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Extremists attack US base in Somalia

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STUTT GART, Germany — U.S. forces launched two airstrikes and engaged in a small-arms fight against militants in Somalia after a base used by American troops in the Horn of Africa country came under attack Monday, U.S. Africa Command said.

Ten militants were killed in the U.S. response to the attack Monday morning at the Baledogle Military Airfield complex, AFRICOM said. The Al-Shabaab militant group has claimed responsibility for the attack.

No U.S. or partner troops were wounded during the attack on the base, and no civilians were injured or killed in

the U.S. airstrikes, AFRICOM said.

“This attack, though ineffective, demonstrates the direct threat al-Shabaab poses to Americans, our allies, and interests in the region,” Maj. Gen. William Gayler, AFRICOM director of operations, said in a statement. “Incidents like this will not compromise the pressure being placed on this terrorist network by the Federal Government of Somalia and international partners.”

The attack on Baledogle began when a suicide car bomber detonated a vehicle packed with explosives at the gate of the facility, which includes a military airstrip, Somali security official Yusuf Abdourahman told The Asso-

ciated Press. Bursts of gunfire could be heard on the base afterward, he said.

Al-Shabaab said in a statement that its fighters had breached the perimeters of “the heavily fortified base” before “engaging in an intense firefight” with troops inside. But the U.S. Embassy in Somalia said a quick response by security forces at the base had repelled the attackers.

“The security forces stopped this ultimately failed attack due to their alertness and swift response, not allowing the attackers to breach the outer defensive perimeters of the base,” the embassy said. “We are thankful that there were no SNA (Somali National Army) casualties between the mul-

tiple attacks.”

In a separate attack Monday, a suicide car bomber targeted Italian peacekeepers in Mogadishu, the AP reported. That attack missed the European Union peacekeepers but injured Somali civilians who were nearby, the AP said, citing reports.

The attacks show that “al-Shabaab violently opposes progress towards peace and prosperity in Somalia,” the U.S. embassy statement said.

“The United States affirms our strong commitment to the people and government of Somalia and to assist collective efforts to degrade terror groups and build a stronger and prosperous Somalia that offers a brighter future for its people.”

USAF moves main post to SC amid Iran tension

The Washington Post

AL UDEID AIR BASE, Qatar — For 13 years, the U.S. has used a single building in this tiny Gulf state to command fighter jets, bombers, drones and other Air Force assets in a region that stretches from Northeast Africa through the Middle East to South Asia.

And yet on Saturday, as 300 planes were up in the air in key areas such as Syria, Afghanistan and the Persian Gulf, hundreds of seats at the Combined Air Operations Center at Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, sat empty.

Instead, the air power of the U.S. and its allies was being controlled by teams at Shaw Air Base, S.C., — more than 7,000 miles away. Though the move was temporary — Al Udeid took control back on Sunday after 24 hours — it was

a significant tactical shift.

The unannounced operation, which The Washington Post was invited to observe, was the first time U.S. command and control had been moved out of the region since the center was established in Saudi Arabia during the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

While Air Force commanders say moving functions to a different base was a long-held ambition enabled by new technology, it comes amid renewed tension with Iran, a country that lies a couple of hundred miles across the Persian Gulf from Al Udeid.

“The functions that the CAOC provides for air power are so critical and so essential that we can’t afford to have a single point of failure,” said Maj. Gen. Chance Saltzman, deputy commander of U.S. Air Forces Central Command, using an

initialism for the center.

Air Force officials said recent incidents involving the Islamic Republic added urgency to the project. Iran shot down a U.S. surveillance drone in June; last month, key oil facilities in Saudi Arabia suffered a devastating surprise attack with what appeared to be Iran-supplied weapons.

“Iran has indicated multiple times through multiple sources their intent to attack U.S. forces,” said Col. Frederick Coleman, commander of the 609th Air Operations Center.

“Frankly, as the war against ISIS winds down and as we continue to work through a potential peace process in Afghanistan, the region is calming down and potentially more stable than it has been in decades,” he said. “Except for Iran.”

Analysts say that if a conflict

with Iran were to break out, it’s likely the Combined Air Space Operations Center at Al Udeid could be targeted, and there is little guarantee that it could be defended.

“It doesn’t take a whole heap of imagination to look at it and think, if push came to shove and it was a full-blown conflict, it would be one of the priority targets,” said Douglas Barrie, a senior fellow specializing in aerospace at the International Institute for Strategic Studies in London.

The bases’ defense systems, which include Patriot batteries and other high-end missile defense, are designed mostly to combat planes and ballistic missiles which come in fast and from a high altitude, rather than low-flying cruise missiles and drones like those believed to have been used in the attack on the Saudi oil facilities.

Admiral removed after off-duty incident

By SCOTT WYLAND
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Rear Adm. Erik Ross was fired as commander of Expeditionary Strike Group 2 after an alleged off-duty incident caused a loss of confidence in his leadership, a spokeswoman for the 2nd Fleet said Monday.

Ross was relieved of duty Friday and assigned to a tem-

porary staff job while the incident is investigated, 2nd Fleet spokeswoman Lt. Cmdr. Ashley Hockycko said in an email.

Hockycko said she couldn't elaborate on the incident while an investigation is in progress, but said the allegations against Ross called his judgment into question.

"The Navy places tremendous responsibility on our

commanders and holds these leaders to the highest standard of behavior and decision-making," Hockycko said in a statement. "The Navy holds them accountable in cases where they fall short of those standards."

Capt. Darren Nelson, the strike group's chief of staff, has assumed interim command until a permanent head

is chosen, according to a Navy statement.

Ross assumed command of the strike group two months ago. He previously served as the president of the Board of Inspection and Survey from June 2017 to May 2019.

He commanded the amphibious ships USS Whidbey Island in 2006 to 2007 and the USS Bataan from 2011 to 2013.

New Task Force 70 commander takes charge

By CAITLIN DOORNBOS
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YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — Command of the Navy's largest group of warships changed hands Sunday aboard the aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan in the South China Sea, according to the Navy.

Rear Adm. George M. Wikoff took charge of Task Force 70 from Rear Adm. Karl Thomas, who led the group, based in Yokosuka, Japan, through several tense operations and major multinational exercises in his 14 months at the helm.

Task Force 70 is the battle arm of 7th Fleet, the Navy's largest numbered fleet. The 7th Fleet, also based at Yokosuka, includes 70 to 80 ships,

including the permanently deployed aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan, its air wing and carrier strike group, 140 aircraft and 40,000 sailors and Marines, according to the 7th Fleet website.

The task force commander also commands the Ronald Reagan strike group — or Carrier Strike Group 5 — and has operational control of any other carrier strike groups or independently deployed naval vessels operating in or passing through the 7th Fleet area of operations. In total, 7th Fleet is responsible for 48 million square miles of the Pacific and Indian oceans.

Wikoff, a native of New Brunswick, N.J., is one grade lower than the fleet command-

er, Vice Adm. William R. Merz, who took his post Sept. 14.

Wikoff graduated from Catholic University of America in 1990 with a bachelor of arts degree in financial management. He was commissioned through the George Washington University Naval ROTC program and earned a master of science in operational management from the University of Arkansas, according to his official biography. He is also a naval aviator with extensive command experience and service in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The task force under Thomas' leadership participated in multinational exercises including Malabar, Keen Sword, Valiant Shield and Talisman Sabre, according to the Navy.

Ships from the task force have steamed through the Taiwan Strait six times and challenged Chinese claims to islands and reefs in the South and East China seas in freedom-of-navigation operations at least twice under Thomas' tenure. Beijing routinely protests those moves.

Satellite images reportedly showing the USS Ronald Reagan being flanked by several battleships in the South China Sea circulated on social media Saturday.

The carrier's presence in the region drew sharp criticism from the Chinese Ministry of National Defense.

Military can get US citizenship at 4 overseas sites

By CAITLIN M. KENNEY
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WASHINGTON — Servicemembers and their families stationed overseas who are seeking to become U.S. citizens will now have only four international offices where they can complete the process as U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services closes more than a dozen locations, the department announced Monday.

USCIS had previously an-

nounced it is closing 13 overseas locations in the next year, leaving only seven in operation. But in order to support servicemembers and their families stationed overseas, the agency is now opening what they are calling "hub" offices at military bases for one week every three months.

"After careful consideration, USCIS has determined it will maximize agency resources by shifting the processing of in-person benefit requests to the

Department of State's Consular Affairs or through the deployment of USCIS domestic staff on temporary assignments," USCIS spokesman Daniel Heltage wrote in an email.

The rollout of those four offices on military bases will happen during the next nine months and will be the only places overseas for servicemembers and their families to process naturalization applications. The locations will be at Camp Humphreys, South

Korea; Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka, Japan; U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart, Germany; and Naval Support Activity Naples, Italy.

Applicants who go to those hubs will already have everything completed before setting up an appointment to meet with a USCIS officer for their interview and final adjudication, said a USCIS official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss the new overseas offices.

Iran defends Yemeni rebel attack on Saudis' oil sites

Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran said Monday that the missile and drone attack on major Saudi oil sites last month was an act of “legitimate defense” by Yemen’s Iran-allied Houthi rebels.

The Sept. 14 assault was claimed by the Houthis, though Saudi Arabia says it was “unquestionably sponsored by Iran.” The kingdom has been at war with the Houthis in Yemen since March 2015.

Iran denies being responsible and has warned any retaliatory attack targeting it will result in an “all-out war.”

Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Abbas Mousavi on Monday called Saudi accusations “baseless,” adding that Iran supports the Houthis through “spiritual and political” means. He added that “cease-fire and dialogue” were the only face-saving solutions for Saudi Arabia.

Cabinet spokesman Ali Rabiei said the world has ignored another possibility — that the Houthis could have used Russian weapons seized from the Yemeni army or that they had procured them on the weapons market.

Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin

Salman told “60 Minutes” in an interview that aired Sunday that “only a fool would attack” major Saudi oil sites and urged “strong and firm action to deter Iran.”

The attack on oil facilities has heightened tensions between Tehran and Washington.

U.S.-Iran relations have deteriorated since President Donald Trump last year pulled America out of the 2015 nuclear deal between Iran and world powers and reimposed sanctions that sent the country’s economy into free fall.

Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Zarif criticized Europe for failing to save the nuclear deal from unraveling.

Last month, France proposed offering a \$15 billion line of credit to compensate Iran for not being able to sell its crude oil abroad because of U.S. sanctions.

Speaking to a group of Iranian expatriates in Frankfurt, Germany, during a stopover Sunday on his way home from attending the U.N. General Assembly in New York, Zarif said Europe had been trying “for five months” to create a credit line for Iran to sell its oil, “but it has failed to manage even such a minor job.”

Soldier killed in Afghanistan blast is buried

By J.P. LAWRENCE

Stars and Stripes

Preparing for her husband’s burial at Arlington National Cemetery, Sgt. 1st Class Elis A. Barreto Ortiz’s widow said she had only begun to grieve since his death earlier this month on his second deployment to Afghanistan.

“This whole thing has changed me,” Legna Aponte, the soldier’s wife, said in a phone call with Stars and Stripes ahead of the funeral Monday. “My heart is broken.”

The two grew up in neighboring towns in their native Puerto Rico and had been together for 12 years before Barreto, as her husband was known, was killed in an attack in Kabul.

Barreto, 34, who was part of a driving team for special operations troops in Kabul, was killed when a suicide car bomb tore through his unarmored pickup truck, killing him and a Romanian soldier. The Sept. 5 blast also killed about a dozen civilians.

Calling the paratrooper from the Fort Bragg, N.C.-based 82nd Airborne Division “one of our great, great soldiers,” President Donald Trump cited Barreto’s death as a catalyst for his decision last month to abruptly end peace talks with the Taliban just as they were widely believed to be on the verge of producing a deal to end America’s longest war.

Barreto’s death was the 16th U.S. combat fatality in Afghanistan this year, which has been the deadliest for American forces since 2014. A 17th American, Green Beret Sgt. 1st Class Jeremy W. Griffin, was killed during fighting in Wardak province on Sept. 16.

Barreto doted on his two sons and his daughter, his wife said in a phone interview Friday. He would ask her to bring them to his office whenever he had time on his hands.

His fellow soldiers recalled him as a man of humor and warmth. He’d been assigned to the airborne division’s 82nd Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team since January 2018.

“His paratroopers respected the hell out of him because he cared for them,” said 1st Lt. Kyle Cory, a platoon leader, who said he received copious advice from the slain soldier.

Cory escorted his friend’s remains in a hearse from Dover Air Force Base, Del., to Arlington on Sept. 20.

“One last convoy,” Cory said. “I just got to be there for my guy one more time ... just like he had been there for me.”

Army, Navy ID servicemembers killed in separate incidents

By CHRISTIAN LOPEZ

Stars and Stripes

The Army and Navy have identified two servicemembers who died in separate incidents last week in Fort Polk, La., and San Diego.

Logistics Specialist Seaman Juan Jose Garcia-Herrera, 21, died Saturday morning after falling Friday night from the aircraft elevator aboard the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz at Naval Air Station North Island, Calif., according to a tweet Monday by U.S. Naval Air Forces.

The Army identified Maj. Trevor Joseph, a pilot and medevac company commander with 1st Battalion, 5th Aviation Regiment, as the soldier killed in a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter crash at Fort Polk, according to the base Facebook page on Saturday.

The Black Hawk with a four-person crew was en route to pick up a soldier with minor

injuries at the base Joint Readiness Training Center when it crashed just after midnight, Kim Reischling, a spokeswoman for Fort Polk, said Thursday.

The three other soldiers were injured in the crash and are in stable condition.

Joseph, a Collierville, Tenn., native, is survived by his wife, Erin, according to the statement.

The sailor, Garcia-Herrera, enlisted in the Navy on Jan. 23, 2017, and reported to the Nimitz following his logistics training, according to Navy Times, which cited his military records.

About 9 p.m. Friday, he fell several stories onto the pier from the ship’s aircraft elevator, which had been lowered and connected to a walkway used to board and exit the ship.

Paramedics took him to a nearby hospital but he died from his injuries about 2 a.m. Saturday, the Seattle Times reported Sunday.

3 of 4 escapees from Ohio jail arrested in NC

Associated Press

CARY, N.C. — Three of four inmates who overpowered two corrections officers and escaped from an Ohio county jail were caught in North Carolina after slightly more than a day on the run, authorities in both states said.

The three men who escaped from the Gallia County jail early Sunday were “captured without incident” about 2 a.m. Monday, a statement from Cary, N.C., police said. Christopher Clemente, 24; Brynn Martin, 40; and Troy McDaniel Jr., 30, are awaiting extradition to Ohio.

The fourth man, Lawrence R. Lee III, 29, is believed to have accompanied the other three but fled from authorities at the time of the arrests, a statement from Gallia County Sheriff Matt Champlin said. Cary police said Lee is “not believed to be a danger” but warned the public not to approach him.

Cary police said the North Carolina Highway Patrol had alerted the department that the men were in the area, around 370 miles southeast of Gallipolis, the city where the jail is located.

Champlin has said authorities believe the escaped inmates had help from at least one person outside the jail. The four inmates overpowered the two officers with a homemade weapon, forced open a secure door, entered the jail’s administrative wing and stole keys to a corrections officer’s vehicle and drove it about a block away, where another vehicle awaited them, Champlin said.

Clemente was being held for an indictment of two felony counts of complicity to trafficking drugs. Martin, who Champlin said escaped for the second time from the jail, is charged with breaking and entering, receiving stolen property, two counts of failure to appear and escape — all felonies. McDaniel was being held for failure to appear in Gallia County Juvenile Court, and Lee is charged with felony identity fraud and two misdemeanors: obstructing official business and assault.

GOP lawmaker decries Trump’s civil war tweet, use of ‘treason’

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump is warning that the Democrat-driven impeachment proceedings and any move to oust him from office amount to “treason” and would spark a civil war, prompting outrage from a Republican congressman.

Trump tweeted a conservative pastor’s comment that removing him would provoke a “civil war-like fracture” in America.

Rep. Adam Kinzinger, a former Air Force pilot who represents an Illinois district Trump won in 2016, tweeted on Sunday: “I have visited nations ravaged by civil war. ... I have never imagined such a quote to be repeated by a president. This is beyond repugnant.”

Trump on Monday was thundering through a new round of

counterpunches against his opponents by hammering home the suggestion that they should be arrested and charged with treason and could launch a civil war — or a combination of those. His top foes were the whistleblower whose complaint launched the House’s impeachment investigation and the congressman leading it, House Intelligence Committee Chairman Adam Schiff.

“Arrest for Treason?” Trump tweeted of Schiff on Monday in one of many presidential suggestions that his opponents should be investigated for operating under their constitutional duties and within the law.

Fact check: Treason is extremely narrowly defined, both in the nation’s founding document and in federal law.

The Constitution states: “Treason against the United

States shall consist only in levying War against them, or in adhering to their Enemies, giving them Aid and Comfort.”

Note the word “only.” Treason occurs when a U.S. citizen, or a noncitizen on U.S. territory, wages war against the country or provides material support, not just sympathy, to a declared enemy of the United States. That came after Trump tweeted a comment from the Rev. Robert Jeffress, pastor of the Southern Baptist megachurch First Baptist Dallas.

“If the Democrats are successful in removing the president from office, it will cause a civil war-like fracture in this nation from which our country will never heal,” Jeffress said on Sunday on Fox News Channel’s “Fox & Friends Weekend,” which Trump posted a few hours later.

Xi renews China’s commitment to Hong Kong

Associated Press

BEIJING — Chinese Communist Party leader and President Xi Jinping on Monday renewed his government’s commitment to allowing Hong Kong to manage its own affairs amid continuing anti-government protests in the semi-autonomous Chinese territory.

Xi made his remarks at a reception on the eve of a massive celebration of the People’s Republic’s 70th anniversary that threatens to be marred by clashes between police and anti-government demonstrators in Hong Kong.

Demonstrators and police clashed for a second straight day Sunday in Hong Kong, sparking further chaos in the city’s business and shopping belt and drawing fears of more ugly scenes during the week-long National Day holiday.

“We will continue to fully and faithfully implement the principles of ‘One country, two

systems’ (and) ‘Hong Kong people administering Hong Kong,’” Xi said according to a printed copy of his remarks.

China’s approach is to ensure that Hong Kong and its fellow semi-autonomous region of Macao “prosper and progress alongside the mainland and embrace an even brighter future,” Xi said.

Earlier Monday, Xi led other top officials in paying respects to the founder of the Communist state, Mao Zedong, ahead of the massive celebrations emphasizing China’s rise to global prominence. The unusual move saw Xi bow three times to Mao’s statue at his mausoleum in the center of Beijing’s Tiananmen Square and pay his respects to Mao’s embalmed corpse, which has lain in state in the hulking chamber since soon after his death in 1976. It was believed to be the first visit to the mausoleum by Xi and other officials since 2013, the 120th anniversary of Mao’s birth.

Xi also ascended the nearby Monument to the People’s Heroes to pay further tribute on what has been designated Martyr’s Day, just ahead of Tuesday’s National Day festivities, which will be marked by a massive military parade through the center of the city of 20 million people.

Along with other top party officials, more than 4,000 Chinese, including elderly military veterans and retired senior officials, “relatives of martyrs, honorees of national medals and honorary titles” and members of the party’s youth organization visited the monument to lay flowers and wreaths.

Sept. 30 was designated Martyr’s Day by China’s legislature in 2014, a year after Xi became president and began redoubling propaganda efforts to promote patriotism and glorify the party, as well as to cultivate a cult of personality surrounding himself unseen since the time of Mao.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

\$1M bail set for cop accused of assault

PA PHILADELPHIA — A Philadelphia police officer was arrested and charged with sexual assault and other offenses.

Bail has been set at \$1 million for Officer Novice Sloan, 28.

Sloan was arrested Friday and is charged with sexual assault, indecent assault and simple assault. Authorities said the alleged assault occurred on Aug. 8 but didn't provide additional details.

Sloan is assigned to the 17th police district in South Philadelphia.

In a statement, District Attorney Larry Krasner called the charges "incredibly serious."

Man charged in fatal shooting of burglar

TX DALLAS — The wife of a Dallas man charged in the fatal shooting of someone they thought was a burglar contacted a lawyer before the husband called 911 to report a home invasion, according to police documents.

James Michael Meyer was charged with murder in Thursday's shooting, with bond set at \$150,000, The Dallas Morning News reported. He was no longer in custody Sunday.

Meyer told police he heard a noise outside around 5 a.m. Thursday and saw someone with a pickax trying to break into his storage shed, according to an arrest warrant affidavit. Meyer told police that he grabbed his gun, went out and, when the person stepped toward him he fired and the burglar dropped his pickax and ran.

Meyer said he fired an additional shot "into the night."

"From the suspect's accounts, the threat of serious

bodily injury against him was over when the complainant dropped the pickax and ran off," the affidavit said.

Rooftop pool leak displaces 250 people

FL DANIA BEACH — A leak of thousands of gallons of water from a rooftop pool displaced 250 people from a Florida apartment building.

Authorities said the water began pouring from sprinkler heads and light fixtures Friday night at The Place at Dania Beach. Residents had to evacuate to hotels or make other housing arrangements.

The South Florida Sun Sentinel reports that the pool holds about 10,000 gallons of water and that it was half-empty after the leak. Firefighters pumped the rest of the water out onto the street eight stories below.

No one was injured.

Report: Suspect set fires before reunion

CA MILPITAS — A suspected arsonist traveled from Missouri to Northern California to set more than a dozen wildfires before attending his 50th high school reunion, a newspaper reported Saturday.

A former classmate told the San Jose Mercury News that Freddie Owen Graham appeared happy at the party on Sept. 21. Graham, a California native who has lived in the Kansas City, Mo., area for the past three decades, didn't seem troubled or upset, Rich Santoro said.

State fire investigators said Graham gave them a different impression. After he was arrested at the airport in San Jose, Graham told them he was in an "emotional" state over the loss of his wife in 2018 when he

tossed flaming pieces of paper onto the side of a road.

Graham is being held on \$2 million bail on 13 counts of arson.

NYPD officer arrested on sex abuse charges

NY NEW YORK — A New York City police detective who monitors sex offenders has been arrested on sex abuse charges involving a 12-year-old girl.

Police said Detective Juan Jimenez, 37, is accused of groping and trying to kiss the girl inside his Brooklyn apartment building.

Jimenez was arrested on charges of sex abuse, forcible touching and acting in a manner injurious to a child.

Artist fixing up ghost town for other artists

UT CISCO — An artist is trying to revitalize an abandoned old railroad town in eastern Utah by refurbishing dilapidated buildings and converting them into residences for artists.

Eileen Muza is the sole resident of Cisco, a scattering of old buildings in the high desert 30 miles west of the Colorado line, KUTV reported. The town was created in the 1880s as a fill-station for a railroad but died off when Interstate 70 was built a few miles north.

Muza first became fascinated by the town when she visited it while on vacation. She purchased it in 2015 and left her life in Chicago to move there.

Town given ownership of mile-long green

CT LEBANON — A generations-old question over who owns the mile-long

green at the center of the eastern Connecticut town of Lebanon has been resolved after two years of negotiations and court hearings.

The green, little changed from the days when French troops camped on it during the Revolutionary War, is the center of community life in the town of just over 7,200 people.

Several years ago, plans to expand a library on the edge of the green were thwarted because a document dating to 1705 showed the green actually belonged to the "heirs and assigns" of the 17th- and early 18th-century investors in the property.

Last month, a judge signed off on the last piece of a plan that awards ownership and control of most of the land to the town.

Stores alter approach to fighting shoplifting

PA UNITY — Some retail stores in Pennsylvania are increasingly taking an approach to combat shoplifting that bypasses local police.

Stores like Walmart, Sears, Kohl's and others are filing private criminal complaints against suspected shoplifters directly to the district attorney's office.

The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review found they accounted for nearly half of more than 4,000 shoplifting complaints filed in Allegheny and Westmoreland counties over roughly five years. About 46 percent of those resulted in convictions.

Legal experts say it's within the law for store security personnel to question a suspected shoplifter and use the information in a criminal complaint, though some say it's prudent to notify a suspect of Miranda rights to have an attorney.

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NFL roundup

Mahomes, Chiefs rally to win over Lions

Associated Press

DETROIT — Darrel Williams ran for a go-ahead, 1-yard touchdown with 23 seconds left after Patrick Mahomes' run converted a fourth down, lifting the Kansas City Chiefs to a 34-30 win over the Detroit Lions.

Kansas City started the winning drive on its 21. Mahomes converted a fourth-and-8 from his 34 with a 15-yard run to help him finish with a career-high 56 yards rushing. He completed enough passes to set up Williams for a short run to take the lead for good.

Detroit drove to the Kansas City 44 on the final drive and Matthew Stafford heaved two passes toward the end zone that were incomplete.

Mahomes was 24-for-42 for 315 yards. The reigning MVP had thrown at least two touchdown passes in 14 straight games, one short of the NFL record set by Peyton Manning.

Saints 12, Cowboys 10: Vonn Bell's forced fumble and two recoveries helped host New Orleans stifle a Dallas offense that had rolled through its first three games, and Wil Lutz kicked four field goals to lift the Saints over the Cowboys.

Dallas came in with the NFL's third-ranked running game, averaging 179 yards. Dallas (3-1) finished with 45 yards on the ground.

Teddy Bridgewater made his second start in place of Drew Brees, who attended the game with a cast on his surgically repaired right thumb. Bridgewater was 23 of 30 for 193 yards and was intercepted once, albeit on an accurate pass that bounced off of Ted Ginn Jr.'s hands near midfield in the first quarter.

Jaguars 26, Broncos 24: Leonard Fournette ran for a career-high 225 yards and Josh Lambo kicked a 33-yard field goal as time expired, sending visiting Jacksonville past winless Denver.

The Broncos (0-4) not only

were victimized by a last-second field goal for the second time this season, but they blew a 14-point lead at home in a loss for the first time since 2006.

Buccaneers 55, Rams 40: Jameis Winston passed for 385 yards and threw two of his four touchdown passes to Chris Godwin, and Ndamukong Suh returned Jared Goff's fumble 37 yards for a touchdown with 1:06 to play in visiting Tampa Bay's victory over previously unbeaten Los Angeles.

Godwin had career highs of 12 catches for 172 yards as the Buccaneers (2-2) jumped to an early 21-0 lead and then scored 24 points in a wild fourth quarter to complete the highest-scoring game in the franchise's 44-year history.

The Bucs still barely held off the defending NFC champions, but Suh's TD return against his old teammates capped an impressive win for first-year coach Bruce Arians.

Goff passed for a career-high 517 yards and two touchdowns, but the Rams' \$134 million quarterback also threw three interceptions for the second time in his career. Goff then fumbled while being sacked by Shaquil Barrett as the Rams (3-1) attempted a tying drive, and Suh scooped and scored against the team with which he reached the Super Bowl last season.

Patriots 16, Bills 10: Patriots linebacker Jamie Collins forced host Buffalo's fourth turnover by intercepting backup Matt Barkley's pass with 1:27 remaining to seal the win.

New England is off to its first 4-0 start since 2015, and fifth time during Bill Belichick's 20 seasons as coach.

The Bills (3-1) not only blew an opportunity to open a season with four straight wins for the first time since 2008, but now face questions at quarterback.

Barkley took over after starter Josh Allen sustained a head injury when he was brought down by a helmet-to-helmet hit by Jonathan Jones in the opening

minute of the fourth quarter.

Giants 24, Redskins 3: At East Rutherford, N.J., Daniel Jones worked his magic again, Saquon Barkley's replacement Wayne Gallman scored two touchdowns, and Jabrill Peppers scored on a 32-yard interception return.

The Redskins' 0-4 start is their worst since losing their first five in 2001. The start also has seriously put coach Jay Gruden's job in jeopardy after five-plus seasons, a 35-49-1 record and one playoff berth (2015).

Seahawks 27, Cardinals 10: Russell Wilson threw for 240 yards and a touchdown, Jadeveon Clowney returned an interception for a touchdown and Seattle beat host Arizona.

The Seahawks (3-1) scored two touchdowns by early in the second quarter, one on Clowney's spectacular 27-yard interception return and another on a 9-yard pass from Wilson to tight end Will Dissly.

Bears 16, Vikings 6: Chase Daniel threw for 195 yards and a touchdown after Mitchell Trubisky got knocked out of the game with a left shoulder injury on the opening possession, and Chicago swarmed NFL rushing leader Dalvin Cook in a victory over visiting Minnesota.

The defending NFC North champions avoided an 0-2 start at Soldier Field and another home loss to a division rival to go with the one they suffered against Green Bay in the NFL's 100th season opener.

Raiders 31, Colts 24: Derek Carr led visiting Oakland to touchdowns on three of its first four possessions, and Erik Harris returned a late interception 30 yards for a score to seal the victory.

Oakland (2-2) snapped a two-game losing streak and won in Indy for the first time since 2001.

Panthers 16, Texans 10: At Houston, Kyle Allen threw for 232 yards and the Panthers overcame his three fumbles with help from a big defensive

play.

Allen was making his third career start and second this season in place of Cam Newton, out with a foot injury. Allen lost the ball three times on sacks, but the Texans were only able to get points out of the last one to allow the Panthers to stay in it until their defense came through with the big play late.

Browns 40, Ravens 25: Baker Mayfield threw for 342 yards and a touchdown, Nick Chubb ran for a pivotal 88-yard score and visiting Cleveland earned a share of first place in the AFC North.

Chubb finished with 165 yards and three scores against the league's third-ranked rushing defense. Jarvis Landry had eight catches for 167 yards before leaving with a suspected concussion.

Titans 24, Falcons 10: Marcus Mariota threw three first-half touchdown passes, two to A.J. Brown, and the visiting Tennessee defense had three fourth-down stops.

Tennessee (2-2) used Mariota's big first half and the strong defense to snap a two-game losing streak. Derrick Henry, who ran for 100 yards, helped the Titans dominate the clock and hold the Falcons to only a field goal in the second half.

Chargers 30, Dolphins 10: Philip Rivers threw for 310 yards and two scores to help the Chargers win in Miami for the first time in 38 years.

Rivers completed 24 of 30 attempts with no interceptions and directed a 10½-minute drive in the third quarter that helped Los Angeles take control.

The Dolphins (0-4) held a lead for the first time this season, but it lasted only 3 minutes, 49 seconds. They've been outscored 163-26 this season, the NFL's worst four-game point differential since at least 1940.

The Chargers (2-2) had lost eight games in a row in Miami. Their last victory came in an overtime playoff thriller in January 1982.

California permits college athletes to make money

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Defying the NCAA, California's governor signed a first-in-the-nation law Monday that will let college athletes hire agents and make money from endorsements — a move that could upend amateur sports in the U.S. and trigger a legal challenge.

Under the law, which takes effect in 2023, students at public and private universities in the state will be allowed to sign deals with sneaker companies, soft drink makers or other advertisers and profit from their images, names or likenesses, just like the pros.

"It's going to change college sports for the better by having now the interest, finally, of the athletes on par with the interests of the institutions," Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom said in a tweeted video. "Now we're rebalancing that power arrangement."

He predicted other states will introduce similar legislation. Two lawmakers in South Carolina have already announced plans to do so.

The new law applies to all sports, though the big money to be made is in football and basketball. It bars schools from kicking athletes off the team if they get paid. It does not apply to community colleges and prohibits athletes from accepting endorsement deals that conflict with their schools' existing contracts.

The NCAA, which had asked Newsom to veto the bill, responded by saying it will consider its "next steps" while also moving forward with "efforts to make adjustments to NCAA name, image and likeness rules that are both realistic in modern society and tied to higher education."

The NCAA, which has 1,100 member schools and claims nearly a half-million athletes, said that "changes are needed to continue to support student-athletes," but that such changes must be done at a national level through the NCAA, not through a patchwork of state laws.

Before the governor signed the bill, the NCAA cautioned that the law would give California universities an unfair recruiting advantage, which could prompt the athletic association to bar them from competition.

Powerhouse programs like the University of Southern California, the University of California, Los Angeles, Stanford University and the University of California, Berkeley, could find themselves banned.

But while the NCAA is the top governing body for college sports, membership is voluntary. If the California schools are forced out, they could form a new league.

Professional athletes have endorsed the law, including NBA superstar LeBron James, whose 14-year-old son is a closely watched basketball prospect in Los Angeles and will be 18 when the measure takes effect.

On Instagram, James exulted over the signing of the law, saying it will "change the lives for countless athletes who deserve it!"

He added: "NCAA, you got the next move. We can solve this for everyone!"

The NCAA has steadfastly refused to pay players in most cases. But a committee led by Ohio State Athletic Director Gene Smith and Big East Commissioner Val Ackerman is studying other ways players could make money. Its report is expected in October.

The NCAA reported \$1.1 billion in revenue in 2017.

Elliott overcomes mistake, heat to win playoff race

Associated Press

CONCORD, N.C. — Alex Bowman had just advanced to the second round of NASCAR's playoffs, climbed from his car and slumped to the ground, dehydrated and overcome by the heat. As he was receiving medical attention, Bubba Wallace approached him and splashed liquid in Bowman's face.

That closing image capped a sloppy Sunday in scorching temperatures at Charlotte Motor Speedway, where Chase Elliott won despite crashing head-on into a tire barrier earlier on The Roval. Elliott was leading on a restart headed into the first turn when he locked his brakes and his car drove directly off the course and crashed into the makeshift wall.

"I couldn't believe I did that. That was just so stupid," Elliott said. "I don't know that you could have done anything more stupid leading this race than what I did right there. Luckily our car wasn't too bad ... fast enough to drive up through there, got the cautions at the right time, and just didn't quit."

"If there's ever a lesson to not quit, today was the example."

Elliott celebrated by returning to the corner where he'd wrecked earlier and placing the nose against the barrier before smoking his tires.

"I was coming back and saw that dang thing and thought I couldn't pass up the opportunity to redeem myself," Elliott said of his celebration.

The winner, though, was not the spotlight in NASCAR's first elimination race of the playoffs.

The focus was on the four drivers who would be trimmed from the 16-driver championship field, and Bowman spent the entire race fighting for a spot in the second round. He crashed his car in the final moments of Saturday practice and had to go to a backup, then spun in the opening laps Sunday,

deliberately spun Wallace in anger, and had to claw his way to a second-place finish.

But the 1-2 finish for Hendrick Motorsports was no guarantee that Bowman would advance. Ryan Newman, further back in the field, had the point advantage on Bowman and Bowman had no control of his own fate.

Then Newman, racing Aric Almirola over the final few laps for a shot at advancing, missed a chicane with two laps remaining and the error eliminated him from the playoffs.

"I felt like I made a lot of mistakes trying too hard," said Newman, who also stalled his Ford during a pit stop. "We did not have the race car and that's what I had to do."

The point difference swung to Bowman, who couldn't celebrate because he needed medical attention. As Bowman was slumped next to his car and surrounded by medical personnel, Wallace approached him, the two had a brief verbal exchange before Wallace angrily splashed the bottle he was carrying in Bowman's face.

Bowman was later treated for dehydration and said he spun Wallace for flipping his middle finger at him repeatedly on track.

"I got flipped off for every single straightaway for three laps, flipped off by him for like three or four laps in a row at Richmond, so I'm just over it," Bowman said. "I'd be mad, too, but he put himself in that spot."

It was a messy day on the hybrid road course/oval at Charlotte, where the championship chances ended for Newman, Almirola, Kurt Busch and Erik Jones.

Kevin Harvick finished third and was followed by Stewart-Haas Racing teammate Clint Bowyer, who was in danger of being eliminated from the playoffs but advanced with his fourth-place finish.

Cards clinch division; Cubs drop Maddon's finale

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Jack Flaherty, Paul Goldschmidt and the St. Louis Cardinals quickly drained any drama from a final-day playoff chase.

They were totally fine with that.

The Cardinals clinched the NL Central in their last game of the regular season, using Flaherty's arm and Goldschmidt's bat Sunday to secure a 9-0 victory over the Chicago Cubs.

"This is what it's all about," manager Mike Shildt said. "I love to see the guys enjoy the fruits of their labor — it's something special."

The Cardinals built an 8-0 lead in the third inning and coasted into the best-of-five NL Division Series, starting Thursday at Atlanta.

St. Louis started the day with a one-game lead over Milwaukee. The second-place Brewers play at Washington in the NL

wild-card game Tuesday, with the winner going on to play Los Angeles in the NLDS.

The Cubs lost on Joe Maddon's day as their manager. It was announced before the game that he won't return next year.

The 23-year-old Flaherty tossed seven impressive innings. He gave up two hits, stuck and six and walked one in an efficient 69-pitch stint.

"He continues to be amazing," Goldschmidt said.

Flaherty (11-8) stood in the on deck circle waiting to hit in the bottom of the seventh. After Harrison Bader was retired, Shildt called Flaherty back to the dugout to remove him for a pinch-hitter.

The crowd at Busch Stadium went crazy and would not stop yelling until Flaherty emerged from the dugout to tip his cap.

"I was in shock, not sure what to do," Flaherty said. "That's for hitters. I wasn't expecting anything like that."

Flaherty has allowed just seven runs

over his last 12 starts. He has an 0.91 ERA after the all-star break.

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The Cubs had a four-year postseason run snapped this season. Maddon compiled a 471-339 record in five seasons and guided the Cubs to the World Series championship in 2016, ending a 108-year drought.

Chicago finished 84-78 after a 95-68 mark in 2018.

Cubs outfielder Kyle Schwarber said he is going to miss Maddon.

"He changed the culture of the organization — 108 years and he breaks the curse," he said.

Roundup

Giants manager Bochy bids emotional farewell

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Bruce Bochy spoke to a ballpark filled with thousands of lives he touched in some way and thanked them all straight from the heart, no notes necessary.

Bochy bid an emotional farewell following 2½ decades in what is certainly a Hall of Fame managerial career, finishing with a 9-0 defeat to the mighty Dodgers on his last day as fans remained in their seats long after the game ended to celebrate a man who helped bring this city its only three World Series championships in 2010, '12 and '14.

"It's all about Bochy," Dodgers manager Dave Roberts said before the game, then paid his respects during a special exchange of the lineups ahead of first pitch.

Yet Roberts absolutely wanted to win this one to put these 2019 Dodgers (106-56) in elite company of their own. They passed the win mark of the 1953 "Boys of Summer" team based in Brooklyn that included Jackie Robinson, Duke Snider

and other Hall of Famers.

Rockies 4, Brewers 3 (13): Relegated to an NL wild-card spot, Milwaukee lost to host Colorado when Jake Faria threw a wild pitch in the 13th inning that allowed the winning run to score.

Rangers 6, Yankees 1: Lance Lynn struck out 10, getting his career-high 16th win as Texas closed out the 26th and final season at their ballpark with a win over visiting AL East champion New York.

Red Sox 5, Orioles 4: Eduardo Rodriguez missed out on a 20-win season when Boston's bullpen blew a late lead, but the host Red Sox beat Baltimore on Mookie Betts' ninth-inning dash home.

Mets 7, Braves 6 (11): Mike Soroka recovered from a shaky start in his playoff tuneup, but banged-up Atlanta limped into October with a loss to host New York.

Reds 3, Pirates 1: Aristides Aquino hit his 19th home run, Tyler Mahle pitched five shut-out innings to pick up his first win since May and visiting Cin-

cinnati beat Pittsburgh shortly after the Pirates fired manager Clint Hurdle.

Marlins 4, Phillies 3: Bryce Harper got two hits and a standing ovation to close out his first season in Philadelphia, and the Phillies finished at 81-81 after a loss to visiting Miami.

Nationals 8, Indians 2: Host Washington continued its surge into the playoffs by stretching its winning streak to a year-high eight games with a victory over Cleveland.

Astros 8, Angels 5: Gerrit Cole earned his career-high 20th win, added to his major league-leading strikeout total and finished the best ERA in the AL in visiting Houston's win over Los Angeles.

Blue Jays 8, Rays 3: Blake Snell lost in a tuneup for a potential postseason outing, and Tampa Bay was beaten by host Toronto in its last game before the wild card playoff against the Oakland Athletics.

Mariners 3, Athletics 1: Kyle Seager hit a two-run homer in the first inning, promising prospect Kyle Lewis added an RBI

single and host Seattle closed out the season with a win over playoff-bound Oakland.

White Sox 5, Tigers 3: Tim Anderson became the third Chicago player to win an American League batting title, finishing at .335 after going 0-for-2 in a season-ending win over visiting Detroit.

Diamondbacks 1, Padres 0: Taijuan Walker returned from Tommy John surgery on the final day of the regular season, Tim Lincecum beat out an infield grounder to drive home the winning run in the ninth inning and Arizona beat visiting San Diego.

Royals 5, Twins 4: Jorge Soler locked up the AL home run crown with his 48th homer, Brett Phillips drove a game-ending sacrifice fly in the ninth inning and host Kansas City beat Minnesota in manager Ned Yost's final game.

Phillips' first career walk-off RBI gave Yost a celebratory send-off on the final day of the regular season. Yost finished 746-839 over 10 seasons leading Kansas City.