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Reassuring friends

US ship shows flag in Baltic ports amid Ukraine tensions

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Polish reporters surround Cmdr. Brian Diebold, commanding officer of the USS Oscar Austin, in the Baltic port of Gdynia, Poland, on Tuesday. The guided missile destroyer is making the Navy's first visit to the Baltic Coast since Russia's annexation of Crimea.

Candidate seeks delay in results of Afghan vote

Abdullah: 'Massive fraud has happened'

By RAHIM FAIEZ
The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Afghanistan's election crisis deepened Sunday as the two presidential candidates sparred over the release of preliminary results and calls mounted for a broader investigation of suspect ballots amid allegations of massive fraud.

Preliminary results had been due on Wednesday, but the Independent Election Commission postponed them for five days saying it needed to audit votes from nearly 2,000 of 23,000 polling stations nationwide. Commission Chairman Ahmad Yousof Nouristan said Sunday that the announcement would be made Monday as planned, although a time had yet to be announced.

Abdullah Abdullah said Sunday that he would not accept any results until all fraudulent votes were invalidated.

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Turkey's porous border prompts fears of terrorism

By JOHN VANDIVER
Stars and Stripes

STUTTGART, Germany — The man known as Kreshnik B., who German authorities say left his Frankfurt home in 2013 to take up arms with the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant in Syria, could be the West's newest nightmare.

Earlier this month, the 20-year-old German was charged by federal prosecutors with

planning to carry out an attack at home after months of fighting in Syria.

Like thousands of other foreign fighters — including up to 2,000 from Europe alone — Kreshnik B. had made his way into Syria via the unchecked border with the NATO state of Turkey to join militants fighting in Syria and Iraq.

For Western officials, the unnerving question now is how many of the battle-tested fighters

of European origin intend to make the same journey back across the Turkish border, ready to launch jihad at home.

"There is an enormous risk, approaching a certainty, that a Levant/Syria/Iraq dominated by ISIL would pose a direct threat to Europe and the United States," said retired Adm. James Stavridis, NATO's supreme allied commander until last year.

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Pedestrians and vehicles travel between Syria and Turkey at the border crossing at Kilis, Turkey, in August 2013.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"It's very personal when you get letters and notes and emails from all the people you know there who used to work for you, saying, 'Can you get my family out of there, everything is collapsing.'"

— Lt. Gen. Joseph Anderson, who spent 42 months in Iraq and is now tactical commander of U.S. and allied troops in Afghanistan, on the violent downed spiral in Iraq

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MILITARY

Philippines VA facility broke drug policy

Federal investigators say hospital used unapproved medications, suppliers

By JOSH HICKS
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A Department of Veterans Affairs hospital in the Philippines wasted money and violated agency policy for two decades by dispensing medications not approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, according to federal investigators.

The U.S. Office of Special Counsel, which examines whistleblower complaints and protects federal employees from retaliation, revealed the findings in a letter to President Barack Obama in June.

Investigations by the OSC and the VA confirmed allegations that the clinic, which is the only VA medical center operating outside the United States, used Philippines drug suppliers once it could no longer obtain FDA-approved medications from its previous source, a U.S. military base.

The workarounds started after Clark Air Base closed in 1991, cutting off the hospital's normal source for controlled substances. The clinic's chief logistics and facilities manager, Robert Crawford, first notified the OSC about the matter after he was hired in April 2011.

"It is troubling that the VA was unable to resolve the issues associated with procuring FDA-approved controlled substances for the [Philippines clinic] for two decades," U.S. Special Counsel Carolyn Lerner said in the letter.

The VA determined that the medical center could have saved more than \$655,000 in 2012 alone by using the department's contracted U.S. supplier, McKesson. McKesson could not supply the clinic because the hospital was not registered with the Drug Enforcement Administration, according to investigators. Crawford began applying for the clinic's DEA license after he was hired in 2011, the letter said.

The medical center has since completed all steps required to purchase drugs from McKesson, and the clinic received its first shipment from the supplier in May 2013, according to the OSC.

The hospital now receives most of its drugs from the U.S. supplier except when there are special circumstances such as with vaccines not used or available in the United States, and when emergency medications are required, the OSC said.

Investigators called on the VA to develop a policy that would explain the circumstances and

processes for using non-FDA-approved drugs in foreign countries, which the OSC said "may be necessary in emergency situations." The VA has complied with that recommendation, according to the OSC.

The VA included in a report to the OSC that the hospital's use of nonapproved drugs did not pose a substantial danger to public health or safety, but Lerner said she was "unable to determine" whether that was true.

"While no evidence of a danger to veterans' health or safety was found, the finding of no reported adverse events for any medications at the clinic raised questions regarding the clinic's reporting practices and the validity of the data," Lerner said in the letter.

The VA also concluded that no waste had occurred because of the clinic's use of nonapproved drugs, saying the hospital would have been used to provide adequate care to veterans without them, Lerner disagreed.

"Given the length of time to resolve this problem, and the significant costs incurred by failing to do so sooner, I have determined that the VA's findings ... are not reasonable," she said.

Lerner recently issued a letter to Obama criticizing the VA

for frequent use of a "harmless error" defense to deny that serious problems with its medical care could affect patients, as well as for retaliation against whistleblowers who tried to expose the problems.

Acting VA secretary Sloan Gibson, who took over as head of the agency after the resignation of Eric Shinseki, said he directed a comprehensive review of the Office of Medical Inspector's operations.

The VA is still responding to recent findings that VA hospitals nationwide have falsified their scheduling records to hide treatment delays.

The chairman of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, Rep. Jeff Miller, R-Fla., said the VA's conclusions about no harm from the use of nonapproved drugs represents another attempt by high-level VA officials to downplay misconduct and mismanagement.

"Many VA leaders have proven time and again that they would rather sweep problems under the rug than solve them and are simply unwilling to take meaningful steps to hold VA employees and managers accountable for mismanagement," Miller said.

Vote: Hopeful calls for audit of votes in 'all suspicious areas'

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The candidate also demanded a more extensive investigation into suspicious ballots, including cases where more than 93 percent of the ballots in a single box were for a single candidate.

"What we are asking for is an audit, and after the completion of the audit ... the announcement of the preliminary results should be made," he said Sunday at a news conference.

"There is no doubt that fraud has happened, massive fraud has happened," he said. "After all suspicious areas are audited, we will accept the election results, but not before that."

The European Union's election

monitoring team in Kabul also has called for a broader investigation into fraud allegations, including highly improbable votes for a single candidate in polling stations or unlikely discrepancies between votes cast by women and men.

The impasse has threatened to undermine what the U.S. and its allies had hoped would be the country's first democratic transfer of authority after President Hamid Karzai agreed to step down after two terms as legally required.

Western officials were looking for a smooth transition to show progress ahead of the withdrawal of U.S. and allied combat troops by the end of this year.

Whoever wins will inherit an impoverished country mired in insurgency and facing high unemployment and declining foreign aid.

Both candidates have promised to sign a security pact with the Obama administration that would allow nearly 10,000 American forces to remain in the country in a training capacity and to conduct counterterrorism operations. A disruption in the announcement of election results could mean another delay in finalizing that agreement, which was rebuffed by Karzai.

Abdullah, who garnered the most votes in the first round of voting on April 5 but failed to get

the majority needed to win outright, has boycotted the electoral institutions after alleging widespread ballot box-stuffing and other efforts to rig the June 14 runoff vote against him.

His rival, Ashraf Ghani, a former finance minister and World Bank official, also filed complaints of irregularities in the balloting but has insisted that the agreed-upon counting process be respected and said any further delays in releasing results would be unacceptable.

Diplomats and other international officials have long said they anticipated irregularities and the determining factor would be whether the vote-rigging was sufficient to affect the outcome.

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EUROPE

Navy warship visit to Baltics aims to reassure

By STEVEN BEARDSLEY

Stars and Stripes

ABOARD THE USS OSCAR AUSTIN IN THE BALTIC SEA—It's not often that a head of state asks to speak with the commanding officer of a Navy warship. For Cmdr. Brian Diebold, it happened for the first time at the end of June.

Shortly after the Oscar Austin's arrival in Tallinn, Estonia, President Toomas Hendrik Ilves asked Diebold to pay him an office visit. Something similar was planned in Poland and Lithuania, where presidents of each nation were expected to attend receptions aboard the ship. Diebold was even scheduled to give his first-ever news conference after pulling into Poland.

Ceremony sometimes follows a port visit, but the tour this guided-missile destroyer is making along the Baltic coast, the first for a Navy warship since Russia's annexation of Crimea in March, is different. Faced with a perceived Russian threat and memories of Soviet occupation, NATO's east European members are desperate for more U.S. military and NATO attention.

The Oscar Austin became the face of that reassurance when Diebold and his crew were handed the last-minute deployment. The mission forced them to study up on an area of Europe few had visited before and to master the finer points of hosting dignitaries.

"I've been on this ship for three years, and we've never done a port visit where we've held a reception until yesterday," Diebold said after the event in Tallinn.

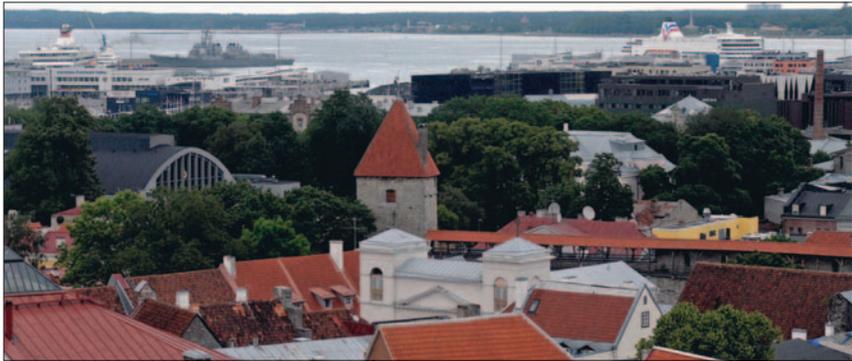
The tour is part of a larger effort to reassure the region since Russian troops entered Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula. NATO increased the number of fighter jets policing Poland and the Baltics, and the U.S. raised the size of a fighter detachment in Poland. Paratroopers with the 3rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team deployed across the region in April, which appears to have calmed nerves.

In May, the Obama administration announced a \$1 billion aid package for the defense budget contingency fund for more aircraft and ship rotations through the region.

The Pentagon scheduled a U.S. ship to participate in the annual Baltic Operations exercise in June that brought ships from 14 nations to practice anti-submarine warfare, combined aviation operations and other tactics. Navy planners kicked Russia out of the exercise several months ago. Now they wanted a U.S. warship to show the flag for the exercise.

The cruiser USS Hue City was originally slated to make the tour, which would include port visits to Poland and the three Baltic countries of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania and a shipboard fire on April 15. It took it out of service. Diebold and his crew were given three weeks notice as its replacement. The crew was already preparing for deployment in October, and Diebold was to change commands in late June.

An avid fisherman with a home



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The USS Oscar Austin is moored in the port in Tallinn, Estonia, on June 26. The guided-missile destroyer is making the first visit by a Navy warship along the Baltic Coast since Russia's annexation of Crimea.



Far left: The Oscar Austin prepares to pull away from Tallinn, Estonia, on June 27.

Left: Crewmembers aboard the destroyer work the mooring lines as the ship pulls into Riga, Latvia, the next morning.

in Florida and 26 years in the service. Diebold, like many officers and sailors, had been to Europe before, but never the Baltics. Before the Hue City fire, the Austin had been slated to visit coastal North Carolina for a live-fire of the ship's 5-inch gun, a coveted assignment, followed by a port call in the Florida Keys.

"I didn't really ever think twice about Estonia until my officer gave us the history brief," Diebold said.

About the Baltics

The tiny Baltic nations, once a stomping ground for Teutonic Knights and conquering Swedes and Russians, were absorbed by the Soviet Union after World War II and didn't regain independence until 1991. Poland fell under the thumb of a Communist regime that took orders from Moscow until 1989.

Each country recalls the past vividly. However, Lita Vather, 25, who sells wooden spoons and wool products from a shop in downtown Tallinn, said she was too young to remember Soviet times.

"I don't remember those years," she said. "But my parents do, and I'll make sure my children know about it."

The Baltics and Poland joined NATO and the European Union after regaining independence, reforming their economies and winning assurances of mutual defense by the military alliance. A

NATO base in Lithuania is home to fighter jets that police the Baltic airspace, and Estonia has offered its air base in Amari for NATO use.

Reassurances can ring hollow in this region, however. Older Poles believe France betrayed Poland in 1939 by waiting to respond to the German invasion that began World War II despite a pact between the two nations. And many people were still gripped by an immediate fear during Russia's invasion of Crimea, said Mirosława Kodis, a TV reporter in Riga, Latvia.

"When all this crisis began in Ukraine, I don't know why, but some people started saying, 'Latvia is next, Estonia is next,'" he said.

The goal of the Austin was to blunt such fears through visibility. The crew hosted ship tours for local media, held receptions for high-level officials and performed community-relations projects. A quintet from the 6th Fleet band was embarked to perform at functions and in concerts in the cities.

They operated in waters more common to Russian warships, which were occasionally visible. Russia held its exercise at the same time as BALTOPS, and the crew saw Russian ships during its transit after the exercise. The two sides never came into contact, but some crewmembers assumed they were being observed.

"I just figure they're out operat-

ing," Diebold said. "I don't know what they're doing or why they're doing it. I don't really have any idea."

In Tallinn, where the ship shared port space with ferries making runs to Helsinki and Stockholm, Diebold and his officers hosted ambassadors from six nations in the officer wardroom, with tuxedoed cooks serving guests. The captain said he was asked about BALTOPS, which he called a success for highlighting allies' ability to work together.

Ilves later asked to meet with him, he said.

The tour for the crew

Little changed for much of the Austin's crew, which continued a routine honed months in advance. Crewmembers manned their watches on schedule, cleaned the ship every afternoon and worked the mooring lines when required. Free time was for working out, sleeping or watching movies.

"For me, I hardly know what's going on on top deck," said Petty Officer 2nd Class Enrique Martinez-Carballo, who monitors equipment in the engine room. "So it's come down here, take care of your equipment and do your job."

The day after the reception in Tallinn, a political aide from the local Navy command joined the ship for the overnight trip to Riga. Diebold asked her to meet with the crew to talk about the political

context of the deployment.

"I've learned more in the past few days on foreign policy than I ever thought I would," he said over the intercom.

The ship arrived in Riga on the morning of June 28. Defense officials went over plans for the coming days. Diebold would make an office call to Latvia's minister of defense. There would be another reception, again with ambassadors. Diebold warned that space would be tight in places and that they would need alcohol, something the ship was short on.

"We're not really set up for these type of events," he said.

The ship pulled away two days later on a cold, rainy morning. Diebold would give a news conference Tuesday at his next stop in Gdynia, Poland, where reporters would latch on to the story about his great-grandfather's immigration from nearby Gdansk to the U.S. in 1909.

Did any of it make a difference? Diebold pointed to media reports. He thought of his interactions with officials.

"You talk to, for example, an Estonian, and someone says, 'We are really glad you're here. Thank you for coming,'" he said. "That right there tells me that just our presence alone is reassuring them that we are here and we will be here for them."

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MIDEAST

Fears: NATO urged to send in forces to work with Turkey

FROM FRONT PAGE
 "As the 'front-line state,' Turkey would be at a very high level of risk," said Stavridis, now dean of the Fletcher School at Tufts University. "Given both the direct threat of jihadists to Europe, broadly, and the danger to Turkey, specifically, NATO should consider all of its options in the region."

As Islamic militants continue to gobble up territory in their quest to carve a new caliphate stretching from western Iraq into Syria, the United States and NATO face perhaps their most serious security threat in years. On June 29, the Sunni insurgent group took the next step, declaring that it has established a formal state of its own across large parts of Syria and Iraq.

Domestic and foreign critics of the Turkish government — a key supporter and facilitator of the rebels fighting Syria's secular regime — have recently pointed out that it has tacitly acquiesced to the infiltration of fighters, arms and other supplies for the insurgents, including militant fundamentalists.

"It's been an open-door policy to jihadists in Turkey," said Marc Pierini, a former European Union ambassador to Turkey. "So much so that the flight from Istanbul to Gaziantep has been called the jihad express. This has been going on and on and on, and it is coming back to bite us."

There are signs that fighters returning to Europe can launch attacks, such as the deadly March sniper assault on a synagogue in Brussels believed to have been carried out by a French national who spent time fighting in Syria. "We're not sure if fighters can return to these nations. They can effect an attack or some sort of problem for that nation and then move quickly across borders into other nations."

Since the start of the civil war in Syria in 2011, scores of young men from across Europe have slipped into Syria through Turkey. A smaller number from the U.S. have made the same journey.

For Istanbul, the main objective

was the elimination of President Bashar Assad, even if that meant tolerating the transit of foreign fighters, but that position now appears to be undermining European security.

Suggestions for NATO

In concert with Turkey, Stavridis said, NATO should be developing a range of tactics, including sending special operations forces to work with Turkish counterparts in conducting cross-border intelligence-gathering operations, unmanned air surveillance and manned airborne warning and control system flights.

"This will be a perfect mission for AGS (Air Ground Surveillance system, the NATO global hawk), and I would push to accelerate deliveries," Stavridis said.

In addition, quick-reaction aircraft for "strike and surveillance" should be moved forward in Turkey, along with a small command element from the NATO Response Force, the alliance's crisis responders, he said. NATO also should be on top of cybersurveillance, exploiting social networks to monitor Islamic State communications, he said.

Estimates vary, but it is believed that 10,000 foreign fighters have made their way via Turkey to Syria. Some of those fighters have likely carried on into Iraq, where the Islamic State has seized control of large swaths of the country, experts say.

A 'jihadist highway'

"Turkey's Syria policy has played a major role in fomenting the conditions that allowed [the Islamic State] to capture Mosul," Turkish columnist Kadri Gursel wrote in a recent essay for Al-Monitor, a regional news site.

"Ankara, by ignoring its own border security, had allowed its Syria border to become a two-way 'jihadist highway.' Thousands of international jihadists used this highway to reach Syria. Though al-Qaeda outfits did not topple the Damascus regime, they made a 'jihadist bonanza' of northern Syria that has not been seen elsewhere."

The Islamic State is also believed to be in control of at least two border crossing areas along Syria's expansive Turkish border, underscoring that the group

is a lightning push across Iraq.

In recent days, fighters from the group have been pushing into rebel-held territory around the northern Syrian city of Aleppo, close to the Turkish border. They are also consolidating their rule along a corridor of land in the eastern Syrian province of Deir el-Zour that leads to neighboring Iraq.

"We call on urgent support for the FSA with weapons and ammunition, and to avoid a humanitarian disaster that threatens our people," said Brig. Gen. Abdul-Ilah Bashir, commander of the Free Syrian Army. "Time is not on our side. Time is a slashing sword," he said.



MICHAEL ABRAMS/Stars and Stripes

A Patriot missile launcher of the 3rd Battalion, 2nd Air Defense Artillery, sits on a hill overlooking Gaziantep, Turkey, and in the distance, Syria, in August. Gaziantep, a border city, is one of the towns that have been frequently used by foreign fighters along the way to Syria.

moves freely on NATO's doorstep.

The Turkish Foreign Ministry did not respond to questions about what measures it is taking to secure the border.

Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu, speaking during a meeting with fellow ministers in Brussels on Wednesday, acknowledged a host of security challenges in the region around Turkey.

"Now it is time to consult more frequently, act together as two strategic allies, and that cooperation will continue in all things and all challenges," said Davutoglu, appearing alongside U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry.

Added Kerry: "Turkey is such a key partner in so many ways, but particularly given what is happening in Syria and now in Iraq with [the Islamic State] and the participation that we've had. We have obviously some major issues to confront."

NATO will likely need to keep a closer eye on its southern flank even as it contends with challenges in the east, where tensions with Russia over the crisis in Ukraine continue to absorb much of the alliance's attention, analysts say.

'Front and center'

The issue of instability along the Turkish border "is now going to be front and center," said Ian Lesser, senior director for foreign and security policy at German Marshall Fund's Brussels office.

"The alliance right now is very much looking east and to the crisis in Ukraine ahead of the upcoming summit in Wales, but there are mounting challenges and risks in the south as well. These are things that will affect the security of western Europe and Europe as a

whole.

NATO will have to take this on."

If drones aren't already deployed to monitor Turkey's border areas, that could be one possible move for NATO in the near future as it seeks to stem the back-and-forth flow of fighters, Lesser said.

For Turkey and its allies in NATO, the challenges along the Turkish border with Syria are daunting and more complex than simply shutting down transit routes or building a fence. The border is a 550-mile mix of rugged terrain dotted with assorted urban centers where fighters can blend into the population. A shadowy network of fixers and enablers has taken root in Turkey's border areas, facilitating the transit of fighters in what has become a lucrative business, experts say.

It is very difficult to distinguish who is who in these areas," Lesser said.

Gaziantep, a border city and host to a U.S. anti-missile Patriot battery, is one of the towns that has been frequently used by foreign fighters along the way to Syria.

Recently, international pressure on the Turkish government has intensified, and there are signs that the country is doing more to get control over who is moving through, Pierini said.

"It has slowed down due to tighter controls by the Turks, but there are still people crossing," he said.

But the corresponding rise of Islamic State poses a serious threat to Turkey and the region as whole, prompting dire warnings from top European political figures.

"The people in that regime, as well as trying to take territory, are also planning to attack us here at home in the United Kingdom," British Prime Minister David

Cameron warned during a June 18 speech before the House of Commons.

No easy solutions

Experts acknowledge there are no quick and easy solutions to a crisis that has its roots in deep sectarian divisions in Syria and Iraq that have served as a magnet for foreign fighters. Stavridis, who has likened the current unraveling in Iraq and Syria to the upheaval during Europe's 150-year religious Reformation, said the West must remain engaged in the region but also recognized the limits of its ability to influence the forces at play.

"We must recognize this is a lethal mix indeed of religion and politics and do all that we can to stabilize the situation," Stavridis wrote in a recent essay in Foreign Policy. "Simply avoiding it will ultimately cause terrible effects in the United States and Europe as radicals come back."

"But at the same time recognize that fundamentally this is not our problem to solve," he wrote. "The ultimate solutions must come from within Islam and the region. This means working with the more moderate regimes and pushing for balance in the treatment of Sunni and Shiite."

In the meantime, Breedlove said NATO must guard against any spillover into Turkey or beyond.

"This (Turkey) is an ally that, if we have to, we will defend," Breedlove said. "And so we're concerned about all of the operations by all of the players on the south side of that border that would ... increase the flow of foreign fighters or any of the things that could affect us in Europe."

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Free Syrian Army commander warns of 'disaster' without aid

By DIAA HADDID
 The Associated Press

BEIRUT — The military chief of Syria's main Western-backed rebel group warned Saturday that the country risked a "humanitarian disaster" if allies do not send more aid to help his moderate forces halt the advance of Islamic militants.

Extremist fighters of the Islamic State control a swath of land straddling Syria and neighboring Iraq, mostly running across the Euphrates river, where they have established their self-styled caliphate. Most of the land was seized last month

in a lightning push across Iraq. His statement underscored the distress of many of the country's rebel fighters, whose battle to overthrow President Bashar Assad has been overshadowed by the advance of Islamic State fighters.

In northern Syria, where the extremists have been pushing back rebels, Syrian government forces also seized a key industrial area, allowing them to choke off rebel-held parts of Aleppo, already brutalized by indiscriminate bombing.

Bashir called on rebel allies, chiefly the United States, but also neighboring Turkey and regional supporters Saudi Arabia and Qatar, to speedily send help. He said the Is-

lamic State fighters will not halt at Syria's borders.

"If we do not receive support quickly, the disaster will not stop at the borders. We put the international community before its historic responsibility," he said.

Also Saturday, Syrian activists said six children and their parents were killed in a government airstrike in the southern town of Dael.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said the eight civilians were killed in shelling early Saturday. The activist collective, the Local Coordination Committees also reported the incident.

CRISIS IN IRAQ

US veterans of Iraq distressed by chaos

Some fear parallels between Iraq exit, departure from Afghanistan

By ERNESTO LONDONO
The Washington Post

KABUL, Afghanistan — Col. Samuel Whitehurst had been consumed with work in the last days of his brigade's nine-month deployment in eastern Afghanistan when alarming news about his former battleground in northern Iraq began to reach him.

Whitehurst fired off an email to the mayor of the Iraqi city of Samarra, who had become a close friend, saying he was thinking of him. Days after a band of Islamic militants took over Mosul and several towns in the north in early June, he got terrible news: Col. Gayath Sami, the Iraqi officer Whitehurst had groomed to run Samarra's security command center, had been slain in the fighting.

"To find out that he had been killed," said Whitehurst, who commands the 3rd Brigade Combat Team of the 10th Mountain Division, "deployed in Paktria province." Those are the things I worry about — the friends I met there and what's going to happen to them."

The catastrophic turn Iraq has taken in recent weeks has startled U.S. veterans who spent years seeking to set up the country, and particularly its security forces, for success. The Iraq War killed nearly 4,500 U.S. troops and, by some estimates, cost taxpayers more than \$2 trillion.

The country's violent downward spiral as Islamist militants seized large swaths of territory has been particularly unsettling to those who are currently in Afghanistan at the tail end of America's longest war and hoping for a better outcome.

"Watching how much everybody worked to continue to have hope and progress for that country and to watch it crumble is fairly disheartening," said Lt. Gen. Joseph Anderson, who spent 42 months in Iraq and is now tactical commander of U.S. and allied troops here. "It's very personal when you get letters and notes and emails from all the people you know there who used to work for you saying: 'Can you get my family out of there? Everything is collapsing.'"

Drawing parallels between Iraq and Afghanistan and the aftermath of the American invasion in each has always been difficult, but some similarities are unmistakable.

As they did in Iraq, U.S. military officials speak optimistically about the growing competence and strength of the security forces in Afghanistan. That Washington has spent billions of dollars to train and equip. Echoing assessments about the strength of the Sunni insurgency in Iraq during the final year of the U.S. military presence there, commanders here assert that the Taliban movement has been markedly

weakened and no longer controls important urban areas.

In some ways, Iraq's outlook seemed brighter as U.S. troops were making their exit. Its vast oil reserves were again luring foreign investment and propelling economic growth. Using its own funds, the government in Baghdad placed orders for advanced U.S. military equipment worth billions of dollars. The country's leaders felt confident enough about the post-American era that they balked at authorizing legal immunity for a small contingent of military advisers the Obama administration sought to keep after the combat mission ended in December 2011.

"It was set to be a huge success," Maj. Rob Wenden, 37, who is leading the effort to shut down a base in southern Afghanistan, said, recalling his optimism at the end of his second deployment

‘Personally, I don’t feel anything I endured in Iraq was in vain.’

Capt. Rick McCuan
82nd Airborne Division

As his base, Forward Operating Base Pasab in Kandahar province, which was once home to some 5,000 troops, he has watched developments in Iraq with dismay.

"It's a shame to see Iraq now," the major said. "I'm bothered to see this lack of security." Commanders here have noted that the new Afghan president is all but certain to sign a security cooperation agreement with Washington, provided the dispute over alleged widespread voting fraud in the recent presidential election is settled and the new leader takes office soon. That would keep a small coalition of international troops here beyond the end of the year and, perhaps more critically, pave the way for continued foreign aid for Afghanistan for years to come.

Some American soldiers in Afghanistan said the aftermath of the U.S. pullout in Iraq shouldn't be seen as a failed military campaign but rather a case study of the limitations of what the armed forces can accomplish.

"Personally, I don't feel anything I endured in Iraq was in vain," said Capt. Rick McCuan, 31, an intelligence analyst with the 82nd Airborne Division who is deployed in southern Afghanistan. "We were charged with a mission, and we executed that mission to set the conditions for the Iraqi people to take control of their own destiny."



NABIL AL-JURAIMI/AP

Civilians and security forces inspect wreckage at the site of a car bomb explosion at the Ashar neighborhood in central Basra, 340 miles southeast of Baghdad, on Saturday.

Islamic leader purported in video

By SINAN SALAHEDDIN
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraqi officials are working to determine the authenticity of a video that purportedly shows the leader of the Islamic extremist group that has seized large swaths of the country delivering a sermon last week in the nation's second-largest city, authorities said Sunday.

The 21-minute video said to show Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, the head of the Islamic State, was reportedly filmed on Friday at the Great Mosque in the northern city of Mosul. It was released on at least two websites known to be used by the organization and bore the logo of its media arm.

Iraqi military spokesman Lt. Gen. Qassim al-Moussawi told reporters Sunday the country's security services are still analyzing the video to verify whether the speaker is indeed al-Baghdadi, and that the government will "announce the details once they are available."

The purported appearance in Mosul, a city of some 2 million that the militants seized last



FROM MILITANT VIDEO/AP

This image made from video posted on a militant website Saturday purports to show the leader of the Islamic State, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, delivering a sermon at a mosque in Iraq.

month, came five days after al-Baghdadi's group declared the establishment of an Islamic state, or caliphate, in the territories it has seized in Iraq and Syria. The group proclaimed al-Baghdadi the leader of its state and demanded that all Muslims pledge allegiance to him.

Wearing black robes and a

black turban, the man in the video said to be al-Baghdadi urges his followers to jihad, and emphasizes the implementation of a strict interpretation of Islamic law. He strikes an almost humble tone, telling listeners, "I am not better than you or more virtuous than you."

A senior Iraqi intelligence official told The Associated Press on Saturday that an initial analysis indicated the man in the video is al-Baghdadi. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to brief the media.

Over the past month, al-Baghdadi's fighters have overrun much of northern and western Iraq, adding to the territory they already control in neighboring Syria. The Sunni group's initial surge in Iraq has crested, at least for now, having grabbed most of Iraq's predominantly Sunni Arab regions and reaching majority Shiite areas.

One of the main battlefronts now is the country's largest oil refinery near Beiji, some 155 miles north of Baghdad.

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NATION

Sheriff: Rancher's acts can't stand

The Associated Press

RENO, Nev. — U.S. Bureau of Land Management officials say they agree with a Nevada sheriff's position that rancher Cliven Bundy must be held accountable for his role in an April standoff between his supporters and the federal agency.

Clark County Sheriff Doug Gillespie said Bundy crossed the line when he allowed states' rights supporters, including self-proclaimed militia members, onto his property to aim guns at police.

"If you step over that line, there are consequences to those actions," Gillespie told the Las Vegas Review-Journal. "And I believe they stepped over that line. No doubt about it. They need to be held accountable for it."

Bureau spokeswoman Celia Boddington, in a statement released Saturday, said the agency continues to pursue the matter "aggressively through the legal system."

"There is an ongoing investigation and we are working diligently to ensure that those who broke the law are held accountable," she said, declining to elaborate.

The FBI declined comment Saturday on its investigation. Bundy did not respond to a request for comment.

The Bureau of Land Management says Bundy owes more than \$1 million in fees and penalties for trespassing on federal property without a permit over 20 years. Bundy, whose ancestors settled in the area in the late 1800s, refuses to acknowledge federal authority on public lands.

A federal judge in Las Vegas first ordered Bundy in 1998 to remove "trespass cattle" from land the bureau declared a refuge for the endangered desert tortoise. Bureau officials obtained court orders last year allowing the roundup.

Bundy was not a hardened criminal, Gillespie told the newspaper. He was a rancher who stopped paying his fees, and that was not worth risking violence.

Boddington said the bureau planned and conducted the roundup in "full coordination" with Gillespie and his office.



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A freight train derailed near Alberton, Mont., on Thursday, sending three cars carrying aircraft fuselages down a steep embankment and into the Clark Fork River.

Airline fuselages to be pulled from river

The Associated Press

MISSOULA, Mont. — Crews on Sunday were to attempt to remove three Boeing 737 fuselages that tumbled down a steep bank and into the Clark Fork River in western Montana after a train derailed.

Montana Rail Link spokeswoman Lynda Frost said Saturday that it was unclear the type of challenge involved because it's the first time the company has

faced such a task.

No one was injured when 19 cars from a westbound train derailed Thursday about 10 miles west of Alberton. The cause of the derailment is under investigation.

The train carried six fuselages. Three others also fell off but stayed on land. Frost said Boeing has had workers at the scene assessing the damage.

The fuselages were headed to Renton, Wash., to be assembled into completed airliners.

NSA intercepts words of many ordinary users

By BARTON GELLMAN, JULIE TATE AND ASHKAN SOLTANI
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Ordinary Internet users, American and non-American alike, far outnumber legally targeted foreigners in the communications intercepted by the National Security Agency from U.S. digital networks, according to a four-month investigation by The Washington Post.

Nine of 10 account holders found in a large cache of intercepted conversations, which former NSA contractor Edward Snowden provided in full to The Washington Post, were not the intended surveillance targets but were caught in a net the agency had cast for somebody else.

Many of them were Americans. Nearly half of the surveillance files, a strikingly high proportion, contained names, email addresses or other details that the NSA marked as belonging to U.S. citizens or residents. NSA analysts masked, or "minimized," more than 65,000 such references to protect Americans' privacy, but The Washington Post found nearly 900 additional email addresses, unmasked in the files, that could be strongly linked to U.S. citizens or U.S. residents.

The surveillance files highlight a policy dilemma that has been aired only abstractly in public. There are discoveries of considerable intelligence value in the intercepted messages — and collateral harm to privacy on a scale that the Obama administration has not been willing to address.

Among the most valuable contents — which The Washington Post will not describe in detail, to avoid harm to ongoing operations — are fresh revelations about a secret overseas nuclear project, double-dealing by an ostensible ally, a military calamity that befell a friendly power, and the identities of aggressive intruders into U.S. computer networks.

Months of tracking communications across more than 50 alias accounts, the files show, led directly to the 2009 capture in Abbottabad of Muhammad Tahir Shahzad, a Pakistan-based bomb builder, and Umar Patek, a suspect in a 2002 terrorist bombing on the Indonesian island of Bali. At the request of CIA officials, The Washington Post is withholding other examples that officials said would compromise ongoing operations.

Many other files, described as useless by the analysts but nonetheless retained, have a startlingly intimate, even voyeuristic quality. They tell stories of love and

heartbreak, illicit sexual liaisons, mental health crises, political and religious conversions, financial anxieties and disappointed hopes. The daily lives of more than 10,000 account holders who were not targeted are catalogued and recorded nevertheless.

To allow time for analysis and outside reporting, neither Snowden nor The Washington Post has disclosed until now that he obtained and shared the content of intercepted communications. The cache Snowden provided came from domestic NSA operations under the broad authority granted by Congress in 2008 with amendments to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act. FISA content is generally stored in closely controlled data repositories, and for more than a year, senior government officials have depicted it as beyond Snowden's reach.

The Washington Post reviewed roughly 160,000 intercepted email and instant-message conversations, some of them hundreds of pages long, and 7,900 documents taken from more than 11,000 on-line accounts. The material spans President Barack Obama's first term, from 2009 to 2012, a period of exponential growth for the NSA's domestic collection.

Taken together, the files offer an unprecedented vantage point on the changes wrought by Section 702 of the FISA amendments, which enabled the NSA to make free use of methods that for 30 years had required probable cause and a warrant from a judge. One program, code named PRISM, extracts content stored in user accounts at Yahoo, Microsoft, Facebook, Google and five other leading Internet companies. Another, known inside the NSA as Upstream, intercepts data on the move as it crosses the U.S. junctions of global voice and data networks.

No government oversight body has delved into a comparably large sample of what the NSA actually collects — not only from its targets but from people who may cross a target's path.

By law, the NSA may "target" only foreigners located overseas unless it obtains a warrant based on probable cause from a special surveillance court. For collection under PRISM and Upstream rules, analysts must state a reasonable belief that the target has information of value about a foreign government, a terrorist organization or the spread of nonconventional weapons.

Most of the people caught up in those programs are not the targets and would not lawfully qualify as such.

12 states plan \$9-plus minimum wage

The Washington Post

Rhode Island last week joined 11 other states that plan to raise their minimum wage to at least \$9 over the next several years.

At the start of next year, the state minimum wage will rise a buck to \$9 an hour, according to a new measure Democratic Gov. Lincoln Chafee signed into law Tuesday.

Only three states currently have a minimum wage of at least

\$9. Washington's is highest at \$9.32, followed by Oregon's minimum wage at \$9.10. California's rose to \$9 last week.

When Rhode Island's new rate goes into effect, it will be joined by three others: the minimum wage in Massachusetts will rise to \$9, while that in Vermont and Connecticut will jump to \$9.15. In all but three states — Minnesota, Michigan and New York — the minimum wages will be above \$10.

By 2018, 12 states will have

reached or surpassed the \$9 level. Ten states and the District of Columbia have enacted increases this year alone, according to a list maintained by the National Conference of State Legislatures. The states are Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Rhode Island, Vermont and West Virginia. Many more — 34 states — have considered doing so, according to the NCSL.

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Only road to NC island reopened after Arthur

By EMERY P. DALESIO
The Associated Press

KILL DEVIL HILLS, N.C. — North Carolina's popular beach towns began returning to the business of recreation Saturday after Arthur lashed the state's coast with forceful winds and heavy rain and then churned northward without leaving a trail of significant damage.

Arthur was downgraded to a tropical storm early Saturday, but the storm's near-hurricane strength winds slammed into Canada's maritime provinces, causing about 250,000 customers to lose power. The storm caused flight cancellations and delays at the region's largest airport in Halifax, while flooding some local roads in New Brunswick.

New England was largely spared from damage spawned by the storm, but some 19,000 people in Maine and 1,600 in Vermont were without power after high winds and heavy rains pounded the region. There were reports of localized flooding in coastal areas

of Massachusetts, and the Nova Star Ferry suspended service Friday and Saturday morning because of dangerous seas. No injuries or deaths have been reported.

The hurricane's effects in North Carolina were mostly confined to Hatteras and Ocracoke islands, and some vacationers were already back on beaches to the north and south on Friday.

The ocean churned by Arthur remained dangerous Saturday with the risk of rip currents able to wash the strongest swimmer to sea. That didn't stop thousands of people from enjoying the sun and sand and leaving lifeguards to remind beachgoers of the danger.

The only road onto Hatteras Island was reopened to all traffic on Saturday afternoon, hours after permanent residents were first allowed to return. The island had been closed to visitors since early Thursday. With many weeklong cottage rentals running Saturday to Saturday, local businesses were hoping to salvage the second half of the holiday weekend.

Harding's love letters due to be made public

By MICHAEL E. RUANE
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — On Christmas Eve, 1910, future president Warren G. Harding got out a photograph of himself, and on the back wrote an impassioned love note to his mistress.

"My Darling," he began. "There are no words, at my command, sufficient to say the full extent of my love for you — a mad, tender, devoted, ardent, eager, passion-wild, jealous ... hungry ... love ..."

"It flames like the fire and consumes," Harding, 45, who was married and about to be elected the 29th president a decade later, wrote. "It racks in the tortures of aching hunger, and glows in bliss ineffable — bliss only you can give."

His lover, Carrie Fulton Phillips, 37, who was married to one of Harding's friends, kept the missive and began keeping dozens more love letters from Harding — some of them 30 pages long — despite his requests that she burn them.

Held at the Library of Congress and court-ordered sealed for the past 50 years, the trove of the original, often-juicy letters is scheduled to be opened to the public via the Internet on July 29.

The library is hosting a program to discuss the collection July 22, featuring library and outside experts on the "Hardy" scandal.

The roughly 900 pages illuminate an extraordinary and intimate chapter in the life of a seemingly drab president who was dogged by political scandal, died in office and had campaigned on a platform of "a return to normalcy."

The unsealing of the letters

comes two months after a collection of private letters of former first lady Jacqueline Kennedy was pulled from auction in May.

Kennedy's letters were those she sent to a confidant, a Roman Catholic priest in Dublin, over the course of 14 years. They were withdrawn from auction after the Kennedy family objected.

The original Harding letters were sealed July 29, 1964, the library said. The Harding family donated them to the library in 1972, with the stipulation that they stay sealed until July 29, 2014.

But forgotten microfilm copies were discovered in an Ohio historical repository a decade ago by an author researching the president, and he used many of them in a detailed but little-known book.

The letters reveal, among other things, an insecure, romantic man who sometimes wrote his mistress in code and slipped away for secret meetings with her in Germany, England and Canada.

They met in New York and had assignations on an ocean liner, where they began the day "with glorious kisses and fond caresses, and you were so superb," Harding reminisced later.

He came up with code names for them. Sometimes she was "Sis" or "Mrs. Pouterson." He was "Jerry." Together, they were "the Poutersons."

There is little doubt about what went on.

On Jan. 2, 1913, he wrote: "My Carrie, Beloved and Adored. ... I do love you so. ... I wonder if you realize how much — how faithfully, how gladly — how passionately. Yes you do know it. Last, you must have felt the proof."



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Two men carry a swimmer Saturday after he was bitten by a great white shark off Southern California's Manhattan Beach.

Shark bites swimmer near Southern California beach

The Associated Press

MANHATTAN BEACH, Calif. — A swimmer was bitten by a juvenile great white shark that grew agitated trying to free itself from a hook a fisherman had thrown into the water off Southern California's Manhattan Beach Pier, officials said.

The man, who was with a group of long-distance swimmers when he swam into the fishing line, was bitten on a side of his rib cage about 9:30 a.m. Saturday, said Rick Flores, a Los Angeles County Fire Department spokesman. The man's injuries were not life-threatening and he was taken to a hospital conscious and breathing on his own, Flores said.

Witnesses said the approximately 7-foot shark was thrashing around in the water for more than 30 minutes before biting the swimmer about 300 yards off the beach.

Eric Martin told KABC-TV that the shark's mouth opened and closed as if it was trying to shake the hook.

The fisherman cut the line, and a surfer put the injured swimmer onto his board, taking him ashore with the help of Los Angeles County lifeguards. Paramedics began treating the man.

The victim's identity was not released. Flores described him as a middle-aged man.

The shark remained in the area for the next 20 minutes and then disappeared into the murky water, Flores said. The beaches remained open, but a mile-long stretch was temporarily off-lim-

its to swimmers. Police also prohibited fishing from the pier until Tuesday as a precaution.

Shark sightings are on the rise at some Southern California beaches, especially in the waters off Manhattan Beach, which is a popular spot for surfers and paddle boarders. The beach also attracted large crowds on the holiday weekend.

"There's a sighting almost on a daily basis out here," Flores said.

Marine biologists say many of the sharks are juveniles learning to feed and fend for themselves.

Capt. Tracy Lizotte, a Los Angeles County lifeguard at the beach,

told the Los Angeles Times that sharks usually avoid people and said the animal accidentally bit the swimmer because it had gotten agitated.

Shark attacks are rare. Since 1950, there have been 101 great white shark attacks on humans off California — 13 of them resulted in deaths, the state Department of Fish and Wildlife said.

It's illegal to fish for great white sharks. It wasn't immediately clear whether the department was investigating the accident.

A call to a department spokeswoman wasn't immediately returned.

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NYC firefighter killed in high-rise blaze

By MICHAEL R. SISAK
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Fire Department of New York is mourning the death of a lieutenant who became trapped while looking for victims in a public-housing high-rise blaze, the first to die in the line of duty in more than two years.

Lt. Gordon Ambelas died Saturday after suffering multiple injuries while on the 19th floor of the 21-story building in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn, officials said.

"We lost a real hero tonight

and our hearts are heavy," Mayor Bill de Blasio said of the 14-year veteran of the force. "I ask every New Yorker to keep the lieutenant in their prayers."

Fire Commissioner Daniel Nigro told reporters that Ambelas sustained multiple injuries after he went into an apartment on fire to look for victims. He was found unconscious inside of the apartment and was removed by fellow firefighters, de Blasio said.

"Ambelas went into the apartment to search for life and did not come out, and by the time his brother firefighters found him, it



Ambelas

was too late for him," Nigro said.

It is the department's first line-of-duty death since Lt. Richard A. Nappi was killed fighting a Brooklyn warehouse blaze in April 2012. Ambelas is the 18th to die since 343 firefighters perished in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

A police officer, Dennis Guer-

ra, died in April after he and his partner were overcome by smoke and carbon monoxide while responding to a mattress fire on the 13th floor of a Coney Island public housing complex.

Ambelas, 40, a married father of two daughters from Staten Island, was among the firefighters honored last month for helping to save a 7-year-old boy who became trapped in a roll-down gate in May. The boy was pulled 15 feet off the ground when his arm and head got stuck.

Ambelas said at the time that the incident "shows that FDNY

members are always ready to help others. It was great teamwork all around."

The fire broke out around 9:30 p.m. Saturday in an apartment on the 19th floor of the building that is part of the six-building Independence Towers complex owned by the New York City Housing Authority. It quickly went to a second-alarm as flames spread to the 17th and 18th floors.

Two other firefighters were treated at Bellevue Hospital for minor injuries. Two residents received treatment at the scene for minor injuries.

Indianapolis officer dies after gunbattle

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — A veteran Indianapolis police officer was shot and killed after he and another patrolman exchanged gunfire with a suspect in an alley Saturday night.

Officer Perry Renn, 51, was pronounced dead at a hospital at 9:58 p.m. Saturday, Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department said in a statement early Sunday morning. Renn had been with the IMPD for nearly 22 years.

According to police, Renn and another officer responded to a call about shots being fired in the 3400 block of Forest Manor, went to the alley and approached a group of unidentified subjects. As officers approached, Major Davis Jr., 25, of Indianapolis, began shooting, prompting officers to return fire, police alleged.

Davis also was struck and remains in critical condition following surgery. Police said he is preliminarily charged with murder. An investigation is ongoing.

"This is a sad day for the IMPD family and the community as a whole," said IMPD Chief Rick Hite. "Please keep Officer Renn's family in your prayers. We will remain vigilant as we continue to take care of one another and

the city in the days and weeks to come."

Public Safety Director Troy Riggs said Renn was the eighth police officer shot during the past 18 months.

The shootings are the latest in a violent year for Indianapolis, which is on track to rival its record of 162 homicides, set in 1998. A shooting in a bar-hopping Indianapolis neighborhood injured seven people early Saturday.

"Our officers less than 24 hours ago were attending to the wounded citizens of this city," Hite said, while standing alongside Riggs and Mayor Greg Ballard outside the hospital Saturday night. "What are we going to do about people in the community who welcome us with assault weapons when we are sending out officers who are trying to protect them?" Ballard said it was "a time to grieve and we want to send our hearts out for the family of Officer Renn."

Fraternal Order of Police Vice President Rick Snyder said Renn was "heroic" in his entire career.

"For 20 years he did his job for the citizens and for the city," Snyder told The Indianapolis Star. "He put on a badge and went to work knowing the risks. Unfortunately, he is not going home tonight and a family is ruined."

said he'd been hit by another vessel and that his 36-foot pleasure craft was taking on water, authorities said.

"We kept getting report after report of more people in the water," Miami Fire Rescue Lt. Ignatius Carroll said.

Eight people were initially transported to Miami hospitals. Two of them — a man and a woman — later died. Relatives of a third victim found her body in the water Saturday, and a fourth body was located later by investigators, authorities said.

The victims' names and ages weren't immediately released.

From The Associated Press



MICHAEL PEREZ/AP

Philadelphia firefighters work on burned row homes in Philadelphia on Saturday.

Philadelphia blaze kills 4 children, engulfs 10 houses

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Fire raced through a row of two-story homes in southwest Philadelphia early Saturday, killing three 4-year-olds and a baby and engulfing at least 10 houses, officials said. A woman and three other children escaped through a second-floor window.

The blaze began shortly before 3 a.m. and was brought under control in about an hour, fire officials said. At least eight row homes were gutted, leaving behind only charred frames. The cause of the fire remains under investigation, but witnesses said it may have begun on a couch on a porch.

Among the dead were 4-year-old twin girls. Their mother, Deven Bowah, 41, told police she was in the home with seven children and managed to get her three other daughters out before jumping from a second-floor window. She couldn't save the twins, Maria and Mariella Bowah, or

1-month-old Taj Jacque and Patrick Sanyeah, 4. The boys' mother wasn't in the home at the time.

"We lost four precious lives," Mayor Michael Nutter said at an afternoon news conference. "Four little, innocent children, in a horrific tragedy. I can only pray that their pain was not long and they did not truly feel and experience the intensity of this fire and flames."

Bowah and her three surviving daughters were taken to the hospital, but the extent of their injuries was not known.

Jeff Boone told The Philadelphia Inquirer that he saw a couch on fire on the porch of a house about five doors down from his residence and heard children screaming.

The flames spread across porches so fast, he said, that "it looked like someone had a flamethrower and just shot it all across."

Boone, 27, said he called 911 and bolted out of his house to try

to save his neighbors.

"I was running, screaming, telling everybody, 'Get up! Yo, get up! Yo! Go!'" he said.

Milton Musa told the newspaper his roommate woke him up and said their home was on fire. Once outside, Musa said, he saw two children hanging from a neighbor's window.

"I could see they weren't strong, and I was afraid they'd fall to the cement," Musa said. "So I went underneath them, let them fall on my back and carried them away."

He wiped away tears as he recalled the intense moments as the blaze swept through the neighborhood.

"Everyone was running for their lives," he said. "I've lost everything. My paperwork, my documents, my house. Everything."

About 100 firefighters responded to the blaze.

The Red Cross said 32 people were displaced by the fire.

4 confirmed dead in Fla. boat collision

MIAMI — Three boats collided near a Miami marina near the end of a fireworks display, killing four and injuring a dozen others in a chaotic scene that left bodies and survivors tossed overboard.

Multiple law enforcement agencies responded to the crash Friday night near the Dinner Key Marina in Miami, with officers plugging several people out of the water. The boaters are believed to have been out celebrating the Fourth of July holiday.

Rescuers were alerted by one of the boaters about 10:45 p.m. He

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Drina Oliver, left, offers a jar of cannabis for a shopper to smell Saturday at Green Gorilla, one of many pot vendors at a cannabis farmers market organized by California Heritage Market in Los Angeles.

Los Angeles marijuana 'farmers market' off to roaring start

By EMILY ALPERT REYES
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — The line stretched hundreds of people long down an industrial stretch of Esperanza Street as throngs of Los Angeles residents endured the baking heat Saturday to get into a Boyle Heights warehouse.

Inside, cannabis growers offered up their crop from glass jars labeled with gauzy names like "Blue Dream" and "Banana Kush." Shoppers sniffed each musky container discerningly. A dizzying assortment of marijuana-infused wares beckoned from dozens of booths: balms and sunblock, organic waffles and soft pretzels, chai tea, cooking oil, lollipops in salted caramel, watermelon or Key lime flavors.

"What have you got?" one man asked gruffly at a booth lined with jars. A purple chalkboard behind the folding tables advertised, "HIGH QUALITY!!! TOP SHELF!!!"

"What do you like?" replied Anthony Guillen, of Cal Hemp, with a smile. "Everybody's got preferences."

Teenage and graying, tattooed and toting

canes, the shoppers shared a simple goal: to cut out the marijuana middleman. Instead of heading to pot shops, they flocked to Boyle Heights to buy directly from growers — a marijuana marketplace akin to the farmers markets that speckle Los Angeles.

"The dispensary is so last decade," quipped Los Angeles-area grower John Moreaux.

Pazley Bradbury, executive director of the California Heritage Market, billed it as the first such market in Los Angeles County. As the city cracks down on pot shops that don't comply with Proposition D — a law passed by Los Angeles voters last year to restrict the number of marijuana businesses that can operate — local patients have had fewer choices when it comes to cannabis, Bradbury said.

"This opens it up for patients to reach lots of different cultivators," she said. "They'll be able to get flowers, concentrates, edibles, lotions. And you can get 70 percent off the prices at a dispensary."

Rachel Hartje sweated out a 45-minute wait Saturday to seek out deals and to quiz growers about whether their cannabis was lab-tested for mold or contaminants. Her

breast cancer recently went into remission after more than two years of treatment. With money tight as she fends off her illness, Hartje said it was worth the trip from Glendale for even a small discount on the oils and tinctures that ease her pain.

"Every little bit helps," she said, toting a small bag at her side.

To get into the market, shoppers had to show documents and ID proving they were legally allowed to buy medicinal marijuana products. Bradbury estimated that roughly 2,500 patients packed the market when it opened Friday, more than twice as many as expected, and said the crowds seemed even bigger Saturday. As she fielded questions from a reporter, someone hurriedly handed Bradbury a cellphone.

"Sorry I haven't been able to get back to you," she told the caller quickly. "The market is crazy."

Many shoppers were wowed by the bargains. A 62-year-old military veteran raved about the prices, showing off a plastic bag loaded with fluffy buds as he waited in line for another vendor. "Fifteen dollars for this?" he told a young woman standing behind him. "Now where are you going to

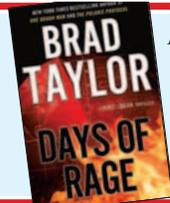


A shopper checks out a marijuana plant at a pot vendor's stall.

get this for \$15?"

As customers lined up by the hundreds early Saturday, a city building inspector stopped by the market and issued an order saying the warehouse needed a change-of-use permit to be used for retail.

Bradbury earlier said organizers were confident there were no legal problems with the market, which she plans to continue as a weekly event. Muscular security guards were stationed throughout the building, but cannabis vendors said the crowds were mostly mellow despite the long lines and pummeling heat.



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Zapping zombies

Va. gun range uses the undead as socially acceptable targets

BY MICHAEL S. ROSENWALD
The Washington Post

With their 45 and 9 mm handguns cocked and ready, two PBS engineers-turned-zombie hunters crept through a door in the Shenandoah Valley and into madness. A dozen bloody and undead faces stared back.

Steve Wynn and Eric Timmerman, who'd taken vacation days to kill zombies, put dozens of bullets in their brains, which turned out to be plastic.

These were zombie targets and dummies, not the flesh-eating ones, and Wynn and Timmerman encountered them at a gun range at the end of a gravel road in Winchester, Va. They were students in "Zombie Survival 101: Surviving the Horde," a class offered by a Virginia firearms training company that has, like much of the gun world, become infested with zombies.

Around the country, gun enthusiasts are turning pop culture's fascination with the undead into a fun — and socially acceptable — target. They are joining zombie eradication teams and snapping up zombie targets, zombie ammo, zombie gas masks and even zombie killing textbooks, which correctly illuminate the only way to execute a zombie: with a head shot. (Aiming for the pelvis will at least slow them down.) Late last month, nearly 1,000 people gathered on 200 acres in Minnesota for Outbreak Omega, an annual event of simulated zombie attacks where shooters even rode in a local SWAT team's armored truck.

"It's politically incorrect to shoot human targets," said Larry Ahlman, the longtime owner of Ahlman's gun store, the host of the Minnesota event. "And it's getting politically incorrect to shoot animal targets. It's a little boring to shoot circular rings all day. But nobody can find a place in their heart for a zombie. So it's really the perfect thing to shoot."

Cultural historians and gun won't observe that there are deeper societal forces at work.

Zombies and guns are a perfect match, they say, especially for a new generation of gun enthusiasts raised on graphic video games and movies and TV shows such as "World War Z" and "The Walking Dead" that feed a quintessentially American hunger for end-of-the-world fantasies.

Zombies have even become a freaky metaphor for disease outbreaks and mass casualty attacks, with both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Defense Department having used zombie hordes in training documents and simulations.

Their outbreak in the gun world has helped bring new shooters — especially women — into the sport after the metaphor took hold a couple of years ago. The Pistol Packing Ladies, a Virginia gun club, offers a monthly zombie target night. Shooting zombies in the head, said co-founder Erica Quinley, "is challenging and gets the ladies to focus on fundamentals. It's just fun, too."

For firearms training, Wynn said, "shooting at an undead psycho clown is just slightly less scary than imagining that black silhouette serial killer/mugger/rapist coming at you."

Timmerman, 39, and Wynn, 50, began their training in a tiny wooden classroom that looked and creaked like an old one-room schoolhouse. A zombie dummy leaned up against the wall, his face riddled with bullet holes. Their teacher was Blake Isham, a local sheriff's deputy, expert marksman and owner of Northern Virginia Tactical school.

After a brief safety discussion, Isham played a clip from "Zombieland," a 2009 film in which Jesse Eisenberg's character comes up with rules for fighting zombies. One is "beware of bathrooms."



Blake Isham, left, owner of the training site, shares a laugh with student Eric Timmerman.

Another is "check the back seat." Wynn and Timmerman giggled.

The class, which typically has about eight students, was one of three that Isham taught during a long weekend last month. The students watched a big-screen presentation and followed along in an 11-page handout that included lessons on zombie brain anatomy (the best shot is actually a nose shot), zombie threat identification ("decomposing flesh") and auxiliary zombie killing tools. Wynn brought two of his son's baseball bats — just in case.

Isham allowed that some of the material had not been fully vetted.

"I've never met a zombie," he said. "I've got a teenage brother. That's the closest I've gotten to one."

Even still, he aimed for practicality. "While bulletproof gear is

good," he said, "biteproof is better. Zombies don't have the fine motor skills to shoot a gun."

More giggling. Timmerman and Wynn, like most others who stalk zombie dummies, do not actually think they pose a tangible threat. The danger is tongue-in-cheek, a fun way to learn advanced shooting tactics.

"It's more interactive than just going to the range," Timmerman said. "You can move around. It's a good way to learn more."

After class, the students moved outside to the range, with its tall trees, chirping birds and zombies. Timmerman and Wynn shot for a couple of hours at paper targets: a clown zombie, a Nazi zombie and a zombie that looked remarkably like President Barack Obama. They practiced shooting walking backward and forward, side-to-side and with guns in each hand.

After examining a target suffering multiple head wounds, Isham said, "All in all, that's a dead zombie. He no longer wants to bite us." Bursting through the door was the last drill, and it ended with a large melon. It was on a stick, substituting for a zombie head. Wynn, nearly out of ammo, bashed it

with his son's baseball bats. He raised both hands and both bats, in triumph.

Whether Wynn and Timmerman realized it or not, experts say the zombie threat plays into a never-ending fascination with the end of the world.

"We all believe that we'll be the one who survives," said a University of Ottawa professor and author of the mathematical zombie infection study who writes his name as Robert J. Smith? (He said he spells his name with a question mark to differentiate himself from other Robert J. Smiths.)

"They don't need to sleep and they don't need to eat," he said. "All they want to do is feast on your brains. We have to sleep. We have to sustain ourselves. So that's where zombies tend to have the advantage."

Isham and others think the zombie metaphor will remain undead for a while — unless a better symbol comes along. That prospect came up during class, when Wynn mentioned a possible "robot uprising."

"I am far more concerned about Terminators than zombies," Isham said. "Terminators are really, really hard to kill."

"I've never met a zombie. I've got a teenage brother. That's the closest I've gotten to one."

Blake Isham
owner of Northern Virginia Tactical

WORLD

Israel makes 6 arrests in death of Palestinian

By DANIEL ESTRIN
The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israeli authorities have arrested a number of Jewish suspects in the killing of a Palestinian teenager whose death set off days of violent protests in Arab areas of Jerusalem and northern Israel, an official said Sunday.

Mohammed Abu Kheir, 16, was abducted last week and his charred body found a short while later in a Jerusalem forest in what Palestinians say was a revenge killing for the earlier deaths of three Israeli teens.

Police have been investigating various avenues in the teen's death, including criminal or personal motives. But the official, speaking on condition of anonymity because the investigation was continuing, said authorities believe the killing was "nationalistic" in nature. The Haaretz daily said six suspects were in custody.

Palestinians have alleged that Abu Kheir was killed by Jewish extremists to avenge the killings of the three Israeli teenagers, who were abducted in the West Bank on June 12. Their bodies were found last week, and Abu Kheir was killed just hours after their funeral.

Adding to the tensions, Palestinian militants in the Gaza Strip have stepped up rocket attacks on southern Israel, drawing Israeli airstrikes. By late Sunday afternoon, militants had fired more than 15 rockets and mortars into Israel, the military said. Overnight, Israel had carried out airstrikes on 10 sites in Gaza.

In east Jerusalem, site of the most violent protests over Abu Kheir's death, his family said the arrests brought little joy.

"I don't have any peace in my heart, even if they captured who they said killed my son," said his mother, Suha. "They're only going

to ask them questions and then release them. What's the point?"

"They need to treat them the way they treat us. They need to demolish their homes and round them up, the way they do it to our children," she added.

His father, Hussain, said the family still had not been officially informed of any arrests. "Even if they rounded up all of Israel, they will not bring my son back," he said.

On the day the Israeli teenagers were buried, young right-wing Israelis marched through Jerusalem,

'If Jews are becoming killers, they will be put to court like any killer.'

Shimon Peres
Israeli president

and shouting for revenge and chanting "death to Arabs." Hours later, Abu Kheir was abducted and his body was found in a forest shortly afterward. Palestinians immediately accused Jewish extremists. Israeli hard-liners, often motivated by religious zeal, are widely believed to be behind recent vandalism attacks in Israel and the West Bank on mosques, churches, Palestinian farmland and even Israeli military property. However, vigilante killings are extremely rare.

President Shimon Peres said Sunday that Israel would get to the bottom of Abu Kheir's killing and bring whoever is responsible to justice.

"If Jews are becoming killers, they will be put to court like any killer," he told a gathering of foreign journalists in the southern town of Sderot, where he was meeting with local residents enduring the rocket barrages.



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A Donetsk People Republic's military convoy travels from Slovansk to Donetsk in eastern Ukraine on Saturday. The pro-Russia insurgents fled Slovansk after engaging with Ukrainian forces.

After defeat, rebels regroup in a bigger east Ukrainian city

By YURAS KARMANAU
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DONETSK, Ukraine — Pro-Russia insurgents driven out of their key stronghold in eastern Ukraine have converged on the major industrial city of Donetsk, where their commander said Sunday that they will regroup to renew their fight against the Ukrainian government.

Ukrainian troops on Saturday forced the rebels out of Slovansk, a city of about 100,000 that had been the center of the fighting. The success there suggests that the government may finally be making gains in the monthslong battle against the insurgency. It was not yet clear, however, whether the capture of Slovansk has permanently crippled the rebels.

Rebel fighters from Slovansk and other towns taken over by the Ukrainian army were seen Sunday milling around central Donetsk, the provincial capital of a region with a population of about 1 million where the separatists have declared independence in the name of the Donetsk People's Republic.

The insurgents control the regional administration building

and move freely about the city center, but an attempt in late May to take control of the Donetsk airport was repelled by Ukrainian forces after a furious battle that left dozens of rebel fighters dead.

Igor Girkin, the defense minister of the separatist republic, said in a video interview Sunday with the Russian television channel Life News that he had arrived in Donetsk from Slovansk.

"We will continue the combat operations and will try not to make the same mistakes that we made in the past," said Girkin, a Russian also known by his nom de guerre, Igor Strelkov. Ukrainian authorities identify him as a veteran of the Russian military intelligence agency.

Nina Yakovleva, 45, an accountant and resident of Donetsk, said she expected nothing good to come of the convergence of rebels in the city.

"We are afraid that Donetsk will be left in ruins like Slovansk," she said. "The rebels have brought us war and fear."

Pro-Russia insurgents also have been fighting Ukrainian troops in the neighboring Luhansk region, which like Donetsk sits along the border with Russia.

At least 22 dead in attacks on Kenya coast

NAIROBI, Kenya — Twenty-two people were killed in overnight attacks by gunmen in two counties on the Kenyan coast, where militants last month claimed responsibility for killing 65 people, the Kenya Red Cross said Sunday.

The Saturday night attacks took place in the towns of Hindi in Lamu county and Gamba in Puna River, Kenya Red Cross chief Abbas Gulet said. Al-Qaida-linked al-Shabab militants from Somalia claimed responsibility for the attacks.

According to the Lamu county commissioner, Njenga Miiri, a group of about 15 gunmen raided the Malamandi village of Hindi and started shooting at residents. The gunmen also attacked the police station in Gamba, Kenyan Police Chief David Kimaiyo said.

Police said 13 people were killed in Hindi, while in Gamba nine others were killed and one person was missing.

5 indicted in Pakistani woman's stoning death

ISLAMABAD — The father of a pregnant Pakistani woman who was stoned to death and four other men have been charged with killing her after she married against the family's wishes. Their trial was set to begin Monday, police said.

Farzana Parveen, 25, was killed May 27 before a crowd of onlookers near a downtown courthouse in the eastern city of Lahore. A mob beat her with bricks and killed her as she was on her way to court to contest an abduction case her family had filed against her husband.

A Pakistani court indicted her father, two brothers, a cousin and a man who claimed he had been married to Parveen on charges of murder and torture Saturday. All five men pleaded not guilty, according to Mian Zulfiqar, the police investigator.

The trial will begin Monday when the court has called on prosecution witnesses to appear, Zulfiqar said. "We have a strong case against the suspects but it is up to the court how to take view of our investigation," he said.

Typhoon is passing NE Philippines; Japan next

MANILA, Philippines — A strong typhoon was blowing over the Pacific Ocean in the northeastern Philippines on Sunday and may induce heavy rains, but is too far off to hit land, officials said.

Typhoon Neoguri was blowing with sustained winds of 115 mph and gusts of 136 mph late Sunday about 522 miles off Cagayan, a rice- and tobacco-producing province, said government weather forecaster Glaiza Escullar.

The storm was expected to blow northwest and to be about 310 miles northeast of Batanes province in the Philippines' northern tip on Monday. It will then likely blow toward southern Japan later in the week, Escullar said.

From The Associated Press

Headbanging causes Motorhead fan's brain to bleed

The Associated Press

LONDON — It may not destroy your soul, but it turns out heavy metal music can be hazardous to your brain. At least in some rare cases.

German doctors say they have treated a Motorhead fan whose headbanging habit ultimately led to a brain injury, but that the risk to metal fans in general is so small they don't need to give up the shaking.

Last January, doctors at Hannover Medical School saw a 50-year-old man who complained of constant, worsening headaches.

The patient, who was not identified, had no history of head injuries or substance abuse problems but said he had been headbanging regularly for years — most recently at a Motorhead concert he attended with his son.

After a scan, doctors discovered their patient had a brain bleed and needed a hole drilled into his brain to drain the blood. The patient's headaches soon disappeared. In a follow-up scan, the doctors saw he had a benign cyst that might have made the metal aficionado more vulnerable to a brain injury.

"We are not against headbang-

ing," said Dr. Ariyan Pirayesh Islamian, one of the doctors who treated the man. "The risk of injury is very, very low. But I think if [our patient] had [gone] to a classical concert, this would not have happened."

Islamian said the violent shaking of the head in headbanging can sometimes be enough to cause damage as the brain bumps up against the skull and noted a handful of previous injuries, also in heavy metal fans. The latest case was described in a report published online Friday in the journal *Lancet*.

Motorhead is a British metal

band known for helping create the "speed metal" genre, which inspires extremely fast headbanging.

Doctors said headbangers shouldn't be discouraged from enjoying their favorite bands.

"There are probably other higher risk events going on at rock concerts than headbanging," noted Dr. Colin Sheiff, a neurosurgeon and trustee of the British brain injury advocacy group Headway. "Most people who go to music festivals and jump up and down while shaking their heads don't end up in the hands of a neurosurgeon."

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A Chinese coast guard vessel fires a water cannon at a Vietnamese vessel off the coast of Vietnam in May after China deployed an oil rig in disputed South China Sea waters.

Checking a more assertive China

BY MICHELLE FLOURNOY
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This month, China is participating for the first time in the U.S.-led Rim of the Pacific naval exercise, better known as RIMPAC. Four Chinese navy ships, including a destroyer, sailed to Hawaii to join 25,000 sailors, 200 aircraft and nearly 50 ships from more than 20 countries.

The Obama administration's decision to include China in the world's largest naval exercise is the latest U.S. move designed to encourage Beijing to play a more productive role in the world. Such efforts have been a signature feature of Washington's China policy since the normalization of relations in 1979.

The problem is that, after 35 years of such engagement, China is now calling into question its commitment to preserving the very system that facilitated its rise. That argues for a careful reassessment of the overall U.S. approach to China.

The current approach has been premised on the idea that China's integration into the prevailing economic and security order not only is in China's interest but also benefits the United States and the whole world. Washington has supported China's accession to leading multilateral institutions, such as the World Trade Organization, and steadily enhanced bilateral relations with Beijing through a panoply of diplomatic engagements, including the annual Strategic and Economic Dialogue that will convene in Beijing in July.

As a result of this embrace, the theory goes, China's stake in the international system would increase over time. By virtue of self-interest, it would come to see the benefits of contributing to stability and upholding existing rules and norms, such as freedom of navigation and peaceful resolution of disputes, even as it became more capable of violating them. This would eventually lead China to emerge as, to use former deputy secretary of state Robert Zoellick's indelible phrase, a "responsible stakeholder."

Unfortunately, that's not what's hap-

pening. Following decades of double-digit economic growth, China's behavior took a notable turn in the wake of the global financial crisis. Many in Beijing anticipated a rapid U.S. decline, and that triumphalism fused with growing nationalism and wealth to generate a more assertive Chinese foreign policy.

Particularly since President Xi Jinping assumed power in 2013, China has begun to advance its territorial claims more actively in the East and South China seas, contravening former Premier Deng Xiaoping's long-held dictum of "shelving disputes."

Yet China's leaders are well aware that continued economic growth, the principal source of the Communist Party's legitimacy, depends on a stable regional environment. As a result, China appears to be taking carefully calibrated steps — such as seizing small islands with coast guard vessels, unilaterally asserting greater administrative rights over contested territories, building small outposts into military installations and drilling for oil in disputed waters — designed to change the territorial status quo in Asia without provoking a serious response from its neighbors or the United States.

The danger is that incremental Chinese revisionism, if left unchecked, will fundamentally alter the international order in Asia over time in ways antithetical to stability and the vital interests of the United States and its allies and partners. The apt metaphor here is the frog in a pot of water that doesn't realize the temperature is gradually rising until it's too late to jump out.

China's more assertive actions also increase the risk of a tactical miscalculation that could escalate into a crisis or even conflict.

Now should the United States respond? Washington should remain committed to building a durable partnership with Beijing. Abandoning efforts to engage with China would likely accelerate Beijing's assertiveness and run counter to a wide range of U.S. economic and security interests.

Nevertheless, it is imperative that China's destabilizing actions stop. This will

require the United States to take steps that more regularly and visibly enforce the rules-based international order in Asia.

The United States can start by supporting the construction of a regional architecture for maritime domain awareness to deter adventurous behavior and allow governments to better police their shores. While bolstering its alliances and partnerships, the United States should also help countries develop the defensive capacity to stand their ground in the face of China's rapidly emerging force-projection capabilities.

Those military measures should be complemented by diplomatic efforts to build rules of the road for managing maritime disputes. In particular, the United States will have to pursue alternative crisis management mechanisms if Beijing continues to drag its feet on concluding a binding code of conduct for the South China Sea.

Washington will have to think creatively about how to improve the efficacy of international arbitration, which the Philippines is employing to contest China's expansive claims. Although such bodies lack enforcement mechanisms, the United States and its partners can still affect China's calculus by sticking together and making adherence to their rulings a prerequisite for participation in military exercises such as RIMPAC or in multilateral organizations such as the Arctic Council.

The United States should also explore means for exerting economic pressure on Chinese state-owned enterprises, such as the China National Offshore Oil Corp., that are complicit in Chinese revisionism.

It would be better if none of this were necessary. But the temperature in Asia is rising, and the United States and the international community must take steps to safeguard peace and stability in this critical region.

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In Tokyo Bay, quiet era gives way to building boom

Mitsuyoshi Fukuhara, 73, who owns a butcher shop on a man-made island in Tokyo Bay, remembers when he used to recognize faces in his neighborhood.

Now, as he strolls the streets once dominated by mom-and-pop shops, Fukuhara encounters high-rise apartments and a half-dozen cranes towering above construction sites for about half of the sports venues for the 2020 Olympics. He rarely sees a familiar face.

"I barely know anyone these days," said Fukuhara, the second generation to run the family business started by his father in 1936 in Kachidoki. "The conversations with customers have turned cold and businesslike."

Tokyo Bay is in the midst of a building boom as the Tokyo Metropolitan Government plans to use the 2020 Olympics to fulfill its ambitions to develop areas on the fringe of the bay and fan out on a string of low-density reclaimed islands. At least 26,000 residential units will be completed ahead of the competition, 34 percent more than in the past seven years, according to Real Estate Economic Institute Co.

"Tokyo is going through an urban renaissance at the moment," said Seth Sulkin, chief executive officer of Pacific Capital K.K., a Tokyo-based real estate asset manager. "All available large development sites are going to be filled out in the next 10 years, and the waterfront will see extraordinary growth."

Huge growth

The Tokyo Bay area, which covers about 62,000 acres of reclaimed land, became popular in the last decade because of its proximity to central Tokyo. Kachidoki, one of the first districts to be developed in the area, is linked by a 656-foot bridge to the Ginza shopping district, which boasts the most expensive piece of land in Japan.

The number of apartments in buildings 20 stories or higher in the Chuo, Minato, Koto, Shinagawa and Edogawa wards in Tokyo Bay last year more than doubled from 2012, to 4,753 units, according to Real Estate Economic Institute.

On top of that, the government plans to ask developers to convert the 10,860 units in the 108-acre athletes' village in Harumi, also on a man-made island, into apartments for sale or rental, according to the 2020 Olympics bid documents. If those plans are approved, it would boost the area's population by 39 percent to 43,000 after the games, Tokyo government data showed.

Komazawa, which was designated as a second competition site for the 1964 Olympic Games, is now a high-end residential area in Setagaya ward, west of central Tokyo.

"If infrastructure is in place



Heavy machinery operates on a construction site in the Toyosu area of Tokyo in May.



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A man takes a photograph of the Tokyo Tower, center right, illuminated at dusk amid commercial and residential buildings in the Toyosu area on Wednesday. The large land bank in Toyosu has attracted developers' interest because of its proximity to the 2020 Olympic village.

An Olympic renaissance

in Harumi just like Komazawa Olympic Park, then Harumi has the potential to become like Komazawa," said Takeo Omura, a managing director at the Daiwa Institute of Research.

New units in the Tokyo Bay area cost \$560,000 on average, according to a report by Mercury Inc., a Tokyo-based real estate data provider. The average price of a three-bedroom apartment in Tokyo rose 8.5 percent in March from a year earlier, according to the latest report by Real Estate Economic Institute.

Among the high-rise developments going up in Tokyo Bay is the 53-story Kachidoki the Tower, a 1,420-apartment complex that is going to be Japan's biggest when it is completed in 2016, according to its developers and builders, including Kajima Corp., Mitsui Fudosan Co. and Mitsubishi Estate Co., a unit will cost as much as \$125 million, the companies said on their website.

Mitsubishi Estate, Japan's biggest developer by market value, has sold one of two apartment buildings, with 1,744 units, to be

completed in 2016 in Harumi, near where the athletes' village will be located. Sumitomo Realty & Development Co., the nation's third-biggest developer, has started selling Deux Tours Canal & Spa, a twin-tower project of 1,450 units in nearby Kachidoki this month.

Taking notice

International investors have taken notice of the area. Third Point LLC, the New York-based activist hedge fund founded by

Daniel Loeb, disclosed a stake in IHI Corp. in a May 1 letter to investors, highlighting the aircraft engine maker's "valuable" real estate, especially its large land bank in Toyosu, near the 2020 Olympic village.

Property prices around Tokyo Bay fell after the March 2011 earthquake shattered pipes and severed water supplies. Average apartment prices dropped 18 percent in 2011 from a year earlier, according to Mercury.

Seven of the top 10 biggest gains in land prices nationwide as of Jan. 1 were in Tokyo Bay neighborhoods, with increases of as much as 11 percent, according to a government survey.

Kimikazu Murakami, who owns a bakery and is a longtime friend of Fukuhara, said he can sense a bubble is forming.

"I can feel it," said Murakami, 79. "There are companies that have offered unbelievable prices to ask us to sell our land."

Big bucks

An estimated \$383 billion will be spent on building sporting facilities, including the Olympic Stadium and other venues for the event, according to the bid document. Of the 39 Olympics-related venues, 23 will be in the Tokyo Bay area, including the athletes' village and the broadcast and media center, as well as the Olympic Aquatics Center.

"The infrastructure will help drive population growth in the longer term, as well as a shift to higher-value land uses," said Will Johnson, head of research and consultancy at broker Savills PLC in Tokyo. "The Olympic Games will help the government to bring about the long-term plan for the area."

The Olympics will further aid the development of Waterfront City, 1,092 acres of reclaimed land that the Tokyo Metropolitan Government has been trying to build up since 1986, the Bureau of Port and Harbor said on its website. The development stagnated after the asset bubble burst in Japan in the late 1980s.

The population of Waterfront City is expected to quadruple to 47,000 in 2016 from 11,030 in 2010, while the working population will double to 90,000 from 47,000 in the same period, according to an estimate by Macquarie Group Ltd. and the Tokyo government.

Koto ward is proposing the extension of a subway line to deal with the increasing number of people moving into the area, according to the ward's website. The proposal would need the national government's approval, and it tends to take at least 10 years to complete such an extension, said Takaaki Yamazaki, the mayor of Koto ward.

"Our town is changing rapidly," said Fukuhara, the butcher, who lives in a 52-story apartment building completed in 2010 after exchanging his land with the developer. "It will be problematic if we seek to host the Olympic Games as visitors. We must think ahead and beyond."

SCIENCE AND MEDICINE

How our bodies beat the heat

Why do these first hot days of the year feel so bad? Because our bodies' best methods of coping with heat haven't been tested in three seasons. But if you're slogging through your work or workout now, you already have started the process of acclimatization, which will make you better able to withstand heat all summer. These changes can happen in as little as two weeks, according to Lawrence Armstrong, a bioenergetics expert who has studied heat's effects on the body since 1982.

What happens as you acclimatize?

You turn red

When your body hits a certain temperature, your brain sends blood to carry heat from your too-warm core to the skin's surface, where the heat can dissipate. This is why hot people look flushed.

Blood supply increases

Suddenly, blood that in cool weather would be carrying oxygen to working muscles has been diverted to the skin, so heart and lungs have to work harder to fuel the muscles. The effort feels difficult. To fix this, the body makes more blood—up to 27 percent more.

Heart rate decreases

Once you have more blood, your heart can pump more with each beat. Your heart rate doesn't soar as high during exercise. You feel better already.

Sweating begins sooner

As you adapt, your brain turns on the waterworks more quickly. For instance, if you began to sweat when your core reached 99.5 degrees in cool weather, you may begin perspiring at 99 degrees after you're acclimatized.

Sweat is less salty

Once your cooling system is completely revved up, what comes out is less salty, because your body has to conserve sodium and chloride (aka salt) to function properly.

Your temperature is lower

Body temperature after acclimatization won't soar as high, even during exercise. The difference is small (about 0.5 to 1.5 degrees), but it can be enough to push back heatstroke, which can begin at 103 to 104 degrees. Even at rest, your temperature will be lower.

You save carbs and burn fat

During this process, your body changes fuel, burning slightly more fat and dipping less into quick-energy carbohydrate stores. The fat burn won't be enough to get rid of last night's cheeseburger, but the savings in carbs might let you run, cycle or work a bit longer.

You exercise more efficiently

Scientists don't know why, but exercise economy improves with acclimatization, so muscles use less oxygen for the same work. The brain sends less blood to the skin because the body produces less heat. Once the weather cools, you will lose all these changes within a month. Next spring, you'll have to start over.

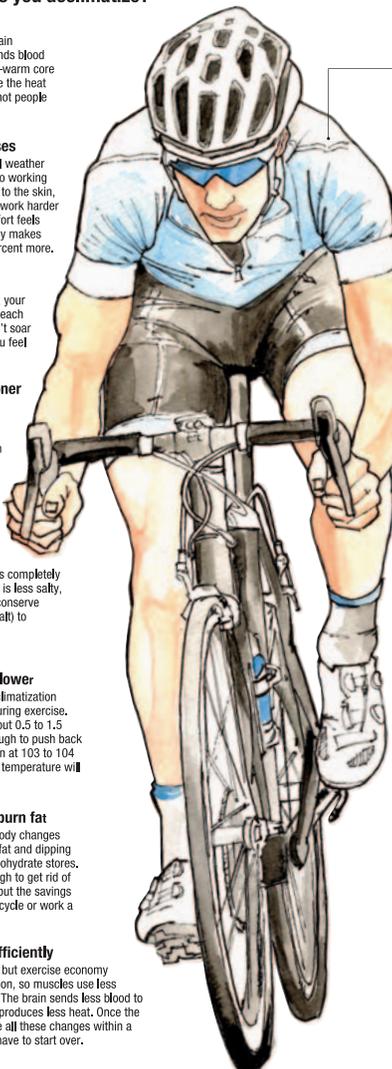
How long will it really take?

Your health, age and activity level determine how quickly you adjust to heat.

Two weeks: Fit, healthy people acclimatize best and fastest. Those who gradually work up to 60 to 90 minutes per day exercising or working hard in the heat should be fully acclimatized in 14 days.

More weeks: People who don't do anything strenuous or who exercise sporadically will not adapt as quickly or experience as many changes as people who are working harder and more often.

Eventually: Unhealthy, overweight and older people have trouble handling the extra strain caused by heat. In addition, the thirst mechanism is blunted beginning around age 50, and the kidneys function less efficiently. Heat and dehydration pose real dangers to these folks.



What to do in the meantime?

Don't push too hard. Go inside to cool off frequently as your body adjusts. Stay adequately hydrated (but not overhydrated) as recent studies have shown that dehydration can override all heat adaptations. And think cool: A 2011 study found that cyclists who thought the temperature was cooler than it was were able to pedal longer.

How much do you sweat?

Sweat cools your skin as it evaporates. (That's why hot, humid days feel so awful: Sweat can't evaporate into saturated air.) After acclimatization, most people sweat about 20 percent to 30 percent more per hour of exercise, but sweat rate varies greatly from person to person.

Average: 1 quart



The average person sweats out about a quart per hour of exercise before acclimatization and about a cup more per hour afterward.

Extreme: 3.7 quarts



However, some sweat much more. During the 1984 Olympic marathon, U.S. runner Alberto Salazar sweated out 3.7 quarts per hour.

SOURCES: Lawrence Armstrong of the Human Performance Laboratory at the University of Connecticut; Paul Castle of the Department of Sport and Exercise Science at the University of Bedfordshire in the United Kingdom; National Institutes of Health; Journal of Applied Physiology

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

NYPD: Man swiped 7 US flags from homes

NY NEW YORK — New York City police are searching for a man they say swiped seven American flags from homes on Independence Day.

The thefts happened about 5:30 a.m. Friday in Brooklyn's Windsor Terrace neighborhood.

Police said Saturday that in each incident, the man grabbed the flag from its flappole before riding away.

They describe the man as wearing blue jeans shorts and a bandana.

Surveillance video shows the man entering one home through the front gate, taking the flappole off a stoop, removing the flag and leaving the pole behind before riding away.

Prosecutors deny deal with murder suspect

SC ROCK HILL — Prosecutors say a Rock Hill Police detective was not speaking for them when he told a man who would be charged with murder that all charges against him would be dropped if he gave up information about his street gang.

A lawyer for Abbot Emmanuel, 20, is asking that a judge force prosecutors to keep the investigator's promise.

Solicitor Kevin Brackett said the detective didn't know Emmanuel would be charged with murder the next day and the solicitor's office is given the sole power to decide whether to prosecute cases in South Carolina.

Emmanuel is charged with a Jan. 10 shooting death and several other 2013 drive-by shootings. Authorities said he gave investigators information about his gang, 715 FAM.

3 freed from elevator at Chicago's Ritz-Carlton

IL CHICAGO — Firefighters rescued three people who were trapped for several hours in an elevator that was stuck at a hotel in Chicago.

The three people are residents of the Gold Coast building, which houses condominiums on its upper floors as well as the Ritz-Carlton hotel.

The elevator stalled Friday evening in a blind shaft, an area with no openings between the ground floor and its first stop, on the 33rd floor.

Firefighters rescued two of the people after about three hours. The third person is an elderly woman, and firefighters waited to rescue her until the elevator could be moved to a floor where they could open the doors.

She was out about 45 minutes later.

Litter of red pandas born at Columbus Zoo

OH POWELL — The Columbus Zoo says three red pandas born recently are the first of the endangered species born at the zoo in central Ohio since 2002.

THE CENSUS

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The number of walleye over the North Dakota state limit found in the possession of five anglers from Wisconsin at Devils Lake, N.D. Acting on a tip, a North Dakota Game and Fish warden found 25 whole walleye in one of the fishermen's vehicles. Another 135 cleaned and frozen walleye were found in their rental house. Each angler faces fines of more than \$1,700.



Rob O'Neal, Florida Keys News Bureau/AP

Key lime champ

Tony Mantia raises his hands to signal he is the first contestant to finish consuming a full pie during the Key Lime Pie Eat'n' Contest on Friday in Key West, Fla. The event was staged during the Key Lime Festival that featured several events including the creation of the world's largest Key lime pie and a Miss Key Lime Pageant.

The female and two males were born June 20. The breeding season for red pandas can be difficult and the mortality rate for cubs is especially high in the first two months. Zookeepers are keeping a close watch on the cubs' weights.

The zoo said the litter is the fourth set of triplets born in an American zoo so far this year. Visitors can expect to see the cubs this fall after they emerge from the den.

The red panda population in the wild ranges from the Himalayas to South China. The population is primarily threatened by illegal hunting and the loss of forest habitats.

Family dominates cherry pit-spitting contest

MI EAU CLAIRE — When it comes to pit-spitting, it's tough to beat the Krause family, who on Saturday maintained their dominance in the 41st International Cherry Pit-Spitting Championship in southeastern Michigan. Brian Krause took top honors

with a distance of 80 feet, 8 inches, said Monica Teichman, who runs the market at Tree-Mendus Fruit Farm in Eau Claire, just north of the Indiana state line.

Coming in second this year was Brian's father, Rick, with a spitting distance of 77 feet, 7½ inches. Kevin Bartz took third with 64 feet, 8 inches.

Last year's big winner was Matt "BB Gun" Krause with a distance of 41 feet, 6½ inches.

The Krause family has won 26 of 41 of the contests since farm owner Herb Teichman launched the tournament in 1974 as a lark — but also to mark the region's tart cherry harvest.

Man pleads guilty to rhino horn trafficking

FL MIAMI — A South Florida man pleaded guilty to illegally trafficking in the horns of the black rhinoceros in violation of the Endangered Species Act.

A federal judge is scheduled in September to sentence Gene Harris, 76, of Miami, following his guilty plea last week. Harris

could get up to five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

According to court records, Harris sold a variety of wildlife products, including taxidermy mounts. In 2011, he arranged for a customer in California to buy two black rhinoceros horns from a seller in Phoenix for \$60,000.

Court documents show Harris was paid a \$10,000 finder's fee.

Black rhinoceros horns are prized commodities in many Asian countries, where they are turned into ornamental carvings and other items.

Officials: Sky lanterns imperil airplanes

NE OMAHA — Omaha airport officials say lit sky lanterns that float into the sky are pretty, but they also pose a danger to airplanes.

Tim Schmitt, operations manager at Omaha's Eppley Airfield, said concerns about the colored lanterns rise on Independence Day weekend. Schmitt said the lanterns can be ingested by aircraft engines or end up littering runways.

Schmitt said that on the Fourth of July last year, airport workers picked up more than 100 of the sky lanterns on the airfield.

Schmitt asked people not to release the lanterns within 5 miles of the airport, which sits on the east side of Omaha, next to the Missouri River.

Tagger, 42, found dead on NYC subway tracks

NY NEW YORK — Police are investigating the death of a graffiti artist who was found dead next to the third rail in a Brooklyn subway station.

Police said Saturday that Jason Wuif was found by MTA workers just after 9 p.m. Wednesday at a station on the R line in the borough's Sunset Park neighborhood.

The New York Post said the Queens man, 42, was known by the tag "DG" and had been leaving his mark on subway cars and buildings since the mid-1980s.

An online fundraising site has received \$10,000 in donations to pay for funeral costs.

From wire reports

FACES

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Savage tackles another round of 'World' with spinoff



AMY SUSSMAN, INVISION/OP

Rowan Blanchard, left, plays the daughter of Ben Savage's character on the upcoming Disney Channel series "Girl Meets World," which premieres July 8 on AFN-Family. The show is a spinoff of the '90s comedy "Boy Meets World."

By ALICIA RANCILO

The Associated Press

Ben Savage says that when production wrapped on "Boy Meets World" in 2000 after seven seasons, he and his young co-stars were ready to expand their own worlds.

"I think at that point all the kids on the show were kind of looking forward to the next step in their lives," the 33-year-old actor said. "Boy Meets World" was really our childhood, and so when it ended, the cast was ready to say, 'OK, let's see what's next.'"

He didn't have a clue "that 12 years later I'd be sitting at home and get a phone call saying we're starting again."

In "Girl Meets World," airing on the Disney Channel and premiering on AFN-Family on Aug. 8, Savage's character, Cory, is still married to Danielle Fishel's Topanga (they wed in the original show's seventh season), and they now have two children.

Fishel is back, along with many of the original crew members and writers.

"It's kind of like this nostalgic, déjà vu

thing for me," Savage said. "Every day I get to work ... I see so many of the same faces that I spent my entire childhood with. ... It's like you're re-creating your childhood. Not many people get to do that."

"Girl Meets World" largely follows the couple's 12-year-old daughter, Riley (Rowan Blanchard), and her best friend, Maya, the way its predecessor focused on Cory and best friend, Shawn (Rider Strong).

Blanchard describes Riley as "Cory's kid," who will have "countless resemblances" to her TV dad.

Word traveled fast among pop culture enthusiasts and fans of the original series after "Girl Meets World" was announced. With the attention came scrutiny.

"Boy Meets World" was one of those shows people grew up with and felt very connected to," Savage said. "They're very concerned about 'Girl Meets World,' and they're not shy about letting us know."

He thinks fans of the original series won't be disappointed.

"It's not just retelling the same story. It's retelling a similar story but in a much more complicated world."

Armitage goes from 'Hobbit' to 'The Crucible'

By JILL LAWLESS

The Associated Press

It's a long way from Middle Earth to 17th-century Massachusetts, but Richard Armitage has made the journey — and found a surprising link.

The British actor — dwarf warrior Thorin Oakenshield in Peter Jackson's "Hobbit" trilogy — is now starring at London's Old Vic Theatre as John Proctor, the decent man in a world gone mad in "The Crucible," Armitage Miller's modern classic about the Salem witch trials. The play recounts the mania that swept a community of colonists in 1692, which resulted in 20 people being executed for witchcraft.

It's a change of pace, to say the least. Armitage says "The Hobbit" is "a big machine that you get to play a little cog in." In "The Crucible," Proctor — decent, tormented and flawed — is the center of the audience's attention.

"I can feel that the audience are breathing his breath as they watch the play," Armitage said.

But the actor says "there are threads and arteries" connecting the worlds of Miller and J.R.R. Tolkien — including their operatic scale.

"At the end of the second act of that opera ("The Hobbit"), my character says, 'If this is to end in fire then we will all burn together.' And in exactly the same place in Miller's work — and it definitely wasn't plagiarized — I say, 'We will burn, we will burn together!'"

Armitage, 42, admits to being a little apprehensive about his return to the stage after a dozen years in television and movies. He'll soon be onscreen in "The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies" and in the tornado thriller "Into the Storm."

Armitage, who once had himself water-boarded for a torture scene, took a similarly hands-on approach while preparing for "The Crucible." He went and worked with some cows," said Armitage. He also visited Salem. Although he found the tourist site there a bit disappointing — "Disneyland for witches" — he called the village "quite magical."

"Selling the civilized West and mortar ... It's just something that connects you to the reality of real people that this happened to," he said. "We think, 'Oh it's a period piece about some kind of hysteria about witches,'" he added. "(But) it's here today, civilized Western societies. In America, in England. This slow feeding of fear to pitch neighbor against neighbor. It's not as far away as you might think."

The best of '90s TV

Nostalgia for the 1990s seems to be all over the tube. There's the Disney Channel sequel "Girl Meets World," the reunion of "90210" stars Tori Spelling and Jennie Garth in "Mystery Girls" and Lifetime's upcoming "Saved by the Bell" movie. And National Geographic Channel looks back with its new three-part documentary, "The '90s: The Last Great Decade." And it was a great decade — on TV, anyway, as this list of the five shows that topped the Nielsen ratings during the decade attests.

- "60 Minutes" (1991-92, 1992-93, 1993-94)
- "Seinfeld" (1994-95, 1997-98)
- "ER" (1995-96, 1996-97, 1998-99)
- "Cheers" (1990-91)
- "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" (1999-2000)

— Andy Edelstein/Newsday

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Ben Savage

star of "Girl Meets World"



LETTERS PITRANKS/AP

British actor Richard Armitage is starring at London's Old Vic Theatre in "The Crucible."

BUSINESS/WEATHER

Dubai to build world's biggest mall

By ADAM SCHRECK
The Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — The shopping-loving city that is home to one of the world's largest shopping malls wants to build one even bigger.

Dubai ruler Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum has laid out plans for a sprawling real-estate project known as Mall of the World that will include the 8 million-square-foot mall, a climate-controlled street network, a theme park covered during the scorching summer months and 100 hotels and serviced apartments.

Other attractions planned for the site include a cultural and theater district drawing inspiration from New York's Broadway, shopping thoroughfares based on London's Oxford Street and a "wellness district" meant to attract medical tourists.

"The growth in family and retail tourism underpins the need to enhance Dubai's tourism in-

frastructure as soon as possible," Mohammed said in a statement announcing the project Saturday. "This project complements our plans to transform Dubai into a cultural, tourist and economic hub for the 2 billion people living in the region around us — and we are determined to achieve our vision."

Dubai Holding, a conglomerate controlled by the emirate's ruler, is developing the complex. It gave no details on the cost or the completion date.

The complex will be built near the Mall of the Emirates, which boasts an indoor ski slope, and a short drive from the Burj Khalifa, the world's tallest tower, and the adjacent Dubai Mall. That shopping center is currently the emirate's largest and has attractions including a dinosaur skeleton, an indoor ice skating rink and a multistory aquarium.

Dubai has long used high-profile, big-ticket real estate projects to drive economic growth

and to establish itself as an international tourist destination. Its ambitions were slowed significantly with a crippling financial crisis that came to a head in 2009, forcing the delay or cancellation of some of the most ambitious projects.

Dubai Holding was not spared from the financial turmoil, and some of its divisions sought new repayment terms from lenders on a debt pile that reached into the billions of dollars.

The emirate's economy has rebounded strongly in the years since the crisis, driven by its trade, transportation and tourism-dependent economy.

Dubai is racing to develop additional infrastructure needed to accommodate a surge in visitors expected when it becomes the first Middle Eastern city to host the World Expo in 2020. Authorities expect the expo will generate \$23 billion between 2015 and 2021, and estimate it will cost \$8.4 billion to organize.



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UAE Prime Minister and Dubai ruler Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, center, reviews a presentation of the Mall of the World real estate project.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (July 7)	\$1,3996
Dollar buys (July 7)	€0.7145
British pound (July 7)	\$1.7176
Japanese yen (July 7)	99.00
South Korean won (July 4)	985.00

Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
British pound	\$1.7158/0.5828
Canada (dollar)	1.0654
China (Yuan)	6.2086
Denmark (Krone)	5.4861
Egypt (Pound)	1.7506
Euro	\$1.3592/0.7357
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7502
Hungary (Forint)	228.38
Israel (Shekel)	3.4168
Japan (Yen)	102.06
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2819
Norway (Krone)	6.1937
Philippines (Peso)	43.49
Poland (Zloty)	3.105
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7206
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2458
South Korea (Won)	1,009.25
Switzerland (Franc)	0.8945
Thailand (Baht)	32.38
Turkey (New Lira)	1.1334

(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 non-local 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	4.00
Federal funds market rate	0.10
3-month bill	0.04
30-year bond	3.47

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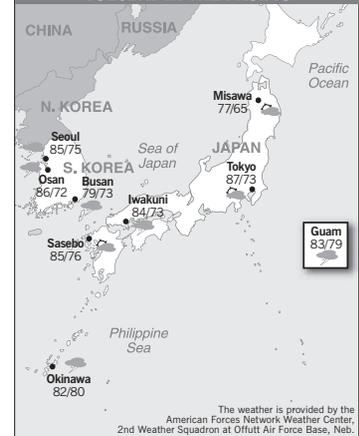
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Monday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Arlene, Tex	96	71	Cir	Chatanooga	91	65	Pdly	Fort Wayne	85	70	Cldy	Louisville	91	70	Cldy
Akron, Ohio	84	67	Rain	Cheyenne	87	58	Pdly	Fresno	102	72	Cir	Lubbock	93	68	Cir
Albany, N.Y.	85	63	Pdly	Chicago	89	72	Pdly	Goodland	98	65	Cir	Madison	85	67	Pdly
Albuquerque	91	67	Pdly	Cincinnati	89	68	Rain	Grand Junction	83	70	Cir	Medford	101	64	Cir
Allentown, Pa.	90	61	Pdly	Cleveland	85	70	Rain	Grand Rapids	83	70	Cir	Memphis	93	72	Pdly
Amesbury, Mass.	85	64	Cir	Columbia, S.C.	94	68	Pdly	Green Bay	81	66	Pdly	Miami Beach	88	76	Cir
Anchorage	65	54	Cir	Colorado Springs	93	60	Pdly	Great Falls	84	67	Pdly	Midland-Odesa	95	70	Cir
Ashville	84	61	Pdly	Columbus, Ga.	93	71	Pdly	Greensboro, N.C.	82	65	Cir	Milwaukee	85	68	Pdly
Atlanta	89	70	Cir	Columbus, Ohio	87	66	Rain	Harrisburg	88	65	Pdly	Mpls-St Paul	82	67	Pdly
Atlantic City	91	64	Cir	Concord, N.H.	86	61	Pdly	Hartford Spfld	88	65	Pdly	Missoula	88	54	Cir
Austin	92	72	Pdly	Corpus Christi	94	75	Cir	Helen	87	61	Pdly	Montreal	69	57	Pdly
Baltimore	90	66	Cir	Dallas-Ft Worth	97	76	Pdly	Honolulu	98	75	Cir	Montgomery	93	70	Pdly
Baton Rouge	93	70	Pdly	Dayton	85	66	Rain	Houston	92	73	Pdly	Nashville	92	68	Pdly
Bilings	84	62	Pdly	Daytona Beach	90	74	Cir	Huntsville	94	67	Pdly	New Orleans	92	74	Pdly
Birmingham	89	68	Pdly	Denver	95	62	Pdly	Indianapolis	86	68	Rain	New York City	89	68	Pdly
Bismark	82	61	Pdly	Des Moines	88	69	Pdly	Jackson, Miss.	93	65	Cir	Newark	93	68	Pdly
Boise	97	63	Cir	Detroit	95	70	Cir	Jacksonville	93	73	Cir	Norfolk, Va.	92	69	Pdly
Boston	87	66	Pdly	El Paso	96	74	Cir	Janeau	64	50	Cir	North Platte	90	65	Pdly
Bridgeport	84	64	Pdly	Elkins	84	60	Pdly	Key West	81	61	Cir	Oklahoma City	86	72	Cir
Brownsville	91	76	Pdly	Erie	82	70	Rain	Knoxville	89	64	Cir	Omaha	90	68	Pdly
Buffalo	82	68	Rain	Eugene	88	57	Cir	Lake Charles	89	74	Pdly	Orlando	93	74	Cir
Burlington, Vt.	82	61	Rain	Evansville	87	59	Cir	Lansing	84	70	Pdly	Pasadena	91	68	Pdly
Caribou, Maine	80	60	Rain	Fairbanks	72	59	Cir	Las Vegas	103	87	Cir	Pendleton	91	63	Cir
Charleston, S.C.	91	70	Pdly	Fargo	79	65	Cir	Lexington	89	67	Cir	Peoria	89	70	Pdly
Charleston, W.Va.	89	64	Pdly	Flagstaff	80	55	Pdly	Lincoln	92	68	Pdly	Philadelphia	93	68	Cir
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												Pueblo	100	63	Pdly
												Raleigh-Durham	93	65	Pdly
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												Richmond	94	65	Cir
												Roanoke	90	64	Pdly
												Rochester	85	68	Rain
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												Sacramento	100	61	Pdly
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												St Thomas	89	80	Cir
												Salem, Ore.	89	59	Pdly
												Salt Lake City	97	69	Pdly
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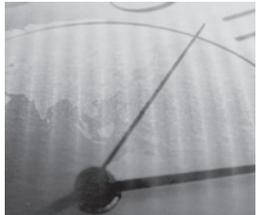
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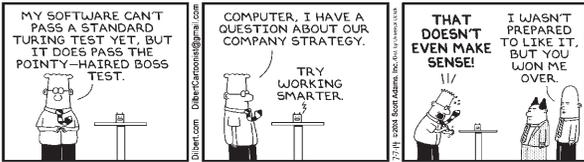
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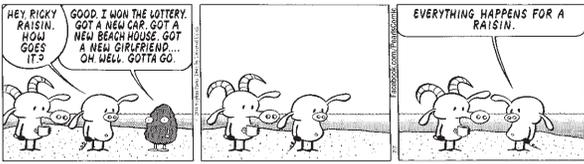
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ACROSS

- 1 Morning moisture
- 4 Social stratum
- 9 Easter entree
- 12 Eggs
- 13 Thespian
- 14 Past
- 15 Deal sealer, often
- 17 Gist
- 18 — out a living
- 21 "Das Lied von der Erde" composer
- 24 Mongol tent
- 25 — carte
- 26 Heavy weight
- 28 Evidence of fire
- 31 Singer Del Rey
- 33 Digits (Abbr.)
- 35 Vacatoring
- 36 Still
- 38 Golf and Rabbit
- 40 Compass dir.
- 41 Morsels
- 43 Bracelet locations
- 45 Christmas baddie
- 47 God, to Galileo
- 48 Lubricate
- 49 Chooses personally
- 54 Everyone
- 55 "South Pacific" hero
- 56 Corral
- 57 — Moines
- 58 Genders
- 59 Piercing tool

DOWN

- 1 Homer's outcry
- 2 Longoria
- 3 Ashen
- 4 Dracula's bed
- 5 River of Hades
- 6 Depot (Abbr.)
- 7 Hungarian wine
- 8 Antarctic volcano
- 9 Small wiper
- 10 Chills and fever
- 11 Unruly groups
- 12 N.J. neighbor
- 20 "— la Douce"
- 21 Shoppers' mecca
- 22 Wings
- 23 Ads of a sort
- 27 Calendar abbr.
- 29 Welles role
- 30 Peepers
- 32 Not "fer"
- 34 Wrap
- 37 Leaves a good impression?
- 39 "White Men Can't Jump" star
- 42 Disgrace
- 44 Japanese pond carp
- 45 Incite
- 46 Anger
- 50 Kibosh
- 51 E-file preparer (Abbr.)
- 52 London garden site
- 53 NBC show since 1975

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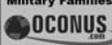
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Pro soccer

Team	MLS		
	W	L	Pts
D.C. United	8	5	24
Portland Timbers	7	5	24
San Jose Earthquakes	7	5	23
Seattle Sounders FC	6	5	23
LA Galaxy	6	5	21
Colorado Rapids	5	5	20
San Diego Lancers	5	5	20
Chicago Fire	4	8	18
Philadelphia Union	4	8	18
Montreal Impact	2	4	16
Real Salt Lake	2	4	16

Western Conference

Team	W	L	Pts
Seattle	11	4	35
Portland Timbers	7	5	24
San Jose Earthquakes	7	5	23
LA Galaxy	6	5	21
Colorado Rapids	5	5	20
San Diego Lancers	5	5	20
Chicago Fire	5	7	15
Philadelphia Union	5	7	15
Real Salt Lake	2	7	12

Eastern Conference

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San Jose Earthquakes	7	5	23
Seattle Sounders FC	6	5	23
LA Galaxy	6	5	21
Colorado Rapids	5	5	20
San Diego Lancers	5	5	20
Chicago Fire	4	8	18
Philadelphia Union	4	8	18
Montreal Impact	2	4	16
Real Salt Lake	2	4	16

Notes: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Wednesday's games
Chicago 1, Toronto FC 1, tie
D.C. United 1, San Jose 1, tie

Friday's games
Houston 2, New York 2, tie
D.C. United 1, Philadelphia 1
Colorado 1, Columbus 1, tie
LA Galaxy 1, San Jose 1, tie

Saturday's games
D.C. United 2, Toronto FC 1
Vancouver 1, Seattle FC 1
Chicago USA 1, Montreal 0

Sunday's games
D.C. United at Sporting Kansas City
Friday, July 11
Columbus at New York
Colorado at Philadelphia
Houston at Toronto
Chicago at New England
Sporting Kansas City at Montreal
Real Salt Lake at Vancouver
Real Salt Lake at Los Angeles

Sunday, July 13
Portland at Seattle FC

Saturday Chivas USA 1, Impact 0

Chivas USA 1-0
Impact 0-1
Goals—Montreal, Troy Perkins; Chivas USA, David Beckham
Yellow Cards—Oulmette, Montreal, 70:30
A-4.201 (27,000)

Whitesaps 1, Sounders 0

Seattle FC 1-0
Vancouver 0-0
Notes—First half—1, Vancouver, Fernandez 3 (Morales), 12th minute.
Goals—Seattle FC, Stefan Frei; Vancouver, David Beckham
Yellow Cards—Barrett, Seattle FC, 70:30
A-2.550 (0)

United 2, Toronto FC 1

Seattle half—1, D.C. United, Donte Hamilton 1 (Silva), 54th minute, 2, Toronto FC, 0-1 (Silva), 69th, 3, D.C. United, Kitchin 2 (Neal), 69th.
Goals—D.C. United, Bill Hamid; Toronto FC, Ryan Bennett
Red Cards—Haglund, Toronto FC, 80:30
A-2.951 (20,000)

NWSL

Team	W	L	T	Pts
Seattle	12	0	3	39
Sporting Kansas City	7	8	25	30
Western NY Pioneers	7	8	25	30
Washington Spirit	6	6	21	27
Chicago Red Stars	6	6	21	27
Portland Thorns	6	6	21	27
Houston Dash	4	10	13	17
Bay Area FC	4	10	13	17

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Friday's game
Chicago 2, Seattle 1, tie

Saturday's game
Western New York 4, Houston 1

Sunday's game
FC Kansas City at Sky Blue FC
Boston at Seattle FC

Wednesday, July 9
Portland at Chicago
Friday, July 11
Boston at Houston
Saturday, July 12
Washington at Western New York
Seattle FC at Chicago

Golf

Greenbrier Classic

Saturday
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Third Round

Player	Score
Billy Hurley III	68-68-64=200
Ariel Cabrera	69-68-64=200
Kevin Chappin	69-68-64=200
Michael Thompson	69-68-64=200
Cameron Tringale	69-68-64=200
Will Wilcox	69-68-64=200
Joe Durant	69-67-66=202
Samuel Viljoen	69-67-66=202
Steve Stricker	68-68-68=202
Chris Stroud	68-66-70=202
Jim Reay	68-70-68=203
Bill Haas	69-70-65=204
Hudson Swafford	67-67-65=204
David Hehn	68-68-68=204
Luke Guthrie	69-68-204=204
Dalva Whitely	68-67-69=204
David Lingmerth	67-68-69=204
Troy Matteson	72-61-69=205
Davis Love III	72-67-65=205
Steve Marino	69-70-66=205
Kyle Stanley	67-68-66=205
Andrew Louie	69-69-67=205
Brendon Todd	71-67-67=205
Jason Bohm	69-67-68=205
Jonas Bjork	64-74-68=205
Robert Almer	69-67-68=205
George McNeill	70-67-68=205
Keegan Bradley	69-69-205=205
John Huh	69-69-205=205
Sang Moon Lee	69-71-66=206
Travis Moore	68-74-66=206
Tommy Imlay	69-71-66=206
Michael Putnam	67-72-67=206
Timothy Leung	71-68-67=206
Troy Merritt	66-72-68=206
Charles Howell III	67-71-68=206
Greg Van Avermaet	69-69-206=206
Oliver Goss	70-68-68=206
Michael Van Dyke	69-69-206=206
Patrick Cantlay	69-68-206=206
Bronson LaCarthy	69-68-206=206
Garner Carter	68-66-206=206
David Hovland	72-67-67=207
Samuel Paterlini	71-67-69=207
Andrew Romano	72-68-67=207
Heath Slocum	69-68-207=207
Brendan de Jonghe	70-68-207=207
Tom Watson	71-68-68=207
Justin Leonard	71-67-69=207
Kevin Na	66-70-71=207
Justin Behr	69-68-70=207
Patrick Reed	69-71-67=207
Danny Lee	65-71-71=207
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Timothy Lesh	69-70-209=209
Tim Wilkerson	68-70-71=209
Chad Collins	66-73-70=209
Lyons Van Alphen	69-70-71=209
Chris Kirk	69-70-71=209

Tour de France

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At Sheffield, England
Second Stage

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1. Vincenzo Nibali, Italy, Astana, 5 hours, 8 minutes, 36 seconds.
2. Greg Van Avermaet, Belgium, BMC Racing, 2 seconds behind.
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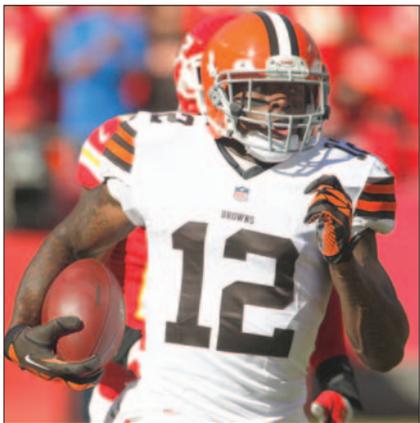
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NFL/SPORTS BRIEFS



COLIN E. BRADLEY/AP

Cleveland Browns wide receiver Josh Gordon was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated after speeding down a street in Raleigh, N.C. Police spokesman Jim Sughrue said Gordon was taken into custody after being pulled over for going 50 mph in a 35 mph zone on U.S. 70 in northwest Raleigh around 3 a.m. Saturday.

Browns' Gordon charged with DWI

The Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — Cleveland Browns wide receiver Josh Gordon was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated after speeding down a street in Raleigh on Saturday, bringing the troubled Pro Bowler's already cloudy future into more doubt.

Gordon was taken into custody after being pulled over for going 50 mph in a 35 mph zone on U.S. 70 in northwest Raleigh around 3 a.m. Saturday, police spokesman Jim Sughrue said.

The police report on Gordon's arrest wasn't finished, so Sughrue didn't know what type of vehicle Gordon was driving or what led the officer to suspect he had been drinking.

Gordon was released on bail. Court records did not list an attorney.

The 23-year-old wide receiver has been in trouble before off the field. He was suspended two games last season for violating the NFL's substance-abuse policy, but still led the league with 1,646 yards receiving.

Gordon reportedly failed another drug test during the offseason, which could lead to a season-long ban. In May, he was ticketed for speeding and a passenger in his

car was cited for marijuana possession. He pleaded not guilty and has a hearing in the case scheduled for next Friday. Gordon was at the team's recent mini-camp, but has declined interviews.

Browns management has been waiting to hear from the NFL before deciding Gordon's future. Cleveland General Manager Ray Farmer found out about the arrest hours after it happened.

"We are aware of the matter and are disappointed to learn of this situation. We will comment further at the appropriate time," Farmer said in a statement.

Gordon's agent Drew Rosenhaus said he had no comment about the arrest.

Gordon entered the league out of Baylor with a history of substance-abuse issues. Gordon is known to have failed at least three drug tests in college, but the Browns were willing to overlook his past when they selected him in the second round of the supplemental draft in 2012.

Former teammate and captain, linebacker D'Qwell Jackson said on Twitter: "If you're close to Josh Gordon please help this kid, it's not about football anymore it's about picking up the pieces of his life."

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D'Qwell Jackson

Colts linebacker and former teammate of Gordon

Briefly

Navy vet extends lead

The Associated Press

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W.Va. — Billy Hurley III doesn't plan to lose much rest sitting on a third-round lead for the first time on the PGA Tour.

The former U.S. Navy officer shot a 3-under 67 on Saturday to extend his advantage to two strokes over Angel Cabrera entering the final round of the Greenbrier Classic.

"I've been working for a long time to win on the PGA Tour," Hurley said. "I figure if I shoot the lowest score tomorrow, I can't lose."

Hurley never relinquished the lead he has held since midway through the second round at Old White TPC. He birdied the par-5 12th and par-4 13th before dropping a stroke on the par-3 15th.

He had a 12-under 198 total. No third-round leader has won the Greenbrier Classic, now in its fifth year.

Cabrera shot 64. He's looking for his first non-major win on the PGA Tour.

Kevin Chappell was third at 9 under after a 69. Steve Stricker had a 68 to top the group at 8 under.

There will be more than a trophy to raise and a \$1.2 million winner's check available Sunday. The four best finishers not previously eligible for the British Open among the top 12 on the final leaderboard will earn spots in the July 17-20 tournament at Royal Liverpool.

Hurley finished his five-year Navy service in 2009 and would still be a naval officer if golf wasn't keeping him busy. He returned to the PGA Tour this year after playing on the Web.com Tour in 2013.

He said nerves won't play a part in how he gets ready for what could be a memorable Sunday.

"I'm going to keep doing what I'm doing," he said. "I just want to put my mind in position so that I can play well. I slept fine last night. The benefit of the Navy if you learn how to sleep anywhere, I think I'll sleep fine tonight, too."

In other golf news:

■ Northern Irish golfer Graeme McDowell made the best of tough conditions to retain his French Open title at Saint-Quentin-En-Yvelines, France by firing a 4-under 67 to win by a stroke on Sunday.

In pouring rain, McDowell made five birdies and a bogey in his final round to finish with a 70-under 279 total.

The defending champion shot 70, 69 and 73 in the previous rounds, keeping his best for the last day.

Leading since the first round, Kevin Stadler wasted a five-stroke cushion to trail McDowell by three strokes. But the American made a charge to close the last round, getting back into contention and moving into a tie for the lead with a birdie on No. 16.

McDowell won when Stadler missed a par putt on the last from three feet that would have forced a playoff.



CHRIS TILLEY/AP

Former U.S. Navy officer Billy Hurley III looks over the 14th green during the third round of the Greenbrier Classic at Greenbrier Resort in White Sulphur Springs, W.Va. on Saturday.

Clippers sale hangs in balance as trial begins

LOS ANGELES — Attorneys for Donald Sterling and his estranged wife will face off in court as the \$2 billion sale of the Los Angeles Clippers hangs in the balance.

A trial starting Monday will focus on whether Shelly Sterling had the right to negotiate the deal to sell the team herself under terms of a family trust.

She struck the deal with former Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer after Donald Sterling's racist remarks to a girlfriend were publicized and the NBA moved to oust him as an owner.

To make the deal without his agreement, two doctors examined Donald Sterling and declared the 80-year-old mentally incapacitated under the trust's terms.

Donald Sterling's attorneys say there was undue influence in the doctors' findings and that the exams and letters on his mental capacity were defective and incomplete.

In other NBA news:

■ The Dallas Mavericks are bringing back Devin Harris in what could be a more prominent role for the point guard.

The 31-year-old Harris played for Dallas on a one-year, \$3 million deal last season, missing the first half of the year after offseason toe surgery. He originally had a three-year contract worth \$9 million, but the deal was scuttled by the toe injury.

Nibali wins Tour de France 2nd stage

SHEFFIELD, England — Italy's Vincenzo Nibali has won the second stage of the Tour de France and wrested the race leader's yellow jersey as several race favorites led a late breakaway.

The Astana rider led the bunch at the end of Sunday's 125-mile ride over nine rolling hills and through the heart of Yorkshire, England.

Marcel Kittel, a powerful sprinter who often struggles in climbs, trailed far behind and lost the yellow jersey that he had captured by winning Stage 1.

■ British sprinter Mark Cavendish pulled out of the Tour on Sunday ahead of the second stage with a shoulder injury.

Cavendish, with his arm in a sling underneath his sweatshirt, said outside the team bus that it was "disappointing" that his race was over.

He saw his hopes of winning his first yellow jersey disappear on Saturday when he hit the ground near the finish of the first stage in his mother's hometown of Harrogate.

Cavendish was able to cross the finish line then underwent medical exams that revealed a separated shoulder.

Cavendish will undergo an MRI to see if the injury requires surgery.

UFC 175/WIMBLEDON

Weidman outpoints Machida, retains title

By ADAM BERCHIN
The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Chris Weidman unanimously outpointed Lyoto Machida at UFC 175 on Saturday to retain his middleweight title.

The judges had Weidman ahead 49-46, 49-45, 48-47 over Machida (21-5). This was Weidman's second title defense after shocking the MMA world with a victory over long-time champion Anderson Silva one year ago.

In the co-main event, women's bantamweight champion Ronda Rousey stopped Alexis Davis at 16 seconds of the first round. Rousey improved to 10-0 with all wins by way of submission, knockout or technical knockout.

This was her fourth consecutive title defense. The former Olympic judoka was praised during her post-fight interview for her improved striking skills and replied, "I box six days a week and grapple four days a week. I have more to catch up on striking, so that's what I train the most. I think I can do better."

Rousey rocked Davis with a solid right, secured an immediate judo toss and landed nine punches, knocking out Davis and forcing the referee to stop the fight in what became the second-fastest knockout in UFC title bout history.

Rousey, jeered by fans following her past UFC victories, received a loud ovation from most in attendance.

"I'm not sure if they'll keep cheering me," Rousey said. "I'm not used to keep my fingers crossed, but thank you, I appreciate it."

Weidman and Machida landed big shots in the first round, with neither taking time to feel out their opponent. Weidman pressed forward for most of the second round, keeping Machida on his heels and got a takedown against the fence with just under a minute left.

Weidman was able to land a few shots to the grounded Machida as he rose just before the bell.

"I just had to keep moving forward and keep pushing," Weidman said. "This is MMA. I'm confident standing and I knew kicks were



JOHN LOCKER/AP

Ronda Rousey, right, hits Alexis Davis during their women's mixed martial arts bantamweight title bout at UFC 175 on Saturday in Las Vegas.

going to be a part of the game."

Machida's awkward style and solid kicks kept Weidman's offense in check for most of the first half of the fight.

"He's as good as I thought. He's really tricky in there," Weidman said. "When you think he's going to do something, he doesn't."

Weidman opened things up in the third round, slamming Machida twice and landing two big straight rights that stunned the challenger and sent him into survival mode.

Machida stuffed most of Weidman's takedown attempts throughout the fight and dazed the champ with a straight left halfway through the fourth round. Machida added a few kicks and punches to clearly gain the momentum in what was his best round.

In the fifth round, both fighters landed multiple power shots and both were hurt. Weidman seemed to take control of the round with a late takedown, but Machida fought back and had the champ in trouble against the cage as the final bell sounded.

"The plan was to keep the fight standing but Chris was tough," Machida said. "He is the true champion."



JOHN LOCKER/AP

Chris Weidman, right, hits Lyoto Machida during their mixed martial arts middleweight title bout at UFC 175 on Saturday in Las Vegas.



BEN CURTIS/AP

Novak Djokovic kisses the championship trophy after defeating Roger Federer in the men's singles final at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships in Wimbledon, London on Sunday.

Djokovic holds off Federer to earn 2nd championship

By DENNIS PASSA
The Associated Press

LONDON — Novak Djokovic won his second Wimbledon title and denied Roger Federer his record eighth by outlasting the Swiss player in five sets Sunday.

Djokovic wasted a 5-2 lead, and a match point, in the fourth set but held on for a 6-7 (7), 6-4, 7-6 (4), 5-7, 6-4 Centre Court victory that returned the Serbian player to the No. 1 ranking.

It was Djokovic's seventh Grand Slam title and broke a streak of three consecutive losses in major finals and in five of his past six. In the last set, Djokovic broke in the final game with the help of four mistakes by Federer to seal the win.

After the players met at the net, Djokovic went to the middle of the court, knelt down and plucked out a piece of grass and ate it, similar to what he did in 2011 when he won his first title here.

Trailing 5-4 in the fourth set, Federer double-faulted to make it 30-30. He then put a backhand into the net to set up a championship point for Djokovic.

The 32-year-old Federer then hit a serve that was ruled out, but he challenged it and the Hawk-Eye replay showed that it hit the line for an ace — one of his 29 in the match. Federer went on to break in the next game before forcing a fifth set.

"I was hoping that Roger was going to miss the first serve, but that didn't happen," Djokovic said. "It rarely happens. That's why he has 17 Grand Slams and he's been the most successful player ever, because in important moments, he comes up with his best shots and top game."

Djokovic said it was difficult to stay focused heading into a deciding set.

"Of course, after dropping a fourth set, it wasn't easy to regroup and compose myself and find that necessary energy to win the fifth," Djokovic said. "I don't know how he managed to do it."

Federer said it was an "amazing" match. "You know going into a match with Novak, it's al-



BEN CURTIS/AP

Novak Djokovic, right, shakes hands after defeating Roger Federer for the men's championship at Wimbledon on Sunday. Djokovic won his second All-England title while denying Federer an eighth crown.

ways going to be tough," Federer said. "Sometimes rough physically, because we play athletic points. I can only say congratulations today."

Djokovic had 27 unforced errors in the match while Federer had 29. Djokovic broke Federer four times while Federer converted three of his seven break points.

There had been only one service break through the first three sets before a string of three straight in the fourth as Djokovic took a 4-2 lead before holding serve again.

Djokovic returns to the top ranking for the first time since last September, taking over from Rafael Nadal, who lost in the fourth round here.

MLB

Cruz goes 5-for-5 as O's split with Red Sox

By MIKE CRANSTON
The Associated Press

BOSTON — Nelson Cruz watched his fifth hit fall into the gap in left-center field and was determined to leg out a triple for the cycle.

"I had to try and see what happened," Cruz said. "I don't remember the last time I hit a triple."

Cruz was thrown out, but it was the only thing he did wrong on a night he went a career-best 5-for-5 to help the Baltimore Orioles beat the Boston Red Sox 7-4 on Saturday to earn a split of a day-night doubleheader.

"I'm glad they didn't hit the first cutoff guy, at least it was close," manager Buck Showalter said of Cruz, who added a solo home run and a bad-hop single in the sixth inning that scored the go-ahead run. "Guys were screaming at me to do the replay (challenge)."

The Red Sox won the opener 3-2 on pinch-hitter Jonathan Herrera's one-out, broken-bat RBI single off T.J. McFarland in the bottom of the ninth.

"I was taking some swings in the cage," smiling Herrera said after the Red Sox snapped a three-game skid with their sixth last at-bat win of the season. "I was ready for that at-bat."

Nick Hundley added a two-run homer in the second game as Baltimore overcame Boston starter John Lackey's 11 strikeouts over 5½ innings.

"That's about as good stuff as

I've had all year and I'm trying to figure out what happened to give up five runs," Lackey said.

Stephen Drew homered in both games for the Red Sox, who have lost four of five. Drew hadn't homered since Boston's World Series clinching Game 6 win in October.

Brad Bach (3-0) and four other Baltimore relievers combined to shut down Boston on one hit in the second game after Ubaldo Jimenez gave up four runs, five hits with six walks while getting 11 outs.

"He's just inconsistent," Showalter said. "It's frustrating, because his stuff is there."

While third baseman Manny Machado went 2-for-5 in the nightcap in his return from his five-game suspension for throwing a bat during a June 8 game against Oakland, Cruz carried Baltimore after a heartbreaking loss.

Cruz doubled, singled, hit his 27th home run, and finally chased Lackey with a single that took a big hop off the lip in front of third base in a three-run sixth.

Cruz doubled into the gap off Edward Mujica in the eighth, but was cut down at third on a relay throw from Drew. His average jumped to .286.

"I tried one last year and I got thrown out at third, too," said Cruz, who last tripled in 2011. "It's why I don't try it."

Lackey (9-6) was charged with five runs and 10 hits, a much different outing than Boston got in



MICHAEL DWYER/AP

Red Sox third baseman Brock Holt, top, tags out the Orioles' Nelson Cruz, who was trying to stretch a double into a triple in the eighth inning of Game 2 of their doubleheader in Boston on Saturday. The Orioles won 7-4 to split the two games. The Red Sox won the opener 3-2.

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Jon Lester gave up two unearned runs, struck out seven and walked none in eight innings, but was denied his 10th win due to shoddy defense and poor hitting.

After closer Koji Uehara (4-2) pitched a perfect ninth to keep it 2-2, manager John Farrell went to his bench.

Pinch-hitter Jonny Gomes legged out a leadoff infield single off McFarland (1-2). David Ross bunted Gomes to second before Herrera, hitting for Jackie Bradley Jr., dropped a blooper to right that scored a sliding Gomes and snapped Baltimore's four-game winning streak.

Drew, re-signed in May, came

in hitting .136. He hit a solo shot in the opener and his two-run homer in the second game off Jimenez came in a four-run fourth that put the Red Sox ahead 4-2.

"I knew it was going to be a little different, not being in this position before," Drew said. "I'm not making excuses, it just takes a little time. It's going to come around."

Encarnacion hurt in Jays' loss to A's

By MICHAEL WAGMAN
The Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — The Toronto Blue Jays still aren't scoring much on the road, and an overall three-week funk has dropped the former division leaders 1½ games out of first place behind Baltimore in the AL East.

Even normally reliable Mark Buehrle is struggling, not having won a start since June 1.

"It's not even the worst news for manager John Gibbons' ballclub.

Edwin Encarnacion had to leave the game after hearing "a pop" in his right leg while legging out an infield grounder in the first inning of the Blue Jays' 5-1 loss to the Oakland Athletics on Saturday.

The Toronto slugger, who went into the night tied for second in the majors with 26 home runs, will undergo an MRI in the next day or two.

As tough as losing their top offensive threat was, the Blue Jays seemed even more irked about a play in the eighth inning that they felt should have been overturned by replay.

With Oakland leading 3-1, Melky Cabrera was thrown out trying to score from first base on a double to left by Jose Bautista. Oakland left fielder Craig Gentry retrieved the ball and shortstop Jed Lowrie made a strong relay throw home to catcher Derek Norris, who appeared to tag a sliding Cabrera on the back.

Home plate umpire Bill Miller called Cabrera out, and after a brief review, the call was upheld.

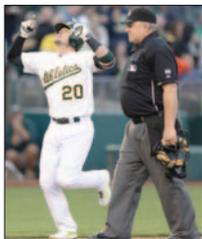
Bautista vented his anger over the call for nearly five minutes, almost entirely unprompted.

"I don't know what kind of agenda the people that are doing the replays are on, what their plan is... but obviously getting the right call on the field is not what they're doing. I don't see the point in having this replay system that doesn't work," he said.

Gibbons tempered his frustration over the call.

"The bottom line is we played a crappy game tonight," he said. "There's no way around that."

Encarnacion drove in Toronto's only run in the first inning before getting hurt. He beat out a possible double play call, allowing Jose Reyes to score. Encarnacion



BEN MAROOF/AP

The Athletics' Josh Donaldson celebrates as he runs past umpire Bill Miller after hitting a home run against the Blue Jays in the third inning Saturday in Oakland, Calif. The A's won 5-1.

stepped on the first base bag, limped for a few steps and then tumbled to the ground.

Buehrle (10-6) gave up three runs and 10 hits over six innings. Buehrle walked one and struck out three. He had a four-game winning streak against the A's end.

Josh Donaldson hit a home run and Scott Kazmir (10-3) won for the fifth time in his last six decisions. He walked two and struck out eight, improving to 6-1 in eight home starts.

Kazmir retired 20 of 23 batters after giving up singles to Reyes and Cabrera to start the game.

Simmons helps Braves to 9th straight

By GEORGE HENRY
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Braves shortstop Andrelton Simmons wasted no time recovering from a rare two-error inning.

"It's tough when your errors are a little costly, but (Aaron) Harang picked me up and kept us in the game," Simmons said. "The other guys got on base and we ended up winning, so it's a good day after all."

Simmons drove in four runs, Harang won his third straight start and the Atlanta Braves beat the Arizona Diamondbacks 10-4 Saturday for their season-high ninth straight victory.

Justin Upton added a two-run homer and a third RBI for the Braves, who have won 11 of 12 and are 11 games over .500 for the first time this season.

Harang (8-6) has a 3.00 ERA over his last three starts after allowing nine hits and four runs with one walk and one strikeout in eight innings.

Simmons had an RBI single in the first and a two-run double in the fourth. He appeared to turn his ankle while running the bases in the sixth but stayed in the game.

He drove in his fourth run with

a groundout in the seventh to make it 10-4. It marked the third time in his career and second time this season that he had four RBIs in a game.

Simmons has four straight games with at least two hits.

The Diamondbacks went ahead 3-0 in the first on Gochochmidt's RBI double, Montero's RBI single and Gerardo Parra's RBI single.

Parra got an at-bat after manager Kirk Gibson successfully challenged that Aaron Hill, the previous batter, was safe at first on Atlanta's double-play attempt.

Simmons, named last year's Platinum Glove winner as the NL's best defender, had two errors in the first. Simmons began the game with six errors this year.

"I told him that how you bounce back from those is what's important," Braves manager Fredi Gonzalez said. "He made some great plays defensively after that inning and also swinging the bat. He kept the line moving."

The Diamondbacks, which had dropped eight of 12, lost their 53rd game, most in the majors.

"When we were at our place (last month), we played these guys really good," Gibson said. "We're capable of doing that."

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CARLOS OSORIO/AP

The Rays' Logan Forsythe scores on a solo home run in the fifth inning Saturday against the Tigers in Detroit. The Rays won 7-2.

AL roundup

Archer, Rays earn victory over Tigers

The Associated Press

DETROIT — Chris Archer is making a concerted effort to become a better fielder on the mound, working with strength coach Kevin Barr on drills that can help him improve.

"Moving my feet and fielding groundballs, and he stands like 10 feet away," Archer said. "He's throwing them pretty hard, so I'm prepared for it."

Archer's efforts paid off Saturday, when he made two terrific defensive plays as part of the Tampa Bay Rays' 7-2 victory over the Detroit Tigers. In the sixth inning, he snagged a comebacker by J.D. Martinez and threw to first for the out, and in the eighth, Archer fell to the ground while backhanded Austin Jackson's line drive up the middle.

"That ball hit him right in the glove. That was Jackson, I believe," Rays manager Joe Maddon said. "He has no idea how he caught that. That's a play when the ball catches you."

The Rays broke the game open with three runs in the fifth inning and four in the sixth, and the Tigers never mounted much of a rally against Archer (5-5). The 25-year-old right-hander allowed solo homers to Alex Avila in the seventh and Martinez in the ninth.

Archer called it his best performance of the season. Maddon finally pulled him with two on and one out in the ninth after 106 pitches. He allowed six hits, walked four and struck out four, falling just short of his third ca-

reer complete game.

"There was 25 outs that I did get, and those are the ones that I'm going to focus on," Archer said.

Anibal Sanchez (5-3) took a no-hitter into the fifth, but things unraveled quickly for the Detroit right-hander. He allowed seven runs and six hits in 5½ innings, with four walks and a strikeout.

"I don't know when everything changed," Sanchez said. "I know we had a pretty good game plan going for four innings."

Logan Forsythe homered for Tampa Bay.

Kevin Kiermaier had three hits for Tampa Bay, including triples in the fifth and sixth. The Rays have won seven of eight.

Mariners 3, White Sox 2 (14): Brad Miller hit an RBI double in the 14th inning, and visiting Seattle beat Chicago for its fifth win in the past six games.

Twins 2, Yankees 1 (11): Yankees catcher Francisco Cervelli made a throwing error in the 11th inning that allowed Josh Willingham to score from second base, giving host Minnesota a victory over New York.

Indians 7, Royals 3: T.J. House allowed three runs over 6½ innings for his first major league win to help host Cleveland top Kansas City.

Angels 11, Astros 5: Albert Pujols hit a go-ahead, two-run home run, and C.J. Cron and pinch-hitter David Freese also homered against the Houston bullpen in the Angels' eight-run seventh inning as host Los Angeles earned its ninth straight home win.

NL roundup

Gonzalez, Zimmerman lead Nationals to rout of Cubs

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Washington Nationals posted football-like numbers in routing the Chicago Cubs on Saturday with Redskins quarterback Robert Griffin III watching in the stands.

The way Gio Gonzalez is pitching, it was much more than they needed.

Gonzalez pitched eight sparkling innings and Ryan Zimmerman tied a career high with four hits and drove in three runs as the Nationals roughed up the Chicago Cubs without recently traded Jeff Samardzija for a 13-0 victory.

"Today he did the velocity he did in Chicago, but nevertheless when you can throw your breaking stuff for strikes then it makes your fastball look better," manager Matt Williams said after Gonzalez defeated Chicago for the second Saturday in a row.

"He's relied on this curveball (and changeup). If he gets in a jam he can throw either one of those, can use either one as a strikeout pitch," Williams added.

Jayson Werth and Anthony Rendon added three hits and two RBIs apiece for the Nationals on a day the Cubs were forced to start Carlos Villanueva (4-6) following the trade of Samardzija, the scheduled starter, and Jason Hammel to the Oakland Athletics.

"Somebody told me that earlier," Rendon said of the change. "I didn't even know who we were facing to begin with. I just show up."

Washington netted a season high in runs and hits (19), including eight doubles, but no home runs.

"[The trade] had nothing to do with any of the things that happened today. We split out a bad ballgame," Cubs manager Rick Renteria said before the question could be asked.

"You had Gio who threw really well. So he stifles out offense pretty much and so that combined with us giving up a lot of runs it kind of looks like, 'Wow — you know — what's going on?' It's just baseball," Renteria added.

Gonzalez (6-4) allowed four hits, while striking out seven and walked one. He was lifted after



ALEX BRANDON/AP

National pitcher Gio Gonzalez struck out seven over eight innings to increase his scoreless innings streak to 22 as Washington beat the Chicago Cubs 13-0 on Saturday in Washington.

throwing 109 pitches.

He's now thrown 29 consecutive scoreless innings against Chicago and 22 overall.

After spending a month on the disabled list with shoulder inflammation, Gonzalez is 3-0 in four starts since his return.

Villanueva was pulled after the first four Nationals reached base in the third inning. He was charged with four runs on five hits.

Chris Rusin, called up Saturday from Triple-A Iowa, was roughed up for five runs on nine hits over 3½ innings.

Justin Ruggiano had two hits for Chicago, which had won four straight.

Brewers 1, Reds 0: Matt Garza threw a two-hitter for his fourth career shutout as visiting Milwaukee ended its four-game losing streak by beating Cincinnati. Aramis Ramirez singled home a run in the first inning off Homer Bailey (8-5), who gave up seven hits through eight innings.

Marlins 6, Cardinals 5: Pinch-hitter Jeff Baker's RBI hit with two outs in the ninth inning helped Miami rally to beat host St.

Louis. Mike Dunn (6-4) worked a scoreless eighth and Steve Cishek finished for his 19th save in 21 chances.

Rockies 8, Dodgers 7: Drew Stubbs hit a two-run homer, Jorge De La Rosa pitched six strong innings before giving way to a shaky bullpen and host Colorado broke a five-game slide.

Pirates 3, Phillies 2: Edinson Volquez allowed one run in seven sharp innings and Andrew McCutchen hit a two-run homer in the first to lead host Pittsburgh to a victory over Philadelphia.

Giants 5, Padres 3 (10): Brandon Belt hit a two-run homer in the 10th inning to give San Francisco a win over host San Diego. Belt, in his second game back from the disabled list with a broken thumb, homered off Dale Thayer (3-3) after Hunter Pence doubled.

Interleague

Rangers 5, Mets 3: Robinson Chirinos hit an early three-run homer, Adrian Beltre connected again and visiting Texas beat New York to end a six-game losing streak.

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In this Aug. 3, 2013 photo, U.S. national team captain Clint Dempsey greets fans after he was introduced as the newest member of the Seattle Sounders FC MLS soccer team. From Seattle to Salt Lake City, the California cities of Los Angeles and San Jose, from Kansas City to Houston and up to Toronto, die-hard fans watched their local stars in soccer's showcase event. MLS officials hope the increased visibility of MLS stars on the World Cup stage will translate into increased interest in their league at home.

Capitalize: Garber working to change perception of league

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Dempsey and Bradley each returned to MLS from Europe in the past year. Jermain Defoe joined Thierry Henry and Tim Cahill as the league's top international attractions. David Villa and Kaka already are signed for 2015 and Frank Lampard may be on the way, too.

Garber has set 2022 as the year for MLS to achieve his goal and says that while the league has come a long way, it still has a lot further to go.

To attract top players, MLS must pay top prices. Part of the funds will come from new eight-year broadcasting deals by MLS and the U.S. Soccer Federation with ESPN, Fox and Univision that start next season and will average more than \$90 million annually.

MLS says sponsorship revenue has nearly doubled since 2010 for the league and its marketing arm, Soccer United Marketing.

From Seattle to Salt Lake City, the California cities of Los Angeles and San Jose, from Kansas City to Houston and up to Toronto, general sports fans watched their local MLS players along with the die-hards during the World Cup.

Now, MLS' tallest task is to get those same supporters — and more — to attend league games each weekend. MLS was much more central to this year's tournament, sending 22 players for an increase from six in 2010.

"Any time there is a World Cup it's going to put a focus on soccer for this country, and if there are guys playing in MLS it can only

By the numbers

22

Number of players from Major League Soccer who participated in the 2014 World Cup, up from just six in 2010.

24.7

Viewers, in millions, for the U.S. draw against Portugal, topping the averages of the most recent World Series and NBA Finals.

SOURCE: The Associated Press

help boost the sport in general and also our league," said Real Salt Lake midfielder Kyle Beckerman, who started three games in Brazil.

In addition to 16.5 million who watched the United States' World Cup loss to Belgium on ESPN, there were 5.1 million tuned in on Spanish-language Univision. The 24.7 million total watching the U.S. draw against Portugal topped the averages of the most recent World Series and NBA Finals.

But only a fraction of the people watching the World Cup have tuned into MLS. ESPN2's regular-season average dropped from 259,000 in 2012 to 206,000 last year, the first season after Beckham's departure. It rebounded to 215,000 this year, and the league hopes having regular time slots as part of the new contracts will provide a boost.

Marc Ganis, president of Chicago-based consulting firm SportsCorp, says the league should be happy with steady if not spectacular growth.

"Major League Soccer is still not a top American sport, but it has elevated itself dramatically over the last four, five years. But it is still a select market, relative niche sport and likely will be for the foreseeable future, and that has to do with the predisposition of the American market more than anything else," Ganis said. "There is really nothing MLS can do to change that."

U.S. national team coach Jurgen Klinsmann, already signed through the 2018 World Cup, would like to see a longer MLS season. That will help players develop stamina to compete at World Cups with stars from big clubs that have 60 games or more per year in leagues, cups and European competitions.

"Every year there's another step forward, another step forward," Klinsmann said. "The league is growing, not only in the infrastructure side, the financial side, but on the level of play side."

MLS roundup

DC United spoil Bradley's return

The Associated Press

TORONTO — Nick DeLeon and Perry Kitchen scored to help D.C. United beat Toronto FC 2-1 on Saturday night, spoiling Michael Bradley first game back from the World Cup.

Kitchen broke a tie in the 70th minute, scoring on a header off a corner kick.

DeLeon opened the scoring in the 54th minute, and Luke Moore tied in the 60th.

Bradley had a good scoring chance in the 34th minute, but the U.S. midfielder's shot went wide.

United improved to 8-5-4, and Toronto dropped to 6-5-3.

Whitecaps 1, Sounders 0: Sebastian Fernandez scored on a long shot in the 12th minute in host Vancouver's victory over Seattle.

Fernandez took a pass from Pedro Morales and launched a shot about 30 yards out that sailed past goalkeeper Stefan Frei. It was Vancouver's first goal since June 7, ending a two-game scoring drought.

Major League Soccer-leading Seattle dropped to 11-3-3 with the loss that snapped its winning streak at three games. Vancouver improved to 6-3-7.

Chivas USA 1, Impact 0: At Carson, Calif., Erick Torres scored on a sidewinding kick in the final minute of stoppage time to give Chivas USA the victory over Montreal.

Torres settled a deflected shot



Toronto FC's Michael Bradley couldn't get a win against the D.C. United on Saturday in his first game back from the World Cup. The U.S. midfielder had an excellent opportunity to score in the game's 34th minute, but his shot went wide.

inside the penalty area and, with his back to the goal, sent a volley to the top right corner. It was Torres' 12th goal of the season, leaving him two goals behind New York's Bradley Wright-Phillips for the MLS lead.

The goal gave Chivas USA (5-7-5) its first three-game winning streak of the season.

The Impact (3-8-5) are the only team in the MLS without a road victory.



DARRYL DYCK, THE CANADIAN PRESS/AP

Vancouver's Sebastian Fernandez, right, fights off Seattle's Leonardo Gonzalez during the second half of Saturday's game in Vancouver, British Columbia. Vancouver won 1-0.

WORLD CUP

Higuain ends scoreless streak to lift Argentina

By KARL RITTER
The Associated Press

BRASILIA, Brazil — For once Lionel Messi didn't carry Argentina on his shoulders.

He didn't have to. Gonzalo Higuain ended a four-game scoreless streak with an early winner as Argentina beat Belgium 1-0 and reached a World Cup semifinal match for the first time since 1990.

"Since the first game of this World Cup I said I was calm, that the goals would come. It came and at an important moment," Higuain said. "It's been so many years since we made it to the semifinals. Now we did."

Higuain came into the World Cup still recovering from an ankle injury that had sidelined him since early May. The 26-year-old Napoli striker looked out-of-form in the group stage and wasn't giving Argentina the edge it needed in the penalty area.

That changed in the eighth minute of the game in Brasilia, as he picked up a deflected pass from Angel Di Maria just inside the area and beat goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois with a half-volley toward the post.

Higuain has the class to put the ball where he wants it. There

is nothing we could do about it," Courtois said.

A poor consolation for the Belgium goalkeeper was that he once again kept Messi from scoring, as he had done in seven straight matches at club level.

The Argentina captain missed a chance to get his fifth goal of the tournament when he failed to beat Courtois in stoppage time.

Argentina's next opponent will be the Netherlands, which beat Costa Rica on penalty kicks.

Buoyed by the melodic chants of its fans, Argentina protected its lead thanks to a near-flawless defensive line, bolstered by strong performances from central midfielders Javier Mascherano and Lucas Biglia.

Belgium lacked the imagination to find a way into the final third of the pitch, and created few clear chances apart from a pair of headers by Kevin Mirallas and Marouane Fellaini.

Belgium's most creative player, Eden Hazard, had little impact on the game beyond receiving a yellow card for a studs-first challenge on Lucas Biglia. Hazard cut a disconsolate figure as he was substituted by Nacer Chadli in the 75th.

Belgium coach Marc Wilmots

didn't think that his team fell to a stronger opponent, calling Argentina "just an ordinary team."

"If we had equalized in the last few minutes, they are dead, they are finished," Wilmots said. Long after the game, thousands of Argentine fans flocked to one section of the Estadio Nacional to celebrate the country's best World Cup performance since it lost the 1990 final to West Germany.

"They played an excellent match," Argentina coach Alejandro Sabella said of his team. "After 24 years, we can be among the four best teams in the world. At least we lived up to the minimum objective."

Argentina has won every match in Brazil by a single goal. In previous games, it scraped by thanks to individual moments of magic by Messi. But against Belgium, Argentina looked in control even after losing Di Maria — the team's most influential player in Brazil aside from Messi — to a right thigh injury in the 33rd minute.

Sabella said the Real Madrid midfielder will have medical tests on Sunday to discover the extent of the injury.

It was Di Maria who set up Higuain's goal as he picked up a pass from Messi and cut in from



MARTIN MEISSNER/AP

Argentina's Gonzalo Higuain celebrates after scoring the only goal in Saturday's quarterfinal against Belgium in Brasilia, Brazil.

the right. He tried to find full-back Pablo Zabaleta, but the ball bounced off Jan Vertonghen into Higuain's path.

Started by the early goal, the Red Devils didn't create any heat in Argentina's penalty area until the 42nd minute when Mirallas headed Vertonghen's cross just wide of Sergio Romero's right post.

Fifteen minutes after the break, Vertonghen once again sent in a precise cross from the left flank

but Fellaini headed it over the crossbar.

Higuain came close to making it 2-0 in the second half when he easily ran past Vincent Kompany and smashed a shot into the crossbar. He worked relentlessly for Argentina before being substituted in the 81st by Fernando Gago.

"We still have two matches to go so we can have the dream, the dream that brought us here from the very first day," Higuain said.

Talent-loaded Belgium comes up short

By RAF CASERT
The Associated Press

BRASILIA, Brazil — Belgium may have reached the quarterfinals of its first World Cup for a dozen years, but coach Marc Wilmots and his players will return home from Brazil with a sense of unfulfilled promise.

The expectation was always that Belgium's creative talent could dazzle the world. Instead, Wilmots made it a coldly calculating campaign that earned his side four straight victories until it reached the last eight on Saturday against Argentina.

And when it finally met a great team at the World Cup, Belgium was exposed as being not good enough, not yet at least.

Saturday's 1-0 defeat in Brasilia put an end to the hopes — and a rare frenzy of patriotism — of a small nation of 11 million people. A campaign that promised so much with the individual talent at Wilmots' disposal ended up as a case of what might have been.

"We could have and should have done much more," said left back Jan Vertonghen, probably Belgium's best player of the World Cup. It's a view shared by Wilmots.

"We felt we were on the verge of something big," the coach and former Belgium midfielder said.

The fact that Vertonghen flourished on the world stage was only one of several surprises — both good and bad — in the squad. While many expected Romelu Lukaku to shine as a high-scoring center forward, teenager Divock Origi made just as much of an impact — despite only being picked because top striker Christian Benteke missed the tournament through injury.



KIRSTY WIGGLEWORTH/AP

Belgium's Divock Origi leaps over Argentina's Javier Mascherano on Saturday. Origi, 19, shined during the World Cup despite being a surprise roster pick.

When everyone was looking for Vincent Kompany to be the rock in defense, Belgium's progress was just as much down to the ability of 36-year-old Daniel van Buyten to close the gaps, even though most thought he was destined for a World Cup on the bench.

And most importantly of all, the world was waiting for Eden Hazard to shine and to be-

come Belgium's answer to the likes of Argentina's Lionel Messi and Brazil's Neymar.

Instead, the Chelsea playmaker was one of the biggest disappointments of the World Cup, with his creative talents even being outshone by those of a teammate, winger Kevin De Bruyne.

As the players head home, there will be some consolation that the one-goal victories they achieved over Algeria, Russia, South Korea and the United States which will at least move Belgium's FIFA ranking deeper into the top 10.

None of those teams, though, can be compared to Argentina — not only in history and tradition, but also in their World Cup records.

Against the other teams, Wilmots' strategy of wearing down the defense before bringing on late substitutes to score decisive goals worked to perfection. However, it's a tactic that can't be relied on to work every time.

As it moved into the latter stages of the tournament, Argentina simply stepped up a gear, without even having to rely on Messi. Other players like Gonzalo Higuain, and Angel Di Maria before him, also performed at a level that the Belgians could only aspire to.

Though Wilmots criticized Argentina's players for wasting time on Saturday, claiming that "they feared Belgium," the South Americans showed their maturity with an ability to control the game which Belgium's squad still doesn't have.

But then again, it is the third youngest at the tournament.

For Belgium, the hopes now turn to 2016, when France hosts the European Championship and a promise that this might be fulfilled.

Scoreboard

Quarterfinals

- Friday, July 4
 - At Fortaleza, Brazil
 - Brazil 2, Colombia 1
 - At Rio De Janeiro
 - France 0, Germany 1
 - Saturday, July 5
 - At Salvador, Brazil
 - Netherlands 0, Costa Rica 0, Netherlands advanced 3-2 on penalty kicks
 - At Brasilia, Brazil
 - Argentina 1, Belgium 0

SEMIFINALS

- Tuesday, July 8
 - At Belo Horizonte, Brazil
 - Brazil vs. Germany
 - Wednesday, July 9
 - At Sao Paulo
 - Netherlands vs. Argentina

THIRD PLACE

- Saturday, July 12
 - At Brasilia, Brazil
 - Brazil-Germany loser vs. Netherlands
 - Argentina loser

FINAL

- Sunday, July 13
 - At Rio De Janeiro
 - Brazil-Germany winner vs. Netherlands-Argentina winner

Leading scorers

Player, country	Gms	G
James Rodriguez, Colombia	5	6
Thomas Mueller, Germany	5	5
Lionel Messi, Argentina	5	4
Neymar, Brazil	5	4
Karim Benzema, France	5	3
Arjen Robben, Netherlands	5	3
Enner Valencia, Ecuador	5	3
Robin van Persie, Netherlands	4	3
Kerlan Shuster, Switzerland	4	3
American scorers		
Clint Dempsey	4	2
Bermaine Jones	4	2
DaMarcus Beasley	4	1
John Brooks	1	1

Top scoring teams

Country	Goals scored
Colombia	12
Netherlands	12
Brazil	10
Germany	10
France	10
Argentina	8

WORLD CUP

Van Persie falls flat

By DUSAN STOJANOVIC
The Associated Press

SALVADOR, Brazil — On the same ground where Robin van Persie's spectacular diving header earned him the nickname the Flying Dutchman, the Netherlands striker fell flat against Costa Rica on Saturday.

Van Persie missed two chances from close range in stoppage time in a 0-0 draw before the Dutch prevailed 4-3 in a penalty shootout to set up a World Cup semifinal match against Argentina.

"Those misses could have been very costly," Van Persie said. "But our win is all that matters now."

One of those chances was heart stopping.

The ball was crossed from the left, two Dutch players failed to get to it, and it fell to Van Persie close to the back post. He shot, but the ball hit a Costa Rican defender on the goal line, ricocheted from the crossbar and bounced out.

"It's bizarre," Van Persie said. "We had too many chances. You have to stay strong and focused in such circumstances. We had to work hard to win this game."

While Van Persie sputtered, teammate Arjen Robben was a constant threat against a dogged Costa Rica squad as he left behind a diving controversy surrounding the Netherlands' second-round victory over Mexico.

Van Persie and Robben both scored twice in Salvador in the 5-1 win over Spain at the start of the tournament and have three goals each so far. Van Persie's flying header looped over a stranded Iker Casillas on Spain's goal and ended up in the net — arguably the most spectacular goal so far in the tournament.

Netherlands coach Louis van Gaal said the missed chances could have backfired, with Costa Rica nearly taking a lead in last minutes of extra time.

"I don't know how many opportunities we had in the game, but that goes to show that scoring a goal is crucial in the game of football," Van Gaal said. "If you miss so many opportunities, the opponent could walk away and beat you, out of nowhere."



MATT DUNHAM/AP

Netherlands' Robin van Persie pauses after missing a shot on goal against Costa Rica in extra time on Saturday.



HASSAN AMMAR/AP

Netherlands' goalkeeper Tim Krul saves the last penalty kick during its World Cup quarterfinal match against Costa Rica on Saturday in Salvador, Brazil. The Netherlands won 4-3 on penalty kicks when late substitute Krul made two saves in a penalty shootout.

Late goal sub pays off for Dutch

Netherlands' Krul enters in extra time, stops two Costa Rica penalties

By MIKE CORDER
The Associated Press

SALVADOR, Brazil — Louis van Gaal made the call and Tim Krul made the saves.

In another move that will only add to his reputation as a tactical mastermind, the Netherlands coach led his team into the World Cup semifinals after bringing on Krul with seconds remaining in extra time.

Moments later, Krul saved two penalties in a 4-3 shootout victory over Costa Rica, making the Manchester United-bound Van Gaal again look like a football genius.

"It worked out," Van Gaal said Saturday after his team played Costa Rica to a 0-0 draw through extra time. "That was beautiful. I'm a bit proud of that."

Jasper Cillessen had started in goal for the Dutch team, but Van Gaal made the decision to pull him after 120 minutes of soccer-less and replace him with Krul.

The Newcastle goalkeeper, who really only touched the ball twice all game, saved the second and fifth penalties and guessed the correct way on all five.

"We thought it all through," Van Gaal said. "We all thought that Tim Krul was the best keeper to stop penalties. He is taller and has a longer reach. We prepared for the Costa Rica penalties just as we prepared for our

own penalties."

In the semifinals, the Netherlands will face Lionel Messi and his Argentina teammates in Sao Paulo on Wednesday.

Although Krul made the decisive stops in the shootout, it was Costa Rica goalkeeper Keylor Navas that was the star of the match. Navas made a string of saves to keep the attacking Dutch scoreless for 90 minutes of regulation time and 30 minutes of extra time.

Celso Borges
Costa Rica player

His night, however, will forever be overshadowed by Krul and by Van Gaal.

"I never saw something like that," Costa Rica midfielder Celso Borges said of the goalkeeping change. "But they were right, he did his job."

Van Gaal has made several inspired changes at this year's World Cup in the team's five straight wins. He brought on Klaas Jan Huntelaar against Mexico and the Schalke striker had an assist and scored a stoppage-time penalty to win 2-1. Against Chile, midfielder



WONG MAYE-E/AP

Netherlands' Dirk Kuyt celebrates after making the winning penalty kick in a shootout against Costa Rica on Saturday.

Leroy Fer scored within a minute of coming on to break a 0-0 deadlock. Another substitute, Memphis Depay, scored the second in the 2-0 victory.

On Saturday, Navas had kept his team in the match with some excellent saves. And when Wesley Sneijder twice beat him late in regulation and again in the second half of extra time, the woodwork made the stop.

Sneijder hit the post with a free kick in the 80th minute and then sent a curling shot over Navas

and off the crossbar before the penalty shootout.

At the end, however, Navas could not stop any of the four Dutch penalties as veterans Robin van Persie, Arjen Robben, Sneijder and Dirk Kuyt all scored.

"Of course you want to stop the penalty," Navas said. "But they shot better and I could not stop them."

Navas couldn't, but Krul could. "Tim stopped two penalties," Van Gaal said, "and it doesn't get better than that."

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Djokovic outlasts Federer
in Wimbledon final | **Page 25**

SOCCER

Room for growth?

MLS hoping to capitalize on World Cup fever

By RONALD BLUM
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The Associated Press

Even before millions of people packed into outdoor fan parties, ran out to bars for long lunches and sneaked peeks of games at their offices during the Americans' World Cup run, Major League Soccer began thinking about how to convert some of those fans into supporters for its own teams.

Playing its 19th season and preparing for an expansion to 24 teams in its post-David Beckham era, MLS has grown in support and interest but remains a feeder league — with most young star players it produces leaving for more lucrative contracts in Europe.

MLS Commissioner Don Garber wants to change that quickly, and it only helps his cause when stars such as Clint Dempsey and Michael Bradley come home to play on U.S. soil.

"We want to be thought of the way the Premier League is thought of, Serie A is thought of, La Liga is thought of, the Bundesliga is thought of," Garber said. "When people think about the best leagues in the world, everybody knows who they are, and we want to be one of those leagues."

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