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After a five-hour armed standoff on May 25, police shot and killed Army veteran Issac Sims in the garage of his parents' home in Kansas City, Mo. It was a violent end for a young man in turmoil. Sims, 26, had suffered a traumatic brain injury in Iraq in 2010, and battled the effects of post-traumatic stress disorder. His death illuminated two intersecting problems: delays in mental health care at Veterans Affairs hospitals and confrontations between law enforcement and combat veterans in crisis.

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DOD scales back plans for spy agency

By GREG MILLER
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon has scaled back its plan to assemble an overseas spy service that could have rivaled the CIA in size, backing away from a project that faced opposition from lawmakers who questioned its purpose and cost, current and former U.S. officials said.

Under the revised blueprint, the Defense Intelligence Agency will train and deploy up to 500 undercover officers, roughly half

the size of the espionage network envisioned two years ago when the formation of the Defense Clandestine Service was announced.

The previous plan called for moving as many as 1,000 undercover case officers overseas to work alongside the CIA and the U.S. military's Joint Special Operations Command on counterterrorism missions and other targets of broad national security concern. Instead, the training schedule has been cut back, and most of those involved will be given assignments that

are more narrowly focused on DIA's traditional mission of gathering intelligence for the Defense Department.

The revised aim is to "stay small but be highly effective," said a former senior U.S. intelligence official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive military planning.

The Pentagon will still be placing dozens of undercover officers "in very difficult places around the world," including parts

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“This thing is just rocking the free world inside of me. I mean, I am totally diggin’ this thing.”

— Craig Hoffman, former U.S. Army sergeant with implanted neurostimulator in his spine that provides relief from chronic pain

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4 in Utah Guard disciplined for video

By MARTIN GRIFFITH The Associated Press

Four Utah National Guard soldiers are being disciplined for their unauthorized involvement and use of military vehicles in a risqué video featuring bikini-clad women firing high-powered weapons and riding in tanks.

Guard Lt. Col. Steven Fairbourn said Saturday that a 19th Special Forces noncommissioned officer who inappropriately allowed the video to be partially shot at Camp Williams in May has been relieved of his leadership position and faces a reprimand and mandatory early retirement.

The three other soldiers will receive lesser measures ranging from counseling to a reprimand, he said. The \$200 cost for military fuel used during the shoot also will be recouped from the soldiers involved.

Fairbourn earlier said the three members took part in the video after getting permission from a senior official who shouldn't have

given them the green light.

“We just have to learn from our mistakes and go forward, and that's how we're trying to approach this,” Fairbourn said.

“This was certainly a mistake, but one action among multiple years of service for these individuals.”

Lt. Col. Steven Fairbourn Utah National Guard

“Corrective measures are in place to ensure this doesn't happen again.”

An internal investigation, completed Friday, found unauthorized Guard support was limited to five vehicles and one boat used as props for the shoot. The investigation confirmed the Guard did not provide the weapons or ammunition used for it.

The names of the four soldiers were not released.

“This was certainly a mistake, but one action among multiple years of service for these individuals,” Fairbourn said. “We are dealing with Iraq and Afghanistan veterans who have served their country in time of war.”

The Utah Guard, in a statement issued Saturday, said it regretted its involvement in the shoot and would not tolerate the unauthorized use of federal and state funds.

“However, this error in judgment of these few soldiers does not diminish the commitment and resolve of the Utah Guard and its more than 7,000 members to serve the citizens of Utah and our nation,” the statement read.

The video, produced by an England-based company, is a promotional “behind the scenes” look at the making of an annual pinup calendar. It features women wearing camouflage bikinis and other tight clothing while shooting guns and riding in military vehicles.

Two members of a Utah state SWAT team who appeared in the video in uniform also face discipline, Department of Public Safety officials have said.

Spies: Initial plan lacked sufficient support, funding from Congress

FROM FRONT PAGE

of Africa and the Middle East, where al-Qaida and the Islamic State have significant footholds, the former official said. But their espionage efforts will “focus on what defense needs are.”

The shift represents a retreat by Pentagon officials who had sought to transform a spy service long seen as second string to the CIA, repositioning it for an era of more dispersed threats after a decade of war in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The overhaul was spearheaded by Undersecretary of Defense for Intelligence Michael Vickers, a former CIA operative who has pushed to model the Pentagon's spy service more closely on his former agency.

Aspects of that approach remain intact, including having members of the DCS take part in the same instruction as their CIA counterparts at the agency's training compound, known as The Farm, near Williamsburg, Va.

Those who emerge from that training are expected to work in closer coordination with CIA station chiefs who have broad authority over U.S. espionage operations overseas. But the initial scale of the plan has been drawn down substantially, officials said, after it

became clear that it could not secure enough support and funding from Congress.

DOD officials declined to discuss details of the DCS, including its budget or number of overseas positions, noting that such figures are classified. But the officials did not dispute that the plan for

everyone who was considered part of the clandestine service, no matter where they were stationed. Now, he said, only those who are deployed overseas and gathering intelligence are part of the 500, meaning that those who are in assignments at headquarters or still undergoing training do not count toward that total.

“We don't count people sitting at desks or people undergoing training,” the official said, meaning that the reduction in numbers is not as severe as it may sound because of the change in the way positions

500

The number of Defense Clandestine Service employees who will be deployed overseas and considered part of the agency under the new approach.

“We did re-evaluate the DCS program after initial discussions with Congress,” said Navy Cmdr. Amy Derrick-Frost, a spokeswoman for the Pentagon. Derrick-Frost emphasized that “it has always been a phased plan” that could take several years to implement. She said that “there have been no significant changes” since presenting a modified proposal to Congress.

A senior U.S. intelligence official said the new numbers also reflect a different approach to the way of officers in the DCS are counted. He said initial projections included

are counted. The official acknowledged that initial discussions for the DCS envisioned as many as 1,000 positions.

“It was higher than where it is projected to be now,” he said.

The push to dramatically expand the DCS met almost immediate opposition on Capitol Hill, particularly from members of the Senate Armed Services Commit-

tee, many of whom were hostile to the idea in part out of concern that the terms were too generous to the CIA.

Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., the chairman of the committee, and others raised concern that DIA officers would be used largely to fill in gaps in areas regarded as low priorities by the CIA, effectively doing aspects of that agency's job at the Pentagon's expense.

The Senate Intelligence Committee also found substantial problems with the DIA proposal. A report released by the panel last year said the plan “lacked details necessary for effective review and implementation.”

A senior Senate aide said Friday that the overhaul of the DCS “has been a continuing item of interest and careful review for the committee” even after the Pentagon's revisions.

Unlike the CIA, the DIA is not authorized to carry out covert operations such as drone strikes or political sabotage. Its case officers often come from military background and serve under military cover abroad, meaning they hold positions in traditional military units even while covertly trying to steal secrets or persuade their foreign counterparts to become American informants.

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A reliable watchdog?

VA's acting IG still criticized for report on long wait times

By Emily Wax-Thibodeaux
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Richard Griffin is known by veterans groups as the one who uttered “that dirty little four-word phrase.” As the lead investigator looking into long wait times for veterans seeking health care, Griffin concluded he was “unable to conclusively assert” that delays at the Phoenix VA Health Care System had caused patients to die.

That finding has turned Griffin, acting inspector general for the Department of Veterans Affairs, into a lightning rod at the center of the biggest scandal in VA's history. He has become a target for the anger and frustration of veterans groups, VA medical staff and members of Congress who say his report, released in August, was a whitewash.

Griffin's report included a number of examples of mismanaged care. For instance, one patient had to wait six weeks after he was examined to be told he had terminal lung cancer, and another sought mental health services but committed suicide before he got an appointment.

Because Griffin did not directly link wait times to any deaths, critics have been questioning his independence as a watchdog.

A new front

Now, they are opening a new front in their attacks on Griffin, saying that emails between his office and VA brass raise further concerns about whether he was too close to senior Obama administration officials. The emails show that VA officials asked Griffin for revisions and additions to the draft report and that several changes were made in the final version.

“The fact that the IG spoke or acquiesced about anything at all with the VA is just abhorrent. There should be total loyalty to vets and vets only,” said Lou Celli, head of the veterans affairs and rehabilitation division of the American Legion, one of the country's largest veteran groups. “This shouldn't be about protecting the VA.”

Griffin's supporters say the emails are benign and that the latest allegations, like those that came before, are without merit and often politically motivated. These backers say Griffin is being made a scapegoat for the VA's tragic failings.

Griffin has vigorously defended his work, saying VA officials did not influence the content of his report about the Phoenix irregularities or suggest that he include the four-word phrase.

“No one has the right to dictate the outcome,” he said in a statement.

“Our job is to speak the truth to power, and our record reflects that is exactly what we have always done,” he said in a separate statement.

Several veterans groups and a prominent Republican lawmaker are asking President Barack Obama to nominate a new inspector general who can start fresh and build trust.

Rep. Jeff Miller, R-Fla., chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee and an outspoken critic of the VA, said Griffin's office is not nearly as independent as it should



CARLOS BONGIOANNI/Stars and Stripes

Richard J. Griffin, foreground, acting inspector general for the Department of Veterans Affairs, testifies at a House Committee on Veterans Affairs hearing on the Phoenix VA report.

be. In a letter to Obama, Miller said, “It is vitally important that the VA office of Inspector General have an independent and objective leader in place to combat waste, fraud and abuse.”

The scandal at the Phoenix hospital erupted after a whistleblower alleged that scheduling clerks were coached by VA administrators on how to cook the books and “zero out wait times” to hide long delays for patients. VA employees know the practice is widespread at veterans hospitals. In the wake of the revelations, Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki resigned and was replaced by Bob McDonald, who has vowed to refocus care on the veterans and end the culture of fudging wait times.

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Sounding the alarm

Catherine Gromek, a spokeswoman for Griffin's office, said the inspector general's office has been sounding the alarm about wait times at VA hospitals in various reports for more than nine years.

One of those documents, dating from 2006, is now fueling even more complaints about Griffin's performance. Republican lawmakers say the memo shows the inspector general was long aware that wait times were being manipulated but did not press to end the abuses or publicize them.

The report, a “memorandum of administrative investigation,” found that the Phoenix center was engaging in inappropriate scheduling practices and covering up excessive wait times long before the scandal exploded into public view this year.

Griffin said the memo was one of many warnings made by his office and that those efforts to draw attention to such problems were repeatedly ignored by VA officials.

The emails between Griffin's office and VA officials, which date to this past summer, show that senior officials at the department

were concerned about how the imminent report by the inspector general would be received by the public.

At the time, the media was widely reporting allegations by a whistleblower that 40 veterans had died because of delays at the Phoenix center. Griffin initially resisted making an explicit reference to that allegation in the report, emails show, because investigators had been unable to substantiate it. The inspector general called the figure a “mystery number” because the whistleblower never named the 40 individuals. VA and White House officials, citing media interest and apparently concerned about how it would look if the whistleblower's allegation were completely ignored, insisted in emails that the final report reference it, in addition to a few other changes.

In an Aug. 4 email to VA Deputy Secretary Sloan Gibson, Griffin wrote, “The 40 deaths is being added to the draft. We will forward updated language soon.”

“Thanks on all counts! I appreciate the focus on the 40 deaths. ...” Gibson responded.

Miller said that exchange, among others, shows that Griffin had inappropriately coordinated the drafting of the report with senior VA officials.

Asked recently to comment on the emails showing the back and forth between him and senior VA officials over whether to mention the allegation of 40 deaths, Griffin provided a statement saying that the number was added because of “the pervasiveness of the 40 deaths in media reports — reports that reached tens of millions of Americans.”

Addressing the contacts he had with Gibson, Griffin added in the statement: “Rather than ascribe dubious motives to revisions to the draft report, we believe that the revisions demonstrate a commitment to explaining what happened in Phoenix in the clearest possible way. It was entirely appropriate for these two leaders to have an exchange about a matter of extreme gravity.”

Art Wu, former Republican staff director for the oversight subcommittee of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, defended Griffin as a man of “integrity.” Wu said Congress has held at least two hearings on waiting times at veterans health centers since 2006, and the problem was well-known.

“Griffin has become a real scapegoat,” said Wu, who worked with Griffin as a former House VA committee staffer. “It's a very emotional issue ... and people want a scalp.”

US general seeks talks on air safety with China

By Christopher Bodene
The Associated Press

BEIJING — The U.S. Air Force's new commander in the Pacific said Saturday she's hoping to continue talks with China on avoiding dangerous encounters in the air that have added to regional tensions.

Gen. Lori Robinson said she anticipates a speaking engagement at China's biggest air show later this month will allow her to renew dialogue on the issue.

“The dialogue is beginning. I think that's very, very good for the region,” Robinson said in a telephone interview from Hawaii.

Concerns over risky aerial engagements were spotlighted after a Chinese fighter jet came within 30 feet of a U.S. Navy P-8 Poseidon plane over the South China Sea in August.

That revived memories of a 2001 collision between aircraft from the two countries that killed a Chinese jet fighter pilot and forced a heavily damaged U.S. surveillance plane to land at a Chinese base.

Tensions were also raised last year after China declared an air-defense identification zone over disputed islands in the East China Sea. The U.S., Japan and others have refused to recognize the move because the area encompassed by the zone includes territory controlled by Japan.

The ongoing feud over control of the islands has sparked fears of a collision or shoot-down, with Japan saying it has boosted jet scramblings by 30 percent in response to approaches by Chinese planes.

Robinson said the U.S. wants all parties to adhere to internationally recognized norms for safety in flight, similar to rules followed by the U.S. and former Soviet Union during the Cold War.

While not ruling out the possibility of future encounters like the one in August, she said it was vital that Beijing and Washington work toward an understanding.

“I never say never. What I will say is that what's important is that we do start the dialogue,” Robinson said.

Robinson is the U.S. military's first female four-star combat commander and the first woman to head the Pacific Air Forces. While most commanders have been pilots by training, Robinson's specialty is air battle management.

Her area of command encompasses 100 million square miles, ranging from the U.S. West Coast to the east coast of Africa and from the Arctic to the Antarctic.

While Saturday's interview dwelt mainly on the challenge from China's growing military assertiveness, U.S. officials say Russia has also been stepping up air patrols around Japan and South Korea and traveling as far as the California coast and U.S. territory of Guam.



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U.S. Air Force Pacific commander

PACIFIC

2 S. Korean women earn US Army badge

By ASHLEY ROWLAND
Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — Two South Korean infantry soldiers recently became the first women from their country to earn the U.S. Army's prestigious Expert Infantryman Badge.

"This was a must for me," said Staff Sgt. Kwon Minzy, 21, who wanted to undergo the notoriously rigorous testing to experience how the U.S. trains its soldiers and feel how it is to meet some of the highest standards in "the strongest army in the world."

Of the 527 troops who began their course last month at Camp Casey, only 94 earned the badge, including 17 of the 21 South Koreans who took part. Candidates have to demonstrate proficiency in 41 events, including weapons, medical care and dealing with contamination from nuclear, chemical, biological and radiological sources.

Typically, only 10 percent of those who try out for the badge succeed.



Courtesy of the U.S. Army

South Korean Staff Sgt. Kwon Minzy practices during the Expert Infantryman Badge training last month at Camp Casey, Kwon, along with Staff Sgt. Kim Min Kyoung, became the first South Korean females to earn the badge.

The weeklong test wasn't hard because she was a woman, Kwon said — it was just hard. Her biggest challenge was completing a 12-mile ruck march in less than three hours. Encouragement

from other soldiers kept her going when she thought she might not make it.

This isn't the first time that South Koreans have undergone the training, according to 2nd

Infantry Division spokesman Lt. Col. Scott Rawlinson, who said the EIB badge helps build trust and confidence among infantrymen as experts in their profession.

"They understand the EIB is an honor, and we encourage them to take part with us," he said. "They see it as a challenge, and that if they do earn the badge, it comes with a high degree of respect and confidence that they receive from their leaders, just like ours."

Military service is mandatory only for South Korean men, so just 10,000 of the 630,000 active-duty servicemembers are women, according to South Korean military officials. Of those, about 1,100 are infantry.

Lt. Col. Seo Jungdong, a spokesman for South Korea's 21st Infantry Division, said earning the EIB is important because it improves a soldier's individual performances, and the new knowledge and skills are eventually passed on to other troops.

Both Kwon and Staff Sgt. Kim

Min Kyoung decided to test for the EIB on the recommendation of a South Korean sergeant major.

Kim, 23, said she had completed a similar South Korean army training program and felt earning the EIB would take her military career to a "higher level of professionalism." She also thought she could learn more from training with the U.S. troops, who she described as the world's most proficient soldiers.

The testing was the same for both sexes, she said, aside from physical qualification standards. The South Korean women had to meet the same standards as those for women in the U.S. Army.

Kwon, whose grandfather served in the South Korean army, said earning the EIB means she is now able model for other female soldiers. "Wearing this uniform and protecting the country, it feels like I am really doing something," she said.

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Former USAF officer focusing attention on Manchuria aid

By SETH ROBSON
Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Paul Maruyama can talk your ear off about his days as a U.S. Air Force officer in Vietnam or his judo bouts at the Tokyo Olympics.

On a recent visit to promote his book "Escape from Manchuria," he said he would rather focus on the efforts of his father and two other men to bring home 1.7 million Japanese nationals from Manchuria at the end of the World War II.

Japanese settled in Manchuria in large numbers after the territory was invaded by the Japanese Imperial Army in 1931.

But they found themselves in dire straits after the U.S. dropped the atom bomb on Hiroshima and the Soviet Union declared war and invaded Manchuria in August 1945.

As a boy, Maruyama was among the stranded settlers. His father, Kunio, had gone to the Manchurian town of Dalian as an employee of the Showa Seitetsu steel company. His mother was a second-generation Japanese-American.

"The Japanese in Manchuria didn't know what was happening," he said, referring to the Soviet invasion.

Many of the male settlers were

drafted into a makeshift force that was quickly overrun by the Russians. Those captured were sent to work camps in Siberia; many were never seen again.

Their families, including elderly, women and children, were left without food or money and faced retribution from the Chinese. Soon they were dying at a rate of 2,500 a day, Maruyama said.

"There was no communication with Japan, and even the U.S. didn't know what was going on," he said. "Many relatives in Japan wondered what had happened to their loved ones."

In desperation, Kunio Maruyama and two other civilians, aided by the Catholic Church, decided to escape from Manchuria and seek help to evacuate others.

The three made their way to the port of Koroto, which was controlled by Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist forces, and boarded a ship for Japan.

"When my dad made it to Japan he started a campaign to tell the Japanese people about those left behind in Manchuria," Maruyama said.

Back in Dalian, the family, protected by the Catholic Church, got word that he was safe when an acquaintance picked up an NHK radio broadcast of him speaking



Maruyama

about the situation, he said.

Carrying letters and documents from the Catholic Church, the trio visited Gen. Douglas MacArthur, the supreme commander for the Allied Powers in Japan.

MacArthur was already planning to repatriate Japanese in China but lacked details on the situation in Manchuria. The three escapees suggested any evacuation take place from Koroko, Maruyama said.

"These three filled in the intelligence that the U.S. needed to begin repatriation," he said.

Kunio Maruyama met his wife before the war while studying for a business degree from Columbia University, so he spoke to MacArthur in English.

"The fact that he could speak English directly to him played a role in having him trust my dad," Paul Maruyama said.

In May 1946, MacArthur ordered evacuations. More than 1 million people were picked up at Koroko.

"Many Japanese think their own government repatriated their citizens, but it was MacArthur who sent American ships" with Japanese crews, Maruyama said. "I want Americans to realize the role that MacArthur played. It is one of the things that caused the relationship between the U.S. and Japan to endure all this time."

Maruyama, his mother and siblings were reunited with their father at Sasebo in December 1946. Estimates say 1.3 million Japanese made it home from Manchuria.

Others died, and some blended in with the local population. The Zanryo Koji (left behind children) are Japanese whose parents were forced to leave them with Chinese families as they fled after the war.

Many discovered their origins years later, Maruyama said.

Another Japanese child stranded in Manchuria after the war was Hikoaki Mori, whose father worked for the Manchurian National Railway Company before being drafted into the army in May 1945.

After the Russians invaded it took Mori and his mother a year to reach Sasebo from their home in northern Manchuria. Along the way his younger brother and sister died of disease and hunger.

"Even now I dream of their faces," said Mori, who heard later that his father was shot by the Chinese Communists after he and his men surrendered their weapons.

It was only by reading Maruyama's book that he learned about the efforts to repatriate the settlers.

"It was thanks to three very excellent men that we could return to Japan," he said. "Without them maybe my mother and I would have died in China."

After the Maruyama family was reunited, their father began teaching at Meiji University. Their mother, a U.S. citizen, became a Department of Defense civilian clerk at Tachikawa Air Base.

Maruyama attended schools on U.S. military bases in Japan and captained the Yamoto High School football team. He represented the U.S. in judo at the 1964 Olympics and coached the Olympic judo teams in 1980 and 1984. During a 22-year career in the Air Force, he served in the Vietnam War and taught martial arts and Japanese at the Air Force Academy.

His book was self-published in 2011 before it was reprinted by publishers in English and Japanese this year.

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Dog reunited with nurse cured of Ebola

Nina Pham holds her dog, Bentley, at Hensley Field in Grand Prairie, Texas, on Saturday. Pham, who recovered from Ebola, and the King Charles spaniel were reunited privately in a vacant residence where officers once lived at a decommissioned naval air base, where the dog was quarantined for 21 days.

Scientists attempt to predict number of US Ebola cases

By MARTHA MENDOZA
The Associated Press

STANFORD, Calif. — Top medical experts studying the spread of Ebola say Americans should expect more cases to emerge in the United States by year's end as infected people arrive here from West Africa, including American doctors and nurses returning from the hot zone and people fleeing from the deadly disease.

But how many cases?

Last week, several top infectious disease experts ran simulations for The Associated Press that predicted from as few as one or two additional infections by the end of 2014 to a worst-case scenario of 130.

"I don't think there's going to be a huge outbreak here, no," said Dr. David Relman, a professor of infectious disease, microbiology and immunology at Stanford University's medical school. "However, as best we can tell right now, it is quite possible that every major city will see at least a handful of cases."

Relman is a founding member of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services advisory

board for biosecurity and chairs the National Academy of Sciences forum on microbial threats.

Until now, projections published in top medical journals by the World Health Organization and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control have focused on worst-case scenarios for West Africa, concluding that cases in the U.S. will be episodic, but minimal. But they have declined to specify actual numbers.

The projections are complicated, but Ebola has been a fairly predictable virus — extremely infectious, contagious only through contact with body fluids, requiring no more than 21 days for symptoms to emerge. Human behavior is far less predictable — people get on airplanes, shake hands, misdiagnose, even lie.

Pandemic risk expert Dominic Smith, a senior manager for life risks at Newark, Calif.-based RMS, a leading catastrophe modeling firm, ran a U.S. simulation last week that projected

15 to 130 cases between now and the end of December. That's less than one case per 2 million people.

Smith's method assumes that most cases imported to the U.S. will be American medical professionals who worked in West Africa and returned home.

Smith said the high end may be a bit of an overestimate, as it does not include the automatic quarantining measures that some areas in the U.S. are implementing.

Those quarantines "could both reduce the number of contacts for imported cases, as well as increase the travel burden on — and perhaps reduce the number of — U.S. volunteers planning to support the effort in West Africa," he said.

In a second simulation, Northeastern University professor Alessandro Vespignani projected between one case — the most likely scenario — and a slim chance of as many as eight cases though the end of November.

Europeans wary of troops' return from Africa duty

By STEVEN BEARDSLEY
Stars and Stripes

NAPLES, Italy — European nations hosting U.S. bases from which troops are deploying to Ebola-affected areas of Africa are wary of letting them back in, despite the military's planned quarantine measures, officials said.

Spain has refused to accept servicemembers arriving directly from Ebola-affected areas, while Italy has indicated it will accept only those who deploy from the country, according to several Defense Department officials. Questions remain about Djibouti, a small African country on the opposite side of the continent, from which a 15-member Seabee team departed last month.

Between restrictions already in place and the possibility of new infections, officials say the issue affects how they deploy troops based overseas.

"They're eventually going to have to go back to their home station," said one defense official, who has knowledge of the discussion but was unauthorized to speak about it. "The question is, how do they get back to their home station?"

Bases in Italy, Spain and Germany have played the primary role in the early stages of Operation United Assistance, providing troops and aircraft being sent to the region and providing refueling stops. But as those nations' governments respond to public fears over spread of the virus, some have tightened restrictions.

In Spain, where the death of a newborn infected by Ebola led to sharp criticism of health officials, the Defense Ministry reiterated its requirement for tight control over aircrews refueling at bases in Rota and Moron.

Spain's defense minister told parliament Wednesday that even with the mandatory quarantine of U.S. troops announced last week, the country's bases "would not be an evacuation zone to rest troops."

Troops who deployed from the U.S. Army post in Vicenza, Italy, are returning to the same installation — where they are kept in quarantine for 21 days, the maxi-

mum time Ebola symptoms can take to show up in an infected person. Italian officials have said they will not accept returning troops who originally deployed from outside the country, several defense officials said.

Germany has given little indication about its expectations for flights and personnel moving through the country. Besides aircrews operating out of Ramstein Air Base who will spend little, if any, time near locals in the Ebola-affected zones, it was unclear whether any troops had deployed from bases in the country.

Efforts to reach Djiboutian officials on the eventual return of the Seabee team to Camp Lemonnier were unsuccessful. A Pentagon spokeswoman would say only that team members, who have been doing survey work for a series of treatment centers in Liberia, "will observe a 21-day, controlled monitoring period in a place prepared and coordinated for their arrival."

The defense official familiar with discussions said the military was waiting for countries to begin clarifying their positions after the quarantine announcement.

"There are some rules which we have to be able to work with our host-nation officials so we can come to a mutual agreement on how we move forward while respecting their desires," he said.

Meanwhile, public sentiment on the disease is changing daily with changing perceptions of the risk.

Katharina Ahrens, a spokeswoman for the Robert Koch Institute in Berlin, which advises the German government on health and disease issues, said concerns over Ebola and its possible spread through travel have just begun to pick up in the country.

"It's been a really big conversation in the past couple of days, actually," she said. "There's been a lot of press coverage, TV coverage, because people are worried. And they've been calling (us) and saying, 'What if someone spots on a 1-euro [coin] and hands it to me?'"

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Militant groups rout US-backed forces in Syria

McClatchy Foreign Staff

ISTANBUL — Al-Qaida-backed militants Saturday stormed the base of the most prominent civilian commander in the U.S.-backed Syrian rebel force, forcing him and his fighters to flee into hiding in the Jebel al Zawiya mountains of northern Syria.

Jamal Maarouf, a contractor in private life, became internationally known for leading the successful offensive in January that forced the Islamic State from most of two northern provinces. His ouster from his own village was an enormous setback for him, the rebel forces and his international backers.

Even more ominous was that the Islamic State, now far stronger and claiming to run a caliphate in Syria and Iraq, reportedly joined the Nusra Front in the attack on the village of Deir Sinbul.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a London-based opposition monitoring group, said Islamic State fighters had arrived from the east of Syria to join the al-Qaida affiliate in the fight against Maarouf's Revolutionary Front.

Mahmoud al Ugal, a commander in Maarouf's force, said the militant fighters had deployed at least 20 heavy machine guns. He said the Nusra fighters used tanks, mortars and Chechen snipers in the battle for Deir Sinbul, Maarouf's home town.

Ugal said the fighters had traveled by convoy across the Syrian desert, an assertion that coincided with information McClatchy obtained from another Syrian rebel commander early in the week as the convoy was reportedly setting out. McClatchy contacted both the U.S. Central Command and Pentagon officials for comment on the report, but neither could confirm it.

If Islamic State fighters did join Nusra in the attack, it will have major repercussions for the war in Syria, for the two groups have been divided since April 2013, when Abu Bakr al Baghdadi, the

Iraq-based leader, announced the creation of Islamic State. Nusra had supported the rebel war against Assad until very recently and also was at war with the Islamic State.

Islamic State's fighters are mostly foreign volunteers, while Nusra's forces consist largely of Syrian fighters.

The latest developments also raise the question whether the U.S., which daily bombards jihadist positions in a small Kurdish enclave in northeastern Syria, was monitoring the other fronts in the Syrian war where the Islamic State is active.

Saturday's fighting also confirmed that rebel forces, led by commanders such as Maarouf, who have been vetted by the CIA, now are fighting a three-front war against the regime, the Islamic State and Nusra, with only limited U.S. support.

Rebel leaders last week pleaded in vain for U.S. help. "The war is widening now, and we are defending our existence," Gen. Muhammad Hallak, of the Syrian Revolutionary Front, said Wednesday. He warned that if the U.S.-led coalition of western and Arab countries "lets us down, then we will withdraw our forces from the front with the Islamic State and the regime, and work only to save ourselves." Hallak, like Maarouf, has been vetted by the CIA and receives covert U.S. military aid.

The battle over Jebel al-Zawiya, the first major stronghold controlled by the Syrian rebels fighting the Assad regime, began just a week ago. By Saturday, Nusra had already captured a dozen rebel-controlled villages before reaching Deir Sinbul. In a statement on Twitter, Nusra accused Maarouf of "corruption" and "straying from the path of the revolution."

Maarouf, in a video released on YouTube on Saturday, said the Islamist forces had been attacking civilians and he had withdrawn his forces from his village into the mountains in order to save civilian lives.



KARIM KADIM/AP

Iraqi civilians gather the morning after a car bombing in Baghdad on Sunday. A bomb exploded near a tent erected on Saturday to serve Shiite pilgrims heading to the holy city of Karbala to mark the religious holiday of Ashoura, killing and wounding many people.

Officials: Islamic State kills 50 more Iraqi tribe members

By QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA AND SAMEER N. YACOUB

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Islamic State group extremists lined up and shot dead at least 50 Iraqi men, women and children from the same tribe on Sunday, officials said, in the latest targeting of the group by militants.

The killings, all committed in public, raise the death toll suffered by the Sunni Al Bu Nimr tribe in recent days to some 150, suggesting Islamic State fighters now view them as a threat. Some Sunnis in the volatile province had previously supported the local expansion of the group and other militants in December.

Meanwhile, separate attacks around Baghdad killed at least 19 people, authorities said.

Sunday's attack on the Sunni tribe took place in the village of Ras al-Maa, north of Ramadi, the provincial capital. There, the militant group killed at least 40 men, six women and four children, lining them up and shooting them one by one, senior tribesman Sheikh Naim al-Gaoud told The Associated Press. The militants also kidnapped another 17 people, he said.

An official with the Anbar governor's office corroborated the

tribesman's account.

Late Friday, Islamic State fighters killed 50 members of the tribe, a day after killing 48 of them, according to various officials who have spoken to the AP.

The militant group has overrun much of Anbar province in a push to expand their territory across Iraq and Syria. Officials with the Iraqi government, as well as officials with the U.S.-led coalition targeting the extremists, repeatedly have said that Iraqi tribes are key elements in the fight against IS since they are able to penetrate areas inaccessible to airstrikes and ground forces.

However, some Sunnis in Anbar supported the militants when they seized Fallujah and parts of Ramadi in December. That came after widespread Sunni protests against the Shiite-led government in Baghdad for what they described as second-class treatment.

Since the group's major offensive in Iraq, a number of Iraqi's Sunni tribes have been fundamental in stalling its advance, taking up arms and fighting alongside Iraqi security forces.

Ramadi has yet to fall in part because of key Sunni tribes in the city. The Jughaiifi and al-Bunimer tribes have helped Iraqi special forces protect the Haditha Dam in

Anbar. In the battleground town of Dhululayah, the al-Jabbouri tribe has been the sole resistance to an IS militant takeover.

Elsewhere Sunday, a car bomb attack near tents serving Shiite pilgrims killed 14 people and wounded 32 in Baghdad, police and medical officials said. They said the bombing in Baghdad's Bayaa district struck as people delivered food to pilgrims heading to the holy city of Karbala to mark the religious holiday of Ashoura.

Ashoura commemorates the seventh-century death of Imam Hussein, a grandson of Prophet Muhammad, and an iconic martyr among Shiite Muslims. Sunni insurgents frequently target Shites who they consider heretics.

Later on, authorities said a roadside bomb targeting an army patrol killed two soldiers and wounded four in Baghdad's western suburb of Abu Ghraib. In eastern Baghdad, police said a bomb in a commercial street in the al-Ameen district killed three people and wounded four.

Hospital officials confirmed the casualty figures from the attacks. All officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to journalists.

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Official: Debris suggests spaceship broke up

By BRIAN MELLEY
The Associated Press

MOJAVE, Calif. — Investigators looking into what caused the crash of a Virgin Galactic prototype spacecraft that killed one of two test pilots said a 5-mile path of debris across the California desert indicates the aircraft broke up in flight.

“When the wreckage is dispersed like that, it indicates the likelihood of in-flight breakup,” National Transportation Safety Board Acting Chairman Christopher A. Hart said late Saturday.

Learning where aircraft parts will help investigators determine when and how the breakup occurred, he said.

The crash almost certainly dashed founder Richard Branson’s goal of starting commercial suborbital flight next spring, but the mogul said that while he remained committed to civil space travel, “we are not going to push on blindly.”

In grim remarks at the Mojave Air and Space Port, where the craft known as SpaceShipTwo was under development, Branson gave no details of Friday’s accident and deferred to the NTSB, whose team began its first day of investigation Saturday.

“We are determined to find out what went wrong,” he said, asserting that safety has always been the top priority of the program that envisions taking wealthy tourists six at a time to the edge of space for a brief experience of weightlessness and a view of Earth below.

“Yesterday, we fell short,” he said. “We’ll now comprehensively assess the results of the crash and are determined to learn from that and move forward.”

He also criticized early speculation about crash causes. “To be honest, I find it slightly irresponsible that people who know nothing about what they’re saying can be saying things before the NTSB



RINO H.W. CHU/AP

Law enforcement officers examine wreckage Saturday near the site where the Virgin Galactic space tourism rocket SpaceShipTwo crashed in Mojave, Calif.

makes their comments.”

The pilot killed in the test flight was identified Saturday as Michael Tyner Alsbury, 39, of nearby Tehachapi. The surviving pilot is Peter Siebold, 43, who parachuted to safety and was hospitalized.

Both worked for Scaled Composites, the company developing the spaceship for Virgin Galactic. Scaled Composites said Alsbury was the co-pilot for the test flight. Siebold, who was piloting SpaceShipTwo, “is alert and talking with his family and doctors,” the company said in a statement.

More than a dozen investigators in a range of specialties were forming teams to examine the crash site, to collect data and to interview witnesses, Hart said.

“This will be the first time we have been in the lead of a space launch (accident) that involved persons on board,” said Hart, noting that the NTSB did participate in investigations

of the Challenger and Columbia space shuttle disasters.

Hart said he did not immediately know the answers to such questions as whether the spaceship had flight recorders or the altitude of the accident, but noted that test flights are usually well-documented. Investigators will review video from multiple cameras that were on the spaceship, the mother ship, at nearby Edwards Air Force Base and a chase aircraft, he said. They also have six “nonvolatile” sources of information from the aircraft, and radar data to sift through.

Virgin Galactic — owned by Branson’s Virgin Group and Aabar Investments PJS of Abu Dhabi — plans to fly passengers to altitudes more than 62 miles above Earth. The company sells seats on each prospective journey for \$250,000.

The company says that “future astro-

nauts,” as it calls customers, include Stephen Hawking, Justin Bieber, Ashton Kutcher and Russell Brand. The company reports receiving \$90 million from about 700 prospective passengers.

On Saturday, Branson said none of that money has been spent and that anyone who wanted a refund could get it. However, he said, no one has asked, and instead someone signed up on the day of the accident in a show of support.

At 60 feet long, SpaceShipTwo featured two large windows for each of up to six passengers, one on the side and one overhead. Branson once envisioned operating flights by 2007. Last month, he talked about the first flight being next spring with his son.

Friday’s flight marked the 55th for SpaceShipTwo, which was intended to be the first of a fleet of craft. This was only the fourth flight to include a brief rocket firing. The rocket fires after the spacecraft is released from the underside of a larger carrying plane. During other flights, the craft either was not released from its mother ship or functioned as a glider after release.

The NTSB investigators examined an area about 20 miles from the Mojave airfield where debris from SpaceShipTwo fell over a wide area of uninhabited desert Friday morning. The spacecraft broke up after being released from a carrier aircraft at high altitude, according to Ken Brown, a photographer who witnessed the accident.

Friday’s accident was the second this week involving private space flight. On Tuesday, an unmanned commercial supply rocket bound for the International Space Station exploded moments after liftoff in Virginia.

SpaceShipTwo is based on aerospace design maverick Burt Rutan’s award-winning SpaceShipOne prototype, which became the first privately financed manned rocket to reach space in 2004.

Large international mine-countermeasures exercise underway

By HENDRICK SIMOES
Stars and Stripes

MANAMA, Bahrain — A total of 6,500 personnel and 38 warships from 44 navies are taking part in a U.S.-led mine-countermeasures exercise in the Middle East, officials said Sunday.

The international exercise, the third and largest so far, is being conducted by the U.S. 5th Fleet, whose area of responsibility covers about 2.5 million square miles of water. Its sea phase started on Sunday, although preparations have been ongoing for several days.

The Persian Gulf, the Gulf of Oman, the Gulf of Aden and the Red Sea contain three critical choke points for shipping. Nearly 20 percent of the world’s oil supply transits through the Strait of Hormuz.

“I think nations see it as an excellent training opportunity,” 5th Fleet Commander Vice Adm. John Miller, told reporters Sunday.

The increasing number of nations participating in this exercise sends a clear signal that threats to global commerce will not be tolerated.”

Officials said they have broadened the focus of the exercise to include maritime security operations such as escorting and defending commercial shipping, and maritime infrastructure



ERIC COFFER/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

The guided-missile destroyer USS Sterett, right, participates Friday in an international exercise involving British and U.S. mine-countermeasure vessels in the Persian Gulf. The destroyer is deployed as part of operations targeting Islamic State group militants in Iraq and Syria.

protection drills, for oil rigs and harbors.

For the first time, the exercise has expanded beyond Persian Gulf waters into the Gulf of Oman, the Gulf of Aden and the Red Sea.

The timing of the exercise coincides with international negotiations to reach a comprehensive nuclear deal with Iran. In the past, such U.S. military exercises in the Persian Gulf typically

have drawn heavy criticism from Tehran.

Next week, Secretary of State John Kerry is scheduled to participate in a trilateral meeting in Muscat, Oman, with Iran’s foreign minister and senior European Union officials, as part of the EU-coordinated P5+1 nuclear negotiations with Iran.

Miller said the exercise was scheduled immediately after the last mine countermeasure exer-

cise in May of last year, and the date was chosen to fit in with other international exercises to maximize participation.

Officials said the exercise has increased in complexity, along with the involvement of more nations, ships and unmanned vessels. This year, the exercise

will feature some new technologies, including an airborne laser mine-detection system and an unmanned surface mine hunting vessel towed a sonar behind it.

The exercise runs through Nov. 13.

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GOP is likely to take Senate, but Dems have hope

By DAN BALZ

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Republicans are on the cusp of taking control of the Senate, but with two days to go there remain enough close races to give the underdog Democrats hope that they can maintain power by the slimmest of margins, according to strategists, politicians and a Washington Post analysis of the contested campaigns.

In a campaign year marked by unending negativity and voter disgust toward Washington, strategists in both camps agree that Republicans are almost certain to pick up five of the six seats they need to regain control. They have many opportunities to grab an additional seat and, if things break decisively in their direction, could easily claim the majority. Democrats' hopes of holding on largely depend on whether they can take one or two seats currently in Republican hands.

Nevertheless, there is a good chance the final tally won't be known on Election Night. Runoff elections are expected in Louisiana and possibly in Georgia, which would mean that those races would not be resolved for weeks. If the race in Alaska is tight, it could take days to count all of the ballots from remote villages. And if independent Greg Orman wins in Kansas, it remains to be seen whether he would caucus with the Democrats or the Republicans.

Gubernatorial races are, if anything, more dramatic and less predictable than those for the Senate. Rarely have as many gubernatorial races been as close in the final days as they are this year, with several Republican and Democratic incumbents in danger of losing. The House campaigns, however, hold little suspense, with Republicans expected to gain between eight and 15 seats.

Republican voters expressed deep dissatisfaction with President Barack Obama, which appeared to be the party's most important motivating factor. "Eighteen trillion dollars in debt

is enough," said Chad Bettes, 40, who lives in the Kansas City suburbs. "And Obama and [Senate Majority Leader Harry] Reid just keep putting our country further in debt."

Democrats sought to make a distinction between their assessments of Obama and their views on their state's senators. "I'm disappointed in the president, to tell the truth," said Tom Moriarty, 78, of Claremont, N.H. "But I like Jeanne. She's done a lot for the state," he said of Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, a Democrat.

Across the most contested states, Democrats and Republicans spent the weekend attempting to rally their supporters and deploying thousands of volunteer canvassers to make sure the loyalists cast ballots and to persuade the few undecided voters left.

Obama, the focal point for Republican criticism, was on the campaign trail but avoiding states with the most contested Senate races. Instead, he spent Saturday in Michigan, scene of a competitive race for governor and a Senate contest that appears to be firmly in Democratic hands.

Other Democratic surrogates swept through the competitive Senate states in droves. Former President Bill Clinton spent Fri-



TED RICHARDSON/The Washington Post

Democrats are cautiously optimistic that Sen. Kay Hagan — shown greeting campaign volunteer Mary Brown, right, on Saturday in Cornelius, N.C. — will keep her seat.



MELINA MARA/The Washington Post

Attendees at a Wednesday rally in Castle Rock, Colo., for GOP Rep. Cory Gardner's Senate campaign raise their hands to show they have voted early. Observers say Gardner's opponent, Sen. Mark Udall, must mobilize unmarried women and Hispanics to hold his seat.

day in Georgia, surrounded by an earlier generation of civil rights leaders, and was making appearances Saturday in Iowa.

Hillary Rodham Clinton, who is looking ahead to a prospective 2016 presidential campaign, campaigned in Kentucky and Louisiana on Saturday and was scheduled to be in New Hampshire on Sunday.

On Friday, a busload of Republican luminaries descended on Kansas, the unexpected scene of close races for governor and Senate. The group included New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, chairman of the Republican Governors Association; former Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour; and Indiana Gov. Mike Pence.

Sen. Ted Cruz, of Texas, was scheduled for a rally this weekend in Alaska, where there are tight races for Senate and governor as well. Mitt Romney, the GOP's 2012 presidential nominee and one of the party's most requested surrogates this fall, plans to attend a rally there Monday.

From the beginning of this election cycle, conditions have favored Republicans. Democrats are defending more seats, and many of the contested races are in states Obama lost. The president's approval rating, which has sunk to the low 40s, has not helped. Republicans also avoided the main problem that plagued them in 2010 and 2012, which was nominating first-time candidates who turned out to be poorly prepared for general elections.

But countering those factors were other realities, starting with negative perceptions of the Republican Party and congressional Republicans. Additionally, to win control of the Senate, Republicans must defeat a series of incumbents, never the easiest task. "Nobody on our side of the aisle is comfortable," said a Republican strategist who spoke on the

condition of anonymity to talk candidly. "Everybody's optimistic, but I don't think anybody's comfortable."

As Election Day approaches, the math is daunting for the Democrats. Republicans are favored to gain Senate seats in West Virginia, South Dakota and Montana, where no Democratic incumbent is running, and Arkansas, where Sen. Mark Pryor, a Democrat, has fought hard but appears to be at significant risk.

In Louisiana, Democratic Sen. Mary Landrieu is expected to lead the first round of voting Tuesday, with the Republican vote split between two candidates. But she will be an underdog against the likely Republican challenger, Rep. Bill Cassidy, in a runoff.

That would give the GOP a net gain of five seats. Then there are five other Democratic-held seats that are more competitive. In four of the races, incumbent Democrats are trying to hold off GOP challenges: Mark Begich in Alaska, Kay Hagan in North Carolina, Mark Udall in Colorado and Shaheen in New Hampshire.

In North Carolina, Hagan held a narrow lead for months in her race against state House Speaker Thom Tillis, a Republican, but has seen the margin slip. Still, Democrats were cautiously optimistic Saturday that she could win. In Colorado, Udall has run into a skilled challenger in Rep. Cory Gardner, and his success will depend on how well he can mobilize unmarried women and Hispanics. But a Democrat reported Saturday afternoon that Udall faces serious motivational problems in getting his voters out.

The Cook Political Report lists 14 states with gubernatorial races rated as tossups. Ten of those include sitting governors — seven Republicans and three Democrats. In addition, the Cook Report lists GOP-held Pennsylvania

Governors' races tight, with twists

By AARON BLAKE

The Washington Post

Here is a look at some key gubernatorial races in Tuesday's elections:

Florida. This is probably the biggest governor's race in the country — or at least the most high-profile race that is still tight. Republican Gov. Rick Scott faces former Gov. Charlie Crist, who served in that office as a Republican from 2007 to 2011 but now is a Democrat. The two have been virtually tied in the polls for months.

Democrats would really like Crist to win, if for no other reason than they wield little power in Florida. Neither candidate is popular, though.

Wisconsin. The big question here is whether Republican Gov. Scott Walker can hang on to win his third race in four years. He emerged politically stronger, with a national profile, after surviving a 2012 recall attempt, but now he's in a tight race with Democratic challenger Mary Burke.

If he wins again, he probably will be a serious potential presidential candidate or maybe even a vice presidential choice. If he loses, he can probably say goodbye to that.

Massachusetts. If you recall the name Martha Coakley, it's probably not for good reasons. She is the state attorney general who lost a 2010 special Senate election in deep-blue Massachusetts to GOP candidate Scott Brown — the tip of the iceberg in a 2010 election in which Republicans reaped huge gains.

This year, she is running for governor, and if you believe the late polling, she is likely to become a two-time loser. Charlie Baker, a Republican, has gradually rallied, meaning Coakley could soon be associated with electoral failure in Massachusetts.

Alaska. Lots of people have noticed independent Greg Orman's Kansas Senate campaign — a race in which the Democratic candidate dropped out and gave Orman a fighting chance. A similar thing is happening in Alaska, where the Democratic nominee became the running mate of Bill Walker, an independent.

Walker leads Republican Gov. Sean Parnell in most recent polls, but Alaska is hugely unpredictable when it comes to polling.

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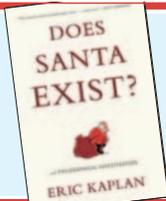
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Storm brings winds, surf to New England

BARNSTABLE, Mass. — More than 13,500 homes and businesses in southeastern Massachusetts including Cape Cod lost power during a storm hitting southern New England with strong winds and high surf.

NStar reported that 10 percent or more of customers in Bourne, Brewster, Hyannis, Mashpee and Orleans were without power Sunday. National Grid said there were small numbers of scattered outages in its service areas in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Connecticut utilities are reporting more than 6,000 outages.

Authorities said many trees and branches are down.

The National Weather Service has issued high wind warnings and advisories across southern New England, with gusts of up to 60 mph expected in southeastern Massachusetts.

November snowfall surprises SC

COLUMBIA, S.C. — A surprise band of snow about 25 miles wide swept across parts of South Carolina on Saturday, falling on pumpkins and power lines.

It was the earliest snow on record in the Columbia area by eight days, according to the National Weather Service. Neither Boston nor New York City has had snow yet this fall and Fargo, N.D., has had only a trace of it.

The wet flakes in South Carolina collected on trees and sent branches still full of leaves crashing down on power lines. Utilities reported a peak of about 20,000 power outages as the snow tapered off before noon Saturday. It measured about 2 inches in several places.

From The Associated Press

Maine fire spurs questions about victims, cause

By ALANNA DURKIN
The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Maine — After an intense blaze tore through an apartment house near the University of Southern Maine, killing five people and critically injuring another, investigators were back at the scene Sunday hunting for clues to the cause of the state's deadliest fire in three decades.

In a heavy, wet snow, police and fire investigators moved in and out of the destroyed, three-story building. The road was still blocked off and a memorial had sprung up that included flowers and a pumpkin.

Even as the cause of the fire and the identities of the victims remained a mystery late Saturday, police and fire officials had sorted out one element of confusion by the end of a day that sent ripples of anxiety and sorrow through the campus and the city of Portland: Everybody who had been in the house was accounted for.

State fire marshal's spokesman Steve McCausland said most, if not all, the residents of the 94-year-old house were USM students, but said there was no indication that students were killed in the fire. Later Saturday, Portland Fire Chief Jerry LaMoria

said they didn't know if any of the victims were students.

LaMoria said the investigation was in a preliminary stage and could take several days before they know how the fire started. Investigators will be looking to see if there were any code violations at the house.

Two bodies were found on the second floor and three were found on the third floor.

Anxious students spent the day trying to get information about what happened.

"Everyone is just trying to find out if their friends are hurt," said Sam Hill, the editor of the university's paper.

A few students visited the student union, where Red Cross workers offered counseling and comfort. As they came and went, students hugged each other; some cried.

"It's definitely kind of a shock that something like this could happen so close to home," said Joshua Dodge, a student Senate member. "If students were involved, these are people we see every day."

One person suffered severe



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A body is removed from the scene of a fatal apartment building fire in Portland, Maine, on Saturday.

burns and jumped from a second-story window. He was reported in critical condition in the burn unit of a Boston hospital, McCausland said. A second person was treated and was released from a hospital. Seven people escaped from the burning building.

University President David Flanagan said at least one of the people who escaped was a student.

Damien Croxford, of South Portland, was driving through the area on his way to work when he saw the house in flames and the entire neighborhood cloaked in smoke. He said he found a badly burned person lying in the street breathing and conscious after he called 911.

Croxford said the heat from the fire was so intense that he had to back away from the scene.

"It's going to stay with me for a

long time," he said. The fire, Maine's deadliest since a 1984 blaze killed five in Hartland, ripped a hole through the roof of the house and both apartment units were badly burned.

Nathan Long, who said he woke up to the smell of smoke when his alarm clock went off, told the Portland Press Herald that he didn't hear any fire alarms going off. He yelled "fire!" and ran to the back of the house, where another person was opening a window. They both jumped onto a porch roof, then to the ground, where he saw the badly burned body of another person. "I feel pretty lucky. I'm kind of numb," Long told the newspaper. He said he lived with four other people and that he didn't know the fate of his roommates beyond the one with whom he escaped.



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NATION

Implant offers injured veteran relief from pain

Spinal cord stimulator provides help where nothing else could

By James A. Fussell
The Kansas City (Mo.) Star

GOOD NEWS: Craig Hoffman separated his shoulder. Wait. Why is that good news? Let's back up.

Three months ago, the Lansing, Kan., man couldn't do much of anything without wincing in pain. His lower back hurt too much. He tried massages and chiropractic and steroid injections. He popped pain pills like Tic Tacs.

Nothing worked. Then, in August, surgeons implanted a spinal cord stimulator near his left hip. The pocket-watch-sized device interrupts pain signals on their way to the brain.

It did the job. So much so that Hoffman, 49, decided to play indoor kickball with his church's youth group, for which he serves as a mentor. Everything went great, until a thrown ball tripped him up and sent him sprawling to the ground and into a wall.

"Craig!" a friend said, rushing up to him. "How's your back?"
"Oh, my back's fine," he said.
"But I think I separated my shoulder."

OK, so Hoffman's not exactly glad he separated his shoulder. But just the fact that the 6-foot-4-inch former Army sergeant is again able to do something physical enough that could separate his shoulder is enough to make him smile.

"I felt good enough to play kickball with a bunch of high schoolers," he said. "That should tell you something."

By the way, his team won. Neurostimulators have been around for decades. Early models were bulky and difficult to maintain. But the latest technology has

given them new life in the world of chronic pain relief.

Hoffman's stimulator, which comes with a 10-year rechargeable battery, is the first that can receive software updates wirelessly without having to be removed, said Mindy Ladatto, spokeswoman for manufacturer at St. Jude Medical, of Plano, Texas. Most insurance companies cover it.

Hoffman's wife, Kimberly, knows how much it has meant to her husband.

"He has always been the strong guy, the big guy able to pitch in and help anybody," she said. "And over the years, the pain has prevented him from doing that."

"We've also got two sons. Craig still wants to prove that he's the big dog around the house, and you can't do that when you're hurting. I don't know if any of us know the extent of the pain that he has been in."

People at his church can tell he is better.

"He plays bass in our worship band," said the Rev. Lance Coffman, pastor of Wallula Christian Church in Lansing. "And sometimes I felt bad because he was standing there in obvious pain. And with the surgery, he is now able to do those things he likes to do without pain."

He can now work in his yard and garden again, and he can walk his two dogs, Doug and Dallas, without pain.

Hoffman, who retired in 2010, hurt his back during his 26 years in the Army. Since he was one of the bigger soldiers, he carried the heaviest loads. He further damaged his back by regularly driving armored vehicles over rugged terrain.

"No shocks for the driver's



PHOTOS BY KEITH MYERS, KANSAS CITY (MO.) STAR/MCT

Craig Hoffman, of Lansing, Kan., cuts up trimmings in his front yard after an electrical device implanted in August provided relief from the lower back pain that plagued him for years.



A spinal cord stimulator implanted in Hoffman's back is adjusted through a controller, left, and its round antenna, which Hoffman places against his body.

seat," he said.

As the years built up, so did the pain in his lower back. Doctors called it lumbago.

In college, he had been athletic, playing intramural football and

softball. He played volleyball in the Army. But by the late '80s, he had to stop.

An MRI showed a line on some vertebrae.
"That's a break that has fixed itself," the technician said. "You broke your back at one point."

While Hoffman was serving in Germany about 10 years ago, the pain became constant and almost unbearable.
"We were in a headquarters element, and guys would come by my desk and ask about me," he said. "They'd go, 'Hey, Sarge, are you OK?' And I'd be like, 'No, as a matter of fact, I'm not. Thank you for asking.'"

"It just felt like somebody was squeezing, and I'm not talking about just a little squeeze. I'm talking like you're trying to get the last bit of juice out of that lemon, and you are squeezing that sucker for everything it's worth."

"It was like a wise; I couldn't breathe. I was taking Tramadol, Flexeril and hydrocodone. I was taking all these things that were not getting it done. And I was doing my best not to cry."

In May, his doctor sent him to a pain specialist, who suggested a spinal cord stimulator.

"He was at the end of his coping ability," said Vincent Johnson, a board-certified pain doctor in Kansas City, Mo. The first step: a five-day trial.

Johnson inserted a needle in the spine's epidural space and passed two electric wire leads—each with eight contact points—through a catheter onto Hoffman's spinal cord. He taped the stimulator to Hoffman's back.
"The same fibers that carry pain signals also carry touch and vibration," Johnson said. "They can't carry both at the same time." The stimulator blocks the pain by sending vibrations up the spine.

Neurostimulation works well on lower-back pain but is less effective on neck pain, he said. And it doesn't work for everyone. Some dislike the vibratory sensation.

Hoffman loves it.
"This is fantastic," he said.

Another surgeon then permanently implanted the stimulator.
Hoffman uses a small magnet to turn the stimulator on first thing in the morning, and he leaves it on all day. A black remote with an antenna lets him wirelessly adjust the intensity of the stimulation. Every Tuesday, for an hour, he recharges his battery.

For now, possible Headless Ranger remains mystery at burial site

By CHRIS CAROLA
The Associated Press

FORT EDWARD, N.Y.—Sleepy Hollow has the legend of the Headless Horseman. Does a century and a half further up the Hudson River have a Headless Ranger buried in an unmarked cemetery from the 18th century?

In the middle of the Hudson sits Rogers Island, site of a 34-acre parcel considered the birthplace of today's U.S. Army Rangers. The

town and village of Fort Edward had long sought purchase of the land and, with its completion, also gained control of an unmarked, Colonial-era cemetery that could hold the remains of hundreds of people, including some of the famous frontier fighters known as Rogers' Rangers.

In 2006, a local couple who served as caretakers for the then-private, family-owned property uncovered seven human skeletons

buried at the site, including one that was missing its skull. State archaeologists later determined the burials were likely part of cemetery dating to the French and Indian War (1754-63), when Fort Edward was Britain's largest fortification in North America. The skeletons were reburied where they were found, and no excavations have been conducted at the site since.

But six weeks after closing on

the deacidulation effort to purchase the island property, local officials are starting to think about what's needed to turn the overgrown, undeveloped parcel into a public park that will draw tourists to this economically struggling riverside community 45 miles north of Albany.

The immediate plans will include trails and signage detailing Fort Edward's key role in the war that set the stage for the Ameri-

can Revolution. So far, there have been no discussions on whether to leave the burial site alone or allow archaeologists to return and search for more graves.

"There's not going to be any digging right now," said Neal Orsini, a restaurant owner who serves on the town board. "I'm sure down the road there will be discussions about that. We just want to get a basic road map of how to move forward."

WORLD

UN panel warns of need to act on climate change

The Associated Press

COPENHAGEN, Denmark — Climate change is happening, it's almost entirely man's fault and limiting its impacts may require reducing greenhouse gas emissions to zero this century, the U.N.'s panel on climate science said Sunday.

The fourth and final volume of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's giant climate assessment didn't offer any surprises, combining the findings of three earlier reports released in the past 13 months.

But it underlined the scope of the climate challenge in stark terms. Emissions, mainly from the burning of fossil fuels, may need to drop to zero by the end of

this century for the world to have a decent chance of keeping the temperature rise below a level that many consider dangerous. Failure to do so, which could require deployment of technologies that suck greenhouse gases out of the atmosphere, could lock the world on a trajectory with "irreversible" impact on people and the environment, the report said.

Some impacts are already being observed, including rising sea levels, a warmer and more acidic ocean, melting glaciers and Arctic sea ice and more frequent and intense heat waves.

"Science has spoken," U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said at the report's launch in Copenhagen. "There is no ambiguity in their message. Leaders must act.



AP

Smoke rises from a coal-burning power plant in Gelsenkirchen, Germany, in December 2009. A U.N. panel says climate change is largely man's fault and that urgent corrective measures are needed.

Time is not on our side."

Amid its grim projections, the report also offered hope. The tools needed to set the world on a low-emissions path are there; it just has to break its addiction to the oil, coal and gas that power the global energy system while polluting the atmosphere with heat-trapping CO₂, the chief greenhouse gas.

"We have the means to limit climate change," IPCC chairman Rajendra Pachauri said. "All we need is the will to change..."

Power restored after Bangladesh blackout

The Associated Press

DHAKA, Bangladesh — Power was back on across Bangladesh on Sunday, a day after the impoverished, energy-starved nation was plunged into a nationwide blackout when the transmission line from neighboring India failed, officials said.

The country's energy grid was fully restored, and any further problems that may arise would be for "local reasons," Junior Power Minister Nasrul Hamid told reporters.

The blackout was Bangladesh's most severe since a 2007 cyclone knocked out the national grid for several hours, and once again exposed inefficient and dated infrastructure that has held back development in the South Asian nation.

Hamid would not say what exactly had caused the blackout, which hit the country around noon Saturday after what some power officials described as a "technical glitch" in the transmission line that caused a cascade of failures throughout the national

power grid, with power plants and substations shutting down automatically. For a power grid to work, electricity must be supplied constantly at a rate equal to demand.

"An investigation has been ordered. It could be misleading to talk before getting the findings," Hamid said.

Government officials offered some possible causes. One suggested a Bangladesh substation link to the Indian transmission line may have failed. Two others said there was an unexpected dip in the Indian supply, which at the time accounted for nearly 10 percent of the grid's 5,000-megawatt load. The three spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media.

"It was really worrying. The government should find out soon what happened, why it happened," Dhaka schoolteacher Rukhsana Begum said. "Our inefficiency? Bad network? Whatever, it should be unearthed to avoid future disaster."

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BUSINESS/WEATHER

Infiniti SUVs recalled to fix air bags

By Tom Krueiser
The Associated Press

DETROIT — Nissan says it's recalling more than 1,800 Infiniti SUVs in the U.S. for an air bag problem that could send shrapnel into the passenger compartment.

The recall covers some QX56 SUVs from 2013 and the QX80s from 2014. The company says inflators made by troubled parts supplier Takata Corp. were built with an incorrect outer baffle part. That can cause pressure to build up, and the inflators can rupture if driver's side air bags are deployed.

The latest air bag problem, according to Takata, affects only GM and Nissan vehicles, and it's separate from previous recalls covering 8 million vehicles in the U.S. But the new recall raises the possibility that the company's air bag problems are growing.

Nissan has no reports of injuries from the baffle problem. It was discovered after General Motors

recalled 33,000 Chevrolet Cruze compact cars for the same problem in June. The Infiniti recall is part of a larger global recall of 260,000 Nissans announced last week.

Parts shortages have delayed replacement of recalled air bags. But the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said Friday night that Takata has agreed to add two production lines by early next year. The agency said it wasn't sure that would be enough and it would determine if more is needed.

The previous recalls are being done because prolonged exposure to high humidity can cause inflators to malfunction and explode with too much force, blowing apart metal canisters and sending metal shards into the car. Safety advocates say four people have died due to that problem, which affects 10 different automakers.

Some automakers have limited their recalls to a small number of high-humidity areas, but lawmakers

The world's second-largest air bag maker, Takata has been plagued by problems with its air bags since at least 2001.

ers and others are demanding that recalls be expanded nationwide. Covered are cars made by Honda, Nissan, Chrysler, Ford, Mazda, Subaru, Mitsubishi, Toyota, BMW and General Motors.

NHTSA is investigating the humidity issue and could expand the size of the recall. Lawmakers say there are about 30 million vehicles on the road in the U.S. with potentially defective Takata air bags.

On Thursday, U.S. safety regulators ordered Takata to provide more information about potentially faulty air bags. The order seeks

data on production mistakes, lawsuit settlements and reports of deaths or injuries that the Tokyo-based company has received.

Takata, which said it will work to comply, has until Dec. 1 to turn in the information or face \$700 daily fines.

The world's second-largest air bag maker, with 22 percent of the market, Takata has been plagued by problems with its air bags since at least 2001. That year, Japanese automaker Isuzu reported an exploding air bag in the Isuzu Rodeo and Honda Passport and quietly recalled three affected vehicles, according to a class-action lawsuit against Takata and automakers that was filed last week in Florida.

Takata has given various explanations for the issue, including humid conditions at its factory in Mexico; improper welds; trouble with stamping equipment; and an improper amount of generant, which produces the gas that makes air bags inflate.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Nov. 3)	\$1.2905
Dollar buys (Nov. 3)	€0.7749
British pound (Nov. 3)	\$1.64
Japanese yen (Nov. 3)	107.00
South Korean won (Nov. 3)	1,030.00

Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
British pound	\$1.5961/0.6265
Canada (dollar)	1.1278
China (Yuan)	6.1127
Denmark (Krone)	5.9077
Egypt (Pound)	7.1525
Euro	\$1.2510/0.7993
Hong Kong (Dollar)	1.1197
Hungary (Forint)	246.65
Israel (Shekel)	3.7960
Japan (Yen)	111.97
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2906
Norway (Krone)	6.9645
Philippines (Peso)	45.03
Poland (Zloty)	3.37
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7518
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2860
South Korea (Won)	1,073.82
Switzerland (Franc)	0.9645
Taiwan (Dollar)	32.59
Turkey (New Lira)	2.1272

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one euro, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	4.75
Federal funds market rate	0.09
3-month bill	0.02
30-year bond	3.05

WEATHER OUTLOOK

MONDAY IN THE MIDDLE EAST



MONDAY IN EUROPE



TUESDAY IN THE PACIFIC



The weather is provided by the American Forces Network Weather Center, 2nd Weather Squadron at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

Monday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	Chatanooga	65	41	Frt Wayne	58	44	City	Louisville	64	48	PCldy	Portland	46	30	City	Sioux City	62	34	City
Ablene, Tex	74	57	Cldy	Cheyenne	44	26	Snow	69	49	City	Lubbock	72	46	Rain	Portland, Maine	44	29	City	Sioux Falls	55	34	City
Akron, Ohio	54	40	PCldy	Chicago	59	48	PCldy	52	31	PCldy	Macon	67	37	City	Portland, Ore.	56	53	Rain	South Bend	58	46	PCldy
Albany, N.Y.	52	34	City	Cincinnati	59	44	PCldy	49	26	City	Madison	57	45	City	Providence	48	37	City	Spokane	49	45	City
Albuquerque	58	35	PCldy	Cleveland	57	44	City	66	44	City	Medford	63	49	City	Pueblo	54	28	City	Springfield, Ill.	65	50	PCldy
Allentown, Pa.	58	36	PCldy	Colorado Springs	46	26	City	62	37	PCldy	Memphis	67	53	City	Raleigh-Durham	63	37	City	Springfield, Mo.	66	53	PCldy
Anaheim	58	38	Rain	Columbia, S.C.	65	35	City	54	44	PCldy	Miami Beach	77	70	PCldy	Rapid City	51	28	City	St. Louis	59	43	City
Anchorage	36	22	City	Columbia, Ga.	65	44	City	69	49	City	Midland-Odesa	75	50	City	San Diego	55	36	PCldy	Tallahassee	70	43	City
Ashville	63	32	City	Corpus Christi	58	44	City	49	26	City	Milwaukee	57	45	City	Richmond	60	40	City	Tampa	76	58	City
Atlanta	64	40	City	Concord, N.H.	46	26	City	50	35	PCldy	Mpls-St Paul	57	38	City	Roanoke	63	39	PCldy	Tucson	67	46	City
Atlantic City	60	40	PCldy	Columbus, Ohio	82	70	City	50	35	PCldy	Missoula	47	35	City	Rochester	54	43	PCldy	Topeka	65	44	Rain
Austin	67	43	City	Dallas	72	64	City	51	35	City	Mobile	61	48	City	Rockford	59	48	City	Tulsa	67	47	City
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Baton Rouge	74	56	City	Daytona Beach	73	58	PCldy	65	42	City	Nashville	65	46	City	St. Louis	70	52	PCldy	Tulsa	67	47	City
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Birmingham	66	44	City	Des Moines	60	42	Rain	73	49	City	New York City	57	45	City	St. Thomas	88	81	City	Waco	75	64	City
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Boise	52	40	PCldy	Duluth	51	34	City	44	35	Rain	Norfolk, Va.	61	44	City	Salt Lake City	49	33	City	W. Palm Beach	75	69	PCldy
Boston	47	37	City	El Paso	72	47	City	64	45	Rain	North Platte	51	23	City	San Angelo	75	62	City	Wichita Falls	65	45	Rain
Bridgeport	57	43	City	Elkins	56	34	PCldy	75	71	PCldy	Oklahoma City	58	51	City	San Antonio	61	69	City	Wichita Falls	72	56	PCldy
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Buffalo	54	45	City	Eugene	59	51	Rain	74	61	PCldy	Orlando	75	57	City	San Francisco	70	57	PCldy	Wilmington, Del.	73	41	PCldy
Burlington, Vt.	47	34	PCldy	Evansville	64	46	City	66	48	City	Paducah	65	48	City	San Jose	50	42	City	Youngstown	55	40	PCldy
Caribou, Maine	35	19	Snow	Fairbanks	14	0	PCldy	66	48	City	Pendleton	58	47	City	Santa Fe	55	28	City				
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Charleston, W.Va.	63	39	PCldy	Flint	56	42	City	66	38	PCldy	Phoenix	73	54	City	Seattle	56	53	Rain				
Charlotte, N.C.	62	38	City	Fort Smith	69	57	City	75	55	City	Pittsburgh	54	40	PCldy	Shreveport	73	58	City				

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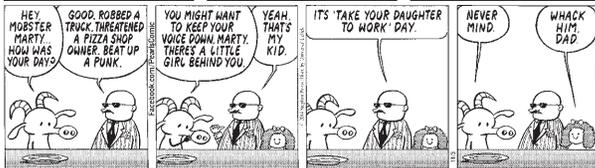
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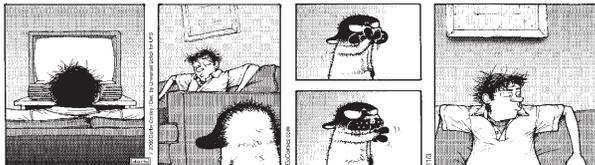
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Eugene Sheffer Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 French friend
- 4 Videocassette successor
- 7 Touch
- 11 Sit for a photo
- 13 Evergreen type
- 14 Abundant
- 15 Jacob's brother
- 16 Before
- 17 Implement
- 18 Cigar, in slang
- 20 "Sure"
- 22 Moray, e.g.
- 24 Laundry whitener
- 28 Either of two presidents
- 32 Ann —, Mich.
- 33 Lotion additive
- 34 Obtained
- 36 Calf-length
- 37 Bordeaux variety
- 39 Split
- 41 — and

DOWN

- 2 Tarzan's clique
- 2 Majority
- 3 Goller Aoki
- 4 Coloring agent
- 5 Quite
- 6 Geeky sort
- 7 "Death of a Salesman" writer
- 8 Life story, for short
- 9 Craft from far-away
- 10 — Aviv
- 12 "Strange Intertude" writer
- 19 20-Across, formally
- 21 — carte
- 23 Journal
- 25 Footnote abbr.
- 26 Lump
- 27 Crossword diagram, e.g.
- 28 Door frame piece
- 29 Margarine
- 30 Scuttles
- 31 Affirmative action?
- 35 The Cratchit lad
- 38 Spy org.
- 40 Be a couch potato
- 42 Distorted
- 45 Grow weary
- 47 Fix a manuscript
- 48 "Zip — -Doo-Dah"
- 49 Jazz flutist
- Herbie
- 50 Triumphed
- 51 "— been had"
- 52 Air safety grp.
- 54 Slight touch

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: R equals L

FACES



From daytime to PRIME TIME

Sit-com star Fumero got her start on soap opera

By ALICIA RANCILO
The Associated Press

Melissa Fumero, who plays Detective Amy Santiago on Fox's "Brooklyn Nine-Nine," can remember the first time she had to ad-lib with co-star Andy Samberg.

It was during her screen test for the role. "They just kind of threw it at me as the last thing to do. I didn't have time to freak out, I just went for it," Fumero said in a recent interview.

"Brooklyn Nine-Nine" (broadcast Mondays on AFN-Xtra) is set in a New York police precinct. Now in its second

season, the series won a Golden Globe last year for best TV comedy; Samberg won best comedy acting honors.

Fumero said doing comedy was always "a secret dream," and a role on an ensemble like "Brooklyn Nine-Nine" was very high on her "actor bucket list."

She was a regular cast member on the former ABC soap opera "One Life to Live," where she met her husband, actor David Fumero. She said she learned how to handle unrealistic story lines, play comedy in high-drama situations and work with different personalities and directors.

Fumero also credits "One Life to Live" with making her feel comfortable with last-minute directions and script changes.

"It's a roller coaster and a speeding train when you're on a

soap opera, so everything after that feels kind of slower," she said.

But for every soap opera grad who has gone on to Hollywood success, there are those who can't get an audition.

"I know so many actors that I'm still friends with from 'One Life' that are really talented actors and some of them are really funny and they have a hard time getting auditions," she said. "They have a hard time being seen for things outside of that 'soapbox.'"

Fumero hopes she's a reminder that soap stars are actors.

"There is a little part of me that hopes it sort of opens the minds of other people in the industry to maybe not be so quick to judge someone because they have a soap opera on their résumé."

Actress Melissa Fumero co-stars on the comedy series "Brooklyn Nine-Nine." Fumero, who got her acting start on "One Life to Live," says doing comedy was always "a secret dream."

AMY SUSSMAN, INVISION/AP

Tiny Harris defends eye implants

Reality TV star Tameka "Tiny" Harris, the wife of rapper T.I., has the attention of skeptical eye doctors and social media haters over a procedure she underwent to permanently lighten the color of her eyes.

Harris, once a member of the '90s R&B group Xscape, told ABC News on Oct. 30 that she traveled to Africa last month for cosmetic eye implants that changed her eye color from brown to ice gray—and she couldn't be happier. "I looked in the mirror and I was, like, they're amazing," she said.

New York ophthalmologist James Tsai, a clinical spokesman for the American Academy of Ophthalmology, told The Associated Press such cosmetic procedures are illegal in the United States.

"I just wanted to do something different. I have the right to do that," Harris said. "It's my body."

As for her husband, she said he wasn't on board at first but now, "He loves them. He's OK with them as long as they're healthy and I'm not having any problems."

From The Associated Press



Tameka "Tiny" Harris, shown with husband T.I. in 2010, recently went abroad for cosmetic eye implants that will permanently lighten her eye color.



Usher (shown) says his 5-year-old son isn't too impressed with his singing abilities.

Usher's son disses dad's vocal chops

One of Usher's sons studies his dance moves meticulously, while the other has taken to the Grammy-winning star: "You're not a great singer."

Usher says his son Nayvid Ely Raymond, who turns 6 in December, isn't impressed with the multi-platinum singer. "He doesn't care about what I do as much... He's like, 'I'm the star. Who are you? You sing?'" Usher said in a recent interview.

"He told me the other day, he says, 'You're not a great singer,'" Usher, 36, continued with a laugh. His reply to his son: "What? I'm a great singer!"

Usher said his son named after

him, who turns 7 this month, likes his father's dance talents.

"When seeing me perform on tour in the past... and most of the time it's past his bedtime, but he's just sitting there studying every move, every second, like laser focus," he said of Usher Raymond V. "And then I'll see him off by himself doing the moves."

Usher, who released two singles this year, is currently working on his eighth album. Apart from music, he says he would like to do more movies and enjoyed his stint on NBC's "The Voice" because was able to stress the seriousness of artist development.

From The Associated Press

Chris Brown settles lawsuit

The Associated Press

The lawyer for a man who was punched by singer Chris Brown outside a hotel in Washington, D.C., says he has settled a lawsuit against the singer.

The Washington Post reports that John C. Hayes, the attorney for Parker Adams, confirmed on Oct. 30 that a settlement had been reached. He did not say how much the settlement was worth. He did not immediately respond to requests for information from The Associated Press.

The settlement was first reported by TMZ.

Brown pleaded guilty to misdemeanor assault on Sept. 2. The singer admitted hitting Adams, who tried to get in a picture that the singer was taking with two women outside the W hotel in October 2013. Adams suffered a broken nose.

Brown was sentenced to time served.

Allman dropped from train crash lawsuit

Gregg Allman has been dropped from a lawsuit by the family of a film worker killed by a train during shooting of a biographical movie about the Allman Brothers Band singer, attorneys said Thursday.

Lawyers for the parents of Sarah Jones, 27, said they decided

to dismiss all claims against Allman and two other parties after reviewing thousands of documents and other evidence in the case. Jones, a camera assistant, died Feb. 20, during the first day of filming "Midnight Rider" when a freight train slammed into the movie crew on a railroad bridge in southeast Georgia. Six other workers were injured in the crash.

Judge: Trial needed in 'Blurred Lines' case

A U.S. judge says a trial is needed to determine whether the hit song "Blurred Lines" copied Marvin Gaye's music.

The ruling Oct. 30 by U.S. District Judge John A. Kronstadt says there is a genuine dispute about whether the song by Robin Thicke and Pharrell copied elements of one of Gaye's songs.

Thicke and Pharrell have been fighting with Gaye's children in court for more than a year. The song was one of 2012's biggest hits.

Thicke and Pharrell sought a ruling that "Blurred Lines" did not infringe on copyrights to Gaye's song "Got to Give It Up."

The Gaye family also claims Thicke improperly used Gaye's "After the Dance" for his No. 1 R&B hit "Love After War." Kronstadt ruled a trial was also needed to decide that issue.

SPECIAL REPORT

HE LEFT THE WAR WITHOUT THE WAR LEAVING HIM

By MARTIN KUZ
Stars and Stripes

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. he tattered brown house on Lawndale Avenue bears the scars of a distant war that Issac Sims survived until he returned home.

Slivers of glass from broken windows lie beneath walls pocked with bullet holes. In a corner of the garage, a faint stain on the concrete floor has turned the color of rust, time darkening the blood that emptied from his body.

Sims was killed here May 25, Memorial Day weekend, a year after his discharge from the Army and thousands of miles from Iraq. He endured two tours there only to die

at age 26 in his parents' home on Kansas City's decaying east side.

CASUALTIES OF THE AFTER-WAR

PART 1

The fatal shots were fired not by insurgents but by police. The distinction may have eluded his damaged mind.

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The traumatic brain injury Sgt. Issac Sims sustained in 2010 preceded a string of setbacks that led to his commanders barring him from deploying to Afghanistan in 2012. "That crushed him," his mother recalled. "He was in disbelief." PHOTOS BY MARTIN KUZ/Stars and Stripes



SPECIAL REPORT

When confrontations between cops and veterans turn deadly

The fatal shooting of Isaac Sims by Kansas City police in May 2013 is one in a series of recent confrontations between military veterans and law enforcement to end in bloodshed. Many of the incidents have involved Iraq and Afghanistan war veterans with mental disorders linked to their service, and in some cases officers have been attacked. The violent outcomes have prompted questions about delays in mental health care at Veterans Affairs hospitals and the tactics used by police for handling veterans in crisis.

● **July 15, 2014:** Justin Davis was shot and killed by three police officers while holding a rifle as he sat in a car at a city park outside Memphis, Tenn. Police said Davis, who served two tours in Iraq with the Kentucky Army National Guard, made suicidal statements and pointed his rifle at officers. Family members said the 24-year-old veteran suffered from combat trauma and had sought care at a VA hospital shortly before the shooting.

● **July 4, 2014:** An officer gunned down Icarus Randolph outside his home in Wichita, Kan., after police responded to calls from family members who reported he had mental health problems. Police claimed the former Marine, who deployed to Iraq in 2009, wielded a knife as he approached officers when one opened fire. Family members reported that Randolph, 26, struggled with post-traumatic stress disorder, and they called 911 on the day of the shooting to ask for help in transporting him to a hospital for treatment.

● **May 21, 2014:** Cody Young was fatally shot after barricading himself in his apartment and firing one shotgun round at police in Tulsa, Okla. The Afghanistan War veteran, who deployed with the Oklahoma National Guard in 2011, had apparently suffered a flashback while watching a war movie and fired several rounds into a parked vehicle before police arrived. Young, 25, sustained a traumatic brain injury during his tour, and though VA clinicians prescribed medications for his depression and PTSD, his symptoms had failed to improve.

● **March 21, 2014:** Brian McLeod was killed by a sheriff's deputy who responded to reports of a fight at his apartment in Tacoma, Wash. Authorities claimed the Army veteran, who deployed to Afghanistan in 2009, refused orders to lower his shotgun after pointing it at the deputy, who opened fire. Friends and family members said McLeod, 25, had wrestled with depression and combat trauma after his unit lost 21 soldiers during its tour, and alcohol and marijuana were found in his system following his death.

● **Feb. 11, 2014:** In a case of "suicide by cop," a sheriff's deputy shot and killed Zillmer when he brandished a gun following a high-speed chase in Spokane, Wash. The Afghanistan War veteran, who received a Purple Heart after he was shot in the foot in a firefight in 2011, had called 911 and told dispatchers he wanted police to kill him. Zillmer, 23, had been plagued by PTSD before a third patrol Army had rescued the father of two children. Reynoso, 29, had been diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder.

● **Sept. 5, 2013:** Denis Reynoso was fatally shot in his home in a Boston suburb after a confrontation with police officers who responded to reports of a man "behaving irrationally." The Iraq War veteran, who deployed with the Army National Guard in 2007, grabbed one officer's gun and fired at him and a second officer, missing him, before a third patrol Army had rescued the father of two children. Reynoso, 29, had been diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder.

● **March 4, 2013:** Two officers shot and killed Santiago Cisneros after he fired at them on the top level of a parking garage in Portland, Ore. Police said the Army veteran, who served in Iraq in 2003, ambushed the officers, shooting multiple shots, before a third patrol Army had rescued the father of two children. Reynoso, 29, had been diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder.

—Martin Zuz



At graduation from basic training in 2007, Isaac Sims said of the Army: "This is my tribe ... I'm never leaving."

Courtesy of the Sims family

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During his second tour in 2010, Sims sustained a mild traumatic brain injury while riding in an armored vehicle that struck a roadside bomb. The former sergeant moved back to Kansas City from his unit's base in Alaska in April last year, and struggling with migraines, insomnia, anxiety and depression, he visited the city's Veterans Affairs Medical Center. His symptoms suggested post-traumatic stress disorder.

His erratic behavior made clear to Patricia and Shawn Sims that their son had left the war without the war leaving him. He swerved through traffic when driving to avoid bombs that he imagined were buried in the road. Walking the tree line near their property, he searched for enemy fighting positions and threw punches at phantom militants. He sometimes rushed into the house and announced, "You know I just saved your lives, don't you?"

"He thought he was back in Iraq," Patricia said, sitting in the couple's living room, where dozens of photos on the walls and shelves trace her son's life from newborn to soldier. A triangular wood case holds the folded American flag she received at his funeral. "It was hard to understand who he was. He wasn't Isaac."

Sims pleaded guilty to domestic assault on April 30 this year after an altercation with his estranged wife. A municipal court judge ordered him to enter a VA treatment program as part of his probation.

He sought to enroll multiple times in his final weeks. His last attempt was May 23. An intake worker told him a bed might be available in 30 days.

Forty-eight hours later, he was dead. Upset after arguing with his father that Sunday morning, Sims fired five or six rounds from an AK-47 outside the house. Shawn called 911 and asked that police take his son to the VA. Officers claimed they heard shots from inside the home after arriving. They cleared residents from the area and surrounded the property.

Efforts to persuade Sims to surrender ended when the former soldier, standing in the garage's back doorway, pointed the rifle at members of the police tactical team. One or more of them opened fire.

A constant shadow

The circumstances leading to that moment raise a pair of related concerns about the treatment of veterans with PTSD. Sims' futile attempts to gain access to VA care mirror the experience of former servicemembers across the country, while the standoff parallels a series of shootings between police and veterans in recent years.

Demand for mental health care from the VA has surged as an estimated 20 to 30 percent of the 2.6 million troops who served in Iraq and Afghanistan cope with post-traumatic stress disorder. Delays in treatment may explain, in part, why their arrest rate more than doubles that of other veterans of the two wars.

Researchers from the University of North Carolina and the VA found in a 2012 study that, among Iraq and Afghanistan war veterans with PTSD and "high irritability," 23 percent had committed crimes. The figure fell to 9 percent for those without combat trauma.

A follow-up study published earlier this year showed that 36 percent of veterans with PTSD and alcohol problems had engaged in an act of "severe violence" in the previous year, compared with 5 percent of those without the conditions.

Most former servicemembers plagued by mental trauma do not commit crimes, and only a small fraction of encounters between law enforcement and troubled veterans turn violent. But Sims' death and similar confrontations, some in which officers have been shot, expose how delays in VA care increase the potential for risk and magnify the need for specialized police training to handle veterans in crisis.

"When we help vets sooner, we don't put police in these situations where they don't know what's going on inside the vet's head," Ardie Bland said. The municipal judge, who runs Kansas City's veterans' treatment court, sent Sims to the VA for counseling. "Was he in the middle of a flashback that day? Maybe he wasn't seeing police officers. Maybe he was seeing Iraqis."

In a broad sense, his unraveling lays bare the difficulty of deciphering the most extreme, self-destructive actions of veterans with combat trauma and pro-

vides questions about the line between individual responsibility and the nation's obligation to its returning troops.

More intimately, for Patricia and Shawn, his absence is a constant shadow. The couple has retained an attorney as they consider filing a wrongful-death lawsuit. They believe that, after war stole his mind, a federal agency sentenced him to die and the local police executed him. "We were brought the VA, 'Please just get Isaac into treatment,'" Patricia said. "They didn't, and then he was slaughtered by the cops. Is that how we honor the soldiers who defend our country?"

'I'm never leaving'

A photo of Isaac Sims on the day of his basic-training graduation shows him wearing his green service uniform and holding up his hands in mock surrender. He is 19, a young man, but in that moment he looks a decade younger, blue eyes shining with a boy's glee above a Christmas morning smile.

Patricia and Shawn traveled to Georgia for the ceremony at Fort Benning. It was summer 2007, and in the weeks since their son finished high school, his body and mind had awakened. His lean, 5-foot-3 frame had begun to thicken with muscle. His imagination bloomed with the possibilities of his future. He reveled in his new identity.

"This is my tribe—I'm one of them," he told his parents. "I'm never leaving."

The Army pulled him away from Kansas City yet provided the stability and sense of belonging he craved. Isaac and his younger sister, Shawnnda, had spent their earliest years growing up in campgrounds and trailer courts from New Mexico and Texas to Missouri and Maine.

Patricia reared them as Shawn chased electrician jobs. Isaac, shy and curious, bonded closely with her, a constant in his life amid the blur of towns and schools and classmates. She recalled watching a Fourth of July fireworks display while floating on an air mattress with the kids on a lake outside Dallas. "That sounds like the biggest Jeff Foxworthy joke in the world," she said, laughing. "But we had fun."

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Around the time the children reached middle school, Patricia insisted that the family stop rooming, and they moved into the house on Lawndale Avenue. By his mid-teens, Issac, bored with school, preferred talking with military recruiters to listening to teachers at Lincoln College Prep. He wanted to emulate his father's Army career.

Shawn volunteered during the Vietnam War and served as an infantryman and helicopter gunner for most of three years. Framed citations for his two Bronze Stars and four Purple Hearts hang in the living room. The certificates omit mention of his hearing and vision loss caused by a grenade blast, the bullet wound in his foot that left him with a limp, the lingering post-traumatic stress disorder.

"When I got out of the war, I went a year and didn't talk to anybody," Shawn said. At 65, he is thin and weathered, and more than four decades after his final flight out of Vietnam, nightmares carry him back. "I still don't trust people."

Even so, he supported Issac's decision to enlist, and attending his son's graduation from boot camp roused happier memories of military camaraderie and kinship. "When he got in the Army, it kind of helped Shawn," Patricia said. She is 54, with the bright smile she passed on to her son, a smile that dims in brown eyes ringed with grief. "He reminded his dad of some of the good things."

Lost to himself

Sims deployed to Iraq in January 2008 as a gunner with the 82nd Airborne Division and returned for a second tour late the next year. Superiors lauded him as an exemplary soldier; peers valued his good cheer. Across the miles, he kept in touch with his family through emails, Facebook chats and occasional phone calls.

In December 2009, Sims sent them a holiday video greeting from a base in Ramadi, 80 miles west of Baghdad. At one point, he stumbled over his words, and in his sheepish smile Patricia and Shawn glimpsed a reassuring innocence. He appeared whole.

Some weeks later, they noticed a change. Their son's emails were shorter. He shared less on the phone. They guessed he was fatigued; he promised them nothing was wrong.

The couple learned the truth only after his tour ended in summer 2010. A bomb had exploded beneath the armored truck in which Sims had been riding as his platoon's convoy rolled through a village outside Ramadi. He suffered a concussion and ruptured eardrum that forced him out of the patrol rotation for several days.

He denied there were lasting effects. Patricia doubted him. She saw in his eyes what she had perceived from afar. "Issac wasn't so happy-go-lucky anymore," she said. "It was like he'd aged a bunch of years in a few months."

The traumatic brain injury preceded a string of setbacks



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Patricia Sims noticed a change in her son, Issac, after he suffered a traumatic brain injury while deployed to Iraq with the Army in 2010 when the armored truck he was riding in struck a roadside bomb. "It was like he'd aged a bunch of years in a few months," she said.



over the next three years that culminated in his discharge from the Army.

The most damaging incident to his career occurred after he transferred to the 25th Infantry Division, based at Fort Richardson in Alaska. Shortly before his unit deployed to Afghanistan in 2012, Sims received a drunken-driving citation on base and scuffled with a military policeman. His commanders ordered him to stay behind. "That crushed him," Patricia said. "He was in disbelief."

His personal problems festered. Sims had met and impulsively wed a Cambodian woman a decade his elder while on leave in Thailand in 2009, and the couple

seldom knew peace. In fall 2012, three men attacked him outside a bar, apparently after an earlier argument, and beat him unconscious.

His job performance declined. In April last year, nudged by superiors, he mustered out to avert a dishonorable discharge.

Sims and his wife moved into a two-story house that his parents had bought across the street from their own. He came back to Kansas City six years after he enlisted, stripped of his Army dreams and the order of military life. He had left behind his closest friends and guiding purpose. He was lost to himself.

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Above: Issac Sims, left, wanted to emulate the military career of his father, Shawn, who received two Bronze Stars and four Purple Hearts for his service in Vietnam.

Above left: Issac Sims, front, deployed twice to Iraq with the Army's 82nd Airborne Division.

SCIENCE AND MEDICINE

Showing social signs



Research shows sharks might have **distinct personalities**

By RACHEL FELTMAN
The Washington Post

Small-spotted catsharks show signs of having social personalities, according to new research.

You can look at just about any animal and see that it has individual quirks of personality: dogs who are pessimistic, octopodes that squirt their least favorite researchers in the lab, and moray eels that like to cuddle — just to name a few.

But this study, published in the journal *Behavioral Ecology and Sociobiology*, wasn't just looking to see which sharks were grumpy or friendly. Instead, researchers wanted to see if the sharks would repeat the same behaviors in different settings and with different individuals — the same way we do.

"Imagine if we took 10 work colleagues and plonked them in a bar, and observed which individuals sat with which other individuals over the course of an evening," William Hughes, an animal behavior researcher at the University of Sussex in England who wasn't involved in the study, told BBC News.

To see whether someone was inherently solitary or socially gregarious, you could keep repeating the experiment in different places — and with different individuals — to see who tended to form large, lively social gatherings and who tended to end up socializing with as few people as possible.

The researchers didn't take the sharks out drinking, but they put them in the equivalent social situation for their species: Ten groups, each with 10

of the catsharks, were put in three different environments.

To stay safe in the ocean, a young shark has one of two options — group up to rely on the buddy system, or stay isolated and try to blend in with its surroundings. The researchers hypothesized that sharks would stick to one adaptation — that some would be social, and some would be loners. Sure enough, the sharks that wanted to cuddle up in big groups did so in any location, while the loners stayed as such.

The study examined only one species of shark, but other researchers are already looking at the same kinds of "personality" traits in others. In any case, it's increasingly clear that the social lives of animals — while perhaps difficult for us to recognize — are pretty complex.

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OPINION

Call in the SWAT team reform crew

By JOSHUA D. FILLER

In February 2013, an armored vehicle and a special weapons and tactics, or SWAT, team funded in part by a Department of Homeland Security grant were deployed by the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department during the manhunt for domestic terrorist Christopher Dornier. Dornier had been a former Marine in Southern California, assassinating members of law enforcement and their families. By providing cover, the armored vehicle — along with other grant-funded gear and the specialized training they received — helped save the lives of the deputies who ended up engaged in a fierce shootout with Dornier.

The case was a textbook example of why Homeland Security grants were established and when to deploy a SWAT team. Unfortunately, the extraordinary capabilities of SWAT teams have now become ordinary both in terms of who possesses the capability and how often it's used.

SWAT teams were created in the 1960s in Los Angeles and Philadelphia to address highly dangerous situations that routine law enforcement could not handle, such as hostage rescues, barricaded and armed suspects, counterterrorism operations and the pursuit and apprehension of violent fugitives. Today, however, SWAT teams are too often employed to enforce low-risk matters such as allegations of hair-cutting without a license, underage drinking, illegal gambling, credit card fraud, cock-fighting, loan fraud and a host of other non-violent offenses.

According to Peter Kraska, of Eastern Kentucky University's School of Justice Studies, the United States has gone from about 3,000 SWAT raids a year in the early

1980s to roughly 50,000 today. In the past 30 years, according to a Cato Institute study, nearly 50 innocent people have been killed in SWAT raids gone wrong across the United States, with teams raiding the wrong home in over 100 instances during the same period. It's virtually impossible to know the precise numbers because tracking and reporting on SWAT teams is so poor. The numbers for raiding the wrong home are likely much higher.

State and local SWAT teams' weapons and equipment come, in part, from the military's equipment transfer program and Justice Department grants. While Homeland Security grants also fund some equipment, those funds cannot be used to purchase guns, ammunition, grenade launchers or any weapons or weapons accessories, contrary to popular myth. Whatever the federal source, however, a total of 25,000 people does not need to have a mine-resistant ambush protected vehicle, or MRAP, designed for the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan. Any MRAP held for domestic use should reside with the National Guard and be deployed to state or local law enforcement only with the permission of the governor.

Reform and greater oversight are needed. To that end, the FBI should certify all SWAT team members and accredit all SWAT teams in the United States in a manner similar to how it oversees the nation's law enforcement bomb squads. No certification and accreditation, no federal grant funds for the state and local teams. Such a system would serve to increase proficiency and accountability — and decrease the number of SWAT teams in the country, now estimated to be between 1,500 and 4,000. Again, no one knows the exact number because of poor tracking.

Name-calling hints at deeper US-Israel rift

By JOSHUA KEATING
 Slate

One of last week's big diplomatic stories is an anonymous Obama administration official's claim, in an Atlantic feature by Jeffrey Goldberg, that Benjamin Netanyahu is a "chickenshit." Why is the Israeli prime minister a chickenshit? Because "he won't do anything to reach an accommodation with the Palestinians or with the Sunni Arab states. The only thing he's interested in is protecting himself from political defeat. He's not [Yitzhak] Rabin, he's not [Ariel] Sharon, he's certainly no [Menachem] Begin. He's got no guts." In the same story, another official concurs and adds that Netanyahu is a "coward" with regards to launching a possible preemptive strike to forestall Iran's nuclear capabilities.

Let's put aside for a moment the inherent irony of using an anonymous quote to call someone a coward while the Obama administration publicly issues pleas to the frank and productive partnership between Israel and United States. Instead, note that this was the second notable anonymous scatalogical description of the Israeli government by an anonymous American to hit the Internet in a week's time. Discussing the Obama administration's support of Israel's Defense Minister Moshe Yaalon — he was denied meetings with both Vice President Joe Biden and National Security Adviser Susan Rice during a recent trip to Washington — a "pro-Israel congressional aide" told Foreign Policy, "There is a limit to how much you can s--t all over the White House and expect to get every meeting you want."

Yaalon had previously described Secretary of State John Kerry as "obsessive and messianic." That was fairly mild compared to the anonymous Israeli officials who described one of Kerry's peace proposals during last summer's Gaza War as a "strategic terrorist attack" against Israel.

So, everyone seems to be in basic agreement on just how bad relations have become between the U.S. and Israeli governments. Failing that, Yaalon's snide Israeli Finance Minister Yair Lapid retorted, "There is a crisis with the U.S. and we should treat it as a crisis."

The question is, what are the actual implications of this crisis? The two sides may be trading insults because, politically, it's about all they can do. Despite all the name-calling, there hasn't been much material change in the U.S.-Israel relationship. The Obama administration has continued the longstanding U.S. practice of running interference for Israel at the United Nations, threatening to veto repeated Palestinian statehood bids and, more recently, casting the sole veto against launching an inquiry into potential human rights violations during the Israeli incursion into Gaza. Unlike Britain and Spain, the United States — Israel's primary military backer — announced no plans to review or suspend arms shipments to the country as a result of the war in Gaza. I wouldn't expect this behavior to change significantly with right-wing U.S. officials eyeing behind closed doors and with the veil of anonymity.

It doesn't matter that much to Netanyahu if American officials insult him in the media or won't meet with his Cabinet ministers as long as Israel still derives most of the benefits of its security partnership with the U.S. It's not unusual with the Obama administration may even help the prime

The number and location of SWAT teams should be roughly in line with the number and location of bomb squads, since the risks driving the need for the specialized teams are similar. In fact, the FBI has issued training guidelines on bomb-squad and SWAT team integration. If a place in small-town America needs a SWAT team, it should use mutual aid or another agreement to call on its state, neighboring jurisdictions or federal partners.

For added accountability, state and local officials should require SWAT teams to use helmet or body cameras and issue an annual report detailing their deployments, including the number, type and results of raids conducted, whether the correct address was raided and whether deadly force was used. These elements should also be a part of the FBI's accreditation process.

In reforming and improving SWAT teams, it's vital to remember that when used properly, they are a life-saving tool, as was demonstrated last year by the FBI's Hostage Rescue Team in a small town in Alabama. There, the FBI used drones to support its mission and sent a 5-year-old boy from an armed abductor, killing the assailant in a raid that employed intelligence provided by the drone.

We need SWAT teams, but they represent the highest degree of enforcement we allow in our society, and they must be used accordingly and sparingly. ... The nation's goal should be a limited number of highly trained, equipped, disciplined and accountable teams that can be called upon during a true emergency.

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minister with his right-wing base, who were never huge fans of the president to begin with.

Naftali Bennett, the economics minister of the far-right Jewish Home party, is already playing up the victimhood, writing on Facebook, "If what was written [in The Atlantic] is true, then it appears the current administration plans to throw Israel away on a bus. The prime minister is not a private person, but the leader of the Jewish state and the whole Jewish world."

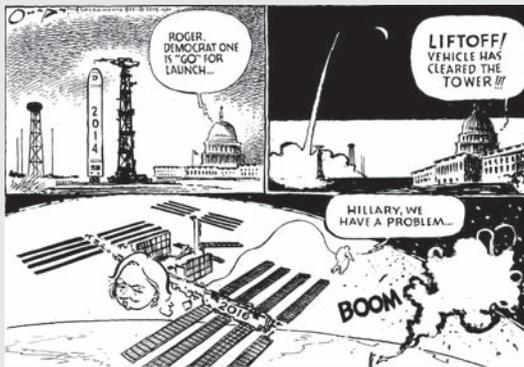
Netanyahu seems, for the most part, to have written off the White House, preferring to deal instead with Congress, where his support is stronger. Unfortunately for him, Congress is increasingly not where U.S. foreign policy is made on issues ranging from the negotiations over Iran's nuclear program to the fight against Islamic State extremists. He may figure he can just run out the clock on the Obama administration until a Republican or a more conservative Democrat like Hillary Rodham Clinton gets into office.

This is a risky long-term strategy. U.S. support for Israel may be mostly secure in the short term, but there are signs of change. U.S. media coverage of the most recent war in Gaza was notably more critical than during similar incidents in the past. Young Americans are more critical of Israel than their parents, and tomorrow's Republican leaders may not be quite as ironclad in their support of the Jewish state as today's are. In the years to come, then, anonymous sniping could feel quaint compared to the more direct and uncensored enough about their relationship not to insult each other openly.

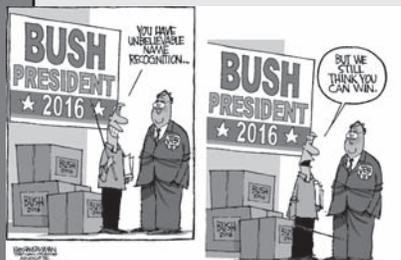
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SCOREBOARD

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Pro football

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	6	3	0	.750	239	165
Buffalo	4	3	0	.556	206	166
Miami	4	3	0	.571	174	151
Pittsburgh	4	3	0	.526	206	196
Cleveland	4	3	0	.571	163	152

NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	5	2	0	.625	250	187
Houston	4	4	0	.500	185	166
Tennessee	4	4	0	.500	137	202
Jacksonville	1	7	0	.125	118	218

WEST

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cincinnati	4	3	0	.564	163	164
Philadelphia	3	3	0	.500	163	163
San Diego	3	3	0	.500	163	163
Oakland	0	7	0	.000	105	181

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	5	2	0	.714	213	167
Philadelphia	5	2	0	.714	203	156
N.Y. Giants	4	3	0	.571	191	170
Washington	4	3	0	.571	201	170

SOUTH

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	4	3	0	.571	227	198
Carolina	3	5	1	.389	177	203
Atlanta	3	5	1	.389	177	203
Tampa Bay	1	6	1	.143	133	223

NORTH

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Detroit	6	0	0	.857	164	126
Green Bay	5	3	0	.625	222	191
Chicago	4	3	0	.571	180	222
Seattle	3	3	0	.500	172	150
Minnesota	3	5	0	.375	139	173

THURSDAY'S GAME

New Orleans 23, Carolina 10

FRIDAY'S GAME

Arizona at Dallas
Buffalo at Houston
N.Y. Jets at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Washington at Minnesota
Chicago at Cleveland
Jacksonville at Cincinnati
Atlanta at Miami
St. Louis at San Francisco
San Diego at Seattle
Denver at New England
Baltimore at Pittsburgh
Cleveland at Chicago, 2 p.m.
Green Bay, Tennessee
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Jets

SATURDAY'S GAMES

Indianapolis at N.Y. Giants
Cincinnati at Miami
San Francisco at New Orleans
Kansas City at Buffalo
New York at Detroit
Tennessee at Atlanta
Atlanta at Tampa Bay
Dallas at Jacksonville
Denver at Atlanta
N.Y. Giants at Seattle
San Francisco at Arizona
Chicago at Green Bay
San Antonio, San Francisco, Minnesota, New England, San Diego, Washington
Carolina at Philadelphia

College hockey

Saturday's scores

EAST

Western St. 1, W. New England 0
American International 4, New York
Robert Morris A, RIT 2
Clarkson 4, Sacred Heart 2, OT
Mercersburg 2, Colgate 1
New Union (N.Y.) 0, 1
St. Lawrence 4, Clarkson 0
Rensselaer 2, Cornell 1
Cornell 2, North Western 2
Providence 2, Boston U. 1
Boston U. 2, Alaska 2

MIDWEST

St. Michael's 3, S. New Hampshire 2
S. Maine 3, Stonehill 1
Hofstra 4, Assumption 2
Nichols 1, Franklin Pierce 0
St. Michael's 2, New Hampshire 2
Dartmouth 3, Harvard 3, OT
Ohio St., Canisius 1

WEST

Minnesota 4, St. Cloud St. 3, OT
Scholastic 7, Northwest School of Engineering 3
Michigan St. 4, Ferris St. 1
North Dakota 2, Michigan 2
Vermont 2, Notre Dame 2, OT
Bowling Green 3, Minn. St. (Mankato) 0

PAR WEST

N. Michigan 4, Ala.-Huntsville 1
Bemidi St. 4, Alaska 3, OT
Minn.-Duluth 4, Miami (Ohio) 3
North Dakota 3, Alb. 2, OT

Denver 2, Boston College 1, OT

Baseball

MLB free agents

NEW YORK — The 15 free agents (re-signed with Boston):

AMERICAN LEAGUE
BALTIMORE (8) — Aroldis Castilla, inf; Nelson Cruz, of; Kelly Johnson, 2b; Nick Markakis, of; Andrew Miller, lhp; Jhon Santana, lhp; Joe Saunders, rhp; Delmon Young, 2b

BOSTON (5) — Burke Badenhop, rhp; Craig Breslow, lhp; Ryan Dempster, rhp; Dan Ross, c; Kelly Rowley, 1b

CHICAGO (3) — Paul Konerko, lf; Matt Lindstrom, rf; Felix Pie, 1b

CLEVELAND (1) — Jason Giambi, lb
FLORENCE (7) — John Hamblin, rhp; Cleveland (4) — Jon Hanrahan, rhp; Torii Hunter, of; John Johnson, rhp; Victor Martinez, 1b; Max Scherzer, rhp

HOUSTON (3) — Matt Alberts, rhp; Jesse Crain, rhp; Jose Veras, rhp

KANSAS CITY (8) — Nori Aoki, of; Billy Butler, 1b; Scott Downs, rhp; Jason Frasier, rhp; Luke Hochevar, rhp; Raul Ibanez, of; James Shields, rhp; John Williamson, of; Matt Young, 1b; Sean Burnett, lhp; Jason Grilli, rhp; Josh McDonald, ss; Joe Thatcher, lhp

MINNESOTA (1) — Jared Burton, rhp; Justin Morneau, 1b; Chris Capuano, rhp; Stephen Drew, ss; Chase Headley, 2b; Rich Hill, inf; Derek Jeter, ss; Hiroki Kuroda, rhp; Brandon Kintzler, rhp; David Robertson, rhp; Ichiro Suzuki, of; Chris Young, 2b

OAKLAND (8) — Alberto Callaspo, 2b; Jason Kipnis, 2b; Munenori Kawasaki, inf; Jason Hammel, rhp; Jon Lester, lhp; Jed Lowrie, ss; Hiroyuki Nakajima, ss; George Springer, 2b; Ryan Sweeney, of

SEATTLE (7) — Joe Beimel, lhp; Gentry Coker, 2b; Ryan Frantz, of; Clint Kierulff, of; Kendrys Morales, dh; Humberto Quintero, of; Chris Young, 2b

TEXAS (4) — Scott Baker, rhp; Neil Carr, lhp; Colby Lewis, rhp; Alex Rodriguez, 2b

TORONTO (6) — Melky Cabrera, of; Carlos Gonzalez, 2b; Jose Bautista, 1b; Dustin McGowan, rhp; Brandon Morrow, rhp; Adam Lind, 1b

NATIONAL LEAGUE
ATLANTA (6) — Emilio Bonifacio, 2b; Ryan Doumit, c; Matt Garza, rhp; Aaron Harang, rhp; Gerald Laird, c; Ervin Santana, rhp

CHICAGO (2) — Yuji Fukushima, rhp; Carlos Lee, 1b

CINCINNATI (3) — Jack Hanahan, rhp; Ryan Ludwick, rhp; Ramon Santiago, 2b

COLORADO (6) — Brett Anderson, lhp; Matt Collie, rhp; Michael Cuddyer, of; Nick Franklin, 1b; Frank Robinson, 1b

LOS ANGELES (8) — Josh Beckett, rhp; Chad Billingsley, rhp; Kevin Youkilis, 1b; Roberto Hernandez, rhp; Paul Maholm, lhp; Chris Perez, rhp; Hanley Ramirez, ss; Matt Kemp, 2b

MIAMI (4) — Rafael Furcal, ss; Kevin Gausman, rhp; Reed Johnson, 2b; Ryan Dwyer, rhp

WAAKUEE (6) — Zach Duke, lhp; Tom Gorzelanny, lhp; Lyle Overbay, 1b; Nick Punto, 2b; Robinson Rodriguez, rhp; Rickie Weeks, 2b

NEW YORK (2) — Bobby Abreu, of; Daniel Murphy, 2b

PHILADELPHIA (6) — Clint Adams, rhp; Kyle Kendrick, rhp; Will Venable, 2b

PITTSBURGH (4) — Mike Barmes, rhp; Ryan Lugo, 2b; Russell Martin, c; Edinson Velez, rhp

ST. LOUIS (5) — Mark Ellis, 2b; Justin Martinez, rhp; Matt Adams, rhp; Neesh, rhp; A.J. Pierzynski, c

SAN DIEGO (2) — Josh Johnson, rhp; Tim Lincecum, rhp

SAN FRANCISCO (5) — Michael Morse, of; Eric Peavy, rhp; Sergio Romo, rhp; Pablo Sandoval, 3b; Ryan Vogelsong, rhp

WASHINGTON (8) — Asdrubal Cabrera, ss; Scott Harris, Adam Lind, 1b; Ryan Nadeau, rhp; Rafael Soriano, rhp; Steve Strickland, rhp

AP spotlight

Nov. 3

1968 — Jim Thrun, New York kicks six field goals to lead the Jets to a 25-21 victory over the Buffalo Bills.

1972 — Freshman QB Northrhorn scores five touchdowns to set an NCAA record lead Purdue to a 42-14 victory over Iowa.

1987 — Stan Mikita of Chicago scores his 1,000th NHL point with an assist in a 5-4 loss to Minnesota.

1995 — David Kasper tosses seven TD passes, offsetting the NCAA record 6th passing yardage by a quarterback to substitute quarterback Matt Vogel, to lead Houston to a 36-21 victory.

1995 — The Toronto Raptors and Vancouver Grizzlies open their first NBA season with victories. The Raptors beat New Jersey 94-79 and the Grizzlies beat New York 100-92.

1996 — Jerry Rice becomes the first player with 1,000 career NFL receptions in San Francisco's 21 victory over the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

The Razorbaks stop the Rebels' 2-point conversion try in the seventh overtime in a 17, the teams score touchdowns in every extra period.

1997 — Navy snaps an NCAA-record 43-game losing streak with a 34-24 win over Wake Forest.

1998 — A 46-41 victory in triple overtime. It's the first time New beat Notre Dame since a 34-14 win in 1963 over the Irish.

1999 — Washington State's football team was quarterbacked. The loss is a school-record five straight for the Irish.

Pro soccer

MLS playoffs

KNOCKOUT ROUND
Eastern Conference

New York vs. Sporting Kansas City 1
FC Dallas 2, Vancouver 1

Western Conference
Eastern Conference

Saturday, New England 4, Columbus 2
Sunday, N.Y. Columbus at New England

D.C. United vs. New York
Sunday, D.C. United at New York

Saturday, N.Y. 8, New York at D.C. United.

Western Conference
LA Galaxy 0, Real Salt Lake 0

Saturday, LA Galaxy at Real Salt Lake
Sunday, N.Y. Real Salt Lake at LA Galaxy

Seattle vs. FC Dallas
Sunday; Seattle vs. FC Dallas

Saturday, N.Y. 8, FC Dallas at Seattle

Saturday

Galaxy 0, Real Salt Lake 0

Los Angeles 0 0-0
Real Salt Lake 0 0-0

Goalies — Los Angeles, Jaime Penedo; Real Salt Lake, Rick Miranda.

Yellow Cards — Los Angeles, 53rd; Beltran, Real Salt Lake, 63rd; Wingert, Real Salt Lake, 67th; Rogers, Los Angeles, 77th.

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Revolution 4, Crew 2

New England 1 3-4
Columbus 1 1-2

First half — New England, Davie 4 (Rowe), 34th minute.

Second half — New England, Tierney 2, 51st, 3 Columbus, Meram 9, 64th, 4 Columbus, Nguyen 10, 80th, 78th, 8, 8 Columbus, Higuain 12 (penalty kick), 90th+.

Goalies — New England, Bobby Shuttleworth; Columbus, Steve Clark.

Yellow Cards — Columbus, New England, 19th; Francis, Columbus, 70th; Anton, Columbus, 77th.

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Tennis

Paris Masters

At Palais Omnisports de Paris-Bercy

Saturday
Singles
Suruce: \$3.66 million (Masters 1000)

Men's
Novak Djokovic (1, Serbia), def. Kei Nishikori (6, Japan), 6-2, 6-3.

Tommy Haas (1, Germany), def. Tomas Berdych (5, Czech Republic), 6-3, 6-7, 6-3.

Tournament of Champions

Saturday
At Armec Arena
Sofia, Bulgaria

Singles
Suruce: \$750,000

Men's
Andrea Pannofino (1, Germany), def. Garbine Muguruzza (7, Spain), 6-1, 6-4.

Flavia Pennetta (3, Italy), def. Carla Suarez-Villa (1, Spain), 6-3, 6-2.

Deals

Saturday's transactions

BASEBALL
American League

KANSAS CITY — Declined the 2015 contract option on 1B-Bliff Butler.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Exercised the contract 2015 option on 1B Adam Lind and traded him to MLB for RHP Marco Estrada. Declined the 2015 contract option on RHP Ryan Brantley.

RHP Brandon Morrow, RHP Sergio Santos and 1B Justin Smoak. Reinstated Brett Lawrie. Inf. Maicer Izturis, RHP Chad Jenkins and Of Andy Dirks the 60-day DL.

COLORADO ROCKIES — Declined the 2015 contract option on RHP Brett Anderson.

MIAMI MARLINS — Exercised the 2015 contract option on CF Jeff Mathis.

FOOTBALL
National Football League

ARIZONA CARDINALS — Signed RB Kermit Dringler. Signed RB Bruce Carlson. Released DT Bruce Carlson.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Signed DB DeShaun Brown. Signed practice squad player, Released DE Damien Sanchez.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Released WR Bryan Walters. Signed S Terrance Parks from the practice squad.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League

TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS — Recalled CB Daniel Carcillo from the AHL. Assigned D Stuart Percy to Toronto.

TEXAS A&M COLLEGE — Released QB Kenny Hill two games for violating team rules and athletic department policies.

Golf

BMW Masters

Saturday
At Lake Malaren Golf Club (Masters)

Purse: \$7 million
Shaug Part 72

Third Round
Alexander Levy, France 65-66-63-194

John Donaldson, Wales 68-68-68-198

Marcel Simon, Germany 68-68-69-199

Justin Rose, England 68-69-70-201

E. Grillo, Argentina 68-69-70-203

Mathieu Van de Venne, Belgium 69-69-70-204

Richard, South Africa 69-69-70-204

J. Luiten, Netherlands 72-69-64-205

R. Karlson, Sweden 69-70-65-205

G. Cozzes, South Africa 70-67-67-206

R. Palmer, United States 70-67-68-205

Mikko Ilonen, Finland 70-68-69-206

Ross Fisher, England 70-67-68-206

B. Glick, South Africa 70-68-69-206

R. Ramsay, Scotland 70-68-69-206

E. Elis, South Africa 70-68-69-206

D. Richards, South Africa 68-67-71-206

Also
T. Dubuisson, France 70-70-68-208

T. Kieckhefer, Thailand 71-70-68-210

S. Gallacher, Scotland 71-70-72-213

L. Panlatter, England 74-69-71-213

K. Kirk, United States 74-68-71-213

F. Molinari, Italy 69-67-71-214

J. Maria Olazola, Spain 70-67-71-214

B. Koepka, United States 71-72-71-215

P. Mullin, Ireland 71-72-71-215

K. Stadler, United States 71-72-71-215

M. Angel Jimenez, Spain 71-70-72-219

CIMB Classic

Saturday
At Kuala Lumpur Golf and Country Club

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Purse: \$2 million
Yardage: 6,985 Par 72

Third Round
(6-man)

Kevin Na 69-6

NHL

Roundup

Reimer stops 45 to lift Maple Leafs

The Associated Press

TORONTO — Usually able to block out crowd noise or ignore it, James Reimer heard the fans loud and clear. With 61 seconds left, he was chanting his name.

Reimer had 26 of his 45 saves in the third period, leading the Toronto Maple Leafs to an impressive 3-2 victory over the Chicago Blackhawks on Saturday night.

"He was first star, simple as that," coach Randy Carlyle said. "They had some point-blank chances and he stood tall to the task."

Peter Holland scored at 2:21 of the third period in Toronto's third consecutive win. Nazem Kadri and James van Riemsdyk also scored for the Leafs.

"We know they're obviously a powerhouse team in this league," Holland said. "You've got to give them a good game if you want to stay in it. I thought we got away from it in the third period a little bit, they started shelling our goalie, but he was there to back us up."

Reimer gave up a pair of power-play goals, one in each of the first two periods to Brad Richards and Brent Seabrook.

Seemingly at his best under siege in the third, Reimer made sprawling saves on the penalty kill at one point after a shot hit the crossbar.

"It's one of those things where obviously the tendency is to get really hyped up and try and work to that, but it's not what you want," he said. "This is just to stay calm and stay in peace but still keep that competitiveness up to try and fight through the traffic."

After the game was fairly even for the first two periods, the Leafs were outshot 26-7 in the third. Chicago coach Joel Quenneville thought the third period was one of his team's best of the season.

In goaltender Corey Crawford's first start since Oct. 18 after being out with an upper-body injury, the Blackhawks lost for the fourth time in six games.

"You don't win, obviously there's cause for concern," winger Patrick Kane said. "Try to regroup here, we've got a big one tomorrow obviously going home playing Winnipeg, a division game, hopefully our fans give us a little bit of a boost and we can regroup."

Hurricanes 3, Coyotes 0: Elias Lindholm scored twice as host Carolina Hurricanes earned its first win of the season.

Jiri Tlustý also scored for Carolina, and Cam Ward finished with 25 saves in his first shutout since March 27, 2012. The Hurricanes had been the only NHL team without a win.

Penguins 5, Sabres 0: Marc-André Fleury made 18 saves for his second consecutive shutout

and Chris Kunitz scored twice as host Pittsburgh blanked Buffalo for its fourth straight win.

Fleury, coming off a 3-0 victory over the defending champion Los Angeles Kings, earned his third shutout in four games and 31st of his career. He has held opponents without a goal in 10 of his past 12 periods.

Wild 4, Stars 1: Thomas Vanek scored on a power play, a pair of firsts this season for Minnesota, as the Wild stayed unbeaten at home with a victory over Dallas.

Mikael Granlund and Matt Dumba scored in a three-goal second period for the Wild, but Vanek's snap shot off a pass from Zach Parise with 57 seconds left before the intermission drew the loudest roar from the crowd.

Lightning 4, Capitals 3: Jason Garrison scored the tiebreaking goal early in the third period to lift host Tampa Bay.

The Lightning, who also got goals from Ryan Callahan, Ondrej Pajda and Nikita Kucherov, who had won five of six.

Bruins 4, Senators 2: Matt Fraser scored his first two goals of the season 1:28 apart in the second period to lead host Boston.

Carl Soderberg assisted on both of Fraser's goals and Tuukka Rask made 28 saves for the Bruins. He gave up two of three.

Panthers 2, Flyers 1: Roberto Luongo made 36 saves and rookie Aaron Ekblad scored his first NHL goal for host Florida.

Jets 1, Rangers 0 (SO): Evander Kane and Blake Wheeler scored in the shootout to lift Winnipeg over host New York.

Jets goalie Ondrej Pavelec was excellent throughout, making 36 saves in regulation and two in overtime — including a breakaway stop on Martin St. Louis.

Devils 3, Blue Jackets 2: New Jersey defenseman Adam Larsson broke a tie with 9:25 left in the third period as the host Devils rallied to beat stumping Columbus.

Larsson, who played in his third game this season, capped a third-period comeback in which the Devils (6-3-2) overcame a 2-1 deficit in a game to 1-4:1.

Blues 3, Avalanche 2 (SO): Brian Elliott made 27 saves in his 100th game with host St. Louis and stopped all three shoot-out attempts for the Blues. Vladimir Tarasenko scored twice for St. Louis

Canucks 3, Oilers 2: Derek Dorsett had a goal and an assist, and visiting Vancouver stretched its win streak to four.

Luca Sbisa and Linden Veer also scored for the Canucks (8-3). Ryan Miller made 25 saves and improved to 10-0 against the Oilers.

Sharks 3, Islanders 1: Logan Couture scored the tiebreaking goal with 8:10 remaining to help host San Jose beat New York for its third victory in four games.

Scoreboard

Eastern Conference										
Atlantic Division										
Team	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Montreal	11	6	3	2	17	42	32			
Tampa Bay	10	8	2	0	17	29	23			
Detroit	11	6	3	2	14	36	31			
Boston	13	7	6	0	14	36	32			
Toronto	11	6	4	1	13	32	26			
Ottawa	11	6	4	1	13	32	26			
Florida	12	4	7	1	11	14	18			
Carolina	9	4	4	1	11	14	18			

Metropolitan Division										
Team	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Pittsburgh	11	6	3	2	14	33	26			
New Jersey	11	6	3	2	14	33	31			
N.Y. Islanders	10	6	3	1	13	29	26			
N.Y. Rangers	10	4	4	1	11	29	31			
Washington	10	4	4	2	10	30	27			
Philadelphia	10	4	4	2	10	27	29			
Columbus	11	4	7	0	8	28	37			
Carolina	9	4	4	1	9	18	33			

Western Conference										
Central Division										
Team	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Minnesota	10	7	3	0	14	35	18			
St. Louis	11	7	3	1	14	29	21			
St. Louis	10	6	3	1	13	25	20			
Chicago	11	6	4	1	13	27	22			
Dallas	11	4	5	2	10	34	39			
Winnipeg	11	5	5	1	11	21	26			
Colorado	12	4	6	2	11	29	38			

Pacific Division										
Team	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Anaheim	11	8	3	0	18	33	21			
Vancouver	11	8	3	0	16	41	37			
San Jose	13	7	3	2	16	41	31			
Los Angeles	12	7	4	1	15	37	31			
Calgary	12	6	4	2	14	31	27			
Arizona	10	6	4	0	12	27	27			
San Jose	10	6	4	0	12	27	27			

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Friday's games
 Toronto 4, Columbus 1
 Detroit 5, Los Angeles 2
 Anaheim 2, Dallas 0
 Calgary 4, Nashville 3

Saturday's games
 Winnipeg 1, N.Y. Rangers 0, SO
 St. Louis 3, Montreal 2, SO
 Boston 2, Ottawa 2
 Toronto 2, Philadelphia 2
 Florida 3, Washington 3
 New Jersey 3, Columbus 2
 Pittsburgh 5, Buffalo 1
 Carolina 2, Edmonton 2
 Minnesota 4, Dallas 0

Sunday's games
 Detroit at Buffalo
 Los Angeles at Carolina
 Philadelphia at Colorado
 Arizona at Washington
 Chicago at Columbus
 Pittsburgh at Chicago
 Nashville at Vancouver

Monday's games
 St. Louis at N.Y. Rangers

Saturday

Lightning 4, Capitals 3

Washington 1 2 0-3
 Tampa Bay 1 2 1-4
 (Boyle, 6:05; Washington, Johansson 4:44, 6:02; Tampa Bay, Palat 4 (Kucherov, Johnson, 9:29, 9:51); Kucherov, Kucherov 5 (Brewer, Johnson, 12:15, 12:30); Washington, Johnson 2 (Johansson, Backstrom), 19:01 (pp).
Third Period: Tampa Bay, Garrison 2 (Stamkos), 2:27.
 Shots on goal—Washington 13-13-12—38, Tampa Bay 15-6-7-28.
Power-play opportunities—Washington 2-1, Tampa Bay 1-1.
Goals—Washington, Holtby 3-31 (28 shots saved), Tampa Bay, Shup 1-1 (38-35).
A—19,119 (19,204). **T**—2:24.

Penguins 5, Sabres 0

Pittsburgh 1 2 0-0
 Buffalo 0 0 0-0
First Period: Pittsburgh, Kunitz 6 (Hornqvist, Crosby), 4:26.
Second Period: Pittsburgh, Comeau 3 (Malkin, Dupuis), 11:54, 3 Pittsburgh, Stornqvist, 16:09 (pp).
Third Period: Pittsburgh, Kunitz 7 (Letestu, Crosby), 8:52 (pp), 5 Pittsburgh, Malkin 5 (Crosby, Ehrhoff), 13:11 (pp).
Shots on goal—Pittsburgh 3-9-6-18.
Power-play opportunities—Buffalo 0 of 3.
Goals—Buffalo, Enroth 1-6 (34 shots saved), Pittsburgh, Fleury 7-2-0 (18-18).
A—18,652 (18,387). **T**—2:25.

Devils 3, Blue Jackets 2

Columbus 1 1 0-2
 New Jersey 1 2 0-2
 (Gilbons, Polignio), 1:06.
Second Period: Columbus, Szilaky 2 (Ryder, Severson), 4:32 (pp), 3. Columbus, Polignio 4 (Johnson, Gilbons), 12:30 (pp).
Third Period: 4, New Jersey, Henrique 1 (Lindholm), 8:52 (pp), 5 New Jersey, Larsson 1 (Salvador, Elias), 10:35.
Shots on goal—Columbus 9-11-15-34.
Power-play opportunities—Columbus 1 of 3.
Goals—Columbus, Forsberg 0-1 (29 shots saved), New Jersey, Schneider 6-3-3 (34-32).
A—13,542 (17,625). **T**—2:28.

Canucks 3, Islanders 1

Ottawa 1 1 0-2
 Boston 1 2 1-4
First Period: 1, Boston, Marchand 4 (Bourque), 18:54, 2, Ottawa, Stone 3, 19:32.
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Third Period: 5, Boston, Seldenberg 1, 2:08, 6, Ottawa, Zibanejad 2 (Chillara), 25:19.
Shots on goal—Ottawa 5-10-14-29.
Power-play opportunities—Ottawa 0 of 1; Boston 0 of 1.
Goals—Ottawa, Lehner 3-1-1 (30 shots saved), Boston, Rask 5-4-0 (29-27).
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Blues 3, Avalanche 2 (SO)

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A—17,498 (19,150). **T**—2:48.

Sharks 3, Islanders 1

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 San Jose 1 0 0-2
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Maple Leafs goaltender James Reimer, right, keeps a close eye on the puck as defenseman Dion Phaneuf tries to control Blackhawks center Jonathan Toews (19) during the third period Saturday.

Canucks 3, Oilers 2

Vancouver 1 1 1-3
 Edmonton 1 1 0-2
First Period: 1, Edmonton, Eberle 3 (Hall, Marincic), 12:39, 2, Vancouver, Siba 2 (Higgins, Bonino), 19:13.
Second Period: 2, Vancouver, Veij 4 (Dorsett, Sestillo), 16:37, 4, Edmonton, Perrotti (Orvasittel, Ferencic), 17:41.
Third Period: 5, Vancouver, Dorsett 1, 4:05 (sh).
Shots on goal—Vancouver 12-9-30-20. Edmonton 14-7-27.
Power-play opportunities—Vancouver 0 of 3; Edmonton 0 of 3.
Goals—Vancouver, R.Miller 8-1-0 (27 shots saved), Edmonton, Scrivens 4-5-0 (30-27).
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COLLEGE FOOTBALL



TYLER EVERT/AP

TCU's Trevone Boykin passes during the second quarter of Saturday's 31-30 win over West Virginia.

Late FG lifts TCU over WVU

No. 10 Horned Frogs keep title hopes alive, top No. 20 Mountaineers

By JOHN RABY
The Associated Press

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — TCU followed an 82-point outburst at Texas Tech with its most offensive output of the season at West Virginia. It still added up to another victory.

Jaden Oberkrom kicked a 37-yard field goal as time expired to give the No. 10 Horned Frogs a 31-30 victory over No. 20 West Virginia on Saturday.

It was the third straight close finish in the series between the Big 12's newest members. Each of their last two meetings went to overtime.

"Every time TCU and WVU have gotten together, it's been an unbelievable game," TCU coach Gary Patterson said. "We were fortunate to make the plays when we needed to."

The Horned Frogs (7-1, 4-1 Big 12) overcame a 13-point deficit in cold, windy conditions to keep their national championship hopes alive.

TCU entered the game No. 7 in the College Football Playoff ranking, and now turns its attention to a showdown at home next Saturday against No. 11

Kansas State.

TCU played its first game outside the state of Texas this season and the nation's highest-scoring offense looked little like the unit that pounded Texas Tech.

The Horned Frogs were held to a season-low 389 yards against the Mountaineers (6-3, 4-2). Trevone Boykin went 12 of 30 for 166 yards and a touchdown after throwing a school-record seven TD passes a week ago.

Patterson said Boykin stood up in the locker room after the game, blamed himself and said he needed to play better.

"But we found a way to win, so I'm not going to read too much into it," Patterson said.

West Virginia led 27-14 midway through the third quarter but was held to one first down the rest of the game. The Mountaineers committed five turnovers, all in their own territory, and had their four-game winning streak snapped.

"They did a good job of forcing turnovers," West Virginia coach Dana Holgorsen said. "That's no excuse. We need to do a better job of protecting the football and taking care of the football."

Short: Big victory for No. 4 Auburn

FROM BACK PAGE

The Tigers (7-1, 4-1 Southeastern Conference, No. 3 CFP) got a reprieve after Rebels receiver Laquon Treadwell lost the ball at the end of a tackle-breaking catch-and-run with 1:30 left. It was ruled a touchdown, but the replay official determined he lost the ball before crossing the goal line.

McKinzy dove on it, deflating the Ole Miss crowd enjoying team's best start since 1990. The Rebels (7-2, 4-2, No. 4 CFP) have lost two straight, and also lost Treadwell to what coach Hugh Freeze said was a broken leg sustained on that play.

"It's just a really, really sickening way to lose," Freeze said.

Auburn milked a minute off the clock before Ole Miss got the ball back at its 49 with 26 seconds left and no timeouts. De Wallace, who had fumbled at Auburn's



PAYTOR TEFFNER/AP

Mississippi defensive back Derrick Jones, left, tackles Auburn quarterback Nick Marshall on Saturday in Oxford, Miss. Auburn won 35-31.

6 on the previous drive, threw three straight incompletions before a final desperation play went nowhere.

McKinzy and Auburn coach Gus Malzahn said they had little doubt what the replay would show.

"I knew it was a fumble and I thought we got it," Malzahn said. "The coaches up in the press box told us we had it, so I knew we were going to get the ball."

He and Freeze, longtime friends and proponents of hurry-up football, had both downplayed the significance of initial CFP rankings with big games to play. Malzahn stopped short of saying it felt like a playoff game.

"It felt like a big game," he said. "They're still one of the best teams in the country. I had people tell me it was an elimination game but the bottom line it was 3 versus 4. It's a really big win for us."

No. 9 Georgia falls to hard-running Florida

By MARK LONG
The Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—Florida coach Will Muschamp reached over his shoulder and said "I let me lift this thing off my back."

He probably should have used both hands.

After all, this was a big win and an even bigger relief for Muschamp and the Gators.

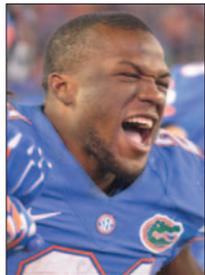
Matt Jones and Kelvin Taylor combined for 389 yards rushing and four touchdowns and Florida upset ninth-ranked Georgia 38-20 Saturday, ending a three-game losing streak in the series and quite possibly saving Muschamp's job.

"Extremely happy and proud for them and happy for our fans to be able to enjoy this," Muschamp said. "I know how frustrating it is for our fans. I hear it. I get their emails. I'm just really happy for everyone in the organization to know we won in dominating fashion."

Jones ran 25 times for a career-high 197 yards and two touchdowns. Taylor, whose NFL father, Fred, has his name emblazoned on a wall inside EverBank Field, carried 25 times for a career-best 192 yards and two scores.

The dynamic duo became the first Florida teammates to top the century mark on the ground since Jeff Demps and Chris Rainey against Kentucky in 2011.

"We needed it bad. We came into this game with a head full of steam, knowing they beat us three times in a row and we needed a win for (Muschamp), too," Jones said.



STEPHEN B. MORTON/AP

Florida running back Kelvin Taylor celebrates during Saturday's 38-20 win over No. 9 Georgia in Jacksonville, Fla.

"We want to go to a bowl game, so we really needed this win."

Jones and Taylor carried Florida (4-3, 3-3 SEC) to a much-needed victory in the series against the Bulldogs (6-2, 4-2) and in the Southeastern Conference.

Muschamp may have been the big winner. The fourth-year coach's future was clearly in jeopardy with Florida having lost 10 of its previous 13 games, including a 42-13 drubbing to Missouri two weeks ago. Muschamp also had been 0-7 in this series, going 0-4 as a Georgia defensive back in the 1990s and losing his first three games as Florida's coach.



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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Saturday's stars

- Everett Golson, Notre Dame, threw for three TDs and ran for three scores to help the No. 6 Irish beat Navy 49-39 after blowing a 21-point lead
- Dak Prescott, Mississippi State, threw for a career-high 331 yards and a TD in the top-ranked Bulldogs' 17-10 win over Arkansas.
- Trevor Knight, Oklahoma, had three TD passes and rushed for three more scores, helping the 19th-ranked Sooners to a 59-14 win over Iowa State.
- Marcus Mariota, Oregon, threw for 258 yards and two TDs and ran for two more scores in the fifth-ranked Ducks' 45-16 victory over Stanford.
- Matt Jones, Florida, ran for a career-high 197 yards and two TDs in a 38-20 win over No. 9 Georgia.
- Cody Kessler, Southern California, threw for 400 yards and five TDs to help the Trojans beat Washington State 44-17.
- Johnny McCrary, Vanderbilt, tied a school record with five TD passes in a 42-28 win over Old Dominion.
- Duke Johnson, Miami, ran for 177 yards and three TDs while going over the 3,000-yard mark for his career, lifting the Hurricanes to a 47-20 win over North Carolina.
- Shaq Thompson, Washington, rushed for 174 yards in a 38-23 win over Colorado.
- Seth Rosenbauer, Brown, rushed for 206 yards and two TDs in a 21-13 victory over Pennsylvania.
- Candler Rich, Yale, ran for a career-high 202 yards in a 25-7 win over Columbia.
- Andrew Adams, Connecticut, had three interceptions in the Huskies' 37-29 victory over Central Florida.
- Cody Sokol, Louisiana Tech, threw for five TDs and ran in a sixth in a 59-10 win over Western Kentucky.
- Sam Schrader, Butler, ran for 162 yards and four TDs in a 62-52 win over Morehead State.
- Michael Gordon, Arkansas State, tied a Sun Belt record with five rushing TDs in a 44-28 win over Idaho.
- Kade Munden, Abilene Christian, threw for three TDs and rushed for two more in a 52-35 victory over Central Arkansas.
- Abou Toure, Tennessee-Martin, rushed for 234 yards and three TDs in a 62-38 win over Murray State.
- Jalen Whitlow, Eastern Illinois, threw four TD passes and ran for another score in a 41-10 win over Tennessee Tech.



DAVID ZALUBOWSKI/AP

Washington running back Shaq Thompson, front, runs for a touchdown past Colorado defensive lineman De'Jon Wilson in the first quarter in Boulder, Colo., on Saturday. Thompson ran for 174 yards in the Huskies' 38-23 victory.

How the AP Top 25 fared

- 1 Mississippi State (8-0)** beat **Arkansas 17-10**. At Starkville, Miss., Dak Prescott threw for a career-high 331 yards and a touchdown to help the Bulldogs rally in the third quarter. Prescott's 69-yard touchdown pass to a wide open Fred Ross made it 17-10 with 13:21 remaining.
Next: vs. UT-Martin, Saturday.
- 2 Florida State (8-0)** beat **Louisville 42-31**, **Thursday**. At Louisville, Ky., Jameis Winston threw three touchdowns to offset a three-interception start and Dalvin Cook had two long scoring runs to help the Seminoles rally.
Next: vs. Virginia, Saturday.
- 3 Alabama (7-1)** did not play. The Crimson Tide had the week off to prepare for a stretch run that starts with a trip to LSU before home games against Mississippi State and Auburn.
Next: at No. 16 LSU, Saturday.
- 4 Auburn (7-1)** beat **No. 7 Mississippi 35-31**. At Oxford, Miss., Cassanova McKinzy recovered a fumble in the end zone to preserve the Tigers' victory in what proved to be the first College Football Playoff knockout game. The Tigers gained 507 yards against the nation's top scoring defense.
Next: vs. Texas A&M, Saturday.
- 5 Oregon (8-1)** beat **Stanford 45-16**. At Eugene, Ore., Marcus Mariota threw for 258 yards and two touchdowns and ran for two more scores, and Thomas Tyner returned from an injury to run for two touchdowns to help the Ducks snap a two-game losing streak to the Cardinal.
Next: at No. 18 Utah, Saturday.
- 6 Notre Dame (7-1)** beat **Navy 49-39**. At Landover, Md., Everett Golson threw for three touchdowns and ran for three scores to help Notre Dame recover from blowing a 21-point lead.
Next: at No. 15 Arizona State, Saturday.
- 7 Mississippi (7-2)** lost to **No. 4 Auburn 35-31**. At Oxford, Miss., Rebels receiver Laquon Treadwell lost the ball at the end of a tackle-breaking catch-and-run in the end zone with 1:30 left. It was ruled a touchdown, but the replay official determined he lost the ball before crossing the goal line.
Next: vs. Presbyterian, Saturday.
- 8 Michigan State (7-1)** did not play. Spartans coach Mark Dantonio said it's a timely open date for the defending Big Ten champions. This week's matchup has been viewed as the conference's marquee game, with the winner likely representing the league's best chance for a spot in the inaugural College Football Playoff.
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- 11 Kansas State (7-1)** beat **Oklahoma State 48-14**. At Manhattan, Kan., Jake Waters threw two touchdowns passes, Charles Jones ran for a pair of scores and Kansas State shut down Oklahoma State's slumping offense.
Next: at No. 10 TCU, Saturday.
- 12 Baylor (7-1)** beat **Kansas 60-14**. At Waco, Texas, Bryce Petty had three touchdowns passes, two to Corey Coleman, and the Bears scored on 11 straight possessions. Baylor rolled up 669 yards in their 14th straight home victory.
Next: at No. 19 Oklahoma, Saturday.
- 13 Ohio State (7-1)** beat **Illinois 55-14**. At Columbus, Ohio, Curtis Samuel ran for two touchdowns and J.T. Barrett hit Devin Smith on two scoring passes — all in the first half — and the Buckeyes extended their Big Ten winning streak to a record-tying 20.
Next: at No. 8 Michigan State, Saturday.
- 14 Arizona (6-2)** lost to **No. 25 UCLA 17-7**. At Pasadena, Calif., Anu Solomon went 18-for-48 for 175 yards on a nightmarish offensive night for the Wildcats, who could not score in the final 57 minutes.
Next: vs. Colorado, Saturday.
- 15 Arizona State (7-1)** beat **No. 18 Utah 19-16**, **OT**. At Tempe, Ariz., Zane Gonzalez kicked a 36-yard field goal in overtime and the sun Devils overcame an uneven performance to take control of the Pac-12 South.
Next: vs. No. 6 Notre Dame, Saturday.

- 16 LSU (7-2)** did not play. The Tigers had a week off after handing Mississippi its first loss. Now they hope to upset Alabama and end the Tide's hopes of an SEC West title and, likely, their chances of earning a College Football Playoff berth.
Next: vs. No. 3 Alabama, Saturday.
- 17 Nebraska (8-1)** beat **Purdue 35-14**. At Lincoln, Neb., Imani Cross had two short touchdown runs after Heisman Trophy hopeful Ameer Abdullah left with a mildly sprained and bruised left knee, and the Cornhuskers took sole possession of the Big Ten West lead.
Next: at Wisconsin, Saturday, Nov. 15.
- 18 Utah (6-2)** lost to **No. 15 Arizona State 19-16**, **OT**. At Tempe, Ariz., the Utes had the ball first in overtime and Andy Phillips pushed a 35-yard field goal attempt wide right.
Next: vs. No. 5 Oregon, Saturday.
- 19 Oklahoma (6-2)** beat **lowa State 59-14**. At Ames, Iowa, Trevor Knight threw three touchdown passes and ran for three scores for the Sooners. Knight had 230 yards passing and a career-high 146 yards rushing. Oklahoma gained a season-high 751 yards.
Next: vs. No. 12 Baylor, Saturday.
- 20 West Virginia (6-3)** lost to **No. 10 TCU 31-30**. At Morgantown, W.Va., the Mountaineers led 27-14 midway through the third quarter, but were held to one first down the rest of the game.
Next: at Texas, Saturday.

- 21 East Carolina (6-2)** lost to **Temple 20-10**. At Philadelphia, Kenny Harper ran for two touchdowns and Temple forced five fumbles to beat East Carolina for its first victory over a ranked opponent since 1998. The loss snapped a five-game winning streak for the Pirates.
Next: at Cincinnati, Thursday, Nov. 13.
- 22 Clemson (6-2)** did not play. At Stillwater, Okla., Wendell Smallwood stepped in for an injured Rushel Shell and ran for a career-high 132 yards and Clint Trickett passed for 238 yards and two touchdowns for the Mountaineers, who won their fourth straight.
Next: at Wake Forest, Thursday.
- 23 Marshall (8-0)** did not play. At Huntington, W.Va., Devon Johnson rushed for a school-record 272 yards and four touchdowns for Marshall, which overcame its first halftime deficit of the season.
Next: at Southern Miss, Saturday.
- 24 Duke (7-1)** beat **Pittsburgh 51-48 2OT**. At Pittsburgh, backup quarterback Thomas Sirk bulled into the end zone from 5 yards in the second OT for the Blue Devils. Duke held Pitt to a field goal to start the second overtime, then went 25 yards in four plays, with Sirk's second touchdown ending it.
Next: at Syracuse, Saturday.
- 25 UCLA (7-2)** beat **No. 14 Arizona 17-7**. At Pasadena, Calif., Brett Hundley passed for 189 yards and ran for 131 more, and UCLA pulled its season back from the brink with a dominant defensive performance.
Next: at Washington, Saturday.

HIGH SCHOOL: DODDS EUROPE

Rota holds off Aviano in D-II

By JENNIFER H. SVAN
Stars and Stripes

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany — After marching into Saturday's finals with a hard-fought, four-set win over Hohenfels on Friday, Aviano fell flat in its title bid against an energized Rota team, 19-25, 18-25, 18-25.

The Saints strung together their finest season in recent memory, earning a spot in the DODDS Europe Division II championship match for the first time since 2007.

Expectations were high: Aviano had only days ago disposed of Rota in two sets in tournament play and all bets seemed to be on the Saints, considering Rota lost to graduation its stalwart star, Aspen Luna.

But Rota proved a solid, well-balanced team can be just as dangerous, keeping Aviano off its game with scrappy play from senior Tiffany Driscoll and junior Janae Curcione.

The title comes only two years after Rota moved up to the Division II bracket; last year, their first in the bigger-schools division, the Admirals were third in the tournament.

"This year, our group was a lot more dynamic," Driscoll said. "Every girl on the court had a skill and a strength that we could use ... we just meshed together so well."

Coming into the season, the team wondered how it would fare without Luna, Driscoll said. But any doubts were quickly erased. "We had some girls that can't in and filled the shoes 100 percent."

Curtis, new to the team this year, was among them.

"It's amazing," Curtis said. "I've never worked with a team who's just so close and really plays so well together."

Aviano jumped out to a quick start in the first set, building an early 10-3 advantage, capped by a serving ace from Saints' senior Jasmine Cole.

But Rota whittled away at Aviano's lead, tying it up 10-10. The teams swapped leads several times before the score was knotted again at 17 all. Rota then pulled away to take the first set, 25-18.

Aviano hung in early on in the final set, playing to a 12-12 tie. But then Rota went on the attack and pulled ahead for good. Aviano junior Yiyanni Johnson gave the Saints a glimmer of hope with a kill, closing the gap to 23-18. But Driscoll answered with two back-to-back kills, cementing the victory and an unlikely team title.

A teary-eyed Rota coach Melinda Luna said afterwards that this win was particularly emotional, because of how far the team has come in just one year.

"To come this far, after being only our second year in Division II," she said. "This group [shows] a lot of teamwork, a lot of support. We stay humble, we work hard."

Emotions ran high on both sides of the court.

Aviano's seniors "were a little tense knowing it was their last game and they wanted to do so well, that they put too much pressure on themselves," coach Hans Hillestad said.

But the success of the season doesn't depend on one game, he added. The Saints beat tough in-country rivals Naples, Vicenza and Florence this year. "We had a really good season, just a tough day."

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Wiesbaden's Cierra Martin, left, battles Naples' Jessica Wheeler at the net on Saturday. Wiesbaden beat Naples 19-25, 25-11, 25-14, 23-25, 16-14 for the Division I title at the DODDS Europe volleyball championships in Ramstein, Germany.

Wiesbaden edges Naples in Division I

By JENNIFER H. SVAN
Stars and Stripes

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany — The much-anticipated Division I title matchup between the Wiesbaden and Naples girls' volleyball teams Saturday afternoon was not for the faint of heart.

The two perennial powerhousees played a match for the ages, with Wiesbaden emerging with the Warriors' first DODDS Europe girls' volleyball title after a 19-25, 25-11, 25-14, 23-25, 16-14 victory.

After taking the first set, Naples dropped the next two. But the former Division II power was not about to go down without a fight. The Wildcats stormed back to take the fourth set and force a fifth, deciding set in their first year of Division I play.

For several minutes into the final set, it appeared all but over for the Warriors and their undefeated sophomore Amanda James nabbed two consecutive aces on serve, putting the Wildcats up 10-2 and the title within five points.

Wiesbaden somehow hung in and grabbed a few points, working itself back into the game.

With Naples up 14-11 and a point shy of victory, Wiesbaden junior Ellen Tafaya wrested control of the Warriors' fate. Tafaya spiked the ball for a kill, putting the Warriors within two. After a Naples tap at the net fell out of bounds by inches, Tafaya stepped up with two kills, giving Wiesbaden the lead, 15-14.

Wiesbaden junior Leah Rojas finished the game off with an ace, sending the Warriors into a

collective tizzy of screams, hugs, tears and bouncing pony tails.

Rojas, named the tourney's Division I most valuable player, said the win was for "our 12th man — the coaches, our family, our fans. They really helped us a lot."

"I was really, really nervous," she said. "But I knew that our team could pull through and with a little kick and once you hit rock bottom, there's nowhere but up. We went up."

The victory felt surreal for Wiesbaden senior right-side hitter Mackinley Bullock.

"Being so down in that plus fifth game, and just coming back; it was crazy. I don't have words," she said.

Bullock said she felt frustrated and jittery in the fifth set, as the game seemed to be slipping away. Then some magic happened.

"We had a timeout. We did our little cheer. Our coach pumped us back up and I guess the fire got lit in us," Bullock said. "We went and we played and we won."

Wiesbaden coach Linnea Velsvaag described the match as "intense."

"That was some incredible volleyball," she said. "Obviously, it could have gone either way. It was an incredible season."

Velsvaag said the Warriors won it as a team, but gave special credit to Tafaya. Her "smart plays in the end were what saved our back side," she said. "There's no doubt about [it], she tipped smart, she hit smart, she played smart."

Though disappointed with the loss, Wildcat coaches Julia and Kenny Byler said they were proud of the way their team played.

"We told them they should hold their heads up high," Julia Byler said. "That if they're going to lose, then they lose with heart. 16-14 in the fifth set is heart. That was true volleyball."

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Florence earns first D-III title

By JENNIFER H. SVAN
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RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany — This time, Florence didn't give up a set.

The Wild Boars breezed through Saturday's Division III championship match in three straight sets, 25-16, 25-21, 25-21, to beat Sigonella and earn their first DODDS Europe girls' volleyball title.

"It's good, it's good. It's what we worked for," said Florence coach Roberto Clausi, who jumped up and down with his jubilant team after the victory.

Throughout the impressive Florence lineup, there was no shortage of joy.

"It feels amazing," said senior hitter Malaiika Hanha. "I can't even describe how I'm so happy." "It was incredible. I had so much fun the whole tournament," said junior blocker and setter Natalia Consumi June. "Sigonella was our toughest match. Today and yesterday."

In each of the teams' last three meetings — including tournament play on Friday — Sigonella was able to win a set.

But Sigonella, the eighth and last seed in Division III, didn't go down without putting up a valiant fight, especially in the third and final set.

The Jaguars played catch up in the first two sets after Florence built big leads. In the first set, the Wild Boars went on an 8-0 run to go up 24-13 before eventu-



MICHAEL ABRAMS/Stars and Stripes

The International School of Florence Wild Boars celebrate their Division III title after defeating Sigonella 25-13, 25-21, 25-21 on Saturday at the DODDS Europe volleyball championships.

ally clinching the win. The second set looked like it was headed for a similar outcome when Florence quickly jumped out to 20-8 lead. But Sigonella clawed its way back into the game, getting to within 23-21, with senior Sydney Moore chipping in a few kills and some strong serving by sophomore Kiah Chandler.

But again, Florence put it away.

In the third set, Sigonella stayed within striking distance. After falling behind 19-14, the Jaguars went on a 6-0 run, pulling ahead by one. That's when Florence's best weapon sprung into action. Handa spiked the ball for a kill, putting their team ahead 21-20. Her final ace on serve iced the victory for the Wild Boars.

Handa was a big reason for Florence's dominance Saturday.

No matter where she was on the court — back, front, center, side — the powerful 5-foot-11½ Handa found holes in the Sigonella court, landing kills that constantly kept the Jaguars off kilter and squelched any momentum they might be building.

Sigonella coach Shawn McCarthy said Florence's experience gave it an advantage over his young team, which returned only one starter from last year's championship squad.

"They also had No. 7," McCarthy said, referring to Handa. "She was hitting, attacking from the back row."

Sigonella didn't have the height to block Handa's spikes, McCarthy said.

"That's something that we couldn't overcome," he said. "Today that was our downfall. We simply couldn't block."

But, "we made a match of it, and that's the best you can hope for."

Moore, the teams' only returning starter, said she was proud the Jaguars didn't let a low seeding hold them back.

"They seeded us eighth and we proved them wrong," she said. "More than half of our team is freshmen, so we had to work up, work up, and I think we did amazing."

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HIGH SCHOOL: DODDS EUROPE

DIVISION I FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Royals shut out Warriors en route to title

By GREGORY BROOME
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KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — For the Ramstein Royals, this was a crowning achievement.

A shutout. Of the vaunted Wiesbaden Warriors. Exacting vengeance for its only two losses of the last two seasons.

And most importantly, a championship. The Royals defeated the Warriors 17-0 in the 2014 DODDS Europe Division I championship game Saturday night at Kaiserslautern High School, swinging the schools' ongoing power struggle back in Ramstein's favor. Wiesbaden beat Ramstein for the title in both 2011 and 2013.

Now the Royals are back on the DODDS-Europe throne. The title is the second in three seasons for the Royals, who beat Patch for the crown in 2012.

"Everything about it was perfect," Royals defensive standout Mason Dean said. "I'm speechless right now. I love our defense."

There was a lot to love on Saturday. None of Wiesbaden's usual offensive flourishes — the reverses and quarterback keepers, the screen passes and shots downfield, the handoffs to one of a half-dozen big-play threats — found any foothold in the face of the swarming Royal defense.

The outcome was a complete reversal of the narrative that defined last year's championship game between these two teams. In 2013, the Warriors unleashed a speedy offensive attack the unbeaten Royals just couldn't catch up to. On Saturday, the Royals fielded a dominant defense the unbeaten Warriors simply couldn't get through.

"That's the most explosive offense in Europe," head coach Carlos Amponin said. "I think the most explosive that Europe's seen in a very long time."

In fact, Amponin and the Royals were so wary of Wiesbaden's big-play capabilities that they refused to entertain the notion



JOSHUA L. DeMOTTs/Stars and Stripes

Ramstein's Antonio Ortiz cuts past a Wiesbaden defender in the 2014 DODDS-Europe DI football championship on Saturday.

of a shutout until the game clock nearly matched the zero on Wiesbaden's side of the board.

"I didn't feel real comfortable until I saw two seconds," Amponin said. "Because I was pretty sure they couldn't score three times in two seconds."

In the teams' Oct. 10 regular-season meeting, Ramstein found success limit-

ing Wiesbaden's prolific offense in a 20-14 overtime loss, the Royals' only defeat of the season. But Ramstein played that game minus a few defensive regulars and without defensive coordinator Carter Hollenbeck calling the game from the sideline. Hollenbeck's unit dominated Saturday's rematch, leading Amponin to anoint Hollenbeck as the "architect of this championship."

As the Royal blueprint manifested itself, the Warriors grew increasingly frustrated.

"After a while, I could tell. They started getting down," said Donta Morris, the team's "defensive MVP" according to Amponin. "Our defense came out strong and we did our thing."

DIVISION II FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Ansbach tops Hohenfels to cap undefeated season

By GREGORY BROOME
Stars and Stripes

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — The Hohenfels Tigers became champion and earned the right to defend it on a magical two-year run of comebacks and game-changing plays.

All that abandoned them Saturday.

The Ansbach Cougars defeated Hohenfels 30-20 to win the 2014 DODDS Europe Division II football championship at Kaiserslautern High School, capitalizing on a string of unusual Hohenfels penalties to erase Tiger leads before and after halftime.

Ansbach head coach Marcus George praised his team for fighting through fatigue, nagging injuries and the first real scoreboard-based adversity of their season.

"They played on heart. They renounced all those August workouts and all that stuff,"



JOSHUA L. DeMOTTs/Stars and Stripes

Ansbach's Jovan Baughman wears his emotions on his sleeve after winning the 2014 DODDS-Europe DII football championship in a 30-20 victory over defending champion Hohenfels on Saturday.

“It just comes back to you, and if you rise above the pain and above the tightness and the bruises, and they did.”

Marcus George
Ansbach head coach

George said. "It just comes back to you, and if you rise above the pain and above the tightness and the bruises, and they did."

The victory caps an undefeated season for Ansbach. The Cougars won all five of their regular-season games and both of their previous playoff games by multiple scores.

The title is Ansbach's first since 2008, the last of a three-year title run that included a 2006 Division III championship followed by consecutive Division II crowns.

Saturday represented the final high-school football game for the Tigers' David Vidovic, the reigning Stars and Stripes football Ath-

lete of the Year, who's four-year Tigers career ranks among the most prolific in DODDS-Europe history.

Vidovic collected 260 rushing yards — including a 56-yard touchdown run — and 117 receiving yards Saturday.

Ansbach's win was aided by the two-way production of standout freshman Tyler Benton. After watching his brother Austin lead the Cougars to the semifinals last year, the younger Benton brother dedicated Saturday's win to Austin.

"I'm just happy to be a part of it," Benton said.

HIGH SCHOOL: DODDS PACIFIC

As eyes fourth straight Far East volleyball title

By DAVE ORNAUER
Stars and Stripes

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — Things looked mighty bleak for three-time Far East Division I Tournament champion American School In Japan, and on the Mustangs' home court at that.

They trailed Shisa, a private volleyball club comprised mainly of Kubasaki players from Okinawa, 14-11 in the fifth set of a "friendly" match played Oct. 18.

ASIJ pulled out a victory 18-16 — avoiding its first regular-season loss in four years — only because reigning D-I Tournament MVP Mia Weinland saved four match points.

While they've favored to make it four straight D-I titles, the Mustangs certainly got a wakeup and perhaps realized that in that match, Kubasaki stamped itself a contender for the title.

"They have a very nice defense," ASIJ

coach Gail Lanier said. "They have some good servers. They have some very strong basic skills. It's their best team I've seen in many years."

The Oct. 18 match, and any that the two play at next week's Far East tournament at Yokota, would be a battle between ASIJ's tall, hard-hitting offense against Kubasaki's outside hitting and court coverage, coaches of both teams said.

"They have a lot of offense; we have a lot of defense," Dragons coach Mike Hogen said. "Their defense has holes. But to get the ball over their block is difficult. [We would be] hitting over what would be typically a man's block. And they have some very athletic girls playing behind that block."

With that fourth straight title, ASIJ would match Academy of Our Lady of Guam's Pacific-record nine title totals.

Kubasaki has never won one; in fact, it has reached just two final fours, finishing third in 1983 and fourth in 2005. Many of

the players on the current Dragons team played on the 2012 fifth-place squad.

Other teams in the mix for a run at the title in the four-day event are Seisen International of Tokyo, with three D-I titles but none since 1993, and Nile C. Kinnick, runner-up the last three years to ASIJ.

Division II also features two DODDS teams making a run at their first title, in Robert D. Edgren and Matthew C. Perry of Japan, and one trying for its first crown since winning two straight in 2007 and '08, in Osan of South Korea.

They're three vastly different teams, Edgren riding the complete skills set of veterans Kalesen Middleton and Madeline Mattingly, Perry its pair of big sisters Ami and Lebet Erhart and the Cougars the outside hitting of Andrea Carandang and Jada Carmine and Haeley Deeney's setting.

For the Eagles and Samurai to have a shot, consistency will be key, coaches of each team said.

"When we make a few errors, we kind of like shut down," Eagles coach Sarah Richardson said. "To overcome that, the kids are going to have to suck it up and just keep pounding the ball and shake off those mistakes and just keep moving."

While the Samurai know how to work together as a team, "they just have to go out and have fun and enjoy themselves," coach Patricia Swiderski said, adding of the Erhart sisters: "They work well together. They bounce stuff off each other. We still have a lot of growth to do, but they do a great job of keeping the team together."

Osan finished highest among DODDS Korea D-II teams in regular-season play and among any DODDS teams at any level in the Korean-American Interscholastic Activities Conference Blue Division tournament. "I wouldn't count us out of Far East," Cougars coach Caylen Dakin said.

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Scoreboard

Girls D-1 tournament

Dates and site — Monday-Thursday at Yokota Air Base, Japan.
Format — Eight teams in one pool, true round-robin, best two of three sets, first two days. Single-elimination with consolation, best three of five sets, last two days.

Schedule

Monday's matches

ASIJ vs. CAJ, 8 a.m.
Kadena vs. Kinnick, 8 a.m.
Seisen International vs. Yokota, 9:30 a.m.
Kubasaki vs. Seoul American, 9:30 a.m.
Kubasaki vs. Kinnick, 11 a.m.
ASIJ vs. Yokota, 11 a.m.
Kadena vs. Seisen International, 12:30 p.m.
Seoul American vs. CAJ, 12:30 p.m.
ASIJ vs. Seoul American, 2 p.m.
Kinnick vs. Seisen International, 2 p.m.
CAJ vs. Kadena, 3:30 p.m.
Kubasaki vs. Yokota, 3:30 p.m.
Kinnick vs. Seoul American, 5 p.m.
ASIJ vs. Seisen International, 5 p.m.

Tuesday's matches

Kubasaki vs. Seisen International, 8 a.m.
Seoul American vs. Yokota, 8 a.m.
Kinnick vs. CAJ, 9:30 a.m.
ASIJ vs. Kadena, 9:30 a.m.
Seoul American vs. Kadena, 11 a.m.
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Seisen International vs. Seoul American, 3:30 p.m.
Yokota vs. CAJ, 5 p.m.
Kubasaki vs. Kadena, 5 p.m.

Girls D-1 tournament

Dates and site — Monday-Thursday at Camp Zama, Japan.
Format — Pool-play matches, hour-long two-set matches, first two days. Modified double-elimination playoff with consolation, best-of-five sets, last two days.

Schedule

Monday's matches

Osan vs. Daegu, 9 a.m.
Edgren vs. Perry, 9 a.m.
Zama vs. Osan, 10 a.m.
Humphreys vs. King, 10 a.m.
Gyeonggi Suwon vs. Humphreys, 11 a.m.
Sacred Heart vs. Edgren, 11 a.m.
King vs. Sacred Heart, noon
Daegu vs. Zama, noon
Gyeonggi Suwon vs. Zama, 2 p.m.
King vs. Daegu, 2 p.m.
Perry vs. Osan, 3 p.m.
Humphreys vs. Sacred Heart, 3 p.m.
Zama vs. Edgren, 4 p.m.
Perry vs. King, 4 p.m.
Daegu vs. Edgren, 5 p.m.
Sacred Heart vs. Gyeonggi Suwon, 5 p.m.
Gyeonggi Suwon vs. Perry, 6 p.m.
Humphreys vs. Osan, 6 p.m.

Tuesday's matches

King vs. Gyeonggi Suwon, 8 a.m.
Zama vs. Humphreys, 8 a.m.
CAJ vs. Sacred Heart, 9 a.m.
Osan vs. Edgren, 9 a.m.
Perry vs. Humphreys, 10 a.m.
Zama vs. King, 10 a.m.
Osan vs. Gyeonggi Suwon, 11 a.m.
Perry vs. Daegu, 11 a.m.
Edgren vs. King, 1 p.m.
Humphreys vs. Daegu, 1 p.m.
Edgren vs. Humphreys, 2 p.m.
Sacred Heart vs. Perry, 2 p.m.
Daegu vs. Gyeonggi Suwon, 3 p.m.
Zama vs. Zama, 3 p.m.
Zama vs. Perry, 4 p.m.
King vs. Osan, 4 p.m.
Osan vs. Sacred Heart, 5 p.m.
Gyeonggi Suwon vs. Edgren, 5 p.m.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL



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Above, Mississippi wide receiver Laquon Treadwell (1) fumbles the ball at the Auburn goal line at the end of the second half on Saturday in Oxford, Miss. Treadwell was injured on the play, which was originally ruled a touchdown before being overturned on replay, and had to be carted off the field. Below, Auburn wide receiver Marcus Davis catches the ball for a touchdown during the second half. Auburn won 35-31.



Tigers edge Rebels

No. 7 Ole Miss suffers 2nd straight loss

By JOHN ZENOR
The Associated Press

OXFORD, Miss. — Cassanova McKinzy won the scramble for the ball and Auburn emerged from a play-off pileup to survive and advance.

McKinzy recovered a fumble in the end zone to preserve the fourth-ranked Tigers' 35-31 victory over No. 7 Mississippi on Saturday night

‘From here on in, every game is a playoff game. They just get bigger and bigger.’

Kris Frost
Auburn linebacker

in what amounted to the first College Football Playoff knockout game.

That roller-coaster play proved to be the decisive blow.

“This was a playoff game,” said Auburn linebacker Kris Frost, who forced the last fumble. “From here on in, every game is a playoff game. They just get bigger and bigger.”

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