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COMBATING CLIMATE CHANGE

PACOM is not waiting to plan for global warming challenges

By **WYATT OLSON**
Stars and Stripes

FORT SHAFTER, Hawaii — As Congress remains gridlocked on more than 200 bills related to climate change, U.S. Pacific Command is forging strategies with partner nations in the region to mitigate the security effects of global warming.

"You can't deny the fact that there are military consequences going on as a result of storms," said Brig. Gen. Mark McLeod, who headed PACOM's Logistics, Engineering and Security Cooperation directorate for two years until transferring to the Pentagon this summer.

"Seventy percent of the bad storms that happen in the world are in the Pacific," he said. "Call it climate change, call it the big blue rabbit, I don't

give a hoot what you call it — the military has to respond to those kinds of things."

Indeed, claims by some that

global warming is a myth, there's growing accord among analysts and military thinkers around the world that the repercussions of climate change will require the same application of strategy the military would employ when grappling with any foe.

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A Navy Seabee removes rust from a bridge on Tarawa, Kiribati, during an engineering project that was part of Pacific Partnership 2013.

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Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

CRISIS IN IRAQ

Fighters abandoning al-Qaida to join Islamic State

By **GREG MILLER**
The Washington Post

US. spy agencies have begun to see groups of fighters abandoning al-Qaida affiliates in Yemen and Africa to join the rival Islamist organization that has seized territory

in Iraq and Syria and has been targeted in American airstrikes, U.S. officials said.

The movements are seen by U.S. counterterrorism analysts as a worrisome indication of the expanding appeal of a group known as the Islamic State that has overwhelmed military forces in the region and may now see itself in direct con-

flikt with the United States.

"Small groups from a number of al-Qaida affiliates have defected to ISIS," as the group is also known, said a U.S. official with access to classified intelligence assessments. "And this problem will probably become more acute as ISIS continues to rack up victories."

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"He just looks at the picture in everything. His attitude is that you don't give up. You don't quit. You don't say, 'I can't.'"

— Maine first lady Ann LePage, who jumped from an airplane with Army Staff Sgt. Travis Mills, who lost all four limbs in an IED attack in Afghanistan, to raise money for a veterans center and museum in Maine

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MIDEAST

Coalition trooper hurt in Kabul attack

By STEVEN BEARDSLEY AND ZUBAIR BABAKARKHAH Stars and Stripes

KABUL, Afghanistan — A suicide bomber attacked a military convoy in Kabul on Sunday, killing four Afghan civilians, wounding dozens more and injuring one servicemember from the NATO-led coalition, NATO and Afghan officials said. No members of the International Security Assistance Force were killed in the bombing, according to a spokesman for the military coalition. He said it was a joint Afghan-ISAF convoy, but he would not give the nationalities of the ISAF troops. The attack took place about 11:30 a.m. on Darulaman Road,

on the western side of the city, according to Kabul police spokesman Hashmadullah Stanikzai. The explosion injured 35 Afghan civilians, he said. Two children and a woman were among the dead, and one child and a woman among the injured, he said. The Taliban took credit for the attack through its spokesman, Zabihullah Mujahid, who claimed

the bomber destroyed "two tanks" and killed everyone inside. The Taliban often inflate the damage and casualty numbers caused by their attacks. The NATO-led coalition is investigating the attack, according to its spokesman.

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Afghan vote review still slow as deadline looms

By STEVEN BEARDSLEY Stars and Stripes

KABUL, Afghanistan — It starts by cutting the bright, green seal on the lid of the ballot box, but the tedious task of auditing just one box among five hangars' worth in Afghanistan's contested presidential election often ends only hours later. The pace of counting continues to lag amid challenges by both campaigns two days after rival candidates Ashraf Ghani and Abdullah Abdullah stood with Secretary of State John Kerry and pledged to accept the results of an election audit they vowed would end before NATO leaders meet next month to discuss their future commitments in Afghanistan. Once the seals are cut, the box is opened and some quick math is done to match the number of ballots with a tally sheet inside. Things slow from there. While an auditor from the Afghan Independent Election Commission flips through several bundles of ballots, observers from the rival campaigns lean in, peering at check marks and scribbles and pulling aside the ballots they consider suspicious. According to new rules released after the Kerry-brokered agreement, 20 suspicious ballots — those with similar markings, possibly suggesting ballot stuffing — are needed to trigger a recount of the entire box. When campaign observers fail to agree the number of suspicious votes reaches that threshold, they must turn to a member of the U.N. team overseeing the process. "Lately they have to call the U.N. over," said one international observer, who asked not to be named due to rules limiting interviews by observers. Boxes can take as little as one hour to review, or as long as a day, observers said. So it goes in the five large hangars inside a fortified base just east of Kabul, where election auditors and observers tasked with determining the next president of Afghanistan are struggling to balance fairness with a fast-approaching deadline. The importance of an election resolution was underlined by Kerry's second visit in



STEVEN BEARDSLEY/Stars and Stripes

Election observers look over ballots from Afghanistan's June 14 presidential runoff in Kabul on Sunday.

a month to coax the candidates to put aside their differences in the interest of resolving who will succeed President Hamid Karzai. The U.S. and its allies in the NATO-led coalition are due to withdraw all combat troops from Afghanistan by the end of the year, but plans to leave a limited number of troops mainly to train and advise the Afghan security forces are contingent on the next president signing a bilateral security agreement, which Karzai has refused to sign. The audit of more than 8 million ballots from the June 14 runoff election, which showed Ghani leading though he came in second in the first round of voting, had been suspended repeatedly as the campaigns cried foul. In meetings with both candidates, Kerry urged them to drop their protests over the audit itself and begin working on a power-sharing agreement to follow. The candidates agreed to push for the audit to be completed by Aug. 31, in time for the winner to appear before the summit of NATO members in Wales the first week of September. The military alliance will look for a peaceful transition as a sign of progress in the troubled

country, which is dealing with an entrenched insurgency and a rock-bottom economy, and needs to prepare for future commitments to the country after this year.

As of Saturday evening, with roughly a third of the month gone, observers had audited only a quarter of nearly 23,000 ballot boxes from across the country. Despite a goal of auditing 1,000 boxes per day, the most they've completed in one day was 720 boxes. Saturday's total came to 480, according to the Independent Election Commission.

A spokesman for the IEC told reporters Sunday that it will soon release the number of two-person IEC audit teams working each six-hour shift from 100 to 150. Noor Mohammad Noor said the audit process had improved since the candidates signed the agreement Friday; before, he said, candidates often disagreed over criteria for invalidating votes. "The process is going smoothly and without any difficulties," Noor said.

While observers agree the audit is going more smoothly, with fewer open disagreements, they say the process remains tedious. In addition to the audit teams, multiple other participants huddle around each ballot box, including one observer from each campaign, an international observer and one or two additional Afghans. Among them are representatives of the Afghan Independent Electoral Complaints Commission and the Free and Fair Election Forum of Afghanistan, which provides observers. U.N. advisers float around the hangars, meanwhile, and media members are often on hand.

Ghani currently leads the count by roughly 1 million votes. Noor said the election commission will begin officially invalidating votes this week, running the updated numbers from each hard-copy recount through a digital tallying system. He said the audit would speed up in the coming days. "We are working closely with the candidate teams," Noor said. "And the process will be faster."

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CRISIS IN IRAQ

Kurdish forces retake 2 towns in northern Iraq

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The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Kurdish forces on Sunday retook two towns from the Sunni militants that have seized large parts of northern Iraq, said a senior Kurdish military official, amid a building international response that has included aid drops and airstrikes.

Brig. Gen. Shirko Fatih said the Kurdish fighters were able to push the militants of the Islamic State group out of the villages of Makhmour and al-Gweir some 28 miles from Irbil, in one of the first victories by the Kurdish forces that until now have been in retreat.

The victories by the radical Sunni militants, who adhere to an extremist, intolerant interpretation of Islam, have sent tens of thousands of the country's minorities fleeing from their homes in fear.

The United States announced a fourth round of airstrikes Sun-

day against militant vehicles and mortars firing on Irbil as part of its small-scale series of attacks meant to discourage the Sunni fighters from endangering U.S. personnel near the Kurdish capital.

During a visit to Baghdad, France's foreign minister said Paris will provide "several tons" of aid to hundreds of thousands of internally displaced people and called upon leaders in Baghdad to unite against the Sunni militants, who have seized large parts of the country.

Speaking at a press conference with Iraqi acting Foreign Minister Hussain al-Shahristani, Laurent Fabius said his visit is aimed at boosting humanitarian efforts in northern Iraq, where tens of thousands of minority Yazidids have fled into the mountains and even into neighboring Syria to escape the Islamic State.

Britain, for its part, said its air force has already dropped water containers and solar lanterns



KHALID MUHAMMAD/AP

Displaced Iraqis from the Yazidi community settle at the camp of Bajid Kandala in Feeshkhabour, Iraq, near the Syrian border on Saturday.

over the Sinjar mountains where the Yazidids have taken refuge with little food and water.

An ancient religion with links to Zoroastrianism, the Yazidids have been given a choice by the militants of either converting to Islam or dying.

U.S. fighter jets and drones have also attacked militants firing on the Yazidids around Sinjar, which is in the far west of the country near the Syrian border.

After Kurdish fighters opened a path to the border, thousands of Yazidids have been pouring across

the river into Kurdish-controlled parts of Syria.

Those crossing told The Associated Press they had lost their siblings, children and their elderly parents, describing militants randomly spraying machine-gun fire in their direction as they fled.

Fighters: US airstrikes trigger calls for retaliation among militant groups online

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The influx has strengthened an organization already regarded as a menacing force in the Middle East, one that has toppled a series of Iraqi cities by launching assaults so quickly and in so many directions that security forces caught in the group's path have been unable to respond with anything but retreat.

U.S. officials attribute the Islamic State's rapid emergence to factors both psychological and tactical. Its core group of fighters honed their skills against the armies of Syrian President Bashar Assad and the United States when it occupied Iraq. The group has used raids and ransoms to stockpile weapons and cash. And its merciless reputation triggered rampant defections among Sunni members of Iraq's security forces already disenchanted with the Shiite-led government in Baghdad.

Even before its assault on Kurdish territories in northern Iraq this month, analysts said the Islamic State had shown an almost rampant character in its pursuit of territory and recruits, with little patience for the elaborate and often time-consuming terrorism plots favored by al-Qaida.

Counterterrorism analysts at the CIA and other agencies have so far seen no indication that an entire al-Qaida node or any of its senior leaders are prepared to switch sides. But officials said they

“The mujahideen must strike and seek to execute proactive operations in their own home, America, to discipline America and its criminal soldiers.”

Abu al-Ayn al-Khorasani
prominent jihadist

have begun watching for signs of such a development.

The launching of U.S. airstrikes has raised new questions, including whether the bombings will hurt the Islamic State's ability to draw recruits or elevate its status among jihadists.

“Does that increase the spirit or close it?” said a senior U.S. counterterrorism official, who, like others, spoke on the condition of anonymity and noted that U.S. military operations in Afghanistan and elsewhere have crippled al-Qaida but also served as rallying cries against the United States.

Longer-term, U.S. officials expressed concern that the Islamic State, which so far has been focused predominantly on its goal of re-establishing an Islamic caliphate, may now place greater emphasis on carrying out attacks against the United States and its allies.

President Barack Obama was careful to depict the strikes as part of a humanitarian mission

to protect endangered Iraqis, including members of a Christian sect, encircled with scant supplies on a northern Iraq mountain-top. Obama also referred to the presence of U.S. personnel in the region and stopped short of authorizing a broader assault against the Islamic State.

Still, the strikes triggered widespread calls for retaliation among militant groups online. A prominent figure on a well-known jihadist forum called Shumukh al-Islam, wrote Friday that the airstrikes should prompt fighters to unite against the United States.

“The mujahideen must strike and seek to execute proactive operations in their own home, America, to discipline America and its criminal soldiers,” the jihadist, Abu al-Ayn al-Khorasani, wrote, according to the SITE Intelligence Group, which monitors militant postings.

U.S. officials said the defections to the Islamic State have come primarily from al-Qaida in the

Arabian Peninsula, the Yemen-based group that has launched several bombing plots targeting the United States, and al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb, which had seized territory in northern Mali before facing strikes carried out by France last year.

“It's not to the point where it's causing splintering within the affiliates,” the senior U.S. counterterrorism official said. But the defections have accelerated in recent months, officials said, and also involve fighters from groups in Libya and elsewhere that are not formally part of al-Qaida.

U.S. officials estimate that the Islamic State has as many as 10,000 fighters, including 3,000 to 5,000 from countries beyond its base in Iraq and Syria. Its ranks have swelled with the emergence of the civil war in Syria — a country relatively easy to reach from both the Middle East and Europe — as a larger magnet for jihadists than Afghanistan or Iraq were.

The group has also attracted critical support from disenfranchised Sunni residents in Mosul and other Iraqi cities, civilians who have lost patience with the government of Iraqi President Nouri al-Maliki but may not embrace the hard-line agenda of the Islamic State.

The group has not been linked to any known plot against the United States, but Director of National Intelligence James Clapper

testified in January that the group “does have aspirations for attacks on the homeland.”

U.S. officials have said about 100 Americans have either traveled to Syria or tried to. Among them was a former Florida resident, Moner Mohammad Abusalha, who returned undetected to the United States for several months this year before departing again for Syria and detonating a suicide bomb. Abusalha was not tied to the Islamic State, but officials believe that as many as a dozen Americans have linked up with the group.

The Islamic State traces its origin to al-Qaida in Iraq but broke from the terrorist network this year after being criticized for its tactics — including the slaughter of civilians — and refusing instructions to cede the fight in Syria to a separate al-Qaida ally known as al-Nusra.

Since then, the Islamic State has amassed arms, cash, fighters and territory at a breathtaking rate. In July, the group's leader, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, took the pulpit at the largest mosque in Mosul, declaring himself the “caliph” of the Muslim world and urging followers to flock to his organization.

In doing so, al-Baghdadi fulfilled an ambition articulated by his predecessor, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, who was killed by U.S. forces in Iraq in 2006. It also marked a significant departure from the al-Qaida playbook.

PACIFIC

Storm hunters find bonanza

Hurricanes Iselle, Julio offer unique research opportunity

By WYATT OLSON
Stars and Stripes

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii — While most everyone in Hawaii hunkered down for the arrival of the storm duo of Iselle and Julio, Air Force Reserve hurricane hunters were crisscrossing through the eyes of the storms.

Much of the information used by the National Hurricane Center in Miami to forecast hurricane intensity and direction comes in real time from weather stations in the back of C-130 turboprop planes operated by the Mississippi-based 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron. The crews have been flying around the-clock since Tuesday to supply readings to the weather center.

Friday evening, Maj. Sean Cross piloted one such 12-hour mission to Hurricane Julio. The mission was probably typical of most they fly: handling the unpredictable, coping with stretches of monotony and always being alert for that sudden jolt of turbulence that can toss you out of your seat.

The flight was heavy on frustration, low on rough air. For Cross, who gained some celebrity from appearances on the Weather Channel series "Hurricane Hunters," this was to be his first flight into Julio. An hour and a half into the flight from Hickam's airstrip, however, Cross ordered the flight back to the base because of malfunctioning communication equipment.

As he explained later, you don't want to be in the middle of a hurricane without being able to talk to each other or the outside world.

The flight landed, and the crew immediately stripped out the equipment they needed and transferred it to the squadron's other plane. They were back in the air within a half-hour.

By the time the C-130 reached Julio, the storm was churning slightly to the southeast of the Hawaiian Islands and had lost its highly structured "eye wall." That made it a less awesome sight — and since this was a night flight, there wasn't much visible out the observation windows anyway — but hurricanes in rising or falling conditions can be the most volatile for the hunters.

"For the most part, when it's a really well-developed storm, it's generally smooth — not perfectly smooth," Cross said. "You'll feel those bumps along the way, but when you have a storm that's going through rapid intensifica-

tion or it's rapidly dying, or you've got something that's trying to get into hurricane status, that's when you can usually get your best ride."

Cross paused and chuckled. "I say 'best' ride, I mean roughest ride. To us it's the best ride."

"I've been knocked around pretty good," he said. "We've all had some moments when we were doing some soul-searching, asking why we were doing this."

For Cross, that moment was probably in 2004 during Hurricane Ivan, which moved through the Caribbean and into the U.S., at one point at Category 5 intensity.

"We proceeded directly out the northern eye wall headed toward the Florida Panhandle at 10,000 feet, and we hit a really bad pocket," Cross said.

The turbulence was so strong that the cockpit's instrument panel was jerking in and out about 5 inches, he said.

"I mean, it was just vibrating," Cross said. "The entire aircraft was shaking as we were getting hauled on. It lasted about 10 to 15 seconds, but it seemed like an eternity."

Friday's mission through the eye of Julio, on the other hand, was "pretty benign," Cross said after the flight was over. But that's not to say Julio had nothing new to offer.

"I've been doing this 14 years, and this is the first time I've had two storms back-to-back on one deployment, where I hit one storm, go into crew rest, and the next day fly into another storm," Cross said. "And they're both major hurricanes at some point. This has been a real treat."

Maj. Kevin Fryar, a meteorologist who was the weather officer for Friday's mission, said the dual hurricanes that tracked each other had offered a "fairly unique" research opportunity.

"It's a fairly rare event, but not a completely rare event," Fryar said.

Navy researchers have joined the flights, and have released a series of buoys that measure the fall and rise of water on and beneath the paths of the two hurricanes.

"That's important to understand because from a scientific perspective as to why these storms develop, getting that kind of information gives us an idea of how quickly a storm can intensify or maybe weaken, and more importantly, how it interacts with the overall temperature of the ocean," Fryar said.

"And in this case, we had the unique opportunity of having



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Crewmembers man a C-130 cockpit while plowing through Hurricane Julio near Hawaii on Friday night.



Maj. Kevin Fryar, left, and Lt. Col. Rick Harter, weather officers on Friday night's mission to Hurricane Julio east of Hawaii to monitor incoming data on temperature, wind speed, air pressure and humidity.

one storm move through an area — and be able to see it with these particular sensors — and another storm move right behind it."

In addition to the Navy buoys is the equipment the squadron routinely uses. Flying at 10,000 feet in a series of triangle patterns through the hurricane, the crew drops high-tech canisters that record and transmit temperature, air pressure, wind speed and humidity during their fall.

"As it's falling, every 10 feet, it's taking a snapshot of what's going on at that flight level," Cross said.

After dropping about 2,500 feet per minute and sending data back to the plane, the canister crashes and stops functioning.

Attached beneath the plane's wing is a stepped-frequency microwave radiometer — dubbed the "smurF" by the crew — which measures surface water wind by analyzing the natural microwave radiation emitted by sea foam.

All that information eventually ends up at the weather officer's station in the cavernous cargo hold, which on Friday's mission was manned by Fryar, who also was looking out an observation window for visual data.

The weather officer puts all

that information into a "vortex data message," which is sent to the National Hurricane Center via satellite.

"They take all that stuff and plug it into the forecast model," Cross said.

The accuracy of the data collected by the hurricane hunters carries broad repercussions when it comes to mandatory coastline evacuations.

"For every mile that we make a difference for mandatory evacuation, you're looking at \$1 million per coastline mile," Cross said. "That's what we go by on the mainland. That's a tremendous amount of money."

"When you look at television and see this one of uncertainty, if we weren't out there, you could increase that cone by about 30 percent."

There's one thing that's always certain, however, as they fly into each new storm.

"It's alive," Cross said with a tone of respect. "It's constantly growing and dying is the easiest way to explain it. It's fighting for that energy. It's fighting for that life cycle."

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Julio weakens; outages still felt

The Associated Press

HONOLULU — Hurricane Julio weakened Sunday as it neared Hawaii, where a rural swath of the Big Island was still coping with power outages and downed trees in the wake of Tropical Storm Iselle.

On the island of Kauai, rescuers found the body of a 19-year-old woman believed to have been swept away while hiking Friday in a closed state park during a tropical storm warning.

Julio, which was downgraded to the least powerful Category 1 level, was expected to pass roughly 250 miles northeast of Maui on Sunday and to linger near the state into Monday. Sam Houston, a forecaster with the National Weather Service, said Julio's winds have weakened to about 90 mph.

Iselle swept through the islands Friday without causing a widespread disaster.

The tropical storm made landfall Friday over the lower Puna region in the isolated southeastern part of the island, bringing heavy rains, unleashing violent winds and toppling trees.

Puna, which is home to about 40,000 people, had the bulk of the 9,200 customers still without power, according to Hawaii Electric Light Co.

Outages could last through the weekend or longer, the utility said. At the height of the storm, about 25,000 customers lost electricity.

PACIFIC

Climate: PACOM planning, programs, exercises include environmental strategy

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To that end, PACOM initiated a series of forums held throughout the region designed to brainstorm military-civil solutions to climate-related security issues. Pacific Command is already collaborating with several small island nations to help them cope with problems from rising sea level, such as salt-water encroachment into ground water.

PACOM's role in all this is to build resilience in such countries, McLeod said. "Maybe that means we don't have to go out there and do as much, costing the U.S. also environmental money. Maybe it also allows us to build relationships with those countries and then have access."

To keep such efforts on track, PACOM last fall began incorporating an environmental strategy into all its planning, programs and exercises, he said.

It's a practical way for the U.S. military — in coordination with the State Department's country teams in respective nations — to head off the kinds of direct and indirect security threats posed by climate change.

Challenges ahead

In June, the Global Military Advisory Council on Climate Change, an initiative of the Brussels-based Institute for Environmental Security, issued a report outlining the military challenges arising from climate change. They could include violent conflict, displaced populations, shifts in disease vectors, water shortages, more frequent and intense natural disasters, rising sea levels and all-around hotter temperatures in which wars operate.

The Pentagon's 2014 Quadrennial Defense Review describes the effects of climate change, such as water scarcity and disruptions in food supply, as "threat multipliers" that "can enable terrorist activity and other forms of violence."

The review concludes that the "impacts of climate change may increase the frequency, scale and complexity of future missions."

Compared with the 2010 QDR's narrow, climate-related focus on relief, this year's QDR "opens the door for the Department of Defense and PACOM in the region to look more broadly at how they can help in terms of working with nations and partner militaries in helping those nations be prepared for events before they occur," said Francesco Femia, director of the Center for Climate and Security, a nonprofit policy institute in Washington.

In a lot of ways, the front line on this issue is PACOM given its (humanitarian disaster relief) responsibilities," he said. "So we're actually seeing the U.S. military playing a leading role in figuring out how climate change plays into our relationships in the area — including, from a more traditional security perspective, how our assistance to our allies and prospective allies in terms of climate adaptation feeds into influence in the region vis-à-vis China."

Those military-to-military relationships can help partner nations prepare for climate-related



JUSTIN PUMMELL/Courtesy of the U.S. Army

During the South Asia Regional Environmental Security Forum, Brig. Gen. Mark McLeod, of U.S. Pacific Command, stands to the right on a June 4 tour of the operations of a Maldivian business that's using environmentally sustainable practices.

"cascading disasters," Femia said. "You know, you have a storm that hits, and then maybe there's a major drought somewhere else that feeds into the vulnerability."

A "cascade" could also be geopolitical. For example, Femia said, the Philippines has an ongoing dispute with China over control of the Spratly Islands in the South China Sea, with routine skirmishes between their ships. In the aftermath of the massive Typhoon Haiyan, which hit the Philippines last November, the country "took its eye off" the dispute, which had the potential to embolden China and foster further conflict, Femia said.

Climate change falls under the rubric of "environmental security" for PACOM, McLeod said, and the logistics directorate has overseen integrating that aspect of security into the region.

"Climate change and environmental security are soft-power ways we engage with our partners to build that partner capacity, while at the same time addressing some big issues," he said.

McLeod cited a couple examples.

Kiribati is a tiny island nation about 1,200 miles south of Hawaii. With much of its land barely a yard above sea level, it is highly vulnerable to the current rise of the Earth's sea level, primarily the result of the expansion of ocean water as it warms. The nation's underwater freshwater supply is already endangered by encroaching saltwater and drought.

That could potentially turn the roughly 103,000 inhabitants into "environmental refugees" who will have to "convince outsiders, have to relocate, all logistical and military concerns," McLeod said.

While in Hawaii earlier this year, Kiribati's president asked PACOM to collaborate with the country on engineering support, he said.

"So the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has put together three proposals that we've bounced off Kiribati to begin a technical exchange of environmental engineers," McLeod said. "We'll be able to go down there, assess what kind of projects and requirements they have, and then come back to



PETE THIBODEAU/Courtesy of the U.S. Marine Corps

Maldivian Marines move logs to a training area to set up a squad competition during a noncommissioned officer development program with U.S. Marine Corps on the Maldives on Jan. 21.

the United States and then apply whole-of-government solutions to try to address those things."

Solutions could entail desalination, rainwater collection, and building up natural wave barriers such as mangrove stands and coral reefs. More radical ideas include man-made floating islands and construction of sea walls.

The Maldives

PACOM has also partnered with the Maldives, a string of roughly 1,200 islands to the south of India. The Maldives also has a problem with saltwater encroachment of freshwater, exacerbated by more frequent periods of drought.

They've coped by desalinating water in a centralized plant and loading it into tanks aboard

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boats for distribution to scores of islands.

PACOM has agreed to assist the country with positioning shipboard equipment for mobile water production, McLeod said.

"What we have in the military are fuel and water distribution systems off our ships that allow us to move mass quantities very efficiently," McLeod said.

PACOM will share that equipment, which will essentially preposition it for future use by the U.S.

"Remember, part of the reason why we want to put our equipment out there is that if we have to respond, we can use it as well," McLeod said.

"We're not about forward-basing anymore. We're about rotational forces, and those rotational forces mean approval from host nations," he said. "We want to follow your rules and regulations, bolster your security, but at the same time accomplish some of our theater goals."

"That's illustrative of how environmental security and climate change is a great soft-power engagement tool — just like medical is, just like logistics is. That's why we are embracing this so wholeheartedly right now," he said.

PACOM's bellwether for the climate change issue in the region is its annual South Asia Regional Environmental Security Forum, most recently held in June in Maldives. About 50 participants from 10 countries discussed civil-military solutions to energy and environmental problems, particularly those related to climate change.

McLeod said PACOM will reap rewards from countries it assists in climate-related work.

For example, Maldives is constructing an atoll that will anchor its coast guard ships.

"They're thinking about building us facilities so that when we go there for exercises, we have a place to stay that's close to their forces so that we can interact," McLeod said. "That's what this is all about, ultimately, from a PACOM perspective in terms of the war-fighting side of it."

Andrew Holland, a senior fellow for energy and climate at the American Security Project, a Washington-based nonprofit organization, described PACOM's climate-related role in the Pacific as a "demand response" because the issue is a top concern to so many countries.

Recent defense white papers by South Korea and Japan have included substantial sections about the security ramifications of climate change.

"The small states don't have as much of a defense planning culture — or defense planning documents at all — but their leadership are going around the world saying, 'Hey, our security's threatened. Our very existence as a state is threatened,'" Holland said.

PACOM is often the most important diplomatic engagement for many of these small nations, he said. "The military doesn't have the luxury of playing politics with this, with something that's actually happening, and you're seeing the effects already on the ground," Holland said. "They have to be planning for it because they can't wait for there to be political agreement to begin planning real responses to this."

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Aircraft carrier arrives back in Japan

Above left: A sailor from the USS George Washington is reunited with his family on the pier of the aircraft carrier at Fleet Activities Yokosuka, Japan. The aircraft carrier returned home Friday after nearly four months at sea. The carrier and its embarked air wing brought more than 5,000 sailors back to Yokosuka Naval Base for a scheduled maintenance period and to provide the crew with a few weeks of rest and relaxation before departing again for the fall. While deployed, the Washington visited Hong Kong, Singapore, Busan, South Korea and Sasebo, Japan, and hosted Malaysian, New Zealand, Korean, Indian and Japanese officials. The crew also celebrated the promotions of 288 sailors, including 13 to senior chief petty officer. Above right: A wife holds a sign for her husband at the pier.

Officials: La. base water is now safe

The Associated Press

FORT POLK, La. — Fort Polk officials say an “aggressive and comprehensive” effort is ongoing to ensure the safety and quality of its water supply.

The Town Talk of Alexandria reported that the Army base’s announcement comes after testing last year revealed levels of lead and copper that exceeded Environmental Protection Agency Safe Drinking Water standards in some samples of residential tap water at Fort Polk.

In a statement released to The Town Talk last week, Fort Polk officials said American Water, the private company that manages the base’s water

‘Stringent measures are in place to ensure the quality of the drinking water on Fort Polk...’

Fort Polk statement

systems, has taken steps to find the problems and ensure they don’t happen again.

Lead is a toxin that can have harmful effects if it accumulates in the body, including higher blood pressure in adults and developmental problems in young children.

Copper is less concerning, but can cause gastrointestinal distress with short-term exposure and liver or kidney problems with long-term exposure.

In multiple community meetings, letters to residents and the statement released to The Town Talk, Fort Polk officials stressed that the water on the base is safe to drink.

“The Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Polk is committed to the health and welfare of the community,” the statement read.

“Stringent measures are in place to ensure the quality of the drinking water on Fort Polk, measures guided by Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals and Environmental Protection Agency mandates. ... Fort Polk will continue to monitor the water systems and implement the necessary measures to maintain the health and safety of our community.”

The issue began with a routine test in July 2013 of residential units in North Fort Housing, where more than 3,500 troops and family members live.

The test of 20 random residences found that four exceeded the “action level” for lead in the water.

Wounded soldier skydives, raises funds to help others

By DAVID SHARP
The Associated Press

Army Staff Sgt. Travis Mills and his team from the 82nd Airborne were checking out reports of improvised explosive devices in Afghanistan when one detonated underneath him.

His right arm and leg disintegrated. His other leg dangled and his remaining wrist was shredded.

Mills eventually lost all four limbs. These days, he’s making it his mission to help other wounded warriors, hosting a camp for them in Maine and traveling the country as a motivational speaker.

“Hey, I’m wounded. I have scars,” he said. “But I don’t need a violin playing behind me with sad music to make me feel like a sob story. Get on with life.”

On Saturday, Mills showed he’s getting on with his life in a big way by jumping from an airplane along with the wife of Maine Gov. Paul LePage, first lady Ann LePage, and a parachute team in Fort Kent. His feat raised money for a veterans center and museum in the town in northern Maine.

Mills said he wants to help others, especially veterans who’ve suffered debilitating injuries. That’s the reason for the camp, the fundraiser and his visits with injured veterans and victims of the Boston Marathon bombings.

He doesn’t dwell on the day he nearly died, but he isn’t shy about discussing it. He and fellow soldiers re-enacted the scene for a documentary, “Travis: A Soldier’s Story.”

Mills, who was on his third deployment, said April 10, 2012, started as a routine

‘I don’t need a violin playing behind me with sad music to make me feel like a sob story. Get on with life.’

Army Staff Sgt. Travis Mills

foot patrol. The area had been checked twice for land mines, but the improvised explosive device buried in the ground was made from glass and plastic instead of metal to evade

detection. It exploded when he dropped his backpack.

Conscious of his injuries, he barked at a medic to help others, thinking he was a goner, before he was eventually sedated.

He awoke four days later — on his 25th birthday — to learn he had no limbs.



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U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Travis Mills, bottom, makes a parachute jump with the help of an All Veterans Parachute Team member over Northern Maine on Saturday.

Next month, a new home adapted to meet his needs will be finished in Manchester. It’s being built by a foundation established

by Hollywood actor and director Gary Sinise.

Ann LePage met Mills after learning of his efforts to create a camp for wounded veterans and their families. She said she couldn’t turn Mills down when he challenged her to join him on the jump — even though she’s afraid of heights.

“He talks 50 mph. He has so much to say,” she said. “He just looks at the positive in everything. His attitude is that you don’t give up. You don’t quit. You don’t say, ‘I can’t.’”

NATION

Colorado Democratic Gov. John Hickenlooper, center, talks with people at the Aurora Seniors Center in Aurora, Colo., this month. Voters in this year's midterm elections have a wide range of issues on their minds, with no dominant theme emerging.

SEBASTIAN PAYNE
The Washington Post



As midterms near, voters have a lot in their minds

The Washington Post

Ask voters in North Carolina's Research Triangle what November's midterm elections are about and one will tell you drones. A second will say closing the prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Yet another, the middle-class squeeze.

At a Sunday school classroom in Ypsilanti, Mich., voters are concerned about deteriorating roads, teen sex parties, truancy in schools and violent crime. Six hundred miles west at a Republican campaign office in Urbandale, Iowa, people fear that America is on an irreversible decline — like Germany after World War I, as one man predicted.

Across Colorado, voters are thinking about a whole other set of concerns — veterans' care, driver's licenses for undocumented immigrants, the soaring cost of housing, the erosion of Christian conservative values, Russia's rise, and fracking.

This is an election about nothing — and everything. Unlike in previous midterm election years, no dominant national theme has emerged for the 2014 campaign, according to public opinion surveys as well as recent interviews with scores of voters in five key states and with dozens of politicians and party strategists.

Even without a single salient issue, a heavy cloud of economic anxiety and general unease is hanging over the fiercely partisan debate. Listening to voters, you hear a downbeat tone

to everything political — the nation's economy, infrastructure and schools; the crises flaring around the world; the evolving culture wars at home; immigration laws; President Barack Obama and other elected leaders in Washington.

"I probably feel the way everyone else feels," said Lindsay Perry, a 32-year-old Democrat, as she tried to keep her 9-month-old son from tipping over her salad last week at a Durham, N.C., bakery. "Clearly, it's really dysfunctional and it's essentially driven by monied interests at this point. It's really just discouraging. It just seems clear the people's interests aren't being represented."

Over the past 20 years, every midterm election has had a driving theme. In 1994, Newt Gingrich led Republicans to power in a backlash against President Bill Clinton's domestic agenda. In 1998, it was a rebuke to Republicans for their drive to impeach Clinton. Terrorism motivated voters in 2002, while anger over the Iraq War propelled Democratic gains in 2006. And 2010 turned into an indictment of Obama's economic stewardship and, for many, his health care plan.

As long as it has been polling, Gallup has asked voters to state their "most important problem." For the first midterm cycle since 1998, no single issue registers with more than 20 percent of voters. Immigration was the top concern for 17 percent of those

Gallup surveyed in July, while 16 percent said government dissatisfaction and 15 percent the economy.

The result could be an especially unpredictable final 12 weeks of the campaign. With voter turnout expected to be low and several big races virtually tied, campaigns everywhere are searching for pressure points — by taking advantage of news events or colorful and, at times, highly parochial issues — to motivate their base voters to go to the polls.

The lack of a dominant issue also means that campaigns could be more susceptible than in other years to events this fall. Republicans believe, for instance, that if Obama signs an executive order granting legal status to millions of undocumented immigrants, as White House officials have indicated he might, it will create a huge backlash against Democrats.

Democrats believe they have an opening to use wedge issues, such as same-sex marriage, access to birth control and abortion, to rally opposition against Republicans. Republicans, meanwhile, see the potential to expand their opportunities and turn what they expect to be a good year into a great one.

"It's like a close basketball game and then something happens, there is a breakthrough, and it goes from a three- to four-point game to a 10-point win," Republican strategist Ed Rollins said.

Obama's vacation to include fundraiser

McClatchy Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama departed Washington late Saturday morning for Martha's Vineyard, where he and his family will vacation for two weeks.

Obama will return to Washington Aug. 17 for two days and then return to the Massachusetts island for the next week. He will come back to Washington on Aug. 21.

On Monday afternoon, Obama will attend a fundraiser for Sen-

ate Democrats on Martha's Vineyard.

Republicans on Saturday called on Obama to cancel the fundraiser during a "time of extreme crisis" after he just ordered airstrikes and food and water drops to tens of thousands in northern Iraq.

"Our country's foreign policy is in shambles," said the National Republican Senatorial Committee's Brad Doyrings. "We are facing so many security crises, yet President Obama's instinct is to head to Martha's Vineyard to fundraiser for Democrats. It is

outrageous and is unacceptable."

Before he left town, Obama recorded his weekly radio address, explaining he authorized two operations in Iraq and assuring that the United States will not get back into war in Iraq.

"As commander in chief, I will not allow the United States to be dragged into fighting another war in Iraq," he said. "American combat troops will not be returning to fight in Iraq, because there's no American military solution to the larger crisis there."

Both parties happy GOP senators beat far-right opponents

By LISA MASCARO

Tribune Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Primary season for this year's midterm election is now nearly closed, and the results have produced an outcome not seen in years: Incumbent Republican senators have

Analysis brushed back all their conservative challengers in a series of victories for the party's beleaguered establishment.

The results, capped by wins last week by Sens. Lamar Alexander in Tennessee and Pat Roberts in Kansas, seem to run counter to Americans' sour mood about Congress. They should bode well for Republican efforts to gain the six seats needed to win control of the Senate in November.

How much it will help, though, remains debated. Democrats argue that Republican candidates have won in large part by moving so far to the right that little distinguishes them from the tea party insurgents. That could leave Republicans in competitive races vulnerable in November, they argue. Establishment conservative figures insist that they are taking nothing for granted.

"We're pleased with the results, but nobody here's dancing in the end zone," said Rob Engstrom, national political director at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, which was deeply involved in key Republican primary races. "I still think getting to six is going to be a challenge."

Republicans seem all but certain to pick up three seats currently held by Democrats — in West Virginia, South Dakota and Montana. Democratic incumbent Sen. John Walsh dropped out of the Montana race this month in the wake of news that he had plagiarized much of a paper he wrote in 2007 to earn a master's degree

at the Army War College.

The GOP has good chances in at least five other states: Alaska, Arkansas, Iowa, Louisiana and North Carolina.

Republicans have learned their lessons over the last two midterm election cycles, when outlier candidates such as Sharron Angle in Nevada and Christine O'Donnell in Delaware were blamed for dashing the party's chances for gaining control of the Senate. In all, 10 Republican Senate primaries this year broke for the establishment's choice, including in Kentucky, where Sen. Mitch McConnell, the minority leader, swatted back a challenge, and South Carolina, where Sen. Lindsey Graham, once considered endangered for his work on immigration reform, sailed to his party's nomination.

The GOP's populist right and tea party factions, though, have found a measure of victory even in defeat.

Barney Keller, spokesman for the Club for Growth, which has backed insurgents against several incumbent Republicans in recent years, including Chris McDaniels in his failed campaign against Sen. Thad Cochran in Mississippi this spring — noted that the group had not gotten involved in the Kansas race. Nonetheless, Roberts has shifted his positions and now has a much improved rating from the group.

"There's a ripple effect to everything we do," Keller said.

Democrats insist that those sorts of shifts will help them portray GOP candidates in competitive states as being out of step. Moving to the right is "a great strategy for winning Republican primaries, and a terrible strategy for winning in November," said Justin Barasky, a spokesman for the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee.

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NATION

Police-mayor tensions rise in NY choke hold death

By Tom Hays
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Police have become increasingly at odds with New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio over the appearance he is taking sides against them after the chokehold death of a black suspect last month.

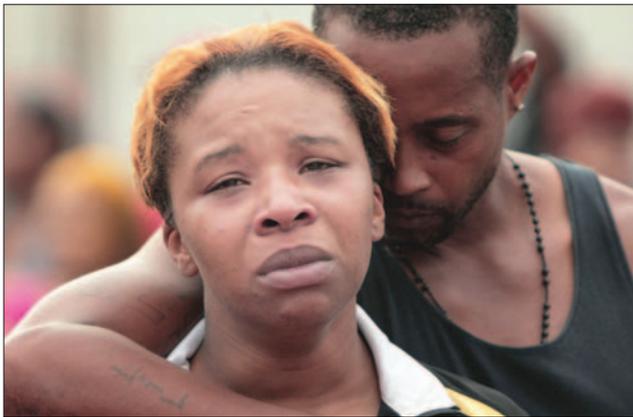
The conflict has prompted the city's top law enforcement official, Police Commissioner William Bratton, to do damage control by calling the mayor "very pro-cop."

What angered many was a recent forum in which the Rev. Al Sharpton, a prominent civil rights activist and one of the biggest critics of the New York Police Department, was seated alongside the mayor, a liberal Democrat, and the police commissioner as he lambasted law enforcement. Sharpton suggested the mayor's mixed-race son would be a "candidate for a choke hold" if he were an ordinary New Yorker. The image was seized on by critics of the de Blasio's administration and plastered on the cover of the New York Post newspaper with the headline "Who's the Boss?"

"It is outrageously insulting to all police officers to say that we go out on our streets to choke all people of color as Al Sharpton stated while seated at the table right next to the mayor," Bratton said. Patrick Lynch, head of the powerful Patrolmen's Benevolent Association. Another union official, Ed Mullins of the Sergeants Benevolent Association, hinted at a work slowdown at the nation's largest police department.

The rift stems from the arrest of Eric Garner on suspicion of selling loose, untaxed cigarettes in Staten Island, one of the city's five boroughs. Amateur video appears to show an officer putting the asthmatic, 350-pound father of six into a banned choke hold after he refused to be handcuffed. He yells, "I can't breathe!" as several officers take him down.

Garner's death has fueled the biggest crisis yet for de Blasio, who took office this year vowing to achieve two goals: "at times, can be contradictory." He said he would drive down crime and repair strained relations between police and the community.



Lesley McSpadden, left, is comforted by her husband, Louis Head, on Saturday after her son, Michael Brown, 18, was shot and killed by police in the middle of the street in Ferguson, Mo., near St. Louis.

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NAACP: Feds should look into black teen's death

By Alan Scher Zagier
The Associated Press

FERGUSON, Mo. — A local NAACP chapter has called for a federal investigation into the death of a black teenager who was shot by police in a St. Louis suburb.

Michael Brown, 18, was shot and killed Saturday afternoon near his grandmother's house by a Ferguson police officer. St. Louis County police have not given a reason for the shooting, which happened in a predominantly black suburb a few miles north of downtown St. Louis.

After the shooting, a confrontation between police and hundreds of neighborhood residents lasted several hours, with shouts of "kill the police." At the height of the post-shooting tensions, police called for about 60 other units to respond to the area in Ferguson, a city of about 21,000 residents, about two-thirds of whom are

black.

The St. Louis County Police are investigating the shooting. But John Gaskin, a member of the St. Louis County NAACP, said the FBI should get involved "to protect the integrity of the investigation."

He alluded to the 2012 racially charged shooting of 17-year-old Trayvon Martin by a Florida neighborhood watch organizer who was subsequently acquitted of murder charges, as well as the New York man who died from a police choke hold last month after he was confronted for selling individual cigarettes.

"With the recent events of a young man killed by the police in New York City and with all the other African-American young men that have been killed by police officers ... this is a dire concern to the NAACP, especially our local organization," Gaskin said.

State Sen. Jamiliah Nasheed, D-St. Louis, told the St. Louis Post-

Dispatch that she would ask the U.S. Justice Department on Monday for a formal investigation.

Brown's grandmother, Desiree Harris, said she saw him running in her neighborhood Saturday afternoon. Just minutes later, she heard a commotion and went outside to check on it. She found Brown's body less than two blocks away.

"When I got up there, my grandson was lying on the pavement. I asked the police what happened. They didn't tell me nothing."

Harris said her grandson had graduated high school recently and was looking forward to the future.

"My grandson never even got into a fight," she said. "He was just looking forward to getting on with his life. He was on his way."

Ferguson Police Chief Thomas Jackson told the Post-Dispatch that the officer involved has been placed on paid administrative leave.

Rabbi killed in Fla.; hate crime not suspected

MIAMI — An Orthodox rabbi from New York was fatally shot as he walked to a Miami temple on Saturday in what appeared to be a robbery gone badly, police and Jewish community leaders said.

Miami-Dade police spokeswoman Elena Hernandez said there was no indication that the shooting of Joseph Raksin, 60, was a hate crime. Authorities have not released a motive, but the Anti-Defamation League said it had been in contact with investigators and the crime appeared to be a robbery that went wrong.

Police are searching for two young suspects.

4 firefighters, 3 drivers hurt in fire truck crash

VALLEJO, Calif. — Four firefighters and three drivers were hospitalized Saturday after a chain-reaction crash involving a ladder truck that was rushing to a kitchen fire in Northern California, authorities said.

The ladder truck had its sirens on when it collided with a car at a street intersection, causing it to strike at least one vehicle, overturn twice and crush an SUV, Vallejo Fire Department spokesman William Tweedy said.

The truck took out street signs and sheared a fire hydrant before coming to a stop.

8 firefighters burned battling Calif. wildfire

SAN FRANCISCO — Eight firefighters who suffered minor burns while battling a wildfire in Northern California Saturday said Saturday as crews gained enough ground on other blazes across the West to allow hundreds of people to return to their homes.

Three firefighters from Santa Clara County and five inmate firefighters from the Salt Creek Camp, a minimum-security facility in California, received minor burns as they battled a fast-moving blaze about 160 miles north of San Francisco in Mendocino County late Friday night.

Officials: Air traveler stashed cash in girdle

ROMULUS, Mich. — Authorities said a 78-year-old Florida woman tried to fly from Detroit Metropolitan Airport with almost \$41,000 in cash hidden inside her underwear and carry-on bag.

A complaint filed Friday in U.S. District Court in Detroit said the woman was trying to board a flight April 2 to the Philippines when she said she had \$200 in cash. She was taken to a farm house, according to the complaint. She then told them she had \$3,000 in her blouse and \$2,000 sewn into the strap of her bra. Officers continued to search and said they found about \$21,000 in her girdle.

The woman has not been charged, but the government wants to keep the money.

From The Associated Press

Washington teenager arrested in 6-year-old's death

The Associated Press

BREMERTON, Wash. — A 17-year-old has been arrested in the death and sexual assault of a 6-year-old girl whose body was found near the Washington state mobile home park she vanished from last weekend, authorities said.

The boy was arrested Saturday without incident by deputies and FBI agents at his home in the same Bremerton-area mobile home park, Kitsap County

sheriff's Detective Earl Smith said at a news conference. The Washington state crime lab made positive confirmation of the suspect through forensic evidence. Earlier in the week, the sheriff's office had col-



Wright

lected DNA cheek swabs from dozens of nearby residents.

Smith said Saturday that the boy was being interviewed and will be booked with second-degree murder, manslaughter and rape in the girl's death.

The family of Jenise Wright was notified of the arrest about an hour after it took place. A growing memorial at the entrance to the neighborhood includes silver balloons, stuffed animals, lit candles and flowers.

"There's a lot of grief," Sheriff's

Office spokesman Scott Wilson told The Seattle Times.

Wilson said he wasn't sure whether the suspect and Jenise knew each other. He pointed out that the community in and around the trailer park was small.

Justin Pearce, a resident of Steele Creek Mobile Home Park, told the Times that he heard the news of an arrest with "sadness, but relief. It doesn't bring her back, but it's still relief."

Jenise was last seen when she went to bed on the night of Aug. 2.

NATION

Urban sprawl called threat to Southeast

By DARRYL FEARS
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Giant urban sprawl could pave over thousands of acres of forest and agriculture, connecting Raleigh to Atlanta by 2060 if growth continues at its current pace, according to a newly released research paper from the U.S. Geological Survey.

"We could be looking at a seamless corridor of urban development," said Adam Terando, a research ecologist with the USGS and an adjunct professor at North Carolina State University who was the study's lead author.

The development will engulf land from North Carolina to Georgia, and possibly spread to Birmingham, Ala., "if we continue to develop urban areas in the Southeast the way we have for the past 60 years," he said.

Combining USGS demographic modeling with North Carolina State's High Perform-

mance Computing Services and analyzing the data for six years, Terando and his five co-authors estimated that urbanization in the Southeast will increase by up to 190 percent.

It will nearly mirror the decades-old development of the Northeast corridor, from Washington to Boston, and in Florida from Jacksonville to Miami, Terando said. "I would say that's definitely a future that the study is pointing toward," he said.

Development on that scale would result in losses of 15 percent of agricultural land, 12 percent of grasslands and 10 percent of forests, the study said. It would take the form of tract housing developments, business centers and thousands of miles of paved roads.

The research paper was published last month in the journal PLOS One. Its co-authors include Jaime Collazo and Alexa McKerrow, also researchers at USGS, and Curtis Belyea and Rob Dunn, researchers

at North Carolina State.

"The upshot is that . . . climate change isn't the only story in the Southeast," Terando said. "There are large-scale human impacts on our environment . . . the way we develop."

Numerous species of animals would be left with no habitat. The loss of woodlands that soak up rainfall would leave local waters more vulnerable to the storm-water runoff that washes nutrient pollution from lawns and motor oils from roads, in addition to increased garbage.

Carbon from automobile traffic down a more crowded Interstate 85 corridor would add to the ills contributing to climate change.

"The drawbacks are obviously things like more traffic," Terando said. In Raleigh, there are a thousand miles of streets, and 2 percent to 3 percent must be repaved each year, according to the USGS, meaning more tax dollars will be needed to repair more

roads.

A megalopolis is pretty much what it sounds like — a giant city or sprawl that spreads over a region. It is described as an urban complex comprising many major cities. Between Raleigh and Atlanta along the study corridor are Greensboro and Charlotte, N.C., and Greenville, S.C. Nearby are Columbia, S.C., and Birmingham.

Over the past 60 years, the Southeast has grown 40 percent larger than the rest of the United States, the study said, with 77 million people living in a region where development has been suburban and highly dependent on cars.

The biggest change will likely happen in what the study called the Piedmont ecoregion between Atlanta and Charlotte, cutting through South Carolina. The largest proportion of change, where land will be noticeably transformed, is expected to be in the Southwestern Appalachian region.



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Kennett Consolidated School District Superintendent Barry Tomasetti meets with students in a summer school class at Mary D. Lang Kindergarten Center in Kennett Square, Pa., on July 21. For the first time, U.S. public schools are projected this fall to have more minority students enrolled than white.

This school year, minority is majority

The Associated Press

KENNETT SQUARE, Pa. — For the first time, U.S. public schools are projected this fall to have more minority students than non-Hispanic whites, a shift largely fueled by growth in the number of Hispanic children.

The changing demographics of American education are apparent inside Jane Cornell's summer school classroom in Pennsylvania's wealthiest county, where giggling grade-schoolers mostly come from homes where Spanish is the primary language. The sign outside the classroom reads "Welcome" and "Bienvenidos" in polished handwriting.

Non-Hispanic white students are still expected to be the largest racial group in the public schools this year at 49.8 percent. But according to the National Center for Education Statistics, minority students, when added together, will

now make up the majority.

About one-quarter of the minority students are Hispanic, 15 percent are black and 5 percent are Asian and Pacific Islanders. Bilingual students and Native Americans make up an even smaller share of the minority student population.

The shift brings new academic realities, such as the need for more English language instruction, and cultural ones, such as changing school lunch menus to reflect students' tastes.

It also brings up some complex societal questions that often fall to school systems to address, including issues of immigration, poverty, diversity and inequity. The result, at times, is racial tension.

In Louisiana in July, Jefferson Parish public school administrators reached an agreement with the federal government to end an investigation into discrimination against English-language learners.

In May, police had to be called to help break up a fight between Hispanic and black students at a school in Streamwood, Ill., a Chicago suburb, after a racially-biased lunchroom brawl got out of control.

Issues of race and ethnicity in schools also can be more subtle. In Pennsylvania's Kennett Consolidated School District, Superintendent Barry Tomasetti described parents who opt to send their kids to private schools in Delaware after touring diverse classrooms. Other families, he said, seek out the district's diverse schools "because they realize it's not a homogeneous world out there."

The new majority-minority status of America's schools mirrors a change that is coming for the nation as a whole. The Census Bureau estimates that the country's population also will have more minorities than whites for the first time in 2043.

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MIDEAST

Israel and Hamas agree to Egypt's truce proposal

By **MOHAMMED DARAGHMEH**
The Associated Press

CAIRO — Israel and the Hamas militant group on Sunday accepted a renewed Egyptian cease-fire proposal, clearing the way for the resumption of talks on a long-term truce meant to end a month of heavy fighting in the Gaza Strip that has taken nearly 2,000 lives.

The announcement marked the second time in less than a week that the bitter enemies had agreed to Egyptian mediation. A similar 72-hour truce last week collapsed in renewed violence over the weekend.

In Cairo, the Egyptian Foreign Ministry said the truce would take effect at midnight and would create the atmosphere to resume humanitarian aid to the battered Gaza Strip and allow for indirect talks on a more lasting and com-

prehensive deal.

Hamas is seeking an end to a painful Israeli-Egyptian blockade on Gaza, while Israel wants Hamas to dismantle its formidable arsenal of rockets and other weapons.

Palestinian negotiators, who had been meeting with Egyptian officials throughout the weekend, said early Sunday that they accepted the proposal. Later Sunday, Israeli officials announced their agreement.

An Israeli official, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media, said an Israeli delegation would head to Cairo on Monday if the truce held overnight.

Qais Abdelkarim, a member of the Palestinian delegation, said indirect talks with the Israelis would begin on Monday morning.



Smoke rises in Gaza City after an Israeli airstrike on Saturday.

DUSAN VRANKA/AP

“We are going to engage in serious talks in the 72 hours to end the blockade and deliver humanitarian materials into Gaza with the hope of reaching a lasting cease-fire,” he said. The goal, he added, was to end the blockade, which he called “the reason for the war.”

The Egyptian-mediated talks are aimed at reaching a long-

term arrangement following the heaviest fighting between Israel and Hamas since the Islamic militant group took control of Gaza in 2007.

In nearly a month of fighting, more than 1,900 Palestinians were killed, including hundreds of civilians. Nearly 10,000 were wounded and thousands of homes

were destroyed. Sixty-seven people were killed on the Israeli side, including three civilians.

The fighting ended in a 72-hour cease-fire last Tuesday, during which Egypt had hoped to mediate a long-term deal. But when the three-day window expired, militants resumed their rocket fire, sparking Israeli reprisals.

In Gaza, mosques become common targets of airstrikes

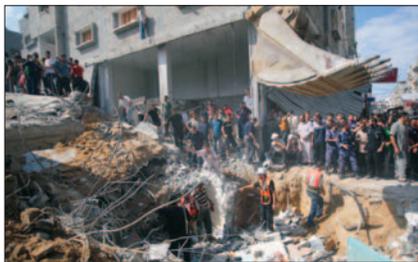
By **SUDARSAN RAGHAVAN**
AND **WILLIAM BOOTH**
The Washington Post

NUSEIRAT CAMP, Gaza Strip

— A yellow bulldozer clawed through the rubble of al-Qassam mosque on Saturday searching for the last body. The crowd looked on without emotion, as they had throughout a day during which two other corpses were unearthed. Someone had planted a green Hamas flag atop the debris, at once a sign of mourning and defiance.

“The Israelis have the idea that Hamas owned the mosque, and they do suspicious activities inside,” Ahmed Jabbar, 42, said matter-of-factly, standing near the debris. “They think there are tunnels inside. It’s all lies. This is Allah’s house. Anyone can go inside it.”

Once viewed as crossing a red line in conflicts pitting Jews or Christians against Muslims, the



Palestinians gather at the rubble of al-Qassam mosque in the Nuseirat refugee camp, central Gaza Strip, after it was hit by an Israeli airstrike on Saturday.

HATEM MOUSSA/AP

mosque has become a military target. Israel’s military says mosques are being used to store

weapons, cover tunnels and shelter fighters and serve as command control centers and launch

sites for rockets. Palestinians say that when Israel strikes a mosque, it mostly kills civilians and destroys their religious sanctuary.

In the monthlong war, Israeli airstrikes have struck more religious targets than in Israel’s two previous offensives against Hamas in 2009 and 2012, Palestinians say. According to the Palestinian Liberation Organization, 63 mosques have been destroyed and 150 have been partially damaged. Ten Muslim cemeteries were also targeted.

Surprisingly, there has been little outrage from the Palestinian street or from the broader Muslim world. Violent upheavals across the Middle East, political analysts say, have acclimated Muslims to seeing their houses of worship under siege.

Arabic news channels and Facebook and other social media have been filled with scenes of mosques pocked with bullets and

damaged by attacks in recent conflicts and revolutions in Egypt, Syria and Libya. The shock value is over, analysts say.

“A strike against a mosque is no longer sensational because of how commonplace it has become in conflicts around the region and between Israel and Hamas,” said Nathan Thrall, a senior analyst at the International Crisis Group covering Gaza, Israel, Jordan and the West Bank.

The absence of much umbrage in the Arab world is also a reflection of its overall detachment from the Gaza conflict, analysts said. Many governments in the region are consumed by domestic instability. Or they believe the war is not between Israel and Palestinians but rather between Israel and Hamas, an offshoot of the Muslim Brotherhood, which has been classified as a terrorist group by Saudi Arabia, Egypt and some other Arab countries.

Militants’ strict interpretation of Islamic law leads to stonings, beheadings

By **BASSEM MROUE**
The Associated Press

BEIRUT — A cleric read the verdict before the truck came and dumped a large pile of stones near the municipal garden. Jihad fighters then brought in the woman, clad head to toe in black, and put her in a small hole in the ground. When residents gathered, the fighters told them to carry out the sentence: stoning to death for

the alleged adultery.

None in the crowd stepped forward, said a witness to the event in a northern Syrian city. So the jihad fighters, mostly foreign extremists, did it themselves, pelting Paddah Ahmad with stones until her body was dragged away.

“Even when she was hit with stones, she did not scream or move,” said an opposition activist who said he witnessed the stoning near the football stadium and the

Bajaa garden in the city of Raqqa, the main Syrian stronghold of the Islamic State group.

The July 18 stoning was the second in a span of 24 hours. A day earlier, Shamesh Abdullah, 26, was killed in a similar way in the nearby town of Taqba by Islamic State fighters. Both were accused of having sex outside marriage.

The killings were the first of their kind in rebel-held northern Syria, where jihadis from the

Islamic State group have seized large swaths of territory, terrorizing residents with their strict interpretation of Islamic law, including beheadings and cutting off the hands of thieves.

The jihadis recently tied a 14-year-old boy to a crosslike structure and left him for several hours in the scorching summer sun before bringing him down — punishment for not fasting during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

The group has also brutalized Shiite Muslims and others whom it views as apostates.

In neighboring Iraq, Islamic State militants have driven members of the Yazidi religious minority out of a string of towns and villages. Thousands of the fleeing Yazidis have been stranded on a mountaintop for days, a humanitarian crisis that prompted the U.S. to airlift aid to them last week.

WORLD

Fight raging in Donetsk after cease-fire plea

By YURAS KARMANAU
The Associated Press

DONETSK, Ukraine — Fighting raged Sunday in the eastern Ukrainian city of Donetsk despite a request from the pro-Russia rebels for a cease-fire to prevent a “humanitarian catastrophe.” Ukrainian officials demanded that the insurgents surrender instead.

One person was killed and 10 injured in shelling that started early Sunday morning and continued into the day, Donetsk city council spokesman Maxim Rovinsky told The Associated Press.

In a press conference in Kiev, Andriy Lysenko, a spokesman for Ukraine’s National Security and Defense Council, said the only way for the rebels in Donetsk to save their arms would be to “lay down their arms and give up.” He said the Ukrainian side hadn’t seen the rebels show any real willingness to cooperate.

“If white flags come up and they lay down their arms, nobody is going to shoot at them,” he said. “(But) we have not seen any practical steps yet, just a statement.”

Conditions were clearly deteriorating in Donetsk, the largest rebel stronghold in eastern Ukraine. Associated Press reporters heard 25 loud explosions in as many minutes around noon. More than 10 residential buildings, as well as a hospital and a shop, were heavily damaged by shelling overnight, and several

Russians: US sub forced from waters

MOSCOW — Russian state news agencies say the country’s navy claims to have driven away a submarine believed to be American that entered Russia’s northern waters.

The reports Saturday cited an unnamed representative of the navy’s general staff as saying the incident occurred Thursday in the Barents Sea. The Barents Sea lies off northwest Russia and the Russian navy’s Northern Fleet is based on its shores.

The reports said the fleet sent several vessels and an anti-submarine Il-38 aircraft to drive the submarine away.

From The Associated Press

buses caught in the crossfire were still burning Sunday morning.

Rovinsky said Saturday that more than 2,000 residential buildings had been damaged by shelling.

At least 300,000 of Donetsk’s 1 million residents have fled as violence escalates between Ukrainian government forces and pro-Russia separatists, forcing the lives of more than 1,300 peo-



SECRET GETTS/AP

Passengers in Donetsk, eastern Ukraine, walk to board a train terminating in Moscow on Sunday as fighting raged in Donetsk despite a request from the pro-Russia rebels there for a cease-fire to prevent a “humanitarian catastrophe.”

ple since April, according to the U.N.

“This is a real war,” said Inna Drobyshevskaya, 48, a lawyer in Donetsk. “It’s impossible to live in this city, I’ve been sleeping in the basement for the past week.

“We don’t want Novorossiia (New Russia) for this price,” she added, referring to a term used by rebels to describe the parts of eastern Ukraine seeking independence from the government in Kiev.

Rebel leader Aleksandr Zakharchenko called for a cease-fire Saturday but his request was met warily by both the Ukrainian government in Kiev and the West. Those leaders expressed concern that the move could be aimed at increasing international pressure on Ukraine to allow in a Russian aid mission. The West says that could be used as a pretext to bring Russian soldiers into Ukraine

— and says 20,000 of them are massed near the Russian border with Ukraine.

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko and Western leaders have repeatedly accused Russia of providing arms and expertise to the rebels, something Russia denies.

In an interview with the AP on Sunday, rebel spokeswoman Elena Nikitina denounced the government as “incapable of negotiating” and said talks on the conflict could begin only if the Ukrainian army withdrew from the region.

That is unlikely, since the Ukrainian government has steadily retaken territory from the insurgents over the last few weeks, ousting them from smaller provincial cities and encircling Donetsk.

Poroshenko issued a statement late Saturday saying Ukraine was

prepared to accept humanitarian assistance in eastern Ukraine. But he said the aid must come in without military assistance, pass through border checkpoints under Ukrainian control and be an international mission.

Poroshenko said he and German Chancellor Angela Merkel discussed German participation in such a mission.

In Washington, the White House said President Barack Obama and Merkel agreed that any Russian intervention in Ukraine was unacceptable and would violate international law. Obama and British Prime Minister David Cameron, meanwhile, “expressed grave concern about reports that Russian military vehicles have crossed the border into Ukraine and that Russian armed forces are exercising for a ‘humanitarian intervention,’” according to Cameron’s office.

Plan would make Malaysia Airlines government-owned



VINCENT THIAN/AP

A passenger uses a self check-in machine at Kuala Lumpur International Airport in Sepang, Malaysia, on Friday. Malaysia’s state investment company has announced plans to make Malaysia Airlines government-owned.

By EILEEN NG
The Associated Press

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — Malaysia’s state investment company said Friday it plans to make Malaysia Airlines fully government-owned, removing it from the country’s stock exchange before carrying out an overhaul of the carrier that is reeling from double disasters.

Khazanah Nasional, which owns 69 percent of Malaysia Airlines, said it has proposed to the carrier’s board that it buy out minority shareholders at 8 cents a share, which is 29 percent higher than the airline’s average share price over the previous three months. The takeover would cost \$429 million.

Malaysia Airlines has been hit by two major disasters this year, which added to its long-standing financial woes.

In March, Flight 370 from

Kuala Lumpur to Beijing disappeared with 239 people on board after flying far of course. The plane has still not been found, with a search in the southern Indian Ocean underway.

In July, 298 people were killed when Flight 17 was shot down over Ukraine. It was heading to Kuala Lumpur from Amsterdam and was shot out of the sky over an area of eastern Ukraine controlled by pro-Russia separatists. Khazanah said the state takeover will represent the first stage of a “complete overhaul” of the loss-making airline, and that detailed plans will be announced by the end of this month.

“The proposed restructuring will critically require all parties to work closely together,” it said in a statement. “Nothing less will be required in order to revive our national airline to be profitable as a commercial entity and to serve its function as a critical national

development entity.”

Before the disasters, the carrier’s financial performance was among the worst in the industry, putting a question mark over its future even before its brand was tied to two almost unfathomable tragedies. It has lost money for the past three years and been through several episodes of restructuring, instigated by Khazanah, over the past decade.

As a state-owned flag carrier, Malaysia Airlines is required to fly unprofitable domestic routes, and its strong union has resisted operational changes. Nimbler discount rivals such as Air Asia have expanded rapidly, while Malaysia Airlines has been slow to change direction.

Shukor Yusof, founder of aviation research firm Endau Analytics, said another restructuring won’t yield positive results if fundamental problems aren’t addressed.

WORLD

Tibet tour bus plunges into valley, killing 44

BEIJING — A tour bus on a highway in Tibet fell off a 30-foot cliff after crashing into an SUV and a pickup, killing 44 people and injuring 11 others, China's state media reported Sunday.

The bus was carrying 50 people when it plunged in mountainous southern Tibet on Saturday afternoon, the Xinhua News Agency said, citing the regional government. The crash happened in Nyemo county, 60 miles from Lhasa, Tibet's capital.

Most of the passengers were from four Chinese provinces. There were four people in the SUV and a truck driver, but their conditions were unclear.

Iranian plane crashes after takeoff, killing 39

TEHRAN, Iran — A regional passenger plane assembled in Iran crashed Sunday while taking off from the capital, killing 39 and injuring another nine onboard, according to a senior transportation official and state media.

The Iran-140 operated by domestic carrier Sepahan Air crashed in a residential area near Tehran's Mehrabad airport. State TV said the plane's tail struck the cables of an electricity tower before it hit the ground and burst into flames.

The official IRNA news agency said the plane suffered an engine failure before it went down.

Ugandan homosexuals hold pride parade

ENTEBBE, Uganda — Scores of Ugandan homosexuals marched through sprawling botanical gardens in the lakeside town of Entebbe on Saturday, their first pride parade since a Ugandan court invalidated a controversial anti-gay law.

Many marchers wore masks, signaling they did not want to be publicly identified in a country where homosexuals and their supporters face severe discrimination.

Although organizers had expected more than 500 people to attend the event, fewer than 200 turned up, said gay activist Moses Kimbugwe, who noted that many were afraid of possible violence following a court's decision earlier this month to jettison an anti-gay law that had wide support among Ugandans.

Yemen: Airstrike kills 3 al-Qaida suspects

SANAA, Yemen — A U.S. drone strike on a house in central Yemen killed three suspected al-Qaida militants, Yemeni security officials said.

The officials said the aircraft struck the house in the Obaida Valley in Marib province, where al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula has a strong presence.

A website affiliated with the Yemeni al-Qaida branch meanwhile confirmed earlier reports that 14 soldiers on Friday near the city of Shibam in the eastern Hadramawt province.



The image of Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf appears on a banner warning people about the Ebola virus in Liberia's capital, Monrovia, on Friday.

As Ebola tally nears 1,000, aid groups critical of WHO

By MARIKO KITAMURA
Bloomberg News

LONDON — The international response to the Ebola outbreak that has killed almost 1,000 Africans has been slow and inadequate, and the World Health Organization is at least partly to blame, said spokesmen for two key aid groups.

The WHO on Friday designated the outbreak as an international public health emergency, eight months after it began. On May 18, when the situation seemed to be stabilizing, the Geneva-based organization said the outbreak "could be declared over on May 22."

The WHO's leaders "need to do a reality check and step up," Koen Henckaerts, a health expert at the European Commission's humanitarian aid division, said in a telephone interview from the Liberian capital of Monrovia. "There is a lack of coordination among all the different partners."

It's the first time Ebola has appeared in West Africa. A lack of border controls has allowed infected people who didn't seek

medical care because of fear, suspicion or stigma to travel freely between countries. Unsanitary funeral practices involving contact with corpses have also fanned the spread.

The outbreak has killed 961 people in Guinea, Liberia, Nigeria and Sierra Leone since it was first reported, with 68 new cases reported over two days, the WHO said Friday.

Part of the problem is weak leadership by health ministries in the affected countries, which have never faced the disease and need help with hands-on management, Henckaerts said, calling for more WHO involvement.

"The WHO has a big responsibility to do more than just give technical advice," he said.

Doctors Without Borders, with almost 700 workers in the affected region, also was critical, saying in a statement that it has been repeating for weeks that "a massive medical, epidemiological and public health response is desperately needed to save lives and reverse the course of the epidemic." Lives are being lost, the doctors' group said, because the response is too slow.

In May, after the WHO predicted the outbreak's close, staff members from several international health groups left the region. Rather than ending, however, there may just have been a lull in cases as infections went unreported, causing the epidemic to reignite and worsen in Sierra Leone and Liberia, said Stephan Monroe, deputy director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases.

"In hindsight, the collective we — that is, the international response — should have made sure the fire was entirely out," Monroe said in an interview.

The WHO has scheduled for Monday a panel of medical ethicists to explore the use of experimental treatments for Ebola after an antibody cocktail was used to treat two American health workers infected in Liberia.

Ebola has no cure. Current treatment is to hydrate patients, replace lost blood, and use antibiotics to fight off opportunistic infections. The hope is that the patient's immune system will be able to fight the disease.

2 infected Americans said to be improving

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — An American doctor infected with Ebola while working in Liberia indicated Friday he's getting stronger every day, and the husband of a second aid worker with the deadly virus said his wife also seems to be improving.

Dr. Kent Brantly and Nancy Writebol are being treated in an isolation unit in Atlanta. The two were infected while working at a missionary clinic outside Liberia's capital, Monrovia.

"I am writing this update from my isolation room at Emory University Hospital, where the doctors and nurses are providing the very best care possible," Brantly said in a statement released by Samaritan's Purse, the aid organization he was working with in Africa. "I am growing stronger every day, and I thank God for His mercy as I have wrestled with this terrible disease."

Writebol's husband, David, who remains in Liberia, told reporters Friday in a phone call that while he hasn't spoken directly to his wife's doctors, his sons told him she's showing some improvement.

"I don't believe we could say she's getting better," David Writebol said. "I would say she's in very good hands and is being well attended to."

Few specific details have been released about their conditions. Todd Shearer, with Samaritan's Purse, said Brantly's family has asked that no condition information be given out. The president of SIM USA, the group Writebol was working for, referred questions to the hospital, which has declined comment, citing patient privacy.

Brantly and Writebol were given doses of an experimental treatment before leaving Liberia. David Writebol said his wife has received another dose since arriving in Atlanta. It wasn't immediately clear whether Brantly had also received another round of the medication in Atlanta. The treatment is still in development and hasn't been tested in humans.

Storm drenches Japan, leaves 1 dead, dozens hurt

The Associated Press

TOKYO — A tropical storm moved out of Japan on Sunday after lashing the country with rain and wind, leaving one person dead and prompting evacuation orders for more than 1 million residents near swollen rivers.

Tropical Storm Halong also disrupted land and air traffic and injured dozens of people as Japan began its annual "Obon" Buddhist holiday week.

Originally a typhoon, Halong was downgraded to a tropical storm as it approached the south-

west coast and made two landfalls — over Shikoku Island and Hyogo prefecture in western Japan. It exited over the Sea of Japan from the northern coast near Kyoto on Sunday evening.

Japan's Meteorological Agency lifted a heavy rain alert for Mie prefecture in central Japan, and evacuation orders for most residents in the region and other areas were withdrawn. About 200,000 people were still subject to evacuation in some areas, down from about 1.2 million earlier Sunday.

In Iwate prefecture in northern Japan, a 78-year-old man was found dead late Saturday after he plunged into a swollen irrigation canal at his farm, local police said. In the western prefecture of Wakayama, a surfer went missing.

Public broadcaster NHK said 78 people were injured in the storm.

More than 200 flights were canceled, stranding thousands of holiday-makers at airports around the country. The storm also flooded about 530 homes and damaged 70 others in western Japan.

The meteorological agency said the storm, packing winds of up to 60 mph, was expected to dump more rain in eastern and northern Japan by Monday morning, and warned of landslides and flooding.

Japan was also shaken Sunday afternoon by a magnitude-6.1 earthquake that struck off the northeastern coast. There was no danger of a tsunami, and there were no immediate reports of any injuries or damage. The Nuclear Regulation Authority said nuclear facilities in the area remained intact.

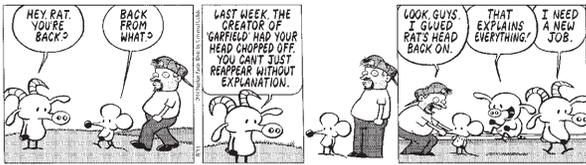
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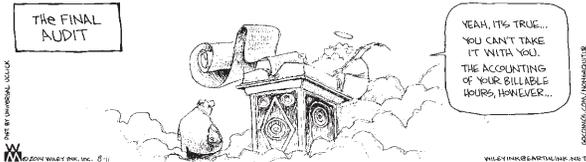
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- 39 Sicilian wine used in cooking
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- 55 "Arrivederci, —"
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Saturday's Cryptquip: AFTER THE SORCERER DRANK HIS SPECIAL INVISIBILITY POTION, HE ASKED, "HAVE I MADE MYSELF CLEAR?"

Today's Cryptquip Clue: D equals I

NATION

Dinosaur hunter



Scott Richardson, a paleontologist technician, looks out over a valley in the Grand Staircase-Escalante Monument in Utah.

PHOTOS BY BETHANY MOLLENWOF, LOS ANGELES TIMES/MCT

Paleontologist technician walks the desert in Utah collecting bones, making prehistory

By JOHN M. GLIONNA
Los Angeles Times

Scott Richardson, 58, is up at dawn, standing atop a rocky ridgeline near his base camp, a solitary figure in the slanting light. He surveys a primordial wilderness of dry creek beds and stands of juniper and piñon pine.

"This is dinosaur country," he said, gesturing toward the valley below. "There are bones all over this place."

He cooks bacon on a camp stove, the sizzle breaking the silence. He then hops into his work truck for a bumpy trek deeper into the outback. He parks near a spot he wants to explore.

The Arizona native, dressed in a wide-brimmed hat and white clothes for protection from the sun, walks past darting lizards. He swats at the maddening gnats that hover like paparazzi as he follows a closed road left to revert to its natural state.

Just off the path, an object catches his eye. An odd, almost oval shape pokes from the dirt, and he quickly determines it's a 75-million-year-old hadrosaur vertebra. The fossil is caked with dirt, and it looks like any other rock. But not to Richardson: He's seen numerous similarly shaped bones and recognizes the object's size and heft.

He drags his fingers over the fragment and explains that it came from the top of the creature's spine, near its neck. "This is what it's all about," he said. "If you brushed around and dug some holes, you might find other bones going into the ground. There might be a whole animal here."

Richardson is a dinosaur finder, a bone prospector on the hunt for prehistoric predators and their prey. Six months each year, from March to September, he works as a paleontologist's technician for the federal Bureau of Land Management.

He ranges across the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument in southern Utah and helps dig bone quarries. He pieces together fragments in a lab — puzzles with no images to guide him.

Most of the time, he trudges among the scrub brush,

always vigilant, searching for a hint — a different color, texture or shape — that suggests a dinosaur's grave might lie somewhere beneath.

A hunter's history

Richardson, the son of two teachers, grew up in Phoenix. He learned his love of the desert hunt when his father took him scrounging for Native American arrowheads.

He was trained as a geologist and went to work in the mining industry. Deeply depressed after his father was electrocuted in 1986 while fixing the air conditioner in the family home, Richardson spent the next decade wandering and hiking the West.

He ended up volunteering at a natural history museum in the Flagstaff, Ariz., area. His position eventually led him to Utah and his present paying job. For 12 years, he has bushwhacked across southern Utah, scouting out remnants of the distant past.

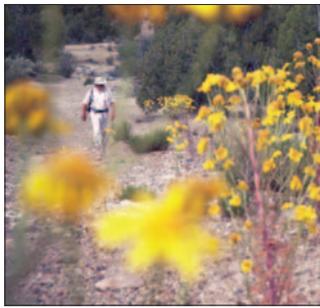
"These were colossal creatures that ruled the planet for millions of years," Richardson said, standing in his lab in nearby Kanab. He holds a 5-foot-long hadrosaur femur, which looks

like a bone from an old "Flintstones" cartoon. "To expose bones that haven't seen the light of the sun for 80 million years is just pretty incredible."

The 1-million-square-acre Kaiparowits Plateau, part of the national monument, contains a trove of bones from the Cretaceous period, which lasted from 145 million to 65 million years ago. This part of southern Utah back then was lush forest; it was the coast of the lost continent Laramidia when a vast sea split present-day North America.

"It wasn't exactly a fun time to be around," Richardson said. "Temperatures were over 100 degrees, with 90 percent humidity. Aside from the predators, there were bugs, insects and parasites, all of them with sharp teeth that were trying to eat you. Even the birds had teeth."

Rugged and isolated, unmapped by the U.S. Geological Survey until half a century ago, the Kaiparowits is virtually untouched by paleontologists. Scientists in the last decade have unearthed as many as 20 new di-



Richardson hikes a valley in Horse Mountain, Utah, searching for fossils. "To expose bones that haven't seen the light of the sun for 80 million years is just pretty incredible," he said.

nosaur species.

Walking hundreds of miles a year, Richardson has uncovered four new species of dinosaur, including the only intact head and spine of a Kosmocerasops. He found a member of the armored ankylosaur family: a Lythronax, an ancestor of the Tyrannosaurus rex; and an unknown species of a duck-billed dinosaur.

To maintain concentration during long hours in the outback, Richardson enters a Zen-like state, trying to free his mind of everything but the search. His focus is so intense that he wears a GPS locator in case he gets lost or tumbles into a ravine.

Richardson leads his life mostly out under the stars. He sleeps in an old trailer, in a tent or out in the open. Aloneness prevails. When he tires of his own thoughts, he wanders into town for conversation.

He makes just \$30,000 a year, drives a 25-year-old pickup and in the off-season lives in Flagstaff with his mother and pet cat, Amanda. For Richardson, the payoff is his front row seat to nature's grandeur: watching curious birds land nearby, lizards scurrying over rocks, or, after a summer rain, seeing the trees, blackened by lightning, bruised and smoldering.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Subway bedbugs jump to a new line

NY NEW YORK — Bedbugs have transferred to a new subway line in New York City.

A transit union official told the Daily News that a No. 5 train was taken out of service Friday after a rider saw a bedbug fall off a homeless man.

The News said another bedbug was apparently spotted elsewhere on the Lexington Avenue line.

Restaurant manager Hector Barrios told the newspaper he spotted one of the bugs on the floor of a No. 4 train Friday. Barrios said he killed it with a MetroCard receipt.

Three N trains were gassed earlier last week after bedbugs were sighted. The Daily News said transit officials also fumigated two crew locker rooms.

Spokesman Adam Lisberg said the MTA can't check riders for bedbugs before letting them on trains.

Police to monitor pig wrestling event

WI STEPHENSVILLE — Wisconsin police were planning to monitor a church's weekend pig wrestling event after thousands of people signed an on-line petition expressing concerns for the animals' well-being.

Capt. Mike Jobe, of the Outagamie County Sheriff's Department, said the long-standing event hosted by St. Patrick Parish is not illegal.

More than 42,000 people have signed the petition calling for the cancellation of the Pig Rassel in Stephenville, Post-Crescent Media reported.

The petition claims that the animals are "punched in the face, kicked, body-slammed, jumped on, yelled at and thrown into a bucket." The Global Conservation Group said the event qualifies as illegal animal fighting.

Ken Bilgrien, a deacon at St. Patrick, said the event, which is part of an annual fundraiser, is fun for both human and animal participants.

Man pleads guilty to camera in dressing room

CA SANTA ANA — A man who hid a video camera in a dressing room at an Orange County college to record young girls taking off their clothes has pleaded guilty to child pornography.

The Orange County Register reported that Paul Barbour, 33, entered his plea last. He'll be sentenced in October to five to 10 years in federal prison.

Barbour was an emcee for a dance competition at Cypress College and worked for Cypress-based Kids Artistic Review.

Though the investigation stemmed from the hidden camera, Barbour was prosecuted for images police found at his home.

Police: Ballet class scam was to raise drug funds

PA JOHNSTOWN — A western Pennsylvania

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high-density orchards because growers have not increased their acreage in 20 years. The harvest forecast is just an estimate. Plenty can go wrong between now and November, such as an early frost or hail or too much hot weather.

The number of boxes of apples that Washington state growers are expecting from this year's harvest. The Yakima (Wash.) Herald-Republic reported Friday that the crop could be the largest ever, easily topping the 2012 record of 129 million boxes. Jon DeVaney, of the Uakima Valley Growers-Shippers Association, credits warm spring weather and more



CHRISTOPHER CHUNG, SANTA ROSA (CALIF.) PRESS DEMOCRAT/AP

Redwood gets a lift

A rare chimeric coast redwood tree is lifted from its location along the Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit tracks near East Cotati Avenue on Thursday in Cotati, Calif. The rare tree has been safely replanted instead of being sawed down to make way for planned railway tracks.

couple face dozens of theft and related charges for allegedly going door-to-door selling pizza kit supposedly to raise money for their young daughter's ballet lessons, but which police say the couple really used to buy drugs.

The Johnstown Tribune-Democrat reported that West Hills Regional Police, who patrol the city's suburbs, said Jon Beltz Jr. and Nicole Cairns, both 28, took "donations" of \$18 to \$20 from at least 69 residents. The couple had their little girl in tow.

Beltz remained in the Cambria County Jail on Friday.

Lovebirds found in yard died from parrot fever

AZ SCOTTSDALE — Arizona wildlife officials said parrot fever is what killed 20 lovebirds in Scottsdale.

Game and Fish officials said a Scottsdale home-owner reported finding the dead birds in his yard. The agency said test results de-

termined that the lovebirds were infected with psittacosis, a disease also known as parrot fever.

The disease, which can spread to humans, is hard to diagnose. Symptoms include a nagging cough, achiness or eye infection.

A Mesa woman became infected last year after using a leaf blower to clean up after lovebirds. She was treated for a respiratory condition with antibiotics.

Officials advise to be cautious when feeding wild birds and using diluted bleach when cleaning up bird waste.

Army shifting \$54.5M for depot cleanup

CO PUEBLO — The Army is shifting funding to provide another \$54.5 million over the next two years for cleanup work at the Pueblo Chemical Depot.

The Pueblo Chieftrain reported Wednesday that the extra funds will increase this year's budget

to \$65.7 million. The extra money is coming from funds not spent at other military installations targeted for closures or realignment.

About 780,000 shells containing 2,600 tons of mustard agent are stored at the depot. Most will be destroyed by robotic technology. About 1,300 shells will be torn open with explosives inside a closed chamber starting this year.

About \$100 million has already been spent on the project.

Deputy resigns after alcohol-related incident

FL DAYTONA BEACH — A Volusia County Sheriff's sergeant has resigned after being informed he was getting fired following his third drunken driving incident.

The Daytona Beach News-Journal reported Kenneth Vickery resigned last week. Sheriff Ben Johnson informed him in late July that he was being terminated for an April 23 incident.

An investigation found that a

Port Orange police officer made contact with Vickery, who had pulled over to the side of a road to search for a cellphone that a friend had thrown out the window. The officer said Vickery was too intoxicated to drive.

Last of deactivated missile silos eliminated

MT GREAT FALLS — Crews have finished eliminating the last of the deactivated intercontinental ballistic missile silos operated by Malmstrom Air Force Base.

The silos had been under the 564th Missile Squadron, which was deactivated in 2008. The silos are located in Choteau, Pondera, Teton and Toole counties.

Under a nuclear arms-reduction treaty with Russia, the U.S. was required to eliminate 103 deactivated ICBM silos, including the 50 at Malmstrom, by February 2018.

From wire reports

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What if

the rom-com isn't dead?

Actor and director try to elevate the genre with new movie

By STEVEN ZEITCHIK
Los Angeles Times

Few genres have taken their lumps like the romantic comedy — endlessly pronounced dead as new ones keep coming, lamented for its clichés yet sought out by audiences with longing in their hearts.

So why would a director known for Canadian cult movies and an actor known for global wizardry want to go out and try one? And how, in the name of Meg Ryan, do they succeed in making it fresh?

“I don’t want to subvert the genre,” said Michael Dowse of his new directorial effort, “What If.” “I just want to subvert the bad clichés of the genre.”

“A critic asked if we’re trying to reinvent the romantic comedy, and I’m like, ‘What would make you say that?’” said Daniel Radcliffe, star of “What If.” “We just want to make a really good version of it.”

That’s a task perhaps easier said than done for the film, out Aug. 8, which concerns well-meaning 20somethings fumbling toward love. A lot has changed in the quarter-century since “When Harry Met Sally” set the modern standard for boy-meets-girl, boy-and-girl-are-thwarted-by-utterly-contrasting-personalities, boy-and-girl-fall-in-love-on-New-Years-Eve-over-a-monologue-about-a-sandwich.

For years there was a series of increasingly cloying sappiness starring the likes of pre-McConaissance Matthew McConaughey and pre-Oscarized Sandra Bullock. The tropes of the genre were firmly

entrenched: barely holding-it-together woman and emotionally stunted man, kept temporarily apart by whatever obstacle is necessary to ensure the film doesn’t end in the first five minutes.

Five years ago, “(500) Days of Summer” breathed fresh life into the rom-com by making the characters, played by Joseph Gordon-Levitt and Zoëy Deschanel, more offbeat and the ending — in which guy and girl don’t live happily ever after — more unexpected. Yet instead of ushering in a new era for the rom-com, it simply solidified another set of tropes, just now in the indie world.

The girl went from emotionally unkept to charmingly idiosyncratic; the guy went from slick and unfeeling to wry and self-deprecating. Their coupling was also congressionally mandated to happen to, and over, a number of moody songs. What had been meant as an antidote to a genre was in danger of becoming its own malady.

Into this complicated world comes “What If,” a story about Wallace (Radcliffe), a med-school dropout a year removed from a breakup with a long-standing girlfriend, and Chantry (Zoe Kazan), a woman who would seem perfect for him but for the five-year relationship she’s in with a copyright lawyer.

Wallace and Chantry become friends even though Wallace wants more, and the two must work out a friendship — using, natch, some quick-fire dialogue — along with their respective romantic feelings.

In some ways the film is clearly traditional — it’s about two people who put

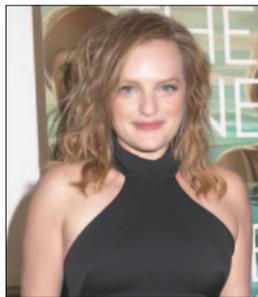
each other in the friend zone while struggling with whether they want more. And in some ways it’s the anti-rom-com — what with a likable self-deprecating man and a charmingly idiosyncratic woman.

“I wanted to make a movie that doesn’t rely on stupid plot twists and people acting like sociopaths,” Dowse said over coffee several hours before the film’s premiere Aug. 4. “It’s just a simple narrative structure. It’s not someone pretending to have cancer so they can fall in love.”

“What If,” which CBS Films acquired at last year’s Toronto International Film Festival, looks to benefit from the fresh perspective of its very non-rom-commy creators. Dowse is best known for the slack-er “Paparazzi” films and the hockey-themed “Goon.” Radcliffe is, well, Radcliffe, he of eight “Harry Potter” movies and excursions to horror cinema and Broadway.

“The only time I think in terms of genre is when I’m doing press,” Radcliffe said. “But I like playing a character that isn’t similar to me. I’m quite a direct guy and I would address the issues in the film. And Wallace isn’t.”

Still, he feels the film does serve as a counterpoint to many romantic comedies that preceded it. “In so many cases, the sequence in rom-coms that show you why they love each other is reduced to a montage — off they go, for 10 minutes of waltzing and feeding ducks. It’s not the rom-com we’re tired of, I don’t think. We’re just subconsciously alienated by movies that dispense with humans acting like humans.”



Moss a fan of HBO series ‘True Detective’

Elisabeth Moss won’t say whether she’ll be joining the second season of “True Detective,” but she calls HBO’s mystery series “a fantastic show.”

The 31-year-old “Mad Men” and “Top of the Lake” star is among a handful of actors rumored to appear in the next installment of the anthology series. Its second season will take place in California and is distinct from the Emmy-nominated first season starring Matthew McConaughey and Woody Harrelson.

Moss said in an interview Aug. 7 that she’s been “a fan of HBO since the get-go” and has “seen everything” on the network. But she wouldn’t discuss whether she’s up for a role.

She was promoting her role in the indie film “The One I Love,” set for limited release Aug. 22.

From The Associated Press

Rowling reaches out to Texas shootings survivor

The teenage survivor of a shooting rampage that claimed the lives of her parents and four siblings at their suburban Houston home has drawn the attention of Harry Potter creator J.K. Rowling.

Rowling’s publicist says the British author sent Cassidy Stay a letter and package. Publicist Rebecca Salt isn’t describing the contents, saying the package is private.

Speaking at a public gathering days after the shootings last month, the 15-year-old girl paraphrased a quote by Albus Dumbledore, headmaster of the Hogwarts school for wizards from the Harry Potter books. Stay said: “Happiness can be found even in darkest of times, if one remembers to turn on the light.”

Other news

■ Universal Pictures is sinking its teeth into “The Vampire Chronicles.” Anne Rice’s popular book series about the exploits of an 18th century French-aristocrat-turned-bloodsucker. The studio has acquired movie rights to the existing and future novels in the series along with Brian Grazer and Imagine Entertainment; the deal also includes the adapted screenplay for “The Tale of the Body Thief,” written by Rice’s son, Christopher Rice.

■ Former “Saturday Night Live” cast member Victoria Jackson has lost her bid as an independent candidate for a seat on a county commission in Tennessee. Jackson calls herself a tea party conservative.

■ Former TV judge Joe Brown lost his bid to become the district attorney for the Tennessee county that includes Memphis. Brown, a Democrat, challenged Republican Amy Weirich, the incumbent district attorney for Shelby County.

From wire services



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Michael Dowse
director of the movie “What If”

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Judge won't dismiss GM ignition suit

By Steve Higgins and Margaret Cronin Fisk
Bloomberg News

MARIETTA, Ga. — General Motors failed to persuade a Georgia judge to dismiss a lawsuit over the death of a 29-year-old woman that helped trigger the recall of 2.59 million cars over faulty ignition switches.

Cobb County State Court Judge Kathryn Tanksley rejected GM's motion to dismiss the revived lawsuit at a hearing Saturday in Marietta, Ga., and set a trial date for April 2016.

The lawsuit, brought by the parents of Brooke Melton, who died in a 2010 crash of a Chevy Cobalt, was settled in September 2013. The Meltons filed a new complaint in May, claiming General Motors fraudulently had concealed defects in the Cobalt and withheld evidence before the accord was reached.

General Motors contended the Melton suit couldn't go forward because it was settled. Allowing

the new case would mean that anyone could unilaterally redo a settlement, Robert Ingram, GM's lawyer, said at Saturday's hearing.

The new Melton case is different because of the fraud allegations, Tanksley said. "We're plowing new ground," she said.

The decision gives support to other accident victims hoping to reopen settled ignition-switch cases. A revived suit also would allow the Meltons to immediately seek evidence of General Motors' knowledge of the defect before the recalls, Lance Cooper, the family's lawyer, said in an interview before the hearing.

Such information-gathering is stalled in other suits combined in a federal court in Manhattan, as two judges determine the effect of GM's bankruptcy on the litigation.

Cooper asked at the hearing Saturday for GM to begin sending documents by Sept. 2.

Tanksley said GM would have

to begin producing documents by Sept. 26, along with reasons for not providing any material requested by the Meltons' lawyers.

General Motors is disappointed with the decision, Pat Morrissey, a spokesman for the Detroit-based company, said in an emailed statement.

The decision is "very bad news for GM," said Erik Gordon, professor at the Ross School of Business at the University of Michigan.

"GM has more to fear going before jurors than going before Congress and federal regulators who have done little more than put executives through a few difficult hours of questioning," he said in an email. "Juries, hearing evidence about GM's stifling its employees who were worried about the ignition switch, are likely to punish GM with huge damage awards."

The ignition-switch recall began in February and expanded to about 2.59 million cars, including the Cobalt and Saturn Ion.

Following the Cobalt recall, the largest U.S. automaker stepped up its review of potential safety issues and recalled about 29 million vehicles in North America this year, a record.

GM faces more than 100 lawsuits claiming loss of vehicle value caused by the recalls. They are combined in a multidistrict litigation, or MDL, in federal court in New York before U.S. District Judge Jesse Furman. More than 30 suits have been filed in the U.S. and Canada claiming deaths and injuries connected to switch recalls. Many of those have been transferred to the MDL.

General Motors has established a fund, overseen by outside lawyer Kenneth Feinberg, to pay death and injury claims related to the ignition switch recalls. The company said last month that it took a charge of \$400 million for the victim compensation program. The fund isn't capped and the cost may rise to \$600 million, the automaker said.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Aug. 11)	\$1.3734
Dollar buys (Aug. 11)	€0.7281
British pound (Aug. 11)	\$1.72
Japanese yen (Aug. 11)	100.00
South Korean won (Aug. 11)	1,013.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
Canada (dollar)	\$1.1766
China (Yuan)	6.1564
Denmark (Krone)	5.5952
Egypt (Pound)	7.5156
Euro	\$1.3410/1.7457
Hong Kong (Dollar)	0.7815
Hungary (Forint)	233.31
Israel (Shekel)	3.4689
Japan (Yen)	102.04
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2833
Norway (Krone)	6.2268
Philippines (Peso)	44.15
Poland (Zloty)	3.1313
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7505
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2518
South Korea (Won)	1,031.34
Switzerland (Franc)	0.9093
Taiwan (Dollar)	32.14
Turkey (New Lira)	1,4450

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Federal funds market rate	0.09
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30-year bond	3.23

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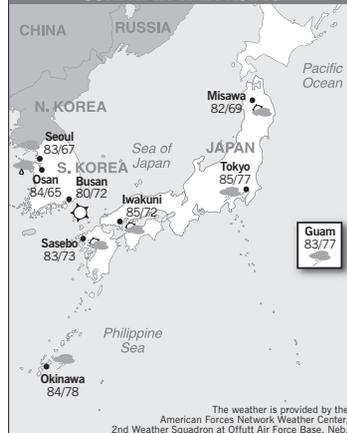
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City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Arlene, Tex	95	74	Cldy	Chatanooga	87	71	Cldy	Fort Wayne	81	65	Rain	Louisville	86	71	Rain
Akron, Ohio	76	64	Rain	Chyenne	79	53	PCldy	Fresno	97	69	PCldy	Lubbock	87	70	Rain
Albany, N.Y.	86	61	Cir	Chicago	82	66	Cldy	Goodland	85	59	PCldy	Macon	92	72	Rain
Albuquerque	85	64	Cldy	Cincinnati	83	67	Rain	Grand Junction	91	61	PCldy	Madison	79	63	Rain
Allentown, Pa.	85	58	PCldy	Cleveland	81	66	Rain	Grand Rapids	84	66	Rain	Medford	99	70	Cldy
Amarillo	86	64	Cldy	Colorado Springs	80	54	Cldy	Great Falls	89	56	Cir	Memphis	90	76	Rain
Anchorage	66	54	Cldy	Columbia, S.C.	83	67	Rain	Greensboro, N.C.	74	66	Rain	Miami Beach	81	79	PCldy
Ashville	75	64	Rain	Columbus, Ga.	82	67	Rain	Hartford	82	63	Cldy	Milwaukee	77	64	Rain
Atlanta	82	72	PCldy	Concord, N.H.	83	57	PCldy	Hartford Springfield	83	63	Cldy	Milford-Ordesa	90	73	PCldy
Atlantic City	84	61	PCldy	Corpus Christi	97	77	PCldy	Helena	95	55	PCldy	Missoula	98	53	Cldy
Baltimore	81	66	Cldy	Dallas-Ft. Worth	98	79	Cldy	Honolulu	86	77	Cldy	Mobile	86	77	Cldy
Baton Rouge	93	74	Cldy	Dayton	80	66	Rain	Houston	97	77	PCldy	Montgomery	92	74	Cldy
Bilings	90	69	PCldy	Daytona Beach	93	76	Cldy	Huntsville	90	71	Rain	Nashville	90	72	Cldy
Birmingham	90	73	Cldy	Denver	84	56	PCldy	Indianapolis	80	69	Cldy	New Orleans	88	72	Rain
Bismark	80	52	Cir	Des Moines	80	66	Cldy	Jackson, Miss.	94	74	Rain	New York City	83	67	Cir
Boise	97	65	Cir	Detroit	80	66	Rain	Jacksonville	93	75	Rain	Newark	84	67	Cir
Boston	81	65	PCldy	El Paso	92	73	Cldy	Janeau	64	57	Rain	Norfolk, Va.	80	73	PCldy
Bridgeport	83	64	Cir	Elkins	74	61	Cldy	Kansas City	83	67	PCldy	North Platte	83	56	Cir
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Charleston, S.C.	91	75	Rain	Flagstaff	78	51	Cldy	Lincoln	81	64	PCldy	Philadelphia	86	65	PCldy
Charleston, W.Va.	80	66	Rain	Flint	82	62	Cldy	Little Rock	93	75	Cldy	Phoenix	106	86	Rain
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Portland, Ore.	95	64	PCldy	South Bend	81	65	Cldy	Springfield, Ill.	82	68	Cldy	Pueblo	85	57	Cldy
Providence	82	64	PCldy	Springfield, Mo.	87	70	PCldy	Springfield, Ill.	82	68	Cldy	Raleigh-Durham	76	67	Rain
Reno	90	64	PCldy	Tallahassee	91	74	Rain	Tampa	90	79	PCldy	Rapid City	81	56	PCldy
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San Antonio	91	61	PCldy	Tucson	99	77	PCldy	Tulpe	91	74	Rain	St. Louis	86	73	PCldy
San Diego	78	69	PCldy	Waco	101	78	PCldy	Waco	101	78	PCldy	St. Petersburg	91	81	PCldy
San Francisco	75	60	PCldy	Wichita	87	69	PCldy	Wichita Falls	97	73	PCldy	St. Thomas	91	81	PCldy
San Jose	81	60	PCldy	Wichita Falls	97	73	PCldy	Wichita Falls	97	73	PCldy	Salt Lake City	93	66	PCldy
Santa Fe	81	58	Cldy	Wilmington, Del.	83	62	PCldy	Wilmington, Del.	83	62	PCldy	San Jose	81	60	PCldy
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OPINION

Helping Africa become more secure

By DAVID IGNATIUS

WASHINGTON
 President Barack Obama touted this month's U.S.-Africa Leaders Summit as "an extraordinary event." That may sound like hype, but the gathering featured some innovative new ideas to prevent terrorism and lawlessness from spreading in Africa as it has in the Middle East.

Obama announced two new programs that will help African nations combat internal disorder and the drift toward violent extremism. One is a partnership to assist countries in building rapid-deployment forces that can intervene when crises happen on the continent. The second will help endangered nations develop better security and governance to fight al-Qaida affiliates and other threats to stability.

Those programs begin to flesh out the counterterrorism strategy that Obama announced last May in a speech at West Point. The idea was for a network of U.S.-backed security partnerships stretching from Morocco to Pakistan, with America filling the gaps with "direct action" in partners Syria and Libya where governance has collapsed. It sounded good, but details about implementation were vague, and in some cases (like Syria) half-baked.

The new Africa initiatives will try to avoid past U.S. mistakes. They recognize that the U.S. military is not the West Africa's partners and allies, rather than doing the fighting. They link economic development and the rule of law to the antiterrorism fight. They focus on the most capable partners first. And they open the way for mobilizing the United Nations, the African Union and other multinational organizations.

Reading the proposals, I found myself wishing the U.S. could turn back the clock 20 years and try similar approaches in the Middle East and South Asia. It's too late for that, but it's worth a change to avoid repeating old errors in combating new terrorism threats in Africa.

Under Obama's proposed African Peacekeeping Rapid Response Partnership, the U.S. will support six partners that have competent militaries — Senegal, Ghana, Ethiopia, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda. These countries will share \$110 million annually over the next three to five years. The money will finance better training and equipment, and the kind of "enablers" (such as transportation and logistics) that allow the U.S. — uniquely among the world's militaries — to move quickly into crisis zones.

The peacekeeping challenges in Africa are immense. Countries where the U.S. is currently supporting U.N. or African Union peacekeeping missions include the Central African Republic, Ivory Coast, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Liberia, Mali, Somalia, Sudan and Darfur. The countries there are often outmaneuvered and disorganized, and the conflict zones are recruiting grounds for al-Qaida and its affiliates and spinoffs.

Obama's second new Africa program, the Security Governance Initiative, will provide \$250 million in the first year to six countries where the U.S. wants to destabilize the governments: Ghana, Kenya, Mali, Niger, Nigeria and Tunisia. Those are the front-line states in combating the growth of al-Qaida. The aid will go partly to local security services, and partly to promote democratic governance, the rule of law and economic development. That isn't much

money for such ambitious goals, and the administration should request more.

One thing the U.S. learned in Afghanistan was that insurgents fed on a lack of law enforcement and justice. So it's good that the security initiative imagines, as a model, "strengthening a Ministry of Justice's and Director of Public Prosecution's ability to lead a governmentwide effort against terrorism and other transnational crimes, provide oversight and accountability, ensure the highest effective and accountable corrections management." A case study for Africa planners is the Rule of Law Field Force, an innovative but underfunded U.S. program in Afghanistan.

A danger of the Africa initiatives is that the U.S. will view the continent's complex problems through the sometimes distorting lens of counterterrorism. A strong military and security service that enables economic development, as in Rwanda, can also be perilously close to authoritarianism. Perhaps recognizing the dangers of militarization, the policy papers issued by the White House this month include the mention of a role for the Pentagon's regional command, U.S. Africa Command. And it's notable that the new Security Governance Initiative will be based at the State Department, not Defense — which makes sense so long as State has the resources and expeditionary spirit to make it work.

The African leaders' summit celebrated the opportunities ahead for the continent. But in the aftermath, officials shouldn't forget that some of the biggest and most promising nations — such as Nigeria, Kenya and Ghana — are targeted by extremists.

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New US intervention in Iraq has odd dynamics

By JOSHUA KEATING
 Slate

WASHINGTON
 While the world's attention has been mainly focused on the war in Gaza, the deteriorating situation in eastern Ukraine, and the Ebola outbreak in West Africa, the Islamic State's campaign of terrorism in both Syria and Iraq has continued. In Syria, fighting between the Islamic State and Bashar Assad's forces has led to some of the bloodiest days of the conflict so far.

In Iraq, things seemed to have reached a stalemate when the U.S. made rapid advance through the country stopped short of Baghdad and the predominantly Shiite areas of southern Iraq. All the same, more than 1,700 Iraqis were killed in July, making it one of the deadliest months since the height of the Iraq War.

Then, earlier this month, the Islamic State captured three towns in northern Iraq from Kurdish forces and now appears to have taken control of the country's largest dam. It marks the first defeat of the Kurdish peshmarga forces, and the Kurdish capital, Irbil, is now threatened.

Members of the small, but ethnic group in northern Iraq have perhaps fared the worst. Having been driven from their towns, between 10,000 and 40,000 predominantly Yazidi civilians are now stranded on a barren mountain with few supplies. They are facing an extraordinarily grim choice: their death by dehydration if they stay where they are or being slaughtered by the Islamic State if they flee.

Who are the Yazidis? There are about 600,000 Yazidis worldwide, mostly in Iraq, Iran, Turkey and Syria. Though often considered an offshoot of the Kurds, they consider themselves a distinct ethnic group. They follow a distinct religion that blends

elements of Sufi Islam and Zoroastrianism. Like with its view of Shiites, Christians and a number of other groups in Iraq, the Islamic State considers them apostates and has killed at least 500 Yazidis thus far.

Why is the U.S. intervening only now? While the U.S. sent 300 military advisers to Iraq last month, the Obama administration has been wary of direct military intervention on behalf of the Iraqi government in making such aid contingent upon the formation of a government that gives greater political representation to Sunnis and Kurds, and preferably one without Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki in charge.

But al-Maliki has shown no willingness to form such a government, and in the meantime the lay of the land in Iraq has worsened. The situation facing the Yazidis has been called a potential genocide, with President Barack Obama using the G-word on Thursday. The taking of the Mosul Dam could portend catastrophic consequences. The Kurds, who have long been considered the only fighting force in Iraq capable of rolling back the Islamic State, have now been dealt a string of major defeats. Meanwhile, the Islamic State's fighters are getting dangerously close to Baghdad.

Most short, things got much worse, much more chaotic for intervention in Iraq.

What will a U.S. intervention entail? There doesn't seem to be much reason to doubt Obama when he says that "American combat troops will not be returning to fight in Iraq." This administration has shown little enthusiasm for intervention in Iraq or Syria and likely will try to keep this mission as limited as possible.

Of course, all interventions are subject to mission creep, and a limited campaign of airstrikes to "prevent a potential act of genocide," as the president put it, could easily turn into a longer air campaign on behalf of the Iraqi government against the

Islamic State, a somewhat awkward proposition given Iran's role as Baghdad's primary patron. While it seems unlikely that a significant number of American boots will be back on Iraqi soil anytime soon, one of the Obama administration's signature achievements — ending the long U.S. military engagement in Iraq — looks a lot more tenuous than it did a few months ago.

How does this end? While essentially every government in the Middle East is united in its opposition to the Islamic State, nobody seems able to stop it. (In addition to its gains in Iraq, the group recently made its first major foray into Lebanon.) So far, it has worked to the group's advantage that many of the governments it is fighting — Syria, Iraq, the U.S., Iran, Kurdistan — are also at odds with each other. Whenever the group faces a setback on one front, it seems to melt back into the wilderness and launch a new campaign somewhere else.

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AUTO RACING



DERIK HAMILTON/AP

Marcos Ambrose celebrates after winning Saturday's Hamilton Series race at Watkins Glen International, in Watkins Glen N.Y.

NASCAR Nationwide series

Ambrose gets win at Watkins Glen

Aussie holds off hard-charging Kyle Busch

By JOHN KERIS
The Associated Press

WATKINS GLEN, N.Y. — With The King atop the pit box at Watkins Glen International, Marcos Ambrose wasn't about to disappoint.

The aggressive Australian duled early with Kyle Busch to fall off the pace in the NASCAR Nationwide race, then was flawless the rest of the way Saturday, holding off a hard-charging Busch at the end to win the race for the fourth time in his last four starts.

"It's just something special. I'm just so thrilled for the guys," Ambrose said. "I had my tongue hanging out the whole day. There was nothing left. I tried to hold him back. Another lap and I would have been in trouble."

Ambrose raced to three straight victories at the track from 2008-2010, then missed the 2011-2013 events after failing to

find a sponsor. Ambrose's future in NASCAR with Richard Petty Motorsports remains in doubt, and he desperately needs a victory in Sunday's Sprint Cup race to have any chance of making the Chase for the championship.

"There's a lot at stake, a lot of stuff going on in my mind," Ambrose said. "I can repeat my performance today, I'll be happy." At least Ambrose will start from the front row alongside Jeff Gordon, so the catbird seat will be up for grabs as soon as the green flag waves.

"Maybe this will give him a little more incentive," Petty said. "He's just unreal. He's doing his job, for dang sure."

Joey Logano finished third, followed by Penske teammate and pole-sitter Brad Keselowski. Matt Kenseth was fifth as Sprint Cup drivers dominated on the speedy 2.45-mile road course.

Tragic: Sprint car driver hit, killed after leaving car to confront Stewart

FROM BACK PAGE

"We gave Tony some time to sleep on it. He feels strongly this is the right thing to do," Zipadelli said. "All you can do is what you feel is right, and we feel this is right. We get through today and do it the best we can as a group."

"He's going through a tough time. It's emotional for him."

Regan Smith will drive Stewart's car instead. Ward had crashed following contact with Stewart one lap earlier and got out of his car as it was stopped along the fence. Video of the incident showed Ward walking from his crashed car onto the racing surface as cars circled by and, as he gestured at Stewart's passing car, he was struck.

Authorities questioned Stewart, but said no criminal charges were imminent. Stewart traveled to Watkins Glen International following police questioning.

Ontario County Sheriff Philip Povero said Stewart was "visibly shaken" and had been cooperative in the investigation. Authorities were asking spectators and others to turn over any video they recorded of the crash.

"This is right now being investigated as an on-track crash and I don't want to infer that there are criminal charges pending," Povero said. "When the investigation is completed, we will sit down with the district attorney and review it. But I want to make it very clear: there are no criminal charges pending at this time."

A witness said it appeared Ward was trying to confront Stewart, the three-time NASCAR Sprint Cup Champion. The video showed Ward standing to the right of Stewart's familiar No. 14 car, which seemed to kick out from the rear and hit him.

Moments earlier, Ward and Stewart were racing side-by-side for position as they exited a turn. Ward was on the outside when Stewart, on the bottom, seemed to slide toward Ward's car and crowd him toward the wall. The rear tire of Stewart's car appeared to clip the front tire of Ward's car, and Ward spun into the fence.

Povero said Ward, who was wearing a black firesuit and black helmet, had walked into the rac-



MEL EVANS/AP

Tony Stewart drives through the s-turns during a qualifying session for Sunday's Sprint Cup Series race at Watkins Glen International on Saturday. Stewart struck and killed sprint car driver Kevin Ward Jr., who had climbed from his car and was on the track trying to confront Stewart during a race in upstate New York on Saturday. Stewart did not participate in Sunday's race in Watkins Glen, N.Y.

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Ontario County (N.Y.) Sheriff

ing area and one car swerved to avoid him before he was struck by Stewart.

"The next thing I could see, I didn't see (the other driver) any more," witness Michael Messerly said. "It just seemed like he was suddenly gone."

A spokesman for Stewart's racing team called Ward's death a "tragic accident."

Ward's website said he began racing go-karts in 1998 at age 4, but didn't start driving sprint cars until 2010. The 20-year-old from Port Leyden, N.Y., was Empire Super Sprint rookie of the year in 2012 and this year was his fifth season racing the Empire

Super Sprints.

Stewart often competes in extracurricular events like the race on Saturday. The multimillionaire is known to participate in races with purses worth less than \$3,000 and drive alongside drivers of varying ages and talent levels.

The crash Saturday came almost exactly a year after Stewart suffered a compound fracture to his right leg in a sprint car race in Iowa.

The injury cost him the second half of the NASCAR season. Stewart only returned to sprint track racing last month, and won in his return, at Tri-City Motor Speedway in Michigan.

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Pro football

NFL preseason

AMERICAN CONFERENCE				
W	L	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Jets	1	0	1.000	13
Lufkin	0	0	0.000	21
Miami	1	0	1.000	10
New England	0	0	0.000	23

NATIONAL CONFERENCE				
W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Jacksonville	1	0	1.000	16
Tennessee	0	0	1.000	20
Houston	0	0	0.000	32
Indianapolis	0	0	0.000	13

AFC NORTH				
W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	1	0	1.000	23
Cleveland	0	0	0.000	12
Pittsburgh	0	0	0.000	20
Cincinnati	1	0	1.000	41

AFC WEST				
W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	1	0	1.000	21
Kansas City	0	0	0.000	27
San Diego	0	0	0.000	16
Oakland	0	0	0.000	10

NATIONAL CONFERENCE				
W	L	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	2	0	1.000	37
Washington	1	0	1.000	23
Carolina	0	0	0.000	23
Philadelphia	0	0	0.000	28

AFC SOUTH				
W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	1	0	1.000	16
New Orleans	1	0	1.000	26
Jacksonville	0	0	0.000	18
Tampa Bay	1	0	1.000	10

AFC NORTH				
W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	1	0	1.000	34
Minnesota	0	0	0.000	16
Indianapolis	0	0	0.000	16
Green Bay	1	0	1.000	20

AFC WEST				
W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	1	0	1.000	32
San Francisco	0	0	0.000	23
San Diego	0	0	0.000	19
St. Louis	0	0	0.000	26

Thursday, Aug. 14
N.Y. Jets 13, Indianapolis 10
Washington 23, San Francisco 23
Baltimore 22, San Diego 12
Kansas City 41, Cincinnati 39
Seattle 21, Seattle 7
San Diego 27, Dallas 7

Friday, Aug. 15
Atlanta 16, Miami 10
Buffalo 20, Carolina 18
Philadelphia 16, Tampa Bay 10
Chicago 34, Philadelphia 28
New Orleans 20, Oakland 18
New Orleans 26, St. Louis 24

Saturday, Aug. 16
Detroit 13, Cleveland 12
N.Y. Giants 20, Pittsburgh 16
Washington 20, Green Bay 16
Arizona 23, Houston 0

Thursday, Aug. 14
Jacksonville at Chicago
Friday, Aug. 15
Tennessee at New Orleans
Detroit at Oakland
Saturday, Aug. 16
Green Bay at St. Louis
Baltimore at Dallas
N.Y. Giants at Indianapolis
N.Y. Jets at Cincinnati
Buffalo at Pittsburgh
Miami at Tampa Bay
Atlanta at Houston
Arizona at Washington

Monday, Aug. 18
Cleveland at Pittsburgh

Pro basketball

WNBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Atlanta	13	15	.567	-
Washington	15	7	.724	+2
New York	13	14	.448	+3
Orlando	11	14	.439	+4
Indiana	13	17	.433	+4
Connecticut	11	20	.355	+6

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
W	L	Pct	GB	
xPhoenix	26	4	.867	-
xMinnesota	25	7	.774	+2
Los Angeles	16	16	.500	+7
San Antonio	12	19	.385	+12
Tulsa	12	19	.385	+12
Seattle	11	20	.355	+15

x-cinched playoff's games

Saturday's games
Phoenix 82, Minnesota 90
San Antonio at Connecticut
Indiana at New York
Los Angeles at San Antonio
Atlanta at Chicago
Tulsa at Seattle

Pro soccer

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE						
W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	
Sporting KC	11	5	37	32	20	
D.C.	11	6	37	31	24	
Toronto FC	9	7	32	32	30	
New York	6	16	20	28	31	
Philadelphia	6	8	27	37	37	
Columbus	6	8	27	28	31	
New England	6	9	27	26	31	
Houston	6	11	24	23	40	
Chicago	3	13	12	28	34	
Montreal	1	14	4	22	41	

WESTERN CONFERENCE						
W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	
Real Salt Lake	10	4	39	37	26	
Seattle	12	6	38	38	29	
Colorado	9	6	32	31	29	
Los Angeles	9	7	34	34	34	
New Jose	8	6	24	25	22	
Portland	7	9	30	38	38	
Vancouver	6	4	11	29	29	
San Jose	6	8	24	25	22	
Chivas USA	6	11	5	21	36	

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

Wednesday's game
Portland 2-0, Seattle 1-1

MLS All-Star Game
Friday's game
Los Angeles 2, Montreal 3, tie

Saturday's games
San Jose 1-0, Chivas USA 1-0
Portland 1-0, Vancouver 1-0
New York at Chicago
Houston at Seattle FC

Friday, Aug. 15
Philadelphia at St. Louis
Seattle FC at Real Salt Lake
Chicago at Montreal

Saturday, Aug. 16
Seattle FC at Real Salt Lake
Los Angeles at Columbus
Portland at New England
Toronto FC at Sporting Kansas City

Sunday, Aug. 17
Vancouver at Chivas USA
Colorado at D.C. United

Soccer

Timbers 2, Chivas USA 0

First half—1, Portland, Wallace 7 (Chara), 10th minute. 2, Portland, Wallace 1 (Aar. 38).

Goals—Chivas USA, Dan Kennedy; Portland, Donovan Ricketts.

Yellow Cards—Lochhead, Chivas USA, 12th; Miranda, Chivas USA, 33rd; Valero, Portland, 51st; Peltier, Chivas USA, 59th; Ridgewill, Portland, 90th+; Delgado, Chivas USA, 90th+.

A—20,426 (20,000)

Real Salt Lake 3, United 0

First half—1, Real Salt Lake, Plata 10 (Mullins), 11th minute. 2, Real Salt Lake, Schuler 1 (Morales), 13th. 3, Real Salt Lake, Schuler 2 (Morales), 24th.

Goals—D.C. United, Bill Hamid; Real Salt Lake, Nick Rimando.

Yellow Cards—Jeffrey, 30th; Mansally, Real Salt Lake, 85th.

A—20,452 (20,000)

Golf

Major Classic

At Blytheville Country Club, Belmont, Michigan

Par: 71
Yardage: 6,414
Par 71 Third Round

Inbee Park	66-66	-200	13
Mirim Lee	70-64	-67	-12
Seon Hui Kyung	69-69	-68	-12
Linda Veitch	68-68	-68	-10
Beatriz Recari	70-69	-67	-6
Haru Nomura	70-67	-69	-6
Lee-Anne Pace	70-67	-67	-6
Christine Kerr	71-68	-68	-6
Paula Creamer	69-70	-67	-6
Julia Molinari	67-67	-69	-6
Haru Nomura	69-69	-67	-6
Christine Kerr	71-68	-68	-6
Sydney Michaels	68-70	-70	-6
Azahara Muñoz	68-70	-71	-6
Genia	68-70	-71	-6
Sandra Gal	72-72	-70	-6
Michelle Wie	68-70	-71	-6
Ayako Uehara	66-70	-70	-6
Kris Tamaris	67-70	-71	-6
Christine Kerr	69-70	-71	-6
Katherine Kirk	71-68	-68	-6
Deborah Searles	68-70	-71	-6
Jodi Eward Shadoff	69-73	-69	-6
Hee Young Park	71-70	-71	-6
Karrie Webb	71-70	-71	-6
Tiffany Joh	70-70	-71	-6
Austin Egan	70-70	-71	-6
Angela Stanford	73-70	-69	-6
Stacy Lewis	70-70	-71	-6
Brittany Linn	71-70	-71	-6
Xi Yu Lin	71-70	-71	-6
Janet Park	71-70	-71	-6

FC Dallas 3, Rapids 1

Colorado 0 1-1
FC Dallas 2 1-3

First half—1, FC Dallas, Hedges 3, 9th minute. 2, FC Dallas, Michel 7 (penalty kick), 11th.

Second half—3, FC Dallas, Castillo 6, 54, Colorado, Torres 2 (penalty kick), 86th.

Goals—Colorado, Clint Irwin; FC Dallas, Raul Flores, Clint Irwin.

Yellow Cards—LaBrocca, Colorado, 43rd; Biddle, Colorado, 70th; Morfat, FC Dallas, 70th; Jose Morales, Colorado, 32nd; Akundile, FC Dallas, 74th; Michel, FC Dallas, 87th.

Toronto FC 3, Crew 2

Toronto FC 1 2-3
Columbus 1 1-2

First half—1, Toronto, FC, Gilberto 12th minute. 2, Columbus, Higuain 9 (penalty kick), 45th+.

Second half—3, Toronto, FC, Osorio 2 (Moore), 59th, 4, Columbus, Moran 3 (Francis), 81st, 5, Toronto, FC, Moore 5 (Warner), 84th.

Goals—Toronto FC, Joe Bendik; Columbus, Steve Clark.

Yellow Cards—Henry, Toronto, FC, 55th.

A—17,822 (22,555)

Union 2, Impact 1

Montreal 0 1-1
Philadelphia 1 1-2

First half—1, Philadelphia, Le Toux 9, 12th minute. 2, Philadelphia, Le Toux 10 (Wenger), 63rd. 3, Montreal, Tissot 2 (Romero), 79th.

Goals—Toronto FC, Troy Preky; Philadelphia, Zach MacMath.

A—18,703 (18,500)

NWSL

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Seattle	16	1	64	50	19
FC Kansas City	12	7	41	38	32
Washington	10	8	35	36	42
Portland	9	7	33	38	33
Chicago	0	7	3	27	31
Western NY	8	11	27	37	32
San Diego	6	11	25	25	35
San Jose	5	14	13	42	42
Boston	4	15	14	34	51

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

Wednesday's games
FC Kansas City 2, Boston 1
Seattle FC 4, Houston 2

Saturday's games
Chicago 2, FC Kansas City 1
San Jose FC 3, Houston 1
Seattle FC 1, Washington 1, tie

Sunday's game
Portland 4, Boston 3

Wednesday, Aug. 13
San Jose FC at Western New York
Chicago at Chicago, 8 a.m.

Saturday, Aug. 16
San Jose FC at Washington
Western New York at Chicago

Sunday, Aug. 17
Seattle FC at Portland
Houston at Boston

Deals

Saturday's transactions

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE Orioles — Options RHP Miguel Jimenez to Norfolk (L). Reinstated RHP Jose Bautista from 15-day DL.

CHICAGO White Sox — Options RHP Andre Rienzo to Charlotte (L). Placed OF Adam Jones on 15-day DL. Reinstated RHP Zach Putnam from 15-day DL. Recalled OF Jordan Beck from Norfolk (L).

HOUSTON Astros — Sent OF Dexter Fowler to Oklahoma City (PCL) for a rehab assignment.

LOS ANGELES Angels — Options RHP Vinny Pineda to Salt Lake City (PCL). Reinstated RHP Trevor May from Rochester, N.Y.

MINNESOTA Twins — Options RHP Chad Pineda to Salt Lake City (PCL). Reinstated RHP Trevor May from Rochester, N.Y.

NEW YORK Yankees — Placed RHP McCann on the 7-day DL. Assigned RHP Matt Daley outright to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (L).

RECALLED RHP Austin Romine from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre. Released INF Brian Roberts unconditionally. Agreed to terms with INF Scott Sizemore on a minor league contract.

SEATTLE Mariners — Options LHP Ryan Theriot to Tacoma (L). Recalled LHP Lucas Luetge from Tacoma.

TAMPA BAY Rays — Sent OF My Myers to Durham (L) for a rehab assignment.

TEXAS Rangers — Sent LHP Derek Holland to Frisco (L) for a rehab assignment.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Options LHP Rob Rasmussen to Buffalo (L). Reinstated 2B Steve Tolson from paternity leave. Placed OF Ryan Anderson on the 15-day DL. Reinstated OF Dineen (F) for a rehab assignment.

CINCINNATI REDS — Options INF Donald Lutz to Louisville. Recalled C Tucker Barnhart from Louisville.

COLORADO ROCKIES — Options RHP Christian Bergman to Fort Collins Springs (PCL) for a rehab assignment.

NEW YORK Yankees — Options LHP Edgar Olmos to New Orleans (PCL). Placed LHP Ryan Theriot on the 7-day DL. Selected the contract of RHP Brad Penny from New York Yankees. Agreed to terms with Ramon Ojeda on a minor league contract.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Options RHP Rob Whotson to Nashville (PCL). Recalled RHP Mike Fiers from Nashville.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Agreed to terms with RHP Carl Colton on a minor league contract.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Traded RHP Sergio Escobar to the Yankees. Placed RHP Andrew Cashner to Lake Erie (Cal) for a rehab assignment. Agreed to terms with RHP Alan Oaks on a minor league contract.

FOOTBALL
NFL American League
ATLANTA Falcons — Signed LB Darin Drakeford. Waived C Sergio Castano.

DALLAS Cowboys — Placed DT Darious Morris on the waived-injury settlement list.

DETROIT LIONS — Signed DB Nate Allen.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Released G Chad Anderson. Placed DB Brandon Burton on the waived-injury settlement list.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Placed TE Ryan Hill on the waived-injury settlement list.

OAKLAND RAIDERS — Placed DB Shelton Johnson and LB Matt McGee on injured reserve.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Florida State looks to reload at receiver

By KAREEM COPELAND
The Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Senior Rashad Greene is on the verge of breaking three major Florida State receiving records at a program that has produced Hall of Famer Fred Biletnikoff and other stars such as Anquan Boldin, Peter Warrick and Javon Walker. The Seminoles' experience at receiver takes a steep drop after Greene though.

Quarterback Jameis Winston lost nearly 2,000 yards and 21 touchdowns from the national championship team when starters Kelvin Benjamin and Kenny Shaw headed to the NFL. A cadre of inexperienced pass-catchers is spending camp fighting to fill those spots.

"It's going to be a great challenge, a great competition, but the best guy will play," coach Jimbo Fisher said.

Seniors Christian Green and Jarred "Scooter" Haggins top the early depth chart, but haven't been able to get much going up to this point of their careers.

Green (6-foot-2, 204 pounds) had his best season as a redshirt freshman when he finished third on the team with 450 yards on 26 receptions. His best moment came during a four-catch, 102-yard effort against Wake Forest in 2011. Haggins has battled injuries throughout his career. The 6-foot-2, 202-pounder lost all of 2013 to a knee injury and missed part of 2011 with a broken hand.

Both know there is a pair of



STEPHEN M. DOWELL, ORLANDO SENTINEL/MCT

Florida State wide receiver Rashad Greene was a key contributor on offense as well as special teams as the Seminoles won their third national championship. The senior will now be asked to lead a receiving corps thin on experience.

five-star freshmen on campus — Travis Rudolph and Ermon Lane — with an eye on immediate playing time.

"I've got to stay hungry ... because I don't want to be a senior and buried on the depth chart," Haggins said. "When I first saw them, I was like, 'those guy can play right away.' Age has no effect on whether you play or not."

Rudolph (6-2, 190) was ranked the No. 1 receiver in the country by Rivals.com while Lane (6-3, 200) was ranked No. 5. Rudolph is thought to be more polished all-around at the moment while Lane is bigger and more physical.

Smaller, speedy receivers in Jesus "Bobo" Wilson (5-9, 177) and Levonte "Kermit" Whitfield (5-7, 183) are also in the mix with

the ability to catch a short route and outrun defenders. Whitfield is one of the country's fastest players — running a 4.37-second 40-yard dash in high school and setting a BCS title game record with a 100-yard kickoff return for a score. Winston raved about Wilson's work ethic during the spring, but he's suspended indefinitely and working back into the good graces

of Fisher after stealing a motor scooter this summer.

Fisher said he doesn't have to have two players pull away from the group, but consistency will determine who gets the most snaps.

"Guys knowing what to do, where to be, making plays when that ball is thrown to you," Fisher said. "I want the best players and the most consistent players."

Senior tight end Nick O'Leary (6-3, 247) will have an expanded role after catching 33 passes for 557 yards and seven touchdowns in 2012. Fisher said the second team all-ACC selection worked on his strength during the offseason and can now squat 500 pounds and bench press 400 pounds.

"Nick is one of the unique guys in this country, to me, of what kind of player he is," Fisher said. "Now, he's a physical specimen."

The three seniors — Greene, Green and Haggins — have talked about being leaders of the unit and how the clock is ticking. Greene has the chance to become the most prolific receiver in Florida State history, but his classmates could end their careers without ever having the individual success they envisioned.

The 933-yard, six-touchdown season that Shaw had last season is a reason to be hopeful after he had a combined 986 yards and eight TDs in his first three seasons. Now he's in camp with the Jacksonville Jaguars.

"We sat down and understand it's our last go-round," Green said. "There shouldn't be no excuses at this point. You're either going to go to the next level or live in the real world."

"So, we talked about that and how we have to take advantage of every opportunity that we have."

Huskies could use Thompson as 2-way threat

By TIM BOOTH
The Associated Press

SEATTLE — Shaq Thompson knows the question is coming. It's asked any time his role with Washington is discussed.

So before the debate about whether Thompson is about to become the next two-way player in the Pac-12 Conference, he shoots down any notion that splitting between being a linebacker and running back would be a full-time deal.

"It's not really a big deal to me. I came here to play linebacker so that's what I'm going to do," Thompson said. "Until he calls my name and wants me to play offense, I'm a defensive player."

Thompson could be the best all-around player on the roster Chris Petersen inherited when he took over at Washington. So it made sense that when the Huskies' depth at running back took a hit because of injuries during spring prac-

Washington linebacker Shaq Thompson rests after taking part in a drill during the first session of fall practice on Monday.

TED S. WARREN/AP

tice that Thompson was given a shot at occasionally getting carries.

Besides, who would really want to tackle a 6-foot-1, 228-pound load running at full speed?

"I have my day where I hope I get a couple of reps here and there," Thompson said. "But I'm a full-time linebacker."

Thompson could be one of the top linebackers in the Pac-12. Some publications have already listed Thompson as a potential all-America candidate.

He was an honored mention all-Pac-12 selection as a sophomore when he had 78 tackles and returned an interception 80 yards for a touchdown against Oregon State. He remains one of the top recruits landed by Steve Sarkisian in his time at Washington and has all the measurable skills that give him the ability to play either inside or outside linebacker.

Washington linebackers coach Bob Gregory had known about Thompson long before either arrived in Seattle. Gregory coached Thompson's brother, Syd'Quan, at California.

"He's really got great dimensions for a linebacker. ... He's got good range, he can cover ground quickly from Point A to Point B. He's got good football instincts. He's a

natural football player," Gregory said.

When word first trickled out about Thompson getting time at running back, the comparison was instantly made to UCLA's Myles Jack. Last season, Jack bounced between linebacker and running back late in the season, including rushing for 120 yards against Arizona and a week later scoring four touchdowns rushing against Washington.

Gregory doesn't see a problem with giving Thompson time in the backfield.

"If that makes our team better, then I'm all for it," he said. "We have a bunch of low-ego coaches around here. We're not trying to hoard guys. If that makes us better we are all for it and I think it does. He's a naturally gifted athlete who can play running back."

Moving players around was a hallmark of Petersen's teams at Boise State. It wasn't done often, but defensive ends would occasionally get snaps at tight end, or defensive tackles would line up at fullback in short-yardage situations.

Thompson wasn't isolated in being moved around during spring practice. Wide receiver John Ross also saw time at defensive back during the spring, again in part because of injuries.



NFL

Witten not the same old leader in Dallas

By SCHUYLER DIXON
The Associated Press

OXNARD, Calif. — Jason Witten gets the same old questions at the start of training camp ever since offering his hauntingly prophetic line two years ago that it couldn't be the "same old story" for the playoff-starved Dallas Cowboys.

The nine-time Pro Bowl tight end's phrase caught on because of his role as a leader and because it's been the same ending three years running, with the Cowboys losing to an NFC East foe with a trip to the postseason on the line.

Witten's answers are just a little bit different this time, though. An increasingly younger roster has the franchise leader in catches more aware than ever of the weight of his words and actions.

"The team's gotten young in a hurry," Witten said recently at training camp in California. "I don't know that it changes other than leadership's more vital now than it's ever been. To be able to show those guys the way. It's important. It's a big part of this game."

Witten's reasoning? The Cowboys aren't adding young players in backup roles. Three offensive linemen — all first-round picks — will be 23 when the season starts. Others who haven't reached their 25th birthday figure to be counted on throughout the much-maligned defense.

Coach Jason Garrett figures those younger players are in good hands.

"I'm not so sure I have ever been around a guy who is a better leader for this team than Witten is," said Garrett, a backup quarterback on Dallas' Super Bowl-winning teams in the 1990s. "You think about some of the things we had in the '90s, there was leadership that was out there, outspoken, loud. And there was leadership that didn't say a word. Leadership is about influencing a group of people that you're close to. Witten has done that."

Witten was a bit miffed after a team run organized by him and quarterback Tony Romo the day before the Cowboys left for camp, turned into an issue when Garrett said he had canceled a pre-camp conditioning test that most teams require. The question became whether the players were trying to defy their coach, and it didn't help when offensive lineman Ron Leary came out of the run with a hamstring problem



Dallas tight end Jason Witten (82) talking to backup quarterback Brandon Weeden during minicamp in June. The nine-time Pro Bowl tight end knows his role as a leader of an increasingly young roster makes his words and actions carry more weight than ever.

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Jason Garrett
Cowboys coach

— just the kind of injury Garrett wanted to avoid by skipping the test.

"We would never go against him," Witten said. "It was always a group of guys with a shared commitment, goes a lot further than anything else, and that's all it was. I thought it was really good on our end, and I think it says a lot about our football team."

Witten also dictates the pace for the tight ends, as second-year player Gavin Escobar

noted by saying the offseason conditioning work "definitely kicked up a notch" when Witten was around.

"Whatever he says goes," Escobar said. "We weren't going to talk back. We were just going to do it."

Witten has outlasted coach Bill Parcells and flamboyant receiver Terrell Owens, and his leadership hit a new level this year in part because the Cowboys dumped fran-

chise sacks leader DeMarcus Ware and former Pro Bowl receiver Miles Austin.

The 32-year-old goes into his 12th season as the league's active leader among tight ends at catches (879) and yards (9,799) with the retirement of Tony Gonzalez. Witten has missed one game in 11 years, most notably rupturing 23 days after rupturing his spleen in a preseason game so he could play in the opener against the New York Giants in 2012 — the "same old story" year.

His signature moment came at Philadelphia in 2007, when Witten's helmet was knocked off on a hit by a Philadelphia defensive back and he ran almost 30 yards without it before getting tackled.

"He's a marvel," owner Jerry Jones said. "And really, he's special guy. He's certainly in the top five player/person that on any level of the NFL, that I've been associated with in my 25 years in the NFL. Period. Across the board."

Witten will always remember 2007 more as the best year the Cowboys have had in his career. They were 13-3 and seeded No. 1 in the NFC playoffs. But Dallas lost the first playoff game to the New York Giants, and has just one postseason win since Witten arrived in a stretch that actually goes back to 1997.

"No one cares more about that more than Witten does," Garrett said. "But there have been a lot of great players in this league and in other leagues who haven't had Super Bowl championships or NBA championships or World Series championships."

Witten doesn't figure to give up that pursuit anytime soon. For one thing, he's signed through 2017. And for another, Gonzalez played 17 seasons before retiring at 37. Shannon Sharpe was 35 when he quit after 14 years.

It shouldn't take Witten long in 2014 to join those two as the only tight ends with at least 10,000 yards receiving. But he's probably more focused on ending a four-year playoff drought that's now just one season shy of the franchise record.

"There's no question there's a lot of sleepless nights there, but really, nobody cares," Witten said. "This is a tough league. Nobody cares about last year. You move on, so we've got to be better. I think we've got the right guys who will go do it, but it's a long ways away."

Witten plans on showing them the way.

Titans WR Wright determined to show his speed

By TERESA M. WALKER
The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Kendall Wright is on the move for the Tennessee Titans with coach Ken Whisenunt calling the plays.

The slithery receiver has worked so much from the slot his first two seasons in Tennessee that his speed has been overlooked.

Clocked running a 4.6-second 40-yard dash at the NFL combine, Wright disputes that figure. He says his best recorded time is 4.36, and he's confident if given a chance to sprint against anyone running a 4.4 or 4.3. He claims he's just as fast as teammate Justin Hunter.

"If you're running down the sideline and you just flat out-run somebody, they'll be like, 'You're fast,'" Wright said. "You don't have to be fast to outrun somebody. It's just proper technique.

"Some people like Justin are real fast. Me coming in the middle, you can't see that I'm the same speed as Justin because

This year I plan on breaking a little more of those tackles, trying to get loose and go score, and I'll show everybody how fast I am.'

Kendall Wright
Titans WR

I'm going in and out of traffic. I can't break up out of it.

"This year I plan on breaking a little more of those tackles, trying to get loose and go score, and I'll show everybody how fast I am."

Wright has been pretty successful since

the Titans selected him in the first round out of Baylor in 2012. His 158 catches are the most in franchise history in a player's first two seasons, and he caught a career-best 94 passes for 1,079 yards last season even with the Titans using two quarterbacks.

Now Whisenunt is in charge, and the man who plans on calling the plays for Ten-

nnessee sees a receiver in Wright who has changed since he took over in January.

Whisenunt said he thinks Wright has matured a little bit, plus the coach has given the receiver more responsibility. Whisenunt also plans to move Wright around a lot, too.

"He can do a lot of different things," Whisenunt said. "We're going to try to put him in situations where we can explode that. He's an explosive player, good hands, he's got good vision. I really like what I've seen."

Wright is confident, but Whisenunt has been more impressed by the receiver's discipline working on improving his releases and route running.

"All the little things that I think it takes to be a good player, he's shown," Whisenunt said. "He's doing that day in and day out, and that's important."

Last season, the Titans gave Wright more freedom to freelance within the offense and find open spots on the field. Now Wright's being asked to get to specific spots

on the field, with quarterback Jake Locker expecting him there when the ball arrives.

The ideal result is Wright having more chances to run with the ball, such as when he got behind the defense for a pass he took to the end zone on Wednesday.

Locker said he sees the talented player who works hard becoming a leader among the receivers. Wright doesn't talk much, but he's a physical and intense player.

Locker thinks this offense, even with the timing required on certain routes, will be make Wright an even better player and tougher for defenses to match up against.

"You can still see how explosive, how dynamic of a player he is, even when he's playing within those perimeters," Locker said.

Wright is just enjoying the schemes Whisenunt has brought to Tennessee.

"Whatever he has in store, I'm going to be ready for it whenever he throws it at us or wants us to do it," Wright said. "That's why I'm still working on staying explosive and getting better."

MLB

Pujols' walk-off HR in 19th lifts Angels

By Joe Resnick
The Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — After the Los Angeles Angels stranded 16 runners through 18 innings — including nine in scoring position — Albert Pujols provided the biggest blow with no one on.

Pujols homered leading off the 19th inning as the Angels outlasted the Boston Red Sox 5-4 on Saturday night in the longest game in the major leagues this season.

Pujols' 514th career homer and 22nd of the season came on a 3-2 pitch from Brandon Workman (1-6). The towering drive disappeared into the seats above the 18-foot wall in right-center.

"I had the opportunity twice to give the team the lead and I didn't come through, but you just need to stay positive all the time and look for a pitch to hit," Pujols said after a 6-hour, 31-minute marathon in which both teams used nine pitchers, and 558 pitches were thrown. "I did, and I put my best swing of the second half on it."

Boston manager John Farrell made a replay challenge, claiming there was fan interference, but the home run stood.

The Angels had run out of relievers, so Matt Shoemaker (10-4) came in and retired all nine batters he faced to get the victory.

The Angels tied the game in both the eighth and 14th innings.

After David Ortiz gave Boston a 4-3 lead in the 14th with a sacrifice fly, the Angels loaded the bases with none out against Junichi Tazawa.

Mike Trout drove in the tying run with a fielder's choice ground-

er that scored pinch-hitter Chris Iannetta, who opened the inning with a double.

"That tells you something about this ballclub," Pujols said. "We could have easily just said, 'Forget it' after David Ortiz's sacrifice fly and just come back tomorrow. But Chris came back a hit a huge double and we ended up tying the game."

"A game like this can hopefully turn things around for us. And if that's the case, it's worth it to play 19 innings."

Clay Buchholz, who gave up seven runs in each of his previous starts and threw a season-high 114 pitches last Sunday against the Yankees, took a 3-2 lead into the eighth. But Trout drove the right-hander's 115th pitch into the seats in right-center with one out for his 26th home run, and just his second in 17 games.

"As hard-fought as we played this game — as did they — sometimes extended games can feel like two losses when you come out on the short end," Farrell said. "But I couldn't have been more proud of the way our guys battled through 19 innings."

Angels starter Garrett Richards took a no-hitter into the seventh inning before Dustin Pedroia broke it up with a leadoff single. It was the first of three straight hits, followed by two infield errors that helped Boston pull ahead 3-2.

Until then, Richards hadn't allowed an unearned run all season. The 26-year-old right-hander was charged with three runs — one earned — and three hits in 6½ innings in his first career start against Boston.



Ed Zurga/AP

Royals catcher Salvador Perez, left, and pitcher James Shields celebrate after Shields threw a complete-game shutout in a 5-0 win over the San Francisco Giants on Saturday in Kansas City, Mo.

Roundup

Shields shuts down Giants as Royals win 6th straight

The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — James Shields turned and gave a salute after striking out Pablo Sandoval to end his four-hitter, the Kansas City Royals' sixth straight victory, 5-0 over San Francisco Giants on Saturday night.

"I was just saluting the bullpen, man," Shields said. "They've done a phenomenal job for us, saving our behinds all year long. It's nice to give them a day off. It just a nice little salute to the bullpen, tell them to take a day."

Alex Gordon homered for the Royals, who have won nine of 10 to move with 1½ games of AL Central-leading Detroit. The Royals, who have not made the playoffs since beating St. Louis in the 1985 World Series, are in second place in the AL wild card standings.

Shields (11-6) gave up three singles in the first four innings. He allowed only two Giants to reach second base. He walked Joe Panik in the fifth and he moved to second on a wild pitch with two outs, but was stranded. Panik doubled in the eighth.

Tim Hudson (8-9) yielded three

straight hits to start the four-run seventh and was replaced by Jeremy Affeldt. The inning included Mike Moustakas' run-producing double while Lorenzo Cain, Alcides Escobar and Jarrod Dyson had RBI-singles.

Indians 3, Yankees 0: Corey Kluber (13-6) pitched four-hit ball for six innings and Jose Ramirez and Michael Brantley homered as visiting Cleveland beat New York.

Derek Jeter had an infield single in the sixth inning to pass Honus Wagner for sixth on the career hits list with No. 3,431.

Rays 4, Cubs 0: Jake Odorizzi struck out nine in six scoreless innings to lead visiting Tampa Bay to a victory over Chicago.

Brewers 4, Dodgers 1: Mike Fiers held the Dodgers to three hits in his first big league start in more than a year and Kris Davis and Carlos Gomez homered as host Milwaukee beat Los Angeles.

Padres 2, Pirates 1: Eric Stults got his first road win of the season, going 6½ innings as the Padres beat the Pirates. Stults (5-13) gave up one run and seven hits, struck out six and walked none.

Astros 8, Rangers 3: Jon Singleton drove in three runs as host Houston handled Yu Darvish again in a win over Texas to stretch its win streak against their in-state rival to seven.

Mets 2, Phillies 1 (11): Lucas Duda singled home the go-ahead run with one out in the 11th inning to lead visiting New York to a victory over Philadelphia.

Marlins 4, Reds 3: Brad Penny rejoined Miami for the first time in 10 years and pitched five solid innings to get a notable win over slumping Cincinnati.

Diamondbacks 14, Rockies 4: David Peralta hit a grand slam in host Arizona's nine-run eighth inning, Mark Trumbo homered and drove in four runs, and the Diamondbacks routed Colorado.

White Sox 2, Mariners 1: Connor Gillespie's RBI single with two outs in the 10th inning helped visiting Chicago to a win over Seattle.

Athletics 9, Twins 4: Derek Norris hit a three-run homer and Stephen Vogt added a two-run shot as host Oakland won its 12th straight against Minnesota.



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Los Angeles Angels' Albert Pujols celebrates his walk-off home run in the 19th inning against the Boston Red Sox early Sunday morning in Anaheim, Calif. The Angels won 5-4.

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MLB

Orioles blast 3 HRs in rout over Cardinals

By DAVID GINSBURG
The Associated Press

BALTIMORE — When the Baltimore Orioles are in a home-run groove, anyone in the lineup is capable of hitting the ball out — regardless of who's serving it up.

Just as the St. Louis Cardinals, who have absorbed two straight whippings from the AL East leaders.

Caleb Joseph homered in his fifth consecutive game, Nelson Cruz hit his 30th and Delmon Young also went deep as the Orioles beat John Lackey and the Cardinals 10-3 Saturday.

All three home runs came with a man on against Lackey (1-1), making his second start since coming from Boston in a July 31 trade. The right-hander gave up nine runs and 13 hits in five-plus innings to fall to 14-8 lifetime against Baltimore.

The Orioles have hit nine homers in winning the first two games of the three-game set by a collective 22-5 score. Baltimore has captured seven straight series and leads the AL East by six games, its largest margin since September 1997.

"Obviously, they are a hot team right now," Lackey said. "You got to give them a lot of credit. They're swinging the bats well. Hits were falling in. A couple of them were hit real hard and they went out of the yard."

Joseph, a rookie, had three



PATRICK SEMANSKY/AP

Baltimore Orioles' Manny Machado (13) narrowly beats a throw to St. Louis Cardinals first baseman Matt Adams as first base coach Wayne Kirby watches in the first inning on Saturday in Baltimore.

homers in first 48 games before his recent power surge. The club record for homers in successive games is six, by Reggie Jackson and Chris Davis.

"Maybe seven, eight months ago I was thinking about hanging it up," Joseph said. "Every day in

the big leagues is such a blessing, and especially to be on this team with this group of guys and to be in first place."

Baltimore leads the majors with 147 home runs and has connected in eight straight games. Over the last two days, the Orioles have

gotten home runs from eight different players.

"This is a team that is swinging the bat well," Cardinals manager Mike Matheny said. "When you have some confidence in the entire lineup, it doesn't matter who is pitching. It's just another one

of those days. I don't think there have been many times this year when we said, 'It's one of those days,' two days in a row. They just kept swinging."

Ubaldo Jimenez (4-8) returned from a stint on the disabled list with a sprained right ankle to earn his first win since May 8. He allowed three runs, six hits and three walks over six innings.

Jimenez, who signed a four-year, \$50 million contract during the offseason, was 0-5 with a 10.55 ERA in day games and 1-6 at home.

"The guys have been on a good run in the last month, last month-and-a-half and so I am very happy to be part of it," the right-hander said.

Jon Jay homered and had two RBIs and Johnny Peralta hit two doubles for the Cardinals, now 7-12 in interleague play.

An RBI double by Peralta gave St. Louis a 1-0 lead in the first, but Matt Holliday was thrown out while trying to score on the hit.

After Jay hit his second homer in 266 at-bats in the second, Baltimore went in front in the bottom half when Young doubled in a run and Joseph homered.

Cruz connected in the third after an infield hit by Adam Jones for a 5-2 lead. It was his first homer since July 25.

Young homered to cap a three-run fifth, and the Orioles chased Lackey in the sixth with three straight singles.

Nationals rally with 3 in 11th to beat Braves

By CHARLES ODM
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — A long rain delay and extra innings tested the Washington Nationals' mental and physical strength.

Matt Williams said he was impressed his NL East-leading team finally found a way to win.

Wilson Ramos' bases-loaded single sparked Washington's three-run 11th inning, and the Nationals beat the Atlanta Braves 4-1 on Saturday night.

The start of the game was delayed by 3 hours, 41 minutes, and the final out wasn't recorded until Sunday at 2:29 a.m.

"Considering all that happened today and the way we had to fight through the last couple of days, it was pretty good for us," Williams said. "We fought all the way."

It was the Braves' ninth loss in 10 games. The Nationals increased their lead in the division over Atlanta to 4 games.

Anthony Rendon and Adam LaRoche led off the 11th with singles against David Carpenter (4-2). After left fielder Justin Upton made a leaping catch in Jay Desmond's liner, James Russell walked Bryce Harper to load the bases.

Ramos then drove in Rendon with a single up the middle off An-

thony Varvaro, Atlanta's third pitcher of the inning. Devin Frandsen's double to right field drove in two runs to make it 4-1.

Ramos was initially ruled safe at home on the play, but the call was overturned following a replay challenge by Braves manager Fredi Gonzalez.

Tyler Clippard (7-2) pitched a scoreless 10th inning, and Rafael Soriano got three outs for his 26th save in 30 chances.

The Braves, who snapped an eight-game losing streak Friday night with a 7-6 win over the Nationals, were frustrated by leaving 11 runners on base. More offensive struggles wasted a strong start by Aaron Harang, who allowed one run in seven innings.

"It's tough, especially against a team that we know we're trying to make up ground on," Harang said.

LaRoche's homer in the sixth gave Washington a 1-0 lead, but the Braves tied it in the bottom half.

Washington's Tanner Roark and Harang opened with five scoreless innings before LaRoche led off the sixth with his 16th homer.

The Braves settled for one run after loading the bases with no outs in the sixth. Tommy La Stella scored on Jason Heyward's broken-bat fly ball to shallow center



JOHN BAZEMORE/AP

Washington Nationals shortstop Ian Desmond forces out Atlanta Braves' Evan Gattis (24) as he turns a double play on a Chris Johnson ground ball in the third inning on Saturday in Atlanta.

field.

Roark also lasted seven innings, allowing one run, six hits and three walks.

Nationals outfielder Bryce Harper, booed consistently by Braves fans, might have tried to send a message back to the fans by scraping his cleat over the Atlanta "A" carved into the dirt behind the batter's box, as if trying to scuff it. Fans responded with more boos.

Denard Span's fifth-inning triple gave him a 13-game hitting streak. He has reached base in 35 consecutive games, a streak that began on June 28.

Reimold's double lifts Blue Jays over Tigers

By IAN HARRISON
The Associated Press

TORONTO — After coughing up a ninth-inning lead to lose on Friday, Blue Jays manager John Gibbons said he was hoping for a little more late-inning magic.

One day later, he got it.

Nolan Reimold hit a game-winning double in the 10th inning as Toronto rallied past the Detroit Tigers 3-2 Saturday,

spoiling Max Scherzer's bid to become the first 14-game winner in the American League.

"It was a great day all the way around," Gibbons said. "It was really the only way to end it."

A pair of midseason pickups played key roles in the comeback. Danny Valencia singled off Joba Chamberlain to begin the 10th and Reimold followed with a double as Valencia scored without a play.

Blue Jays rookie Marcus Stroman rallied after allowing a season-high five runs in a loss at Houston last week. Stroman allowed two runs and four hits in

a career-high nine innings. He walked three and struck out four.

"I was able to stay in the zone and make quality pitches, use my sinker to get outs," Stroman said.

Aaron Loup (4-3) worked one inning for the victory.

Scherzer allowed one run and four hits in eight innings. He walked one and struck out 11.

Scherzer struck out pinch-hitters Valencia and Reimold in six pitches to end the eighth, fanning Reimold with a fastball.

"He was done at that point," Tigers manager Brad Ausmus said. "He kind of emptied the tank on that last batter." Chamberlain (1-5) came in to start the 10th after Joakim Soria, who finished the ninth, strained a muscle in his left side while warming up before the inning.

Toronto trailed 2-1 when Jose Reyes singled off Tigers closer Joe Nathan to begin the ninth, stole second and went to third on Melky Cabrera's fly ball to right. Jose Bautista was intentionally walked to bring up Dioner Navarro, who grounded a tying single past a diving Miguel Cabrera at first base.

A big pitch moved the runners to second and third before Colby Rasmus walked to load the bases, bringing Soria out of the bullpen to replace Nathan, who blew his sixth save in 30 chances.



Reimold

NCAA/SPORTS BRIEFS

NCAA to appeal O'Bannon ruling

Decision would give athletes money

By MICHAEL MAROT
The Associated Press

Mark Emmert said Sunday that the NCAA will appeal a ruling that opens the door for college athletes to receive some of the money they help generate in major sports.

In the NCAA president's first public comments since Friday's ruling, Emmert told ABC's "This Week With George Stephanopoulos" that college sports' largest governing body found a lot in the decision that was "admirable" and some parts they disagreed with so strongly that they could not let it go unchallenged in court.

"Yes, at least in part we will," Emmert said when asked whether the NCAA planned an appeal. "No one on our legal team or the college conferences' legal teams think this is a violation of anti-trust laws and we need to get that settled in the courts."

The judge ruled Friday in favor of former UCLA basketball star Ed O'Bannon and 19 others in a case that challenged the powerful NCAA's regulation of college athletics on antitrust grounds. Plaintiffs argued college sports' amateurism rules are anti-competitive and allow the National Collegiate Athletic Association to operate as an illegal cartel.

The case was essentially a battle over hundreds of millions of dollars in television contracts that attorneys for the plaintiffs said should be shared with the athletes themselves.

The NCAA and big sports schools have been under enormous pressure to reform recently facing legal attacks on several fronts that claim their amateur system exploits student-athletes who can't focus on their education and risk lasting physical damage to their bodies while not getting fair compensation with scholarships alone.

The NCAA's decision to challenge the ruling is hardly a surprise.

Donald Remy, the organization's chief legal officer, had repeatedly said that if the NCAA lost, it would appeal the case at the highest level to the U.S. Supreme Court if needed. Many legal experts think this case could be heading that direction, though it's unclear whether the nation's highest court would take it.

"We remain confident that the NCAA has not violated the antitrust laws we intend to appeal," Remy said in a statement released following the television show. "We will also be seeking clarity from the district court on some details of its ruling."

Joseph Farelli, an attorney with the New York-based law firm of Pitt & Giblin who specializes in labor law, said the NCAA didn't

have a choice after U.S. District Judge Claudia Wilken on Friday shot down the NCAA's argument that its model of amateurism was the only way to run college sports. Wilken wrote that football players in FBS schools and Division I men's basketball players must be allowed to receive at least \$5,000 a year for rights to their names, images and likenesses, money that would be put in a trust fund and given to them when they leave school.

"I would expect them to appeal it because now you're going to have a permanent injunction that says the NCAA can't regulate what colleges do with their student-athletes," Farelli said. "If they don't appeal, now you have a federal court precedent."

If the NCAA allowed that decision to stand, Farelli said, it could lead to even more litigation against the NCAA on hot-button topics such as Title IX and whether there should be any cap on how much money athletes should receive.

Emmert acknowledged Sunday that Wilken's decision could lead to a fundamental shift in college sports.

Historically, the NCAA fares better in the appellate system. According to a study released last month by Illinois professor Michael LeRoy, student-athletes suing the NCAA won 49 percent of the initial cases but the NCAA won 71 percent of the appeals in both the second and third rounds.

This time could be different because of the venue.

"The problem for the NCAA is that the appeal will be in the Ninth Circuit, and the Ninth Circuit is generally a labor-friendly circuit. Looking from the outside, it would likely favor O'Bannon," said Michael McCann, director of the sports and entertainment law center at the University of New Hampshire School of Law. "It depends on which judges get the case and we won't know that."

Emmert did applaud parts of the decision that allow the NCAA to enforce other rules and the imposition of the cap.

But by the time the payments are supposed to begin in 2016, the NCAA could be operating under new rules.

The board of directors voted Thursday to give the five richest conferences more authority to unilaterally change some of the rules, a move that paves the way for giving players enough money to defray all or most of their college expenses including those that go beyond current limit of tuition, room and board, books and fees.

"There's a little debate about the need to do that," Emmert said, "and I think this move will finally allow us to get there."



MARK J. TERRILL/AP

Katie Ledecky swims in the women's 400-meter freestyle final Saturday at U.S. nationals in Irvine, Calif. Ledecky won the race and set a world record.

Briefly

Tigers put Sanchez, Soria on DL

The Associated Press

TORONTO — The Detroit Tigers placed right-handers Joakim Soria and Anibal Sanchez on the 15-day disabled list Sunday, a blow to the AL Central leaders as they try to hold off Kansas City for the division lead. Detroit began Sunday 1½ games up on the Royals.

Sanchez, who is 8-5 with a 3.53 ERA, left Friday's game in the fifth inning with a strained pectoral muscle and returned to Detroit on Saturday to undergo an MRI. He's expected to miss three to four weeks.

Soria, who was acquired from Texas on July 24, left Saturday's game while warming up before the 10th inning with a strained muscle in his left side. He's 1-1 with a 10.38 in six games with Detroit.

The Tigers did not make any moves to replace Sanchez and Soria, leaving their bullpen short for Sunday's series finale against the Blue Jays. Closer Joe Nathan has appeared in both games at Toronto so far, getting his sixth blown save Saturday. Detroit will add two players before Monday's game at Pittsburgh.

Left-hander Robbie Ray is expected to be promoted from Triple-A Toledo to start in Sanchez's place for Wednesday's home game against the Pirates.

In other MLB news: ■ The Minnesota Twins traded veteran right-hander Kevin Correia to the Los Angeles Dodgers on Saturday night for a player to be named or cash.

Venus beats Serena for first time since 2009

MONTREAL — Venus beat Serena in an all-Williams semifinal in the Rogers Cup.

Venus topped Serena 6-7 (2), 6-2, 6-3 on Saturday in the hard-court event for her first victory over her sister since 2009 in Dubai.

"I think for both of us, what's so unique about the situation is that we're both very good players," Venus said. "I think typically you may have some siblings, one is quite good, one is not as good so you kind of know what the result is. I think we both know when we walk out there, it's not like you're guaranteed a win. I think that's what makes it challenging for both of us."

The 32-year-old Serena, ranked No. 1 in the world for the 200th career week, leads the series 14-11 and had won the last five matches. The 34-year-old Venus, ranked 26th, ended her sister's 14-match Rogers Cup winning streak that dated to wins at the 2011 and 2013 tournaments in Toronto. Serena skipped the 2012 event in Montreal.

In the second semifinal, third-seeded Agnieszka Radwanska beat Ekaterina Makarova 7-6 (1), 7-6 (3).

Vikings' Joseph hit by stray bullet in club

MINNEAPOLIS — Minneapolis police were investigating a shooting inside a downtown nightclub that injured 9 people early Saturday, including a Minnesota Vikings defensive tackle.

Linval Joseph went to the 400 SoundBar nightclub sometime after Minnesota's 10-6 win over the Oakland Raiders in the pre-season opener Friday night at TCF Park Stadium. He was shot in the calf, according to a team statement, which also described him as an innocent bystander and the injury as minor.

Two people with serious injuries were in stable condition Saturday and expected to survive, police spokesman Scott Seroka said.

Police are still looking for the shooter. Seroka expects more information to be released Monday. Joseph is a nose tackle who

signed a five-year contract with the Vikings worth as much as \$31.5 million, with \$12.5 million guaranteed. He's being counted on as a key cog in new coach Mike Zimmer's defense.

Ledecky breaks world record at nationals

IRVINE, Calif. — Katie Ledecky broke the world record in the 400-meter freestyle at the U.S. national championships Saturday night, impressing a down-trodden Michael Phelps who lost for the third time this week.

Ledecky, 17, won in 3 minutes, 58.86 seconds, becoming the first woman since Janet Evans to hold world marks in the 400, 800 and 1,500 freestyles at the same time. "That is some serious speed," marveled Phelps, the most decorated Olympian in history.

Ledecky bettered the old mark of 3:59.15 set by Italy's Federica Pellegrini at the 2009 world championships in Rome, when a raft of records were broken during the apex of the high-tech suit era. Those suits were banned the following year, making world records harder to achieve.

Phelps had another bumper of a night, finishing sixth in the 100 backstroke behind Olympic champion Matt Greaves, who won in 52.75 seconds.

Park holds one-stroke lead at LPGA Classic

BELMONT, Mich. — Using a new blade putter this week, Inbee Park made two long birdie putts on the back nine Saturday and finished with a 3-under-68 to remain a stroke ahead after the third round of the Meijer LPGA Classic.

The 26-year-old Park had a 13-under 200 total at Blythefield Country Club.

South Korean rookie Mirim Lee was second after a 67. Norway's Suzann Pettersen was another stroke back after a 69.

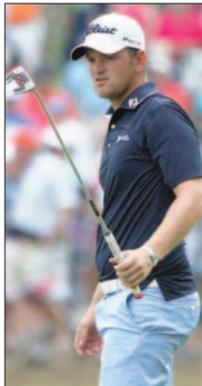
PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

Scoreboard

PGA Championship

Saturday
At Valhalla Golf Club
Louisville, Ky.
Purse: \$10 million
Yardage: 7,450 **71**
Third Round

Rory McIlroy	66-67-67	-20	-13
Bernard Wiesberger	68-68-65	-20	-12
Rickie Fowler	69-67-202	-11	-11
Phil Mickelson	69-69-203	-10	-10
Jason Day	69-65-203	-10	-10
Louis Oosthuizen	70-67-204	-9	-9
Mikko Ilonen	66-71-204	-9	-9
Ryan Palmer	67-68-69	-204	-9
Jamie Donaldson	69-70-66	-205	-8
Bradley Dredger	69-68-69	-205	-8
Steve Stricker	69-68-68	-205	-8
Hunter Mahan	70-71-65	-206	-7
Adam Scott	71-69-66	-206	-7
Kevin Chappell	65-74-67	-206	-7
Lee Westwood	65-72-69	-206	-7
Joost Luiten	68-69-206	-7	-7
Jim Furyk	66-68-71	-206	-7
Brandt Snedeker	73-68-66	-207	-6
Danny Willett	68-73-66	-207	-6
Bill Haas	71-68-68	-207	-6
Victor Dubuisson	69-68-70	-207	-6
Marc Warren	71-71-66	-208	-5
Brooks Koepka	71-71-66	-208	-5
Sergio Garcia	70-73-66	-208	-5
Ryan Moore	73-68-67	-208	-5
Jimmy Walker	69-71-68	-208	-5
Eric Els	70-70-68	-208	-5
Alexander Levy	69-71-68	-208	-5
Billy Horschel	69-71-68	-208	-5
Nick Watney	69-69-70	-208	-5
Justin Rose	71-70-68	-209	-4
Jonas Bliedt	71-70-68	-209	-4
Brian Harman	71-69-69	-209	-4
Charl Schwartzel	72-68-69	-209	-4
J.B. Holmes	68-72-69	-209	-4
Chris Wood	66-73-70	-209	-4
Daniel Summerhays	70-72-68	-210	-3
Luke Donaldson	66-73-70	-210	-3
Kenny Perry	72-69-210	-3	-3
Edoardo Molinari	66-73-71	-210	-3
Brandan Grace	70-70-68	-211	-2
Patrick Reed	70-71-70	-211	-2
Jerry Kelly	67-74-70	-211	-2
Scott Brown	71-70-70	-211	-2
Geoff Ogilvy	69-71-71	-211	-2
Cameron Tringale	68-71-71	-211	-2
Matt Jones	68-71-72	-211	-2
Richard Sterne	70-70-72	-211	-2
Zach Johnson	70-72-70	-212	-1
Thorbjorn Olesen	71-71-70	-212	-1
Ian Poulter	68-73-71	-212	-1
Fabrizio Zanotti	71-70-71	-212	-1
Brendon de Jonge	70-72-72	-212	-1
Viay Singh	71-68-73	-212	-1
Hideki Matsuyama	71-72-70	-213	E
Pat Perez	71-71-71	-213	E
Jason Bohn	71-71-71	-213	E
Koumei Oda	74-68-71	-213	E
Francesco Molinari	71-71-71	-213	E
Kevin Stadler	71-70-72	-213	E
Gonzalo Fdez-Castano	71-70-72	-213	E
Graeme McDowell	72-70-71	-214	+1
Marc Leishman	71-71-72	-214	+1
Colin Montgomerie	70-72-72	-214	+1
Brian Stetson	71-72-71	-214	+1
Freddie Jacobson	72-69-73	-214	+1
Rafael Cabrera-Bello	69-71-74	-214	+1
Robert Karlsson	71-69-74	-214	+1
Jason Day	69-71-74	-214	+1
Bubba Watson	70-72-73	-215	+2
Chris Todd	70-73-73	-216	+3
Shane Lowry	68-74-74	-216	+3
Brendon Truitt	70-73-75	-218	+5



MIKE GROLL/AP

Bernard Wiesberger, playing in just his sixth major championship, closed with three straight birdies on Saturday at the PGA Championship to shoot 65, one behind leader Rory McIlroy in Louisville, Ky.

McIlroy barely hangs onto lead

Pack of players close in on British Open champ for season's last major

By Doug Ferguson
The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Rory McIlroy celebrated his final birdie with a smile and a slight pump of his fist, knowing that 8-foot putt gave him the outright lead Saturday in the PGA Championship.

"It's a great position to be in," he said. "He's just not used to it being so crowded at the top."

McIlroy has won all three of his majors with the lead going into the final round — by eight shots at the 2011 U.S. Open, three shots at the 2012 PGA Championship, six shots last month at the British Open.

Now comes another major test for McIlroy — a Sunday shootout.

More rain in the morning at Valhalla allowed for a deluge of birdies in the lowest scoring round in PGA Championship history. Six players had a share of the lead at some point. McIlroy could see it on the leaderboard. He could hear it on a golf course resounding with cheers from every corner.

The 25-year-old from Northern Ireland found an extra gear, closing with three birdies on the last four holes for a 4-under 67 and a one-shot lead over Bernd Wiesberger. Right behind were Rickie Fowler and Phil Mickelson. Still very much in the picture were Jason Day, Henrik Stenson and Louis Oosthuizen.

"Tomorrow standing on the first tee is going to feel different than how it felt a month ago at Hoylake because you don't have that ... it is going to be a shootout," said McIlroy, who is at 13-under 200. "You know the conditions are soft. Guys are going to make birdies. And you know that you're going to have to make birdies as well."

He did his part late in the round, rolling in a 20-foot birdie putt on the 15th hole, hitting 9-iron from 172 yards that landed with a splash next to the hole for an easy birdie on the 16th hole, and getting up-and-down from a bunker on the final hole.

"It's not the biggest lead I've ever had," McIlroy said. "But I'm still in control of this golf tournament."

Sunday is shaping up as a thriller, typical of the final major of the year.

Wiesberger closed with three straight birdies — the three putts were a combined 3 feet, 6 inches — for a 65. Playing in only his sixth major championship, the 28-year-old Austrian now gets to play in the final group at a major with the No. 1 player in the world.

"I've not been in a contention in a major championship, so I don't know how it's going to turn out," Wiesberger said. "I'm just trying to enjoy it as I did today. ... From now on, it's just a bonus, really."

Fowler, a runner-up in the last two majors and the first player since Tiger Woods in 2005 to finish among the top five in all three of the other two majors, narrowly missed an eagle putt on the final hole. He had a 67 and was three shots behind.

Fowler will be playing in the penultimate group with Mickelson, the five-time major champion who turned his game around with a strong finish. Right when he looked to be fading from contention, Lefty turned it on with a long birdie putt on the 14th hole, two more birdies, and then narrowly missed an eagle putt on the final hole. He had a 67 and was three shots behind.

"That birdie putt on 14 was really the one that got me going, because I needed to finish strong to get back in it," Mickelson said.

Mickelson was at 10-under 203 with Day, who played in the final group with McIlroy on Saturday and had to settle for a 69.

The PGA Championship does not bill itself as the toughest test in golf. It assembles the



MIKE GROLL/AP

Rory McIlroy hits out of the bunker on the 14th hole during the third round of the PGA Championship on Saturday at Valhalla Golf Club in Louisville, Ky.

AT A GLANCE

Third round

LEADING: Rory McIlroy, who shot 67, tops the board at 13 under.

PURSUITING: Bernd Wiesberger at 12 under, followed by Rickie Fowler at 11 under.

KEY STAT: After the last two major winners began their final rounds with big leads — Martin Kaymer, five shots at the U.S. Open; McIlroy, six at the British — the PGA's last day will begin with a dozen players within five shots of the leader.

NOTEWORTHY: Wiesberger had only made the cut at a major once before — the 2013 U.S. Open — in five tries, including twice previously at the PGA.

QUOTEWORTHY: "It's not the biggest lead I've ever had. But I'm still in control of this golf tournament." — McIlroy on his one-shot advantage.

best field of the majors and lets them slug it out over four days. Add a super soft course from morning showers, and cheerers rained down from every corner.

The average score was 69.57, though it felt easier to former Masters champion Adam Scott, one of nine players with a 66 or better.

"Doesn't get any easier," said Scott, who was six behind. "Seems like 4 or 5 under is about even par today."

For all the birdies, two pars early in the round were important. Day hooked his tee

shot so badly on the second hole that it cleared the stream and landed in a bog. It eventually was found in knee-high vegetation. Day had to remove his shoes, roll up his pants and wade across the stream to get there. He blasted across the fairway into the rough, hit wedge onto the green to 8 feet and made it.

The tee was moved forward on the par-4 fourth hole, making it play 292 holes. Seven players made eagle. McIlroy was not one of them. He hooked his tee shot into the woods and had to take a penalty drop to get a clear look at the green. McIlroy made a 12-footer for par to stay in the lead, and he made birdie on the next hole.

Back and forth it went all day. Fowler, Day, Wiesberger and even Ryan Palmer and Jim Furyk took turns joining McIlroy atop the leaderboard. McIlroy never fell back.

"And that's what makes it hard on everyone else chasing him Sunday."

McIlroy is coming off a wire-to-wire win at the British Open and a win in his next start at the World Golf Championship in which he rallied on the final day. He goes after a third straight victory from a familiar position — in the lead.

Unlike his other three majors, he has hardly any margin for error and a lot more players chasing him.

"I'll take a win any way it comes," McIlroy said. "If that means having to scrap it, it would be a couple people coming down the stretch, or if I can give myself some sort of lead going down the back nine ... I don't think it would give me extra satisfaction winning by one or two or scrapping it out."

SPORTS



Hanging in there
McIlroy finishes strong to take
1-stroke lead into final day | **Page 31**

AUTO RACING



PHOTOS BY DENIR HAMILTON, ABOVE, AND LOGAN MESSERLY, BELOW/AP

Tony Stewart, above, stands in the garage area on Friday after a practice session for Sunday's Sprint Cup Series race at Watkins Glen International, in Watkins Glen N.Y. Stewart struck and killed Kevin Ward Jr., 20, a sprint car driver who had climbed from his car and was on the track trying to confront Stewart during a race at Canandaigua Motorsports Park in upstate New York on Saturday night. Ontario County Sheriff Philip Povero said his department's investigation is not criminal and that Stewart was "fully cooperative" and appeared "very upset" over what had happened. Below, ambulances on the scene at Canandaigua Motorsports Park in Canandaigua, N.Y.

Tragic turn

Stewart strikes, kills fellow driver

By JOHN KEKIS
AND JOHN WAWROW
The Associated Press

WATKINS GLEN, New York — Tony Stewart pulled out of the NASCAR race at Watkins Glen on Sunday, 12 hours after the three-time champion struck and killed a sprint car driver who had climbed from his car and was on the darkened dirt track trying to confront Stewart

during a race in upstate New York.

Greg Zipadelli, competition director for Stewart-Haas Racing, said at a news conference that Stewart "feels strongly" about not racing Sunday following Kevin Ward Jr.'s fatal accident. The decision was an about-face for the organization, which had said when the track opened that Stewart would be behind the wheel of his No. 14 Chevrolet when the green flag waved.

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behind Shields' shutout | **Page 27**

