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Hurricane Irma begins assault on Fla.

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FORT MYERS, Fla. — Hurricane Irma roared through the Florida Keys on Sunday with punishing 130 mph winds and began pushing its way north, knocking out power to more than 1.5 million people across the state and collapsing a construction crane over the Miami skyline.

The nearly 400-mile-wide storm is expected to make a slow, ruinous march up Florida's west coast, straight toward the heavily populated Tampa-St. Petersburg area by Monday morning.

Streets emptied across the bottom half of the Florida Peninsula, and some 127,000 people huddled in shelters.

"Pray, pray for everybody in Florida," Gov. Rick Scott said on "Fox News Sunday."

Flooding, roof damage and floating appliances and furniture were reported in the low-lying Keys, but with the storm still hitting about midday, the full extent of Irma's wrath was not clear.

There were no immediate, confirmed reports of any deaths from the storm.

While the projected track showed Irma raking the state's Gulf Coast, forecasters warned that the entire state — including the Miami metropolitan area of 6 million people — was in extreme peril from the monster storm.

Nearly 7 million people in the Southeast were warned to evacuate, including 6.4 million in Florida alone.

About 30,000 people heeded orders to leave the Keys as the storm closed in, but an untold number refused, in part because to many storm-hardened residents, staying behind in the face of danger is a point of pride.

John Huston, who was riding out the storm at his Key Largo home, already was seeing flood-

FEMA website intended to debunk storm rumors

(Fort Lauderdale, Fla.) Sun Sentinel

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has started a website to debunk rumors regarding Hurricane Irma.

A few of the debunked rumors are useful to evacuees. It explains that while counties must now provide pet-friendly shelters under federal law, hotels are under no obligation to accept pets in a state of emergency.

Other rumors seem a little more than rumor to anyone on the ground in Florida. For example, there is a high demand for fuel, which has led to shortages in some cases.

Some of the rumors are more forward-thinking. The site mentions that while homeowners should document

storm damage to their homes with photos, they should not leave storm-damaged sheet-rock, flooring or carpet in place until it's seen by a FEMA inspector. Starting to pick up the pieces in your home will not disqualify you from federal assistance. Just make sure to document everything that was damaged and all the steps you take to correct it.

Also, look out for scam artists posing as FEMA inspectors. If you get cold-called by someone claiming to be from FEMA, hang up. If someone comes to your door, ask for ID. Never respond to texts or phone calls seeking personal information. FEMA will ask for that information only if you contact the agency or fill out an application for aid.

ing in his yard before the arrival of high tide. "Small boats floating down the street next to furniture and refrigerators. Very noisy," he said by text message. "Shingles are coming off."

In downtown Miami, one of two dozen construction cranes looming over the skyline collapsed atop a high rise in Irma's winds. There was no immediate word on any damage or injuries. City officials said it would have taken about two weeks to move the cranes.

A street in Miami's Coconut Grove neighborhood was reported to be under 2 to 3 feet of water.

Irma made landfall just after 9 a.m. at Cudjoe Key, about 20 miles outside Key West, fore-

casters said. By late morning, it was advancing at about 9 mph toward Florida's southwestern corner, which includes Naples, Fort Myers and Sarasota.

Key West police urged anyone riding out the storm in that city to "resist the urge" to go outside during the eye, the deceptively calm interlude in the middle of a hurricane. "Dangerous winds will follow quickly," police said in a Facebook post.

For days, forecasters had warned that Irma was taking dead aim at the Miami metropolitan area and the rest of Florida's Atlantic coast.

But then, Irma made a more pronounced westward shift — the result of what meteorologists said was an atmospheric

tug-of-war between weather systems that nudged Irma and determined when it made its crucial right turn into Florida.

Meteorologist Ryan Maue, of WeatherBell Analytics, said the entire Florida Peninsula will be raked by Irma's right front quadrant — the part of a hurricane that usually brings the strongest winds, storm surge, rain and tornadoes.

Even before the storm arrived, it made a huge swath of the peninsula's bottom half unrecognizable.

Normally bustling streets were ghost towns. Famed party stretches including Duval Street in Key West and Ocean Drive in Miami Beach were shuttered. Sunday church services were called off, and theme parks were closed.

Irma, at one time the most powerful hurricane ever recorded in the open Atlantic, with a peak wind speed of 185 mph, left more than 20 people dead in its wake across the Caribbean.

The Tampa-St. Petersburg area, with a population of about 3 million, has not taken a direct hit from a major hurricane since 1921. The wind already was picking up in St. Petersburg, some 400 miles north of the Keys, and people began bracing for the onslaught.

"I've been here with other storms, other hurricanes. But this one scares me," Sally Carlson said as she snapped photos of the waves crashing against boats. "Let's just say a prayer we hope we make it through."

The governor activated all 7,000 members of the Florida National Guard, and 30,000 guardsmen from elsewhere were on standby.

Forecasters warned that after charting up Florida's west coast, a weakened Irma could push into Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee and beyond.

Names of sickened responders are included in 9/11 memorial

Associated Press

POINT LOOKOUT, N.Y. — A Long Island beach where people gathered and watched in horror as the distant World Trade Center towers collapsed on Sept. 11, 2001 is the site of the latest memorial to victims of the terror attacks and among a growing number that honor people who died of illnesses years after participating in the rescue and recovery effort.

The monument, built by the town of Hempstead near the Atlantic Ocean on Long Island's south shore, features a twisted, 30-foot-tall beam of Trade Center steel, an elevated walkway and granite plaques engraved with the names of the nearly 3,000 people who died in the attacks.

A separate plaque will have the names of 582 police officers, firefighters, construction workers, cleanup volunteers and others who spent time in the rubble of the World Trade Center in the days or months after the attacks and, years later, died of a variety of causes that they, their families or their doctors suspected were linked to toxic ash and smoke at the site. There will be room to add more names.

"I think what the town of Hempstead is doing is nothing short of honorable," said John Feal, a longtime advocate for 9/11 responders with health problems. "People who lost a loved one to

illness suffer just like someone lost on that day. Hopefully this will offer some ease and comfort to them."

Hempstead will officially dedicate its \$1.3 million memorial at a service Monday, the 16th anniversary of the attacks.

It joins a short but growing list of similar memorials recognizing people who fell ill after participating in the rescue and recovery operation.

In May, officials at the National September 11 Memorial & Museum announced plans to set aside a commemorative space at the World Trade Center to honor rescue and recovery workers.

New York's police and fire departments also have memorials for personnel who have died of illnesses since Sept. 11. A 9/11 memorial in Staten Island recently added a plaque with the names of residents there who have died of illnesses.

Feal's charitable organization also maintains a memorial wall to 9/11 responders in Nesconset, N.Y. In addition to the steel beam, planted like a flag, and the plaques with names, the memorial park includes a table inscribed with the Walt Whitman poem "On the Beach at Night."

The east side of the park features a pear tree grown from a seedling from the so-called "Survivor Tree" that lived through the destruction at ground zero.

US troops, helos in Japan for exercises

BY SETH ROBSON

Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Six hundred Alaska-based soldiers along with AH-64 Apache and UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters are in Japan for annual drills amid tension over North Korea's nuclear and missile programs.

The members of the 25th Infantry Division's 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team out of Fort Wainwright, Alaska, and helicopters from the division's Combat Aviation Brigade will train alongside Japan Ground Self-Defense Force troops starting Monday during the annual two-week Orient Shield exercise.

The troops, including three infantry companies and support personnel and the aircraft, will train alongside Japanese soldiers from the 34th Infantry Regiment at East Fuji Maneuver Area, said Capt. Adam Bowen, a 1st Stryker Brigade spokesman.

Engineering woes will keep Blue Ridge in dry dock into '18

Stars and Stripes

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — Unexpected engineering problems will keep the USS Blue Ridge in dry dock through early next year — months past its scheduled completion date of last month.

Issues with the engineering plant will require the amphibious-command ship to undergo additional repairs for several months into 2018 before returning to service, 7th Fleet Spokesman Lt. Cmdr. Adam Cole told Stars and Stripes in an email.

The Blue Ridge, which is the flagship of the Yokosuka-based 7th Fleet, entered dry dock in June 2016 for what was scheduled to be a 14-month period, a Navy statement said at the time. The

ship was scheduled to undergo maintenance, repairs, refurbishments and system upgrades.

The Blue Ridge's dry dock extension comes after a series of accidents forced the USS Antietam and the USS Fitzgerald into repairs at Yokosuka, occupying three of the base's six dry docks. The Antietam was damaged after running aground in January, and the Fitzgerald was damaged in a June 17 collision with a merchant ship that killed seven U.S. sailors.

The USS John S McCain, damaged in an Aug. 21 collision with a civilian merchant ship that killed 10 sailors, is scheduled to arrive in dry dock at Yokosuka sometime between late September and early October.

Harvey causes surge in gas prices at overseas US bases

BY LEON COOK

Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Fuel prices at overseas bases are surging in the wake of Hurricane Harvey's damage to Gulf Coast oil facilities.

In the Pacific, gasoline prices at Army and Air Force Exchange Service outlets went up Saturday by an average of 28 cents per gallon, with diesel increasing by an average of 15 cents per gallon.

In Europe, costs will jump by as much as 29 cents per gallon.

Hurricane Harvey — a Category 4 storm that reached peak intensity before making landfall in southern Texas on

Aug. 25 — caused refineries to close temporarily along parts of the Gulf Coast, said Patrick DeHaan, a senior petroleum analyst for the fuel price-tracking site GasBuddy.

Although oil prices were unaffected, refined fuel production slowed and gas prices increased.

"That increase is crazy," Senior Airman Asmerjohn Diwa, a 374th Medical Group technician, said as he filled up his vehicle Friday at Yokota Air Base, Japan. He paid \$2.939 per gallon for gas that would cost \$3.229 per gallon the following day.

Black GOP senator to meet with Trump

McClatchy Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Weeks after Sen. Tim Scott suggested Donald Trump's "moral authority" was "complicated" by the president's response to the recent violence in Charlottesville, Va., the Senate's only black Republican will meet with the president to discuss the incident and race relations in the U.S.

A source confirmed to McClatchy that the South Carolina senator will sit down with Trump at the White House on Wednesday.

In August, white supremacists and neo-Nazis rallied in the Virginia college town to protest the removal of a Confederate statue, resulting in clashes with counterprotesters that culminated in the death of a young woman.

Trump's immediate response was to condemn the violence on "many sides, many sides." Two days later, he admonished the hate groups by name — but the day after that, he was defiant at a news conference, saying all factions in Charlottesville were to blame for the violence. He belittled the growing movement to take down monuments of Confederate heroes.

Scott did not hold back in his criticism.

By drawing a "moral equivalency" between the white supremacists and the counterprotesters as Trump had, Scott said last month, "I think you are either missing four centuries of history in this nation or you are trying to make something that it's not."

The source with knowledge of the meeting said Scott will not only talk to Trump about the Charlottesville response but he also will share his perspective on current events as a black American.

It won't be the first time Scott has engaged with members of the Trump administration on issues of race. As Attorney General Jeff Sessions battled accusations of racism during his confirmation hearings, Scott invited his then-Senate colleague to North Charleston to meet with local leaders. Scott met with Sessions again in August following Charlottesville as the Justice Department weighed its own response.

For Black History Month, Scott accompanied Trump to the National Museum of African American History and Culture.

Laws offer choices for students homeless after Hurricane Harvey

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Michael Evan Hilburn says he can't wait to start kindergarten this week at a school about 20 miles from the Houston shelter where he and his father have been living since Harvey devastated the city.

The 5-year-old is a beneficiary of state and federal laws that seek to make it easier for homeless kids to go to school — a blessing, his father said, as they try to overcome the chaos of a catastrophic disaster that has disrupted life in the nation's fourth-largest city.

"The sooner he's in school, the sooner I can start work," Michael Howard Hilburn said. "I want him to be happy, make lots of friends. He needs consistency."

The Texas Homeless Education Office estimates that about 35,000 to 40,000 students have been affected by Hurricane Harvey. On top of that, more than 200 school districts and charter schools statewide canceled or delayed classes, some indefinitely.

Jeanne Stamp, the office's director, said some families have relocated to Dallas and San Antonio, but Houston is sure to see their already large number of homeless children balloon.

Federal protections require schools to immediately enroll

children who have lost their regular homes, including those affected by a natural disaster.

That federal law allows homeless children to either stay in the school they were attending or enroll in the school in the neighborhood where they are currently staying, with transportation costs divided equally between the two districts.

Texas "Third Choice" allows homeless students the choice to enroll in any school district in the state.

But the state law doesn't require transportation to be provided, something Michael Santos, an attorney with the National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty, urged schools to offer to comply with the overarching federal law.

For Houston, the transportation issue could be even more heightened as many displaced families are likely to have to commute across the sprawling metro area between where they want to go to school and where they're stuck sleeping at night.

Officials tweeted last week that they're still working to identify all students who are still in shelters. It's unknown how the district is managing those who are displaced but not in shelters.

Jury to mull defendant's mental health in Slender Man attack

Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — A jury this week will begin weighing the mental competence of a girl accused in the stabbing of a classmate to please a fictional horror character known as Slender Man.

Jury selection begins Monday in Waukesha in the trial to determine 15-year-old Anissa Weier's competency. It could take up to two weeks.

Prosecutors allege that Weier and her friend, Morgan Geysler, lured classmate Payton Leutner into a Waukesha park in May 2014 and stabbed her 19 times. The girls have said it was an effort to please Slender Man and to become his servants, or to keep the character from attacking their families. All three girls were 12 at the time. Weier and Geysler left Leutner for dead and

starting walking to Nicolet National Forest, where they hoped to join Slender Man in his mansion. A passing bicyclist found Leutner, who survived, and Weier and Geysler were captured later that day.

Prosecutors charged both girls with being a party to attempted first-degree intentional homicide. Weier struck a deal with prosecutors in August in which she pleaded guilty to being a party to attempted second-degree intentional homicide, essentially acknowledging she committed all the elements of the offense. But she also has pleaded not guilty due to mental illness. The jury will decide whether she was indeed impaired.

A plea deal struck by prosecutors and Weier's attorney calls for 10 years in prison if she's found not to have been mentally ill, though the judge could sentence her to as many as 25 years. If she's found to have

been mentally ill, she would be committed to a mental hospital for at least three years.

Jury selection will begin Monday, and Waukesha County Judge Michael Bohren has set aside up to two weeks for the trial. A valid verdict needs at least 10 of the 12 jurors to agree.

Geysler has pleaded not guilty to being a party to first-degree attempted homicide. Her trial is set to begin Oct. 9.

In Wisconsin, anyone 10 or older charged with attempted first-degree or second-degree intentional homicide is considered an adult. Cecelia Klingele, a University of Wisconsin law professor who researches sentencing policy and the consequences of convictions, calls the case a tragedy for everyone involved. The victim suffered serious injury and the other girls clearly needed guidance that they didn't get, she said.

Mexico earthquake death toll rises to 90

Associated Press

JUCHITAN, Mexico — Government cargo planes flew in supplies and troops began distributing boxes of food to jittery survivors of an earthquake that destroyed a large part of Juchitan and killed at least 90 people here — more than half the nationwide total.

Some people continued to sleep outside, fearful of more collapses, as strong aftershocks continued to rattle the town, including a magnitude-5.2 jolt early Sunday. Some prompted rescue workers to pause in their labor.

Local officials said they had counted nearly 800 aftershocks of varying sizes since late Thursday's big quake, and the U.S. Geological Survey counted nearly 60 of magnitude-4.5 or greater.

Teams of soldiers and federal police armed with shovels and sledgehammers fanned out across neighborhoods in Juchitan to help demolish damaged buildings. Dump trucks choked some narrow streets as they began hauling away the many tons of rubble.

Maria de Lourdes Quintana Lopez said she couldn't wait for the government's assistance as she oversaw the demolition of the warehouse of her family's candy business.

"We have to work so that we're not overcome with sadness," Quintana said. "We're not going to wait for the government to do what it has to do."

The magnitude-8.1 earthquake claimed 65 lives in Mexico, but nowhere more than in Juchitan.

There were so many deaths that slow-moving funeral processions caused temporary gridlock at intersections as they converged on the city's cemeteries.

ISIS family members held

Associated Press

MOSUL, Iraq — Iraqi forces are holding more than 1,300 foreign women and children, the families of Islamic State fighters, at a camp for displaced people in northern Iraq.

The 1,333 individuals, from 14 countries, surrendered to Kurdish forces at the end of August after an Iraqi offensive drove the extremist group from the northern town of Tal Afar, near Mosul, Iraqi security officials said. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity in keeping with military protocol.

They say the women and children will not be charged with crimes and likely will be repatriated to their home countries. Most hail from Central Asia, Russia and Turkey, but the group also includes people from as far away as Japan and South Korea.

Tens of thousands of foreigners traveled to Iraq and Syria to live in ISIS' self-styled Islamic caliphate. The territory under their control has rapidly shrunk over the past two years as Iraqi and Syrian forces have retaken several cities and towns.

"We couldn't practice our religion in Azerbaijan. We couldn't wear the niqab (a veil that covers the face) because there were intelligence officers everywhere," said Feyruza, who is originally from Dagestan in Russia.

"We were told that in Iraq they had implemented Islam and we came here and it was true. We lived our lives as Muslims and we were very happy until the warplanes came and destroyed everything,"

she said.

She and other women said they had been living in Tal Afar since early 2015. They said they knew nothing about the group's widely publicized atrocities.

"We didn't see any killings. It didn't happen. Everything was according to the Quran and the Sunna (teachings of the Prophet Muhammad). What we saw was the implementation of Islamic rule," said another woman named Aybenis, also from Azerbaijan. The women declined to give their last names out of security concerns.

The women said they lived well until August, when Iraqi forces launched the operation to retake the town. Their account of life under the militants is in sharp contrast to that offered by other residents of Tal Afar, who fled by the thousands in the months leading up to the operation because of severe shortages of food and other supplies.

The women and children are now living in tents and receiving aid from humanitarian groups. They are among hundreds of thousands of Iraqis displaced by fighting over the past year. Iraqi forces recaptured Mosul, the country's second-largest city, in July following a grueling, nine-month campaign.

The women said they didn't know the fate of their husbands, who surrendered to Kurdish forces separately. Brig. Gen. Kamel Harki, a Kurdish commander, said some of the captured fighters were handed over to Iraqi authorities while others were killed after faking their surrender and then attacking their captors.

Cuba eyes toppled houses, floods in Irma's wake

Associated Press

CAIBARIEN, Cuba — Hurricane Irma ripped roofs off houses, collapsed buildings and flooded hundreds of miles of coastline as it raked Cuba's northern coast after devastating islands the length of the Caribbean in a trail of destruction that has left 22 people dead so far.

As Irma left Cuba and directed its 130 mph winds toward Florida on Sunday, authorities on the island were warning of staggering damage to keys along the northern coast studied with all-inclusive resorts

and cities, as well as farmland in central Cuba.

There were no immediate reports of deaths in Cuba — a country that prides itself on its disaster preparedness — but authorities were trying to restore power and to clear roads and warned that people should stay off the streets of Havana because flooding could continue into Monday.

Residents of "the capital should know that the flooding is going to last more than 36 hours. In other words, it is going to persist," said Civil Defense Col. Luis Angel Macareno late Saturday, adding that the wa-

ters had reached about 2,000 feet into parts of Havana.

As Irma rolled in, Cuban soldiers went through coastal towns to force residents to evacuate, taking people to shelters at government buildings and schools — and even caves.

Video images from northern and eastern Cuba showed uprooted utility poles and signs, many downed trees and extensive damage to roofs. Witnesses said a provincial museum near the eye of the storm was in ruins. Authorities in the city of Santa Clara said 39 buildings collapsed.

More than 5,000 tourists

were evacuated from the keys off Cuba's north-central coast, where the government has built dozens of resorts in recent years.

Civil Defense official Gregorio Torres said authorities were trying to tally the extent of the damage in eastern Cuba, home to hundreds of rural communities.

In Caibarien, a small, coastal city about 200 miles east of Havana, winds downed power lines and a three-block area was under water. Many residents had stayed put, hoping to ride out the storm.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Officer fired for dating felon despite order

FL LAKELAND — A Florida police officer was fired after officials say she continued a relationship with a convicted felon and known gang member after her bosses told her to stop.

The Ledger reported that Lakeland Police Officer Brenda Crispin, 28, was fired Friday.

Officials said the department received an anonymous complaint in July that the officer was dating Callett Echeverria, 27, who was convicted of attempted murder in 2007. He was released in 2015 and remains on probation through 2024.

Police said Crispin was notified Aug. 1 that her relationship was a violation of department policy and was told to end it.

Toledo Zoo adds new western lowland gorilla

OH TOLEDO — The Toledo Zoo in Ohio has welcomed a new western lowland gorilla to the group.

An adult female named Sufi, 15, joined the zoo's other three females and silverback male after arriving on loan from the Houston Zoo in May.

Sufi came to the Toledo Zoo to breed with the male, Kwisha, 29, as part of a species survival plan.

Zoo officials spent the past few months slowly introducing Sufi to the other gorillas.

Philosophy taught through Harry Potter

MN ST. CLOUD — A Minnesota university is mixing the world of Harry Potter into philosophy teachings.

The St. Cloud Times report-

ed that St. Cloud State University professor Carolyn Hartz is applying Aristotle's work on friendship to character relationships in J.K. Rowling's books about boy wizard Harry Potter.

The class discusses ethics, logic, love, the human soul and nature while examining the stories.

Officers help panicking parents deliver baby

NJ HAZLET — A pair of New Jersey police officers became midwives for a day — helping a woman deliver a baby girl when she and her husband arrived at the station seeking help.

According to a Facebook posting, Hazlet police Sgt. Kevin Geoghan and Patrolman Pat Kiley came to the aid of the expectant mother and her "frantic" husband. Geoghan, who took charge of the delicate operation, helped deliver the girl at 4:19 p.m. Wednesday.

The officers said the mother and the newborn baby girl appeared to be in good health.

Shopper attacked after offer of kindness

CA WEST HOLLYWOOD — A shopper offering to pay for the food a homeless man was attempting to steal was attacked with a hatchet at a West Hollywood 7-Eleven.

The Los Angeles Times reported the transient man became upset and refused the shopper's offer on the morning of Sept. 2.

Officials with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department said a brief struggle ensued, and the man pulled out a small, double-edged hatchet concealed in his clothing to strike the shopper.

The victim was hit several

times on the head, crushing part of his skull, and his hand was cut severely. The victim was hospitalized and is reportedly in stable condition.

Police were continuing to search for the attacker, but they said they know his identity.

Tiger running loose in neighborhood is killed

GA STOCKBRIDGE — Police have confirmed that a tiger that was running loose on a Georgia highway was shot and killed.

Henry County Police Department Capt. Joey Smith said drivers reported seeing a tiger early Wednesday on the northbound lanes of I-75 in Stockbridge, about 20 miles southeast of Atlanta.

Police responded to a nearby neighborhood shortly after 6 a.m. when residents reported seeing the tiger there. Smith said the Department of Natural Resources and Animal Control were en route when the tiger began chasing a dog. He said police shot and killed the tiger.

Woman creates guide to help newly homeless

WA VANCOUVER — A Vancouver woman has developed a sturdy, pocket-sized resource guide filled with survival tips and helpful phone numbers for the newly homeless.

Oregon Public Broadcasting reported Lois Smith organized a team of volunteers to crowd-source ideas for the newly unsheltered. She said nearly all of the tips came from people who are or used to be homeless.

The survival tips range from how to deal with the elements while living outdoors to advice on getting a job while homeless. It also includes the city's camping ordinance and outlines what

is legal and what is not. On the back is a list of phone numbers to service providers and housing help.

Sheriff's office removes logo amid complaints

IL ROCKFORD — A northern Illinois sheriff's department has heeded complaints from some that a skull logo was inappropriate and decided to discontinue its use.

Winnebago County Sheriff Gary Caruana told the Rockford Register Star his office hadn't intended to offend anybody with it.

The logo had been displayed in a department roll-call room, and two deputies had it on their unofficial business cards. A woman accused of resisting arrest said a deputy gave her the card in 2015. She said she found it intimidating.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois also said the logo projected "a warrior mindset" rather than the idea law enforcement is there to protect and serve.

19th-century county jail is listed for sale

ME ALFRED — A 19th-century jail in Maine is on the market and listed at \$250,000 for the entire space.

Michael Kaplan, the owner of the old York County Jail in Alfred, said he is looking for the right buyer or business to occupy the former jail off Route 111. WGME-TV reported the 1869 property, which once housed accused criminals, is now empty.

Kaplan said he thinks there are many possibilities for the jail. He said he just wants it to be put to good use and not be empty.

The property includes a 14,000-square foot building, along with 3 acres of land.

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Mayfield stakes his claim

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Not only did Oklahoma quarterback Baker Mayfield beat Ohio State in Columbus and avenge last year's embarrassing Buckeyes blowout, he also powered his way into the Heisman Trophy conversation.

Mayfield is on a roll, and so are the Sooners.

The confident quarterback, a Heisman finalist last season, carved up the No. 2 Buckeyes in a national TV game Saturday night by repeatedly scrambling away from a robust pass rush and firing precision passes to receivers often wide open in the secondary. He completed 27 of 35 throws for 386 yards and three touchdowns in the 31-16 win. Meanwhile, Ohio State's offense could never get out of second gear.

The game really wasn't as close as the score, as Oklahoma fumbled the ball away on consecutive possessions in the first quarter and was locked in a 3-3 tie with the Buckeyes at the half. The Sooners took the lead for good near the end of the third quarter, and Mayfield poured it on in the fourth.

"We should have won by a lot more," Mayfield said.

His performance came a week after the 22-year-old set a school record by starting the opener against UTEP with 16 straight completions. He was 19-for-20 for 329 yards and three TDs before taking a seat for the entire second half of the 56-7 home win. He hasn't lost a game since

last September's stumble against Ohio State.

"Baker deserves a ton of credit," said first-year Oklahoma coach Lincoln Riley. "I mean, he's a great player, he played extremely, extremely well tonight against a defense as good as theirs."

Oklahoma's national championship hopes are flickering brighter after the Ohio State win. The Sooners will move up in the AP Top 25 but have some tough games left in the regular season, including three against currently ranked teams — at No. 19 Kansas State on Oct. 21, at No. 11 Oklahoma State on Nov. 4, and at home a week later against No. 23 TCU.

As the Sooners celebrated late Saturday, Mayfield grabbed an Oklahoma flag and raced around the field before stopping and emphatically planting it in the middle of the block "O" logo at midfield as the Ohio State band stood and watched.

It was payback time for the Sooners, who had to watch Buckeyes players embrace and sing their alma mater on the field after the 45-24 loss at Oklahoma Memorial Stadium a year ago.

"It was embarrassing for them to sing their fight song on our field, and they probably feel the same way right now," Mayfield said. "We've had that mood in the locker room that nobody believes in us."

There are more believers now, in the Sooners, and in their quarterback.

Academies

Army rallies to 2-0 start

Associated Press

WEST POINT, N.Y. — Army fullback Darnell Woolfolk was ailing at the end of the week, didn't practice on the eve of game day, and was gassed in the fourth quarter against Buffalo — just not enough to keep him on the sidelines.

Woolfolk scored on a pair of 1-yard runs and Army rallied past the Bulls 21-17 on Saturday as the Black Knights avenged their most painful loss from last season.

"We knew we needed to persevere. The offensive line had a great surge," said Woolfolk, who finished with 91 yards rushing on 21 carries. "We worked hard collectively as a team and it showed in the fourth quarter."

The victory for Army (2-0) avenged an overtime loss to the Bulls a year ago.

Navy 23, Tulane 21: Zach Abey is still having some growing pains as the starting quarterback for Navy.

The junior is absorbing the nuances of the Midshipmen's signature triple-option offense. He also committed a few costly turnovers.

Still, the Navy coaches are encouraged by his recent strides.

Abey amassed 240 total yards with a touchdown, leading the host Midshipmen in the AAC opener.

"I think we made a lot of mistakes," Abey said. "A lot of that is on me. We made plays when we had to, but we had a lot of missed opportunities. I made a lot of bad decisions."

Abey was coming off a record-setting performance last week against Florida Atlantic when he ran for 235 yards — the most ever for a quarterback in the AAC. He was the difference again with 108 yards on 29 carries. Abey also completed 4 of 12 passes for 132 yards, including a 79-yard touchdown throw to Tyler Carmona.

Tigers clamp down on Auburn

Associated Press

CLEMSON, S.C. — Clemson's new starting quarterback had an easy way for the third-ranked Tigers to keep winning the next several years — recruit more Bryants.

Kelly Bryant, Clemson's first-year starter, ran for two touchdowns after a scary hit knocked him to the ground and defensive end Austin Bryant had four of the Tigers' 11 sacks in a 14-6 victory over No. 13 Auburn on Saturday night.

"The Bryant guys were pretty good," said Kelly, who's not related to Austin. "We've got to keep it going."

If they do, the defending champion Tigers (2-0) might be playing in their third straight title game.

The game was hyped as an early season test of power be-

tween two of the country's best teams with hopes of the College Football Playoffs. But Clemson's defense showed its strength early before Kelly Bryant got the offense rolling right before halftime.

Bryant, facing his first Power Five opponent after sitting behind two-time Heisman Trophy finalist Deshaun Watson the past two years, went down hard on a tackle by defensive lineman Dontavius Russell. Bryant lay on the ground motionless before his legs flapped around, looking to most of the 80,000 at Death Valley that he was hurt bad.

Instead, Bryant just needed to regain his breath and find his resolve.

Once Bryant returned, he led an 88-yard drive right before halftime that he ended with a 3-yard scoring run to give Clemson the lead for good 7-6. "That

drive," Clemson coach Dabo Swinney said. "Was a thing of beauty."

Just as pretty was Bryant's play coming out of the break for a 79-yard TD drive. This time, Bryant had a spinning, 27-yard run to the end zone.

Austin Bryant and the defense made sure that was all Clemson would need.

Poll implications: Look for Clemson to move up to No. 2 with Ohio State's loss to fifth-ranked Oklahoma. Auburn is most likely in for a big slide after failing to score a touchdown against Clemson.

Up next: Auburn as one last game before Southeastern Conference play starts, taking on Mercer at home on Sept. 16.

Clemson starts Atlantic Coast Conference play with perhaps its toughest remaining test, at No. 17 Louisville on Saturday.

Stephens wins her first major at US Open

By HOWARD FENDRICH

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Sloane Stephens' remarkably rapid rise from a ranking of 957th in early August to U.S. Open champion on Saturday began with the slow work of coming back from surgery on her left foot.

After being off tour for 11 months for the injury, Stephens easily beat her close friend Madison Keys 6-3, 6-0 in the first Grand Slam final for both, becoming only the second unseeded woman to win the tournament in the Open era, which began in 1968.

"I mean, there is no words to describe how I got here — the process it took or anything like that," Stephens said, "because if you told someone this story, they'd be, like, 'That's insane.'"

After the operation in January, Stephens couldn't walk for a month. It wasn't until May that she would get back onto a tennis court — and even then she was off her feet, plopped on a wood table at a practice facility at UCLA while aiming her racket at balls tossed by her coach, Kamau Murray. From there, Murray said, Stephens progressed to sitting while rolling around on an armless office chair. Two weeks later, Stephens finally was able to stand in place while working on her swing. Another two weeks, and she was allowed to move.

"Definitely," Murray said Saturday, "not fun for her."

Nor was it all that fun to face a pal with so much at stake. Stephens, 24, and Keys, 22, have known each other for about a decade, first as juniors, then on tour and as U.S. Fed Cup and Olympic teammates. They texted and spoke on the phone early in 2017, when both sat out the Australian Open because of injuries — Keys had surgery on her left wrist during the offseason, then again in June.

When the match ended after only 61 minutes, with Stephens claiming the last eight games, they met at the net for a long hug. While waiting for the trophy ceremony to begin, Stephens walked over and plopped herself down in a courtside chair next to Keys, so they could chat side-by-side.

"Sloane is truly one of my favorite people and to get to play her was really special. Obviously I didn't play my best tennis today and was disappointed," Keys said. "But Sloane, being the great friend that she is, was very supportive. And if there's someone I have to lose to today, I'm glad it's her."

They hammed it up afterward, too. When Stephens was presented with her \$3.7 million winner's check, she grabbed Keys' arm, as if to stop herself from fainting at the sum.

"That's a lot of money!" Stephens said.

Keys eyed the check and teased, "I'll hold it for her."

This was only the second time in the Open era that two women were making their Grand Slam final debuts against each other in New York.

Keys acknowledged afterward it was all a bit much for her, and it showed: She wound up with 30 unforced errors.

"I definitely think my play today came down to nerves and all of that," she said, "and I just don't think I handled the occasion perfectly."

Stephens, meanwhile, made only six unforced errors.

Stephens' late father, John Stephens, was the 1988 NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year for the New England Patriots. And her mother, Sybil Smith, was Boston University's first All-American in women's swimming. In addition to being a super athlete, Stephens seems to thrive in the spotlight: She's now 5-0 in tournament finals.

In 2017, her season debut came at Wimbledon in July, when she lost in the first round. Lost her next match, too, in Washington.

Since then, she has gone 15-2.

"I should just retire now," Stephens joked. "I told Maddie I'm never going to be able to top this. I mean, talk about a comeback."

Larson steals win in regular-season finale

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Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — Kyle Larson and his Chip Ganassi Racing team needed a break, and it came with two laps to go.

Running second to a dominant Martin Truex Jr. and itching for fresh tires and a shot at victory in overtime, Larson got it when Derrike Cope's car hit the wall, bringing out the seventh yellow flag of the night. Larson grabbed the lead on pit road and sailed to the victory.

"I guess we stole the win, I guess you could say, or our pit crew, I felt like, stole the win because they got me off as the leader," Larson said.

The victory was his fourth of the season, tying Truex for the most this year.

"I'm really pumped for the playoffs, we've got a really good shot at the championship," Lar-

son said. "I've got the greatest team out here and definitely the best pit crew. They were money all night long to gain spots. This win is a huge congrats to them."

And to the 58-year-old Cope, who was starting his 13th race of the season and hasn't finished better than 31st. He was 38th at Richmond.

Truex, who clinched the regular-season NASCAR Cup title last week, had the race easily in hand until Cope crashed with under four laps remaining. Truex then wrecked in overtime while racing with Denny Hamlin for position. The sequence cost him his fifth win of the season.

"A caution for a guy who shouldn't even have been out there," Truex said about Cope. "It's kind of ridiculous."

Dale Earnhardt Jr. was officially eliminated from the

playoffs with a 13th-place finish. He's retiring at the end of the season, and has never won a Cup title. Earnhardt stayed out during late green-flag pit stops, briefly assuming the lead with 66 laps to go, but the caution that could have made the strategy pay off never came.

"That's what we needed at the moment, and we didn't get it," Earnhardt said. "It was the only shot we had."

Truex will still start the 10-race playoff stretch as the favorite to win the championship because he earned the most bonus points during the regular season. He and his Furniture Row Racing team were presented with the regular-season championship trophy.

The reward is a slew of bonus points, but Truex feigned a smile because he'd have preferred to have the race winning trophy, too.

"Tonight is a little tough, it's a little hard to be excited," he said.

He's also got to watch over his shoulder for Larson, who now has a nice bit of momentum going into the opening round of the playoffs at Chicagoland.

The Richmond victory was Larson's first on a short track in the Cup Series.

"This has been a dream season for me, and we still have a long way to go," Larson said.

Chaos erupted with 140 laps remaining because an ambulance clogged the entrance to pit road as cars headed to their stalls. When traffic bottlenecked, Matt Kenseth ran into the car in front of him, and his contending car was knocked out with a crumpled hood.

"I saw an ambulance sitting there," Kenseth said. "It was an accordion effect and I just couldn't get stopped."

Tribe top 0's for 17th consecutive win

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — The crowd of 30,459 stood and cheered as Cody Allen fanned Trey Mancini for the final out.

Make it 17 in a row for the Cleveland Indians.

Francisco Lindor homered and Allen finished off another impressive performance for Cleveland's bullpen, helping the Indians beat the Baltimore Orioles 4-2 on Saturday for their 17th straight victory.

"It's one of those crazy things where you're just playing good baseball," said Allen, who earned his 25th save. "We're not really thinking about it as much as you guys are."

Cleveland's franchise-record streak is the longest in the majors since Oakland won 20 straight in 2002. The longest streak in baseball history belongs to the New York Giants, who had a 26-game run in 1916, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. The Giants' streak included a tie, which doesn't count as a game in baseball.

Jay Bruce's fourth-inning single put the Indians ahead to stay, and Josh Tomlin (9-9) pitched into the sixth to win his fifth consecutive decision.

"It's kind of weird, but it's also a lot of fun," Tomlin said.

The Indians, who haven't lost since Aug. 23, matched Houston for the best record in the AL at 86-56. They have outscored their opponents 118-30 during the streak, but their latest win was a close one.

The Orioles jumped in front on Mancini's infield hit in the first. It was the first time since Cleveland's last loss that the Indians didn't score first.

Tomlin was pulled after Tim Beckham's 20th homer leading off the sixth. Five relievers then combined for four innings of one-hit ball.

"They're a heck of a team, man," Beckham said. "They have everything they need to win ballgames. You just give it your all and don't waste any at-bats because you can't afford to."

Baltimore rookie Gabriel Ynoa (1-1), making his first start of the season, allowed three runs in 4²/₃ innings. The Orioles were three games out in the wild-card race entering play.

Giovanny Urshela's third-inning double tied it at 1. Carlos Santana scored on Bruce's single past a drawn-in infield, and then added an RBI double in the fifth.

Lindor hit his 28th homer in the seventh.

The Indians nearly pulled off two spectacular defensive plays in the first. Urshela, playing second base for the first time in the majors, made a diving stop behind the bag of Manny Machado's ground ball. Throwing from his back, Urshela nearly got Machado at first.

Machado took third on Adam Jones' single. Mancini hustled down the line to beat a strong throw from shortstop Lindor, who ranged behind second for his grounder.

The Indians went 11-0 on a road trip that ended Thursday. Cleveland extended the streak with a 5-0 win Friday in the opener of a 10-game homestand.

Cleveland's winning streak has come with a pair of 2017 All-Stars on the disabled list — ace reliever Andrew Miller (right knee tendinitis) and left fielder Michael Brantley (sprained right ankle). Second baseman Jason Kipnis (strained right hamstring) is also on the DL.

"I remember there was a day in here a while back and I said something about this could be our time to shine," manager Terry Francona said. "Guys get chances that maybe wouldn't of before."

Roundup

Rockies hand Dodgers ninth straight loss

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Trevor Story hit a two-run homer and drove in three as Colorado beat Los Angeles 6-5, sending the NL West leaders to their ninth straight loss in their worst losing streak since 1992.

The majors' best team this season has lost eight in a row at Chavez Ravine for the first time in 30 years. The Dodgers have dropped 14 of 15 overall, and they lost their fifth consecutive series for the first time since 2007.

Despite the string of losses, Los Angeles still owns the best record in baseball at 92-50.

Mariners 8, Angels 1: Nelson Cruz hit a three-run homer and Andrew Albers pitched six scoreless innings as host Seattle gained ground in the wild-card chase.

The Mariners moved within

three games of Minnesota for the second AL wild card. All four teams that were directly ahead of Seattle in the race lost.

White Sox 13, Giants 1: Jose Abreu became the first White Sox player to hit for the cycle in 17 years.

Abreu hit his 29th homer in the first off Jeff Samardzija (9-13) and doubled in the third. He struck out in the fifth, singled in the seventh against Josh Osich and hit a two-run triple in the eighth versus Roberto Gomez. The previous White Sox player to hit for the cycle was Jose Valentin against the Baltimore Orioles on April 27, 2000.

Padres 8, Diamondbacks 7: Carlos Asuaje hit a tying single before an error by left fielder David Peralta allowed the go-ahead run to score as visiting San Diego overcame a five-run deficit in the ninth inning to

beat Arizona.

Yankees 3, Rangers 1: Arldis Chapman earned his first save since being removed as closer, finishing a one-hitter for visiting New York.

Brewers 15, Cubs 2: Hernan Perez homered and drove in five runs, powering visiting Milwaukee to the runaway win.

Blue Jays 5, Tigers 4: Kevin Pillar had four hits for host Toronto, including a tiebreaking home run, while Brett Anderson pitched six innings for his first victory with the Blue Jays.

Red Sox 9, Rays 0: At Boston, ace Chris Sale struck out eight over six innings after Dustin Pedroia hit a two-run homer in the first.

Phillies 5, Nationals 4: Rhys Hoskins went deep and drew three walks to help visiting Philadelphia to the road win.

Cardinals 4, Pirates 3: Yadier Molina and Matt Carpenter homered as host St. Louis beat Pittsburgh to gain ground in the NL Central.

Royals 5, Twins 2: Eric Hosmer went 3-for-3 in helping host Kansas City rally for the win.

Braves 6, Marlins 5: Ender Inciarte's bases-loaded walk from Kyle Barraclough with two outs in the ninth inning lifted host Atlanta to the victory.

Athletics 11-11, Astros 1-4: Normally reliable Houston reliever Chris Devenski allowed two runs in the seventh inning, including Chad Pinder's tiebreaking homer with two outs, as the visiting Astros were swept in a doubleheader.

Mets 6, Reds 1: Rafael Montero overcame five walks to win his third straight start, Kevin Plawecki hit a two-run homer and host New York won its fourth straight game.