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## North Korea fires missile over Japan

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SEOUL, South Korea—North Korea defiantly fired a missile over Japan on Friday, achieving its longest such flight less than a week after the U.N. Security Council approved new sanctions aimed at punishing the communist state for its recent and most powerful nuclear test.

The launch, which followed a Sept. 3 nuclear test and weeks of heightened tensions, also appeared aimed at sending a message that North Korea could target the U.S. Pacific island territory of Guam as it has threatened to do.

The missile was fired from an area near the capital, Pyongyang, and flew over the Japanese island of Hokkaido before splashing into the Pacific Ocean about 1,242 miles east of Cape

Erimo, according to U.S., South Korean and Japanese officials.

The missile reached a maximum altitude of 480 miles and traveled more than 2,300 miles, South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said.

It was the second time in less than three weeks that a North Korean missile flew over Hokkaido,

prompting the Japanese government to warn citizens to take cover. No debris or damages from the missile were reported.

"North Korea trampled on the strong will for a peaceful solution and it is absolutely unacceptable that North Korea once again resorted to violent measures," Prime Minister Shinzo Abe told reporters.

Abe also said his government was aware of the missile's movement "from the moment it was launched and was ready for

all possible measures."

South Korea also was ready for it and conducted a nearly simultaneous missile test of its own, firing the projectiles into the sea off the peninsula's east coast on orders from President Moon Jae-in.

The drill was conducted according to calculations about the distance to an airport in Sunan, the area where the North's launch occurred about 155 miles away, the military said.

The military added it was maintaining "full readiness posture" against possible additional provocations from the North.

U.S. Pacific Command said an initial assessment indicated it was an intermediate-range ballistic missile that posed no threat to North America or Guam.

"Our commitment to the defense of our allies, including [South Korea] and Japan, in the face of these threats, remains ironclad. We remain prepared to defend ourselves and our allies from any attack or provocation," PACOM spokesman Cmdr. Dave Benham said in a statement.

While it wasn't aimed at Guam, analysts said the distance traveled by the missile showed it had the ability to reach the island, which is home to Andersen Air Force Base and a naval base and about 2,113 miles from Pyongyang.

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un said in August that he was putting on hold a military plan to fire missiles into the waters surrounding Guam, but he left open the possibility he could change his mind.

## Bomb explodes on packed London subway; many hurt

*Associated Press*

LONDON — Hundreds of British police embarked on a massive manhunt Friday, racing to find out who placed a homemade bomb on a packed London subway train during the morning rush hour.

The explosion — labeled a terrorist attack by police — wounded at least 29 people and ignited a panicked stampede to safety. Experts said London may have escaped far worse carnage because it appeared that the bomb only partially exploded.

"Clearly, this was a device that was intended to cause significant harm," Prime Minister Theresa May said after chairing a meeting of the government's COBRA emergency committee.

Police called it a terrorist attack, the fifth in Britain this year.

Witnesses described seeing a "wall of fire" as the bomb — hidden in a plastic bucket inside a supermarket freezer bag — went off at about 8:20 a.m. while the train was at the Parsons Green station in southwest London.

It was not a large explosion, and British police and health officials said none of the injured was thought to be seriously hurt.

The Metropolitan Police Service said there had been no arrests so far, but hundreds of detectives, aided by intelligence agents, were looking at surveillance camera footage of the subway, carrying out forensic work and speaking to witnesses.

It's not clear whether the device was intended to explode when it did. The site of the blast was in a leafy, affluent part of

the city, not near any of London's top tourist sites. British media reported that the bomb included a timer.

Photos taken inside the train show a white plastic bucket inside a foil-lined shopping bag. Flames and what appear to be wires emerge from the top.

Terrorism analyst Magnus Ranstorp, of Swedish Defense University, said that from photos, it appeared the bomb did not fully detonate, as much of the device and its casing remained intact.

"They were really lucky with this one. It could have really become much worse," he said.

Police were first alerted when commuters reported a noise and a flash aboard the District Line train. Commuter Lauren Hubbard was on the train when she heard a loud bang. "I looked

around, and this wall of fire was just coming towards us. You just run," said Hubbard, who fled the above-ground station with her boyfriend.

Others described "absolute chaos" as hundreds rushed to flee the danger.

Mark Rowley, head of counterterrorism for the metropolitan police, said "this was a detonation of an improvised explosive device."

He said at least 18 people had received "flash burns." Health officials later said four others went to the hospital themselves.

Rowley said Britain's domestic intelligence service, MI5, was helping with the investigation, which was being led by the police counterterrorism unit. He gave no information about potential suspects, saying, "It's very much a live investigation."

## Conservative speaks at UC Berkeley

Associated Press

BERKELEY, Calif. — A phalanx of police and a campus on virtual lockdown Thursday accomplished the University of California, Berkeley, administration's goal of allowing a conservative to speak at the famously liberal school, which has become known recently for its violent demonstrations between those with opposing viewpoints.

Outside, hundreds of protesters also were allowed to voice their displeasure over the speech by former Breitbart editor Ben Shapiro, chanting, "No Trump, no KKK, no fascist USA!" Others held signs objecting to the university hosting Shapiro.

"For the most part, it was an orderly event attended by respectful, orderly people," UC police Chief Margo Bennett said. "The crowd in the street was loud but not violent."

Bennett said four or five people were arrested on city property, though Berkeley police tweeted later Thursday night that nine had been arrested.

"We had a successful event tonight," said UC spokesman Dan Mogulof, who added that the university is committed to hosting speakers like Shapiro in the future.

Streets were closed and concrete barriers were erected in what many saw as the latest polarizing event to raise concerns about violence in the city.

Xochitl Johnson, an organizer with Refuse Fascism, a group protesting Shapiro's speech, attacked the university for deploying police for what she said was the creation of a safe space for fascists. She said it was wrong for the school to shut down the campus to let him speak.

Shapiro was invited to speak by campus Republicans, who say the liberal university stifles the voice of conservative speakers.

# 1 death in Fort Bragg incident

Associated Press

FORT BRAGG, N.C. — A special operations soldier has died as a result of Thursday's training incident at Fort Bragg.

Staff Sgt. Alexander P. Dalida, 32, of Dunstable, Mass., was killed during a demolition accident during Green Beret training and was learning tasks that included working with explosives.

U.S. Army Special Operations Command Lt. Col. Robert Bockholt said Friday investigators haven't told him whether an explosion caused the death. Bockholt said he did not know the medical condition of the seven other soldiers injured Thursday in what was described as a training exercise involving demolitions.

Dalida was at a stage in the yearlong Special Forces qualification course in which he was learning engineering skills. The Army describes Special Forces engineer sergeants as specialists in demolitions, along with building field fortifications and bridges.

The Army Special Warfare school's com-

mander says Dalida's death is a reminder that a soldier's job is inherently dangerous.

Dalida, who enlisted in 2006, was assigned to 1st Special Warfare Training Group (Airborne).

The soldiers were students from the John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School and they were at a range on post, the Army said.

A day earlier, eight Marines were rushed to a burn center and seven others also were hospitalized after a fire in their amphibious vehicle during training at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Also, a soldier was killed Tuesday night during hoist training for medical helicopter evacuations at Fort Hood, Texas.

Outside Fort Bragg's gates, it seemed like a typical day, with cars and trucks streaming in and out of one of the world's largest Army installations.

About 57,000 military personnel are attached to Fort Bragg, a 161,000-acre base located next to Fayetteville, N.C.

The Army's Special Operations Command has about 23,000 soldiers spread over several sites.

## American citizen who fought for ISIS captured, turned over to US military

BY COREY DICKSTEIN

Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The U.S. military has detained an American captured in Syria fighting for Islamic State, the Pentagon said Thursday.

The American citizen surrendered to U.S.-backed Syrian Democratic Forces in eastern Syria on or about Sept. 12 and was transferred to U.S. military custody, said Marine Maj. Adrian Rankine-Galloway, a Pentagon spokesman.

"The U.S. citizen is being legally detained by Department of Defense personnel as a known enemy combatant," he said. "... [ISIS] fighters who are captured are safe guarded and treated humanely."

Enemy fighters on the battlefield will be killed or captured regardless of their citizenship, he added.

Rankine-Galloway declined to say exactly where the fighter was captured in Syria or where

he was being held, citing operational security concerns.

Syrian Democratic Forces — an umbrella group that includes some 50,000 Kurdish and Arab anti-ISIS fighters in northern and eastern Syria — are conducting combat operations now in the former ISIS capital of Raqqa and in the Middle Euphrates River Valley north of Deir el-Zour, a small city where officials believe much of the terrorist group's leadership fled before Raqqa was invaded.

The U.S. military has provided weapons, training, special operations advisers and air and artillery power to the SDF as the group has pushed ISIS out of more than half its territory in Syria during the past two years.

The American ISIS fighter, whose name was not released, will be turned over to the Justice Department for prosecution, Rankine-Galloway said.

A spokeswoman for the De-

partment of Justice did not have an immediate comment when reached by phone Thursday.

It is not the first time an American has been accused of fighting for ISIS.

In June, Mohamad Jamal Khweis, 27, was convicted in federal court of providing material support to ISIS. The Justice Department said Khweis traveled to Syria through Turkey to join ISIS in December 2015 and spent about 2½ months traveling with ISIS fighters and undergoing religious training.

Khweis lived in Alexandria, Va., and was captured by Kurdish peshmerga forces near Tal Afar in northern Iraq in March 2016.

He is scheduled to be sentenced Oct. 13 and faces a minimum penalty of five years in prison and a maximum penalty of life in prison, according to the Justice Department.

## Confusion persists over DACA deal

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The fate of 800,000 young immigrants hung in the balance as top lawmakers, White House officials and President Donald Trump, himself, squabbled over whether an agreement had been struck to protect them — and if so, exactly what it was.

In the face of an intense backlash from conservatives inside the Capitol and out, Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., and other GOP House members adamantly insisted that there was no agreement to enshrine protections for the immigrants brought to America as children and now here illegally.

John Cornyn, of Texas, the No. 2 Senate Republican, put it this way: There was “a deal to make a deal.”

Trump, himself, said he was “fairly close” to an agreement that could protect the young “dreamers” while also adding border security, as long as his long-promised wall with Mexico also was addressed separately.

Democratic leaders Rep. Nancy Pelosi, of California, and Sen. Chuck Schumer, of New York — whose dinner with Trump on Wednesday night was at the heart of Thursday’s controversy — insisted there was discussion and even agreement on legislation that would offer eventual citizenship to the immigrants in question.

“We agreed it would be the DREAM Act,” Schumer told reporters, referring to a bipartisan bill that would allow immigrants brought here as children and now in the U.S. illegally to work their way to citizenship in as little as five years if they meet certain requirements.

But one person familiar with the meeting said the president had agreed not to the DREAM Act but to narrower legislation that would make permanent the protections offered by President Barack Obama’s Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program.

# Dangers remain as recovery from Hurricane Irma gains momentum

Associated Press

MIAMI — Florida’s post-Irma recovery picked up momentum Friday as power outages dropped and schools made plans to reopen. But two new cases of carbon monoxide poisoning from temporary generators made clear that dangers remained nearly a week after the powerful storm hit.

In Palm Beach County, a woman died and three men were in critical condition after, according to authorities, carbon monoxide fumes seeped in from a generator positioned just outside a home’s garage on Thursday. A family of four also was being treated Friday near Miami for exposure to fumes from a generator at their apartment.

The state also has made urgent efforts to protect its vulnerable elderly residents after a string of nursing home deaths. Several nursing homes have been evacuated because of a lack of power or air conditioning, while utility workers raced to help dozens of others still lacking electricity. Homebound seniors found help from charities, churches and authorities.

On Thursday, 57 residents were moved from a suburban Fort Lauderdale assisted-living facility without power to two nearby centers where electricity was just restored. Owner Ralph Marinson said all five of his Florida facilities lost power after Irma. Workers scrambled to keep patients cool with emergency stocks of ice and Popsicles.

“FPL has got to have a better plan for power,” he said, referring to the state’s largest utility,

Florida Power & Light. “We’re supposed to be on a priority list, and it doesn’t come, and it doesn’t come and, frankly, it’s very scary.”

Statewide, 64 nursing homes were still waiting for full power Thursday, according to the Florida Health Care Association. The separate Florida Assisted Living Association said many of its South Florida members lacked electricity.

Older people can be more susceptible to heat because their bodies do not adjust to temperatures as well as young people. They don’t sweat as much, they are more likely to have medical conditions that change how the body responds to heat, and they are more likely to take medication that affects body temperature.

Most people who die from high body temperature, known as hyperthermia, are older than 50, according to the National Institutes of Health.

Homebound seniors also were a concern. The Greater Miami Jewish Federation encouraged people to evacuate before the storm if they could, but now the group has shifted its focus to checking on them and bringing supplies to their homes, said CEO Jacob Solomon.

By Friday morning, many Floridians had gotten their electricity back after the storm. State emergency managers said the number of outages dropped to 1.92 million homes and businesses.

Schools in some hard-hit areas also were able to start making plans to welcome back students. Lee County schools Superintendent Greg Adkins announced classes will begin Sept. 25 after most of the district’s buildings received at least minor damage. Three needed extensive roof repair.

## Harvard rescinds title offer to Manning

Associated Press

Harvard University reversed its decision to name Chelsea Manning a visiting fellow early Friday, a day after CIA Director Mike Pompeo scrapped a planned appearance over the title for the soldier, who was convicted of leaking classified information.

Douglas Elmendorf, the dean of the university’s John F. Kennedy School of Government, wrote in a statement posted to the university’s website that naming Manning a visiting fellow was a mistake, even though he said the title carries no special honor.

“We invited Chelsea Manning to spend a day at the Kennedy School,” he wrote. “On

that basis, we also named Chelsea Manning a Visiting Fellow. We did not intend to honor her in any way or to endorse any of her words or deeds, as we do not honor or endorse any Fellow.”

Elmendorf apologized to Manning and to “many concerned people” he said he had heard from “for not recognizing upfront the full implications of our original invitation.” Manning is still invited to spend a day at the school and to speak to students, though without the visiting-fellow title, he wrote.

Manning responded on Twitter early Friday, writing that she was “honored to be 1st disinvited trans woman visiting @harvard fellow.”

“They chill marginalized

voices under @cia pressure,” she said, while also accusing the school of letting the CIA determine “what is and is not taught.”

Manning’s publicist didn’t immediately respond when asked if she would still accept Harvard’s invitation to visit the school.

Manning, 29, is a transgender woman who was known as Bradley Manning when she was convicted in 2013 of leaking a trove of classified documents. She was released from a military prison in May after serving seven years of a 35-year sentence, which was commuted by former President Barack Obama in his final days in office.

# Rohingya refugees watch as homes burn

Associated Press

TUMBRU, Bangladesh — Groups of fleeing Rohingya Muslims watched from inside Bangladesh on Friday as another of the homes in their abandoned village across the border in Myanmar went up in flames.

The villagers said they'd escaped days ago, crossing into Bangladesh at the border point of Tumbru and joining thousands of other ethnic Rohingya huddling in the open in the district of Bandarban to escape recent violence in Buddhist-

majority Myanmar.

Flames could be seen only about 500 yards from the border fence.

"You see this fire today, that is my village," said Farid Alam, one of the Rohingya.

When they crossed the border into Bangladesh, they saw land mines that had been newly planted by Myanmar forces, he said.

Thousands of Rohingya are continuing to stream across the border, with U.N. officials and others demanding that Myanmar halt what they describe as

a campaign of ethnic cleansing that has driven nearly 400,000 Rohingya to flee in the past three weeks.

That number includes an estimated 240,000 children, UNICEF said in Geneva on Friday.

Ethnic Rohingya have long faced discrimination in Myanmar and are denied citizenship, even though many families have lived there for generations.

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Wednesday described the violence against Rohingya as "ethnic

cleansing."

Amnesty International said Thursday it has evidence of an "orchestrated campaign of systematic burnings" by Myanmar security forces targeting dozens of Rohingya villages over the last three weeks.

With refugee camps overflowing and hundreds of thousands of Rohingya struggling to find shelter, food and other essential services, aid workers say they are deeply worried by the continuing influx of people by land and water.

## Cassini spacecraft mission ends with crash into Saturn

The Washington Post

PASADENA, Calif. — NASA scientists received their last message from the Cassini spacecraft, which plunged into Saturn early Friday morning. Those final bits of data signal the end of one of the most successful planetary science missions.

The pioneering probe was the first to orbit Saturn; launched in 1997 and inserted into orbit in 2004, Cassini revealed the structure of Saturn's rings and by delivering the Huygens probe to Saturn's moon, Titan, executed the first spacecraft landing in the outer solar system.

It also exposed two moons — Titan and Enceladus — as prime targets in the search for life beyond Earth.

After 13 years in orbit, Cassini leaves researchers with still more mysteries to ponder: They don't know the length of the Saturn day or understand the quirks of its magnetic field. Also, it will fall to a future mission to discover if one of Saturn's potentially habitable moons truly could be home to alien life.

It's precisely because of its successes that Cassini had to die. Once the spacecraft ran out of fuel, NASA would not risk letting it remain aloft, where it could be knocked into Titan or Enceladus. In April, Cassini began a series of 22 close-in orbits that took it between and behind Saturn's rings. Earlier

this week, NASA flew Cassini past Titan one last time, taking advantage of the moon's gravitational pull to slingshot the spacecraft toward Saturn.

That "goodbye kiss" set Cassini on its final, fatal course. Just after 3:30 a.m. California time on Friday, Cassini entered Saturn's atmosphere, plummeting at a pace of about 77,000 miles per hour. For a few minutes, the spacecraft's thrusters fought to keep its high-gain antenna pointed toward Earth so it could continue to send back real-time data from this uncharted territory. During those last moments, the spacecraft's instruments sampled the molecules in the planet's atmosphere.

Minutes later, Cassini was vaporized, just a small flash of light streaking across an alien sky. But because Saturn is so distant, its final signals didn't reach Earth until 83 minutes after the spacecraft was gone.

That last signal was displayed as a green spike of data on a screen above mission control. The spike shrank, then flickered.

"We call loss of signal," the radio team reported.

There was utter silence at mission control, and then Maize spoke: "I'm going to call this the end of mission."

The room burst into applause.

## Castro response clouds probe of Cuba attacks

Associated Press

HAVANA — Raul Castro seemed as rattled as the Americans.

The Cuban president sent for the top American official in the country to address grave concerns about a spate of U.S. diplomats harmed in Havana. There was talk of futuristic "sonic attacks" and the subtle threat of repercussions by the U.S.

The way Castro responded surprised Washington, several U.S. officials familiar with the exchange told The Associated Press.

In a face-to-face conversation, Castro told Jeffrey DeLaurentis, the U.S. Embassy chief, he was befuddled and concerned. Castro denied responsibility. But it wasn't the how-dare-you-accuse-us response the U.S. had come to expect from Cuba.

The Cubans even offered to let the FBI come to Havana to investigate. U.S.-Cuban cooperation on law enforcement has increased since the detente in 2015. The new access was extraordinary.

When the U.S. has accused Cuba of misbehavior in the past, like harassing diplomats or cracking down on local dissidents, Havana often has accused Washington of making it up. This time, although Castro denied involvement, his govern-

ment didn't dispute that something troubling may have gone down on Cuban soil.

Perhaps the picture was more complex? Investigators considered whether a rogue faction of Cuba's security forces had acted, possibly in combination with another country like Russia or North Korea.

The FBI traveled to Havana and swept some of the rooms where attacks were reported — a list that included homes and at least one hotel: the Spanish-run Hotel Capri, where visiting U.S. officials occasionally stay. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police flew down, too. Neither law enforcement agency found any sonic device, several officials told the AP.

News reports finally prompted the State Department to publicly acknowledge "incidents which have caused a variety of physical symptoms" and were still under investigation.

Two weeks later, the U.S. announced at least 16 Americans showed symptoms. At that point, the State Department said the incidents were "not ongoing."

Still, the tally continued to rise — first to 19 victims, and then this week to 21.

In the meantime, the State Department had to withdraw its assurance the attacks had long ceased. There had been another incident, on Aug. 21.

# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Tall tail: Record-setting cats share same home

**MI** FARMINGTON HILLS — Here's a very tall tail: Two record-setting cats are living together near Detroit.

Arcturus Aldebaran Powers holds the Guinness World Records mark for tallest domestic cat, measuring at about 19 inches. Housemate Cygnus Regulus Powers holds the record for the domestic cat with the longest tail, measuring more than 17 inches.

The cats live in Farmington Hills with Will and Lauren Powers. Guinness said they sought the records to raise awareness about a cat shelter.

Will Powers told The Detroit News people often want to have photos taken with the cats, so they ask them for donations for the shelter.

He said both cats are about 2 years old. MLive.com reports that Arcturus could keep growing until age 4 or 5.

## Man nabbed robbing burglarized restaurant

**CA** COVINA — Police said a man with a knife tried to rob a Southern California pizza restaurant just a few hours after burglars already had stolen from it, and he was stopped by an officer there because of the first crime.

Covina police Lt. Trevor Gaumer told the San Gabriel Valley Tribune that burglars broke into Pizza Chalet on Tuesday and made off with \$1,500. As the owner was cleaning up after the burglary less than three hours later, the knife-wielding man walked in and demanded money.

The owner flagged down an officer providing extra patrol help.

Gaumer said the suspect, Er-

nest Ramirez, 19, didn't listen to the officer's order to give himself up, and fought with arriving officers briefly until he was subdued.

## Accidental milk spill turns creek white

**IN** TIPTON — Authorities said an accidental milk spill at a food processing business ended up turning a central Indiana creek white.

The Kokomo Tribune reported the change in the hue of Cicero Creek in Tipton was noticed Tuesday, and investigators determined no more than 300 gallons of milk spilled at Park 100 Foods. State environmental officials indicate the spill wasn't dangerous.

Crews used hay bales to help contain the milk and a cleanup company removed about 14,000 gallons of a water and milk mixture from the creek. Tipton County Emergency Management Director Chuck Bell said the creek was its normal color Wednesday.

## SpaceX shows how not to land rocket booster

**FL** CAPE CANAVERAL — SpaceX has put together a bloopers video showing "How NOT to land an orbital rocket booster."

Set to rousing marching music, the 2-minute-long video posted Thursday shows rockets exploding at sea and over land. The opening blast, from 2013, is even synchronized to the music.

SpaceX chief Elon Musk can afford to poke fun at his early, pioneering efforts at rocket recycling, now that his private company has pulled off 16 successful booster landings.

In one shot, Musk looks over the charred rocket remains scattered over the ground with

the caption: "It's just a scratch." After another huge, fiery explosion, this one on the company's barge, the caption reads, "Well, technically, it did land ... just not in one piece."

## 'Harvey the Hurricane Hawk' released in wild

**TX** PLANO — An injured hawk that sought refuge in a taxicab as Harvey made landfall returned to the wild.

Cabdriver William Bruso dubbed the female Cooper's hawk "Harvey the Hurricane Hawk" in online videos that he shot as he took her home Aug. 25. As Harvey's rains fell the next day, Liz Compton of the Texas Wildlife Rehab Coalition picked her up.

Compton said the hawk couldn't fly because of head trauma, probably from flying into something.

According to reports, Harvey was released Wednesday afternoon in the parking lot of Oak Point Amphitheater in Plano.

## House next to cemetery has 'quiet neighbors'

**MI** DEWITT — How's this for curb appeal: A Michigan real estate agent selling a house next to a cemetery is promoting it with a sign that says "quiet neighbors."

Shane Broyles said the message came to mind when he saw the house. He said his grandparents knew a man who lived next to a cemetery and joked about it.

Broyles told the Lansing State Journal that he hadn't previously used humor to market a house. But he says "there's not much point to life" without some fun.

The seller, Deborah Perrin, likes the "quiet neighbors" sign. She said she can guarantee there won't be a new subdivi-

sion going up in the cemetery.

## Joey the kangaroo escapes pumpkin farm

**WI** KENOSHA — It was a taste of freedom for Joey the kangaroo who kicked his way out of a pen at a pumpkin farm.

The Kenosha County Sheriff's Department got the call Thursday about 7 a.m. from someone who reported an animal on the loose, and it kind of looked like a kangaroo.

Deputies were dispatched. And sure enough, there was Joey hopping down the highway. Deputies figured the kangaroo belonged to Jerry Smith's pumpkin farm. Sheriff's officials said Joey was returned safely without injury.

## Woman charged with stealing silver plates

**MA** METHUEN — A former employee of a Massachusetts city faces charges after she, according to authorities, stole a set of city-owned antique silver plates and sold them for far below their value.

The Eagle-Tribune reported that Judith Hajjar was charged last week with larceny. Hajjar, 58, who worked in the Methuen city clerk's office, filed for retirement when she was questioned about the missing plates.

The seven plates valued at \$10,000 had been kept in a locked city hall vault.

Police said Hajjar told detectives she sold them to a pawn shop. The pawn shop paid \$700 for the plates and sold them to a refinery to be melted down.

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# Watson scrambles in 1st start for Texans

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — A black tux and bowtie. Deshaun Watson decided to dress in style for his first NFL start, one that came in prime time on his 22nd birthday.

The clothes and the moment were a perfect fit for the national champ.

Watson scrambled 49 yards for the game's only touchdown Thursday night, leading the injury-depleted Houston Texans to a 13-9 victory over the Cincinnati Bengals. He avoided the big mistake, made the game-turning play, and led Houston (1-1) to a clinching field goal in the closing minutes.

"It was insane," defensive end Christian Covington said of the rookie's touchdown run. "That's why he is who he is. The whole sideline went crazy. That was a game-sealing touchdown right there."

It came in the first half, but given the way the Bengals are playing on offense, it was indeed the decisive play. Cincinnati (0-2) opened the season with a pair of home games, but has yet to score a touchdown in 25 possessions.

Few young quarterbacks have gotten better results than Watson, who was working with an offense missing three tight ends to concussions, plus a receiver and a guard.

He ran five times for a team-high 67 yards and completed 15 of 24 passes for

125 yards with no interceptions and three sacks.

Watson won a national championship at Clemson with his dual-threat ability. The first-round pick used every bit of it in a conservative plan aimed at making the most of what the Texans had left on offense.

"I don't really get nervous when I step on the field," Watson said. "Football is football. This is what I've been dreaming of my whole life."

Some takeaways from the Texans' win:

**Watson's plaudits:** Watson is the first rookie quarterback to win his first start on the road in a prime-time game since the Eagles' Joe Webb in 2010, according to Elias. He's the first quarterback in the last two seasons to lead his team in both passing and rushing and get a win.

"That's one of the things you've seen throughout his career at Clemson, and what we've seen in the preseason here," coach Bill O'Brien said. "He just has that ability and that knack."

**Watt back in form:** J.J. Watt raised more than \$30 million for those affected when Hurricane Harvey hit Texas. He was emotional in the Texans' home opener Sunday and managed only one tackle and one quarterback hit. He was back in form Thursday with six tackles, one

pass deflection and one hit on Dalton. He also leveled center Russell Bodine on the game's final play after he got a lateral.

"Zig-zag, zig-zag, zig-zag, tired, tired, tired," Watt said, describing the multi-lateral play. "Thank you for throwing it to the guy closest to me — body slam."

**More Texans injuries:** Houston starting cornerbacks Johnathan Joseph (right shoulder) and Kevin Johnson (left knee) were hurt in the second half and didn't return, adding to the Texans' mounting injury woes. Linebacker Brian Cushing is serving a 10-game suspension for violating the NFL's policy on performance-enhancing substances.

**Dalton's struggles:** Andy Dalton threw four interceptions, lost a fumble and finished with a passer rating of 28.4 in a 20-0 loss to the Ravens on Sunday, the first time the Bengals were blanked in a home opener.

He was under heavy pressure again Thursday while going 20-for-35 for 224 yards with three sacks and a passer rating of 76.4. He has struggled against the Texans, his hometown team — he grew up in suburban Katy. Dalton is 1-6 career against Houston, including a pair of first-round playoff losses. He's thrown three touchdowns and seven interceptions.

## Cincinnati still in search of end zone

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — No Bengals team has been so bad on offense to start a season. Not many in the history of the NFL, either.

Cincinnati failed to get into the end zone again — make it 25 possessions and counting — during a 13-9 loss to the Houston Texans on Thursday night. Despite an offense that has all its playmakers healthy, the Bengals are going nowhere.

They became the first NFL team since the 1939 Eagles to open a season with two home games and fail to get in the end zone, according to information from the Elias Sports Bureau shared by ESPN.

"I am shocked," coach Marvin Lewis said.

The Bengals lost to the Baltimore Ravens 20-0 on Sun-

day, the first time in their 50 seasons that they were shut out in a home opener. They managed only three field goals Thursday.

"Very surprised," receiver A.J. Green said. "We practice well, but when it comes to the game, we're out of character. I don't know what we're doing out there."

The 1949 Packers were the last team to play its first two games at home and score nine or fewer points combined, according to NFL Research.

The Bengals appeared to have a touchdown in the third quarter — Andy Dalton found Tyler Eifert alone in the end zone — but the tight end had stepped out of bounds before making the catch, nullifying it.

Cincinnati settled for another

field goal, wasting its best chance.

"We were kind of scrambling," Eifert said. "I was looking back at the quarterback. I've got to be more aware. That shouldn't happen. I need to be more aware of where the sideline is."

Dalton followed one of the worst games of his career with another subpar one. He threw four interceptions and lost a fumble against the Ravens, finishing with a passer rating of 28.4 that was the second-lowest of his career.

On Thursday, he was under pressure constantly behind the Bengals' young and inexperienced line again. Dalton finished 20-for-35 for 224 yards with three sacks and a passer rating of 76.4.

"This isn't the way I know

we can play," Dalton said. "We haven't hit our stride yet."

Second-year coordinator Ken Zampese will come under more scrutiny after another game of listless offense. Green caught a 50-yard pass amid three defenders, but had only four more catches for 17 yards. Eifert caught only three passes for 42 yards.

Afterward, Green said the Bengals need to do a better job of getting the ball to their best receivers.

"Andy missing balls here and there, we can live with that," Green said. "When it's crunch time, though, we have to get our playmakers the ball. It's as simple as that."

Asked if any changes were in order, Lewis said, "I'm not talking about that right now."

# Cleveland stretches streak to 22 games

Associated Press

CLEVELAND, Ohio — On a winning streak that just won't stop, the Cleveland Indians have posted shutouts, blowouts and routine wins.

All that was missing were a walk-off victory and extra innings.

"Check those two off," closer Cody Allen said. "We're checking all the boxes."

And check this out: 22 in a row.

Jay Bruce hit an RBI double in the 10th inning — after Francisco Lindor tied it with a clutch double in the ninth — as the Indians rallied for their 22nd straight win to extend their American League record, beating the Kansas City Royals 3-2 on Thursday.

Cleveland moved within four wins of matching the 1916 New York Giants for the longest streak in major league history. A few hours later, it became the first AL team to clinch a post-season spot when the Angels lost to the Astros.

A three-week romp through the league finally had some real drama to keep baseball's

longest winning streak in 101 years intact.

Even before the rally, Allen looked at his teammates in the bullpen and knew something special was about to happen.

"In the ninth, we were saying, 'We're gonna walk them off,'" said Allen (3-6). "We thought we were going to walk them off right there. You win enough games in a lot of different ways, you see what those guys are capable of."

Allen and the Indians only had to wait a little longer until Jose Ramirez scored the winning run.

With the crowd signing "Jose, Jose, Jose," Ramirez led off the 10th with a hard hit into right-center off Brandon Maurer (2-2) that he turned into a double with a head-first slide. After Edwin Encarnacion walked, Bruce, the recent arrival who hit a three-run homer in win No. 21 on Wednesday, ripped a 2-0 pitch into the right-field corner.

As Progressive Field shook like it usually does in October, Bruce reached second base and was quickly mobbed by his

teammates, who doused him with ice water and talcum powder while tearing the front of his jersey.

"Kids these days are throwing everything," Bruce said with a laugh. "You never know what you're going to get hit with out there. It's my first jersey rip off, for sure. They didn't get it all, though."

These Indians aren't stopping for anything.

Down to their last strike in the ninth, the Indians rallied to tie it at 2 off closer Kelvin Herrera, with Lindor delivering his shot off the left-field wall, just above the leap of four-time Gold Glove winner Alex Gordon, to score pinch-runner Erik Gonzalez from first.

The Indians entered the day tied with the 1935 Chicago Cubs for the second-longest streak, and now only trail those '16 Giants, who won 26 in a row — all at home.

The Giants won 12 straight, played a 1-1 tie, and then won 14 in a row. But because the tied game was replayed from the start the next day, it didn't technically count and therefore

didn't stop New York's streak.

Unlike many of Cleveland's games over the past three weeks, this one required a little late-innings work by the Indians, who have outscored their opponents 142-37 during this unimaginable run that has put them on the cusp of another Central title and possibly finish with the league's best record.

On top of getting another win, the Indians also got top reliever Andrew Miller back. The All-Star came in to a rousing ovation in the seventh, and gave up a pair of bloop singles around a strikeout before getting an inning-ending double play.

It was his first appearance since Aug. 21, when Miller's knee tendinitis flared up during an appearance against Boston and he went on the DL for the second time.

"I thought he looked much, much closer to Andrew than the last time," said manager Terry Francona, who will closely monitor Miller. "He's going to need some outings, but that was a really good first step for him."

## MLB roundup

# Astros top Angels, lower magic number to 3

Associated Press

ANAHEIM, California — Brad Peacock pitched six innings of three-hit ball and Houston lowered its magic number for clinching the AL West to three with a 5-2 victory over second-place Los Angeles.

Yuli Gurriel had three hits and drove in a run for the Astros, who have a good chance to clinch a playoff spot and their first division title since 2001 at home this weekend against Seattle.

Peacock (11-2) had another strong start late in a season spent moving between the rotation and the bullpen, earning his first victory since Aug. 4.

**White Sox 17, Tigers 7:** Avisail Garcia went 5-for-5 and drove in a career-high seven runs, Yoan Moncada scored five times and Chicago pounded out 25 hits while routing host Detroit.

**Yankees 13, Orioles 5:** Aaron Judge had a pair of three-run homers for a career-best six RBIs, Todd Frazier hit a three-run homer that chased Wade Miley with one out in a six-run first inning and New York routed visiting Baltimore.

**Cubs 14, Mets 6:** Anthony Rizzo homered and had three hits, Jason Heyward went deep and drove in four and host Chicago beat New York.

**Twins 3, Blue Jays 2 (10):**

Byron Buxton's 10th-inning homer gave host Minnesota its second straight walk-off victory.

**Mariners 10, Rangers 4:** Nelson Cruz went 4-for-4 with a home run and Kyle Seager hit a two-run homer as visiting Seattle defeated Texas.

**Nationals 5, Braves 2:** Rookie Victor Robles was a part of a pair of two-run rallies, Tanner Roark pitched six strong innings and host Washington beat Atlanta.

**Phillies 10, Marlins 0:** Rhys Hoskins homered again, Freddy Galvis and Jorge Alfaro also went deep in a seven-run second inning, and host Philadelphia routed slumping Miami.

**Red Sox 6, Athletics 2:** Drew Pomeranz pitched six innings of one-run ball, and Andrew Benintendi had three hits and drove in three runs to lead AL East-leading Boston over visiting Oakland.

**Diamondbacks 7, Rockies 0:** A.J. Pollock had four RBIs for the second straight day, J.D. Martinez homered for the 10th time in 11 games and host Arizona extended its NL wild-card lead by beating Colorado.

**Cardinals 5, Reds 2:** Rookie Luke Weaver threw six innings of two-hit ball, Tommy Pham drove in two runs and stole two bases, and St. Louis topped visiting Cincinnati.

# Week 3: Can Clemson stop Jackson?

Associated Press

Lamar Jackson basically had the Heisman Trophy wrapped up last season by Oct. 2, playing so well in Louisville's biggest games early in the season that a few stumbles late didn't cost him.

Repeating will be difficult. Only one college football player has won the Heisman twice. But if Jackson does make a serious run at joining Ohio State's Archie Griffin as a two-time Heisman winner, he will again have to make a lasting impression early.

No. 14 Louisville hosts No. 3 Clemson on Saturday night, with a chance for both Jackson and the Cardinals to make an early season statement, just as they did last year.

Otherwise, the third week-end of the season is light on big matchups, but ripe for a few upsets with six ranked teams playing on the road against unranked teams.

Things to watch for during one of the weekends when things could get weird.

## Best game

No. 3 Clemson at No. 14 Louisville.

The Tigers are coming off a dominant defensive performance against Auburn at home

that included 11 sacks.

Seems like an obvious key to the game. Louisville's offensive line struggles to protect Jackson. Clemson's defensive line has a bunch of future early round NFL Draft picks, such as Dexter Lawrence and Christian Wilkins.

Don't forget the other side of the ball, though. Last season Clemson had Deshaun Watson to counter Jackson's brilliance in a 42-36 Tigers victory. If Jackson goes off again, can Clemson quarterback Kelly Bryant keep up?

## Heisman watch

Yes, Jackson, but anybody else?

How about Josh Rosen? The UCLA quarterback is off to a remarkable start that includes one of the great comebacks in college football history against Texas A&M in Week 1. The Bruins play a potentially tricky game against Memphis on Saturday that kicks off at 11 a.m. locally, but 9 a.m. PT. It's the type of game that screams trap. If Rosen can help UCLA avoid it, he'll enter Pac-12 play with some real Heisman buzz.

## Numbers to know

**2003** — The last time Tennessee beat Florida at the

Swamp. Also the last time the Vols won in consecutive years against the Gators. No. 23 Tennessee tries to end both droughts Saturday in Gainesville against No. 24 Florida.

**17** — Yards passing for Army (2-0) this season in victories against Fordham and Buffalo. The Black Knights are second in the nation in rushing at 417 yards per game, but the competition gets much tougher Saturday when they visit No. 8 Ohio State.

**6-0** — Tom Herman's record against ranked opponents in two seasons coaching Houston. Herman and Texas face No. 4 Southern California at a sold-out Los Angeles Coliseum.

**4x100** — Stanford running back Bryce Love is the first Cardinal player to run for at least 100 yards in his first four career starts. The 19th-ranked Cardinals play at San Diego State, which just knocked off Arizona State of the Pac-12 last week.

## Under the radar

A game that is not getting a ton of attention nationally from fans and media, but certainly is from NFL scouts is Oregon at Wyoming.

Representatives from more than 20 NFL teams will be in Laramie on Saturday to see

quarterback Josh Allen face a Power Five team for the last time this regular season. Allen is a big-time prospect, but still raw.

He had a blah game to start the season against Iowa, but now he's at home and Oregon's defense is still fairly accommodating. It's a chance for Allen to put up some big numbers. The quarterback on the other side will draw attention, too. Ducks sophomore Justin Herbert might be another future first-rounder, though he can't go pro until 2019.

## Hot seat watch

Arizona State coach Todd Graham came into this season in need of a turnaround after two straight losing years. Early signs are not good after the Sun Devils were roughed up at home last week by San Diego State.

Now they go to Lubbock, Texas, for the return match of a wild game with Texas Tech last season. The teams combined for 123 points in an Arizona State victory. Another loss would leave Arizona State at 1-2 heading into Pac-12, where its first seven games are: Oregon, at Stanford, Washington, at Utah, USC, Colorado and at UCLA.

# Michigan's Harbaugh says he's sticking with QB Speight

Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Jim Harbaugh appears to be growing impatient with questions about quarterback Wilton Speight.

"Wilton is the starting quarterback and we're forging on," Michigan's coach said sternly.

When asked a follow-up question about third-string quarterback Brandon Peters, Harbaugh shook his head and rolled his eyes.

The seventh-ranked Wolverines (2-0) do not appear to have a quarterback controversy be-

cause Harbaugh seems to believe Speight gives them their best chance of winning, including against Air Force (1-0) on Saturday at home.

Speight, though, has not done much to win over a demanding fan base.

Michigan supporters voiced their displeasure with boos during last week's 36-14 win over Cincinnati, a game that was closer than the final score indicates. With a returning starter at quarterback, the Wolverines were expected to have success through the air. That hasn't happened yet. Speight

has connected on barely more than half his throws and he has thrown three touchdowns and two interceptions, both of which Florida returned for scores in the opener won easily by Michigan.

Air Force coach Troy Calhoun, though, doesn't see a lot of weaknesses when he watches the Wolverines with the ball.

"They're going to have games where they score 50 points just with their size," he said. "Extremely electric across the board, especially when you look at their backs and their receivers and having a veteran

quarterback."

Here are some other things to watch when the Wolverines host the Falcons:

**Lean on me:** The Wolverines haven't had to rely on Speight's passing because handing the ball to Ty Isaac has worked well. He ran for a career-high 133 yards against the Bearcats after having 114 yards rushing on 11 carries against the then-No. 17 Gators.

"He's seizing the opportunity and making the most of it," Harbaugh said. "Good for him and good for us."