Department personnel, including family members, “while ensuring the combat effectiveness of U.S. forces and our mission to support operations in Turkey,” Howard said.

Families, he added, should expect “that this tour change will be permanent.”

There may be exceptions to the shorter tour length, depending on the mission, Howard said. Those will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

The decision to remove families perma-

nently from Turkey essentially makes official what's already been in place in the country's volatile southeastern region for the past six months. At the end of March, more than 600 family members of U.S. military and civilian personnel were forced to leave Incirlik Air Base and smaller bases in Izmir and Mugla because of worsening security conditions there.

Those families never returned to Turkey. Most by now have either relocated to the United States or joined their active-duty spouses at their next duty station.

Military officials said at the time that it was unlikely families would return to Turkey in the immediate future, but that determination was subject to Pentagon approval.

About 100 Defense Department dependents remain in Turkey at the moment, Howard said. Families at some locations in Turkey, including Ankara, were not subject to the mandatory departure in March.

The timeline for their departure hasn't been determined.

At Incirlik, the one-year, unaccompanied tours should begin soon for incoming airmen.

“So we are actively doing the transition,” said Col. John Walker, 39th Air Base Wing commander at Incirlik. “The next rotator or the rotator after that, depending on how long it takes to implement, folks are going to start showing up with 12-month assignments.”

Walker's statement was recorded during a “Commander's Corner Recap,” which was posted on Incirlik's Facebook site Friday.

For civilians and military personnel al-

ready in Turkey, tour length will likely also be curtailed, but there may be exceptions to delay those end dates to ensure continuity of mission and to meet readiness requirements, officials said.

The security situation in Turkey hasn't improved since most military and civilian families departed in March.

The country was placed under a three-month state of emergency after an attempt in July to oust President Recep Tayyip Erdogan. Allegations that Pennsylvania-based cleric Fethullah Gulen was behind the coup stoked anti-U.S. sentiment and protests against Americans at Incirlik.

Turkey has allowed the Air Force to continue flying missions from the country, including airstrikes against Islamic State group targets in Syria and Iraq. But the failed coup has threatened to sour ties between Turkey and its Western allies.

In the meantime, Turkey remains under a heightened threat of terrorist attacks.

The State Department continues to warn U.S. citizens to avoid travel to southeastern Turkey because of increased threats from terrorist groups. Last month, the agency extended voluntary departure of family members assigned to the U.S. Embassy in Ankara and the U.S. Consulate General in Istanbul. That departure was to remain in effect until Friday.

The Defense Department currently has about 3,700 service members and civilian employees in Turkey, including 2,700 at Incirlik, officials said.

## At least 23 killed in Aleppo as UN meets over Syria

*Associated Press*

BEIRUT — At least 23 civilians have been killed in renewed government airstrikes on the contested city of Aleppo, Syrian activists said Sunday, as France and Britain's foreign ministers raised the prospect of investigating Russia for war crimes, ahead of an emergency U.N. Security Council meeting about the spiraling violence in

Syria.

Medical workers and local officials reported airstrikes on neighborhoods throughout Aleppo's rebel-held eastern districts as an announced government offensive entered its fourth day. The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights reported 23 civilians had been killed by 6 p.m. and said it expects the toll to rise.

Ibrahim Alhaj, of the Syrian

Civil Defense search-and-rescue outfit, said hospitals and rescuers have documented the deaths of 43 people so far.

Hospitals are overwhelmed with casualties, and medical workers are expecting many of the wounded to die from a lack of treatment, according to Mohammad Zein Khandaqani, a member of the Medical Council, which oversees medical affairs in the opposition areas.

The Observatory said earlier in the day that 213 civilians have been killed by airstrikes and shelling on opposition areas in and around Aleppo since a U.S.-Russia brokered cease-fire collapsed last Monday evening.

At the U.N., British Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson said Russia should be investigated for war crimes following an attack on a Syrian aid convoy that killed 20.

## Okinawa gov. demands grounding of Harriers

*Stars and Stripes*

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — Okinawa's governor demanded Friday that Marine officials ground all Harrier jets pending an investigation into a Marines' AV-88 crash into the sea east of the island.

The plane was on a routine training flight when it went down, U.S. military officials said. The pilot ejected safely and was rescued. The cause of the incident is under investigation.

"Although damage to the Okinawa residents has not been reported, it is extremely regrettable, as one aircraft-related accident could result in a serious accident involving human lives and property," Gov. Takeshi Onaga said in a statement addressed to III Marine Expedi-

tionary Forces commander Lt. Gen. Lawrence Nicholson.

"Such accidents cause great anxiety among the residents of Okinawa who are forced to live with the U.S. military bases. We strongly protest the occurrence of such an airplane crash, because we should say, the current preventive measures as well as safety management are not strict enough, and therefore cannot contain our anger."

Marine Corps officials did not immediately respond to requests for comment or updates on the crash. The pilot was recovered by the Air Force's 33rd Rescue Squadron, 18th Wing, out of Kadena Air Base.

The jet was assigned to the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit.

## DOD chief a nukes expert but says little about them

*Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — As defense secretary to a president who famously envisioned "a world without nuclear weapons," Ash Carter has said remarkably little about them.

He has been quiet on a range of nuclear issues, including the Pentagon's \$8 billion effort to correct an array of morale, training, discipline and resource problems in the Air Force nuclear missile corps, revealed by The Associated Press in the last three years. Nor has he publicly explained in detail the utility of nuclear weapons in an age of attacks by nonstate actors like the Islamic State group to build support for spending hundreds of billions on a new generation of them.

When asked, he has left no doubt that he sees nuclear weapons as the "bedrock" of U.S. security. But he rarely reveals the underpinnings of his thinking.

This is all the more notable because Carter, a physicist by training and a policy wonk by reputation, cut his professional teeth on nuclear weapons during the Cold War. He probably knows more about them than any defense secretary since William Perry, a longtime nuclear expert, led the Pentagon a generation ago.

This quiet approach is expected to end when Carter visits Minot Air Force Base in North Dakota on Monday. There, he plans to deliver a speech on nuclear deterrence. It will mark his first visit to a nuclear weapons base since becoming defense chief in February 2015.

Minot is home to Minuteman 3 intercontinental ballistic missiles that stand in underground silos, ready for nuclear war. A portion of the Air Force's B-52 bomber force, including a number equipped to carry nuclear bombs, also are at Minot.

## Suicide bomber kills seven in Iraqi capital

*Associated Press*

BAGHDAD — A suicide bomber in Iraq killed at least seven people who were setting up tents on Sunday ahead of a major Shiite religious observance next month, officials said.

The bomber struck as residents of Baghdad's western Eskin neighborhood were preparing for Ashoura, which commemorates the 7th century death of Imam Hussein, the grandson of the Prophet Muhammad, a police officer said, adding that another 28 people were wounded.

A medical official confirmed the toll. Both officials spoke on condition of anonymity as they were not authorized to release information.

The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for the attack in an online statement, saying it targeted gathering of Shiite militia members. Is-

lamic State and other Sunni extremists frequently target Iraq's Shiite majority, who they view as apostates deserving of death.

Ashoura annually draws hundreds of thousands of Shiite pilgrims to Iraq, particularly the city of Karbala, where Hussein is buried.

The attack came a day after Islamic State militants launched a triple suicide bombing that killed 11 Iraqi security forces and wounded 34 at a checkpoint north of Baghdad.

Islamic State has suffered a series of setbacks in recent months, losing much of the territory it seized in the summer of 2014, but it has continued to carry out attacks targeting Shiites and security forces.

The extremists still control Mosul, Iraq's second largest city. Iraqi officials say they hope to launch an operation to retake the city by the end of the year.

## Airman found unresponsive on Guam base beach dies

*Stars and Stripes*

An airman temporarily assigned to Andersen Air Force Base in Guam was found unresponsive on a beach Friday and was pronounced dead later the same day at a military hospital on the island, the Air Force said.

The Air Force won't release the airman's identity until 24 hours after next of kin are notified, the 36th Wing on Andersen said in a statement.

The statement did not say whether the airman was male or female.

The cause of death is under investigation.

The airman was found unresponsive at San Luis Beach,

one of three beaches located on Naval Base Guam. The airman was later pronounced dead at Naval Hospital Guam.

"It's the worst kind of tragedy when we lose a member of our Air Force family," said Brig. Gen. Douglas Cox, 36th Wing commander. "Our condolences are with the immediate family and everyone affected by this loss."

Friday marked the conclusion of exercise Valiant Shield, a biennial field training exercise on Guam and around the Mariana Island Range Complex. The exercise involves 18,000 personnel and more than 180 aircraft from the Navy, the Air Force and the Marine Corps.

## Police arrest 'zombie-like' suspect in Wash. shooting

Associated Press

BURLINGTON, Wash. — The suspect in the deadly Washington state mall shooting said nothing and appeared “zombie-like” when he was arrested by authorities nearly 24 hours into an intense manhunt, authorities said.

As the small city absorbed the news, critical questions remained, including the shooter’s motive.

Island County Sheriff’s Lt. Mike Hawley said he spotted Arcan Cetin, 20, from a patrol car Saturday evening in Oak Harbor, Wash., and immediately recognized him as the suspect in the killing of five people at the Cascade Mall in nearby Burlington on Friday.

Hawley said at a news conference they had received information that Cetin was in the area. Cetin, who immigrated to the U.S. from Turkey, is a legal permanent resident who has been living in Oak Harbor, authorities said. He had been arrested once before in the county for assault, Hawley said.

“I literally hit my brakes, did

a quick turn, I jumped out,” Hawley said. “We both jumped out with our guns, and he just froze.”

Cetin was unarmed and was carrying a satchel with a computer in it.

“He was kind of zombie-like,” Hawley said.

The suspect’s arrest capped a frantic search following the slayings of five people the day before.

Authorities said it now appears the rifle that was used was brought into the mall from the suspect’s vehicle that was there, Mount Vernon police Lt. Chris Cammock said Saturday night.

Cetin has not been charged, Cammock said. He will be booked into the Skagit County Jail and is expected to appear in District Court on Monday.

The Seattle Times reported that Skagit County court records show three domestic-violence assault charges against Cetin. The victim was identified as Cetin’s stepfather.

The newspaper reports Cetin also was arrested for drunken driving.

## Al-Awlaki the thread in terror acts in US

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Five years after Anwar al-Awlaki was killed by an American drone strike, he keeps inspiring acts of terrorism.

Investigators say a bomb that rocked New York a week ago, injuring more than two dozen people, was the latest in a long line of incidents in which the attackers were inspired by al-Awlaki, an American imam who became an al-Qaida propagandist.

Federal terrorism charges against the bombing suspect, Ahmad Khan Rahami, say a bloodstained notebook — found on him after he engaged in a shootout with police in New Jersey and was arrested — included passages praising al-Awlaki. Rahami’s father has said he went to the FBI two years ago in part because he was concerned about his son’s admiration for al-Awlaki.

Terrorism experts say al-Awlaki remains a dangerous inciter of homegrown terrorism. He

spoke American English, and his sermons are widely available online. Since he was killed in Yemen on Sept. 30, 2011, those materials take on an almost mythic quality. His primary message: Muslims are under attack and have a duty to carry out attacks on nonbelievers at home. Among the attackers who investigators and terrorism experts say were inspired by al-Awlaki and his videos: the couple who carried out the San Bernardino, Calif., shootings, which left 14 people dead in December, and the brothers behind the Boston Marathon bombing, which killed three people and injured more than 260 others in 2013.

“The horrific acts of violence they advertise are just a twisted form of advertising,” said Zachary Goldman, co-founder of the New York University Center for Cyber Security. He said al-Awlaki was particularly effective because of “his ideas and pernicious way of offering comfort to those in need of it at the same time as he poisons them.”

## Doubts linger after NC police video released

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Newly released police video of a black man’s fatal shooting, sought by protesters for days, isn’t settling questions about if the man threatened police with a gun before he was felled by a black officer.

Police said Keith Lamont Scott had a gun, though residents have said he was unarmed. It’s not apparent in the video if he’s holding anything shortly before he was shot. The video released by Charlotte police shows officers with guns drawn surrounding the man just before the shooting.

In the dashboard camera video released Saturday night, Scott could be seen slowly backing away from his SUV with his hands down. Four shots are heard in quick succession, and

he crumples to the ground.

Police also released photos on Saturday of what they said was a loaded handgun found at the scene, saying it bore Scott’s DNA and fingerprints. They also said Scott had marijuana.

“There is no definitive evidence in this video as to whether or not there is an object in his hand, and if there is, what that object is,” said Justin Bamberg, an attorney for Scott’s family. “But what we do know is that the moment Mr. Scott is shot, it appears as though he’s not aggressively moving toward law enforcement; he’s actually doing the opposite. He’s passively stepping back.”

Ray Dotch, Scott’s brother-in-law, said some reporters had been looking into Scott’s background but added that shouldn’t matter.

“What we know and what you

should know about him is that he was an American citizen who deserved better,” he said.

A police narrative released along with the video gives the most complete account yet by the agency of what brought Scott to police attention.

Two plainclothes officers in an unmarked vehicle were preparing to serve a warrant on someone else when Scott pulled up and parked next to them, according to the document.

The officers saw Scott rolling a marijuana cigar, or blunt, though they didn’t consider it a priority at first, it said. But then one of the officers saw him hold up a gun, the document states.

“Due to the combination of illegal drugs and the gun Mr. Scott had in his possession, officers decided to take enforcement action for public safety concerns,” the document said.

## Toddler among 8 hurt in Baltimore shooting

BALTIMORE — Three gunmen shot and wounded eight people, including a 3-year-old girl, on an east Baltimore street Saturday night, police said, adding that the suspects fled and the victims were all expected to survive.

The shooting erupted outside some row houses about 8:30 p.m. after the three armed men converged on the group from different points, Baltimore police Commissioner Ken Davis said at a news conference.

Davis, who went to the scene, said the shooting was an act of retaliatory violence in response to a Labor Day weekend shooting in which a man was fatally shot and two women were wounded, one of them pregnant. He did not immediately explain how investigators believed the shootings were linked.

From The Associated Press

## At the UN, Philippines defends drug crackdown

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — Despite growing international criticism of his government's bloody crackdown on illegal drugs, the Philippines' top diplomat told world leaders Saturday that the rule of law governs the campaign to eradicate the illicit substances, which he said have stunted the country's development.

Secretary for Foreign Affairs Perfecto Yasay said President Rodrigo Duterte's crackdown is guided by a respect for human rights and the legal system, even though thousands of drug dealers and users have been killed in recent months.

"The rule of law and strict adherence to due process fully governs our campaign against corruption and criminality, including the fight against illegal drugs," he said.

More than 3,000 suspected drug dealers and users have been killed since July, and more than 600,000 others have surrendered out of fear of being killed. Despite growing alarm and international criticism, Duterte has said he won't stop the campaign. He has said that killing drug suspects is lawful if police act in self-defense and urged citizens with guns to shoot and kill drug dealers who resist arrest. Witnesses have accused some police of gunning down people suspected of being involved in illegal drugs.

Yasay, who was addressing the U.N. General Assembly during its annual ministerial meeting Saturday, said the government is determined to eradicate the distribution, sale and use of illegal drugs because they threaten the country's peace and order "which, in turn, impedes our sustainable development goals."

Duterte, 71, won election in May on the ambitious promise of eradicating corruption and crime in six months. He recently said he underestimated the magnitude of the drug problem and will extend the crackdown by another half-year.

# Rising North Korea threat affects US military moves

BY KIM GAMEL

Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — The increasing threat from North Korea will keep some U.S. forces close to the front lines and likely push back the transfer of wartime operational control to the South until 2025, the 8th Army commander said.

Lt. Gen. Thomas Vandal said the much-delayed relocation of the bulk of U.S. forces in Korea to regional hubs south of Seoul, South Korea, is finally on track, with most major units expected to be in place by early 2018.

But the 210th Field Artillery Brigade will remain near the heavily militarized border with North Korea for the foreseeable future. The Combined Forces Command and U.S. Forces Korea headquarters also will maintain a residual force at the Yongsan U.S. Army Garrison in Seoul.

"Right now, it's conditions-based moves," Vandal said in an interview with Stars and Stripes at his office on Yongsan. "That is because of the criticality of having the counterfire capabilities to the north."

Vandal, who is also the chief of staff for USFK and the Combined Forces Command, said the South Korean military must be able to fully take over before the artillery brigade can be moved. That would include having and being able to operate a comparable multiple-launch rocket system capable of defending against the North's massive arsenal. South Korea had committed to having counterfire forces capable of executing the mission during the early phases of war by around the year 2020.

Pyongyang has raised the stakes this year by conducting two nuclear tests and stepping up the pace of its missile launches as the communist country marches toward its stated goal of developing an atomic weapon that could reach the U.S. mainland. The advances prompted

## Model F-16 wows at North Korean air show

Associated Press

WONSAN, North Korea — Now here's something you don't see every day: an F-16 fighter jet buzzing through the skies of North Korea and launching — fireworks.

The plane roaring over people's heads at the country's first air show Sunday was actually a remote-controlled mock-up of the fabled U.S. Air Force fighter.

The scale models of the F-16 and a Chinese J-10 fighter were featured on the second day of the Wonsan International Friendship Air Festival.

The choice of flying a one-sixth-scale F-16 at the show was an odd one considering the outrage North Korea regularly expresses over the presence of U.S. troops and Air Force bases in South Korea.

The North was particu-

larly outraged over recent flights by B-1B Lancer bombers, which are capable of dropping nuclear weapons, near the Demilitarized Zone that divides the Koreans in a display of power after the North's fifth nuclear test, conducted Sept. 9.

The model fighters did, however, appear to please the crowd watching the air displays at Wonsan's newly renovated Kalma Airport.

Thousands of North Koreans and hundreds of foreign tourists and journalists invited to the event — which is intended to showcase Wonsan's tourism appeal — were given a rare glimpse of North Korea's own air force fighters, including a MiG-29 and an SU-25 ground attack fighter, acquired from Russia.

Officials refused to comment on the origin of the model F-16.

South Korea to agree to allow the U.S. to deploy a high-altitude missile defense system known as THAAD.

The military has missed many deadlines and been forced to scale back efforts to relocate most American troops to regional hubs south of Seoul.

It also has put on hold plans to transfer wartime operational control to ally South Korea, originally scheduled for 2012, then 2015. South Korea asked for an indefinite delay after the North Koreans conducted their third nuclear test in 2013.

Under the current arrangement, the South is in charge of its own troops during peacetime, but U.S. commanders would take charge of all com-

bined forces if war breaks out with North Korea.

Vandal said USFK has been working with South Korea's military to develop its core capabilities so it could be fully responsible for its own security.

"I would anticipate sometime in the 2025 time frame. But, again, we're not tied to a specific time; we're tied to the conditions," he said.

He said the \$10.7 billion program to expand Camp Humphreys to accommodate an eventual population of 42,000 is finally shifting from the construction phase to the move phase, pointing out that South Korea is covering 92 percent of the cost.

# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Boy mows for free for single moms, disabled

**MO** ROGERSVILLE — A 13-year-old southern Missouri boy who's mowing lawns for free for single mothers, senior citizens and the disabled isn't letting typical teenager distractions cut into his charitable ambitions.

While other kids may be hanging out with friends or playing video games, Christian Williams, of Rogersville, is doing the grass-grooming service project, the Springfield News-Leader reported.

The effort — Raising Men Lawn Care Service — was launched last year in Alabama by Rodney Smith Jr. The Alabama A&M University student challenged himself to mow 40 yards for those in need and within two weeks had reached 100. Smith challenged young people to do the same, and Christian accepted.

He started mowing earlier this month and has done at least six lawns. If the teen cuts 50 lawns, Smith has pledged to come to Rogersville to mow a few yards with him and give the boy a new mower.

## Authorities looking into voting discrepancies

**CO** DENVER — Colorado Secretary of State Wayne Williams is investigating reports that votes have been cast for people months or years after their deaths.

According to KCNC-TV, a comparison of databases of voting histories in Colorado compared with federal death records turned up dozens of discrepancies.

The discrepancies involve mail ballot votes that were cast and possible errors by election judges.

Williams said Colorado's

election system is not perfect and there are gaps that allow situations like this to occur.

## Pair accused of driving for hours with corpse

**KY** MOUNT VERNON — Two people from Kentucky face abuse-of-a-corpse charges after police say they drove around for three or four hours with an overdosing man in their car.

WKYT-TV reported that court documents say Morgan Dixon, David Spoonamore and Jerry Price II drove from Rockcastle County, about 55 miles south of Lexington, to Madison County, about 30 miles north, to buy drugs last July. Price overdosed while the three were in Berea. Documents say Dixon and Spoonamore never sought help for Price, who died while he was with them.

Witnesses also told police they saw Price's body being dragged. When his body was later found in his minivan, he had grass in his eyes, nose and mouth and his pants were around his knees.

## Missing 2 years, dog found 800 miles away

**NM** ALBUQUERQUE — A dog found in Albuquerque has been reunited with his owners after going missing two years ago and 800 miles away.

The Albuquerque Journal reported that Huxley, a collie mix, was flown Friday from Albuquerque to Reno, Nev., where his owners now live.

Someone dropped the dog off last Sunday at a local shelter after he was found wandering.

Albuquerque Animal Welfare Department director Paul Caster said Huxley had a microchip that led to a phone number for his original owners.

Justine Mendez and Michael Martin said Huxley disappeared from their Riverside, Calif., home in 2014. How the dog survived likely will remain a mystery, but he likely was fed by someone.

## Call from Barnstable stumps Barnstable cops

**MA** BARNSTABLE — Police in Barnstable, Mass., were stumped when a woman from a nearly identically named town in the United Kingdom called to report a car crash.

The Boston Globe reported the call came in to Officer Mark McWilliams on Thursday.

The woman told McWilliams she was "driving back from Barnstable to Muddiford" when she saw the crash. A perplexed McWilliams asked the woman where she was, to which she replied, "Ilfracombe." Ilfracombe is on the northern coast of England, about 13 miles north of Barnstable.

McWilliams and the woman spoke for about two minutes before realizing they are on different continents. The two shared a laugh and McWilliams deadpanned: "Our response time is going to be about six hours."

The BBC said the woman misdialed after searching online for the police department's number.

## Man who posed as pimp during sting gets prison

**SD** RAPID CITY — A man who toyed with agents by posing as a pimp during a sex sting operation during the 2014 Sturgis Motorcycle Rally has been sentenced to two years in prison.

Authorities said Timothy Fielding, 52, knew he was communicating with law enforcement officers when he responded to ads offering girls

for sex and had no intention of participating in illegal activity.

The Rapid City Journal reported that Fielding pleaded guilty to making a false statement. Both the judge and the prosecutor described the deal as unusual because most of the people caught in the annual operation have been convicted of sex-related crimes.

Prosecutor Sarah Collins said Fielding's actions were serious because he took agents away from the investigation "with his games." Fielding told a judge he has learned his lesson.

## Baby found OK at park after ride in stolen car

**MO** ST. LOUIS — A 2-month-old baby is unharmed after being taken during a car theft in St. Louis.

KMOX Radio reported that the crime happened about 4:30 p.m. Thursday in north St. Louis when a man took a woman's car at a service station. Police said the woman went into the store and left the baby in her car. When she came out, the car and the child were gone.

Police found the child inside a restroom at Sherman Park, a few miles away. The stolen car has been recovered, but no arrests have been made.

## Proposal would require leashes for town's cats

**AK** KENAI — Cats will need leashes just like dogs if a proposal before the Kenai council wins approval.

Kenai Mayor Pat Porter and council member Tim Navarre have proposed a cat leash law after complaints from residents about roaming felines.

The proposed ordinance also cites complaints about the impact of a growing cat population on the Kenai Animal Shelter's resources. A hearing and vote is set for Oct. 5.

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# Marlins ace Fernandez dead at 24

Associated Press

MIAMI — Jose Fernandez, the ace right-hander for the Miami Marlins who escaped Cuba to become one of baseball's brightest stars, was killed in a boating accident early Sunday morning. Fernandez was 24.

He and two other people died when their 32-foot vessel slammed into a jetty off Miami Beach, authorities said.

"We are devastated by the tragic loss of Jose Fernandez," the Marlins said in a statement.

Reaction quickly poured in from around the game. Major League Baseball released a statement saying it was "stunned and devastated."

"He was one of our game's great young stars who made a dramatic impact on and off the field since his debut in 2013," MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred said. "Our thoughts and prayers are with his family, the Miami Marlins organization and all of the people he touched in his life."

The Marlins' game Sunday at home against the Atlanta Braves has been canceled. The Braves, along with several other teams, quickly shared their condolences with the Marlins.

"Hands down one of my favorite guys to watch pitch! He brought nothing but intensity and passion," Boston Red Sox pitcher David Price said on Twitter early Sunday.

Because the boat was on a

jetty, the Coast Guard notified Miami-Dade police, which turned the investigation over to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

Fernandez was on a 32-foot vessel that had a "severe impact" with a jetty, said FWC's Lorenzo Veloz. The overturned boat remained in the water Sunday morning, its engine partially submerged as its nose pointed skyward, as debris from the crash was scattered over some of the large jagged rocks.

Fernandez's death immediately brought memories of past baseball tragedies, such as the deaths of Thurman Munson and Roberto Clemente — stars who died in plane crashes in the 1970s.

Cleveland teammates Steve Olin and Tim Crews were killed in a boating accident in Florida in 1993, and the game also reeled from the sudden deaths of major leaguers Darryl Kile, Lyman Bostock and Cory Lidle in recent years.

"Jose was a remarkable young man and a tremendously gifted athlete, who, at just 24, established himself as one of the game's biggest and brightest stars," said Tony Clark, the executive director of the Major League Baseball Players Association. "Our thoughts and prayers go out to Jose's family, friends, teammates, Miami Marlins organization and legions of fans in the United States and Latin America."

The Miami Dolphins said they would have a moment of silence before their game in nearby Miami Gardens on Sunday afternoon to remember Fernandez.

City of Miami Fire-Rescue workers were seen carrying bodies, draped and on stretchers, at the Coast Guard station after sunrise Sunday. Officials later said they were taken to the medical examiner's office. Two bodies were found under the vessel and a third was found on the jetty, said Capt. Leonel Reyes of Miami-Dade Fire Rescue's Marine Services Bureau.

The names of the other two individuals are being withheld pending notification of relatives, the Coast Guard said.

"It does appear that speed was involved due to the impact and the severity of it," said Veloz, the FWC spokesman. "It does appear to be that they were coming at full speed when they encountered the jetty, and the accident happened."

Veloz said there was no immediate indication that alcohol or drugs were a cause in the crash. He also said none of the three victims wore a life jacket, and that the boat was owned by a friend of Fernandez's.

"It does pertain to a friend of Jose who is very well connected with several Marlins players and I have stopped that boat before for safety inspections with other Marlins players on board," Veloz said. "We know

that this boat knows the area. We just can't answer why this happened."

Fernandez was a two-time All-Star who went 38-17 in his four seasons with the Marlins, winning the NL's Rookie of the Year award in 2013. The native of Santa Clara, Cuba became a U.S. citizen last year and was enormously popular in Miami.

He tried to defect from Cuba at least three times — landing in jail after one of those unsuccessful tries — before eventually getting to the U.S. and going to high school in Tampa, Florida. The Marlins drafted him in 2011 and Fernandez was in the majors two years later.

"I'm still in shock," former Marlins player Gaby Sanchez said on Twitter. "The world has lost a remarkable person. You will be missed and my heart goes out to the Fernandez family."

Video boards at Marlins Park on Sunday morning showed a large "16" — Fernandez's jersey number — over his name. A few fans milled about, even though the game was canceled.

Fernandez posted a photo of his girlfriend sporting a "baby bump" on his Instagram page last week, announcing that the couple were expecting their first child.

"I'm so glad you came into my life," Fernandez wrote in that post. "I'm ready for where this journey is gonna take us together."

## Auburn gets chaotic win over No. 18 LSU

Associated Press

AUBURN, Ala. — Gus Malzahn was ready to try anything to get a win for his Auburn Tigers.

Malzahn relinquished offensive play-calling duties. Following his daughters' advice, he traded his usual game-day visor for a cap. And then, when the clock expired and LSU players were celebrating an apparent last-second win, the Auburn coach put all his faith in a

ruling he couldn't control.

Daniel Carlson kicked six field goals and Auburn beat No. 18 LSU 18-13 on Saturday night after officials ruled Danny Etling's apparent last-gasp scoring pass came after time expired.

Etling rolled to his right and found D.J. Shark in the back of the end zone on a 15-yard pass, setting off a short-lived celebration by LSU players.

"I don't know if I've ever come as close to winning a

game and finishing second as today," LSU coach Les Miles said.

It was an important win for Auburn (2-2, 1-1 Southeastern Conference) and Malzahn, who faced increased criticism following losses to Top 25 teams Clemson and Texas A&M.

An illegal shift penalty against LSU (2-2, 1-1) left the Tigers with a fourth-down play from the 15. There was only 1 second on the clock before of-

ficials huddled. Miles said officials said they were adding 3 seconds to the clock.

"We knew the referee was not going to blow a whistle," Miles said. "He was going to raise a hand and drop it and the clock was going to start. We were trying to get off the play as fast as we could."

LSU star running back Leonard Fournette had 16 carries for 101 yards.

# Wisconsin overwhelms No. 8 Spartans

Associated Press

EAST LANSING, Mich. — By the time Alex Hornibrook's first start was over, there wasn't much question about whether he could handle one of the toughest road tests in the Big Ten.

Hornibrook threw for 195 yards and a touchdown, and 11th-ranked Wisconsin turned its early-season showdown with No. 8 Michigan State into a rout, beating the Spartans 30-6 on Saturday.

"You've got to have respect for a guy whose first start is against a Michigan State defense," Wisconsin running back Corey Clement said.

"He's going to come out the next game and do even better. I think he's just getting his feet wet."

The freshman quarterback outplayed fifth-year senior Tyler O'Connor, his Michigan State counterpart. The Badgers (4-0, 1-0 Big Ten) were the better team in the first half and then outscored the Spartans 17-0 in the third quarter.

Michigan State (2-1, 0-1) was down 13-6 early in the third and had the ball in Wisconsin territory when LJ Scott's fumble bounced to Wisconsin's Leo Musso in the secondary. O'Connor was the only player with a decent shot at him on the return, and Musso spun past the quarterback and went

all the way to the end zone for a 66-yard touchdown.

O'Connor finished 18-for-38 for 224 yards with three interceptions.

"People have been saying a lot of good things about us lately," Spartans coach Mark Dantonio said. "And now we'll take some shots."

Clement ran for two touchdowns for Wisconsin, which went with Hornibrook at quarterback after Bart Houston started the first three games. Hornibrook wasn't spectacular, but he kept his cool.

"That's something that I take pride in, just staying the same level, not going too far up or too far down," he said.

## No. 7 Stanford rallies past UCLA Army falls in overtime

Associated Press

PASADENA, Calif. — J.J. Arcega-Whiteside caught an 8-yard touchdown pass from Ryan Burns with 24 seconds left, and No. 7 Stanford rallied on its final drive for its ninth consecutive victory over UCLA.

Christian McCaffrey rushed for 138 yards for the Cardinal (3-0, 2-0 Pac-12), who haven't lost to their downstate rivals since 2008.

After struggling on offense for 3½ quarters at the Rose Bowl, Stanford put together a 70-yard winning drive capped by Burns' fade to Arcega-Whiteside, who got one foot inbounds on an acrobatic play. Solomon Thomas then returned Josh Rosen's fumble 42 yards for a touchdown on the game's final play.

Rosen passed for 248 yards for the Bruins (2-2, 0-1). UCLA's defense faltered late after severely limiting the Cardinal and McCaffrey, who had his 14th consecutive 100-yard rushing game, for most of the night at the Rose Bowl.

**No. 1 Alabama 48, Kent State 0:** Jalen Hurts ran and threw for touchdowns and tailback sub Joshua Jacobs scored his first two career touchdowns for host Alabama. (4-0).

**No. 3 Louisville 59, Marshall 28:** Lamar Jackson threw five touchdown passes and ran for two more scores for visiting

Louisville (4-0).

**No. 4 Michigan 49, Penn State 10:** De'Veon Smith led an overwhelming ground game with 107 yards rushing and a touchdown and Karan Higdon ran for two scores for host Michigan (4-0) in the Big Ten opener for both teams.

**No. 6 Houston 64, Texas State 3:** D'Eriq King caught a touchdown pass, threw one and returned a kickoff for another score in visiting Houston's blowout victory.

**No. 10 Texas A&M 45, No. 17 Arkansas 24:** Trevor Knight had two long touchdowns runs for Texas A&M before halftime and threw a 92-yard pass to Josh Reynolds right after Arkansas was stopped three times from the 1.

**No. 23 Mississippi 45, No. 12 Georgia 14:** Chad Kelly threw for 282 yards and two touchdowns and ran for another score to help host Mississippi break a 10-game losing streak in the series dating to 1996.

Georgia (3-1, 1-1) lost for the first time under new coach Kirby Smart and looked overmatched. To make matters worse, star running back Nick Chubb injured an ankle in the second quarter and didn't return.

**No. 9 Washington 35, Arizona 28:** Jake Browning hit Dante Pettis on a 4-yard touchdown in overtime, Lavon Coleman ran for 181 yards and Washington held off host Arizona in both

teams' Pac-12 opener.

**No. 13 Florida State 55, South Florida 35:** Dalvin Cook rushed for a career-high 267 yards and two touchdowns and Florida State rebounded from the most lopsided loss in school history to beat South Florida.

**No. 14 Tennessee 38, No. 19 Florida 28:** Joshua Dobbs accounted for five second-half touchdowns and host Tennessee overcame a 21-point deficit to beat Florida and end an 11-game losing streak in the series.

**No. 16 Baylor 35, Oklahoma State 24:** WACO, Texas (AP) — Seth Russell threw four touchdown passes, including an 89-yarder to Chris Platt for the go-ahead score in the third quarter, and Baylor beat Oklahoma State in the weather-delayed Big 12 opener for both teams.

The game was stopped by lightning for about 1½ hours after the Bears scored on the opening series.

**No. 20 Nebraska 24, Northwestern 13:** Tommy Armstrong Jr. threw for 246 yards and ran for a career-high 132 to lead Nebraska past host Northwestern in the Big Ten opener for both teams.

The Cornhuskers (4-0) remained unbeaten coming off a tight win over Oregon that vaulted them into the Associated Press Top 25 for the first time since December 2014.

Associated Press

AMHERST, N.Y. — In 30 years of coaching, Lance Leipold had never been part of an overtime game before. Adam Mitcheson had never attempted a game-ending field goal before.

The Buffalo coach and kicker had memorable first experiences in the Bulls 23-20 comeback victory over Army on Saturday night.

Mitcheson sprinted from one end of the field to the other after making a 33-yard field goal in overtime to secure Buffalo's first win of the season.

The Bulls scored two touchdowns in the final nine minutes of the fourth quarter to force overtime against a previously unbeaten Black Knights team that had not allowed any of its first three opponents to score in the fourth quarter.

Army quarterback Ahmad Bradshaw rushed for a season-high 126 yards on 22 carries and had a 5-yard touchdown run to lead an Army rushing attack that totaled 396 yards. The Black Knights' had the nation's No. 2 rushing offense, averaging 367 yards in its first three games.

**Air Force 27, Utah State 20:** Jacobi Owens scored on a 1-yard run with 5:06 left in the fourth quarter and Air Force won its conference opener.

# Nationals claim NL East title

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Dusty Baker couldn't help but smile as he watched his players pour champagne and beer on each other.

The Washington Nationals clinched their third National League East title in five years on Saturday night. They beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 6-1 and watched on TV in the clubhouse as the New York Mets were eliminated from the division race 20 minutes later with a 10-8 loss to the Philadelphia Phillies.

Then the party started.

"Let the animals run wild, and they are certainly running wild tonight," said Baker, the Nationals' first-year manager. "I love it. Look at them. These are the wildest I've ever seen."

The Nationals were seemingly not only celebrating a division title but releasing pent-up frustration that remained from a disappointing 2015 season.

The Nationals were considered by many to be World Series favorites after signing right-hander Max Scherzer to a seven-year, \$210-million contract in free agency the previous winter. They not only missed the playoffs, but then-closer Jonathan Papelbon choked right fielder Bryce Harper during a late-season dugout argument.

"We were all (upset)," Scherzer said. "Because we had a team we knew was capable of winning and winning in the postseason, winning in October. I believe we have that team again."

Manager Matt Williams was fired at the end of last season and replaced by Baker, who had 20 years of experience managing the San Francisco Giants, Chicago Cubs and Cincinnati Reds.

Out of the game for two years after being fired by the Reds following the 2013 season, the 67-year-old Baker has been questioned at times for his handling of the pitching staff. But he has provided a steady hand.

"This is the first step in a four-step process," Baker said

"We want to do this three more times, then hopefully be the world champions. We're not done yet."

The Nationals have never reached the World Series during the franchise's 47-year history that began in 1969 as the Montreal Expos before the team relocated to Washington in 2005.

Except for a four-day stretch in May, the Nationals were on top of the division all season. They took the lead for good May 13 then built a double-digit advantage in September despite a down year from Harper, who is hitting just .243 with 24 home runs in 143 games after winning the NL MVP a year ago when he batted .330 with an NL-leading 42 homers.

However, second baseman Daniel Murphy, who helped the Mets reach the World Series last year, has made a major impact after being signed as a free agent in the offseason. Though sidelined by a strained glut muscle in recent days, he is hitting .347 with a league-best 47 doubles and 25 home runs in 141 games.

Scherzer has been stellar as the ace of the pitching staff. He is 18-7 with a 2.82 ERA, a league-leading 267 strikeouts and a record-tying 20-strikeout game in May.

**Blue Jays 3, Yankees 0:** At Toronto, Jose Bautista hit a three-run homer off Tyler Clippard (3-5) in the eighth inning, reaching 30 homers for the seventh straight season.

**Phillies 10, Mets 8:** Host New York fell behind 10-0 by the fourth inning, then fell short of what would have been the largest comeback victory in team history.

**Orioles 6, Diamondbacks 1:** Mark Trumbo connected for his league-leading 45th homer and Trey Mancini hit his third homer in nine major league at-bats.

**Dodgers 14, Rockies 1:** Clayton Kershaw scattered three hits over seven scoreless innings, Josh Reddick slugged a grand slam in the seventh and host Los Angeles moved within a game of clinching its fourth

consecutive NL West title.

**Giants 9, Padres 6 (10):** San Francisco blew a six-run lead before scoring three times in the 10th inning, including a two-run home run by Denard Span, to beat visiting San Diego.

**Royals 7, Tigers 4:** At Detroit, Paulo Orlando hit a tying, two-run double and Eric Hosmer followed with a three-run homer against Francisco Rodriguez (3-4), capping a comeback from a 4-2 deficit in the ninth.

**Cardinals 10, Cubs 4:** Yadier Molina drove in four runs and Stephen Piscotty homered to help visiting St. Louis in its wild-card chase. Randal Grichuk added three RBIs and Jhonny Peralta had three hits.

**Rangers 5, Athletics 0:** The lone veteran in the lineup a day after visiting Texas won another AL West title, Elvis Andrus hit a pair of two-run homers.

**White Sox 8, Indians 1:** Melky Cabrera and Jose Abreu hit RBI singles in the first off Cody Anderson (2-5), and Todd Frazier connected for his 39th homer in the sixth as visiting Chicago stopped a six-game losing streak.

**Marlins 6, Braves 4:** Derek Dietrich hit a two-run homer, helping stop visiting Atlanta's season-high seven-game winning streak.

**Angels 10, Astros 4:** Kole Calhoun had three hits and two RBIs, and Los Angeles scored nine runs in the final two innings. Houston fell to three games behind Baltimore for the second AL wild card.

**Twins 3, Mariners 2:** At Minneapolis, Miguel Sano hit a tiebreaking homer in the fourth inning off Ariel Miranda (5-2) and Tyler Duffey (9-11) gave up four runs and four hits in seven innings. Seattle is 2½ games back for the second AL wild card.

**Reds 6, Brewers 1:** At Milwaukee, Dan Straily (14-8) allowed one run and five hits in 6⅔ innings, and Joey Votto hit a two-run homer in the first off Taylor Jungmann (0-5). Straily is 3-0 with a 1.67 ERA in four starts against Milwaukee this year.

# Red Sox clinch playoffs

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — With the complicated math of baseball in the wild-card era, players in the Boston clubhouse were unaware the Red Sox are playoff bound.

Dustin Pedroia hit his fourth career grand slam to help Rick Porcello get his major league-leading 22nd win, and the Red Sox clinched a playoff berth by beating the Tampa Bay Rays 6-4 Saturday night for their 10th consecutive win.

Boston maintained a 5½-game lead over Toronto for the division title and ensured no worse than the AL's second wild card. While the Red Sox technically have a magic number of one, the Blue Jays and Baltimore Orioles play each other three times in the season's final week — meaning only one of them can match Boston's 91 wins.

Among the other wild-card contenders, only Detroit can reach 91 victories.

"I haven't heard it," Red Sox manager John Farrell said moments after the game.

Porcello was informed of the news by a reporter.

"Obviously, it's big," Porcello said. "It's the position that we wanted to be in coming into this last week of September. We definitely want the division going forward."

Boston is on its longest September winning streak since an 11-game run in 1949.

Pedroia stopped an 0-for-17 skid with a single in the sixth and gave Boston a 6-3 lead with a seventh-inning drive off Danny Farquhar.

Porcello is the first Boston pitcher to have 22 wins since Pedro Martinez had 23 in his AL Cy Young Award winning season in 1999.

Craig Kimbrel, the fifth Boston reliever, reached 30 saves for the sixth straight season despite allowing Logan Forsythe's solo homer in the ninth.