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## Florence death toll reaches 15 as rivers rise

Associated Press

NEW BERN, N.C. — As the death toll from Florence grew and hundreds of people were pulled from flooded homes, North Carolina braced for catastrophic, widespread river flooding that could be the next stage of a mounting disaster.

Weakened to a tropical depression early Sunday after blowing ashore as a hurricane with 90 mph winds on Friday, Florence was still spinning slowly atop the Carolinas as it pulled warm water from the ocean and hurled it ashore.

The storm's death toll climbed to 15 on Sunday after state troopers in South Carolina said a driver died when a pickup struck an overpass support beam in Kershaw County.

Earlier, authorities said two people died from inhaling carbon monoxide from a generator in their home.

The city of Wilmington, N.C., has been completely cut off by floodwaters, and officials are asking for additional help from state law enforcement and the National Guard.

Woody White, chairman of the board of commissioners of New Hanover County, said at a news conference Sunday that additional rainfall Saturday night made roads

into the city impassable.

White said officials are planning for food and water to be flown to the county, although new distribution centers will have to be found because of all the rain in the northern part of the county.

About 740,000 homes and businesses remained without power in the Carolinas, and utilities said some could be out for weeks.

Radar showed parts of the sprawling storm over six states, but North and South Carolina were in the bull's-eye.

The head of Federal Emergency Management Agency, Brock Long, said officials were still focused on finding and rescuing people.

"We'll get through this. It'll be ugly, but we'll get through it," Long told NBC's "Meet The Press."

Rivers swelled toward record levels, forecasters said, and thousands of people were ordered to evacuate for fear that the next few days could bring the most destructive round of flooding in North Carolina history.

Stream gauges across the region showed water levels rising steadily, with forecasts calling for rivers to crest Sunday and Monday at or near record levels. The Little River, the Cape Fear, the Lumber, the

Neuse, the Waccamaw and the Pee Dee all were projected to burst their banks, possibly flooding nearby communities.

Authorities ordered the immediate evacuation of up to 7,500 people living within a mile of a stretch of the Cape Fear River and the Little River, about 100 miles from the North Carolina coast. The evacuation zone included part of the city of Fayetteville, population 200,000.

The Defense Department said about 13,500 military personnel were assigned to help relief efforts, which could be massive since river forecasts showed major flooding was likely in towns as far as 250 miles inland.

Already, more than 2 feet of rain has fallen in places, and forecasters are saying there could be an additional 1½ feet before Sunday is out.

"Floodwaters are rising, and if you aren't watching for them, you are risking your life," Gov. Roy Cooper said.

Officials were warning residents not only to stay off the roads but also to avoid using GPS systems. "As conditions change, GPS navigation systems are not keeping up with the road closures and are directing people onto roads that are confirmed closed and/or flooded," the state Transportation Department said on Twitter.

## NC soldiers dig out from Florence, begin relief ops

The Fayetteville (N.C.) Observer

SPRING LAKE, N.C. — A downed tree was blocking the street of Maj. Maribel Lee's neighborhood near Spring Lake as she tried to get to work Saturday.

Her home had lost power the night before, and her mother and child had stayed behind to wait for the storm to pass.

A neighbor told her to turn back. "It's not safe," he said.

But Lee, the support operations officer for the 264th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, saw no choice but to push ahead.

She and hundreds of other Fort Bragg soldiers were needed.

Starting late Friday and continuing as Tropical Storm Florence's wind and rain continued to batter the region, local soldiers have deployed across eastern North Carolina in response to the storm.

High-water rescue teams comprising Fort Bragg troops are stationed in Fayetteville, Raeford, Newport, Trenton and Bolivia. Others are expected to deploy to parts of North and South Carolina in the coming days as conditions worsen.

The soldiers — no strangers to deployments to Iraq or Afghanistan — are heading out to missions in their own backyards.

"We all have our own is-

sues," said Lee. "But we all want to do what's best for our community."

Fort Bragg's Florence response team, known as Task Force Truck, consists of soldiers from across the installation.

Led by the 264th CSSB and its higher headquarters, the 3rd Expeditionary Sustainment Command, the task force comprises more than 200 soldiers from the 3rd ESC, the 82nd Airborne Division, the 18th Field Artillery Brigade and the 20th Engineer Brigade.

Lt. Col. Ricardo Jones, the battalion and task force commander, said teams are being deployed at the request of North Carolina's dual-status commander, Maj. Gen. James Ernst,

who reports to active-duty and National Guard leaders.

On Sunday, the task force is expected to grow by another 360 soldiers as units from the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Ky., and the 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, N.Y., arrive at Fort Bragg.

Jones said the soldiers are focused on high-water rescues, especially as water levels continue to rise in parts of the state. Each team is equipped with extra fuel and water and has the ability to repair its vehicles.

"They could be out for a couple of hours or a couple of days," he said.

# 5 years on, 'Fat Leonard' finally testifies

*The San Diego Union-Tribune*

Five years ago, investigators with the U.S. Navy knocked on the door of a San Diego hotel suite with a sweeping view of the city's harbor, waiting for the 6-foot-5-inch Malaysian businessman inside to answer — and in the process launching what has become the worst corruption scandal for the Navy in decades.

Since the arrest of businessman Leonard Glenn "Fat Leonard" Francis that day, federal prosecutors in San Diego methodically have filed charges or have secured indictments against 32 defendants, including 27 Navy officials, for their roles accepting bribes from Francis, owner of the ship servicing firm Glenn Defense Marine Asia. Hundreds more Navy personnel who had interactions with Francis or his company have had their cases reviewed internally by the Navy, with several facing courts-martial.

And while the tally of the accused has continued to rise, nothing has been heard from Francis — until a three-day period in San Diego in July, when he answered questions behind closed doors.

Francis, who pleaded guilty in January 2015 and agreed to cooperate with investigators probing his bribery network, testified for the first time — in a deposition taken for a court-

martial case for Cmdr. David Morales, an active-duty fighter pilot charged with conspiracy and bribery.

A transcript of the deposition was provided to The San Diego Union-Tribune by Morales' attorney after the court-martial ended Sept. 1, when the deposition became a public record.

Francis testified at length and in detail about his interactions with Morales, who fought the court-martial charges filed against him. The defense lawyer who questioned him asked for a mistrial at the court-martial because he said Francis committed perjury.

The military judge hearing the case did not agree, but he acquitted Morales of the most serious charges against him, which relied in part on Francis' version of events.

A lawyer defending a Navy officer now under indictment for accepting bribes from Francis attended the court-martial and said later that the deposition could put Francis' credibility as a witness in play in future cases.

"It was clear to everyone in the courtroom the judge had serious questions about Leonard Francis' credibility as a witness," said Joseph Mancano, a lawyer representing retired Capt. David Newland, who is facing charges of conspiracy and bribery.

"I think the words the judge

used were 'possible embroidery' of his testimony and how Leonard Francis had trouble answering questions directly."

Francis, 54, also testified about his current status at the deposition. The businessman is suffering from renal cancer, and for months has been under the care and treatment of unidentified physicians in San Diego, according to the transcript and court records in San Diego federal court.

He's no longer in the custody of the U.S. Marshals, nor in a federal lockup, but is on a medical furlough requested by attorneys and approved by the federal judge overseeing his case late last year.

Instead, Francis is living in a small, studio-like apartment above a garage at the home of one of his physicians. He is under guard 24 hours per day by private security guards, which his family is paying for. They are allowed to visit with him for up to three to four hours at a time, he said. He's allowed to go to church once per week.

As part of a plea agreement, Francis entered into in January 2015, he agreed to forfeit \$35 million to the government — a measure of how much he profited from the bribery scheme.

Yet Francis has paid only \$5 million of the amount, and did so — as the agreement required — in the first 90 days after he pleaded guilty. There's no indi-

cation of when the rest will be paid.

That might not be unusual. For all his time in custody and the years since he pleaded guilty, Francis has yet to be sentenced for his crimes. Typically, cooperating witnesses like him in multiple-defendant cases are not sentenced until all the cases against other defendants are finished.

At that time, prosecutors can ask for a reduction in sentencing based on the cooperation of a witness. Francis is working for that.

At the deposition, Frank Spinner — the attorney for Morales — read from the five-page cooperation agreement Francis has with the government that spells out the possibility of a lesser sentence, then asked Francis if he was counting on that.

"I hope so, yes," he answered.

Spinner also pressed about the money owed. He asked, "With respect to the forfeiture agreement of \$35 million, was there a schedule set for you to pay the balance of that \$35 million or is it your hope that that amount will somehow be reduced by cooperating?"

"I paid the \$5 million as part of my plea agreement," Francis responded, "and the rest of my restitution is, I'll do my best at the end, sir."

The U.S. Attorney's Office in San Diego declined to comment for this story.

## Navy raises family members' flexibility for PCS

By SCOTT WYLAND

*Stars and Stripes*

A sailor's family members can move ahead or stay behind up to six months during a change of duty station in certain circumstances rather than move all at once, the Navy announced Thursday.

The new policy, which goes into effect immediately, seeks to give sailors and their families more flexibility and to minimize disruption of essential tasks

during permanent-change-of-station moves, the Navy said. Previous policies required sailors and family members to move all at once with almost no exceptions.

Sailors' spouses now can move separately to wrap up jobs or education, to see their children through a school year, to tend to special-needs children or to care for immediate family members suffering from chronic or long-term illnesses.

The change expands on a poli-

cy the Navy adopted in May that allows a child to finish a school year after a parent changes duty stations. The previous rule required a child to transfer at the end of a school term during a PCS, even if it fell midway through the school year.

For moves within the states, dependents can leave up to six months before or after a sailor in the situations listed under the new rules.

Family members moving from the states to overseas can

delay travel up to six months in these circumstances, but cannot move before the sailor.

Dependents going from overseas to the states can move six months in advance, but can stay behind only to see a child through a school year.

A family still will receive just one housing allowance, whether a spouse moves before or after the sailor.

Requests for advance or delayed travel must be submitted to Navy Personnel Command.



# Son awed by late father requests patches

By CHAD GARLAND

*Stars and Stripes*

When James Riney's mother took him shopping for bedding to outfit his room in their new house, the 4-year-old considered a few options: sharks, dinosaurs, comic book superheroes. He passed on all three.

"Can we do superheroes like my daddy?" James asked.

Sgt. Douglas Riney, 26, was shot and killed by a suspected Taliban infiltrator in Afghanistan nearly two years ago. James barely remembers him, his mother, Kylie Riney, said, but his awe for him and others in uniform has been shaped by memorials and ceremonies he's attended since his father was killed.

Earlier this month, she put out a call on social media for military or public safety uniform patches to use to decorate his room in their house in Farmington, Ill. So far, one package of patches has arrived, she told Stars and Stripes on Wednesday, shortly after popular Facebook page "U.S. Army WTF! Moments" shared her request.

Born on Fort Stewart in Georgia and raised in Central Illinois, Douglas Riney was in his early 20s and hadn't begun dating his future wife when he

decided to join the Army. His father, a Gulf War veteran, had been a sergeant — his grandfather, too — and he was committed to serve at least until reaching the same rank.

By the time he reported for basic training in 2012, the couple were together and expecting a child. He was in training as a fueler when his daughter was born, the first of many moments he would miss for the Army.

His wife and newborn joined him in December of that year, when he was assigned to Fort Hood, Texas. His son was 4 months old in July 2014, when he deployed to Afghanistan with the 3rd Cavalry Regiment.

Cindy Chacon, a platoon mate sent with Riney to Logar province's Forward Operating Base Shank, said his face would light up when he spoke about his wife and children.

"His pride and joy," she said Friday. "That's what kept a smile on his face every single day, all day long."

The deployment boded well for his career when he was promoted to corporal and saw sergeant within reach, his wife said. After returning home in early 2015, he worked toward the promotion, doing any coursework he could and taking on responsibilities.

His former platoon sergeant, retired Master Sgt. Christopher Key, said he had aced an arms room course that was a challenge just to pass, according to officials with the cavalry regiment.

He expected to remain in the rear during the 3rd Cavalry Regiment Support Squadron's Afghanistan rotation in June 2016 but was later told he'd be shipping out in someone else's place, his wife said. Once in Afghanistan, he hoped to quickly pin on his third chevron.

"All he was waiting on was for [the promotion scores] to be posted," she said. "Then he was killed."

He was providing "guardian angel" security for a team checking on an ammunition supply point at Camp Morehead, outside the Afghan capital, on Oct. 19, 2016. His wife said she was fully briefed earlier this summer on the events that day.

The three U.S. soldiers and three U.S. civilians ventured outside the coalition side of base, not aware that their mission had been scrubbed, she said. As they were getting into their vehicles after being turned away at the supply-point gate, a man in an Afghan army uniform opened fire on them.

Civilian Rick Alford, a 20-

year Army veteran who was shot, said on Facebook in the days after that he thought he might die. Despite being wounded, Army Capt. Scott Rankin crawled over and dragged him to another vehicle so they could "get the hell out of dodge," Alford said.

The attacker was chased but killed himself before he could be caught, Kylie Riney was told.

Riney and Michael G. Sauro, 40, an Army civilian, died. A third civilian, Rodney Henderson, was wounded but survived.

Riney was posthumously promoted to sergeant. Days later, the promotion scores came out and he had made the cut. Had he lived, he likely would have been promoted within about a month.

"No matter what, he went out as a sergeant," his widow said.

James sometimes randomly salutes people, occasionally with the wrong hand, his mother said. He and his sister don't quite know right from left, but they know to stand for the national anthem and hold one of those hands over their hearts.

"They know if they want to talk to him, we go to the cemetery," she said. "They know he died a hero."

## Police say man died after shark attack off Cape Cod

*Associated Press*

WELLFLEET, Mass. — A man was bitten by a shark Saturday in the water off a Cape Cod beach and died later at a hospital, becoming the state's first shark attack fatality in more than 80 years.

The man, identified by Cape and Islands Assistant District Attorney Tara Miltimore as Arthur Medici, 26, of Revere, was attacked about noon off Newcomb Hollow Beach, police said.

Joe Booth, a local fisherman and surfer, said he was on shore and he saw the man and his friend boogie boarding when

the attack happened.

He said he saw the man aggressively kick something behind him and a flicker of a tail from the water. He realized what was happening when the friend came ashore, dragging the injured man.

"I was that guy on the beach, screaming, 'Shark, shark!'" Booth said. "It was like right out of that movie 'Jaws.' This has turned into Amity Island real quick out here."

Booth said others on the beach attempted to make a tourniquet while others frantically called 911.

Hayley Williamson, a Cape Cod resident and former life-

guard who was on the beach at the time, was in disbelief after the man was rushed into an ambulance.

"We've been surfing all morning right here and they were just further down," she said of the two boogie boarders. "Right spot, wrong time, I guess."

Life-saving measures were attempted on the beach before the man was taken to Cape Cod Hospital in Hyannis, where he was pronounced dead, State Police spokesman David Procopio said. The beach on the side of the cape facing the Atlantic Ocean has been closed to swimming.

The family of the victim was notified of the death but his

name was not released, Procopio said.

It was the first fatal shark attack in Massachusetts since 1936, and the second shark attack this season.

A 61-year-old New York man was severely injured Aug. 15 after fighting off a shark off Truro, about 4 miles north of Saturday's attack. He's currently recovering in a Boston hospital.

"Today is just keeping everyone out of water," Wellfleet Police Lt. Michael Hurley said. "There'll be a determination later about what the town wants to do with the beaches going forward."

# Typhoon slams into southern China after blitz in Philippines

Associated Press

HONG KONG — Typhoon Mangkhut barreled into southern China on Sunday, killing two people after lashing the Philippines with strong winds and heavy rain that left at least 64 dead and dozens more feared buried in a landslide.

More than 2.4 million people were evacuated in southern China's Guangdong province by Sunday evening to flee the massive typhoon, and nearly 50,000 fishing boats were called back to port, state media reported. It threatened to be the strongest typhoon to hit Hong Kong in nearly two decades.

"Prepare for the worst," Hong Kong Security Minister John Lee Ka-chiu urged residents.

That warning came after Mangkhut's devastating march through the northern Philippines, where the storm made landfall Saturday on Luzon island with sustained winds of 127 miles per hour and gusts of 158 mph.

Dozens of people, mostly miners and their families, were feared to have been trapped by a landslide in the far-flung village of Ucab in Itogon town in the northern Philippine mountain province of Benguet, Itogon Mayor Victorio Palangdan told The Associated Press by phone.

Police Superintendent Pelita Tacio said 34 villagers had died and 36 remained missing in the landslides in Ucab and another village in Itogon.

As Mangkhut spun forward, Hong Kong braced for a storm that could be the strongest to hit the city since Typhoon York in 1999.

In Macau, next door to Hong Kong, casinos were ordered to close from 11 p.m. Saturday, the first time such action was taken in the city, the South China Morning Post reported.

Authorities in southern China issued a red alert, the most severe warning, as the national meteorological center said the densely populated region would face a "severe test caused by

wind and rain" and urged officials to prepare for possible disasters.

Hong Kong's Cathay Pacific said all of its flights would be canceled between 2:30 a.m. Sunday and 4 a.m. Monday. The city of Shenzhen also canceled all flights between Sunday and early Monday morning. Hainan Airlines canceled 234 flights in the cities of Haikou, Sanya, Guangzhou, Shenzhen and Zhuhai scheduled over the weekend.

Overall, at least 64 people have died in typhoon-related incidents in the northern Philippines, mostly from landslides and collapsed houses, according to the national police. Forty-five other people were missing and 33 were injured in the storm.

The typhoon struck at the start of the rice and corn harvesting season in the Philippines' northern breadbasket, prompting farmers to scramble to save what they could of their crops, Cagayan Gov. Manuel Mamba said.

# Gunmen in mariachi garb kill 5 in Mexico

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Mexicans heading into the weekend's Independence Day celebrations were jolted by a brazen shooting by men dressed as mariachi musicians who killed five people and wounded eight in Garibaldi Plaza, a famed square in the capital where the bands serenade tourists.

The Mexico City prosecutors' office said at least one foreigner was among those wounded in Friday night's attack, which local media said was staged by three gunmen. Four people died initially and a fifth died of her wounds at a hospital Saturday afternoon, authorities said.

The news outlet La Silla Rota circulated surveillance video of the assailants wearing traditional embroidered jackets and pants as they fled on motorcycles.

The shooting cast a bloody pall over Independence Day festivities. Many Mexicans wore mariachi costumes, a symbol of national pride, on Saturday night to commemorate the launch of the revolt against Spanish rule on Sept. 16, 1810.

Lisa Sanchez, director of Mexicans United Against Delinquency, described the shooting as a "piercing portrait" of Mexico. The shooting in a crowded public square demonstrates that impunity prevails in the country, she said.

The prosecutors' office said investigators were trying to find those responsible for the attack. Few crimes in Mexico are solved.

On Saturday night, President Enrique Peña Nieto was to shout "Viva Mexico" — or "Long Live Mexico" — shortly before midnight from a balcony of the National Palace. Thousands crowd into Mexico City's central Zocalo square every year to hear the shout, and the celebration usually spills into Garibaldi Plaza.

# Skepticism about summit rises in S. Korea

Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — The shine is starting to come off South Korean President Moon Jae-in's engagement strategy with the North.

The liberal politician, who reversed nearly a decade of the conservative, hard-line policy toward North Korea after his election last year, is preparing for a third summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un amid growing public skepticism about his approach.

Moon, who goes to Pyongyang on Tuesday, has seen his approval rating fall to 49 percent in a recent Gallup Korea survey, the first time it dipped below 50 percent since he took office in May 2017 promising better ties with North Korea and political reform. Moon's approval rating

stood at 83 percent after his first summit with Kim in April.

South Koreans are divided over whether this week's summit in Pyongyang will help break a stalemate over nuclear diplomacy between the U.S. and North Korea, according to another survey released in early September. By comparison, surveys after the April summit found overwhelming support for Moon from a public fascinated with the historic handshakes, border crossings and other dramatic scenes the two leaders produced after years of rising tensions.

"Our people are beginning to learn that North Korea will not easily give up its nukes, something that many experts had already repeatedly predicted," said Kim Taewoo, former president of the government-

funded Korea Institute for National Unification in Seoul.

Moon may face increasing difficulties if his summit with Kim in Pyongyang fails to make tangible progress on efforts to get North Korea to scrap its nuclear weapons program. Economic woes such as a lackluster job-market growth and soaring real estate prices are compounding Moon's problems, adding to opposition to his North Korea policy, many experts say.

Moon knows how important public support is for his North Korea policy. Most major detente projects with North Korea started by his liberal predecessors during a 1998-2008 "Sunshine Era" were suspended after conservatives took power. Moon hasn't been able to revive them because of U.S.-led economic sanctions on North Korea.



# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Police, fire recruits quizzed on sex lives

**OH** CINCINNATI — Police and fire recruits in Cincinnati are being asked about their sexual history to evaluate their character.

The Cincinnati Enquirer reported the city's application process includes questions about applicants' "most unusual sex acts" and how many times they've had sex outdoors.

Local police union president Dan Hils told the Enquirer he supports questions that might indicate recruits' "law-breaking exposure" but doesn't see how questions about lawful, private matters would be relevant.

Cincinnati officials say the questions are used to gauge recruits' reactions and responses to difficult questions.

## Couple charged after child left in woods

**MN** ST. PETER — A man and woman in southern Minnesota were accused of dropping off a 5-year-old boy in the woods as punishment for wetting himself.

Officials said Lynda Michel, 42, and Gregory Wilson, 32, were charged Friday in Nicollet County District Court with child neglect.

Authorities said the boy was found walking south of St. Peter on Aug. 28. He was crying and wet from rain when a motorist spotted him. He told authorities he had been dropped off because he had been "naughty."

Police found the couple searching for the child. They had not called to report him missing.

## Endangered barn owls released into wild

**IN** BLOOMINGTON — Two rare barn owls

have been released in an area of southern Indiana where wildlife experts suspect another of the raptors is living.

The two female owls were released Wednesday inside a Monroe County pole barn that's fitted with an opening that leads to a nesting box for the state endangered owl species.

The owls were placed inside the box in the hopes that they'll use it as their home base.

Amanda Wrigley, of Wildcare, told The Herald-Times there's evidence, including droppings, suggesting a male barn owl lives nearby.

## James River Island set for purchase

**VA** RICHMOND — It's not often that an avid outdoorsman gets to buy his own island.

But a Richmond man expects to be the proud new owner of a one-acre island in the middle of the James River.

Andy Thompson, the co-creator of the RVA Osprey Cam and the website Richmondoutside.com, expects to finalize the purchase of Sharp's Island later this month. Two friends went in on the purchase. The listing price was \$44,000.

The island is unimprovable, which means Thompson won't be able to build a structure on it. But the island has a sandy beach, offers grand views of the city and is known as a great fishing spot.

## Collector's family gets looted Renoir back

**NY** NEW YORK — The granddaughter of a Jewish art collector whose paintings were stolen by the Nazis was reunited with one of the works, an Impressionist piece by Pierre-Auguste Renoir.

Sylvie Sulitzer saw "Two Women in a Garden" for the

first time on Wednesday at New York's Museum of Jewish Heritage. The ceremony included the law enforcement officials who helped get the painting back to her.

Sulitzer's grandfather, Alfred Weinberger, was an art collector in Paris who put some of his paintings in a bank vault before fleeing the Nazis.

Nazi records show they raided the vault and took Weinberger's paintings, including the Renoir.

## Man accused of stealing stamps

**FL** JACKSONVILLE — A Florida man is accused of using company checks from his employer to buy \$5.4 million worth of postage stamps that were then resold through another company.

The Florida Times-Union reported that Duane Allen Sikes, 64, was indicted on charges of mail fraud and fund embezzlement.

The indictment said the company provided weekly checks addressed to the "U.S. Postmaster" for Sikes to buy company postage. It said every other week Sikes instead bought stamps that were shipped to a New York-based stamp company that sold them at below market value.

## Vet, massacre victim to get Purple Heart

**AR** LITTLE ROCK — The University of Arkansas at Little Rock said the family of a black veteran who was murdered during a massacre in Arkansas 99 years ago will receive a posthumous Purple Heart and other World War I honors after a researcher discovered his army medical records were altered.

History professor Brian Mitchell said that while re-

searching the 1919 Elaine massacre, he investigated the case of Leroy Johnston, who was wounded in France. Mitchell said Johnston's medical records were "intentionally" altered from "severely" to "slightly" wounded, denying him service awards.

Johnston, his brothers and hundreds of other blacks were killed by a posse after two white men were shot.

## Museum gets \$525K gift from member

**CA** LOS ANGELES — The Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles said it has received a gift of more than \$525,000 from a member who died last year.

The downtown museum announced that the donation from Setsuko Oka will go toward exhibitions and programs focused on Japanese artistic and cultural heritage in the United States.

City News Service said a plaque honoring Oka's parents also will be placed at the museum, per the terms of her bequest.

## Sheep running loose on road captured

**MI** FRENCHTOWN TOWNSHIP — Authorities said sheep running loose on a southeastern Michigan roadway were safely captured and await a reunion with their owner.

Monroe County sheriff's officials said Friday the three sheep were found in Frenchtown Township Sept. 8. They were taken to a nearby animal rescue and rehabilitation facility.

Police said the owners have 15 days to reclaim the animals.

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## Top 25 roundup

# BYU gives No. 6 Wisconsin home loss

Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — Squally Canada ran for 118 yards and two touchdowns and BYU handed mistake-prone No. 6 Wisconsin its first nonconference home loss since 2003, giving the Badgers fits with its motion offense in a 24-21 upset.

The Cougars (2-1) tossed in a trick play, too, when receiver Aleva Hifo found open tight end Moroni Lauulu-Pututau for a 31-yard touchdown pass in the second quarter.

Wisconsin (2-1) had one last chance to avoid an upset with a drive that started with 3:55 left at the 8. But normally reliable senior kicker Rafael Gaglianone's 42-yard field goal attempt to tie with 41 seconds left went wide left.

"BYU! BYU!" yelled the small contingent of Cougars fans in the stands.

The Badgers' 41-game non-conference winning streak — the longest active in the nation — came to an end. Their hopes to make the College Football Playoff probably did, too.

**No. 1 Alabama 62, Mississippi 7:** Tua Tagovailoa threw for 191 yards and two touch-

downs, Jerry Jeudy caught two scoring passes and Alabama buried host Mississippi.

**No. 2 Clemson 38, Georgia Southern 7:** A week of worry at Clemson over an approaching hurricane ended with a victory over Georgia Southern in front of a full crowd.

**No. 3 Georgia 49, Middle Tennessee 7:** Jake Fromm threw three touchdown passes and Elijah Holyfield ran for 100 yards, each playing only the first half for host Georgia.

**No. 4 Ohio State 40, No. 15 TCU 28:** Big defensive tackle Dre'Mont Jones returned an interception thrown right at him 28 yards for one of Ohio State's three touchdowns in a four-minute span of the third quarter.

**No. 5 Oklahoma 37, Iowa State 27:** Kyler Murray threw for 348 yards and three touchdowns and Oklahoma held off host Iowa State 37-27 in the Big 12 opener for both.

**No. 8 Notre Dame 22, Vanderbilt 17:** Jalen Elliott knocked the ball loose from Vanderbilt receiver Kalija Lipscomb with 1:07 remaining to give host Notre Dame a fourth-down stop.

**No. 9 Stanford 30, UC Davis 10:** K.J. Costello overcame a rough start to throw two touchdown passes to JJ Arcega-Whiteside and host Stanford beat FCS-level UC Davis.

**No. 10 Washington 21, Utah 7:** Myles Gaskin ran for 143 yards on 30 carries and added a touchdown, and Washington's defense forced three turnovers as the visiting Huskies beat Utah for the third straight season.

**No. 11 Penn State 63, Kent State 10:** Trace McSorley accounted for five touchdowns and broke host Penn State's record for rushing scores by a quarterback.

McSorley completed 11 of 22 passes for 229 yards with an interception and ran for three touchdowns for the Nittany Lions (3-0).

**No. 16 Mississippi State 56, Louisiana-Lafayette 10:** Nick Fitzgerald accounted for 350 yards of offense and six touchdowns to lead host Mississippi State.

**No. 24 Oklahoma State 44, No. 17 Boise State 21:** Taylor Cornelius ran for two touchdowns and passed for another to help host Oklahoma State

beat Boise State.

**No. 19 Michigan 45, SMU 20:** Shea Patterson threw three touchdown passes to Donovan Peoples-Jones, helping host Michigan pull away.

**No. 20 Oregon 35, San Jose State 22:** Justin Herbert threw for 309 yards and three touchdowns and host Oregon beat San Jose State.

**No. 21 Miami 49, Toledo 24:** Malik Rosier threw for two touchdowns and ran for three more to help Miami beat host Toledo.

**Texas 37, No. 22 Southern California 14:** Sam Ehlinger passed for two touchdowns, Anthony Wheeler returned a blocked field goal 46 yards for a score and host Texas beat Southern California.

**San Diego State 28, No. 23 Arizona State 21:** Junior Ryan Agnew threw his first career touchdown pass to cap an impressive drive to tie the game just before halftime, Juwan Washington rushed for 138 yards and one score and San Diego State's defense came up huge as the Aztecs survived a crazy ending for the upset.

## Service academies roundup

# Army hands Hawaii its first loss of season

Associated Press

WEST POINT, N.Y. — Kelvin Hopkins is feeling confident running Army's option offense three games after three games as a starter.

Hopkins didn't buy into hype of his quarterback matchup against Hawaii's Cole McDonald, the nation's leading passer, stayed with Army's system and turned in a career day.

Hopkins rushed for a team-high 110 yards and two touchdowns and completed 6-for-10 passes for 162 yards as Army knocked off unbeaten Hawaii, 28-21, and extended its home winning streak to nine games Saturday.

He became the first Army quarterback to

have a 100-yard rushing and 100-yard passing game since Chris Carter against Rutgers on Nov. 21, 2015. The junior scored a pair of 1-yard touchdown runs to give Army a 14-7 lead with 12:54 left in the first half. The quarterback's second touchdown was the first time that Hawaii had trailed in a game this season.

"It's a team game and I just wanted to do my part," Hopkins said. "My confidence comes from my teammates. They have confidence in me and I have confidence in them. That's what we are building on, just getting comfortable and trusting the guys I have out there in front of me."

Linebacker Cole Christiansen broke up McDonald's pass in the end zone with 54 seconds left to seal the win for Army (2-1).

**Navy 51, Lehigh 21:** Navy quarterback Malcolm Perry spent much of Saturday afternoon dodging and spinning around defenders in his team's triple-option offense.

Perry also showed that he can make big-plays downfield with his arm.

The result was a dominant performance as Perry ran for 223 yards with three touchdowns.

Perry set the tone with touchdown runs from 5 and 24 yards in the opening quarter. He had another deft 30-yard scoring run in the third quarter.

The junior also threw a 49-yard pass to slotback CJ Williams that set up a 1-yard run by Zach Abey, who has six touchdowns. Williams had three receptions for 104 yards.



# FG on final play lifts LSU over Auburn

Associated Press

AUBURN, Ala. — LSU coach Ed Orgeron insisted he had no doubt Cole Tracy would make the winning kick, but setting it up was quite the adventure.

Tracy kicked a 42-yard field goal on the final play to give No. 12 LSU a 22-21 victory over No. 7 Auburn on Saturday in their Southeastern Conference opener.

Joe Burrow led LSU (3-0) down the field in the final minutes with clutch plays and two pass interference calls against Auburn (2-1). That set up Tracy's field goal that was almost right down the middle and sent LSU players swarming onto the field to celebrate.

"There was no question in my mind that he was going to make this field goal," Orgeron said. "It worked out perfect."

It capped a wild fourth quarter in a rivalry that has produced many of them.

Burrow hit Derrick Dillon over the outstretched arms of Auburn linebacker Deshaun Davis for a 71-yard touchdown strike with 8:18 left. Burrow's two-point attempt failed, leaving Auburn up 21-19.

The LSU defense held to set up another chance with 5:38 remaining. The result was a 14-play, 52-yard drive and Tracy's kick.

"I knew on Monday that it was going to come down to this," Tracy said. "Once we got past Southeastern (Louisiana), you know that when you're playing at Auburn, it's going to be a close game."

A pass interference call against Jeremiah Dinson on third-and-11 kept the drive alive. Then Burrow hit Stephen Sullivan for 9 yards on fourth-and-7 to keep the offense on the field.

Another interference call, against Jamel Dean, got LSU into field goal position.

"When you get put out at the end of the game in that situation, you've got to shut it down," Auburn defensive lineman Derrick Brown said of the defense's mind-set.

Burrow held his own against Auburn's more heralded Jarrett Stidham. He completed 15 of 34 passes for 249 yards, with Justin Jefferson gaining 97 yards on five catches.

Stidham was 16-for-28 for 198 yards and a touchdown but threw two interceptions. Ja'Tarvious Whitlow ran for 104 yards on 22 carries.

Auburn's Anders Carlson missed a 52-yard field goal attempt wide left with nearly 13 minutes left.

The loss snapped a 13-game home winning streak dating back to the 2016 LSU game.

LSU, which trailed 21-10 in the second half after scoring the first 10 points, overcame a 20-0 deficit against Auburn to win last season.

"It was a dogfight from the get-go," Auburn coach Gus Malzahn said. "We had the turnover early and they got the score. We got behind but dug ourselves out of the hole with a halftime lead. Third quarter we were doing a good job."

"We were close to getting some distance with a chance to put the game away. We didn't make the plays to do that."

**Penalties galore:** Both teams were flagged for nine penalties, 111 yards for Auburn and 91 for LSU. "There was some tough ones," Malzahn said.

**Poll implications:** LSU will almost certainly climb into the Top 10 while Auburn doesn't figure to fall too far.

## The takeaway

**LSU:** Struggled to sustain solid start offensively after outgaining 188-63 in building the 10-0 lead. But kept coming back to secure its second win over a Top 10 opponent after opening with a victory over then-No. 8 Miami.

**Auburn:** Stidham started out 0-for-4 passing with an interception on his first attempt, but regrouped nicely. Auburn couldn't produce late against a tough LSU defense, creating an uphill battle for a second straight SEC West title.

# Alvarez wins narrow decision over Golovkin

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Canelo Alvarez and Gennady Golovkin fought 24 rounds in the space of a year, with little to pick between them.

When the scorecards were totaled Saturday night, though, the judges crowned a new middleweight champion of the world — but just barely.

Alvarez won the 160-pound titles held by Golovkin by the narrowest of margins, taking a majority decision to hand the longtime champion his first loss as a pro in a spirited fight that had a sold out crowd roaring.

Two judges gave Alvarez the final round, allowing him to pull out the win.

A year after the two fought to a draw, the second fight was almost as close. There were no knockdowns, but the action was spirited throughout as the two battled to the final bell before a frenzied crowd at the T-Mobile Arena.

Two judges favored Alvarez 115-113, while a third had it 114-114. The AP scored it 114-114.

"He's a great fighter but I'm

a great fighter and I showed it tonight," Alvarez said.

The two fighters switched roles from their first fight, with Triple G trying to counter Alvarez and the Mexican fighter coming forward much of the fight. Both landed well to the head and Golovkin (38-1-1) controlled some rounds with his jab though neither were ever in any trouble of going down.

The fight was a rematch of a draw last September that left neither fighter satisfied. This time it was Golovkin who was upset, and he stormed out of the ring without talking.

"I'm not going to say who won tonight because the victory belongs to Canelo according to the judges," Golovkin said later from his dressing room. "I thought it was a very good fight for the fans and very exciting. I thought I fought better than he did."

Ringside punch stats showed a close fight, though they favored Golovkin by a small margin. Golovkin was credited with landing 234 of 879 punches while Alvarez (50-1-2) landed 203 of 622.

# Browns releasing Gordon

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Josh Gordon's troubled tenure with the Cleveland Browns has ended.

The team isn't going to help him any longer. He let them down for the final time.

The Browns announced Saturday night that it intends to release the former Pro Bowl wide receiver, whose immense talent has been overshadowed by substance abuse that has derailed a promising career.

The stunning news came just hours after the Browns said Gordon would miss Sunday's game in New Orleans with a mysterious hamstring injury. Gordon has been suspended by the NFL for most of the past four seasons because of mul-

tiple drug violations, and the Browns have been supportive of the 27-year-old for years as he tried to get his life together.

Not anymore.

"This afternoon we informed Josh Gordon and his representatives that we are going to release him on Monday," general manager John Dorsey said in a statement. "For the past six years, the Browns have fully supported and invested in Josh, both personally and professionally and wanted the best for him, but unfortunately we've reached a point where we feel it's best to part ways and move forward. We wish Josh well."

The team provided no specifics about what prompted their decision.



## Dodgers top Cards

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Yasiel Puig has never missed the postseason since making his major league debut in 2013, and he doesn't plan on ending that run.

Puig homered three times and had a career-high seven RBIs, giving him five homers in two games, and the Los Angeles Dodgers routed St. Louis 17-4 Saturday and moved into first place in the National League West.

The Dodgers moved a half-game ahead of Colorado in the division following the Rockies' 3-0 loss to San Francisco.

The Cardinals are a half-game behind Colorado in the race for the second National League wild card.

"We want to be back in the playoffs, like every year," Puig said. "We need to play like a team, like family, hard every day, every pitch, in every situation."

Puig hit a solo homer in the fourth off John Gant (7-6) and three-run drives in the fifth against Mike Mayers and in the seventh versus Luke Weaver. Puig raised his season total to 21 homers with the first three-homer game of his major league career. He became the fourth Dodgers hitter since 2000 with consecutive multihomer games after Cody Bellinger, Adrian Beltre, and Shawn Green.

"He's focused, and he understands the importance of every pitch," Dodgers manager Dave Roberts said. "For him to be as productive, have that day, get us on the board, have some space with the score, we needed every bit of it today. Guys fed off of his energy."

Bellinger hit a three-run homer in the ninth off Luke Weaver and had a career-high six RBIs. The defending NL champions have won four consecutive games and nine of their last 14.

"Once you see him do it, you're like, oh, I can do this," Bellinger said of Puig. "I think that's just for everybody."

St. Louis has lost four straight games for the third time this season and has dropped eight of its last 13 games.

## MLB roundup

# Astros extend AL West lead

Associated Press

HOUSTON — The Houston Astros were in a celebratory mood after helping Charlie Morton get a milestone win.

George Springer had four hits and scored three runs to back Morton in his career-high 15th victory as the Astros beat the Arizona Diamondbacks 10-4 Saturday night.

"I think our guys were genuinely happy for me," said the 34-year-old Morton, who made his first All-Star appearance earlier this summer. "The wins — I guess it means a lot to me because of this group. We've been through a lot and it means a lot to me. It was fun."

Coupled with Oakland's 7-5 loss at Tampa Bay, the Astros extended their lead in the AL West to 3½ games over the Athletics with 14 games remaining.

**Giants 3, Rockies 0:** Madison Bumgarner pitched six strong innings, and Austin Slater and Hunter Pence drove in runs as San Francisco knocked visiting Colorado out of first place in the National League West.

**Red Sox 5, Mets 3:** Pinch-hitter Brock Holt drove a tiebreaking double off the Green Monster on the first pitch after Jackie Bradley Jr. hit one off the very top of the left-field wall, helping host Boston lower its magic number to four.

**Nationals 7, Braves 1:** 19-year-old rookie Juan Soto become the youngest player to steal three bases in a game, had an RBI single and scored the tiebreaking run as visiting Washington stopped Atlanta's season-best, six-game winning streak.

**Cubs 1, Reds 0:** Jon Lester allowed two

hits over seven innings with a season-high nine strikeouts, Willson Contreras hit a run-scoring single in the sixth inning and host Chicago maintained its NL Central lead.

**Blue Jays 8, Yankees 7:** CC Sabathia got clocked early and New York, despite hitting four home runs during a furious rally, kept wobbling toward a playoff spot in a loss to visiting Toronto.

**Rays 7, Athletics 5:** Jake Bauers hit a three-run homer off Jeurys Familia in the eighth inning to help host Tampa Bay slow playoff-chasing Oakland.

**White Sox 2, Orioles 0:** Reynaldo Lopez was sharp over seven innings to continue his late-season surge and lift visiting Chicago to just its sixth winning streak of at least three games.

**Royals 10, Twins 3:** Ian Kennedy pitched six innings to earn his first win since the first week of April, Alex Gordon drove in five runs and host Kansas City won for the fifth time in six games.

**Phillies 5, Marlins 4:** Cesar Hernandez hit a go-ahead, three-run home run in the fifth, seven relievers combined on seven shutout innings and Philadelphia picked up its second win over visiting Miami after a five-game losing streak.

**Pirates 3, Brewers 1:** At Milwaukee, Zach Davies failed to hold an early lead and gave up a go-ahead double to Francisco Cervelli in the fourth inning that lifted Pittsburgh.

**Rangers 6, Padres 3:** Robinson Chirinos hit a three-run double during a five-run sixth inning to help visiting Texas.

**Mariners 6, Angels 5:** At Anaheim, Calif., Robinson Cano hit a go-ahead three-run double to cap Seattle's rally from a four-run deficit.

## Tribe clinch 3rd straight division crown

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — With ski goggles perched on his head, Michael Brantley stood in the middle of Cleveland's rocking clubhouse just a few from a bin overflowing with dozens of empty beer and champagne bottles.

The party was in full swing on Saturday. So were the Indians.

And as he watched his teammates target each other with foamy fluids, Brantley wanted to cherish an AL Central championship that seemed preordained.

"I'm savoring every moment of this," Brantley said after the Indians won their third straight

division title on Saturday. "This never gets old to me. This is a lot of hard work that this group has put in to get to this point. It's all well-deserved, well-earned, and I'm glad to be a part of it."

Unchallenged for months, the Indians scored 11 runs in the first two innings and rolled to a 15-0 rout over the Detroit Tigers, who made four errors, managed only two hits and proved to be no match for the Indians since April.

Neither were the Minnesota Twins, Chicago White Sox or Kansas City Royals, who have spent the last three seasons staring up in the standings at the Indians.

Francisco Lindor and Brant-

ley connected for back-to-back homers in the first inning off Michael Fulmer (3-12), Jose Ramirez had three hits and the Indians became the first team this year to clinch a division championship.

It's the initial step toward an October when Cleveland will try to win its first World Series since 1948 — the longest drought in the majors. After so many close calls, the Indians believe this is their year.

"It's really nice," Lindor said. "We understand we still have a long way to go."

Cleveland's current three-year reign in the Central is the club's longest since winning five straight from 1995-99.