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## Running out of moves?

### No longer able to use element of surprise, Islamic State locked in defensive struggle

By WYATT OLSON  
*Stars and Stripes*

From 2009 until the end of 2011, a weary United States was withdrawing its forces from Iraq, moving on from an unpopular war and leaving the protection of the fragile country to Iraq's U.S.-trained security forces.

#### ANALYSIS

For Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, a former Muslim preacher and leader of the group now known as the Islamic State, those were years spent laying the foundations that produced this summer's battlefield offensives that stunned much of the

world and cast doubt on the future of Iraq and the U.S. legacy after eight years of war.

The Islamic State's mix of mobility, ruthlessness and battlefield surprise against unprepared foes enabled it to overrun about a third of the country and hold on to heavily populated areas including Mosul, the country's second largest city.

Yet, with the element of surprise largely spent, the Islamic State, also known by the acronyms ISIL and ISIS, now finds itself in a defensive struggle that plays more to its weaknesses than

strengths, according to an analysis published in August by the Combating Terrorism Center at West Point, an academic research institution at the U.S. Military Academy.

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An Islamic State convoy rolls through Iraq's Anbar Province on Jan. 7. The Islamic State used mobility, ruthlessness and the element of surprise to overrun about a third of the country.

AP photo via militant-controlled website

## McDonald announces plan for VA improvements

By HEATH DRUZIN  
*Stars and Stripes*

WASHINGTON — It's not every day that a Cabinet secretary gives out his cellphone number to a room full of reporters, but that's what Department of Veterans Affairs chief Bob McDonald did

Monday as part of a bid to show the VA is changing a hierarchical culture that stifled criticism and contributed to a scandal that cost McDonald's predecessor his job.

While McDonald — who opened the news conference by addressing reporters with "Hi, I'm Bob" — may be a little easier

to reach now, the effectiveness of a 90-day plan he unveiled to fix a broken VA health care system is likely to be how veterans and observers will assess the beginning of his tenure.

At a news conference in Washington, McDonald announced "Road to Veterans Day," a three-

pronged plan to make quick improvements to a health care system that has allowed veterans to languish for years while awaiting care and has seen administrators falsify records in order to cover up the delays.

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Secretary of Veterans Affairs Bob McDonald speaks to the media at the VA's Washington headquarters on Monday.

JOE GROMELSKI  
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"It looks like they are using disabled veterans as a scary thing or people with post-traumatic stress disorder as a scary thing. It is a scary thing, but it's not fun."

— Christopher Gerg, son of a Vietnam veteran, commenting on a haunted house in Wisconsin that uses a fictional hospital for disabled veterans as part of its backstory

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MILITARY

Iraq vet aims to oust 9-term Dem

By DONNA CASSATA The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Seth Moulton's opposition to another ground war in Iraq is rooted in firsthand experience acquired from four tours. As a young Marine, he saw how quickly a militant threat could transform U.S. military advisers into a force entangled in the monthslong battle for control of Najaf, some 100 miles south of Baghdad.

These are not simply the doubts of a former platoon leader three years after combat forces left. Moulton is challenging nine-term Democratic Rep. John Tierney in Tuesday's bitter, crowded Massachusetts primary. His military service has drawn attention to his first-time candidacy and made him a formidable foe to Tierney. "Americans have to realize that when the president says he's sending military advisers to Iraq, make no mistake, these are U.S. special forces or Marines or Rangers or other units that are American ground troops," Moulton said in an interview. It was true in Vietnam, he points out. It

was true of Iraq. Moulton's reservations reflect a war-weary nation's skepticism about the next U.S. steps to fulfill President Barack Obama's vow to destroy Islamic State militants and rising fear about mission creep as American forces in Iraq now exceed 1,000.

Moulton, 35, is a Harvard graduate who enlisted in the Marines in 2001. He was first on the air with a campaign ad in which he tells voters, "I'm a progressive Democrat who opposed the war in Iraq. But I also was a Marine serving my country. So I went, led my platoon and always ate last after my men."

Moulton, who backs abortion and gay rights, tighter restrictions on gun ownership and comprehensive immigration reform, calls himself a "Democrat for real change."

That commercial and another criticizing Tierney as a career politician ran at a cost of \$468,000. VoteVets, a group dedicated to electing veterans to Congress, invested even more — \$511,000 — to run ads in which World War II veteran Joel Mich-



Jim Davis, The Boston Globe/AP

Democratic House candidate Seth Moulton speaks to potential voters as he campaigns at A&J King Artisan Bakers in Salem, Mass.

ell says he supports Moulton, "a Marine from Marblehead," who will always have his gratitude. Marblehead is a coastal town in Massachusetts.

Some 8 percent of the district's population served in the military and about 15 percent are age 64 and over.

Jon Soltz, chairman of VoteVets, said the VoteVets ad would be updated to include endorsements for Moulton from both The Boston Globe and The Boston Herald.

Tierney, who voted against authorizing the use of military force in Iraq in October 2002, wants Obama to spell out the scope of the mission now and seek a congressional vote on additional use

of force. In response to Moulton, Tierney answered this week with a campaign ad linking him to Republicans who support gun rights and oppose abortion rights. The ad focuses on money the Moulton campaign received from the White Mountain PAC, which is affiliated with former Sen. Judd Gregg, R-N.H.

"Moulton took money from a special interest group that only funds Republicans," a narrator says in the ad.

The Moulton campaign said the \$10,000 was returned earlier this year and the ad was a sign of Tierney's vulnerability in the primary.

VA: McDonald viewing reforms through the 'lens of the veteran'

FROM FRONT PAGE

"The first strategy is to rebuild trust," said McDonald, who personally apologized to all veterans affected by the scandal.

The VA has been under fire since a whistleblower revealed that administrators at a Phoenix VA hospital had manipulated records to make it look like patients had shorter wait times, even though they often waited for months, some dying before getting care. While a recent VA inspector general report did not conclusively link the delays to deaths, it did find deep problems and a "corrosive culture" throughout the national VA health system.

A rigid hierarchy has led to poor communication in the department,

with lower level employees afraid to voice concerns about problems, and has made veterans the lowest priority, McDonald said. As part of his strategy to change the culture, he said he has directed all VA facilities to conduct town hall meetings to get feedback from the veterans they serve.

"We want to look at everything we do through the lens of the veteran," he said.

The plan also calls for short-term streamlining of the appointment scheduling process while the VA works on installing new scheduling software and simplifying the rules for where veterans can get care.

"We are too complicated from the veteran's standpoint," he

said. McDonald has received early plaudits from veterans groups for the national tour of veterans facilities he embarked on during his first few weeks and his push to make changes quickly.

"In his first few weeks, Secretary McDonald has continued to show veterans he has our back," Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America President Paul Rieckhoff said in a released statement after Monday's press conference.

Implementing those changes, though, is a daunting task and for now, McDonald has offered few details on what the changes will look like on the ground. For starters, the VA's ambitious plans include hiring tens of thousands of

doctors and nurses, a drive that will be more difficult given the VA's tainted reputation. "I am worried about our ability to recruit and retain people," McDonald said.

He is also under pressure to fire administrators who caused health care delays and were involved in falsifying data, some getting bonuses for fraudulently positive wait-time data. Asked by reporters why the VA hadn't fired more people connected to the scandal, McDonald urged patience.

"While those investigations are going on, we cannot take definitive action but we're doing the best we can," he said.

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## MILITARY

## Wis. haunted house's tale draws fire

## Residents say story involving veterans facility is offensive

By JENNIFER HLAZ  
Stars and Stripes

A Wisconsin haunted house has come under fire for using a hospital for disabled veterans as part of its spooky backstory, but the owner of the haunt says the town is taking jobs away from veterans by shutting the haunt down.

Guy Kitchell had been working for more than a year to turn a 15,000-square foot building on a highway in Waunakee, Wis. into "Wisconsin Scaryland." One of the first things he did, he said, was work with his wife, a disabled Army veteran, and his lead fabricator, a disabled Navy veteran, to create a scary story for the haunted house's website.

The "haunted history" details a horrible accident and massacre in a meat processing plant on the site, and says the building was later used into an "amputee hospital" for soldiers returning from World War II.

"Since the hospital was underfunded and overrun with patients, many of the procedures were done by resident doctors using rusty knives, dull scalpels and no anesthetics," according to the website. "Soldiers often became agitated and delirious due to improperly sterilized tools and subsequent infections. Some accounts indicate that patients even became violent toward themselves and others."

The website says the hospital was shut down in 1968 after a "mass suicide" and had remained vacant for more than 40 years, until it was turned into Wisconsin Scaryland.

Though part of the story has a theme of veterans, the presentation does not include anything military- or veteran-related, Kitchell said. Instead, he said, the haunt is mainly based on "Silent Hill," a Japanese horror movie and video game, and "The Walking Dead," a television show about a postapocalyptic zombie world.

Haunted houses always have "some kind of fantastic story about the building that's fake," Kitchell said. "The two most popular are sanatorium or hospital."

But the mention of veterans on the website bothered Christopher Gerg, who told Madison television station WISC-TV that his father is a Vietnam veteran.

"What kind of rubbed my fur the wrong way was using veterans to make that dollar, and using the suffering of veterans to make that dollar," he told WISC-TV. "It looks like they are using disabled veterans as a scary thing or people with post-traumatic stress disorder as a scary thing. It is a scary thing, but it's not fun."

Mark Trotter, a member of the Westport, Wis., Plan Commis-



A bathroom scene is part of the haunted house at Wisconsin Scaryland.

Guy Kitchell/Courtesy to Stars and Stripes

sion, told Stars and Stripes he is concerned about signage, parking, restrooms, noise and safety issues with the site.

But as someone "with extreme respect for those who dedicate their lives and serve our country, I also find it extremely distasteful and disrespectful that the petitioner's marketing premise" is that the site is a former amputee hospital.

"My nephew, who is still active-duty, has served two tours in Afghanistan and one tour in Iraq," Trotter said. "I cannot speak for him, or the soldiers that have served our country, but I am personally concerned and disgusted by the macabre message that this proposed amusement facility sends to the youth in our community portraying our returning wounded soldiers as some sort of ghostly娘子."

"This doesn't seem right, and this is not Westport," Kitchell said he never meant to offend anyone with the story, and stressed that of his 38 employees, at least a dozen are veterans and many more are disabled. He also said the haunted house planned to donate half of its profits to charities, including the Wounded Warrior Project.

He said Gerg never contacted him with his complaint, and that Kitchell had offered free tours of the haunted house to all members of the town board to prove there are no veteran- or military-themed props or scares inside, but only one took him up on the offer.

That man, Brad Robinson, said at the recent Joint Westport-Waunakee Plan Commission meeting that he had no problem with the haunted house, WISC-TV reported.

"I am a disabled veteran, and I have no problem with this temporary use, and I don't think it's a

**'What kind of rubbed my fur the wrong way was using ... the suffering of veterans to make that dollar'**

Christopher Gerg  
son of a Vietnam War veteran

disgrace at all," he said. "I would rather see that eyesore cleaned up than left the way it was."

Kitchell said the property had been abandoned for years, and that he and his employees spent hundreds of hours improving the building, cutting down weeds and trees and hauling 36 dumpster loads of garbage away. He said he had planned to do more improvements to the parking area and the building, but stopped work when the planning commission voted down the zoning request.

Sara Kitchell, who served in the Army from 1992 to 1998, said she and another veteran wrote the story in part because they are veterans.

"It was never intended to offend anyone, and we actually kind of related to it more," she said. "I was just shocked that anybody would find offense. That was something that obviously was not intended to hurt anybody."

Kevin McKnight, who served in the Army from 1986 to 1989, also works for Wisconsin Scaryland. He said he remembers first reading the story and thinking that mistreatment from the VA was nothing new, but he wasn't shocked or offended.

Instead, McKnight, who describes himself as "kind of a

Halloween freak," sought employment there, and said he loved learning more about the business of professional haunted houses.

Robert Ward, who served in the Army from 2008 to 2012 and said he has a traumatic brain injury and mild post-traumatic stress disorder, said he read the whole website before calling for a job, and he thought it was interesting, but not offensive.

"Obviously it's all a story," he said.

Working at the haunted house was a way to help him get out of the house and meet new people, Ward said. He helped with the setup and was going act as a clown in the haunt, which he called "a nice way to escape reality."

So Ward was angry when he heard that people who are not veterans said they were offended on behalf of veterans. He said that though he served in Afghanistan and has been diagnosed with PTSD, he is not offended, "so I'm not sure how you can be more offended than I would be."

Guy and Sara Kitchell, as well as McKnight, all believe the complaints about the veteran backstory were part of an effort to shut Wisconsin Scaryland down because it could bring a "bad element" into the small, wealthy suburb of Madison. Kitchell said a board member had complained about issues including the parking, lights and weeds, but used Kitchell's efforts to fix those issues against him. The plan commission voted against the zoning variance.

However, Kitchell said, there is still a small chance the haunted house will open. The same commission that issued the rejection will consider an appeal Tuesday, he said.

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## Naval exercise focused on global waterways

MANAMA, Bahrain — The U.S. Navy plans to host a large-scale international mine countermeasures exercise in the Middle East this fall, U.S. 5th Fleet officials announced Sunday.

More than 40 nations from six continents are expected to participate in the exercise, scheduled for Oct. 27 to Nov. 13.

Lt. Joe Hontz, a U.S. 5th Fleet spokesman, said it's a "defensive exercise that will enhance international naval capability to preserve freedom of navigation in international waterways."

The U.S. 5th Fleet encompasses about 2.5 million square miles of water in the Middle East region. The Persian Gulf, the Gulf of Oman, the Gulf of Aden and the Red Sea contain three critical choke points for maritime shipping and navigation.

The exercise aims to build upon a similar large-scale exercise conducted last year, which brought together some 6,500 servicemembers, the 5th Fleet said in a news release.

## Vicenza soldier killed in crash identified

VICENZA, Italy — A U.S. soldier killed in a motorcycle crash over the weekend was identified Monday as Spc. Harley Reynolds.

Reynolds, 26, with the 464th Military Police Platoon at U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza, was killed about 3:30 a.m. Saturday, while riding a Honda motorcycle when he hit the back of a truck, a base spokesman said. As he lay in the roadway, he was struck by a car.

He died at the scene, on Viale Della Serenissima, about 2 miles from the base. No one else was hurt.

A memorial service was scheduled for 4:30 p.m. Friday at the chapel on Caserme Ederle.

Reynolds, a married father of two, was from Sebring, Fla.

## US, Ukraine launch navy drills in the Black Sea

The U.S. Navy began a three-day exercise in the Black Sea with Ukraine and several other militaries Monday.

Exercise Sea Breeze 2014, a long-standing U.S. European Command exercise, will focus on maritime interdiction operations as a primary means to enhance maritime security. Other components of the exercise focus on communications, search and rescue, force protection and navigation, according to EUCOM.

The Navy's USS Ross is one of the vessels participating in the drill, which was planned before relations with Russia soured over Moscow's intervention in Ukraine earlier this year.

About 280 U.S. servicemembers will participate in the event.

This year's exercise, now in its 13th iteration, is being co-hosted by the U.S. and Ukraine.

The other participants are Georgia, Romania and Turkey.

From staff reports

## MILITARY

# Abdullah threatens to reject election audit

By JAD SLEIMAN  
Stars and Stripes

KABUL, Afghanistan — Afghan presidential hopeful Abdullah Abdullah said Monday he would reject the results of an election audit expected to be completed later this week as talks between the two candidates on forming a unity government stalled.

The election audit represents a monthlong international effort to verify millions of ballots cast in the June runoff election, which pitted Abdullah against Ashraf Ghani. The vote was marred by accusations of widespread fraud.

Abdullah, a former foreign minister, won the election's first round in April but failed to secure enough votes to avoid a runoff. Preliminary tallies after the second round showed Ghani in the lead.

"We won't accept a fraudulent audit of disputed ballots for a single day," Abdullah told a news conference Monday. "We will defend every clean vote again and again."

Late last month, Abdullah pulled his observers from the audit process, and the United Nations, which is overseeing the audit, said it would not certify the results of the election. "We will defend every clean vote again and again."

The prolonged election crisis has left the United States and its allies in the NATO-led coalition in limbo over their future role in the country after all foreign combat forces withdraw at the end of the year.

Both candidates have said they will sign bilateral security agreements that would outline the terms for maintaining foreign troops in the country into next year.

The U.S. has been pushing both candidates to accept the results of the audit and to form a national unity government in which the losing candidate would hold the position of chief executive. But

the candidates have not been able to agree on what that role would entail.

The two sides met Sunday night but failed to make headway on the matter.

The impasse continues despite weekend talks President Barack Obama placed to both Abdullah and Ghani urging a peaceful resolution to the dispute.

The drawn-out election dispute also has raised concerns about civil unrest.

At the news conference, Abdullah appealed to his supporters to remain calm ahead of Tuesday's anniversary of the death of his former militia commander

Ahmad Shah Massoud, who was assassinated by al-Qaida two days before the Sept. 11 attacks in the United States.

A day before Obama's phone calls, an Abdullah campaign spokesman, Mujib Rahman Rahimi, told The Associated Press there was the prospect of violence if the talks failed to reach an agreeable conclusion.

"If we agree and the terms of the agreement are providing an equal opportunity for both camps and defuses that tension, it might reduce the prospect of violence," he said.

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MICHAEL S. DARNELL/Stars and Stripes

Troops from the Czech Republic and Slovenia converge on a house during the final minutes of a combat training exercise as part of Steadfast Javelin II, a NATO Allied Land Command-led multinational training exercise partly held in Hohenfels, Germany, on Monday.

## Steadfast Javelin shifts training focus from Afghanistan to Russia

By MICHAEL DARNELL  
Stars and Stripes

HOHENFELS, Germany — A multinational exercise conducted here and in Latvia over the past few days is an example of the kind of training NATO will be undertaking as it shifts focus from Afghanistan to containing the threat from Russia, the commander of NATO Allied Land Command said Monday.

Steadfast Javelin II is a NATO Allied Land Command-led operation that spans the territory of five nations and involves more than 2,000 soldiers from 10 countries. The German leg of the exercise at the Joint Multinational Readiness Center here centered on a protracted ground assault by NATO forces on a mock township overrun by enemy troops.

Portions of Steadfast Javelin II were conducted in Latvia on Friday, the same day NATO announced plans during a summit in Wales to create a rapid-re-

sponse force to support Eastern European allies wary of Russia's intentions after its incursions in Ukraine.

"I've been a NATO soldier for 34 years ... and I've never seen the alliance more unified than it looks right now," said LANDCOM commander Lt. Gen. Ben Hodges.

U.S. Army Europe will have a growing focus on NATO-assisted stability operations, Hodges said. NATO's denouncement of Russia's actions and reference to Moscow's annexation of Ukraine's Crimea Peninsula as illegal — "those are policy declarations," Hodges said. "What's equally as important is to back it up with action."

That renewed commitment to a unified show of force led to the creation of the NATO rapid-reaction force that LANDCOM will help shape over the coming months. Part of that will happen in conjunction with the evaluation of troops during exercises such as Steadfast Javelin II.

"We're making that transition from ISAF to a campaign to contingency, and we are focused on being able to deter Russian aggression," Hodges said, referring to the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force that will end its combat mission in Afghanistan at the end of the year.

"So this exercise here is part of that, and this is going to be going on all fall," Hodges said, referring to other planned exercises. Over the next two years, 10 major exercises are planned at Hohenfels, compared with six over the previous two years, in addition to 45 smaller exercises. Hodges said JMRC's role would likely grow, partly because of the NATO rapid-reaction force.

"For that to be credible, it will have to train a lot, and it will have to practice assembling in different places because it will be multinational. So I am sure that Hohenfels will be one of the places it will train."

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By DAN LAMOTHE  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Widespread cheating on tests by Air Force officers who oversee the U.S. nuclear missile arsenal embarrassed the service this year and prompted questions about what can be done to change their culture. But it had an additional effect: It gave rank-and-file troops who provide security at nuclear missile sites an opportunity to express concerns about their aging equipment.

The nuclear security forces, as they are known in the Air Force, include hundreds of enlisted troops entrusted with responding rapidly if a terrorist or other enemy force attempts to take over a nuclear missile base or launch facility.

There are 450 intercontinental ballistic missiles across the country's heartland, cared for by troops serving at F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo.; Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont.; and Minot Air Force Base, N.D.

Air Force officials said in January that dozens of officers watching the missiles — known as missileers — had been caught taking a monthly proficiency test for launch officers, or knew colleagues who did so and said nothing. About 100 of the 190 missileers were ensnared in the probe, and at least 82 were disciplined, ranging from letters of counseling to nonjudicial punishment.

The scandal prompted Lt. Gen. Stephen Wilson, chief of the Air Force's Global Strike Command, to launch a "force improvement program."

The internal study has interviewed everyone from missileers to helicopter pilots to the security troops, and then spread to the aviation side of Global Strike Command, which also oversees the care and deployment of nuclear-equipped bombers such as the

iconic B-52H Stratofortress and the batwing-shaped B-2 Spirit.

On the security force side, troops expressed concern about driving for hours on narrow, treacherous roads in rollover-prone armored Humvees to get to missile sites. They also expressed an interest in wearing the Army's "Multicam" camouflage and said they need better cold-weather gear because of the frigid winters of the Midwest. Air Force officials told this writer for Foreign Policy in April.

Now, it appears they have been heard: The Air Force said Thursday in a news release that nuclear security forces at Minot, Malmstrom, Warren and a training base at Camp Guernsey, Wyo., will get the new uniforms, cold-weather gear and "personal protective equipment that has been redesigned with missile field mission in mind." The camouflage will replace the "tiger-stripe" pattern that airmen typically wear.

"We are putting together this system for our Security Forces Airmen to operate and survive, both together and in a single system, it's a hodgepodge of cold-weather garments from different vendors used in conjunction with approved duty gear," Simpson said. "The complete system we're building incorporates cold-weather and duty gear, an air-to-air effort and conducive to the type of environment these troops are operating in."

There is no update yet on the plan for vehicles, said Lt. Col. John Sheets, a Global Strike Command spokesman, on Monday. Other members are examining options.

## MILITARY

# Obama: US military will help fight Ebola

By LENA H. SUN  
AND JULIET EILPERIN  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama said Sunday that the U.S. military will begin aiding what has been a chaotic and ineffective response to the Ebola epidemic in West Africa, arguing that it represents a serious national security concern.

The move significantly ramps up the U.S. response and comes as the already strained military is likely to be called upon further to address militant threats in the Middle East. The decision to involve the military in providing equipment and other assistance for international health workers in Africa comes after mounting calls from some unlikely groups — most prominently the international medical organization Doctors Without Borders — demonstrating to the White House the urgency of the issue.

As a first step, the Pentagon announced Monday it was planning to send a 25-bed field hospital to the region. But a Pentagon spokesman said that while the DOD doesn't provide medical equipment for use in Monrovia, the capital of Liberia, no U.S. military personnel would be in contact with patients.

"We in the department will set it up, stockpile it, and then turn it

over to the government of Liberia for their use," Col. Steve Warren told reporters at the Pentagon. "The intent of this piece of equipment is to provide a facility that health care workers in the affected region can use for themselves if they become ill or injured."

Planning for how to deploy the field hospital, at an estimated cost of \$22 million, is under way, Warren said. The U.S. Agency for International Development requested the facility, but has made no further requests for equipment or assistance, Warren said.

The epidemic, which has killed at least 2,100 people in five African countries, is likely to spread to the United States in the short term, Obama said Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press." But if the United States and other countries do not send needed equipment, public health workers and other supplies to the region, the situation could change and the virus could mutate to become more transmissible, he said.

"And then it could be a serious danger to the United States," Obama said.

"We're going to have to get U.S. military assets just to do, for example, isolation units and equipment there to provide security for public health workers surging from around the world," he said.

Even so, he warned that it



Youssef Bah/AP

Boots worn by health workers as part of their personal protective equipment are placed on racks to dry after they were washed at a Doctors Without Borders Ebola care center in Conakry, Guinea, on Aug. 30.

would still take months to control the epidemic.

Last week, leading international health officials said the window for getting the epidemic under control is closing. Doctors Without Borders, one of the groups most active since the outbreak began months ago, faulted world leaders for failing to recognize the severity of the crisis sooner and said charities and West African governments alone do not have the capacity to stem the epidemic. The U.S. military, with its enormous logistical capacity and extensive air operations, could address gaps in the response quickly.

The medical group has long opposed military involvement by governments, but its international president, Joanne Liu, said the

situation has become so desperate that it was now appealing for military assets to provide critical logistical and operational support. Top priorities include the mass expansion of isolation centers, air bridges to move personnel and equipment to and within the most affected countries, mobile laboratories for testing and diagnosis, and building a regional network of field hospitals to treat suspected or infected medical personnel.

Only the military has the rapid-deployment capability and chain-of-command structure necessary now, Liu said in an interview Friday. "Because the response has been so slow, we now have to switch to a mass-casualty response," she said.

Ghana, for example, has agreed

to make the international airport in Accra an air bridge for Ebola responses. Experts say the U.S. Air Force would be well suited to supply transport flights and personnel, as well as warehousing and logistics support at the airport.

The United Nations said last week that \$600 million will be needed to fight the epidemic and deal with the broader economic and social devastation suffered by the hardest-hit countries — Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea.

The U.S. government has spent more than \$100 million in the region, according to Ned Price, a spokesman at the National Security Council.

Stars and Stripes reporter Chris Carroll contributed to this report

## Newly christened sub will stay close to home

By HUGH LESSIG

(Newport News, Va.) Daily Press

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. — The Navy christened the submarine John Warner on Saturday in a ceremony at Newport News Shipbuilding that paid homage to the elder statesman of Virginia politics and included a hometown flourish.

It will be the first Virginia-class submarine to call the Old Dominion home.

A crowd of several thousand erupted in a standing ovation when Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus announced that the future USS John Warner will sail out of Naval Station Norfolk. The world's largest naval base has a number of submarines homeported there, but not the newer Virginia class.

Praise for Warner poured forth from speakers throughout the two-hour ceremony, from Gov. Terry McAuliffe to current Virginia Sen. Mark R. Warner, who is no relation and who once tried unsuccessfully to unseat John Warner. The men have since become personal and political friends.

But in a ceremony of official tributes and calls for a strong military, one highlight was a touching interlude between John

and his wife, Jeanne.

To introduce his wife, Warner read from the famous poem by John Masfleck titled, "Sea Fever." It includes the line, "All I ask is a tall ship and a star to steer her by." Warner, 87, read several verses, his voice booming through the sprawling shipyard. He then introduced his wife by calling her "The star that has guided this old ship for a long time."

Jeanne Warner choked up as she thanked her husband. With the hull of the submarine looming in the backyard, she said haltingly, "Each time I see her, I am ... overwhelmed with pride, emotion and admiration. Because I know the USS John Warner will, like her namesake, do what is best for America: protect us and our freedom for many years to come."

Saturday's ceremony was rare in a couple of respects.

It was held in the evening. The last time Newport News did this was April 1, 1995, when it christened the USS Cheyenne, a Los Angeles-class submarine.

It also marked only the 13th time since the 1970s that the Navy has named a warship for a living person. It's happened only twice before with subs: the USS Jimmy Carter and the USS Hyman Rickover.



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The USS John Warner, shown before its christening on Saturday evening, will sail out of Naval Station Norfolk, Va.

## Fewest recruits ever test positive for HIV

San Antonio Express-News

SAN ANTONIO — Fewer Americans seeking to join the military tested positive for the virus that causes AIDS in 2013 than in any year since the Pentagon began screening in 1985.

The Armed Forces Health Surveillance Center's medical surveillance report shows a continued drop in newly infected active-duty troops from 2012. During the past 18 months, no women on active duty were infected.

Still, the report showed a rise in human immunodeficiency virus infections among soldiers in the Army National Guard. There, more soldiers have tested posi-

tive for HIV in almost every year since 2010. The study said the number of HIV-infected guardsmen this year — 57 — was slightly higher than in all of 2009.

The report said one reason might be that guardsmen aren't tested for HIV as often as ares't.

The recent report tracks HIV cases and trends in the active-duty, Guard and Reserve, as well as those seeking to join the military.

It said the frequency of soldiers in the Army Reserve who had HIV in their blood serum in 2012 was more than in any previous year of routine testing, at less than 1 percent per 1,000 soldiers tested.

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MIDEAST

# Arab League agrees to combat Islamic State

Organization's members still uncertain about US policy toward terrorist group, analyst says

BY SINAN SALAHEDDIN AND SARAH EL DEEB  
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — The Arab League agreed Monday to take urgent measures to combat extremists like the Islamic State as one of the militant group's suicide bombers killed 16 people at a meeting of Sunni tribal fighters and security troops in Iraq.

The resolution, issued after late-night meetings of Arab foreign ministers a day earlier, doesn't explicitly back American military action against the group. President Barack Obama is seeking an international coalition to challenge the Islamic State and is expected to outline his plan to the American people Wednesday.

The resolution, issued as a separate statement from a comprehensive one dealing with Arab affairs, reflected a new sense of urgency among the 22 member states to challenge the militant group, which has seized large swaths of territory in Iraq and Syria.

The resolution calls for immediate measures to combat the group on the political, defense, security and legal levels. It didn't elaborate.

The resolution also backed the United Nations resolution issued last month that imposed sanctions on a number of the group's fighters and called on countries to adopt measures to combat terrorism. The council resolution was adopted under Chapter 7 of the U.N. Charter, meaning it can be militarily enforced.

Secretary of State John Kerry is expected in the region this week to discuss details of the coming U.S. policy.

Mustafa Alani, the director of the security and defense department at the Gulf Research Center in Geneva, said the resolution shows Arab countries remain uncertain about the U.S. policy regarding the Islamic State. He



AMR NABIL/AP

Arab League Secretary-General Nabil Elaraby, foreground, Hadi Bahra, head of the Syrian National Coalition, right, and Nasr al-Hariri, secretary-general of the Coalition, second right, participate in a meeting at the league's headquarters in Cairo on Monday.

said they also worry about the U.S. taking a selective approach to handling the issue by choosing to single out Iraq for action but not addressing the turmoil in Syria.

"There will be no signing on a white paper," Alani said. Arabs are looking for "equal efforts in changing the situation in Syria. Without it, it is a lost war."

The Islamic State, which broke away from al-Qaida, has declared a proto-state straddling the border of Iraq and Syria. Saudi Arabia and other countries in the region have been critical of the U.S.' reluctance of entering the Syrian civil war — in which Iran, a major non-Arab rival to the region, has been a main backer of the government of President Bashar Assad.

Iraq is in the midst of an unprecedented crisis after the Islamic State's offensive, which included militants committing beheadings and mass killings while targeting minorities in the country.

In Monday's attack, the bomber drove an explosives-laden Humvee, apparently seized from the Iraqi military, into the gathering of a major Sunni tribe, the Jabour, and security forces in Duluyiah, some 45 miles north of Baghdad, a police officer said.

The explosion killed 16 and wounded at least 55 people, the officer said. A health official confirmed the casualties.

Both officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to journalists.

The town of Duluyiah fell to the

Sunni-dominated Islamic State for a few days in July but the Jabour tribesmen, who have aligned themselves with the Iraqi forces in the battle against the extremists, took it back. After the suicide bombing, militants crossed a small river on Duluyiah's outskirts and attacked the town, setting off fierce clashes.

Iraqi security forces and Shiite militias have been fighting against the militants with assistance from U.S. airstrikes, which contributed to some progress on the ground.

After U.S. airstrikes, Iraqi security forces on Monday retook the Anbar provincial town of Barwana, across the Euphrates River from the town of Haditha, about 140 miles northwest of Baghdad.

## New UN rights chief: End 'slaughterhouse'

GENEVA — The Jordanian prince taking the helm of the U.N.'s human rights office urged the world Monday to set as its first priority bringing a halt to the gruesome and conjoined conflicts in Iraq and Syria.

Newly appointed U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights Zeid al-Husseini, in his first speech to the Human Rights Council in Geneva, described Syria as a bloodbath. He said the Islamic State group formed from the civil war's chaos was an unprecedented force of violence against ethnic and religious groups.

"This ancient civilization has devolved into a slaughterhouse, where children are tortured in front of their parents or executed in public, amid wanton killing and destruction," Zeid told the 47-nation council.

The veteran diplomat and campaigner for international justice also told the U.N. Human Rights Council on Monday that at least 3,000 people were killed since mid-April in Ukraine.

Zeid, who is the first U.N. human rights chief from the Muslim and Arab worlds, began his four-year post Sept. 1. He previously served as Jordan's U.N. ambassador and ran for secretary-general before Ban Ki-moon was chosen for the job.

From The Associated Press

# Researchers: Terrorists using some US-built weapons

BY THOMAS GIBBONS-NEFF  
The Washington Post

Antitank weapons that appear to be from stocks transferred to moderate Syrian rebels have landed in the hands of Islamic State militants, according to a newly released field investigation conducted in both northern Iraq and Syria.

The Islamic State has also captured "significant quantities" of U.S.-manufactured small arms and has employed them on the battlefield, researchers found.

The investigation, led by a small-arms research organization known as Conflict Armament Research, marks a rare attempt to physically document the weapons being used by the Islamic State, the radical group that has expanded its control in parts of Syria and Iraq.

Militants with the group have picked up significant caches of arms after seizing Iraqi and Syrian military installations. The new research suggests they have also amassed arms after overrunning the moderate Syrian rebels being supplied by the United States and other allied nations.

To catalogue the arms, field researchers were embedded with Kurdish forces in Iraq and Syria for 10 days in late July and were allowed access to Islamic State weapons that were captured after clashes. Along with the anti-tank weapons, manufactured in the former Yugoslavia, researchers documented a handful of U.S. M16A4 rifles, two Chinese Type 80 machine guns, a Croatian sniper rifle, a 9mm Glock pistol and various Soviet-era small arms.

In one case, U.S.-made weapons were found by the Kurdish

forces near Ayn al-Arab, Syria. The weapons probably were obtained by the Islamic State after it conquered the northern Iraqi city of Mosul, about 300 miles away, according to field investigator Shawn Harris.

"They are transporting these weapons in batches and have a solid organizational approach to moving these weapons around," Harris said. "They're operating as professionals."

Additionally, the serial numbers on several of the recovered weapons had been welded over, indicating that somewhere along their journey before they reached the Islamic State, a third party attempted to mask the weapons' "chain of custody," Harris said.

"It was clean," Harris said, referring to the precision with which serial numbers were erased. "It indicates some foresight to our

type of research."

Researchers stressed that documenting weapons in the field can be a tenuous business and produces limited findings.

"We can only talk about what we see," said another researcher, Damien Spleeters.

The most sophisticated weapons documented were two 90mm Yugoslav antitank rocket launchers, known as "Osas," that resembled rockets that were transferred to moderate Syrian rebels, reportedly by Saudi Arabia last year.

The 25-pound rocket launchers have appeared in numerous battlefield videos shot in Syria and Iraq and were believed to be in Islamic State hands. But the new research marks the first time they have been physically documented, Spleeters said.

In March, the United States authorized the delivery of anti-

tank guided missiles to moderate rebels after long resisting such deliveries out of fears that advanced weaponry would fall into the hands of extremist factions in Syria. Long before then, however, U.S. allies including Saudi Arabia and Qatar were funneling weaponry to various rebel factions in the conflict.

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## MIDEAST

# Moves: Analyst says advantages militants had in attacks may be declining

## FROM FRONT PAGE

"As a defensive force, ISIL may struggle to hold terrain if it is attacked simultaneously at multiple points or if its auxiliary allies begin to defect," wrote the study's author, Michael Knights, an analyst at The Washington Institute for Near East Policy, a Washington think tank that focuses on Middle East issues.

"Mobility and surprise have allowed ISIL to punch well above its weight in offensive operations, but these advantages may also be diminishing," Knights wrote.

Knights' study, among the first published analyses of the Islamic State since its June offensive, outlines how the Islamic State and its leader, al-Baghdadi, have employed bold military tactics to achieve renown aimed at winning support not only from disaffected Sunni Muslims in Iraq and Syria, but from converts throughout the Islamic world.

Its military victories have enabled the Islamic State to lay claim that it represents the "true Islam" and to proclaim a new caliphate in areas of Syria and Iraq that it controls with al-Baghdadi as the "caliph" or ruler, of all Muslims worldwide. Proclamation of the caliphate has resonance among Muslims, harkening back to the religious and political state established by the Prophet Muhammad in the 6th century and which at its height ruled from modern Pakistan to Spain.

Its self-publicized campaign of terror—including the beheading of two American journalists and hundreds of Iraqi soldiers—have enabled it to cow the population and to drive out non-Sunnis who could turn against the extremist movement.

Al-Baghdadi laid the groundwork for those victories during the past four years with planning that has been "sophisticated, patient and focused," Brett McGurk, deputy assistant secretary of state for Near Eastern affairs, said during testimony in February before the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

According to Knights' report, al-Baghdadi's own story shows a skill in long-term strategic planning rarely seen in terrorist movements.

Al-Baghdadi, whose real name is believed to be Ibrahim Ahmad Ibrahim al-Badry, was arrested by U.S. forces in Fallujah in 2004. After his release in 2009 from the U.S. detention center at Camp Bucca, a radicalized al-Baghdadi joined the Islamic State of Iraq, successor to the decimated al-Qaida in Iraq, which battled U.S. and Iraqi forces in Sunni areas of the



The leader of the Islamic State militant group, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, delivers a sermon at a mosque in Iraq in July.

FROM MILITANT VIDEO/AP

country.

While the U.S. was bowing out of the Iraq War, al-Baghdadi "rebooted" his organization in 2010, Knights said. The following year, he expanded operations in Syria, joining the revolt against Syrian President Bashar Assad. In Syria the Nusra Front, another al-Qaida offshoot, eventually eclipsed many of the indigenous rebel groups, including the so-called moderates favored by the West.

His bid to formally merge the Islamic State and the Nusra Front in April 2013 led to a schism between al-Baghdadi and the al-Qaida command, establishing the newcomers as a rival for leadership of Islamic extremism worldwide.

With international attention focused on Syria, al-Baghdadi began a discreet campaign to undermine Iraq's security forces, already riveted with sectarian divisions between the country's Sunni and Shiite populations.

According to Knights, the Islamic State launched a series of assassinations and attacks on Iraqi troops and pro-government figures that led to a "shattering of Iraqi security forces." The attacks, which the

Islamic State called "Soldiers Harvest," attracted little attention outside Iraq but more than doubled the number of deaths of soldiers and key leaders during the latter half of 2013.

In the north, al-Baghdadi systematically expanded his grip on parts of Mosul, which had been among the last strongholds of the old al-Qaida in Iraq during the last years of the American war. The report cited McGurk's congressional testimony that by June, the city appeared normal by day but the Islamic State controlled the streets by night.

When the Islamic State launched its offensive in Mosul on June 6, Iraqi forces "were brittle and comparatively easy to crumble during three days of escalating skirmishes within the city," Knights wrote.

Facing the Iraqi forces was a fighting force al-Baghdadi had put together from the ranks of former soldiers of the Iraqi army, which the U.S. had disbanded after the 2003 invasion. Jarret Brachman, a former director of the Combating Terrorism Center, said in an August radio interview.

"He's professionalized and formalized

an infrastructure of Iraqis with hard-core military experience and intelligence experience," he said. "He's brokered relationships with (Iraqi Sunni) tribes. They've spent tons of time intimidating, assassinating. They've systematically laid the groundwork for all of this to happen over the next few years."

With a "highly motivated cadre" of light infantry forces, al-Baghdadi developed a distinctive style of command, described by Knights as "centralized control but decentralized execution." That means regional commanders have considerable discretion in planning their operations.

Islamic State commanders used surprise and mobility using Iraq's dense, high-quality road network, often culminating in "night or dawn attacks," Knights wrote.

Large areas of the country can be traversed in a day, "giving an aggressive force strong ability to concentrate forces at a given point of attack," Knights wrote. That allowed them to achieve "local superiority in numbers despite their smaller strength in comparison to (Iraqi) state armed forces," he said.

Iraqi army and Kurdish forces were kept off balance by "probes and feints" that exploited their weakness in surveillance and night vision equipment, rendering them blind to enemy movements, Knights said.

The weak response of the "enfused" Iraqi government forces "temporarily masked" the Islamic State's own weaknesses, which are now becoming apparent, Knights wrote.

Even without American troops playing an active ground combat role, U.S. airstrikes have already helped stymie the Islamic State's latest surprise attacks by vehicle-mounted fighters. Its convoys tried to enter the northern city of Tuz Khurmato on Aug. 9 and 13, but Kurdish artillery turned them back with the help of U.S. military surveillance.

Holding onto territory could prove difficult over the long term, Knights wrote.

Islamic State forces trying to maintain control of conquered territory often comprise new recruits and Sunni tribal allies—both less tested and less reliable than hard-core fighters, Knights wrote.

"Although ISIL has momentum and these allies seem solidly behind the group, if the military tide begins to turn, particularly whilst the cement is still setting on (Islamic State) relationships, there could be a dramatic reduction in the group's effective strength," he wrote.

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# Security at embassies abroad eyed

By **BRADLEY KLAPPER**  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration is directing all U.S. diplomatic posts overseas to review security and the State Department says it will give additional help to embassies and consulates in need.

The initiative comes as the Senate Intelligence Committee edges toward releasing parts of a report documenting CIA abuses of terrorism suspects after the Sept. 11 attacks. The CIA has contested the conclusions of the report.

The department's disclosure of the move to tighten security was made in a recent letter to Sen. Jim Risch, R-Idaho. The department indicated in the letter that each American diplomatic post

was reviewing security to protect American personnel, facilities and interests, including those of private citizens and businesses.

Risch and other Republicans had expressed concerns earlier about publicly releasing the summary and conclusions of the so-called "torture report," fearing "another Benghazi-like" event. The lawmakers voiced concern that a public presentation of harsh interrogation methods, including what Senate investigators describe as cases of torture, could lead to a "range of reactions" worldwide.

"Based on these ongoing discussions with our posts overseas, we are prepared to respond to requests for additional security support," Chad Kreikeimer, the State Department's legislative

point man, said in an Aug. 29 letter to Risch. A copy was obtained by The Associated Press.

Concern about possible fallout from release of the report has been particularly acute as the two-year anniversary approaches of the attack on the U.S. diplomatic facility in Benghazi, Libya, that killed Ambassador Chris Stevens and three other Americans. Thursday also marks 13 years since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in the United States. However, legislative aides say a censored version of about 500 pages of the 6,600-page review won't be distributed this week. It could be made public later this month.

The CIA contests the report's findings, particularly its broad conclusions that waterboarding and other "enhanced interroga-

tion techniques" failed to produce valuable information and that the intelligence agency misled the Bush administration, Congress and the public about the value of the harsh treatment. The CIA also employed unauthorized techniques on detainees and improperly held others, and never properly evaluated its own actions, according to legislative aides and report findings leaked in April.

Those findings are consistent with what senators have detailed about the investigation since its 2009 inception and what a host of news reports, human rights organizations and various governmental and nongovernmental studies have suggested in the decade since the CIA's program started coming to light.

## LA official arrested on child porn charges

LOS ANGELES — A deputy Los Angeles city attorney has been arrested and charged with possession of child pornography, authorities said.

Christopher Richard Garcia, 57, was arrested Thursday afternoon at his home in Los Angeles and was booked on suspicion of possessing and distributing child pornography, said Officer Liliana Preciado, a spokeswoman for the Los Angeles Police Department.

Garcia had been under investigation since at least November, when authorities served a search warrant at his home and seized computers and other "electronic evidence," Preciado said.

At that time, they found some questionable images," she said.

A forensic search of the computer revealed evidence of child exploitation, she said.

Prosecutors said Garcia has been charged with sending or bringing obscene material into the state for sale and with possession of material depicting minors engaged in sexual conduct.

## Woman's rescuer says she begged for help

MOUNT VERNON, Ind. — A man credited with rescuing a woman allegedly held captive for two months by a southwestern Indiana couple said the woman begged him to help her escape.

Ron Higgins told WHET-TV his ex-wife and her boyfriend were holding the woman in a small, wooden cage, but that they allowed her out to cook and clean.

Higgins said he visited Kendra Tooley and Ricky Roy House Jr., Thursday and was dumbfounded when Tooley told him, "I've got a girl back here in a cage."

Higgins, 61, told the station the woman, who was reported missing July 9, pleaded for help. He drove her to safety Saturday after convincing House and Tooley that he wouldn't tell police.

The Posey County couple face preliminary charges of rape and criminal confinement.

## Heavy rain snarls Phoenix area commute

PHOENIX — Heavy storms pounded the Phoenix area early Monday, flooding major freeways and small roads, leading to several water rescues and breaking an 81-year-old rainfall record before dawn.

The National Weather Service issued a flash flood warning for most of the Phoenix area and its outskirts through late Monday morning because of heavy thunderstorms and rain. Flash flood watches cover most of the rest of Arizona.

Sections of the major commuter freeways Interstate 10 and 17 in west Phoenix were closed in the run up to rush hour.

Television video of I-10 showed at least a half-dozen vehicles sitting in water up to their hoods, while dozens of other motorists parked part way up on the freeway's side embankment to stay clear of the water.

From wire reports

## Colleges rethinking sex assault education

By **JULIET LINDERMAN**  
The Associated Press

BALTIMORE — As freshmen descend on college campuses, they enter the "red zone" — a period between Labor Day and Thanksgiving during which they are most vulnerable to sexual assault.

This year is different, though. It is the first since the U.S. Department of Education released a list of colleges and universities under federal investigation for their handling of rape and sexual assault complaints, and many schools are making sexual assault awareness programs mandatory for incoming students.

The list, which includes 77 schools under investigation, was released in May. It represents one piece of a national conversation that gained unprecedented political momentum in April, when the newly minted White House Task Force to Prevent Students from Sexual Assault released its first report, alongside a website designed to advise colleges on how to combat rape on campus. Since then, Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., has introduced a bill to require annual surveys of students, and to require schools to staff confidential advisers on campus.

Oklahoma State University, which is on the list, announced last month that its online awareness program will be barred from registration.

University of California at Berkeley, which is under investigation, has started two new mandatory programs. Freshmen and transfers must attend a sexual awareness program known as Bear Pact, as well as complete an online course called Haven about sexual assault, harassment and stalking.



M. SPENCER GREEN/AP

Fire marshals sift through debris in an apartment building where four children died in an early morning fire Monday in Chicago.

# 4 children killed in Chicago fire

By **TAMMY WEBBER**  
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Four children died in a fire on Chicago's South Side early Monday and their mother and her boyfriend were critically injured after jumping from a third-story window to escape the blaze, the fire department said.

The children included a 5-year-old and a 15- or 16-year-old girl and two boys ages 10 and 14, Chicago Fire Department spokesman Larry Langford said.

The blaze started about 3:30 a.m. in an 18-unit apartment building in the Roseland neighborhood. Two of the children were found in a bedroom and two were in a closet, he said. An older child was found on top of a younger child, Langford said.

"It appears one was trying to

protect the other," Langford said. About 50 other residents escaped the fire, authorities said. One of them was Darlene Jones, 31, who lived on the second floor and said she was friendly with the family.

Jones' terrier, Toto, woke her by barking and she opened her apartment door to the hallway to see flames and smoke, she said. Jones fled through her back door and ran up to the family's third-floor apartment, banging on their door to wake them. She said she wondered how they would escape because their back door would stick closed.

Jones said she heard the mother screaming, "It's in the hall! It's in the hall! It's in the hall!"

Later, Jones saw the mother on the ground.

"I knew those kids were gone,"

Jones said.

The blaze appeared to start on the second floor, creeping up a stairwell to the third floor, Langford said. Smoke detectors in common areas were working but Langford said there was no evidence of working smoke detectors in the affected units.

Albert Miller, who lives on the second floor, said he saw two people jump from the building.

"As I was coming out the front door, two people came flying out the window. A lady and a man hit the ground," Miller told WLS-TV, which reported that the fire was extinguished by 4:30 a.m.

The mother and her boyfriend were taken in critical condition to Advocate Christ Medical Center in nearby Oak Lawn.

None of the victims' names has been released.

# NATION



PHOTOS BY JOHN FLESHER/AP

Wastewater services manager John Stuparits describes plans for installing solar panels at the water treatment plant in Grand Haven, Mich., on July 22. It's among steps the Lake Michigan city has taken to protect water quality in the Grand River.

## Fighting climate change, avoiding giving it a name

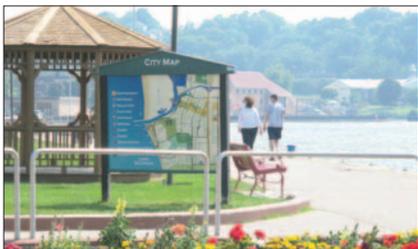
By JOHN FLESHER  
The Associated Press

GRAND HAVEN, Mich. — With climate change still a political minefield across the nation despite the strong scientific consensus that it's happening, some community leaders have hit upon a way of preparing for the potentially severe local consequences without triggering explosions of partisan warfare: Change the subject.

Big cities and small towns are shoring up dams and dikes, using roof gardens to absorb rainwater or upgrading sewage treatment plans to prevent overflows. Others are planting urban forests, providing more shady relief from extreme heat. Extension agents are helping farmers deal with an onslaught of newly arrived crop pests.

In many places, especially strongholds of conservative politics, they're planning for the volatile weather linked to rising temperatures by speaking of "sustainability" or "resilience," while avoiding no-win arguments with skeptics over whether the planet is warming or human activity is responsible. The pattern illustrates a growing disconnect between the debate still raging in politics and the reality on the ground. In many city planning departments, it has become like Voldemort, the arch-villain of the Harry Potter stories: It's the issue that cannot be named.

"The messaging needs to be more on being prepared and knowing we're tending to have more extreme events," said Graham Brannin, planning director in Tulsa, Okla., where Republican Sen. James Inhofe — a global warming denier and author of a



A couple strolls along the Grand River waterfront in Grand Haven near its convergence with Lake Michigan on July 22. Local officials are preparing to meet with consultants to discuss ways to make the area more resilient as the planet warms.

book labeling it "The Greatest Hoax" — once served as mayor. "The reasoning behind it doesn't matter; let's just get ready."

To be sure, flood control projects and other so-called resiliency measures were taking place long before anyone spoke of planetary warming. But the climate threat has added urgency and spurred creative new proposals, including ones to help people escape searing temperatures or to protect coastlines from surging tides, like artificial reefs. It's also generated new sources of government funding.

In Tulsa, the city has been buying out homeowners and limiting development near the Arkansas River to help prevent flooding from severe storms. Although two lakes provide ample drinking water, Brannin is beginning to push for conservation with future droughts in mind. A nonprofit, Tulsa Partners Inc., is advocating "green infrastructure" such as permeable pavement to soak up

storm runoff. They emphasize disaster preparedness, saying little or nothing about climate change.

Leaders in Grand Haven, a town of 10,600 in predominantly Republican western Michigan, will meet this fall with design consultants to explore such possibilities as "cooling stations" for low-income people during future heat waves, or development restrictions to prevent storm erosion of the Lake Michigan waterfront.

City Manager Pat McGinnis isn't calling it a climate change initiative. "I wouldn't use those words," McGinnis said he told the consultants. "Those are a potential flash point."

Grand Haven's mayor, Geri McCaleb, is among the skeptics who consider warming merely part of nature's historical cycle. Yet she's on board with ideas for dealing with storms. "History will bear out who has the right answers" about climate change, McCaleb said.

## Harvard receives \$350M gift

The Associated Press

BOSTON — A \$350 million gift pledged to Harvard University's School of Public Health is the largest single donation in the university's long history, officials said, and will help bolster research in several key areas including global pandemics.

The donation, to be formally announced Monday, comes from a philanthropic foundation established by the family of T.H. Chan, a Hong Kong real estate developer who died in 1986.

In a rarity for Harvard, the school will be renamed the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. The only other school within the university to bear an individual's name is the Harvard Kennedy School, named for John F. Kennedy.

"I think he would have been very pleased ... that the school would be part of his legacy," said Dr. Ger-

ald Chan, describing his father as a staunch supporter of education who often helped family friends pay for schooling or study abroad.

"It was very much in keeping with how he lived his life and what he held to be important," said Chan, who earned his master's degree from the public health school in 1979.

Julio Frenk, the school's dean, called the \$350 million endowment from The Morningside Foundation a "transformational gift," one that will help students and faculty working to stop pandemics such as Ebola and malaria, cancer and obesity, and address global health threats stemming from war, poverty, environmental hazards, and failing health care systems.

"We can apply it to the priorities of the moment and those priorities that are likely to evolve because public health is a very dynamic field," Frenk said.

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Smoke from a fire rises Sunday above Little Yosemite Valley near Yosemite National Park, Calif.

## Yosemite wildfire spurs helicopter evacuations

The Associated Press

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, Calif. — A wildfire burning for weeks in the backcountry of Yosemite National Park grew unexpectedly, forcing the helicopter evacuation of about 100 park visitors.

Park spokeswoman Kari Cobb said some of the evacuees Sunday included hikers who had climbed the park's iconic Half Dome peak, rising nearly 5,000 feet above Yosemite Valley. Others had to be airlifted from campgrounds and hiking trails in the area.

Roads into the park remained open, but several trails were closed.

Firefighters had monitored and controlled the lightning-sparked fire that started several weeks ago between Little Yosemite Valley and Half Dome, Cobb said. But the flames were fueled by strong winds and high temperatures Sunday.

"We just got unbelievable crazy winds and unexpected hot conditions," Tim Ludington, the park's chief of roads and trails, told the Fresno Bee. "The fire behavior totally changed."

The fire burned at least 700 acres, with no containment established. Cobb said firefighters were hampered by the rugged terrain.

About 15 miles southwest of

the park, firefighters were slowly gaining the upper hand on a wildfire near the town of Mariposa.

The 300-acre blaze was 70 percent contained, and an evacuation order has been lifted for the 300 homes most threatened by the fire, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection said. A portion of Highway 49, a main entrance into the park, was briefly closed.

The fire broke out Friday afternoon and threatened a total of 700 homes and five businesses.

Steep terrain in the area and the dry conditions brought on by California's drought initially hampered firefighters, one of whom received a minor injury Friday, officials said.

Meanwhile, in far Northern California, firefighters increased their control over a blaze that broke out nearly a month ago and despite it growing to 151 square miles. U.S. Forest Service officials said Sunday that no structures have been damaged, and the fire was 30 percent contained.

The Siskiyou County Sheriff's Department on Saturday night issued an evacuation advisory for an undetermined number of residents in a neighborhood newly threatened by the fire. The residents weren't required to leave but were advised to prepare to evacuate.

## Calif. boy recovers from mountain lion attack

CUPERTINO, Calif. — Authorities in Northern California are searching for a mountain lion that attacked a 6-year-old boy and began dragging him away before his father and another man fought the animal off.

The boy suffered bite wounds and scratches on his head and

neck in Sunday afternoon's attack in an open space preserve near the Silicon Valley city of Cupertino, Lt. Paul Foy, of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, said.

He was recovering at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center, where he was listed in fair condition, hospital spokeswoman Joy Alexiou said.

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## WORLD

# Ukraine leader visits embattled coastal city

By PETER LEONARD  
AND LAURA MILLS  
The Associated Press

MARIUPOLE, Ukraine — Ukraine's president made a surprise trip Monday to a key city in southeastern Ukraine as a cease-fire between Russian-backed rebels and Ukrainian troops appeared to be largely holding.

President Petro Poroshenko went to address workers at a metal plant in the embattled coastal city of Mariupol — a symbolic show of strength in a strategic, government-held area that has come under rebel fire in recent days. His appearance underscored that

Kiev is unlikely to willingly loosen what remains of its grip over the rebellious east.

"I just arrived in Mariupol. This is our Ukrainian land and we'll never give it up to anyone!" Poroshenko wrote on his official Twitter account.

In the rest of eastern Ukraine, a shaky peace appeared to reign. The city council of Donetsk said there had been no reported casualties overnight, and no shelling or explosions were heard in the morning in downtown Donetsk.

In Luhansk, another rebel-held eastern city that has seen some of the worst clashes, the city council there has no fighting for the third

night in a row.

Col. Andriy Lyсенko, a spokesman for Ukraine's National Security Council, said no serviceman had been killed in the past day and rebel forces had stopped using heavy artillery and were only using mortar and rifle fire.

"That's a big achievement," he said. "We understand that the cease-fire imposes some discipline to our enemies and also allows our military to bring its reserves closer."

But Lyсенko told reporters the rebels had violated the cease-fire half a dozen times. A Donetsk city council later Monday said residents had called about an explo-

sion in the city.

A successful cease-fire would be all sides in a conflict that has dragged on for nearly five months and claimed at least 3,000 lives, according to a U.N. estimate issued Monday.

But despite the cease-fire, there has been little agreement between Kiev and the separatist rebels on a political settlement that would permanently end the standoff in eastern Ukraine.

The southeast has been a key hot spot. The area around Mariupol had remained relatively untouched by violence until the past two weeks, when rebel forces

pushed toward the city, shelling the city's outskirts as recently as Saturday. The port is strategically located on the Sea of Azov, raising fears that if it fell, Moscow-backed rebels could link up mainland Russia with Crimea, the Black Sea peninsula annexed by Russia in March. The move would cost Ukraine another huge chunk of its coastline and all the mineral riches the Sea of Azov is expected to have.

In other developments, 15 Ukrainian soldiers were released by rebel forces, the Interfax-Ukraine news agency reported Monday.

## Serbia caught in the middle over Ukraine

By DUSAN STOJANOVIC  
The Associated Press

NOVI SAD, Serbia — Radivoje Miljanic, the owner of Putin Cafe, has no dilemma over the course Serbia should take over Ukraine: Turn off the pro-Western path and forge a strong alliance with Slavic ally Russia.

"Our government cannot sit on two chairs," Miljanic, said sipping vodka in his smoky joint under a poster of Russian President Vladimir Putin, featuring Russian and Serbian flags and an onion-domed Christian Orthodox church.

Serbia finds itself caught in the middle of Moscow's row with the West over Ukraine and is suddenly being confronted with a hard choice: Continue down its path toward EU membership, or give up that dream and seek closer ties with traditional ally Russia.

Until now, Serbia could sit on the fence. Now Moscow is issuing warnings, and so is the EU. Both are basically asking, "Whose side are you on?"

A cartoon recently published by Belgrade's Danas daily sums up Serbia's foreign policy confusion. Prime Minister Aleksandar Vucic is shown playing two pianos at the same time; German chancellor Angela Merkel is conducting on one side and Putin on the other.

Serbian officials are finding it difficult to make a clear-cut deci-

sion that could further destabilize the Balkans — the southeastern region of Europe still reeling from the bloody civil wars in the 1990s. If Serbia ditches the EU and turns to Russia, it could become an isolated island among neighbors who are either seeking EU membership or are already part of the 28-nation bloc.

That would be economically disastrous for Serbia. Serbia exports about nine times more of its food and agricultural products to the EU than to Russia. Serbian exports to Russia currently stand at a modest \$170 million despite a free-trade agreement between the two countries.

Although Serbian officials say they respect Ukraine's territorial integrity and do not support Russia's annexation of Crimea, they are telling the West that they are being forced to impose EU-like sanctions against Russia while being disastrous for the country's stagnating economy — especially because most of its energy sector is controlled by Gazprom, the Russian energy giant.

And there are historic Slavic bonds that Serbian politicians must respect in order to please voters.

"We will not turn our backs on our Russian friends who are alone and whom everybody is against right now," said Vucic, a former pro-Russia, ultranationalist poli-



MARKO DROBNJAKOVIC/AP

People gather in August at the Putin Cafe in Novi Sad, Serbia.

tician recently turned pro-EU reformer.

"It is Serbia's strategic goal to become a member of the European Union," he said. "At the same time, Serbia did not and will not introduce sanctions against the Russian Federation."

That stand has the support of the nationalist electorate that brought Vucic to prominence. But many analysts believe Serbia will soon be compelled to make a strategic decision on its future.

"Serbia's maneuvering space

is getting smaller as it walks a tightrope," said political analyst Jelica Minic. "The EU's message is clear: more pressure on Serbia to align itself with the bloc's foreign policies."

After the U.S. and the EU slapped sanctions on Russian state banks and major industries last month over the clashes in Ukraine, Russia responded with a wide-ranging embargo on food products imported from those countries.

Serbia is hoping to capitalize on

Russia's ban by increasing its food exports and replacing some Western goods on the Russian market. But the EU has warned Serbia to refrain from "exploiting" the Russian ban by increasing the exports with state subsidies.

Russia sees Serbia — although it was never in the Soviet bloc — as one of its last true allies in the Balkans. Moscow has threatened Belgrade that adopting the EU sanctions would mean losing preferential trade status with Russia.

## Rights group says militias in Libya committed 'war crimes'

The Associated Press

CAIRO — An international rights group on Monday accused warring militias in Libya of committing violations that amount to war crimes during a battle over the past month for control over the capital's airport.

The five weeks of fighting over Tripoli's airport, along with a parallel battle between militias in Libya's second-largest city, Benghazi, drove some 100,000 Libyans from their homes and prompted

150,000 foreigners to flee the country. The battles during the past week have been Libya's worst bout of violence since the 2011 civil war that ousted Moammar Gadhafi.

The battle over the airport pitted militias from the coastal city of Misrata, which are allied with the country's Islamists, against militias from the western mountain town of Zintan. It ended with Misrata militias capturing the airport and largely seizing control of the entire capital.

Human Rights Watch said in its report issued Monday that both sides committed serious violations during the fighting, including attacking civilians, indiscriminate bombardment and destruction, looting and burning of properties.

Commanders of the militias from both sides, along with their allies, risk "being first in line for possible sanctions and international prosecution," said the group's Middle East and North Africa director, Sarah Leah

Whitson.

After the battle ended, militias committed further violations, carrying out reprisals against civilians who back their rivals, Human Rights Watch said. The Misrata militias attacked a TV station and journalists seen as sympathetic to their opponents, as well as a camp of displaced residents of a town neighboring Misrata that the militias accuse of backing Gadhafi.

The Misrata militias also attacked at least 80 families from

Zintan living in Tripoli, the group said. Activists and lawmakers from both sides have been abducted.

The HRW report came on the heels of The United Nations Security Council resolution on Aug. 27 which imposed sanctions on people engaged in or supporting acts that "threaten the peace, stability and security of Libya or obstruct or undermine the successful completion of its political transition."

WORLD

# Al-Shabab suspects arrested in Germany

The Associated Press

BERLIN — Three German men suspected of being members of the Somali-based terrorist organization al-Shabab were arrested at Frankfurt airport after landing there on a flight from Kenya, prosecutors said Monday.

In Kenya, police said they are investigating a possible connection between those three men and two Germans suspected of being al-Shabab members who are being held in Nairobi.

The three German men were held in Frankfurt on Saturday on charges of membership in a foreign terrorist organization and of preparing an act of violence in connection with their time in Somalia, the Federal Prosecutor's Office said. However, "there is no evidence the suspects had made any concrete preparations or plans for attacks" in Europe, the office said. It declined to elaborate.

The three — identified only as Steven N., 26; Abdullah W., 28; and Abdulsalam W., 23, in line with German privacy laws — are alleged to have gone to Somalia in 2012 and 2013 to join al-Shabab, and received weapons and combat training.

They were ordered held in custody as the investigation against them continues.

The acting head of the Kenya Anti-Terror Police Unit, John Muluau, said Kenya police arrested two German men in their 20s on Aug. 29 in Nairobi.

Muluau said the two suspects — Warsame Abdi Wahid and Peabun Minir — were planning to return to Germany and may have recently fled Somalia during a military offensive against al-Shabab.

Kenya has long been a transit point for foreign extremists and recruits looking to fight al-Shabab in neighboring Somalia.

Al-Shabab operates primarily in Somalia's rural regions after being ousted in 2011 from Mogadishu, the capital, by African Union forces.



NG HAN GUAN/AP

U.S. National Security Adviser Susan Rice walks with Chinese State Councillor Yang Jiechi before a meeting at the Diaoyutai State Guesthouse in Beijing on Monday.

# In talks with Beijing, Obama adviser says China a priority

BY CHRISTOPHER BODEEN  
The Associated Press

BEIJING — The White House's top national security adviser began talks in Beijing on Monday with top Chinese military and diplomatic officials on bilateral challenges such as a recent close encounter between their air force planes over the South China Sea.

Susan Rice met with China's top diplomat, State Councillor Yang Jiechi, on a trip to pave the way for a visit by President Barack Obama to Beijing in November.

Rice said that among all the other issues facing the United States, Obama still considered China to be a priority and that her primary reason for coming to Beijing was to hammer out the agenda for the November meeting between Obama and Chinese President Xi Jinping.

At the sprawling Diaoyutai State Guesthouse in western Beijing, Yang told her that the countries needed to "truly respect each other's core interests and major concerns and constructively man-

age our differences and sensitive issues." He said they would discuss military relations, counterterrorism, the Middle East, North Korea, South Sudan, Iran and other topics of mutual concern.

Rice is scheduled to meet Tuesday with China's defense and foreign ministers before departing Wednesday.

The countries' relationship has been tested by U.S. allegations of Chinese military cyberspying and Obama's stated pivot to Asia, which China sees as an effort to contain its rising power.

On Aug. 19, a Chinese jet made several close passes near a Navy P-8 Poseidon plane, coming within 30 feet of it at one point. The incident took place about 135 miles from Hainan, which is home to naval airfields and a highly sensitive submarine base.

China rejected American accusations that its pilot acted recklessly and unprofessionally and says it will continue responding to U.S. surveillance flights off its coast.

An editorial last week from

the official Xinhua News Agency referred to the encounter as an example of Washington's resorting to "provocations out of fear for Beijing's growing economic prowess and regional clout."

"What is also worrying is that the U.S. leadership has apparently followed a bad tradition of taking China as scapegoat for its own messy domestic and foreign policies, while overlooking the big picture of China-U.S. relations," the editorial said.

Rice also drew Chinese ire with her harsh criticisms of Beijing's approach to the crisis in Syria while serving as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, although the Xinhua editorial said she has since matured in her approach to China.

Thus, Rice's first China trip in her current position comes at a particularly critical time when it is of great urgency for the United States to reaffirm its commitment and sincerity to Beijing by treating it as a true partner," Xinhua said.

## Dubai plans to make airport world's biggest

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Dubai's ruler has endorsed a \$32 billion expansion plan for the city's second airport that aims to make it the world's biggest, the emirate's airport operator said Monday in the latest sign that the Middle East's brash commercial hub is determined to move on from its 2009 financial crisis.

The approval sets in motion a vast building project that will boost capacity exponentially at the airport known as Al Maktoum International at Dubai World Central. Brakes envision it will eventually handle more than 200 million passengers per year.

The first phase of the expansion also aims to build enough runway and terminal space to handle 120 million passengers a year and 100 mammoth Airbus A380 double-decker jets at any given time.

The world's busiest airport, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, handled 94.4 million people last year.

## Report accuses African Union troops of rape

NAIROBI, Kenya — Some African Union troops in Somalia sexually exploited or raped women and girls who are internal refugees, a new report by an international human rights group alleged Monday.

Human Rights Watch said it interviewed 21 women and girls since 2013 who described being sexually abused or sexually exploited by Burundian or Ugandan military personnel in two bases in Mogadishu.

Several women said the soldiers related to war condoms and that they had caught sexually transmitted infections as a result, according to the report. Several also described being slapped and beaten by the soldiers who forced them to have sex.

The youngest victim was a 12-year-old girl who was allegedly raped by a Ugandan soldier.

## 3 Italian nuns found slain in Burundi convent

ROME — Italian officials said three missionary nuns have been found slain in their convent in Burundi.

The Foreign Ministry on Monday confirmed the slayings in Kamenge, near Bujumbura, Burundi's capital.

The Italian missionary news agency Misna said that the Savian, "missionaries" superior in the east African nation, the Rev. Mario Pulcini, as saying the bodies of two nuns were found Sunday afternoon by a third nun. He told Misna that during the night, other nuns telephoned to say they feared the attacker was still in the convent. When help arrived, the nun who had found the first two victims was herself found slain, Pulcini said.

The nuns' home diocese of Parma, Italy, said robbery appeared to be the motive.

From The Associated Press

# Former US ambassador in money laundering probe

BY GEORGE JAHN  
The Associated Press

VIENNA — Zalmay Khalilzad, who served as U.S. ambassador to Afghanistan, Iraq and the United Nations under President George W. Bush, is being investigated by American authorities for suspected money laundering, Austrian officials said Monday.

State prosecutor Thomas Vecsey confirmed a report in the Austrian weekly Profil about the investigation of Khalilzad, who played a key role in the political



Khalilzad

transition in Afghanistan after the 2001 U.S.-led invasion and the fall of the Taliban.

According to the magazine, the investigation centers on the alleged transfer of \$1.5 million in May 2013 to an account in Vienna owned by Khalilzad's wife, Cheryl Benard. The money came

from business activities in Iraq and the United Arab Emirates, it reported. Vecsey would not elaborate on the allegations, nor did the magazine's report.

Profil said the case became public after a blogger found documents while rummaging through a trash can used by the state prosecutor's office in Vienna.

The magazine said several bank accounts owned by Benard were ordered frozen in February — a ruling that is under appeal. Benard's lawyer, Holger Bielez, told Profil that U.S. authorities

have yet to express "reasonable grounds for suspicions."

Khalilzad was born in Afghanistan and went to the United States as an exchange student. He later became a professor and a favorite of Republican presidents, especially Bush.

Khalilzad was the U.S. special presidential envoy to Afghanistan from 2001 to 2003, then U.S. ambassador there until 2005. He was the ambassador to Iraq from 2005 to 2007, and the U.S. permanent representative to the United Nations from 2007 to 2009.

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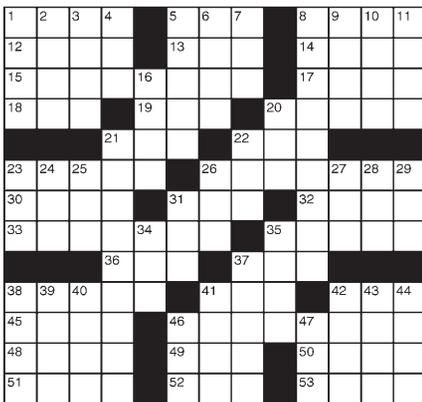
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## NATION

# Pursuing the trivial

## Creator of world's most exclusive trivia competition has turned knowledge of arcane into full-time job

By ADAM B. KUSHNER  
The Washington Post.

SEATTLE  
Shayne Bushfield hunkers over a printout labeling black geometric figures. He races through two dozen states, naming each correctly, until one finally brings him up short: "Is this Wyoming or Colorado?" he asks. Still, he is the first person on 22 teams here for a boisterous trivia night at Kate's Pub to finish the questionnaire.

Admittedly, it wasn't a fair fight. Bushfield is the one-man impresario behind LearnedLeague, a booming, invitation-only, underground trivia competition I joined two years ago. As the creator and host, he is more Alex Trebek than Ken Jennings — who, incidentally, has been a member for three years, along with other trivia fanatics like Carter Boys (co-creator of "How I Met Your Mother"), Daniel Okrent (a historian who invented Rotisserie Baseball and served as the first public editor of The New York Times) and the novelist Anna Quindlen.

They and 2,447 other people play in month-long round-robins, testing themselves and each other against Bushfield's often devilishly difficult queries. The community of nerds Bushfield has built is obsessive, devoted and competitive.

The Washington metro area, naturally, is overrepresented among contenders, with nearly 9 percent, the second-highest city after New York. LearnedLeague is expanding rapidly at a time when, thanks to Google, the imperative to memorize arcane has finally gone. There is zero need to know the kind of information LearnedLeague tests.

"There's also no need to be able to throw a wad of paper into a wastebasket 20 feet away," says Bushfield, but "it feels awesome when it goes in — in a totally meaningless but still fulfilling way." The comparison is apt; there are truly few sensations so gratifying as knowing the correct answer to a LearnedLeague stumper.

Here's how it works: Each weekday during a month-long season, strangers face each other across six questions designed to remind them how little they know: "Who was the main commander of the victorious forces in the series of military campaigns which was known contemporaneously as Bello Gallico?"

But Bushfield designed an intricate website and a twist to make 17-year-old LearnedLeague special and strategic. In addition to playing offense (by trying to guess the right answer), contestants also play defense by assigning points — 0 through 3 — which their opponent will win by answering that question correctly. A winning approach awards your opponent 0 for an easy question and 3 for the most obscure one. (Every number, 0 through 3, has to be assigned, so you can't zero someone out entirely.)

"It's nerdism on a number of levels," says Okrent. The goal is to close a season at the top of your division, because the top finishers rise to a more challenging group for the following season. The winners from the uppermost divisions (whose ranks I will never be genius enough to join) compete for the title of LearnedLeague champion, beginning last month, some of these matches are held live at a trivia convention in Las Vegas.

For years, Bushfield ran LearnedLeague as a hobby, rushing home to grade participants each night, and devising questions at the public library in his free time. But as the game grew, LearnedLeague's four annual seasons began to consume Bushfield's life. By 2008, the growing league was encroaching on his job, too. He asked himself: What if I could do it full time? So in 2012,

began an experiment. LearnedLeague, which then boasted 1,026 members and had always been free, would require a once-a-year, pay-what-you-want contribution. He expected attrition, but only 153 members defected. And while some players gave the minimum recommended \$25, many others gave more.

Then something unexpected happened. Once Bushfield had assigned a value to membership, it grew by 117 percent in the following 18 months — enough that, this spring, Bushfield felt comfortable leaving Microsoft to devote himself full time to trivia.

Bushfield declined to provide LearnedLeague revenue figures, but a review of the numbers suggests that, if LearnedLeague continues to grow at its current rate, he'll be making a very comfortable living within the next two years, and quite a bit more down the line.

Ultimately, Bushfield isn't just asking us to conjure arcane.

He's asking us why it feels so good to pluck information from our brains instead of our smartphones, what we get out of recalling a nearly-forgotten fact from that college survey of ancient Mesopotamia or that TV show we watched after our parents had gone to bed; and why a community of like-minded obsessives, connected through inelegant HTML tables and a check-box honor code, feels so much like home.

Shayne Bushfield is the brains behind LearnedLeague, an invitation-only, online trivia federation whose membership includes "Jeopardy!" champion Ken Jennings. The community Bushfield built is obsessive, devoted and competitive.

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# SHIFTING GEARS



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Ford F-150s move through final assembly at the Dearborn Truck Plant in Dearborn, Mich., in September 2013.

# Ford ripping up history at Dearborn plant

By ALISA PRIDDLE  
Detroit Free Press

Organized chaos has been underway in and around Ford's Dearborn Truck Plant in Dearborn, Mich., as the automaker marks a manufacturing milestone.

Last month, the plant's last steel-bodied Ford F-150 rolled off the line and workers were ripping up equipment behind it. Ford has eight weeks to remove all the equipment and tooling and replace it with new machinery to make the all-new 2015 F-150 with an aluminum body.

"We are doing things we have never done before," said Bruce Hettle, head of North American manufacturing for Ford, who must oversee a critical launch with speed and precision. Because Ford sells at least 60,000 F-150s a month now, returning to full production as quickly as possible is crucial to maintaining Ford's bottom line.

"It is an enormous undertaking," said analyst Joe Phillippi, of Auto Trends Consulting in Short Hills, N.J. "The auto world is going to be watching and the investment world will be watching."

The upheaval has been carefully orchestrated. The plant is now closed until Sept. 22, which puts about 3,000 workers on tem-

porary layoff.

Another 1,500 skilled trades workers and contractors from Ford and its suppliers are working around the clock to build a new body shop that takes a "quantum leap in manufacturing technology," Hettle said. That's because the processes for welding and handling aluminum and steel are quite different.

Last month, more than 1,100 tractor-trailers with new robots, conveyor systems and other equipment from across the country headed to Dearborn and were to carry equally huge pieces of machinery away.

Ford is investing \$359 million in Dearborn and a comparable amount at its second pickup assembly plant in Kansas City, Mo. Hettle said the cost is not out of line for a major and complicated launch.

Ford's aluminum truck will have better fuel economy because it is more than 700 pounds lighter than its predecessor. General Motors has signaled its intention to switch to aluminum for its next generation of pickups as well, but Chrysler is sticking with steel when it updates the Ram lineup in 2017.

Dearborn is the lead plant and thus the guinea pig. Workers on three crews built F-150s flat out

until the last one rolled off the line last month, and Kansas City will continue to build the 2014 model through the end of the year, so dealers should not run out of the 2014 model anytime soon. The new truck goes on sale later this year.

Dearborn Truck plans to resume production Sept. 21 when two crews of workers return. A third crew will be recalled Oct. 20 when the construction is to be fully completed.

They will start with preproduction trucks. The plant is scheduled to be building production models at full line speed by the end of the year.

The Kansas City plant will shut down in early 2015 for its change-over, which should take less time because Ford already will have validated many of the processes in Dearborn, Hettle said.

Ford has worked with the Michigan Department of Transportation to try to avoid gridlock on I-94 and other roads leading to the plant. They devised a plan that avoids closing any roads and tries to minimize the impact on traffic by carefully sequencing the semis' schedules.

"It is very detailed and organized," Hettle said. "We have a truck-by-truck, minute-by-minute, plan. I have never seen such

a detailed plan in 28 years."

For speed, the body shop will be rebuilt in sections. One area will be stripped and new equipment installed. Then workers will move onto the next. It will be a domino effect until the whole shop has been transformed.

"There will be a lot of new equipment never seen before in plants," Hettle said.

Much of the equipment being removed is still in good shape. Robots can be redeployed and other equipment used in other plants. Some equipment has exceeded its life expectancy and will be scrapped after years of almost nonstop production.

The big changes to the plant

shop and final trim line have already been installed. They will just need some last-minute items and tweaks specific to new technology.

Ford has built about 250 preproduction F-150s that the executive team is driving and evaluating. Senior leadership has been heavily involved. CEO Mark Fields was at the plant to talk to workers and shoot a video that will be shown to Ford employees around the world.

The F-150 is the start of a long-range commitment to aluminum-bodied vehicles as automakers work to meet stringent fuel economy regulations.

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# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Mother arrested on pot charge denies selling

**DE FELTON** — A Delaware woman who was arrested along with her son said authorities are wrong in charging her with a marijuana offense.

Cynthia Jimenez said in a telephone interview Saturday that authorities used unnecessary force in arresting her and her son, Jose Jimenez, 21, on Thursday.

Delaware State Police said a search of their home on Barratts Chapel Road turned up nearly 230 grams of marijuana, drug paraphernalia and two guns. Both Jimenez and her son were charged with possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance and other charges.

Jimenez acknowledged Saturday that her son has sold marijuana, but she said she doesn't sell or smoke marijuana and didn't know so much was in her home.

She said Saturday that the two guns police found were antiques.

## Former SEAL gives truck to theft victims

**NM JEMEZ MOUNTAINS** — A couple who live in the Jemez Mountains and whose only vehicle was stolen can get around again.

Joseph Fitzpatrick gave his old truck Friday to Rhonda and James Rightley for free.

The Rightleys said their car was taken while they were visiting friends near their home. The car also contained James Rightley's walker.

The couple said Rhonda Rightley needs a car to get to her job cleaning homes. James Rightley needs the walker since a brain injury 10 years ago left him prone to seizures.

Fitzpatrick, a former Navy SEAL, said he initially planned to sell his truck.

The couple also received a donated walker from someone else.

Rhonda Rightley, however, said she would still like to know who stole their Chevy Impala.

## Car stolen with toddler inside; child found safe

**NY NEW YORK** — Police said a thief who stole a car from outside a Queens bodega took along a passenger — a 2-year-old girl. The child was later found unharmed.

Authorities said the girl's mother had left the car keys inside the vehicle, as well as the toddler, when she went into the store shortly after midnight Sunday. She returned to find the vehicle gone.

Police conducted a search, and found the car with the child still inside about 10 blocks away.

No arrests have been made.

## Rare white lion joins pride at ZooWorld

**FL PANAMA CITY BEACH** — A rare white lion cub is joining the pride at a Florida Panhandle zoo.

The 13-week-old male cub named Husani joins the female lion Kurt and Star at ZooWorld in Panama City Beach.

## THE CENSUS

**\$1M**

The amount of money officers found hidden in the oil pan of a vehicle a Texas man was towing in Mississippi. Luis Miguel Aguilar Gutierrez, of Brownsville, was charged Friday with running an unlicensed money transmission business and interstate travel in aid of racketeering. Criminal charges say that in an interrogation Thursday, Gutierrez admitted to working for a Mexican drug cartel.



PHOTOS BY JIM RYBORN, THE GREELEY (COLO.) TRIBUNE/AP

## Chalking it up to fun

**Above:** People work on chalk art Saturday in the parking lot of the University Center on the University of Northern Colorado campus in Greeley, Colo. Hundreds of people attended the event, which attempted to set a Guinness world record.

**Right:** Cartoon characters are among the works of chalk art.



Assistant Director Tom Walling said Husani would spend two weeks in an air-conditioned area before joining the other lions in a larger enclosure.

Zoo officials expect Husani to assume leadership of the pride when the lion matures, but in the meantime, Husani remains a cub that still goes home with Walling for late-night feedings.

Walling said Husani enjoys watching television and getting rubbed on the belly and paws. The cub still drinks a liquid formula from a bottle, but officials said he soon will eat chicken wings.

## Test planned to face potential carp attack

**MI LANSING** — Ten U.S. and Canadian agencies are taking part in a field exercise testing their ability to respond to an invasion of Asian carp in western Lake Erie.

Participants will try out methods such as netting and electrofishing while working on logistics of coordinating their efforts.

Officials are concerned that bighead, silver and grass carp may reach the Great Lakes and damage food chains and spawning habitat important to native varieties such as perch and walleye.

No reproducing populations are known to exist in Lake Erie,

although Asian carp DNA has been found in some places. The field exercise will run through Thursday.

## Police: Drunken woman had child drive car

**VT BRATTLEBORO** — A Vermont woman was arrested after police say she had a child drive her car while she was drunk.

Jessica Mathiau, 42, of Brattleboro, was arrested Saturday evening and charged with child endangerment. State police said a trooper noticed a car parked in the middle of the road, and upon speaking with the occupants discovered that a child had been driving while Mathiau rode in the passenger seat.

Police said Mathiau was highly intoxicated, and during her travels had activated the car's emergency brake numerous times in the middle of traffic.

A phone number for Mathiau could not be located Sunday. The child's age was unavailable.

## Woman rescued from roof of burning home

**NJ PASSAIC** — Firefighters came to the aid of a woman who was trapped on the roof of a burning three-family

home in northern New Jersey. No residents were injured in the three-alarm fire, which broke out early Sunday in Passaic. Two firefighters were treated at a hospital for smoke inhalation.

Passaic fire officials said the fire began shortly before 12:30 a.m. in the basement of the Westervelt Place home and spread up through the interior walls. It was extinguished about four hours later.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

When firefighters arrived, they found the woman on top of the building with smoke billowing around her. She had climbed out of a third-story window to escape the growing fire, but became trapped on the roof.

## Others help finish dead Scout's Eagle project

**PA LOWER BURRELL** — About 70 people worked this past weekend to help finish an Eagle Scout project left incomplete after a Pittsburgh area teen died during football practice.

The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review reported Sunday the group finished improvements to Puckety United Presbyterian Church that had begun as 16-year-old Noah Cornuet's project.

The boy died Aug. 6 of a rare, noncancerous heart tumor. He'd

already replaced mulch, set two military headstones and built a cross.

Volunteers told the paper they wanted to honor his memory and continue his tradition of helping others.

Their work included landscaping, repainting parking lines and spaces, and painting and installing a ramp to a shed.

His Scoutmaster said Cornuet is expected to be honored with the Eagle rank this week.

## Man dies during birthday party hayride

**MN MONTEVIDEO** — A man was killed when he tried to move from one hay rack to another during a birthday party hayride in western Minnesota.

A private group was being pulled by a tractor on two hay racks about 16 miles west of Willmar. The man tried to move from the hay rack closest to the tractor to the second hay rack, fell and was run over.

According to the Chippewa County Sheriff's Office, it happened about 7:45 p.m. Saturday about a half-mile south of Highway 40 in Woods Township.

The victim lived in the township. Authorities haven't released his identity.

From wire reports

# FACES



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From left: Paris Barclay, Charlie Hunnam, Katey Sagal, FX Networks CEO John Landgraf and Ally Walker attend a party Sept. 6 in Los Angeles after a screening of "Sons of Anarchy." Sagal said she felt grateful for having been a part of the show, but in denial that it's ending.

## End of 'Anarchy'

### Cast, crew have mixed feelings about final season

By MIKE CIDONI LENNON  
The Associated Press

The cast and crew of the FX drama "Sons of Anarchy" gathered in Hollywood on Sept. 6 for their seventh, and final, season premiere.

Saying goodbye to the series clearly hasn't been easy for Katey Sagal, who walked the red carpet with her husband, series creator Kurt Sutter.

"I feel enormously grateful for having been here, and I also feel in denial that it's ending," the actress said. "You know, I was weeping a little bit last night about it."

Then why end the hit show, which centers on a family comprised of members of an outlaw motorcycle club, who are in a Shakespearean-like battle for power?

Explained Sutter, "Quite honestly, after seven seasons, because of all the factors, it becomes very expensive to produce."

Four years ago, Sutter transformed that economic reality into artistic inspiration, creating a

sprawling mythology that would conclude at the end of a seventh season — gambling that the series would last that long.

This week's premiere, which airs Wednesday morning on AFN-Spectrum, finds the club leader, Jax (Charlie Hunnam), enlisting his brothers to avenge the murder of his wife Tara. What Jax has yet to learn is that the murderer is own mother, Jenna (Sagal), who, thinking she was protecting Jax, repeatedly stabbed Tara in the head.

As usual, Sutter has revealed few plot specifics. However, producers have confirmed that final-season guest stars will include Lea Michele ("Glee") and musician-actress Courtney Love, both of whom attended the premiere.

"I play a kindergarten teacher," Love said, then poked fun of her own bad-girl persona, "because when you think of me, I know, you think, immediately, 'kindergarten teacher.'"

Last year's episodes of "Anarchy" each attracted an average of 10 million viewers, making the series the most popular on FX.

## Green dropped from Navy concert after comments

By ERIC SLAVIN  
Stars and Stripes

Performer CeLo Green has been dropped from a Navy-sponsored concert after posting comments about sexual assault on Twitter, according to a Navy Morale, Welfare and Recreation statement.

Green was scheduled to sing at Naval District Washington's Freedom Live concert Sept. 20, but the Navy reconsidered after a series of tweets on what constitutes rape.

"People who have really been raped REMEMBER!!!" Green wrote Sept. 2, according to tweets that were captured by several websites.

Green also reportedly wrote that "if someone is PAssed out they're not even WITH you consciously! so WITH implies consent."

Green, who has been a contestant coach on the television show "The Voice," made the comments after pleading no contest Aug. 29 to a charge of supplying a woman with the drug Ecstasy in 2012, according to a Los Angeles Times report.

The victim stated that she shared a drink with Green in a restaurant and woke up the next morning with no memory of the previous night, according to the Times.

Prosecutors declined to press rape charges due to lack of evi-

dence, but Green had been recorded admitting to possession of the drug, the Times reported.

The Navy dropped Green from the concert because his Twitter comments were "completely inconsistent with



Green

Navy core values," according to a statement posted on the concert series' Facebook page.

"Regardless of intent or context, the lack of sensitivity towards an issue that is one of the great challenges facing our Navy is unacceptable," the message stated.

Green, who is known for singing the 2006 Garth Brooks hit "Crazy," and the solo hit "Forget You," briefly deleted his Twitter account after making the controversial comments.

Soon after reinstating his account, he said he'd "never condone the harm of any women."

The next day Green wrote, "I truly and deeply apologize for the comments attributed to me on Twitter. Those comments were idiotic, untrue and not what I believe."

MWR is offering a refund for the concert, which will go on as scheduled with headliner Little Big Town, a country band.

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## British royals expecting second child

From wire services

Prince George is not going to be an only child for long — the toddler will soon have a baby sister or brother to share his fancy digs at Kensington Palace.

British royal officials said Monday that Prince William and the duchess of Cambridge, the former Kate Middleton, are expecting their second child.

For the second time, Kate is being treated for acute morning sickness in the early phases of her pregnancy.

The first time she was so ill she required hospitalization. This time, she is being treated by doctors at her residence in Kensington Palace.

The new baby, boy or girl, will become fourth in line to the throne, pushing Prince Harry to fifth. George, who is 13 months old, is third and likely to become Britain's monarch one day. Wil-

liam is second in line, while his father, Prince Charles, is first.

Britain's Press Association reported that Kate's pregnancy hasn't passed the 12-week stage.

### 'Guardians' No. 1 movie for fourth weekend

"Guardians of the Galaxy" has topped the box office for the fourth consecutive weekend, more than any other Marvel Studios film to date.

The sci-fi film, which opened Aug. 1, met industry expectations and added about \$10.2 million to its gross in the U.S. and Canada, and has grossed \$294.6 million to date. Even with its unconventional August release date, the film is the summer's highest-grossing film and will likely become the first film this year to hit the \$300 million milestone.

"Teenage Mutant Ninja Tur-

bles" held its No. 2 spot, adding \$6.5 million in its fifth weekend. The tear-jerker "If I Stay" rounded out the top three, grossing \$5.8 million.

"The Identical," the biggest newcomer to the box office over the weekend, came in at No. 11 with about \$1.9 million.

### Rivers' cause of death still unknown

Further tests are needed to pinpoint exactly how Jean Rivers' cause of death, the New York City medical examiner says.

Rivers, who was 81, died Sept. 4 at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York. She had been hospitalized since Aug. 28 when she went into cardiac arrest during a routine procedure at a doctor's office. The New York state health department is investigating the circumstances.

## 'Fancy' officially the song of the summer

Just as the season's winding down, there's finally a definitive pick for Song of the Summer: Iggy Azalea's "Fancy."

The surprise of few (and to the chagrin of many), Billboard Magazine has tracked the single's col-

lective rankings on its Hot 100 chart, which it led for seven weeks. The song remained in the top five of that chart for an additional six weeks.

Billboard's Song of the Summer ranking tracks a song's performance on that chart between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

"Fancy," written with the young British pop mastermind Charli XCX, is a divisive pick. Azalea, the white Australian rapper, is a controversial figure in hip-hop, where she first made her reputation before shifting into pop.

The song, while indisputably an immediate sensation on radio, didn't earn the universal acclaim and appeal that other songs of summer — say, "Call Me Maybe" or "Crazy In Love" — earned in previous years. It caps a breakout year for Azalea, however: she also shows up on the number three track for the summer, Ariana Grande's "Problem," where she guests.

From The Los Angeles Times



Iggy Azalea  
Steve C. Mitchell, Invision/AP

# BUSINESS/WEATHER

## Chick-fil-A founder Cathy dies at 93

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — S. Truett Cathy, the billionaire founder of the privately held Chick-fil-A restaurant chain that famously closes on Sundays but also drew unwanted attention on gay marriage in recent years because of his family's conservative views, died early Monday, a company spokesman said. He was 93.

Chick-fil-A spokesman Mark Baldwin told The Associated Press that Cathy died at home surrounded by members of his family. The company said in a statement that preliminary plans are for a public funeral service at 2 p.m. Wednesday at First Baptist Jonesboro in Jonesboro, Ga.

Cathy opened his first postwar diner in an Atlanta suburb in 1946 and by 1967 he had founded and opened his first Chick-fil-A restaurant in Atlanta. Over ensuing decades, the chain's boneless chicken sandwich he is credited with inventing would propel



Cathy

Chick-fil-A expansion to more than 1,800 outlets in 39 states and the nation's capital. By early 2013, the company says on its website, annual sales topped \$5 billion as the chain offered up a taste of the South that went beyond chicken to such offerings as sweet tea, biscuits and gravy.

Under the religiously conservative founder, the chain gained prominence for its Bible observance of Sunday — one of its hundreds of restaurants are open on that day, to allow employees a day of rest. Its executives often said the chain made as much money in six days as its competitors do in seven.

Those religious views helped

win Cathy and his family loyal following from conservative customers, but also invited protests when Cathy's son denounced gay marriage.

Cathy's son, Dan, who is currently chairman and president of the chain, had told The Baptist Press in 2012 that the company was "guilty as charged" for backing "the biblical definition of a family." Gay rights groups and others called for boycotts and kiss-ins at Cathy's restaurants. The Jim Henson Co. pulled its Muppet toys from kids' meals, while politicians in Boston and Chicago told the chain it is not welcome there.

The controversy later subsided. The family-owned company has said it had 46 consecutive years of positive sales growth. Cathy's \$6 billion fortune as the founder of Chick-fil-A puts him on the yearly Forbes magazine list of the wealthiest Americans in the country. The company has

listed him on its website as its chairman emeritus after he left day-to-day operations to younger generations.

Truett Cathy began his career in the restaurant business by opening with his brother in 1946 an Atlanta diner called The Dwarf Grill, which was named for the short and stout shape of the restaurant.

He has attributed his hardworking nature — even as a little boy he made money by selling six bottles of Coca-Cola for a quarter — to growing up poor.

"I've experienced poverty and plenty and there's a lesson to be learned when you're brought up in poverty," he said in 2007. "I had to create some good work habits and attitude."

Cathy is survived by his wife of 65 years, Jeannette McNeil Cathy; sons Dan T. and Don "Bubba" Cathy; daughter Trudy Cathy White; 19 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren, according to a company statement.

### EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Sept. 9)	\$1.3282
Dollar buys (Sept. 9)	€0.7529
British pound (Sept. 9)	\$1.65
Japanese yen (Sept. 9)	102.00
South Korean won (Sept. 11)	997.00

Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3771
British pound	\$1.6159/0.6189
Canada (dollar)	1.0918
China (Yuan)	6.1405
Denmark (Krone)	5.7538
Egypt (Pound)	11.2525
Euro	\$1.2940/0.7728
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7502
Hungary (Forint)	243.06
Israel (Shekel)	3.6024
Japan (Yen)	105.45
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2861
Norway (Krone)	5.3002
Philippines (Peso)	43.58
Poland (Zloty)	3.23
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7208
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2561
South Korea (Won)	1,027.33
Switzerland (Franc)	0.9324
Taiwan (Dollar)	32.03
Turkey (New Lira)	1.6100

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

### INTEREST RATES

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3-month bill	0.09
Federal funds market rate	0.09
3-month bill	0.03
30-year bond	3.24

## WEATHER OUTLOOK

### TUESDAY IN THE MIDDLE EAST



### TUESDAY IN EUROPE



### WEDNESDAY IN THE PACIFIC



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

### Tuesday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Arlington, Va.	75	58	Cir	Chicago	79	67	Cldy	Los Angeles	81	66	Cir	Portland, Me.	75	45	Cir
Atlanta	74	61	Cir	Cincinnati	84	65	Pcldy	Los Angeles	81	66	Cir	Portland, Me.	75	45	Cir
Albuquerque	84	65	Cldy	Cleveland	80	64	Cldy	Los Angeles	81	66	Cir	Portland, Me.	75	45	Cir
Allentown, Pa.	74	58	Cldy	Colorado Springs	80	50	Cldy	Los Angeles	81	66	Cir	Portland, Me.	75	45	Cir
Amelia	66	46	Cir	Columbia, S.C.	86	69	Cldy	Los Angeles	81	66	Cir	Portland, Me.	75	45	Cir
Anchorage	58	49	Rain	Columbus, Ga.	90	74	Pcldy	Los Angeles	81	66	Cir	Portland, Me.	75	45	Cir
Ashville	81	62	Cldy	Columbus, Ohio	83	62	Pcldy	Los Angeles	81	66	Cir	Portland, Me.	75	45	Cir
Atlanta	86	72	Pcldy	Concord, N.H.	70	52	Cir	Los Angeles	81	66	Cir	Portland, Me.	75	45	Cir
Atlantic City	75	66	Rain	Corpus Christi	96	78	Pcldy	Los Angeles	81	66	Cir	Portland, Me.	75	45	Cir
Austin	91	69	Cldy	Dallas-Ft. Worth	97	78	Pcldy	Los Angeles	81	66	Cir	Portland, Me.	75	45	Cir
Baltimore	78	66	Cldy	Dayton	82	62	Pcldy	Los Angeles	81	66	Cir	Portland, Me.	75	45	Cir
Baton Rouge	93	74	Pcldy	Daytona Beach	89	74	Rain	Los Angeles	81	66	Cir	Portland, Me.	75	45	Cir
Bilings	60	38	Cldy	Denver	77	51	Cldy	Los Angeles	81	66	Cir	Portland, Me.	75	45	Cir
Birmingham	90	71	Cldy	Des Moines	82	67	Rain	Los Angeles	81	66	Cir	Portland, Me.	75	45	Cir
Bismarck	55	43	Cldy	Detroit	80	64	Pcldy	Los Angeles	81	66	Cir	Portland, Me.	75	45	Cir
Boise	69	49	Cir	Duluth	70	48	Cldy	Los Angeles	81	66	Cir	Portland, Me.	75	45	Cir
Boston	71	57	Cir	El Paso	88	70	Cldy	Los Angeles	81	66	Cir	Portland, Me.	75	45	Cir
Bridgport	60	40	Cldy	Elkins	78	58	Cldy	Los Angeles	81	66	Cir	Portland, Me.	75	45	Cir
Brownsville	92	79	Cldy	Erie	76	65	Cldy	Los Angeles	81	66	Cir	Portland, Me.	75	45	Cir
Buffalo	76	60	Pcldy	Evansville	76	52	Cldy	Los Angeles	81	66	Cir	Portland, Me.	75	45	Cir
Burlington, Vt.	75	58	Cir	Fairbanks	63	43	Cldy	Los Angeles	81	66	Cir	Portland, Me.	75	45	Cir
Caribou, Maine	70	46	Cir	Fargo	62	45	Cldy	Los Angeles	81	66	Cir	Portland, Me.	75	45	Cir
Casper, Wyo.	72	41	Pcldy	Flagstaff	66	46	Cldy	Los Angeles	81	66	Cir	Portland, Me.	75	45	Cir
Charleston, S.C.	87	70	Cldy	Flint	80	60	Pcldy	Los Angeles	81	66	Cir	Portland, Me.	75	45	Cir
Charleston, W.Va.	83	63	Pcldy	Fort Smith	94	75	Cldy	Los Angeles	81	66	Cir	Portland, Me.	75	45	Cir
Charlotte, N.C.	82	66	Cldy					Los Angeles	81	66	Cir	Portland, Me.	75	45	Cir

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OPINION

Afghanistan's fate may rest with a CEO

By JOHN HUDSON and YUCHI DREAZEN  
 Foreign Policy

**T**he future of Afghanistan may come down to a simple question: Can a country have a CEO? The job title that's synonymous with Wall Street is dominating backroom discussions in Kabul as the country struggles to decide how to divide power after a contested presidential election mired by allegations of systemic fraud. The runoff, the first in the country's history, pits Ashraf Ghani, the former finance minister against Abdullah Abdullah, the former foreign minister, who has been contesting the results ever since the June 14 vote. Abdullah is disputing the outcome of the election, which is expected to declare Ghani the winner as early as next week. To stave off a bloody confrontation, the Obama administration is pushing for a unity government that would give the losing candidate the title of "chief executive officer," an administrative position with uncertain powers and influence.

The long list of unknowns about the CEO position could easily cause Abdullah to walk out of negotiations for a unity government. In an interview, a senior Afghan official said Afghanistan's president would have the authority to fire the CEO at any time and use discretion in deciding how much power to give the newly appointed official. Assuming the current results hold, for example, President Ghani could appoint Chief Executive Officer Abdullah and allow him to chair important meetings of the country's national security council and have the country's ministers of defense and the interior report straight to him. By contrast, a President Ghani could also choose to name Prime Minister Abdullah as a glorified adviser with no real executive authority and keep him in the post for a year or less before ousting him.

"From the beginning no one was seriously considering splitting power in half," the senior Afghan official said. "There

will have to be a presidential decree creating the CEO position, so the CEO would inherently have fewer powers than the president."

That could change, but not for at least two years. The Afghan official said Kabul plans to hold a *loya jirga* in 2016 to consider whether to amend the Afghan constitution and create a prime minister position that would have clearly defined and legally protected powers. Under such an arrangement, the Afghan president would likely still appoint the prime minister, but that official would be able to control much of the executive branch of government.

Ultimately, the Afghan official says, the stability of a unity government will depend on the personal relationship between Ghani and Abdullah and their levels of trust and mutual respect. Given the rancor that has followed the runoff, it's easy to assume that the two men will take office with little of either. On the other hand, it's also possible that both men recognize that they will need to work closely to maintain needed support from Washington and other Western nations.

Iraq provides a cautionary tale. In the aftermath of the country's highly contested 2010 elections, the Obama administration tried to help create a new and powerful national security adviser position that would have given former Prime Minister Ayad Allawi, whose party had won the most seats, some control over the country's security forces. In the end, though, Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki wasn't willing to cede that much of his power to Allawi. Allawi called off the power-sharing talons and went into the opposition; al-Maliki, who recently stepped down, implemented harshly sectarian and pro-Shiite policies that are thought to have helped spark the current Sunni rebellion against Baghdad.

In Afghanistan, Washington remains heavily invested in the negotiations — and is clearly hoping the end result will be better than had been the case in Iraq. "The secretary is regularly in touch with both candidates," a senior U.S. State Depart-

ment official said Friday. In phone calls with both candidates in the past week, the official said Secretary of State John Kerry "stressed the importance of national unity and a peaceful political process for the future of the Afghan people."

The uncertainty over Afghanistan's future loomed large over last week's NATO leaders' summit in Wales, despite the emergence of more prominent crises in Ukraine, Iraq and Syria. On Friday, Obama expressed "the two Afghan presidential candidates to "make the compromises that are necessary so Afghans can move forward together and form a sovereign, united and democratic nation." A day earlier, NATO Secretary-General Anders Fogh Rasmussen said the alliance is prepared to commit \$4.1 billion in funding for Afghan security forces once the political stalemate is resolved.

In an effort to assuage concerns, the rival politicians sent a joint letter to NATO leaders Thursday pledging to form a unity government and sign legal agreements allocating NATO troops to stay and train the Afghan Army during the end of combat operations in December. ...

Just a few days earlier, the Abdullah delegation protested a United Nations audit of millions of votes from the runoff, claiming that the process of vetting votes was fraudulent. The turmoil threatened to spoil what was supposed to be Obama administration's first summit featuring Afghanistan's new leader and marking the alliance's upcoming transition away from combat operations and toward an advisory role. In the place of either Abdullah or Ghani, Afghanistan's defense minister, Gen. Bismillah Khan Mohammadi, attended the NATO summit.

By December, the Obama administration is planning to withdraw all troops save for 10,000 to advise the Afghan army and conduct counterterrorism operations. That number would shrink by half at the end of 2015 and fall to 1,000 at the end of 2016.

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Clinton advisers should track Webb's progress

By ALBERT R. HUNT  
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**J**im Webb could be Hillary Rodham Clinton's worst nightmare.

The former one-term Virginia senator and Vietnam War veteran is making sounds about running for president as a Democrat. He was in Iowa last month at a New Hampshire trip that may be in the offing, and he's giving a major speech at the National Press Club in two weeks.

He seems an improbable candidate. He has taken illiberal positions, was President Ronald Reagan's Navy secretary, has few relationships within the Democratic Party, and has no serious fundraising network.

What makes him so interesting is his forceful opposition to U.S. interventions in Iraq and Libya, and potentially Syria, as well as solid anti-Wall Street credentials. In Democratic primaries, these may be Clinton's greatest impediments to rallying a hard-core activist base.

In 2002, Webb warned of the perils of invading and occupying Iraq, he has been proven right by the violence and sectarian strife of the post-Saddam Hussein era. As a senator, Clinton voted for the war and supported it for years. She recently acknowledged she had been wrong.

As secretary of state, Clinton was the chief advocate in the Barack Obama administration for intervening against Moammar Gadhafi. When the Libyan dic-

tator was toppled and killed in 2011, she thought it would be her signature foreign-policy achievement. Webb, then a senator, thought it would be a disaster. He has since withdrawn its personnel from Libya, and radical jihadists now occupy a compound belonging to the U.S. Embassy.

Clinton recently said she disagreed with Obama's decision not to intervene in the Syrian civil war. Webb warns that the Syrian opposition includes not only elements friendly to the U.S. but also the radical Islamic State force that have wreaked mayhem there and in Iraq, murdering thousands and beheading two American journalists. Syria, he has warned, is "Lebanon on steroids."

Clinton has close ties to Wall Street, a slew of campaign funds from her and the Clinton Foundation. Since leaving office, she has received large speaking fees from hedge funds, private-equity companies and big banks such as Goldman Sachs.

Webb, 68, has long taken a populist, anti-Wall Street stance. In 2007, he delivered the Democratic response to President George W. Bush's state-of-the-union address. Webb declared that the health of American society should be measured "not with the numbers that come out of Wall Street, but with the living conditions that exist on Main Street."

He pushed a measure to slap a special tax on big bonuses paid out by Wall Street companies that received government assistance during the financial crisis. When

it failed, he complained that Democrats, beholden to Wall Street, killed it.

If Webb decides to run — fearlessness and unpredictability are his trademarks — there's plenty of ammunition against him. He's against gun control, and he has made comments that angered feminists, many of whom consider Clinton a case as well as a candidate, and environmentalists. He also has been involved in numerous personal controversies. ...

The maverick lawmaker had a few notable successes, passing a major veterans' education bill, putting criminal justice reform on the agenda, and calling for a pivot to Asia before Obama was elected. He has criticized executive overreach by both Bush and Obama.

A decorated war hero — he received the Navy Cross for "extraordinary heroism" — and author of nine books, he would run principally on the issues most likely to cut Clinton: opposition to an interventionist-centered foreign policy and softness toward Wall Street. He would bring more authenticity to those two issues than any other would-be Clinton challenger. In Iowa, he made no secret of his criticism of Clinton's tenure at State.

Clintonites will dismiss the Webb threat by pointing to his political weaknesses. But he's a safe bet: They will closely monitor his Sept. 23 Press Club speech.

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## OPINION

## Each wave of immigrants faces pushback

By PAUL METZGER

While like to say the United States is a nation of immigrants from everywhere who get along together, a melting pot that works. It's partly hard-won truth, partly comforting national myth. (The riots in Ferguson, Mo., underscore the myth.)

Gingerly avoided are three immigration elephants in the room that we'd rather not think about: the almost 400,000 Africans brought here in shackles; the Native Americans forced on genocidal internal migrations; and the Japanese slapped into internment camps during World War II and stripped of their property.

But there are even larger numbers of other immigrants who have received a less-than-warm welcome.

On Aug. 11, a mob burned down the Catholic Ursuline convent in Charleston, just outside enlightened Boston. No, you didn't somehow miss this on the news. It happened in 1834.

Violence against "the wrong kind" of immigrants blossomed in the 19th century. There was a major anti-Catholic riot in Bangor, Maine, again in 1834. Even earlier, Boston mobs in 1823, 1826 and 1828 attacked the homes of immigrant Irish Catholic workers. In Philadelphia, rioters struck again with extraordinary violence in Philadelphia in May and July 1844, burning down three Catholic churches. It took the army, with cannons, to restore order.

And it wasn't just the Irish who were victims; German Catholics also came under attack in the 1840s and '50s.

"Nativism," the credo of America for native-born Americans, led in the early 1850s to the secret Know Nothing society (so called because members would say they "know nothing" about it). They came out of the shadows as the American Party in 1855. Gone now, its spirit lingers on.

As ridiculous as it seems today, what the rioters and Know Nothings feared was that increasing Catholic immigration would lead to control of the United States by the pope. Anti-Catholicism and anti-Irish feelings continued to be not-so-hidden factors in our nation's politics until John F. Kennedy's election in 1960, when they were finally put to rest.

The Irish and German Catholics were followed by waves of immigrants from China from 1849 to 1882, and then millions of Italians, Slavs, Russians and Jews from 1880 into the early 20th century.

Italians were welcomed in New Orleans in 1891 with the largest mass lynching in the United States: 11 men were hung, and hundreds arrested on trumped-up charges. Eight years later, it happened again in Tallula, La., when five Italians were lynched. Anti-Italian feeling was still very much alive in the late 1920s at the Massachusetts trials and executions of Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti.

While there were laws in the 1700s about residency requirements for citizenship, there were no immigration statutes; we needed everyone we could get to settle the American continent. Though many were unwelcome, anyone could come. That is, until 1875.

That year, the Page Act, the first federal immigration law, responded to the growing number of Asian immigrants. It was followed by the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882. These began Washington's efforts to quiet rising national fears of the "Yellow Peril." The Chinese, much like today's Muslims, were considered too different culturally to ever be assimilated.

The 20th and 21st centuries saw a flood of 23 other statutes that set up barriers to immigration and citizenship. Many were designed to assure that "the character" of the United States wouldn't change; white, Protestant, British and Northern Europeans were always to be the majority in America. It hasn't worked.

In 2012, black, Hispanic, Asian and multiracial children were half of those under 5 years of age, and 37 percent of American children in the minorities. By 2010, Texas, California, New Mexico, Hawaii and the District of Columbia had become minority-majority jurisdictions. By 2043 it will be true of the entire country, and a declining population of whites will become a minority in the United States.

A lot of people see this tidal wave coming in less than 30 years and are consumed by the same fears that motivated the anti-Catholic, anti-Italian, anti-East European and anti-Chinese protesters of our past.

We have about 11 million illegal immi-



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Protesters at Freedom Plaza in Washington last month call for President Barack Obama to relax his deportation policies.

grants living in the United States, a quarter of our 40 million foreign-born residents; the great majority of the 11 million are Hispanic. As the most visible segment of the minority explosion, Hispanics in general are on the receiving end of the loudest attacks.

The protests today are not aimed at them simply as Hispanics; that would sound too much like prejudice. "Legality" has now become the focal point, but it's a euphemism for fear of fundamental social change.

The rallying cries today are "Secure the border," (meaning the one with Mexico, not the one with Canada), and "No amnesty" (meaning don't let all these Hispanics ever become citizens who might out-vote us). The recent arrival of 62,000 unaccompanied Central American "illegal children" provoked a protest storm that's undermined our reputation for compassion.

What present-day nativists really don't like about Hispanic citizens, as well as immigrants, legal and illegal alike, and loudly refuse to accept, is the country's unfolding

reality. Hispanics, already the country's largest minority, together with other minorities, will inevitably have a dominant vote not only in many local and state governments, but the federal government, as well. When it happens, it will again demonstrate that the real genius of the American nation is the ability to successfully evolve while preserving our basic institutions.

Anti-immigrant protests are an integral part of America's history. Like a virulent fever, they run through our country's past and into our present. It's an illness that's coursed through the nation's body many times, until it finally passes. Then we shake our heads, bewildered, wondering how it could have happened, what it was all about. While today's fever grips us, it helps to remember that each time we've gone through this we've come out a step closer to realizing that quintessentially American vision: a truly unified nation of immigrants.

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## Flip the burger blame to Congress, byzantine tax code

By CATHERINE RAMPPELL

Customers can be so demanding. First they criticized fast-food joints over nutritional content. Now they're getting picky about tax and labor practices.

In recent weeks, consumers and commentators have savaged Burger King over its plan to merge with Tim Hortons, a move that appears at least partly motivated by tax avoidance. And on Thursday, Burger King, McDonald's and other quick-service restaurants were the targets of strikes and civil disobedience in 150 cities across the United States as part of a national worker campaign for a \$15 hourly wage and the right to bargain collectively. Meanwhile, McDonald's is facing several high-profile lawsuits over whether it should be responsible for wage theft and other labor law violations allegedly committed by some of its franchisees.

The bad press has taken a toll on firms' reputations, with TV pundits arguing for boycotts and consumers unleashing their rage on the chains' Facebook pages. YouGov, a company that tracks views of brands, has found that consumers have reported hearing substantially more nega-

tive "buzz" (through advertising news coverage or word of mouth) about McDonald's and Burger King in recent weeks. Survey respondents have also become increasingly likely to say they would be "embarrassed" to work for the companies.

It's unclear whether all this bad PR will translate to lower profits for the firms. True, in July, McDonald's had its worst decline in global same-store sales in more than a decade. Yet YouGov's polling still found that about 2 in 5 adults reported patronizing a Mickey-D's in the previous month, while 1 in 5 went to a Burger King — pretty close to the average rates over the previous 18 months. Maybe consumers will put their money where their mouth is, and maybe they won't.

Either way, I'd prefer to see consumers carry more of their ire to the voting booth. When it comes to many of the tax and labor policies driving this bad PR, the firms themselves aren't entirely at fault. I blame Washington, too.

On tax policy, Burger King would hardly be the first major corporation to opt for a tax inversion; there have been 35 such cases since 2009, according to S&P Capital IQ's Global Markets Intelligence research team.

Why are all these firms engaging in complicated tax dodges like inversions? Because they are responding to the incentives our policymakers have embedded in the tax code and corporate governance law. A byzantine, loophole-riddled, high-staturate-rate tax code encourages companies to construct byzantine, Rube-Goldberg-like tax strategies to minimize their tax burdens. Our legislators have created a system in which it's easier to boost profits through tax strategy innovation than actual product innovation, and firms respond accordingly.

Regarding labor practices, wage theft is a serious crime that should be punishable by jail time. If McDonald's did indeed commit or encourage labor law violations, as some of its workers allege, it should be held accountable. But I understand why companies such as McDonald's set wages for low-skilled workers at or near the legal minimum, given the race-to-the-bottom nature of the industry. It's hard for companies to unilaterally take on higher labor costs when they face such stiff competition for low-price-point burgers, and when they have a fiduciary duty to their shareholders to maximize profits. As with voluntarily paying a higher-than-required tax bill,

firms like McDonald's and Burger King might worry that raising wages to appease social critics could put them at risk of shareholder lawsuits.

All of which is to say that the main target of consumer and worker agitation should not be the companies, but Congress. It has the power to simplify the tax code so that firms won't invest so many resources in tax avoidance. Congress also has the power to raise the minimum wage from its pitiful level of \$7.25 per hour, which would even the playing field for all companies that employ low-wage workers. The CEO of McDonald's, in a talk last May, even acknowledged that the company would "be fine" if Congress raised the federal minimum wage for all firms, and that McDonald's "will support legislation that moves forward."

By all means, consumers, vote with your wallets and support businesses that treat their workers well and that you perceive to be economic "patriots." But don't expect these companies to change their practices until Congress makes doing so worth their while.

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# Serena captures 3rd straight title

## Williams dispatches Wozniacki to earn her 18th major singles championship

By HOWARD FENDRICH  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A couple of months before Serena Williams capped her dominant run to a third consecutive U.S. Open championship and 18th major singles title Sunday night, she sat down with coach Patrick Mouratoglou to decipher why the season had been such a struggle by her standards.

At the time, Williams was coming off a third-round loss at Wimbledon, which followed a second-round loss at the French Open, which followed a fourth-round loss at the Australian Open — and, when Grand Slam success defines a legacy, that simply wouldn't do. The quest to match Chris Evert and Martina Navratilova at 18 was weighing on her.

"It was definitely on my shoulders," Williams could acknowledge after that burden was gone. "It was definitely like, 'Oh, get there. Get there. Get there.'"



CHARLES KRUHA/AP

Caroline Wozniacki, playing in just her second final at a major, lost 6-3, 6-3 to Serena Williams on Sunday in New York.

She knew, of course, there was one more big event left in 2014, and a finite amount of time to turn things around before heading to Flushing Meadows. In some ways starting from scratch, Williams regrouped and stopped her mini-slump, never dropping more than three games in any set, including a 6-3, 6-3 victory over close friend Caroline Wozniacki in Sunday's final.

"When Serena is on her game," said the 10th-seeded Wozniacki, who admitted she was nervous in her second Grand Slam title match, "there's not much we can do."

Williams matched Evert's total of six U.S. Opens and became the first woman to win three in a row since Evert's four-title run from 1975-78.

Add in Williams' five titles apiece at Wimbledon and the Australian Open, plus two at the French Open, and only three players have more Slams: Margaret Court with 24, Steffi Graf with 22, and Helen Wills Moody with 19. Ranked and seeded No. 1, Williams let Wozniacki keep things competitive for about five games but wound up compiling a hard-to-believe 29-4 edge in winners. Until a cross-court backhand in the final game, the only winners registered by Wozniacki came on aces.

When it was over, Williams dropped to her back behind the baseline, covering her face with her hands. Her first major trophy also came in New York, in 1999, when she was 17.

This time, Williams earned \$4 million, a record in tennis — \$3 million for the title, plus a \$1 million bonus for having had the best results during the North American summer hard-court circuit.

A few weeks shy of her 33rd birthday, making the American the oldest major champion since



DARRON CUMMINGS/AP

Serena Williams hugs the trophy after defeating Caroline Wozniacki during the U.S. Open championship on Sunday. It was her 18th major singles title, tying her with Martina Navratilova and Chris Evert.

Navratilova was 33 at Wimbledon in 1990, Williams powered this way and that in her black-and-pink hightops. Wozniacki is the one training for the New York City Marathon, but she was tuckered out by the end.

Wozniackimay as well have been an extra in this Williams highlight reel. Points were directed by Williams, via serves that reached 120 mph, forceful returns that backed Wozniacki into a corner when not producing outright winners, unreachable groundstrokes or the occasional volley.

"From a different planet," said Wozniacki's father, Piotr, who also coaches her. "Come on, there's no chance."

Yes, this was all about Williams. At times, it felt as if Wozniacki were there because, well, someone needed to be on the opposite side of the net.

They've been pals for years, and they hung out together in Miami — heading to the beach, watching an NBA playoff game — after both lost early at the French Open in May. Wozniacki

**“From a different planet. Come on, there's no chance.”**

Piotr Wozniacki

U.S. Open finalist Caroline Wozniacki's dad and coach on Serena Williams

says Williams helped her get over the end of her engagement to golf star Rory McIlroy. Williams said she planned to invite Wozniacki along for Sunday night's championship celebration.

"We're both going to do anything possible to win the match," said Wozniacki, a 24-year-old from Denmark who reached No. 1 in the rankings in 2010, a year after losing to Kim Clijsters in the U.S. Open final. "After the match, we're friends again."

Mouratoglou noted the obvious: It didn't matter one bit to Williams who she was facing.

"Yeah, they're friends," the coach said, "but on the other side, believe me, Serena has zero friends."

The last time she was at a major,

Williams followed her early Wimbledon singles exit with an odd episode in doubles, appearing disoriented and quitting after three games because of what she called a "bug."

"After Wimbledon, I was just so disappointed," Williams said. "I also realized I just needed to relax a little more. I put a lot of pressure on myself. I don't have to put pressure on myself."

When she met with Mouratoglou after Wimbledon to discuss how to proceed, he recalled Sunday. "She coached me. She told me, 'Look, you are a guy who likes challenges. I am so low. You should be motivated by that.'"

Since that chat in Paris, Williams has won 19 of 20 matches and three titles.

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## SPORTS BRIEFS/MLB

## Briefly

## Pac-12 fines Haden \$25K

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — The Pac-12 Conference has reprimanded and fined Southern California athletic director Pat Haden \$25,000 for coming down to the field at Stanford Stadium on Saturday and confronting game officials.

Pac-12 Commissioner Larry Scott said in a statement Monday that Haden's conduct was inappropriate. Scott said "such actions by an administrator in attempt to influence the officiating, and ultimately the outcome of a contest, will not be tolerated."

The Pac-12 also reprimanded USC coach Steve Sarkisian, who said he had requested Haden's presence on the sideline after a series of penalties left him irate at officials. Haden and Sarkisian apologized for their actions Sunday.

Haden, who is also a member of the new College Football Playoff selection committee, jotted notes on the field after getting a text message from a member of USC's staff during the Trojans' 13-10 win over Stanford. He held an animated discussion with officials between the third and fourth quarters.

Haden is one of five active athletic directors on the College Football Playoff committee, which will decide the four teams that will play for the national title at the end of the season. According to the committee's recusal policy, Haden is not permitted to take part in any votes involving USC when the committee is ranking teams.

## Angels' Hamilton out again with injury

CLEVELAND — Josh Hamilton's sore right shoulder is better, but not improved enough to get him back on the field.

The Los Angeles outfielder missed his fourth straight game Monday when the Angels played a makeup date against the surging Indians. Hamilton took batting practice and was in the starting lineup Sunday in Minnesota, but was scratched about an hour before the first pitch as his shoulder stiffened.

The AL West-leading Angels

had hoped he would play Monday, but manager Mike Scioscia said the slugger isn't ready.

"He feels much better today and hopefully that will continue tomorrow," Scioscia said. "He's still day to day, and we'll see where he is tomorrow."

## Blatter says he'll run for FIFA president again

MANCHESTER, England — Sepp Blatter will run for a fifth, four-year term as FIFA president.

Buoyed by a successful World Cup in Brazil and UEFA President Michel Platini opting not to stand in next year's election, the 78-year-old Blatter believes he has the backing to win again.

"I will make an official declaration definitely in September now when we have the executive committee," Blatter said in a pre-recorded interview shown Monday at the SoccerEx conference. "I will inform the executive committee. It's a question of respect also to say then to the football family, 'Yes I will be ready. I will be a candidate.'"

Despite ongoing corruption scandals engulfing FIFA and opposition within UEFA, Blatter appears to have retained the support of most national federations. Victory in the May election would extend Blatter's mandate to a 21st year in 2019 when he would be 83.

## Horschel wins lead-up to Tour Championship

CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE, Colo. — The bad swing a week ago is a distant memory. The blown lead Sunday — that wasn't enough to derail Billy Horschel, either. Horschel let a three-shot lead drop to nothing early in the final round of the BMW Championship before rebounding for a two-stroke victory over Bubba Watson.

Horschel shot a 1-under 69 and finished at 14-under 266 to put himself in prime position for the FedEx Cup title and its \$10 million bonus at the Tour Championship next week.

"If I were a betting man, I'd put some money on me," said

Horschel, who made \$1.44 million for his second career PGA Tour victory.

Watson finished with a 66.

The top 30 in the FedEx Cup standings advanced to the finale in Atlanta.

In other golf news:

■ Wes Short Jr. made an 8-foot eagle putt on the final hole to win the Quebec Championship for his first Champions Tour's title.

The 51-year-old Short played the final 10 holes in 8 under for an 8-und 64 and a one-stroke victory over Scott Dunlap in the first PGA Tour-sanctioned event in the area since 1956.

Dunlap, the Boeing Classic winner two weeks ago, also eagled the par-5 18th for a 64.

■ American David Lipsky won the European Masters, beating England's Graeme Storer with a par on the first hole of a playoff.

Lipsky closed with a 5-undr 65 to match Storm at 18-undr 262 on Crans-sur-Sierre's Seve Ballesteros Championship Course. Storm finished with a 68.

## Aussies investigated for allegedly throwing game

BARCELONA, Spain — Basketball's governing body is investigating if Australia deliberately lost a World Cup game to delay a possible matchup with the United States.

FIBA says "it is widely suspected that Australia lost" on purpose to Angola in a Group D game last Thursday in Las Palmas, Spain. The Angolans won 91-83.

FIBA says Australia's "on-court behavior... generated huge disappointment" by basketball fans and experts.

The result meant Australia could not meet the favored Americans until the semifinals.

Slovenia finished above Australia in the group and will play the U.S. in the quarterfinals Tuesday.

Australia's alleged strategy did not work. The team lost 65-64 to Turkey on Sunday and was eliminated from the tournament.

FIBA has asked Basketball Australia to "state its case" before deciding possible disciplinary sanctions.



JULIAN H. GONZALEZ, DETROIT FREE PRESS/MCT

A Comerica Park grounds crew member struggles to cover home plate with a tarp as strong winds and rain delay the Detroit Tigers' game against the San Francisco Giants in Detroit on Friday.

## This week in baseball

## Weather playing key part in pennant races

BY NOAH TRISTER  
The Associated Press

The San Francisco Giants were ahead by six runs, and manager Bruce Bochy was still antsy.

That's because a rainstorm was threatening to make that big lead moot.

"These are all important games," Bochy said. "A nice lead going into the fourth inning, that's the last thing you want to see, is it called and have to play it again."

The rain Friday night in Detroit eventually subsided, allowing the Giants to finish an 8-2 win over the Tigers, but the weather has played a major role in some key games lately. On Aug. 31 in Kansas City, the Royals trailed Cleveland 4-2 in the 10th inning when the game was suspended because of rain. It'll be finished Sept. 22 when the teams play in Cleveland.

On Aug. 19, Bochy's Giants were declared the losers of a game they trailed 2-0 in Chicago against the Cubs. It was called after 4½ innings — and a rain delay of 4½ hours — but San Francisco won a protest when MLB ruled that the tarp had not been properly put away after its previous use.

The game was ruled suspended, and the Giants lost anyway when it was resumed.

Bad weather late in the season can impact some of the year's biggest games — and there's not much time left for makeup dates. San Francisco got to keep its big lead against the Tigers — but only after the teams waited out a delay of 2 hours, 42 minutes.

The suspended game between the Royals and Indians means the AL Central standings are a bit deceiving. First-place Kansas City leads Detroit by two games and Cleveland by five — but the Indians need only three outs to finish a victory over the Royals, meaning things may be a bit tighter than they look.

Here are a few things to watch around the majors this week:

**Showdown in Motown:** Kansas City is 31-12 since July 22, and there wasn't a thing the Tigers could do about it until now. Detroit hosts a three-game series against the Royals starting Monday. It's the first time the teams have played each other since July 13.

Detroit is 9-4 against the Royals this season.

**Rivalry renewed:** The Giants trail the first-place Los Angeles Dodgers by three games in the NL West, and San Francisco hosts a three-game series between the teams starting Friday night.

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## MLB ROUNDUP

## Tigers' rookie Lobstein shuts down Giants

The Associated Press

DETROIT — When the Detroit Tigers put together a star-studded starting rotation for the pennant drive, Kyle Lobstein wasn't supposed to be part of the group.

Now, he might be their hottest pitcher.

Lobstein earned up his first major league victory Sunday night, allowing one run in 5 $\frac{2}{3}$  innings in the Tigers 6-1 win over the San Francisco Giants.

The 25-year-old Lobstein, who made his major league debut in long relief on Aug. 23, has a 2.11 ERA in three starts since moving into Anibal Sanchez's rotation spot five days later. The Tigers have won all three games.

"I'm pretty excited," Lobstein said after receiving a beer shower from teammates. "It's my first major league win, and we avoided the sweep, which makes it even better. We definitely needed a game like this."

Under general manager Dave Dombrowski, Detroit has favored pitchers who throw hard, but Lobstein doesn't fit that mold.

"This isn't a guy who is going to overpower you, but there are guys in this league who throw 82 and beat teams," catcher Alex Avila said. "He's got a lot of deception, he has a lot of movement and he's got four pitches that he can throw for strikes."

"When you can mix things up like that... even a 90-mph fastball looks like 94."

The win was Detroit's second over the Giants in 10 games, including San Francisco's sweep of the 2012 World Series.

"This was a big win for us, because we didn't want to face the Royals (Monday) having lost three in a row," Tigers manager Brad Ausmus said. "This puts us in a better mood going into what is, at least until now, the biggest series of the season."

Four relievers finished, with Phil Coke pitching the ninth.

Miguel Cabrera homered for the third time in two days and Torii

Hunter, getting a rare chance to face a starting pitcher older than he is, had three hits against Tim Hudson (9-10). Hudson, pitching in Detroit for the first time in 11 years, gave up three runs and eight hits in six innings.

"I felt all right, and I made some good pitches," Hudson said. "The one big mistake I made was to Miggy. He's starting to catch lightning a little bit, and when you hang a pitch like that to him, he's going to hit it out."

The Tigers took the lead on Hunter's RBI single in the third, and Cabrera followed with a long homer to left-center field.

The Giants finally got to Lobstein when Angel Pagan's infield single scored Gregor Blanco with two outs in the fifth. They threatened again in the seventh, putting runners on the corners with one out, but Blaine Hardy retired Pagan and Joe Panik.

"We needed a timely hit there to get back into the game," Giants manager Bruce Bochy said. "That's what we've been getting the last few games, but not that time."

Ian Kinsler's RBI double off George Kontos made it 4-1 in the seventh, and Cabrera drove in Kinsler with two outs to give him 11 straight seasons with 100 RBIs. Victor Martinez put the game away with a double into the right-center field gap that scored the hobbled Cabrera from first.

Cabrera aggravated his sore ankle, and Don Kelly played first base for the final two innings. Rajai Davis replaced Kelly in center.

"He said it was feeling better before the game, but running all the way from first was a problem," Ausmus said. "We'll see in the morning, but I'd say there is a very good chance he'll be the DH."

**Royals 2, Yankees 0:** Jordano Ventura (12-9) pitched three-hit ball into the seventh inning and AL Central-leading Kansas City beat host New York on a pair of unearned runs in their second shutout in the three-game series.



PAUL SANCYA/AP

Tigers pitcher Kyle Lobstein allowed just a run for his first major league victory against the San Francisco Giants on Sunday in Detroit.

Kansas City scored due to errors by pitcher Shane Greene (4-3) in the second inning and right fielder Carlos Beltran in the third. The Royals, who won 1-0 Friday night on an unearned run, went 4-3 against the Yankees this year to take the season series for the first time since 1999.

**Angels 14, Twins 4:** Mike Trout hit his 32nd homer and C.J. Wilson recovered from a slow start as visiting Los Angeles completed a seven-game season sweep of Minnesota.

Howie Kendrick, who had three hits and four RBIs, and C.J. Cron also homered for Los Angeles.

The AL West leaders had a season-high 19 hits and completed their fifth four-game sweep this season, extending a franchise record. They finished 7-0 against the Twins.

**Dodgers 7, Diamondbacks 2:** Adrian Gonzalez hit a pair of three-run homers to reach 100 RBIs for the seventh time as host Los Angeles beat Arizona after Trevor Cahill held them hitless for more than five innings.

**Marlins 4, Braves 0:** Brad Hand pitched six sharp innings and Jarrod Saltalamacchia drove in two runs to lead host Miami over Atlanta.

**Indians 2, White Sox 0:** Carlos Carrasco came within one out of his first complete game as host Cleveland finished a three-game sweep of Chicago. Michael Brantley's RBI single in the first put Cleveland ahead. Carlos Santana added a run-scoring groundout in the eighth.

**Rangers 1, Mariners 0:** Derek Holland pitched seven impressive innings in his second start off the disabled list as host Texas beat Seattle to end an eight-game losing streak.

**Rockies 6, Padres 0:** Nolan Arenado homered and Franklin Morales pitched six spotless innings for his first win in two months as host Colorado beat San Diego.

**Orioles 7, Rays 5 (11):** Nelson Cruz hit his second homer of the game in the 11th inning and drove in seven runs as AL East-leading Baltimore avoided a three-game sweep by host Tampa Bay.

**Pirates 10, Cubs 4:** Andrew McCutchen hit one of Pittsburgh's four homers as the Pirates moved into the second NL wild-card slot by beating host Chicago.

**Cardinals 9, Brewers 1:** Adam Wainwright pitched a seven-hitter for St. Louis and Peter Bortjjes had a key two-run triple as visiting St. Louis bombed Milwaukee to open a five-game lead in the NL Central.

**Nationals 3, Phillies 2:** Adam La Roche homered twice as Washington beat visiting Philadelphia and avoided a series sweep.

**Astros 4, Athletics 3:** Houston scored two runs in the ninth without a hit, including Dexter Fowler's bases-loaded walk for the tiebreaking run, to beat host Oakland.

**Blue Jays 3, Red Sox 1:** Jose Bautista hit a three-run homer and R.A. Dickey pitched into the eighth inning, carrying Toronto to the win over host Boston.

**Mets 4, Reds 3:** Curtis Granderson and Anthony Recker homered as visiting New York scored four unearned runs to get past Cincinnati.

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Tennessee	1	0	1.000	20
Houston	1	0	1.000	16
Indianapolis	1	0	1.000	24
Jacksonville	0	0	.000	17
Cincinnati	1	0	1.000	23
Cleveland	1	0	1.000	27
Baltimore	1	0	1.000	27
Denver	1	0	1.000	24
San Diego	1	0	1.000	19
Oakland	1	0	1.000	14
Kansas City	1	0	1.000	26

## National Conference

W	E	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	1	0	1.000	34
N.Y. Giants	1	0	1.000	34
Washington	1	0	1.000	6
Dallas	0	0	.000	17
Carolina	1	0	1.000	24
Atlanta	1	0	1.000	24
New Orleans	1	0	1.000	37
Tampa Bay	1	0	1.000	14
Minnesota	1	0	1.000	34
Detroit	0	0	.000	0
Chicago	1	0	1.000	23
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Seattle Seahawks at Denver Broncos

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Minnesota 24, St. Louis 6

Baltimore Ravens at Chicago 20, OT

Houston 17, Washington 6

San Francisco 26, Kansas City 14

Atlanta 37, New Orleans 34, OT

San Diego 29, Cincinnati 27

Philadelphia 34, Jacksonville 17

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Miami 33, New England 20

San Francisco 26, Kansas City 14

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### Monday's game

N.Y. Giants at Detroit 59, 14

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Monday, Sept. 15

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### Sunday

## Falcons 37, Saints 34 (OT)

New Orleans 6 14 0 14 10 3-37

Atlanta 0 0 0 14 10 3-37

### First Quarter

NO-FG Robinson 2 run (S. Graham kick), 9:58

ATL-White 2 pass from Ryan (Bryant kick), 10:22

NO-Cooks 3 pass from Green (S. Graham kick), 20:16

ATL-Bryant 10 run (Bryant kick), 2:00

### Second Quarter

ATL-Tollito 1 pass from Ryan (Bryant kick), 2:22

NO-Ingalls 2 run (Garham kick), 8:46

ATL-Rodgers 17 run (Bryant kick), 12:50

NO-Ingalls 3 run (S. Graham kick), 2:50

ATL-FG Bryant 51, 10:33

### Third Quarter

ATL-FG Bryant 52, 14:17

### Overtime

ATL-70, 7:06

First downs 30 28

Total Net Yards 568 568

Rushes-Yards 28-139 25-123

Passing 332 449

Punt Returns 1-34 1-21

Kickoff Returns 0-0 1-0

Comp-Att-Int 29-42-1 31-49-0

Sacked-Yards Lost 2-0 1-3

Fumbles-Lost 0-0 3-2

Punts 1-0 1-0

Time of Possession 31:27 31:18

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Passing-New Orleans, Brees 29-42-1, Ryan 12-17, Johnson 12-62, Brown 12-62, Coleman 12-62, Toliver 2-19, Watson 1-0, Atlanta, Jones 7-16, Douglas 6-69, Freeman 3-19, Toliver 3-19.

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NFL

# NFL: 'No one' had seen Rice footage

## New video shows Ravens' RB violently assaulting then-fiancée

BY DAVID GINSBURG  
The Associated Press

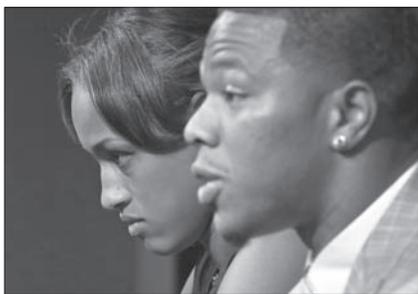
BALTIMORE — The NFL says the league never saw until Monday a video that appears to show Baltimore Ravens running back Ray Rice striking his then-fiancée in February.

The grainy video, released by TMZ Sports, apparently shows Rice and Janay Palmer in an elevator at an Atlantic City casino. Each hits the other before Rice knocks Palmer off her feet and into a railing.

An earlier TMZ video showed Rice dragging Palmer, now his wife, from the elevator at the Revel casino, which closed Sept. 2.

The NFL suspended Rice for two games in July for domestic violence.

"We requested from law enforcement any and all information about the incident, including the video from inside the elevator," NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said. "That video was not made available to us and no one in our office has seen it until today.



PACKET SEMANSKY/AP

In this May 23 photo, Janay Palmer, left, then the fiancée of Baltimore Ravens running back Ray Rice, looks on as Rice speaks during a news conference in Owings Mills, Md. A new video that shows Rice striking Palmer, now his wife, in an elevator in February.

Likewise, the Ravens said they had not seen it until now. Senior vice president Kevin Byrne said the team had no comment.

However, several reporters who cover the league, including Peter King of Sports Illustrated,

have reported that officials from the NFL and the Ravens had seen the more graphic video from inside the elevator.

Rice's lawyer, Michael Diamondstein, would not comment to The Associated Press.

# Thrill: Many games come down to wire

FROM BACK PAGE

## OMAHA!

Peyton Manning still yells that city's name at the line of scrimmage, defenses still don't know what it means — and he's still operating an efficient offense, even without the suspended Wes Welker. Manning connected with Julius Thomas, who is headed for a hefty new contract for three first-half scores in a 31-24 victory over Indianapolis.



Manning

The Broncos' performance raises this question — if Kansas City couldn't stop Tennessee's Jake Locker this Sunday, what will it do against Manning next week?

## Worth every penny

J.J. Watt's first game since signing a deal that reportedly guarantees him more than \$50 million showed that if anything, he's underpaid. All Watt did in a win against Washington was fumble an extra point, recover a fumble, bat down a pass, and sack Robert Griffin III. Oakland's Carr needs to watch out for Watt in Week 2.



Watt

Other injuries included Steelers' rookie running back Dri Archer, who left with left knee and ankle injuries. Chiefs tight tackle Jeff Allen left with a strained biceps. Titans linebacker Zach Brown injured his shoulder.

## Last-place Patriots

New England is 0-1 for the first time in 11 years after getting outscored by 23 points in the second half of a 33-20 loss at Miami. What will Bill Belichick change before playing Minnesota?

# Scoreboard

### FROM PAGE 28

**Broncos 31, Colts 24**

Indianapolis	0	7	3	14-24
Denver	9	21	0	7-31

**First Quarter**  
Den—FG McManus 21, 5:14.

**Second Quarter**  
Den—J.Thomas 3 pass from Manning (McManus kick), 14:14.

Den—J.Thomas 36 pass from Manning (McManus kick), 6:41.

Den—J.Thomas 5 pass from Manning (McManus kick), 1:57.

Ind—Luck 9 run (Vinatieri kick), 19:19.

**Third Quarter**  
Ind—FG Vinatieri 25, 1:31.

**Fourth Quarter**  
Den—Ball 3 run (McManus kick), 9:54.

Ind—Allen 41 pass from Luck (Vinatieri kick), 7:46.

Ind—Nick's 9 pass from Luck (Vinatieri kick), 3:26.

A—76,939.

	Ind	Den
First downs	24	24
Total Net Yards	408	361
Rushes-yards	14-54	32-102
Passing	3-34	259
Punt Returns	5-24	3-4
Kickoff Returns	0-0	0-0
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	2-17
Comp-Att-Int	35-53-2	22-36-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-16	1-10
Fumbles-Lost	4-49-8	5-46-8
Fumbles-Lost	2-10	3-2-0
Penalties-Yards	9-45	7-70
Time of Possession	27:36	32:24

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**  
**Rushing**—Indianapolis, Richardson 6-20; Luck 5-19; Bradshaw 5; Denver, Ball 23-57; Anderson 4-27; Sanders 1-11; Manning 4 (minus 3).  
**Passing**—Indianapolis, Luck 35-53-2-370; Denver, Manning 22-36-0-269.  
**Receiving**—Indianapolis, Wayne 9-98; Bradshaw 5-70; Hilton 5-44; Nicks 5-36; Allen 4-34; Richardson 3-19; Flesher 2-14; Moncrief 1-9; Denver, J.Thomas 7-104; Sanders 6-77; D.Thomas 4-48; Ball 2-16; Caldwell 2-16; Green 1-8.

### Dolphins 33, Patriots 20

New England	10	10	0	20-33
Miami	7	3	13	10-23

**First Quarter**  
Mia—Miller 4 pass from Tannehill (Sturgis kick), 11:45.

NE—Veren 2 run (Gostkowski kick), 5:10.

NE—FG Gostkowski 47, 2:47.

**Second Quarter**  
NE—Gronkowski 6 pass from Brady (Gostkowski kick), 8:37.

Mia—FG Sturgis 38, 1:59.

NE—FG Gostkowski 45, 3:06.

**Third Quarter**  
Mia—FG Sturgis 24, 10:06.

Mia—M.Wallace 14 pass from Tannehill (Sturgis kick), 6:55.

Mia—FG Sturgis 22, 2:38.

**Fourth Quarter**  
Mia—Moreno 4 run (Sturgis kick), 3:29.

Mia—FG Sturgis 27, 2:44.

A—70,630.

	NE	Mia
First downs	30	25
Total Net Yards	315	360
Rushes-yards	20-89	38-191
Passing	226	169
Punt Returns	2-15	3-24
Kickoff Returns	3-77	3-75
Interceptions Ret.	1-0	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	29-56-0	18-32-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	4-23	1-9
Fumbles-Lost	6-40-3	2-50-0
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	3-2
Penalties-Yards	9-100	4-26
Time of Possession	29:13	30:27

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**  
**Rushing**—New England, Veren 7-36; Ridley 8-21; Edelman 2-21; Bolden 2-8; Brady 1-3; Miami, Moreno 24-134; Miller 11-55; Tannehill 3 (minus 2).  
**Passing**—New England, Brady 29-56-0-249; Miami, Tannehill 18-31-178.  
**Receiving**—New England, Edelman 6-95; Thomas 5-37; Veren 5-35; Gronkowski 4-40; Amendola 3-16; Wright 3-15; Ridley 2-7; Bolden 1-4; Miami, M.Wallace 7-81; Miller 4-19; Clay 2-27; Hartline 2-26; Gibson 1-9; Sims 1-9; Hoskins 1-7.

# KC loses LB Johnson for season to torn ACL

The Associated Press

It was a rough opening game for the Kansas City Chiefs, who lost Pro Bowl linebacker Derrick Johnson to a torn Achilles tendon.

Johnson went down late in the first half Sunday with nobody around and needed to be carted off the field.

Kansas City lost another defensive starter, Mike DeVito, in the second half to the same injury in a loss to Tennessee.

Houston had a scare when Jadeveon Clowney, the top overall pick in this year's draft, injured his knee and didn't return in a win over the Redskins.

It wasn't clear how Clowney was injured, but it happened late in the second quarter. He looked to be arguing with the team doc-

tor as the pair walked off the field to the locker room a couple of minutes before halftime.

The Rams already lost one quarterback for the season when Sam Bradford injured his knee in the third preseason game. Shaun Hill left St. Louis' loss against Minnesota with a left quadriceps injury. St. Louis also lost defensive end Chris Long to a left ankle injury.

Cleveland tight end Jordan Cameron aggravated a shoulder injury after catching two passes for 47 yards against Pittsburgh. The Browns also lost running back Ben Tate to a knee injury. Washington tight end Jordan Reed strained his hamstring at Houston.

Other injuries included Steelers' rookie running back Dri Archer, who left with left knee and ankle injuries. Chiefs tight tackle Jeff Allen left with a strained biceps. Titans linebacker Zach Brown injured his shoulder.

Tampa Bay lost newly acquired guard Logan Mankins to a knee injury in the second quarter.



Johnson

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# NFL ROUNDUP



**23 (OT) 20**

**CHICAGO** — The Buffalo Bills' push to end a 14-year playoff drought is off to a good start.

Fred Jackson set up Dan Carpenter's overtime field goal with a 38-yard run to the 1, and the visiting Bills surprised the Chicago Bears in the season opener on Sunday.

The 33-year-old Jackson ran for just 61 yards on the day, but he came through with a big scamper at the end.

"I am old, but I can still play," he said.

The Bears had just punted, and Buffalo took over on its 22 to start the winning possession. The Bills moved the ball to the Chicago 39 when the Jackson turned toward the left side and broke off his big run, pushing safety Chris Conte out of the way twice inside the 10 before being knocked out of bounds.

EJ Manuel backed up 3 yards and put the ball in the middle of the field. After a delay of game penalty, Carpenter won it with a 27-yarder.



**34 17**

**MIAMI GARDENS, Fla.** — Knowshon Moreno rushed for 134 yards and a touchdown, Ryan Tannehill threw for two scores and the Dolphins overpowered New England after halftime.

Miami outscored New England 23-0 in the second half.

Tannehill had touchdown throws to Lamar Miller and Mike Wallace as Miami debuted a faster-paced offense. The Dolphins' defense made four sacks and recovered two fumbles.

It was New England's first loss in an opener since 2003.



**34 17**

**PHILADELPHIA** — Nick Foles threw a 68-yard touchdown pass to Jeremy Maclin in the fourth quarter and the Eagles rallied from a 17-0 second-half deficit.

Chad Henne threw two touchdown passes to rookie Allen Hurns in the first quarter and the Jaguars dominated the defending NFC East champion Eagles in the first two quarters.

But whatever Chip Kelly said to his players at halftime worked. The Eagles scored TDs on their first two possessions in the third quarter. Foles made a perfect deep throw to a wide-open Maclin for the longest pass of his career to put the Eagles ahead 24-17.



CHARLES REX ARBOGAST/AP

**Buffalo running back Fred Jackson takes off on his 38-yard run during overtime against the Bears on Sunday in Chicago. The play set up the winning field goal for the Bills, who won 23-20 in overtime.**



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**PITTSBURGH** — Shaun Suisham drilled a 41-yard field goal as time expired.

The Steelers blew a 24-point halftime lead as the Browns rallied behind quarterback Brian Hoyer, but escaped thanks to some great plays from Ben Roethlisberger and wide receiver Markus Wheaton.

Roethlisberger hit Wheaton twice on the winning drive, including a 20-yarder that put Suisham in range to send the Browns to their 10th straight season-opening loss.

Roethlisberger passed for 365 yards and a touchdown.

Hoyer threw for 230 yards and a score and played brilliantly at times in the second half in a performance that should strengthen his grip on the starting job over rookie Johnny Manziel.

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** — Jake Locker threw for 266 yards and two touchdowns, while Alex Smith was intercepted three times.

Locker picked apart a defense that lost linebacker Derrick Johnson and defensive tackle Mike DeVito to Achilles tendon injuries. Locker was 22 of 33 and found eight targets, including former Chiefs wide receiver Dexter McCuster.

Kendall Wright and Delanie Walker had TD catches for the Titans, and Ryan Succop was perfect on four field-goal attempts against the team that released him last weekend.

Smith was 19 of 35 for 202 yards and a touchdown for a Chiefs offense missing suspended wide receiver Dwayne Bowe and right tackle Donald Stephenson.

**BALTIMORE** — A.J. Green caught a 77-yard touchdown pass from Andy Dalton, and the Bengals blew a 15-point lead before bouncing back. Green got behind cornerback Chykie Brown, who was pressed into a starting role for the injured Lardarius Webb.

The ball popped from Green's grasp before he gathered it in.

That TD, along with the 2-point conversion, came 48 seconds after Baltimore newcomer Steve Smith caught an 80-yard touchdown pass from Joe Flacco.

Following Green's score, Flacco took the Ravens to the Cincinnati 16 before he was sacked on fourth down.

Mike Nugent kicked five field goals for a 15-0 halftime lead and the Bengals ended a four-game losing streak in Baltimore.



**34 6**

**ST. LOUIS** — Wide receiver Cordarrelle Patterson ran for 67 yards on three carries with a simple pitchout and the Vikings opened impressively under new coach Mike Zimmer.

Rams quarterback Shaun Hill lasted one half as the stand-in starter for Sam Bradford, missing the rest of the game with a thigh injury and leaving untested Austin Davis in charge.



**19 14**

**EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.** — Chris Ivory burst through a few tackle attempts for a 71-yard touchdown run midway through the fourth quarter, and the Jets' defense clamped down on Oakland rookie quarterback Derek Carr.

With still a one-score game, Ivory rushed up the middle and appeared stopped, but slipped a few would-be tacklers on his way to the end zone. A 2-point conversion failed, but the Jets held on to win their season opener.



**20 14**

**TAMPA, Fla.** — Derek Anderson filled in nicely for injured Cam Newton, throwing for 230 yards and two touchdowns.

Despite rallying with two late TDs, it was an ugly debut for the Bucs under coach Lovie Smith. The defense applied little pressure on Anderson, and an offense that was among the worst in the NFL in 2013 showed few signs of improvement until midway through the fourth quarter.



**17 6**

**HOUSTON** — Rookie Alfred Blue blocked a punt and returned it for a touchdown and J.J. Watt lived up to his massive new contract to help Texans snap a 14-game losing streak.

The Texans led 7-6 after a 76-yard touchdown reception by DeAndre Hopkins in the second quarter. Blue blocked Washington's punt on the next drive, scooped it up and returned it 5 yards for a touchdown.

NFL

# Broncos hold on for victory over Colts

BY ARNIE STAPLETON  
The Associated Press

DENVER — Peyton Manning warned it wasn't going to be easy replacing Wes Welker.

The Denver Broncos held on to beat the Indianapolis Colts 31-24 on Sunday night after Manning threw three first-half touchdown passes to tight end Julius Thomas.

In his second try, Manning beat his old team and joined Brett Favre as the only quarterbacks to beat each of the current 32 NFL franchises.

"It means I'm old," Manning cracked. More heart-pounders like this and Manning will go gray.

Manning was sacked only once on this night. But he was victimized by more than a-half dozen drops, finishing 22-for-36 for 269 yards with no interceptions.

The Broncos raced out to a 24-0 lead, a perfect test for GM John Elway's blueprints for returning to the Super Bowl. He spent more than \$100 million on a defensive makeover and retooled his offensive line.

With Welker serving a four-game suspension for violating the NFL's policy on performance-enhancing drugs, the Broncos couldn't convert third downs, going 1-for-7 in the second half after a first half in which they went 6-for-7.

"We've got to find a way to play all four quarters as an offense," Manning said. "Thank goodness the defense picked us up when the offense wasn't doing their job



JACK DEMPSEY/AP

**Denver Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning (18) throws a pass under pressure from Indianapolis Colts inside linebacker Jerrell Freeman (50) during the first half of Sunday's game in Denver.**

quite as well."

The Broncos fended off a furious comeback attempt by Andrew Luck, who was working wonders behind a patchwork offensive line.

"We did manage to take advantage of some opportunities in the second half that we didn't in the first. It was good to get that two-minute drive right at the end of the half," said Luck, whose 9-yard scamper made it 24-7 at the break and provided a spark for the Colts.

"Obviously, when you start the

way that we started, you dig yourself a hole you can't come back from," Colts coach Chuck Pagano said.

Both teams left the stadium talking about needing to clean up their play.

"It wasn't the best win, but guess what, it was a great opener," said DeMarcus Ware, who had 1½ sacks in his Denver debut after a franchise-high 117 in nine seasons in Dallas.

Safety Rahim Moore had two interceptions in his first game

since Nov. 17, when he underwent emergency surgery on his left calf because of a rare muscle condition known as compartment syndrome.

Luck brought the Colts within a touchdown when he found Hakeem Nicks for a 9-yard scoring strike with 3:26 remaining. And they got the ball back 28 seconds later after Denver went three-and-out.

Indy's last drive stalled at midfield when rookie Bradley Roby broke up a fourth-and-6 pass to

Reggie Wayne.

"We said we've got to make a play to win the game," Roby said. "We can't rely on the offense. It's on us."

Thomas' trio of touchdowns grabbed a franchise record for most in a game. Hall of Famer Shannon Sharpe did it three times.

Thomas hauled in a 3-yard touchdown toss with Jerrell Freeman draped on him. Then, he heaved his way for a 35-yard score with D'Quell Jackson in pursuit. Finally, he beat LaRon Landry on the line for a 5-yarder.

"I feel like it's my responsibility to make big plays when my team needs it," Thomas said. "Something I pride myself on is being ready for man coverage. It's like backyard football with your little brother or cousins. I don't believe you should be covered 1-on-1."

Early in the fourth quarter, the Colts had three defenders focused on Thomas when running back Montee Ball bulled his way in from 3 yards out to make it 31-10.

Luck found Dwayne Allen down the Broncos sideline for a 41-yard scoring completion and Indy needed five plays and 49 seconds to cover 45 yards and made it a one-score game.

Denver's defense came up with two big stops deep in its territory during a third quarter dominated by Indy. On fourth down at the 1, linebacker Brandon Marshall, making his first career start, stuffed Luck's run up the middle.

## Ryan's 448 yards lift Falcons in OT

BY PAUL NEWBERRY  
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Matt Ryan has turned in plenty of impressive performances for the Atlanta Falcons. This was probably his best one yet.

Throwing for a franchise-record 448 yards and showing some rarely used mobility to keep plays going, Ryan led the Falcons to a 37-34 overtime victory over the New Orleans Saints in another thriller between the NFC South rivals Sunday.

Bryant kicked a tying 51-yard field goal on the final play of regulation and won the season opener with a 52-yarder after the Saints fumbled the ball away on the second play of overtime.

But this was mostly about Ryan, who completed 31 of 43 with three touchdowns and eclipsed the team passing record of 431 yards set by Chris Chandler in 2001. Ryan also ran three times for 15 yards and dodged the Saints' pressure most of the day, going down only one time after taking a career-high 44 sacks last season.

He's played a lot of games, made a lot of plays for us," coach Mike Smith said. "But I was re-

ally impressed with his ability to extend some plays by moving around in the pocket. And he was very, very accurate. When you have [568 yards] of total offense and 448 through the air, your quarterback is playing well."

For good measure, Ryan eclipsed the team record for career TD passes. He is now at 156, breaking the mark of 154 held by Steve Bartkowski.

The teams combined for 17 points in the final 2:50 of the fourth. The Saints got the ball first in overtime, but Marques Colston was stripped from behind by William Moore after catching a first-down pass over the middle.

Joplu Bartu recovered the fumble at the Saints 38. Moore flexed his muscles from his knees in the middle of the field, while Colston slammed his helmet in disgust when he got back to the sideline, brushing away a teammate who tried to console him.

"You've only got two eyes. You can't see behind you," Moore said of his play on Colston. "I'm going to continue to work on that and hopefully I can get some more throughout the season."

The Falcons (1-0), who twice



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**Matt Ryan's 448 yards passing in Atlanta's 37-34 overtime win over New Orleans on Sunday broke the team record of 431 yards by Chris Chandler in 2001.**

trailed from 13 points in the first half, went ahead on Jacquizz Rodgers' dazzling 17-yard run with 2:50 remaining. The diminutive back cut this way and that for a 31-27 lead. Back came Drew Brees and the Saints (0-1), needing only 90 seconds to go 71 yards. Mark Ingram powered over from the 3 for his second touchdown to make it 34-31 with 1:20 left.

That was enough time for Ryan. He completed three passes on the tying drive, the big one a 21-yarder to Devin Hester that set up Bryant's tying kick.

## 49ers pick rusty Romo 3 times, beat Cowboys

BY SCHUYLER DIXON  
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ARLINGTON, Texas — Colin Kaepernick and the San Francisco 49ers can put a tumultuous offseason behind them. They have a rusty Tony Romo to thank for making the opener a little easier.

Kaepernick threw two touchdown passes to Vernon Davis, one after the first of three interceptions from Romo, and the 49ers cruised to a 28-17 win over the sloppy Cowboys on Sunday.

The 49ers (1-0) came in with questions about their defense, missing key players because of injuries or suspensions. Defensive tackle Ray McDonald got the start just a week after his arrest in a domestic violence case.

The secondary put all those issues to rest, getting Chris Culliver's 35-yard fumble return for a touchdown on the second play of the game and two of the Romo picks on their way to a 28-3 half-

time lead.

"There's been a lot of rhetoric," said coach Jim Harbaugh, who improved to 4-0 in season openers. "This game was about steel in the spine. When it comes to 49er players, that's where they excel."

After Culliver picked up a loose ball stripped from DeMarco Murray and ran untouched for a score, safety Eric Reid returned Romo's first interception 48 yards to the Dallas 2, setting up Kaepernick's second scoring toss to Davis.

"Our front seven did a good job getting pressure on the quarterback, and the secondary played well," Reid said.

Rom0 looked like a quarterback who was limited in the offseason and training camp, not a good start for a team trying to avoid tying a team record with a fifth straight year of missing the playoffs.

He didn't see Reid on a throw to Dez Bryant, then didn't see wide-open receiver Dwayne Harris for what would have been an easy touchdown. Instead he forced a pass to Jason Witten that was intercepted by Patrick Willis in the end zone.

"I felt comfortable," said Romo, who threw for 281 yards and a touchdown. "Just couple poor decisions that I made tonight."



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Pittsburgh kicker Shaun Suisham, left, is congratulated by teammates after hitting a 41-yard field goal as time expired against Cleveland on Sunday in Pittsburgh.

# Rivalry games provide thrills

The Associated Press

**B**ig-time rivalries yielded sizzling finishes on opening weekend of the NFL season. Pittsburgh needed a last-play field goal by Shaun Suisham to beat Cleveland. Atlanta had to go overtime to defeat New Orleans on Matt Bryant's kick.

Cincinnati blew a 15-0 lead before making enough big plays to down Baltimore. And Miami dominated in the second half to drop New England into last place — last place! — in the AFC East. The Buffalo Bills also won in OT, and the New York Jets rallied past Oakland. Sure, it's only Week 1, but those were

pretty memorable results.

"Well, that was exciting, wasn't it?" joked Steelers coach Mike Tomlin, who could do without such stress.

"It's big for the team, man," Bengals receiver A.J. Green said after his 77-yard TD reception beat Baltimore. "Just taking that next step to being a great team."

Here are some of the other top topics after the NFL season's first Sunday:

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## Passing-game penalties

Flags were flying thanks to the competition committee's rewording of — and "emphasis" on — rules governing downfield coverage. Heading into Monday night's games, there were 34 penalties called for defensive holding or illegal contact in the season's first 13 games, more than three times as many as the 11 such calls in all 16 of the Week 1 games a year ago, according to STATS. There

also was a jump in offensive pass interference, from five calls to 12.

## Oh, no, Romo

The thinking was that Dallas' defense would be its downfall this season. That might be, but Tony Romo's first game since back surgery featured three first-half interceptions in a home loss to San Francisco.

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