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Air Force gathers critical data on Irma

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ABOARD A MILITARY AIRCRAFT INSIDE HURRICANE IRMA — Air Force Maj. Kendall Dunn tightened his grip on the control wheel of the turboprop airplane as he thrust the bulky aircraft through then-Category 4 Hurricane Irma.

At nearly 300 mph, Dunn was piloting a WC-130J Super Hercules early Sunday morning on a direct path toward the storm's eye.

A radar screen just to his left showed the plane cutting into dangerous storm bands represented by yellow and red clouds. The plane shook, dropped suddenly, and then, just as quickly, the flight became smooth as the specially outfitted weather reconnaissance aircraft known as a Hurricane Hunter burst through Irma's eye wall.

Dunn, a veteran pilot who has flown with the Air Force Reserve's 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron for six years, expected more turbulence Sunday morning. Just two days earlier, he flew into Irma — the most powerful storm ever recorded in the Atlantic Ocean — on a mission he said was among the more violent he had experienced. But every flight, even into the same storm, is different.

"Every single time," he said on the way back to Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Miss., at the end of the 10-hour flight. "I was totally expecting to fly into this storm and get kicked around today just because of what I did a couple days ago. Rough. Come in here today, and it's almost a nonevent, you know. We had some moments, but nothing was too bad today."

Stars and Stripes was on board Sunday as Dunn and the Hurricane Hunters flew what was expected to be among their last flights into Hurricane

Irma's eye to collect vital, real-time storm data for the National Hurricane Center just before the massive storm made landfall on Florida's coast.

The relative calm inside the aircraft — where a team of nine crew and researchers worked near constantly to monitor and relay information to federal authorities — seemed at odds with Irma's true nature, as the storm slammed into the Florida Keys about 10,000 feet below and moved over the state's mainland.

The 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron is the U.S. military's only unit charged with flying aircraft into dangerous storms. The unit, based at Keesler, has 10 Super Hercules outfitted with special sensory equipment to measure storm data as they fly through it. It is a dangerous charge. But it is critical, Dunn said.

Key information about the storm is collected by sensors on the plane and by small probes — called dropsondes — released from the WC-130J's fuselage, which gather critical information about wind speed and direction, barometric pressure, temperature and humidity. In less than two seconds, sensors on the probes feed information back to the plane, where it is analyzed and sent by satellite to the National Hurricane Center, said Tech. Sgt. Karen Moore, a loadmaster with the Hurricane Hunter crew who is responsible for releasing the probes and entering the data that they collect.

At critical locations within Irma, Moore loaded the probes into a tube and released the sensors with a plane-shaking thud as the portal opened to send them into the storm below. On Sunday's flight, Moore was tasked with double duty — gathering the data via the dropsondes while also releasing specialized buoys, called Airborne/Air Expendable Bathythermographs,

or AXBTs, provided by the Navy to collect information about the water fueling the storm.

Like the dropsondes, the AXBTs almost instantly fed information back to the plane to be analyzed by two U.S. Naval Academy midshipmen embedded with the Hurricane Hunters as part of a special assignment.

Rachel Boushon and Casey Densmore, Naval Academy senior oceanography students, received data from the buoys, including the water's temperature and depth. That information helps the National Hurricane Center project the future strength and direction of the storm, said Densmore, 21.

Everyone flying with the 53rd has their own reason to be there.

Moore, the loadmaster, admitted she is a bit of an adrenaline junkie. A Marine Corps veteran from Atlanta who changed jobs to fly with the Hurricane Hunters, she said people told her she was crazy.

"They're like, 'There's something wrong with you,'" she said. "But it's fun. It's the best job in the military. You never really know exactly what's going to happen."

Dunn said he did not seek out the opportunity to fly into hurricanes. He just wanted to fly C-130s, and the Hurricane Hunters had an opening.

Once a hurricane makes its final landfall, the Hurricane Hunters' jobs are over. They don't fly into the storm over land.

On Monday, the crew kept tabs on Hurricane Jose, a Category 2 storm near the Caribbean Sea.

The National Hurricane Center expected Jose to move northward and not affect the United States.

"We'll hope that's exactly what happens," Dunn said. "Irma is probably going to do enough down there."

USAF sends 400 personnel for relief efforts

BY WILLIAM HOWARD

Stars and Stripes

The U.S. Air Force has sent more than 400 medical personnel to Orlando, Fla., for Hurricane Irma relief efforts.

"When the world presents a challenge, our airmen adjust to meet the need and do what it takes to accomplish the mission," Gen. Carlton Everhart II, Air Mobility Command commander, said in a statement. "Our airmen are mission ready and prepared to help others impacted by Hurricane Irma while meeting worldwide needs."

Three C-17s from Joint Base Charleston, S.C., and Dover Air Force Base, Del., delivered more than 300 doctors and nurses.

A C-130J assigned to the 41st Airlift Squadron from Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark., carried more than 100 total personnel from both the Public Health Service's rapid deployment force and the Department of Health and Human Services' disaster medical assistance teams. The teams include members from Alabama, Florida, Kentucky, Tennessee and Ohio.

The Air Force responded to a request from HHS, which is coordinating medical support to states and territories affected by one of the largest hurricanes in recent history.

"I had no idea I would ever be doing anything like this or be a part of a national effort to help out in hurricane relief," said Air Force Staff Sgt. Rob Lummus, a loadmaster with the North Charleston, S.C.-based 15th Airlift Squadron, in a statement. "It's been pretty amazing to watch all the different pieces of the puzzle with all the groups working together."

Relatives honor 9/11 victims

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Holding photos and reading names of loved ones lost 16 years ago, 9/11 victims' relatives marked the anniversary of the attacks at ground zero on Monday with a solemn and personal ceremony.

Every Sept. 11 since 2001, the date of the deadliest terrorist attack on American soil, Rob Fazio has come to the place where his father, Ronald Carl Fazio, and thousands of others died.

"I'll come every year for the rest of my life," the son said. "It's where I get my strength."

At least 1,000 family members, survivors, rescuers and officials were gathered as the ceremony at the World Trade Center began with a moment of silence and tolling bells.

Then, relatives began reading out the names of the nearly 3,000 people killed when terrorist-piloted planes hit the trade center, the Pentagon and a Pennsylvania field, hurling America into a new consciousness of the threat of global terrorism.

Some said they couldn't be-

lieve 16 years had passed since a tragedy that "still feels like yesterday," as Corina La Touche put it while honoring her father, Jeffrey La Touche.

To others, it was an occasion to thank first responders and members of the military, to express concern for those affected by Hurricane Irma as it continued its destructive path as a tropical storm, or to plead for a return to the sense of unity they felt after the attacks.

"Our country came together that day. And it did not matter what color you were, or where you were from," said a tearful Magaly Lemagne, who lost her brother, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Police Officer David Lemagne. She implored people to "stop for a moment and remember all the people who gave their lives that day."

"Maybe then we can put away our disagreements and become one country again."

Debra Epps said losing her brother, Christopher, left her with a mission: "I view each day as a day to do something differ-

ent, so that my brother's life and all of the people who have lost their lives on this day will not be in vain."

Her brother stood against hatred, she said, and she believes "this world will make a change for the better."

Sixteen years later, the quiet rhythms of commemoration have become customs: a recitation of the names of the dead, moments of silence and tolling bells, and two powerful light beams that shine through the night.

Yet each ceremony also takes on personal touches. Some name-readers gave updates on family graduations, marriages and births. Others remembered a loved one's flair for surfing or drawing on coffee shop napkins.

President Donald Trump, a native New Yorker observing the anniversary for the first time as the nation's leader, said the nation grieves for the people "who were murdered by terrorists" 16 years ago. Speaking at an observance at the Pentagon, the Republican president issued a warning to extremists, saying "America cannot be intimidated."

Human error likely to blame for crash of Seahawk

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Human error was likely responsible for the deadly crash of a Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force helicopter in the Sea of Japan on Aug. 26, Japanese officials said.

Contact was lost with the SH-60J Seahawk during nighttime takeoff and landing drills approximately 50 miles off Tappizaki, Aomori Prefecture. Search-and-rescue operations began immediately, and one survivor from the four-person crew was rescued. The flight data recorder also was recovered.

Officials said they pored over maintenance records and pre-flight inspection data, analyzed the data recorder and interviewed the crash survivor before deciding that human error was likely to blame.

Defense Ministry officials said the search for the three missing crewmembers is ongoing, though it is unlikely they will be found alive.

Taliban suicide bomber wounds 2 US troops

BY PHILLIP WALTER WELLMAN

Stars and Stripes

KABUL, Afghanistan — A Taliban suicide bomber blew himself up near the largest U.S. base in Afghanistan on Monday as servicemembers marked the anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

The blast near Bagram Air Field, which officials said left two U.S. troops wounded, underscored the fragile security situation in the country 16 years after a U.S.-led invasion was launched in response to the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

The servicemembers' injuries were not life-threatening, according to NATO. The alliance also said several Afghan civilians were wounded by the blast.

At a ceremony to mark the 2001 attacks at NATO's headquarters in Kabul, Ambassador Hugo Llorens, the special charge d'affaires at the U.S. Embassy in Kabul, said the U.S. was committed to continuing its support for Afghanistan and would not be deterred by Monday's blast.

"Today we remember how this conflict began," he said, "but let us also remember how this must end — with Afghanistan never again serving as an ungoverned space, sanctuary or base for those groups bent on attacking us and our allies."

The U.S. invaded Afghanistan in 2001 to punish the Taliban, which had ruled the country since 1996 and provided shelter to Osama bin Laden, who orchestrated the 9/11 attacks. Nearly 3,000 people perished when hijacked aircraft were flown into the Pentagon, the World Trade Center in New York and a field in Pennsylvania.

Navy Chief Petty Officer Kent Frosch owned a computer consulting company at the time, but after seeing one of the planes hit the World Trade Center, he joined the military to "make something better."

Now on his third deployment to Afghanistan, Frosch attended Monday's ceremony to pay respect to those who died, both in the 9/11 attacks and the ensuing war.

"It's a chance for you to look back and say, 'The past 16 years haven't been in vain.'"

Frosch said. "People have lost their lives, they've become martyrs, they've become heroes, and it's a chance to think about those people, take a step away from what we're doing and remember why we're here."

Despite the U.S. coalition's success in helping to build the Afghan government and armed forces, the Taliban are now said to control more territory than at any time since the 2001 invasion.

Monday's bombing near Bagram came just days after another Taliban insurgent, seeking revenge over a propaganda flyer distributed by U.S. forces that was deemed offensive to Muslims, blew himself up outside the base. It also followed a pledge by President Donald Trump last month to keep U.S. troops in Afghanistan indefinitely.

The move was criticized by some, who point to recent gains by the Taliban.

But others, like Capt. Jan Dunmurray, of the Swedish Royal Navy, say U.S. and NATO assistance in Afghanistan is vital, not only for Afghans' security but for the world's security.

S. Korea rejects idea of redeploying US nukes

BY KIM GAMEL
Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — South Korea said Monday that it's not reviewing its policy on the redeployment of U.S. nuclear weapons after Sen. John McCain said the idea should be "seriously considered" as a way to counter the growing threat from the North.

McCain's comments were made Sunday on CNN as he called for the U.S. to increase its presence in the region and warned North Korean leader Kim Jong Un that his country could face "extinction" if it "acts in an aggressive fashion."

North Korea, in turn, vowed the U.S. will pay a harsh price if harsher sanctions are approved by the U.N. Security Council on Monday as Washington and its allies pressed for an oil embargo following the communist state's sixth nuclear test.

McCain said the U.S. needs to increase its missile defense and other capabilities in South Korea and do more to pressure China to help. He also raised the once-unthinkable idea of redeploying U.S. nuclear weapons in South Korea.

"The Korean defense minis-

ter just a few days ago called for nuclear weapons to be redeployed," the Arizona Republican said on the "State of the Union" program. "It ought to be seriously considered."

He was referring to remarks by Defense Minister Song Young-moo during an appearance at the National Assembly last week.

The U.S. brought the weapons to the South in the years following the 1950-53 Korean War but withdrew them in 1991 after the two Koreas agreed to denuclearize the peninsula.

President Moon Jae-in's office consistently has rejected the idea of redeploying the warheads in response to mounting opposition calls to do so.

Foreign Minister Kang Kyung-wha reiterated that the issue was not on the table at the moment, although she acknowledged "that the public opinion is swinging in that direction."

"We are currently not reviewing the issue of tactical nuclear weapons," she said Monday during a news conference at the Seoul Foreign Correspondents' Club. "Our policy remains a complete commitment to denuclearization."

Intel fuels next phase of fight against ISIS

Tribune Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — U.S. intelligence analysts have gained valuable insights into Islamic State's planning and personnel from a vast cache of digital data and other material recovered from bombed-out offices, abandoned laptops and the cellphones of dead fighters in recently liberated areas of Iraq and Syria.

In the most dramatic gain, U.S. officials during the past two months have added thousands of names of known or suspected ISIS operatives to an international watch list used at airports and other border crossings. The Interpol database now contains about 19,000 names.

The intelligence haul — the largest since U.S. forces entered the war in mid-2014 — threatens to overwhelm already stretched counterterrorism and law enforcement agencies in Europe, where ISIS has claimed responsibility for attacks in Paris, London and Stockholm this year.

With the extremist group's army and self-declared caliphate shrinking fast, U.S. officials

are concerned that foreign-born militants who once flocked to Iraq and Syria will try to escape before the U.S.-led coalition or other military forces can kill them.

In recent weeks, U.S.-backed ground forces have sent an estimated 30 terabytes of data to the National Media Exploitation Center in Bethesda, Md., a little-known arm of the Pentagon's Defense Intelligence Agency, according to officials who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the intelligence.

Analysts there are scrutinizing handwritten ledgers, computer spreadsheets, thumb drives, mobile phone memory cards and other materials for clues to terrorist cells or plots in Europe or elsewhere. The find was similar to the intelligence bonanza that fell into U.S. hands in fall 2006 when American special operators captured a huge trove of records and documents in Sinjar left behind by ISIS' predecessor, al-Qaida in Iraq. The Sinjar documents proved invaluable in the campaign to crush al-Qaida in Iraq during the surge of 2007.

3rd Marine Division celebrates its 75th anniversary

BY MATTHEW M. BURKE
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CAMPFOSTER, Okinawa — The Marine division that fought the fierce and bloody battle to capture Iwo Jima during World War II recently celebrated its 75th anniversary with a ceremony at Camp Hansen.

Since its activation on Sept. 16, 1942, the 3rd Marine Division has fought in every major U.S. military conflict, and stands today as the nation's only forward-deployed Marine division with more than 10,000 Marines, sailors and one soldier filling out its ranks.

It was only fitting that members of the division, headquartered on Okinawa, were forced to endure suffocating humidity and driving rains — conditions familiar to their Pacific forefathers — while rededicating their battle streamers Friday at Camp Hansen's parade grounds.

"If it ain't raining, we ain't training," said Maj. Gen. Craig Timberlake, 3rd Marine Division commander, as he addressed the soggy attendees.

Timberlake then spoke about the significance of the division known as Caltrap Nation because of its use of a sharp, pointed anti-personnel weapon as a symbol.

"Today, by having this anniversary celebration, we are truly marching in the shadow of a great tradition," he said. "From the Pacific to Vietnam, to the deserts of Iraq and Afghanistan, to the Global War on Terrorism and beyond, the Caltrap Nation has truly done everything it should do in the finest of Marine fashions. So today, along with our Japanese partners and allies, we stand strong, we stand ready and we are prepared to win."

After being activated at Camp Elliott, Calif., the division spent a month in New

Zealand before participating in the harrowing Bougainville, Northern Solomons, Guam and Iwo Jima campaigns, according to literature handed out at the ceremony. After the war, it was deactivated, but was called back into service in 1952. By 1965, its members were deployed from Japan to Vietnam.

The division served in Quang Tri, Quang Nam and Thua Thien provinces, the literature said. In 1969, it redeployed to Okinawa; however, elements participated in the evacuations of Vietnam and Cambodia.

Between 1976 and 2006, the 3rd Marine Division participated in Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, in addition to countless other operations and humanitarian-relief efforts. It has been awarded the presidential unit citation and countless other commendations.

Russia prepping for war games

The Washington Post

RIGA, Latvia — Russia is readying this week for war games that Western security officials see as a muscular display of firepower along NATO's most vulnerable region.

The exercises will show off a military that has been transformed under President Vladimir Putin into an effective force that has deployed to Syria and Ukraine in recent years. The official Thursday start — Western observers say the deployments started weeks ago — comes as relations with the West scrape all-time lows.

Moscow has insisted that the exercise rehearses a strictly defensive scenario and involves no more than 12,700 troops, just under the level that would require Russia to allow NATO observers under international agreements. The chief of the Russian general staff, Gen. Valery Gerasimov, said last week that the war games were “not aimed against any third country.”

But senior Western government officials believe the real number of Russian military personnel involved could reach 100,000 and above.

The Baltic countries that would be on the front lines of a Western conflict with Russia shrug off any direct threat, saying the Kremlin has no reason to risk tangling with fresh NATO deployments this year that include significant U.S. reinforcements. But they also say the weeklong Zapad 2017 exercise is intended to unsettle their societies and send a political message that Russia is as credible — and dangerous — a military

power as it was during the Cold War.

At NATO headquarters in Brussels, senior officials said their intelligence services are closely monitoring Russia as it draws up its military alongside their borders. They say Moscow's unwillingness to open the exercises to observation raises the risk of unplanned conflict stemming from misunderstandings.

“With more military activities along our borders in the air, at land and at sea, the risk for incidents, accidents, miscalculations is increasing,” NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said in an interview. “Transparency is the best way to avoid those kinds of incidents, accidents.”

Russia annually holds war games that rotate among the country's military districts. This year's installment involves the Western forces, which account for Russia's frontier from the Kola Peninsula, high above the Arctic Circle, all the way south to Ukraine.

Moscow has repeatedly stated that it is being open about the purpose and size of the war games, which simulate how to defend the northwest portion of Belarus from a domestic separatist insurrection, fueled by support from abroad.

But Western military officials say Russia has been hiding the true size and sweep of the war games, the official part of which will play out in Belarus, which borders NATO members Poland, Lithuania and Latvia.

Italy lashed by heavy rain, floods

Associated Press

ROME — Torrential rain in Italy triggered flooding that killed at least five people Sunday in the Tuscan port town of Leghorn, including four family members trapped by rising water in their basement.

The Italian news agency ANSA said the bodies of a 4-year-old boy, his parents and grandfather were found in the flooded basement of their two-family home.

Some Italian media reports put the death toll at six in Leghorn, also known in Italy as Livorno. But the Tuscany Region civil protection chief, Cristiano Lucchi, said the sixth death was caused by a car accident unrelated to the flooding.

Lucchi said two people were missing.

Leghorn Mayor Filippo Nogarini said “a crazy amount of rain” pummeled Leghorn in the space of a few hours, and “the city is literally devastated.”

Strong winds toppled trees, and many parked cars were nearly submerged by floodwaters that also left streets clogged with mud.

Nogarini appealed for volunteers to help the town, which has a population of about 170,000 and is a popular transit point for travelers catching ferries to the islands of Elba and Sardinia.

Train service was interrupted in parts of the Tuscan coastal area along the Tyrrhenian Sea.

In Rome, which until recently had suffered through 3½ months of drought, the downpour quickly made streets resemble fast-moving streams, and several subway stations were closed.

City hall urged residents and visitors to go outside only for urgent reasons and to avoid parks after midmorning thunderstorms lashed Rome. It warned that possible hailstorms and strong winds were forecast throughout the rest of Sunday and Monday.

Protests hound late Filipino dictator's birthday celebration

Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — Pro-democracy activists on Monday protested the Philippine president's declaration of a provincial holiday marking the birthday of the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos, as well as other steps they said promote a political rehabilitation of his family.

More than 150 people rallied outside the national Heroes' Cemetery in metropolitan Manila as the Marcos family and guests celebrated his 100th birthday. Marcos was ousted in a 1986 “people power” revolt and died in Hawaii three years later.

With riot police standing by, the protesters burned portraits combining half of Marcos' face

with half of President Rodrigo Duterte's face. Others held placards reading “Marcos no hero.” Pro-Marcos demonstrators yelled his name in a separate rally nearby.

“This ‘celebration’ is part of the political rehabilitation of the Marcoses, courtesy of President Duterte,” said protest leader Bonifacio Ilagan. “Marcos has never been worthy of a tribute, not even a provincial holiday. To glorify Marcos is to absolve him of his crimes against the Filipino people.”

Duterte, whose presidential campaign was backed by one of Marcos' daughters, has declared Marcos' birthday a holiday in the late president's northern home province of Ilocos Norte. In November, he approved Marcos' burial in a

secrecy-shrouded ceremony in Heroes' Cemetery, shocking democracy and rights advocates and sparking protests.

Last month, Duterte said the Marcos family has indicated a willingness to return a still-unspecified amount of money and “a few gold bars” to help ease the government's expected budget deficit. Duterte said without elaborating that he was considering designating three people to negotiate with the Marcoses over the return of the assets.

His remarks sparked criticism and warnings from anti-Marcos groups, which said the Marcos family should return all ill-gotten wealth without conditions and should be made to account before Philippine courts.

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Donations let officer keep his police dog

IA WATERLOO — Anonymous donors paid \$4,000 to the Waterloo Police Department so an officer can keep a police dog after he leaves the force due to health reasons.

The Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier reported the Waterloo City Council unanimously voted to give officer Tyler Brownell ownership of K-9 Jason, a Belgian Malinois who's been with the police force since 2014.

Police Chief Dan Trelka said the city typically donates dogs to their handlers at the end of a dog's service. However, Jason was only halfway through his career and had an estimated value of \$4,000.

Trelka said that while Brownell had offered to give the department's K-9 program \$4,000, two donors privately contributed the money.

Autopsy: Lifeguard drowned after seizure

NC CHARLOTTE — An autopsy shows a lifeguard found dead in a YMCA pool had an epileptic seizure while standing at its edge, causing her to fall in the water and drown.

The Charlotte Observer reported that Yesenia Jimenez Linares, 21, was found dead in the pool April 6, several hours after she clocked in at the Lincoln County YMCA.

Co-workers performed CPR. Linares was pronounced dead at a local hospital. Medical records indicated she'd had seizures since childhood.

7th-grader arrested over gun in backpack

TX AUSTIN — Authorities said a seventh-grader was arrested at his

school in northwest Austin after a loaded 9 mm pistol was found in his backpack.

Williamson County Sheriff Robert Chody said no one was hurt or threatened.

The student, attending a middle school in the Round Rock Independent School District, was taken Friday to a juvenile justice center.

The school's principal, Paige Hadziselimovic, sent an email to parents saying another student reported the weapon was in the backpack.

Archaeologists find evidence of historic fort

ME BRISTOL — Archaeologists in Maine say they have uncovered possible evidence of the first fort at the Colonial Pemaquid State Historic Site.

The Portland Press Herald reported archaeologists concluded a two-week dig at the site Sept. 1. Archaeologists were searching for evidence of England's Fort Charles. The fort was built in 1677 and later was destroyed by French and Native American forces.

Director of the Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands Tom Desjardin said it's too early to conclude that the team unearthed the wooden fort. However, historians believe they are moving in the right direction.

Museum with gangster artifacts closes

IN CROWN POINT — An Indiana museum dedicated to Depression-era gangster John Dillinger has closed.

The Indianapolis Star said the exhibits in Crown Point's historic courthouse were suddenly closed Aug. 31. Erika Dahl, a spokeswoman for the South Shore Convention and Visitors Association, declined to say

where the collection is going.

The artifacts include blood-stained pants worn by Dillinger when he was killed by federal agents in 1934 and the wicker basket that held his body. The museum opened in 2015.

Woman gets probation for theft from aunt

IA DURANGO — A Durango woman found guilty in April of stealing more than \$400,000 from an aunt who suffered from dementia has been sentenced to five years of probation.

The Telegraph Herald reported that Molly Bodish, 45, was sentenced Friday in Dubuque County. She also was ordered to pay restitution and court costs.

Dubuque police said they began investigating the possible abuse of an 80-year-old woman after her death in May 2015.

Prosecutors said a search of the woman's bank records show Bodish wrote checks to herself or for her personal use from her aunt's account totaling more than \$414,000 over several years.

'Motown Mansion' to have estate sale

MI DETROIT — The public will be able to celebrate Motown's history in Detroit with an estate sale and a live global auction.

MLive reported that the "Motown Mansion" of Detroit will be cleared of its contents in early October. The home once was owned by Berry Gordy Jr., founder of Motown Records.

Gordy lived in the 10,500-square-foot house from 1967 to 1969 as Motown stars The Supremes, The Four Tops, Smokey Robinson and Stevie Wonder solidified themselves in American musical history.

Furniture and memorabilia

from that era will be sold to the public, some at a typical estate sale and some at a live auction event that could feature a visit from Motown stars.

Suspect accused of beating woman, 74

FL ORLANDO — A Florida man is accused of carjacking and pistol-whipping a 74-year-old woman who offered to give him a ride from a home improvement store.

Orange County sheriff's spokeswoman Jane Watrel told local news outlets that the man had tried to carjack an 82-year-old woman at gunpoint in the same Home Depot parking lot moment earlier on the afternoon of Sept. 3. She refused to give him her keys and he ran.

Once inside the other woman's minivan, he pistol-whipped her and forced her out of the vehicle.

The carjacking victim was taken to a hospital with injuries not considered life-threatening.

Driver, aide fired after child, 6, is left on bus

NJ PATERSON — A school bus driver and aide were fired after a missing kindergarten student was found sleeping on the bus.

Staffers at the 6-year-old girl's school in Paterson noticed she was missing shortly after the bus arrived around 8:45 a.m. Friday. They immediately contacted the child's mother, who told them the girl had boarded the bus.

School staffers then contacted the private bus company that handles the route. The child was found unharmed a short time later and was taken to the school.

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Rookies steal show in Week 1

Associated Press

The rookies stole the show in Week 1.

After Kareem Hunt's record-setting debut in Kansas City's stunning win at New England on Thursday night, several players had impressive first games Sunday.

Steelers linebacker T.J. Watt, younger brother of J.J. Watt, recorded two sacks and an interception in Pittsburgh's 21-18 win over Cleveland. Still, he wasn't satisfied.

"We had a few sacks left on the table, from my point of view," Watt said.

Lions third-round pick Kenny Golladay caught four passes for 69 yards and two touchdowns in Detroit's 35-23 victory over Arizona. He fully extended to catch a long TD pass with 4:13 left.

"That's a receiver's dream," Golladay said.

Leonard Fournette, the No. 4 overall pick, ran for 100 yards and a TD in Jacksonville's rout over Houston.

Fournette became the first player in Jaguars history to have at least 100 yards rushing and a touchdown in his first game.

"Everybody kept talking about how great their defense was, but I believe in my O-line," Fournette said. "They did an excellent job today."

Bears running back Tarik Cohen had 66 yards rushing, 47 receiving and one TD catch in a 23-17 loss to Atlanta.

Even Raiders kicker Giorgio Tavecchio joined in with field goals of 20, 52, 52 and 43 yards in his first game.

Hunt ran for 148 yards and a TD and caught five passes for 98 yards and two more scores against the Patriots. The third-round pick's 246 yards from scrimmage were the most by a player in his first game in NFL history.

In case you missed it, here are the other top topics after the NFL season's opening Sunday:

Great escape: Carson Wentz had teammates comparing him to Rodgers after pulling off a magic act when he escaped pressure, spun away from tacklers and fired a 58-yard TD pass to Nelson Agholor on Philadelphia's third play from scrimmage. Wentz was 26-for-39 for 307 yards with two TDs in the 30-17 victory at Washington, the Eagles' first road win over a division opponent since 2015. Wentz also threw an interception that was returned for a score. "He's special. He's dynamic," right tackle Lane Johnson said of Wentz. "Sometimes it looks like a sack is coming, and he can get out under it and make plays."

Major injuries: Jaguars receiver Allen Robinson suffered a season-ending torn anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee, according to a person who spoke to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity because the team had not released details. The Eagles lost cornerback Ronald Darby to what looked like a serious right ankle injury. San Francisco rookie linebacker Reuben Foster had an impressive debut cut short when he was carted off after injuring his right ankle.

Pick 6s: There were five interceptions returned for touchdowns and one negated by a penalty in the Seahawks-Packers game. The Colts' Scott Tolzien threw two pick-6s in a 46-9 loss to the Rams. Carson Palmer and Matthew Stafford each tossed one in the Cardinals-Lions game, and Wentz threw one against the Redskins.

Beast Mode returns: Marshawn Lynch was back on the field after taking a year off, ending his retirement and joining his hometown Raiders. Lynch ran for 76 yards on 18 carries in Oakland's 26-16 win at Tennessee. He picked up a first down on fourth-and-1 inside the Titans 5 and played a key role running out the clock late.

Green Bay tops Seattle

Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Mike Daniels can be a man of few words. The defensive lineman's play on the football field speaks volumes as to how important he has become to the Green Bay Packers.

Daniels' strip-sack of Russell Wilson deep in Seattle territory in the third quarter set up Ty Montgomery's 6-yard touchdown run on the next play to spark the Packers' 17-9 win on Sunday over the Seahawks.

A marquee season opener between two NFC heavyweights turned into a defensive slugfest, with Daniels landing the momentum-swinging punch.

"Beat the guy across from me," Daniels said. "It's just that simple, you know what I mean?"

No talk about double moves or stunts. Daniels said he just flat-out beat guard Luke Joeckel to wreak havoc in the backfield.

"If I can't do that, then nothing happens," Daniels said. "So you simplify the game, just beat the guy across from me."

The Packers' Aaron Rodgers was 28 of 42 for 311 yards and added a 32-yard touchdown pass to Jordy Nelson to make it an eight-point game late in the third quarter. Rodgers went deep to his favorite receiver on a free play that was extended after Seattle was flagged for having too many men on the field.

But defense fueled the victory, which isn't always the case in Green Bay.

"This really started with our defense," Green Bay coach Mike McCarthy said. "It starts on the line of scrimmage. We were in the backfield a bunch."

Seattle managed just three field goals. Wilson was held to 14 of 27 for 158 yards. The Packers held decisive edges in total yardage (370-225) and first downs (26-12). Green Bay held the ball for 39 minutes.

"I was disappointed they were able to be as aggressive up front as they were with their defense," Seattle coach Pete Carroll said.

Elliott, Witten lead Cowboys

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Ezekiel Elliott churned out another 100-yard game in the opener after leading the NFL in rushing as a rookie for the Dallas Cowboys.

The tough yards against the New York Giants came two days after a judge blocked the league's six-game suspension of the star running back in a domestic violence case, although he knew before the ruling he would play in what turned out to be a 19-3 Dallas win Sunday night.

Now that he could play the entire season depending on the NFL's next legal move, Elliott is ready to talk about football — and not much else.

"I'm not really talking about it anymore," Elliott said in his first public comments since June after rushing for 104 yards on 24 carries and getting another 36 yards receiving.

"I'm just talking about this team. And that's what's important. This whole situation has been such a distraction but what's really important and what really should be getting all the light is this team."

Tight end Jason Witten scored the only touchdown while breaking Hall of Fame receiver Michael Irvin's franchise record for receiving yards, and the Dallas defense shackled a New York offense that was missing dynamic receiver Odell Beckham Jr. because of a sprained left ankle.

"Obviously he's a tremendous player, but we have players and we have to play better than that," Eli Manning said after joining Brett Favre (297) and brother Peyton Manning (208) as the only quarterbacks with at least 200 straight starts. "We

Carr, Lynch give Raiders potent punch

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Derek Carr threw for 262 yards and two touchdowns, and Carr won his third straight against Marcus Mariota and Tennessee in as many years.

Amari Cooper caught a TD pass as the Raiders made the Titans pay for opening the season with an onside kick they couldn't recover. Marshawn Lynch also looked very refreshed after his year away from football. Lynch finished with 18 carries for 76 yards.

Giorgio Tavecchio kicked field goals of 20, 52, 52 and 43 yards in his NFL debut. He was signed Friday to fill in for the Raiders' all-time leading scorer and 18-year veteran Sebastian Janikowski, who's on injured reserve with a bad back. Tavecchio has spent time in training camp with the Raiders the past four seasons but had never kicked in a regular-season game.

Both Carr and Mariota broke their right leg hours apart on Christmas Eve for season-ending injuries. Mariota also looked healthy in running for a 10-yard TD and threw for 191 yards.

Rams 46, Colts 9: Jared Goff passed for a career-high 306 yards and a touchdown in his first victory as an NFL starter, and host Los Angeles routed the Colts in Sean

McVay's impressive debut as the youngest head coach in modern league history.

Falcons 23, Bears 17: Matt Ryan threw an 88-yard touchdown to Austin Hooper and led two fourth-quarter scoring drives as the NFC champions held on.

Coming off an MVP season, Ryan was 21-for-30 for 321 yards and a touchdown. Hooper had two catches for 128 yards.

Panthers 23, 49ers 3: Cam Newton threw a pair of touchdown passes following host San Francisco turnovers and the Carolina defense shut down Kyle Shanahan's offense in his coaching debut.

Newton threw a 40-yard touchdown pass to Russell Shepard in the first half following a fumble by Brian Hoyer, then a 9-yard touchdown to Jonathan Stewart in the third quarter after Luke Kuechly intercepted Hoyer.

Jaguars 29, Texans 7: Leonard Fournette ran for 100 yards and a touchdown in his NFL debut, and Jacksonville had 10 sacks and forced four turnovers to help the visiting Jaguars beat Houston.

Steelers 21, Browns 18: Ben Roethlisberger threw two touchdown passes to tight end Jesse James as the visiting Steelers, with minimal help from Le'Veon Bell, opened the season by holding off the Browns.

The Browns couldn't stop All-Pro wide

receiver Antonio Brown, who made a leaping catch in traffic for 38 yards with 2:26 left to seal Pittsburgh's win. Brown finished with 11 receptions for 182 yards.

Eagles 30, Redskins 17: Carson Wentz threw for 307 yards and two touchdowns as the second-year quarterback guided the Eagles in a sloppy, mistake-filled season opener.

Lions 35, Cardinals 23: Matthew Stafford threw two of his four touchdown passes to rookie Kenny Golladay in the fourth quarter, and host Detroit picked off three of Carson Palmer's passes, returning one for a score. They also knocked David Johnson out of the game after forcing him to fumble in the third quarter Sunday.

Ravens 20, Bengals 0: Visiting Baltimore's rebuilt defense picked off Andy Dalton four times and forced him to fumble, making it easy for Joe Flacco in his return from a back injury.

The Ravens ended a five-game losing streak in Cincinnati by pressuring Dalton into matching his career high for interceptions, three of them in the first half.

Bills 21, Jets 12: Tyrod Taylor threw two touchdown passes and the new-look Bills won in Sean McDermott's debut as host Buffalo's coach.

Taylor was 16-for-28 for 224 yards and an interception.

Nadal cruises past Anderson for 16th Slam

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Rafael Nadal entered the 2017 Grand Slam season on a 2½-year drought without so much as one appearance in a major final, let alone a title. He ends it having reasserted himself, capped by a U.S. Open final that shaped up as quite a mismatch — and turned out to be exactly that.

His game at a higher level than it needed to be by the end of an unusually easy path through the field, Nadal overwhelmed Kevin Anderson 6-3, 6-3, 6-4 on Sunday to win his third championship at Flushing Meadows.

"Of course, after a couple of years without competing at this very high, high level," Nadal said, "very happy to be back."

The No. 1-ranked Nadal collected his 16th Grand Slam trophy overall and at his news conference, he wore a white T-shirt listing the date and site of each one. Among men, only Roger Federer has more, with 19. Each of those two longtime rivals won two of the four majors this season, marking their return to the heights of their sport.

Nadal has dealt with knee and wrist problems, both likely a result of his physi-

cal brand of play, over his career, but 2015 and 2016 were his first seasons without reaching at least one Grand Slam final since 2004, when he was still a teenager.

Seems safe to say that, at age 31, he is once again the Nadal of old.

"I mean, I've always said he's one of the, obviously, greatest players of our sport, obviously feeling very confident," Anderson said. "He seems to have turned around a lot of those injuries he's experienced the last couple of years. I guess time will tell on that."

At No. 32, Anderson was the lowest-ranked U.S. Open men's finalist since the ATP computer rankings began in 1973. The 31-year-old South African never had been past the quarterfinals at any major tournament in 33 previous appearances, so when he won his semifinal on Friday, he climbed into the stands to celebrate.

There would be no such joy for him on this day.

Nadal added to his U.S. Open triumphs in 2010 and 2013 and improved to 16-7 in Grand Slam finals. For the first time since

2013, he appeared in three in a single season, losing to Federer at the Australian Open in January, then beating Stan Wawrinka for his record 10th French Open trophy in June.

Nadal's career haul also includes two trophies from Wimbledon and one from the Australian Open. All of his big victories have come while being coached by his uncle, Toni, who is now stepping aside. The U.S. Open was the last Grand Slam event of their partnership.

It was not as daunting as usual.

Not since Pete Sampras at Wimbledon in 2000 had a man won a Slam tournament without facing any opponents ranked in the top 20. In New York, the bracket was weakened by the injury withdrawals of three of the top five men: past champions Andy Murray, Novak Djokovic and Wawrinka.

Plus, Nadal did not need to deal with Federer.

"I learned a lot of lessons," Anderson conceded. "It was a difficult match, up against somebody who has been on that stage over 20 times before."

Roundup

Yanks' Judge joins elite company with 40 HRs

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Aaron Judge reacted with a sense of awe about the company of Yankees legends the young slugger joined with his 40-homer season.

"Pretty surreal. Never as a kid did I think that I would be in the same sentence with those guys," Judge said. "It's quite an honor. It's pretty humbling."

The 25-year-old Judge homered twice Sunday in New York's series-clinching 16-7 win at Texas, becoming only the second major league rookie with a 40-homer season. He also joined Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Joe DiMaggio and Mickey Mantle as the only Yankees to hit 40 homers at age 25 or younger.

Gary Sanchez also hit two homers for the AL wild card-leading Yankees, giving him 30 this season and 50 in 161 games since his 2015 debut.

Judge had his fourth multihomer game, his first since June 11. He has four homers in seven games since breaking a homerless skid of 57 at-bats and 15 games that stretched back to Aug. 16.

Nationals 3, Phillies 2: Washington became the first team in the majors to clinch a playoff spot this season, winning the NL East on Sunday as Stephen Strasburg extended his scoreless streak to a franchise-record 34 innings in a win over visiting Philadelphia.

Braves 10, Marlins 8: Rio Ruiz had a tying, two-run single with two outs in a three-run ninth inning and Lane Adams hit a two-run homer off Vance Worley (2-5) in the 11th for host Atlanta.

Athletics 10, Astros 2: Astros ace Dallas Keuchel (12-4) walked in two runs and forced in another by hitting another during a shaky sixth inning as host Oakland completed a four-game sweep.

Brewers 3, Cubs 1: Travis Shaw hit a two-run homer to back Zach Davies (17-8) as Milwaukee complete a three-game

sweep and closed within two games of the NL Central-leading Cubs. Host Chicago entered the series with a five-game division lead, a season high, but totaled three runs in the series.

Cardinals 7, Pirates 0: Yadier Molina hit a three-run homer and tied a career high with five RBIs to back Michael Wacha (12-7), who gave up five hits in eight innings for host St. Louis.

Rays 4, Red Sox 1: With Tampa Bay players' thinking about Hurricane Irma approaching home, they beat host Boston to avoid a three-game sweep and deal reigning AL Cy Young Award winner Rick Porcello his major league-leading 17th loss.

Royals 11, Twins 3: Jason Vargas (15-10) stopped his four-game losing streak and set a career high for wins, giving up one run and four hits in five innings for host Kansas City.

Angels 5, Mariners 3: Justin Upton had a tiebreaking, two-run double in the eighth off Nick Vincent (3-2) to help visiting Los Angeles avoid a sweep and close within one game of Minnesota for the second AL wild card spot.

Diamondbacks 3, Padres 2: Paul Goldschmidt homered on his 30th birthday and J.D. Martinez went deep twice for host Arizona.

Reds 10, Mets 5: Reds manager Bryan Price put his argument with a pair of umpires on pause for the singing of "God Bless America," then resumed the argument. Cincinnati went on to win behind Tucker Barnhart's career-high five RBIs. The visiting Reds rallied for three runs in the seventh to make it 5-all.

Blue Jays 8, Tigers 2: Teoscar Hernandez hit his first two home runs of the season and Darwin Barney had four hits for host Toronto.

White Sox 8, Giants 1: Jose Abreu homered twice, a day after hitting for the cycle for host Chicago.

Cleveland wins again

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Francisco Lindor broke two bats, borrowed one from a teammate, and hit a home run.

It's been like that for the Cleveland Indians of late.

The Indians stretched their franchise-record winning streak to 18 games, beating the Baltimore Orioles 3-2 Sunday night behind homers from Lindor and Roberto Perez in the sixth inning.

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

Lindor's home run followed Perez's leadoff shot that snapped a 1-all tie. Cleveland's All-Star shortstop broke two bats while running the count to 3-2 against Jeremy Hellickson, then walked to the dugout looking for help. Teammate

Abraham Almonte obliged.

"I had no more bats," Lindor said. "I ran out of bats. I prefer to use one that has my handle, so I just saw him and I was like, 'Hey, let me use yours.'"

There was one problem, however, with the replacement. Lindor thought his chances to get a hit were slim because he uses a lighter and smaller model, but he hit the next pitch into seats in right field for his 29th homer.

Lindor turned to the dugout before leaving the batters' box and smiled at his teammate.

"I looked at the barrel and I was like 'No, there's no chance.' As soon as I hit it, I just looked at him like, 'This is a good bat,'" he said.

Cleveland hasn't lost since Aug. 23 and has outscored its opponents 121-32 in the streak. Cleveland has trailed in only four of 162 innings during the stretch.

The Indians are a game ahead of Houston for the league's best record and reduced their magic number to clinch the AL Central to seven.

Dodgers drop 10th consecutive game

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Dodgers insist they're in this season for the long haul, unwilling to change what got them to 92 victories.

At the same time, manager Dave Roberts is searching for something, anything, to get his team out of its funk.

"I'm open for suggestions," he said after the NL West leaders lost their 10th straight game for their worst skid in 25 years, routed by Mark Reynolds and the Colorado Rockies 8-1 Sunday.

"We have a very frustrated and upset clubhouse," Roberts said.

Reynolds hit a grand slam, Nolan Arenado and Trevor Story also homered, and Tyler

Chatwood pitched five scoreless innings. The Rockies remained three games ahead of St. Louis and Milwaukee for the second NL wild-card spot.

Los Angeles still owns the best record in the majors at 92-51, but even that's becoming tenuous. Washington beat the Phillies to cut LA's lead to four games.

"We just got to keep grinding," said center fielder Chris Taylor, who went 0-for-5. "The depth is still there, it just seems a lot of guys have slumped at the same time."

The Dodgers have dropped nine in a row at Chavez Ravine for the first time in 30 years. Overall, Los Angeles has lost 15 of 16, including its longest drought since losing 10 straight in 1992.