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## 'A place I can trust'

Tsunami-battered day care center gets new life from military, volunteers

By ERIC SLAVIN  
*Stars and Stripes*

ISHINOMAKI, Japan — In 2011, the Great East Japan Earthquake cracked open the Hoikuen Aihara day care and nursery school. The ensuing tsunami, which rose as high as 65 feet in this small coastal city, battered it further.

The government wrote it off as another casualty in a city full of tragedy

— 3,162 dead, 430 missing, 50,000 buildings damaged or destroyed.

Three years later, at the end of a one-lane road in a neighborhood of squat, vinyl-sided warehouses and empty dirt lots, Hoikuen Aihara endures.

The renovated building is compact, but the tidy, wooden-fenced playground is spacious, and today it is dotted with plastic Easter eggs donated by U.S. military families. Inside, two 6-year-old

girls are giving a graduation recital for their parents and teachers.

Although Hoikuen Aihara's future remains in question, its continued existence is testament to a broad coalition of local volunteers touched by its plight, as well as the emotional and material support of foreigners who had never even heard of Ishinomaki before they helped.

SEE DAY CARE ON PAGE 5

A child at the Hoikuen Aihara nursery school and day care center opens a package of donated pencils following a recent graduation ceremony at the school. The day care center has struggled in the aftermath of the March 11, 2011, earthquake and tsunami, but survived with tireless efforts from school employees and volunteers from around the world.

ERIC SLAVIN/Stars and Stripes

## Marines stretch sea legs as Afghan War winds down

By HENDRICK SIMOES  
*Stars and Stripes*

DJIBOUTI — From the beach, the amphibious assault vehicles heading toward shore look like specks of floating debris. It isn't until they come roaring out of the surf onto land like baby Godzillas that one realizes they are 26 tons of steel, each carrying about 20 combat-loaded Marines. This is nothing like what Marines typically have been doing in the deserts and mountains of Afghanistan, where so many

of them have been deployed since 2001.

As the U.S. military concludes its mission in Afghanistan and the Marine Corps is in the midst of reducing its current active-duty strength, many Marines are wondering what their postwar role will be.

Some Marines believe the Corps is heading back to its traditional sea roots — Marine Expeditionary Units deploying with Navy Amphibious Ready Groups.

The 22nd MEU, with about 2,400 Marines, is deployed

with the Bataan Amphibious Ready Group in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility. It's a sea-based crisis-response force capable of performing a variety of missions.

An ARG, as it's commonly called, is always on watch in the Middle East. Much of its time is usually spent on partnering with other nations and conducting exercises, as it did recently in Djibouti.

The Marine Corps has seven MEUs for crisis response.

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HENDRICK SIMOES/Stars and Stripes

U.S. Marines walk across the well deck of the USS Gunston Hall to board a landing craft in Djibouti on April 15.

# QUOTE OF THE DAY

**"Now I cry each time I come across their parents and see how they weep when they see me."**

— Sarah Lawan, 19, one of the Nigerian teenagers who escaped from Islamic extremists who abducted more than 300 schoolgirls, on her sadness that more of the girls did not attempt to escape

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# MIDEAST



MASSOUD HOSSAMI/AP

Afghan presidential candidate Abdullah Abdullah, left, sits next to fellow candidate Zalmay Rassoul at a news conference Sunday in Kabul.

# Afghan front-runner wins endorsement

The Associated Press

KABUL — The front-runner in Afghanistan's presidential election picked up a potentially powerful endorsement Sunday ahead of a second round of polling later this month.

Former Foreign Minister Abdullah Abdullah, who came out on top according to a preliminary tally in the first round of voting April 5, won the support of Zalmay Rassoul, another former foreign minister.

Speaking together at a news conference, Rassoul said his decision to back Abdullah was based on "national unity, stability, peace and prosperity."

Rassoul came in third behind Abdullah and ex-Finance Minister Ashraf Ghani Ahmadzai in the first round.

Final results of the first round are due to be announced Wednesday, with a second round face-off between Abdullah and Ahmadzai likely to take place two weeks after that.

Abdullah garnered 44.9 percent of the first-round vote, followed by Ahmadzai with 31.5 percent. Rassoul collected 11.5 percent.

The preliminary results were from about 6.6 million valid votes.

It is unclear whether Rassoul can deliver the votes of his supporters, who are largely Pashtuns, the country's largest ethnic group.

If voters follow previous patterns of choosing along ethnic lines, some believe much of

the Pashtun vote will coalesce around the candidate who shares their ethnicity in a runoff. Many Pashtuns do not view Abdullah as one of their own because he has an ethnic Tajik mother and Pashtun father.

Still, Abdullah — who was in second place behind Karzai in the 2009 election — clearly received some Pashtun support in the first round, and his experienced campaign may draw enough in a second round to put him over 50 percent.

# Suicide car bomber kills 5 in southern Afghanistan

The Associated Press

KABUL — A suicide car bomber attacked an Afghan army vehicle Sunday in southern Afghanistan, killing five civilians and wounding 36, authorities said.

The blast also wounded four Afghan army soldiers in the Maywand district of Kandahar province, local government spokesman Dawkhan Menapal said.

Taliban spokesman Qari Youssef Ahmadi claimed responsibility

for the attack.

Afghan security forces are frequently targeted by insurgents. Violence has intensified in the country as most international troops prepare to withdraw at the end of the year.

Separately Sunday, NATO said

one of its servicemembers died as a result of a non-battle-related injury in the country's north. The NATO force said the death occurred Sunday but gave no other details. Coalition policy is for home countries to identify their military dead.



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## EUROPE



TIMOTHY CLEGG/Courtesy of the U.S. Army

American and Estonian special operations forces stand in formation during the opening ceremony of Spring Storm 2014 in Amari, Estonia, on Tuesday. U.S. Special Operations Command Europe is planning additional exercises in the region as part of an effort to reassure allies in border regions around Russia and Ukraine.

## Special ops forces grow in Baltics

Continuing exercises part of effort to maintain a 'persistent presence'

By JOHN VANDIVER  
Stars and Stripes

STUTTGART, Germany — U.S. special operations forces are increasing their presence in the Baltics and eastern Europe with a continuous cycle of exercises planned as part of a new effort to maintain a "persistent presence" of elite U.S. troops in a region rattled by Russia's recent actions in Ukraine.

Troops assigned to Special Operations Command Europe on Tuesday launched Exercise Spring Storm in Estonia, which will be the first in a series of multinational and bilateral drills aimed at maintaining a constant presence of Green Berets and other operators in the region, the command said.

"We've always done this kind of training, but what is new is this is going to be a persistent presence," said Lt. Col. Nick Sternberg, spokesman for SOCEUR. "We've got a plan and we're pushing it forward."

In addition to long-standing annual exercises, SOCEUR has added a number of new training programs over the next two months in five countries across the Baltics and eastern Europe. Follow-on missions are also being planned to ensure an ongoing presence of special operators, according to the command.

The so-called Joint Combined Exchange

Training events will involve small teams of operators, who work on a range of combat tactics on 30-day rotations. The troops, including Green Berets, SEALs and Air Force operators, will be pulled from SOCEUR headquarters in Stuttgart and across the special operations forces community to maintain a constant rotational presence.

Such exercises ensure U.S. special operations units can fight effectively alongside their eastern European counterparts, some of which border Ukraine, said the SOCEUR commander, Air Force Maj. Gen. Marshall B. Webb.

"The numerous small unit engagements conducted with our partners each year inevitably lead to stronger relationships and more robust operational capabilities," Webb said in a news release. "An important byproduct of these relationships is that we reassure our partners and allies of U.S. support to deter aggression and promote

regional stability."

The exercises are also part of a wider NATO effort to preserve allied forces' capability to fight together after combat troops leave Afghanistan at the end of the war. Analysts say that as a result of the war, the level of interoperability within the 28-nation alliance is now higher than at any time in its 65-year history.

In addition to more small-unit missions in eastern Europe, annual training events in the region are also moving forward.

After exercises in Estonia, SOCEUR will conduct Flaming Sword 14 in Lithuania later this month, followed by an annual national-level defense exercise in Latvia.

"These training engagements will provide U.S. Special Operations forces with valuable opportunities to hone their language skills, gain vital understanding of the environment and culture in which their partners operate, and sharpen their tactical skills," SOCEUR said in a news release. "This is standard training for special operations units and is conducted at the request of the partner nation."

Special Operations Command Europe falls under the U.S. European Command and is responsible for maintaining relationships with elite allied units across the Continent.

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## DODEA names its top teachers

Stars and Stripes

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — A kindergarten teacher in South Korea and a high school psychology instructor in the United Kingdom are among 14 educators named District Teachers of the Year for the Department of Defense Education Activity.

DODEA announced late Thursday the names of its top district teachers from Europe, the Pacific and the United States for the 2014-15 school year.

Ten of the selectees teach at the elementary school level, two teach high school and two middle school.

To be recognized by each of the federal school agency's 14 districts, teachers may be nominated by a peer, parent, administrator, student or community member, according to a DODEA news release.

A panel from each district reviews the candidates, evaluating their education history, professional development experience, their leadership roles in the school and teaching practices, the news release states.

Each district winner is invited to apply for DODEA Teacher of the Year, according to the news release.

The agency's overall top teacher, expected to be announced later this month, will compete for the title of National Teacher of the Year.

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### Top teachers

This year's District Teacher of the Year recipients are:

- Daisy Alegre-Cruz, Isles District, career practitioner, advanced placement psychology and AVID, Lakenheath High School, U.K.
  - Kati Biggs, Korea District, kindergarten, Seoul American Elementary School.
  - Lita Bryans, South Carolina/Fort Stewart/Cuba District, reading instructional support (third to sixth grades), Patrick L. Kessler Elementary School, Georgia.
  - Lynn Irwin, Georgia-Alabama District, first grade, Fort Rucker Primary School, Alabama.
  - Sarah Loomis, Kaiserslautern District, educational technologist, Kaiserslautern Elementary School, Germany.
  - Jessica Hodelwey, Kentucky District, third grade, Pierce Elementary School.
  - Sarah McKinney, Oklahoma District, English and literature, Kadema High School.
  - Kelly Melvin, North Carolina-Fort Bragg District, physical education/health, Albritton Middle School.
  - Kristina Munoz, Mediterranean District, third grade, Aviano Elementary School, Italy.
  - Jessica Hodelwey, Kentucky District, first grade, Anderson Elementary School.
  - Jeff Sparring, Japan, third grade, The Sullwars School, Yokosuka Naval Base.
  - Marvellen Tissandier, North Carolina-Camp Lejeune District, 4th grade, Tarawa Terrace Elementary School.
  - Louise Thompson, Bavaria District, first-second grade multi-age Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics, Ansbach Elementary School, Germany.
  - Tricia Willis, New York/Virginia/Puerto Rico District, sixth-eighth grade science/health, West Point Middle School, N.Y.
- The winners' biographies are available at: <http://www.dodea.edu/teachers/2015TOY.cfm>.

— Source: DODEA

## EUCOM is slated to get new AF officers in key positions

Stars and Stripes

STUTTGART, Germany — U.S. European Command will get a group of new Air Force officers in key posts as part of a series of personnel moves announced by the service.

Maj. Gen. Gregory J. Lengyel, commandant of cadets at the U.S. Air Force Academy, has been

selected to serve as commander of Special Operations Command Europe at European Command Headquarters in Stuttgart, the service said in a news release late Thursday.

He will replace Air Force Maj. Gen. Marshall B. Webb, who has been nominated for a third star and a top special operations post

at NATO.

Brig. Gen. Paul D. Nelson, an intelligence officer now serving in Afghanistan, has been selected to serve as director of intelligence at EUCOM. He replaces Brig. Gen. John D. Bausomer, who has been pegged to serve as deputy chief of the Central Security Service at the National Security

Agency at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland.

Meanwhile, Brig. Gen. Blaine D. Holt, director of logistics at EUCOM, will move to Brussels to serve as the U.S.'s deputy military representative to NATO. His replacement at EUCOM has not been announced.

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## PACIFIC



Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

A Chinese navy vessel is seen from an MH-60 helicopter assigned to the USS Blue Ridge as the U.S. Navy conducts flight operations in support of maritime security in the South China Sea.

# Chinese navy ships seen off contested shoal

BY ERIK SLAVIN  
Stars and Stripes

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — A USS Blue Ridge-embarked helicopter photographed two Chinese navy ships May 5 near the site of a heavily contested shoal that sparked a monthslong standoff between China and the Philippines in 2012.

The Navy's photo release of two Chinese Navy ships near Scarborough Shoal sparked some online news outlets to label the encounter a confrontation, which 7th Fleet officials disputed Friday.

USS Blue Ridge, the Japan-based 7th Fleet's flagship, transited without incident near the two ships, Navy officials said.

All parties acted professionally, said 7th Fleet spokesman Cmdr. William Marks, who is embarked aboard the Blue Ridge.

"There wasn't any communication [with the Chinese] due to both Blue Ridge and its helicopter being a safe distance away," Marks said.

Hull numbers in the Navy photos indicate the Chinese ships were the destroyer Lanzhou and the frigate Hengshui.

The visit near Scarborough was not a freedom-of-navigation operation, Marks said.

In 2013, U.S. ships conducted such operations on China, Iran and 10 other countries to assert navigation rights in waters that the U.S. and many other countries consider international, according to an annual Defense Department report to Congress.

However, China's views on what ships can do while transit-

## Man arrested for spreading S. Korean ferry rumor

BY ASHLEY ROWLAND  
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Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — A South Korean man has been arrested for spreading an Internet rumor that a U.S.-South Korean military drill caused a passenger ferry to sink off the country's southwest coast, according to the National Police Agency.

The Sewol went down April 16, leaving about 300 people, mostly high school students, dead or missing.

The incident, which is being attributed to overloading and lax adherence to safety standards, has caused an outpouring of grief and anger at the government. President Park Geun-hye has offered several apologies.

Police have cracked down on government critics — as well as detractors of the victims — under a law that bans spreading

false information that harms someone's reputation.

An NPA official said 39 people, more than half of them teenagers, have been investigated for spreading rumors about the accident or defaming the dead, their families or the government. Three have been arrested, including a 50-year-old man identified only by his last name, Shin, after the South Korean navy filed a complaint over an Internet posting that said "the ferry Sewol sank because it deviated from its course due to the joint South Korea-U.S. exercise."

Shin posted a photograph of a U.S. nuclear-powered submarine operating off South Korea's west coast and claimed the Sewol changed course to avoid the sub. Police said the photo was "randomly" taken from the Internet and was unrelated to current U.S. military activity in

the region.

Police said Shin altered and reposted navigation warnings posted by a government agency about a joint shooting exercise in the Yellow Sea in an effort to explain why the Sewol went off course. Shin said the drill took place on April 16 when it had been scheduled a day earlier, police said.

While Shin's posting apparently did not mention a specific military exercise, the U.S. and South Korea wrapped up their annual Foal Eagle exercise last month. It included a number of land- and sea-based drills.

The head of the NPA's Cyber Investigation Team on Thursday called Shin's claims "dangerous," and said rumors about the ferry sinking are being taken seriously because they "could have lots of effects on rescue efforts or getting to the bottom of the cause of the accident."

He said Shin could face jail time or a fine.

As of Friday afternoon, the bodies of 273 people had been recovered, and efforts continued to recover the remains of 31 still listed as missing, South Korea's Yonhap News reported.

Two U.S. Navy diving and recovery experts are aboard South Korea's amphibious ship Dokdo, serving as technical advisers.

The USNS Safeguard is also on station, with 15 divers acting as an advisory team to the South Korean Navy. The U.S. divers are not taking part in diving operations.

The Safeguard's Rigid Hull Inflatable Boat is providing staging areas for supplies and a recompression chamber for South Korean divers, according to the U.S. Navy.

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ing international waters differ from U.S. interpretations.

China maintains ambiguous claims to about 90 percent of the South China Sea through its "9-dash line" map, which shows dashes surrounding most of the sea.

The Philippines filed a 4,000-page brief in international court on March 30 challenging the map, though China has declined to participate in the proceedings.

In 2012, a Philippine navy vessel attempted to arrest Chinese fishermen for taking coral and sea life from the Scarborough Shoal's nearby waters, sparking intervention by Chinese maritime surveillance ships.

The standoff continued for months and sparked protests in both countries.

Scarborough Shoal lies within the Philippines' exclusive economic zone, but China claims

the shoal and the nearby Spratly Islands based on historical discovery.

The shoal, alternately referred to as Scarborough Reef, is about 430 miles from the Paracel Islands, where China and Vietnam currently have dozens of ships engaged in a standoff near China's \$1 billion deep water oil rig.

On May 7, Vietnam released purported video of Chinese ships ramming and firing water can-

nons at Vietnamese ships there. China claims Vietnam is the aggressor in the waters near the Paracels, which both countries claim.

Although both the Paracel and Spratly islands are mostly uninhabited, the energy reserves and fisheries in their nearby waters are believed to be extensive.

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# China tensions top ASEAN summit talks in Myanmar

The Associated Press

NAYPYIDAW, Myanmar — Vietnam and the Philippines pushed for stronger action to confront China's aggressive behavior in the South China Sea at a Southeast Asian summit Sunday that was hosted for the first time by Myanmar, a former

pariah state now eager to show off its fragile democratic reforms.

A showdown between Chinese and Vietnamese ships near the Paracel Islands has put a spotlight on longstanding and bitter maritime disputes. The stakes are high, with Beijing claiming sovereignty over

much of the strategically important waters — among the world's busiest transport lanes and believed to contain significant oil and gas reserves.

Several members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, or ASEAN, reject China's claims, saying parts of the sea

are theirs. But few are willing to risk their economic and political ties with the regional powerhouse. A statement released by Southeast Asian leaders at the close of Sunday's meeting expressed concern and called for restraint by all parties involved in the maritime disputes

## PACIFIC



One of the Hoikuen Aihara nursery school's graduates, center, stands with classmates at the school and day care center.

## Day care: Support comes as surprise to facility director

### FROM FRONT PAGE

"I was going to give up and close the center," Kayomi Aihara, the center's director, told Stars and Stripes during a recent visit.

Aihara's home was destroyed by the disaster. Her grandfather became gravely ill.

As she reassembled her personal affairs as best she could, the parents of some of the 60 children the center once looked after began calling. The parents needed to get back to work right away.

And so, one month after the disaster, in a city that remained largely covered in mud and rubble, the day care reopened inside an apartment.

Later that year, Aihara received a call on her cellphone from an unfamiliar number. The caller said she lived on Yokosuka Naval Base, had seen the day care center's Facebook page and wanted to help.

Aihara thought it was a prank. Why, she wondered, would the U.S. military care about saving the day care center?

Masako Sullivan, the Navy spouse who called, helped start Helping Hands for Tohoku, an unofficial volunteer group of military families that now has hundreds of members stationed in Japan, the United States and elsewhere.

The group had adopted a temporary housing community in another disaster-stricken area and wanted to branch out. Soon after, basic supplies started arriving at the day care, along with letters and pictures from Americans.

Aihara marveled at how Sullivan anticipated exactly what the day care center needed. It made the difference between just getting by and giving the children something more.

"We are able to save the money that we would've otherwise been spending to buy supplies and use it for events, like a Christmas party," she said.

The day care center building's renovation finished in July 2011. Concerns that another tsunami could strike kept Aihara hesitant to move back, but her options were limited and the apartment grew stifling.

After talking with parents, she moved back in summer 2012. In

For more on the tsunami-battered day care, go to [stars.com/go/daycare](http://stars.com/go/daycare)



doing so, Aihara made a financially crippling decision: She would not take more students than her teachers could easily evacuate. That meant no more than 20 students.

The next hammer blow came in December 2012. Ishinomaki declared the day care center's neighborhood a tsunami danger zone, thereby restricting the area to industrial use only.

When Aihara went to city officials, she was met with apathy. While they have no plans to force the day care out, she said they told her the code violation would fix itself because the ruling would discourage anyone from bringing their children there.

Day care centers normally qualify to receive assistance from Ishinomaki, but Hoikuen Aihara does not.

It is considered an unregistered day care because it does not meet a list of government standards that regulate operating hours and other procedures.

Aihara opened in 1995 in hopes of cutting the long waiting lists parents faced to enroll children in the city's registered day care centers. Many Japanese cities face similar shortages of day care space.

Despite the non-enforcement, the day care will have to move anyway, said Toshihiko Fujita, a leader of a local citizen group that supports Hoikuen Aihara.

Within a few years, heavy construction on embankments and other tsunami safety measures will make the area too dusty and noisy for children.

"Just because the center is non-registered, the city won't help at all," Fujita said. "The children are the future of Ishinomaki, but the city doesn't even have policies to help them."

Fujita described himself as a "walking zombie" for years after his parents died in the tsunami. He threw himself into volunteer work, but still felt empty.

In January, he heard about Hoikuen Aihara's plight. He now considers helping the day care



PHOTOS BY ERIC SLAVIN/Stars and Stripes

Children at the Hoikuen Aihara nursery school and day care center pick out donated gifts following a recent graduation ceremony.



The day care center's graduates, right, bow to their classmates during a ceremony.

"my life's work," he said.

The center plans to file for non-profit status in July and hopes to gain approval by the end of the year, Fujita said, making it eligible for tax breaks and facilitating contributions.

They likely will need the financial help for a new home. The cost of land rose quickly as a result of the tsunami and new restrictions on building near the coast.

The current location deterred some parents from returning with their children, but others say Hoikuen Aihara's actions during the disaster gave them reason to return.

"I know it is a place I can trust,"

said Yuko Sato, whose daughter Ayane, 6, just graduated.

Flooding trapped Yuko Sato on the third floor of city hall for three days following the tsunami.

Tomohiro Sato, her husband, picked up Ayane from the day care shortly after the earthquake struck. The two of them ran as quickly as they could to their home, about 2 miles away.

The tsunami followed them to the steps of their house and sloshed through the first floor.

They survived on a few snacks they bought at Disneyland Tokyo a few days before, which Tomohiro grabbed from the first floor as the tide fell.

**‘Just because the center is nonregistered, the city won't help as all. The children are the future of Ishinomaki, but the city doesn't even have policies to help them. ’**

**Toshihiko Fujita**  
leader of citizen group

Tomohiro and Ayane remained stuck on the second floor of their home for two nights.

"She didn't cry," Tomohiro said. "She said, 'Here, Daddy,' and offered a snack. I learned how strong children can be."

The Satos have since repaired their house. Soon, their daughter will go off to a new school. But the Satos said they will always appreciate the help that the children of Hoikuen Aihara received from so many people.

"I feel apologetic that many people from around the world are thinking about us and are supporting us," Tomohiro said. "But I am very thankful."

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# Contract awarded for hangar at Guam

Stars and Stripes

**CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa** — The Department of the Navy has awarded \$53.7 million in contracts for construction of an aircraft maintenance hangar at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, a move critical to the redistribution of U.S. forces in the Pacific, officials said.

The contract was awarded to dck-ecc pacific guam LLC, a Pittsburgh company that says it has a \$6 billion track record of design and building projects throughout the Pacific.

The hangar will support deployed Marine Corps aviation squadrons — both fixed-wing and tilt-rotor aircraft — during training and will consist of a hangar bay, a maintenance area and areas for administration and operations, according to a Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific statement.

The announcement precedes the planned move of approximately 4,700 Marines and their families to Guam from Okinawa in the next few years. The relocation is viewed favorably by a majority of Guam residents and is seen as a way to reduce the burden of Japan hosting more than 50,000 American servicemembers.

Bryan Wood, director for U.S. Marine Corps Pacific Division for Plans, Policies and Operations, said the new hangar will be a "world-class facility."

The work will be performed in Yigo, Guam, and is scheduled to be completed by December 2016, the statement said.

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# Marines reach deal with off-roaders

The Associated Press

**TWENTYNINE PALMS, Calif.** — The Marine Corps and off-road vehicle enthusiasts will share a rugged patch of desert near the military base at Twentynine Palms under a compromise brokered by Congress.

Neither side got all it wanted in the nearly decade-long dispute over 200,000 acres of Johnson Valley adjacent to the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center in the Mojave Desert, the Los Angeles Times reported Friday.

As included in the 2014 defense bill signed by President Barack Obama, about 43,000 acres of Johnson Valley will be for recreational use only, while another 79,000 acres will be for the Marine Corps. And 53,000 acres will

be shared between the off-roaders and the Marines.

"We would have preferred something different. But this is probably the best we can get," said Steve Egbert, president of the 6,000-member California Association of Four-Wheel Drive Clubs, one of several off-road organizations involved in the issue.

The annual King of the Hammers off-road competition — billed as the toughest desert race in the nation, drawing more than 20,000 spectators and participants, — will continue although its course will have to be redrawn slightly, officials said.

Maj. Gen. David Berger, commanding general of the base at Twentynine Palms, told

the newspaper that with the additional training area, Marines will "learn to fight the way (they're) actually going to fight in a conflict, at that level."

The Johnson Valley plan allows the Marines to use the shared area for two 30-day stretches a year for combat training. Just when those 30-day stretches will be has yet to be decided, Bureau of Land Management officials said.

The area set aside exclusively for the public will be known as the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., and state Rep. Paul Cook, R-Apple Valley, a retired Marine colonel, worked to bring the two sides together.



## Italy's Alpini fill streets with parade

Participants in a parade Sunday capping the 87th national gathering of the Alpini in Pordenone, Italy, near Aviano Air Base, ride in old military vehicles. Huge crowds lined the downtown streets of Pordenone to cheer on an estimated 75,000 people marching in the parade. The Alpini, Italy's mountain troops, meet every year, with veterans coming from all over the world. Most of those marching — and many in the crowd — wore distinctive green hats with a single feather. Dozens of bands marched in the parade and Frece Tricolori, Italy's air acrobatics team, flew over.

KENT HARRIS/Stars and Stripes

View more photos of the Alpini parade and festivities at [stripes.com/go/alpini](http://stripes.com/go/alpini)

# Marines: After years of war zone dirt, troops look forward to being at sea

FROM FRONT PAGE

Officials say the Marines never left the sea, and that it's simply a mathematical deception that leads some to think the Corps is shifting focus from land missions to sea missions.

There are always Marines at sea, said Brig. Gen. Gregg Olson, commander of Task Force 51.59 and in charge of the amphibious forces deployed to the U.S. 5th Fleet, but "a greater percentage of the Marine Corps ... was deployed ashore. We had 30,000 Marines in Afghanistan. Day to day at sea we have about 2,500 Marines on one of the expeditionary units."

Olson pointed out that since 2001 the ARG and MEU have responded to crises and natural disasters worldwide — for example, by providing typhoon relief in the Philippines and flood relief in Pakistan.

"We have always been oriented on crisis response, and always

**“Everybody wants to be on the MEU; they hear all the stories that you get to travel, you get to meet new people, just the constant changes and challenges.”**

Sgt. Matthew Willingham  
water-support technician, 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit

have been fundamentally naval," Olson said.

In the past decade of war, a generation of Marines has come of age with vastly different experiences than the generations before.

Lt. Heath Taylor, a chaplain aboard the USS Gunston Hall, was a Marine from 1994 to 1998. He's noticed that today's gunnery sergeants are telling different stories than those told by their pre-9/11 predecessors, who enthralled junior Marines with tales of sea deployments. Now, "gunnys" are

telling combat stories, Taylor said. "We've got these people who have been in 15-plus years that have the traditional seafaring roots, but then you've got this 10-year window where people really didn't go to sea very much."

On the beach in Djibouti, more Marines from the 22nd MEU come ashore via a landing craft from the Gunston Hall.

Sgt. Matthew Willingham, a water-support technician, works feverishly to set up a water purification system on the beach. The

system will turn sea water into drinking water for the thirsty Marines establishing the base camp, where they will spend about two weeks participating in the exercise.

Willingham has purified water many times before — in Afghanistan. As a part of a MEU, it's still a new experience for him. In Afghanistan it was a constant routine, he said. "It feels like, with the MEU, it's more unexpected; we don't know exactly what's going to happen at any time."

Willingham believes there is a perception within the ranks that the Marines are returning to their sea roots. At his prior unit, in Okinawa, going to an MEU was the buzz among Marines, he said. "Everybody wants to be on the MEU; they hear all the stories that you get to travel, you get to meet new people, just the constant changes and challenges."

Olson said: "Most of our young enlisted folks joined since 9/11;

Watch the 22nd MEU in action in Djibouti at [stripes.com/go/searoots](http://stripes.com/go/searoots)

they joined a Marine Corps at war. They wanted to go and contribute to that effort."

As the war effort winds down, he said, that sentiment is changing. "The place where the excitement is, is deployed," Olson said. "And one of the ways to get forward deployed is to do so on an amphibious ship."

But it's not the only way. The Marines are forming special-purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Forces to provide a broad crisis-response capability to places like Africa.

"There will be continued opportunities for young men and women who want to join the Marine Corps to be part of something exciting and see the world," Olson said.

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MILITARY

# US soldier gets into fight outside Seoul club, dies

By Ashley Rowland  
Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — A U.S. soldier died after getting into a fight outside a nightclub in a popular Seoul entertainment district that twice has been placed off-limits to American troops.

Spc. Carl A. Lissone, 20, was knocked unconscious after getting into an argument with another U.S. servicemember during the early morning hours of May 4 outside Hongdae's Club Naked, where he had been drinking and dancing, according to the Pyeongtaek Police Office.

Lissone was bleeding from his nose and ears, but instead of taking him to a hospital the three men accompanying him took him to a hotel in Pyeongtaek, near U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys, police officials said.

The men reported Lissone's death to U.S. military officials at 1 p.m.

The chief of Pyeongtaek police's criminal affairs department said Lissone was alive when he was taken to the hotel but died from a brain hemorrhage. No one has been charged or taken into custody. The men may have been violating U.S. Forces Korea's nighttime curfew, instituted in 2011 after two rapes of South Korean teenagers by U.S. soldiers.

The fight began when one of the servicemembers claimed he had been pushed by another person in the group against a stage inside the venue, police said. The other two men joined in the brawl.

The 8th Army first announced Lissone's death after being contacted by the Korea Herald on Wednesday. On Thursday, it issued a statement saying that the native of Covington, Ga., became unresponsive in Pyeongtaek's Ajinon district, the area just outside Humphreys and was taken to Good Morning Hospital in Pyeongtaek, where he later was pronounced dead.

The statement said the circum-

stances of Lissone's death are under joint investigation by South Korean police and U.S. officials.

"In the wake of this loss, the entire Eighth Army team is committed to providing accurate and timely information to the family, caring and supporting the Soldiers and colleagues affected by this tragedy, and fully assisting and participating in the ongoing investigation," Brig. Gen. Brian J. McKiernan, the 8th Army's deputy commanding general for operations, said in a statement.

Lissone was an information technology specialist with the 304th Expeditionary Signal Battalion, 1st Signal Brigade, which relocated from Camp Stanley to Humphreys in 2012.

Hongdae was placed off-limits at night to U.S. troops in 2007 after a U.S. servicemember raped a 67-year-old woman there. Pvt. Geronimo Ramirez, of the 2nd Infantry Division, was sentenced to four years in prison for the attack.

That off-limits designation has since been lifted, and the area, with its thriving nightlife fueled by students from nearby universities, is a popular nighttime destination for U.S. servicemembers. Hongdae was placed off-limits to U.S. troops from December 2002 to May 2006 because of unspecified "force-protection concerns." The area was reopened to the military after South Korean and U.S. personnel conducted a combined threat assessment and deemed it safe.

While the U.S. military conducts nighttime patrols of entertainment districts outside U.S. installations — like Itaewon outside U.S. Army Garrison Yong-san and Songtan outside Osan Air Base — several popular areas of Seoul are not monitored.

Last year, Yoo Wonsuon, president of the Itaewon Bar Owners' Association, said U.S. Forces Korea's nighttime curfew was driving troops out of Itaewon to districts of Seoul not patrolled by military authorities, including Gangnam and Hongdae.

"If they are going to Hongdae or Gangnam, they can't be safe because there are no MPs patrolling (there)," he said.

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## Honoring the fallen

Elizabeth Swiriduk, of Tamworth, N.H., is overcome with emotion Sunday as she sees the name of her father, Master Sgt. Walter H. Mauldin, in the Vietnam Veterans Memorial wall in Washington for the first time. Mauldin, who died in 1968, is one of 13 Vietnam War casualties whose names were added to the wall this year. Eight others had their status changed from missing to deceased. The addition of a 14th name was delayed until 2015 because of an error. For more about the ceremony honoring the recent additions, go to [stripes.com/go/2014names](http://stripes.com/go/2014names).

The poignant process of etching new names into the wall [stripes.com/go/sandblast](http://stripes.com/go/sandblast)

# Ex-Blackwater guard indicted in '07 slaying of Iraqi civilians

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A former Blackwater Worldwide security guard accused of taking part in a 2007 shooting of Iraqi civilians at a Baghdad traffic circle has been indicted on a new first-degree murder charge as the case moves closer toward trial, prosecutors said Friday.

The federal grand jury indictment of Nicholas Slatten came just weeks after a judge dismissed all charges against him because of statute-of-limitation concerns.

Also Friday, the U.S. Attorney's Office in Washington asked that Slatten go on trial with the other three defendants in the shootings, a move the defense may seek to avoid. A joint trial is often viewed as an advantage for prosecutors. In court papers, the prosecution said a joint trial is especially appropriate because the criminal conduct charged in the indictments was part of a single event. In addition, the court filing says, it

would be grossly inefficient to try the case twice, inasmuch as the trial will involve 70 to 80 witnesses, many of whom live overseas.

The trial arising from the Sept. 16, 2007, shootings is scheduled to start in June in Washington's federal court and to last several months.

The contractors are accused

of killing 14 Iraqis and wounding more than a dozen others, shootings that inflamed anti-American sentiment in Iraq and heightened diplomatic sensitivities.

Prosecutors say Slatten fired the first shots at Nisour Square without justification at a driver who was stopped at the traffic circle.

## National Guard looks to renew Maine flight talks

PORTLAND, Maine — The National Guard is reaching out to the Penobscot Indian Nation in hopes of restarting discussions over a proposal to double the amount of airspace in which fighter jets

could conduct low-level training over western Maine.

The tribe, which owns 20,000 acres in the training area, remains steadfast in its objection and is deciding whether to re-engage in talks, said Penobscot Chief Kirk Francis.

Tribe members who use land in Alder Stream Township don't

like the prospect of screeching jets interrupting their activities.

"The tribe has formulated its position. We don't know what value there is in continuing the conversation," Francis said. "The National Guard seems to have a hard time letting it go."

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## NATION

# Balloon deaths mar a Va. school's graduation

By LARRY O'DELL

The Associated Press

DOSWELL, Va. — Preparations for the University of Richmond's graduation ceremony were tinged with sadness Sunday, just days after two members of its athletic staff were killed when a hot-air balloon drifted into a power line, burst into flames and crashed.

Undergraduate commencement was scheduled for the afternoon. Meanwhile, investigators were planning to resume their efforts to scour the woods and fields surrounding the site of Friday's balloon crash for the remains of the third person aboard the balloon. Two bodies have been found.

University administrators said in a news release that Associate Head Coach Ginny Doyle and Director of Basketball Operations Natalie Lewis were two of the three people aboard the balloon that crashed Friday night. Investigators haven't said which bodies were found.

"Words cannot begin to ex-

press our sorrow," Keith Gill, the school's athletic director, said in a news release. "We are all stunned by the tragic news. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their loved ones."

Lewis just completed her second year as director of basketball operations for the women's team, according to a profile on the university's website. The Buffalo, N.Y., native was a four-year letter winner and two-time captain of the Spiders' swim team.

A spokeswoman for Lewis' family, Julie Snyder, called Lewis "an amazing person and a strong person, an athlete engaged to be married."

Doyle, who graduated from Richmond in 1992 after a stand-out basketball career, served on the team staff for 16 years after that — including nine winning seasons. She earned all-conference honors twice as a player.

"As alumnae, classmates, and colleagues — and as an invaluable and devoted mentors for our student-athletes — Ginny and Natalie have been loved members



PHOTOS BY ALEXA WELCH EDLUND, RICHMOND (VA.) TIMES-DISPATCH/AP

University of Richmond Director of Basketball Operations Natalie Lewis, left, and Associate Coach Ginny Doyle, right, are seen at a school basketball game in the Robins Center in Richmond, Va., on Feb. 26. The two were identified as being aboard the hot-air balloon that crashed Friday in Caroline County, Va.

of our community," university President Edward L. Ayers said in the news release.

Witnesses to the crash described a harrowing sight on the special preview night for the Mid-Atlantic Balloon Festival, which



was set to open Saturday. The festival was canceled. About 740 people attended the preview event.

On the ground, "It was complete silence," spectator Nancy Johnson said. "There were people praying. It was horrible."

The balloon was among 13 that lifted off Friday night from Meadow Event Park, home to the State Fair of Virginia, and was approaching a landing site nearby. Two of the balloons landed safely before the third hit the live power line, according to police.

The pilot attempted to retain control of the balloon and snuff the fire and two passengers either jumped or fell from the gondola, state police spokeswoman Corinne Geller said.

"Then witnesses recall hearing an explosion and the fire continued to spread," Geller said.

She said another pilot interviewed by investigators described how the pilot tried to open vents to release extra-hot air in an attempt to keep the balloon from rising faster.

"Based on witness accounts, he did everything he could to try to save the passengers' lives," Geller said.

The National Transportation Safety Board is investigating the crash.



SARAH BENTHAM/AP

Same-sex couples line up to apply for a marriage license at the Carroll County Courthouse in Eureka Springs, Ark., on Saturday, the day after a judge overturned amendment 83, which banned same-sex marriage in the state.

## Ark. to appeal same-sex marriage ruling

The Associated Press

EUREKA SPRINGS, Ark. — Lawyers for the state followed through with their promise to appeal a judge's decision overturning the constitutional amendment overwhelmingly passed by voters in 2004 banning gay marriage.

But not before 15 licenses were issued for same-sex couples in northwest Arkansas' Carroll County.

Pulaski County Circuit Judge Chris Piazza paved the way Friday with a ruling that removed a 10-year-old barrier, saying a constitutional amendment overwhelmingly passed by voters in 2004 banning gay marriage was "an unconstitutional attempt to narrow the definition of equality." Piazza's ruling also overturned a 1997 state law banning

gay marriage.

Because Piazza didn't issue a stay, Arkansas' 75 county clerks were left to decide for themselves whether to grant marriage licenses.

Carroll County was believed to be the only county that issued marriage licenses Saturday. Several were open for early primary-election voting but staffers said they were not prepared to issue marriage licenses.

Piazza's lack of a stay caused confusion among county clerks, Association of Arkansas Counties executive director Chris Villines said.

"The court didn't give us any time to get the kinks worked out," Villines said.

Villines said that after a conference call with county clerks from around the state he wasn't sure how many counties would be issuing same-sex marriage licenses Monday. Villines said county officials around the state were dismayed with the timing of Piazza's decision and that he didn't stay the ruling.

Jason Owens, an attorney for four of the six counties named in the lawsuit over the gay marriage ban, said he'll ask Piazza on Monday for guidance on how to proceed.

"My clients want to follow the law. We just want to know what the law is, essentially," Owens said.

Attorney General Dustin McDaniel on Saturday notified Piazza that he would appeal Piazza's ruling to the state Supreme Court. McDaniel had already asked the judge to stay his decision pending an appeal.

## Court sides with DOJ on sharing warrantless cellphone tracking data

By ERIC TUCKER

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department does not have to turn over information on cases involving warrantless cellphone tracking if the cases ended without a defendant's conviction, a divided federal appeals court ruled Friday in upholding privacy protections for people acquitted of crimes.

The ruling came in a public records lawsuit brought by the American Civil Liberties Union, which had requested information on federal cases in which law enforcement had obtained cellphone tracking data without a warrant to track a user's whereabouts.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit had previously held that the Justice Department was obligated under the Freedom of Information Act to disclose case names and docket numbers for warrantless cellphone tracking prosecutions that ended with a conviction.

In a separate 2-1 decision Friday, a three-judge panel of the court said defendants who have been acquitted or who have had charges against them dropped enjoy extra privacy protections that outweigh the public benefit in disclosing that information.

"While this attention would have been warranted at the time of indictment, now that these defendants have been acquitted or had the relevant charges dismissed they have a significant and justified interest in avoiding

additional and unnecessary publicity," Judge David Tatel wrote. He said a person acquitted of financial fraud looking to rebuild his life "might be especially dismayed" to learn of the information's release.

Though the appeal centered on a small number of cases, the dispute nonetheless unfolded against the backdrop of ever-advancing law enforcement technologies and the ongoing debate over privacy protections.

"Once a person has been publicly indicted, and that information is easily available on the Internet, it's just unrealistic to say that the person has an ongoing interest in the privacy of his public indictment" that outweighs the public's right to know what happened, said Arthur Spitzer, the legal director of the ACLU of Washington, who said he was disappointed by the decision.

The Justice Department, in responding to the ACLU lawsuit, identified 229 prosecutions since 2001 in which a judge had approved the government's request to obtain cellphone tracking data without making a finding of probable cause.

The department refused to turn the list over, but after an earlier appeals court decision, ultimately released docket information for 214 cases that had resulted in guilty pleas or convictions.

The remaining 15 cases ended with an acquittal or dropped charges or had been sealed.

## NATION



TRENT NELSON, THE (SALT LAKE CITY) SALT LAKE TRIBUNE/AP

Ryan Bundy, son of the Nevada rancher Cliven Bundy, rides an ATV into Recapture Canyon north of Blanding, Utah, on Saturday in a demonstration area that has been closed to motorized use since 2007.

## Dozens ride in off-limits Utah canyon in land-control protest

By MARTIN GRIFFITH  
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The Associated Press

Dozens of people rode their ATVs and motorcycles on an off-limits trail in southern Utah in a protest against what the group calls the federal government's overreaching control of public lands.

San Juan County Sheriff Rick Eldredge said between 40 and 50 people, many of them waving American flags and some carrying weapons, drove about a mile down Recapture Canyon near Blanding on Saturday and then turned around. Hundreds attended a rally at a nearby park before the protest.

"It was peaceful, and there were no problems whatsoever," the sheriff told The Associated Press.

About 30 deputies and a handful of U.S. Bureau of Land Management law enforcement personnel watched as protesters drove past

a closure sign and down the canyon about 300 miles southeast of Salt Lake City.

San Juan County Commissioner Phil Lyman, the protest's organizer, has said it was designed to show that the federal agency isn't the "supreme authority" and local residents have a right to have their opinions heard.

"We're not proponents of breaking the law," Lyman told The Salt Lake Tribune before the ride. "Just because BLM owns the property, that doesn't mean they own the right-of-way that exists."

Recapture Canyon is home to dwellings, artifacts and burials left behind by Ancestral Puebloans as many as 2,000 years ago before they mysteriously vanished.

The riders may have damaged artifacts and dwellings that "tell the story of the first farmers in the Four Corners region" of Utah, Arizona, New Mexico and Colo-

rado, BLM Utah State Director Juan Palma said in a statement.

"The BLM was in Recapture Canyon today collecting evidence and will continue to investigate," Palma said. "The BLM will pursue all available redress through the legal system to hold the law-breakers accountable."

The protest occurred nearly a month after Nevada rancher Cliven Bundy and his supporters, some of them armed militia members, thwarted a BLM roundup of his cattle near Bunkerville, Nev., 75 miles northeast of Las Vegas. Bundy, a states' rights advocate who refuses to acknowledge the authority of the federal government, owes more than \$1 million in fees and penalties for letting his cattle use government land over the past 20 years.

Some of Bundy's children and militia supporters also took part in the protest in Recapture Canyon.

# Report: Federal agents protected director's aide

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Members of a U.S. Secret Service special unit responsible for patrolling near the White House were pulled off that assignment over at least two months in 2011 to protect the assistant of the agency's director while she was in a dispute with a neighbor, according to a report in The Washington Post.

Agents were told that the Secret Service director at the time, Mark Sullivan, was concerned that his assistant was being harassed by her neighbor, the Post reported. The newspaper cited three people familiar with the operation but did not provide their names.

The agents were pulled from a surveillance team that patrols the outskirts of the White House compound and monitors the southern side of the executive mansion whenever crowds gather to watch the president and first family travel via motorcade or helicopter, the Post reported.

Agents inside the Washington field office were concerned that the diversion of agents increased security risks to the compound and the president, two people familiar with the discussion told the newspaper. A spokesman for the agency told the Post that the agents involved were not part of the president's protective detail and therefore the operation had no impact on it.

Sullivan left the Secret Service in 2013, nearly a year after a scandal involving members of the presidential protection team hiring prostitutes ahead of a trip by President Barack Obama to Colombia in 2012. In a statement to the Post, Sullivan said a su-

pervisor in his office authorized the visits to the assistant's home without his knowledge, that they lasted only a few days and that they were appropriate given the report of threats to an employee.

Called "Operation Moonlight" within the agency, the assignment that summer of 2011 called for two agents twice per day, in the morning and at night, to monitor the home of his assistant, the Post reported. The residence was in rural Maryland, nearly an hour's drive from Washington.

Two agents put on Operation Moonlight thought the reassignment was a potentially illegal use of government resources and were concerned enough about their own liability that they kept records of their involvement and their superiors' instructions, the Post reported. Some informed the inspector general for the Homeland Security Department about the operation, the newspaper said.

White House spokesman Jay Carney said the White House was not aware of the allegations involving the president's protection and referred questions to the Secret Service, according to the Post.

Secret Service spokesman Ed Donovan confirmed that agents were pulled off their White House duty to check on the safety of the director's assistant. However, he disputed accounts that Operation Moonlight lasted for months, saying agency records indicated that the assignment took place for only a few days over the Fourth of July weekend.

Donovan said the operation was part of the agency's standard response to potential threats to an employee.

## Federal government fails to inspect higher-risk oil wells

By HOPE YEN

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The government has failed to inspect thousands of oil and gas wells it considers potentially high risks for water contamination and other environmental damage, congressional investigators say.

The report, obtained by The Associated Press before its public release, highlights substantial gaps in oversight by the agency that manages oil and gas development on federal and Indian lands.

Investigators said weak control by the Interior Department's Bureau of Land Management resulted from policies based on outdated science and from incomplete monitoring data.

The findings from the Government Accountability Office come amid an energy boom in the country and the increasing use of hydraulic fracturing, or fracking. That process involves pumping huge volumes of water, sand and chemicals underground to split open rocks to allow oil and gas to flow. It has produced major economic benefits, but also raised fears that the chemicals could spread to water supplies.

The audit also said the BLM did not coordinate effectively with state regulators in New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma and Utah.

The bureau has become a symbol of federal overreach to industry groups opposed to government

regulations related to oil and gas drilling. Environmental groups say the Obama administration needs to do more to guard against environmental damage.

In the coming months, the administration is expected to issue rules on fracking and methane gas emissions.

The report said the agency "cannot accurately and efficiently identify whether federal and Indian resources are properly protected or that federal and Indian resources are at risk of being extracted without agency approval."

The report makes clear in many instances that the BLM's failure to inspect high-priority oil and gas wells is due to limited money and staff.



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President Barack Obama speaks at an oil and gas field on federal lands in Maljamar, N.M., in March 2012.

WORLD

# Americans involved in Yemen shooting were getting haircuts

By AHMED AL-HAJ  
The Associated Press

SANAA, Yemen — One of the two officers at the U.S. Embassy in Yemen who shot and killed a pair of suspected al-Qaida gunmen was getting a haircut at a barbershop when the attempted abduction took place, Yemeni security officials said Sunday.

The attempted kidnapping April 24 is the latest evidence of al-Qaida's expanding presence in the capital, a serious challenge to the authority of the already weak central government. It also could strain ties between Yemen and the U.S., which has launched an aggressive campaign of drone strikes against suspected al-Qaida fighters in the country.

The barbershop, owned by a longtime Indian resident, is on Heda Street, a commercial road in the southern part of the city where some of Sanaa's best restaurants, supermarkets and high-end boutiques are located.

The Yemeni officials said the armed militants arrived in a battered SUV and burst into the shop shouting, "Police! Police!" The officials said one of the two Americans was having his hair cut, while the second waited for his turn.

They said one of the Americans killed both militants before the pair jumped into their waiting SUV and drove off. Owners of nearby stores rushed to the barbershop on hearing the gunshots but the Americans already had left, the officials said.

Yemeni authorities questioned the two Americans and later gave them permission to leave the country, the officials said. The two fully cooperated with the Yemeni government investigation, they said.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to brief journalists.

On Friday, the U.S. State Department said the two Americans, whom it did not identify, were at a Sanaa business at the time of the attack and have since left Yemen. Citing unidentified U.S. officials, The New York Times has reported that the Americans were a CIA officer and a lieutenant colonel with the elite Joint Special Operations Command.

Yemeni authorities merely identified the two as "American security personnel" and said the two who tried to kidnap them hailed from the province of Maarib east of Sanaa, an al-Qaida stronghold.

# Iranian president offers nuke talks transparency

The Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Iranian President Hassan Rouhani said Sunday his country has nothing to offer except transparency in nuclear talks with world powers, rebuffing hard-liners as negotiators seek a final deal over the Islamic Republic's contested program.

The talks, resuming Tuesday, face an informal July deadline to hammer out a final deal to limit Iran's ability to build nuclear arms in exchange for ending the crippling economic sanctions it faces. While the moderate Rouhani and Iran's negotiators have the backing of Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, hard-liners increasingly criticize the deal as giving up too much while gaining too little from the West.

Speaking Sunday to a group of Iranian medical and nuclear experts, Rouhani appeared to be trying to counter the hard-liners by saying Iran would never accept "scientific and nuclear apartheid" by giving up its program.

"If the world seeks good relations with Iran, it should choose the way of surrendering to Iran's rights, respecting the Iranian nation and praising Iranian scientists," Rouhani said in the speech, which was aired live by state

television.

"Iran's path to achieve nuclear technology has been a correct way and it will never stop," he said. "We do not want to withdraw one step in technology."

Rouhani also stressed Iran has not sought nuclear weapons and urged the West not to accuse Iran of doing so.

"The Iranian nation has never been after weapons of mass destruction, since it does not see it as legitimate," he said.

The West says Iran's nuclear program could allow it to build atomic weapons. Iran says its program is for peaceful purposes, like medical research and power generation.

Iran reached a historic interim deal in November with six world powers — the United States, Russia, China, Britain, France and Germany. In it, Tehran agreed to stop enrichment of uranium to 20 percent — which is a possible pathway to nuclear arms — in exchange for the easing of some Western sanctions. It agreed to dilute half of its 20 percent-enriched uranium into 5 percent and to turn the remaining half into oxide, which is very difficult to be used for bomb-making materials.

It also allowed international inspectors into nuclear sites.



SUNDAY ALAMBA/AP

One of the Catholic faithful takes Holy Communion during a morning Mass in honour of the kidnapped Chibok schoolgirls in Abuja, Nigeria on Sunday.

# Abducted Nigerian girl is afraid to return to school

By HARUNA UMAR  
AND MICHELLE FAUL  
The Associated Press

BAUCHI, Nigeria — One of the teenagers who escaped from Islamic extremists who abducted more than 300 schoolgirls says the kidnapping was "too terrifying for words," and she is now afraid to go back to school.

Sarah Lawan, 19, a science student, spoke out Sunday as Nigerians prayed for the safety of the 276 students still held captive. Their prayers were joined by Pope Francis.

Using the trending #BringBackOurGirls, the Roman Catholic leader tweeted, "Let us all join in prayer for the immediate release of the schoolgirls kidnapped in Nigeria."

Lawan told The Associated Press that more of the girls could have escaped but they were frightened by their captors' threats to shoot them.

She spoke in the local Hausa language in a phone interview from Chibok, her home and the site of the mass abduction in northeast Nigeria. The failure to rescue those who remain captive four weeks later has attracted mounting national and international outrage. Last week, Nigeria was forced to accept international help in the search after ignoring offers for weeks.

More experts are expected in Nigeria to help in the search, including U.S. hostage negotiators and others from Britain, France, China and Spain.

"I am pained that my other colleagues could not summon the courage to run away with me," Lawan said. "Do I cry each time I come across their parents and see how they weep when they see

# Can a hashtag offer any help to abducted girls?

By MATT SEDENSKY  
The Associated Press

Parents of the kidnapped Nigerian schoolgirls are hoping for a miracle. So far, all they have is a hashtag.

More than three weeks after Islamic extremists abducted more than 300 girls from their school in Nigeria's remote northeast, world outrage is galvanizing Twitter and other social media networks. But observers question whether the burst of online interest will last and whether it can ever elevate the case from a trending topic to a mandate for action.

Police say 276 of the girls remain in captivity. The case was not widely followed until #BringBackOurGirls and other hashtags attracted a torrent of attention.

"People are finally taking

it seriously," said Fayokemi Ogunmola a Nigerian-born student at the University of Rochester who leads her campus Pan-African Students Association. Ogunmola had followed the story since it broke April 15 but only recently saw more interest among classmates using the #BringBackOurGirls hashtag and wearing head wraps or the green and white of the Nigerian flag.

The flurry of attention on Nigeria brings to mind a similar campaign two years ago that introduced many people to Joseph Kony, a guerrilla leader whose group has abducted many Ugandan children who then became sex slaves or fighters. A video about Kony went viral in 2012, but public attention waned, and the warlord remains at large.

Police say 53 students have escaped. Nigeria's homegrown Boko Haram terrorist network is threatening to sell those who remain in captivity into slavery.

In churches across the nation, Nigerians prayed for the girls, whose plight has brought together ordinary people in a year that had seen growing dissension between Muslims and Christians, disagreements exacerbated by the increasingly deadly attacks of the Boko Haram terrorist

network. Africa's most populous nation of 170 million has almost equal numbers of Christians and Muslims.

The Rev. Stephen Omale prayed at a church in Abuja, the Nigerian capital, for God to visit a change of heart of the girls' abductors.

"Wherever they are, God will bring them out in his own mercy, he will see that they are brought out safely, without harm and also that this act will bring an end to all those who are perpetrating these acts," he told congregants.

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Ukrainians, who are currently in Russia, cast their referendum ballots in Moscow on Sunday as residents of two restive regions in eastern Ukraine voted on whether to declare sovereign people's republics in the Donetsk and Luhansk regions.

# Defiant Ukrainians cast votes on new republics

By PETER LEONARD  
The Associated Press

DONETSK, Ukraine — Residents of two restive regions in eastern Ukraine engulfed by a pro-Russian insurgency defied the central government in Kiev by voting Sunday in contentious and hastily organized independence referendums.

The ballots, which Ukraine and the West have rejected as illegal, seek approval for declaring so-called sovereign people's republics in the Donetsk and Luhansk regions, where rebels have seized government buildings and clashed with police and Ukrainian troops over the past month.

Ukraine's interim president has said that independence for eastern regions will destroy the country's

economy. "This is a step into the abyss for the regions," Oleksandr Turchynov said in comments posted on the presidential website Saturday.

Polling stations opened at 8 a.m. and were due to close at 10 p.m. Referendum organizers said they expected a high turnout, even though the security situation remained unstable around much of the area where the vote was held. There were reports of sporadic clashes, but the situation remained calm in most of the sprawling regions with a population of 6.5 million as voting got under way.

Insurgents in the city of Sloviansk, which has seen some of the most violent clashes between pro-Russian militants and government forces in recent weeks, exchanged fire with Ukrainian troops on the

outskirts of the city overnight. The Ukrainian Defense Ministry said an army soldier was wounded in a mortar shelling near Sloviansk TV tower.

The port city of Mariupol on the Sea of Azov has remained on edge after Friday's clashes, in which at least seven died.

Ukraine and the West have accused Russia of fomenting or even directing the unrest in the east, with the goal of destabilizing Ukraine or finding a pretext for invasion. Russia has rejected the accusations.

Russia's President Vladimir Putin had asked the referendums' organizers to delay the vote as he bargained with Western powers on conditions for defusing the worst crisis in relations between Russia and the West since the Cold War.

# Assad is dominant in Syrian campaign

By ALBERT AJI  
The Associated Press

DAMASCUS, Syria — On billboards and in posters taped to car windows, new portraits of President Bashar Assad filled the streets of Damascus on Sunday as Syria officially opened its presidential campaign despite a crippling civil war that has devastated the country and left large chunks of territory outside of government control.

The Syrian opposition and its Western allies have denounced the June 3 election as a sham designed to lend Assad, who is widely expected to win another seven-year term, a veneer of electoral legitimacy. The government, meanwhile, has touted the vote as the political solution to the conflict.

The election comes more than three years into a revolt against Assad's rule that has killed more than 150,000 people and forced more than 2.5 million to seek refuge abroad. The war has destroyed entire cities and towns, left the economy in tatters and set alight sectarian hatreds in a society once known for its tolerance.

With the country so bitterly divided, it remains unclear how the government intends to hold a credible vote in the midst of the conflict. Officials have brushed aside such doubts, and have forged ahead undeterred.

Assad faces two other candidates in the race: Maher Hajjar and Hassan al-Nour, both members of the so-called internal opposition tolerated by the government. The men are relatively unknown, and neither has the full weight of the state behind him like Assad does.

On the bustling Thawra Street in the center of Damascus, two new Assad billboards greeted the crowds below. One shows Assad, dressed in a gray suit and blue shirt, along with the word "Together." The second billboard just reads "Together," along with the president's signature.

Several flying national flags and photos of the president blazed nationalist songs as they cruised the capital's streets in a show of support for Assad, who has ruled the country since taking

over from his father in 2000.

In contrast, there were no portraits or banners of the two other candidates seen on the streets.

Riyadh Shahin, 44, a government employee, said that he intends to vote for Assad.

"I am still convinced that he was still the sole leader who can achieve the aspirations of the Syrian people," Shahin said. "In my opinion, Assad is the suitable person for this post, because without him, Syria was now divided. He is the sole guarantee to keep Syria strong."

The presence of other candidates on the ballot represents a shift in Syria. Until now, Assad and his father have been elected by referendums in which they were the only candidates and voters cast yes-or-no ballots.

Riyadh Shahin  
government employee

Last month, the

Syrian parliament approved an electoral law opening the door to a multi-candidate race. The new law, however, placed conditions effectively ensuring that almost no opposition figures would be able to run. It states that any candidate must have lived in Syria for the past 10 years and cannot have any other citizenship.

Analysts say that the vote was likely set for mid-summer to give the military and its allied militias time to seize more ground, particularly key urban centers, before citizens head to the polls.

With a mix of brute force and negotiations, the government secured a major victory last week, striking a deal with the last rebel holdouts in the central city of Homs. Under the agreement, some 2,000 opposition fighters and civilians in the Old City received safe passage to rebel areas to the north, handing the government control of Homs — the country's third-largest city.

# Fighting erupts in South Sudan hours after cease-fire set

By JASON STRAZIUSO  
The Associated Press

NAIROBI, Kenya — New fighting broke out in South Sudan on Sunday less than 48 hours after the country's president and the rebel leader agreed to a cease-fire that the U.S. secretary of state and U.N. secretary-general both worked to forge.

Aid leaders and analysts hailed Friday night's deal but some also voiced skepticism that it would translate to peace on the ground. Those fears were borne out Sunday as fighting again flared for a strategic oil town where horrific crimes against humanity have already occurred.

Each side blamed the other for restarting the violence.

South Sudan Defense Minister Kuol Manyang Juk said rebels attacked government positions near Bentiu at 6:30 a.m. Sunday. He said government troops killed 27 rebels and captured some arms.

"At 8:30 they also attacked our position ... along the road between Bentiu and the 'har' Jath oil fields. Our forces repulsed them," he said.

An opposition spokesman, Brig. Gen. Lul Ruai Kour, said government forces attacked rebels in two states. He said government fighters were in "active combat" with opposition troops around Bentiu. Kong said fighters from Sudanese militias were aiding government troops around Bentiu.

"The latest violations of the agreement to resolve the crisis in South Sudan shows

that Kiir is either insincere or not in control of his forces," Kong said in a statement. He said the international community and IGAD, a regional bloc that brokered Friday's peace deal, should know that Kiir's forces were first to violate the agreement.

Humanitarian workers hoped Friday's deal would allow residents to return home and plant crops. More than 1.3 million people have fled their homes because of the fighting, and aid experts say that if residents don't plant crops by the end of May mass hunger is likely to set in — and possibly even famine.

The World Food Program and Save the Children on Saturday released a nutritional analysis showing that several areas in Unity state, where Bentiu is located, have

food needs at "alarming" levels, one population from famine. Up to 75 percent of the population there faces severe hunger.

WFP says overall that 3.2 million people need food aid and that a "hunger catastrophe" will set in if food aid is not soon delivered.

Still, given that a January cease-fire fell apart immediately after it was signed, many observers feared Friday's deal would not hold.

If the conflict's second cease-fire does fall apart, the efforts by U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon will have been moot.

Both leaders flew into Juba, South Sudan's capital, in the last 10 days to push for an end to war.

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OPINION

Time for Monica Lewinsky to move on

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By ROBIN ABCARIAN

There's no way around it. The Clintons, as everybody and her mother has pointed out, have baggage. Lots of it. More than any other American political family at this point. And their baggage is relevant at this point for one reason alone: Hillary may run for president in 2016.

So we can look forward to the Endless Rehash: a relentless string of reminders from the vast-right-wing-conspiracy people about the distracting foibles of the Clinton White House — the travel office escapade, the suicide of a dear friend and counselor, the government shutdown that led to a dalliance that led to an investigation that led to an impeachment.

So, welcome back, Monica Lewinsky! The Republican Party has been waiting for you. The June issue of Vanity Fair magazine features an essay by Lewinsky. In a photo released by Vanity Fair, Lewinsky lies on her side on a maroon velvet couch, her knees bent under her, wearing a demure white dress. Her lustrous black hair is still silky, her complexion is still radiant. Her crow's feet are beginning to show at her eyes. At 40, she looks happy.

Though Lewinsky has been having her say for years, she believes it's time to have her say again. When you've been dragged through the kind of mud she has, by her president, she has a right to say what she needs you've earned the right to blab as much as you want about the most humiliating and traumatic episode of your life.

We all know the story: In 1998, a horny 21-year-old White House intern fishes her thigh at a horny commander-in-chief. A bad affair ensues. She files a lawsuit and asks her "friend" all the things they've done and how she loves him. She lies in an affidavit about their relationship. The "friend" stabs her in the back and hands secret recordings of their conversations to a special prosecutor. The horny commander-in-chief contorts the language to conceal the affair. There are depositions, trials, semen-stained dresses. ...

After a decade of what Vanity Fair describes as "virtual silence," Lewinsky has decided it's time to go public again, be-



Monica Lewinsky, shown in July 2011, has re-emerged to talk about her fling with President Bill Clinton.

cause, you know, it's not that a Clinton is running for president, it's just that she's feeling stilted.

She writes in Vanity Fair that it is time to stop "tiptoeing around my past — and other people's futures. I am determined to have a different ending to my story. I've decided, finally, to stick my head above the parapet so that I can take back my narrative and give a purpose to my past."

"Take back my narrative?" This is a hilarious misstatement considering she spent a decade leveraging her infamy and earning who-knows-how-much money, exploiting her affair with Clinton. In fact, the only person who ever really wants to talk about the Monica Lewinsky scandal is Monica Lewinsky. (And Republicans, the better to taunt Hillary.)

She was interviewed by ABC's Barbara Walters in 1999, reportedly drawing a record audience of 70 million. Lewinsky cooperated with Andrew Morton, who wrote a biography called "Monica's Story," which

was excerpted as a Time cover story.

She appeared twice on "Saturday Night Live" and became a handbag designer whose pricey haute hippie knit bags were retailed at Henri Bendel. Not too shabby.

In 2000, she became a spokeswoman for Jenny Craig Inc., which required her to very publicly lose 40 or more pounds in six months. She also appeared on an MTV show. Later that year, she worked as a correspondent for a British TV show reporting on U.S. culture and trends. She also starred in an HBO special, "Monica in Black and White," and answered a studio audience's questions about her affair with Clinton.

In 2003, she hosted a reality dating show for the Fox television network, and appeared as a guest on television shows in the U.K., Sweden and the U.S. In 2005, she moved to London to study social psychology at the London School of Economics.

What does she want us to know that she hasn't already shared at this point?

Well, this, I guess: "Sure, my boss took advantage of me but I will always remain firm on this point: It was a consensual relationship. Any 'abuse' came in the aftermath, when I was made a scapegoat in order to protect his powerful position. ... The Clinton administration, the special prosecutor's minions, the political operatives on both sides of the aisle, and the media were able to brand me. And that brand stuck, in part because it was imbued with power."

... I take her point. Bill Clinton has gone on to become president of the world, globetrotting his way into hearts with his good works and Clinton Global Initiative. He may very well end up back in the White House in 2017. He has not suffered a whit for his transgressions, not really.

Lewinsky has. It's not fair that her young life was derailed by a stupid sexual error. She was poorly treated by everyone around her. Still, she was technically an adult and has paid an adult's price.

Let me suggest to Ms. Lewinsky that although her goal may seem noble, she is allowing herself to be defined by the worst mistake she ever made. She should stop exploiting her past. Time to move on.

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Pregnancy needs respect in the workplace

By ANNE MICHAUD

Some pregnant women and new mothers find today's workplaces have become more understanding environments. Still, others are being pushed out of jobs just when their new or growing families need their paychecks most. As far as the courts are concerned, it's all perfectly legal.

Just ask Peggy Young, who had been driving for the United Parcel Service in suburban Maryland for about a decade when she got pregnant. Her manager asked for a doctor's note about physical limitations and received the usual advice that Young shouldn't lift more than 20 pounds. Young thought she could work around it — she rarely handled packages that heavy, and she figured she could turn to co-workers when needed.

But a senior UPS manager thought differently. Young claims in a discrimination complaint. He told her she was a liability and should leave the building, not returning until she was no longer pregnant. Just 2 weeks along, Young and her family were left without her paycheck and with inadequate health insurance.

That might sound like a clear-cut case of discrimination, but shockingly, courts across the country have ruled against women like Young who have sued based on federal pregnancy discrimination and dis-

ability laws. Young has lost in court twice. Her lawyer, Samuel Bagostin, says he is optimistic that the U.S. Supreme Court will take her case in its next cycle.

If the court were to rule on Young vs. UPS, it would eliminate confusion about federal protections.

"Federal law is unclear," Joanna Diamond, of the ACLU of Maryland, told the Baltimore Sun. "Right now, pregnant workers can be treated worse than other employees."

That sends the wrong message to many employers, said Emily Martin, vice president and general counsel of the National Women's Law Center. "Unfortunately, a lot of employers don't seem to have gotten the message that there are legal protections for women in this situation," she said. "Some workplaces seem to have a culture of, no, you can leave if you don't like it."

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission logged 5,797 pregnancy discrimination claims nationwide in 2011, and that's probably a low number. For every woman with the know-how, time and resources to file with the EEOC, imagine how many more are too intimidated by employers or the government.

These multiple burdens are intolerable. Women often claim to be the children, but in police their legal rights while being denied

temporary leniency on the job. Martin's organization interviewed a restaurant worker who says she was required to ask permission to use the bathroom, drink water or have a snack, and denied early leave for a doctor's appointment — all of which were allegedly accommodated before she became pregnant.

Some women are at higher risk for pregnancy discrimination, says The National Women's Law Center: The first is low-wage workers with little bargaining power who employers feel they can replace easily, in retail, food service, home health care and some nursing jobs.

The second is women working in traditionally "male" jobs, such as police and corrections officers, mail carriers and truck drivers. A request to accommodate a pregnancy is seen as further evidence that women don't belong in those jobs.

Such attitudes unfairly put families at risk, at a time when women are more often breadwinners and are working later into their pregnancies.

The third-trimester belly draws curiosity and solicitude — but also apprehension from some employers. Offer her a seat; don't pull away the chair.

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# OPINION

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## WORLD

# 'ECONOMY OF RESISTANCE'

## Iran eyes unusual businesses to survive sanctions

By ALI AKBAR DAREINI  
The Associated Press

QESHM ISLAND, Iran — Crocodile farming isn't the most obvious business opportunity in Iran. The wide-jawed reptiles aren't native to the country, their meat can't legally be served at home and they don't have the friendliest reputation.

That hasn't stopped one enterprising woman from sinking her teeth into a business that most Iranians would rather avoid.

Mojgan Roostaei's first-of-its-kind crocodile farm on this southern Persian Gulf island is one of the more eccentric examples of Iranians supporting the Islamic Republic's plan of pursuing an "economy of resistance," which aims to create jobs and counter biting sanctions by building up a broader range of exports.

Roostaei started the business with the idea of producing crocodile leather bags, shoes, purses and belts to sell to snappy dressers at home and abroad.

She and her husband, Behrouz Salarvand, also want to produce crocodile meat—for export only because it is forbidden for human consumption under Iran's Islamic laws.

"I wanted to go after a novel idea,



PHOTOS BY EBRAHIM NOROOZI/AP

Tourists watch a crocodile at a breeding farm on the southern Persian Gulf island of Qeshm in Iran.

**'I wanted to go after a novel idea, something nobody has touched in Iran before.'**

Mojgan Roostaei  
Iranian crocodile farmer



something nobody has touched in Iran before," Roostaei, a zoologist by training, said while coddling and kissing one of the newborn crocs. "Now my husband and I spend more time raising crocodiles than caring for our only child."

Breeding crocodiles was outlawed in Iran until 2006, when top clerics approved the practice after veterinary experts offered up economic and technical justifications.

Roostaei and her husband left their home in Tehran four years ago to set

up their business on Qeshm Island, a strip of land hugging the Iranian coastline inside the Strait of Hormuz.

The warm and humid climate of the strait, the passageway for a fifth of the world's oil supply, is ideal for the job of raising the toothy reptiles.

They started out by importing eight young saltwater crocodiles from Malaysia. Soon there were 15 more, than another 20 adults brought in for breeding from Thailand.

Iran's leaders have long dreamed of reducing the OPEC member's reliance on oil revenues by promoting exports to earn hard currency and improve an economy dragged down by sanctions.

Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, Iran's supreme leader, has ordered the government to build an "economy of resistance" against Western-led sanctions over Iran's nuclear program by diversifying exports, reducing dependence on sales of raw materials and promoting knowledge-based high-tech industries.

The problem of transferring cash abroad due to banking restrictions resulting from the sanctions has forced some eager entrepreneurs like Roostaei and her husband to shift their strategy.

The couple has stopped importing live crocodiles to stock their farm and is now focused on getting the beasts to lay more eggs.

"Our prime target now is to raise as many baby crocodiles as we can," Salarvand said. He said the couple has 50 crocodiles, including 10 newborns, and expects another 100 babies before year's end.



One of the crocodiles is shown at Mojgan Roostaei's breeding farm on Qeshm Island in Iran.

SCIENCE AND MEDICINE

# Brainworkings

Researchers looking ahead to 'bionic age'

By JIM TANKERSLEY  
The Washington Post

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Chad Bouton snapped awake at 5 a.m. He skipped coffee, threw some Cliff bars and water in a bag and left his wife and children and robot at home. He ordered three sausage McMuffins from a drive-up window. He steered toward the hospital. He entered the operating room at 6:15 a.m.

Bouton is a research engineer, not a doctor, and he worked with an engineer's precision. By 7 a.m., he and his team had set everything up in the operating room and tested it — the computer with the secret algorithm, the uplink cable, the wand. They were ready to go, right on time. As they had been told to expect, the patient was late. So they tested the equipment again.

Nearly a decade of research had brought them here. Doctors would, on this day, insert a chip into the brain of a man four days shy of his 23rd birthday. The chip would connect by wire to a port screwed into the man's skull.

A cable would link the port to a computer.

The computer was programmed to decode messages from the brain and beam their instructions to strips of electrodes strapped around the man's forearm. The

**What no one has been able to do thus far is allow paralyzed patients to control their own limbs with their own thoughts. Until, perhaps, now.**



Ty Wright/The Washington Post

**Chad Bouton, above and top right, is the research leader for neurotechnology at Battelle, where his team developed Neurobridge, a system meant to help paralyzed people and people with limited motor function regain some movement.**

electrodes were designed to pulse and stimulate muscle fibers, so the muscles could pull on tendons in his hand.

If it all worked, a man who was paralyzed from the chest down would think about wiggling his finger, and in less than one-tenth of a second, his finger would move.

They would bypass his broken spinal cord and put a computer in its place.

It will take weeks to see if the procedure was successful enough to help usher in what Bouton calls "the bionic age," offering hope to millions of victims of strokes, muscle disorders and — for the man on the table — even broken necks.

On this day, engineers and doctors alike just wanted the patient to survive, and after that to achieve two smaller feats to make the big one possible: for the proper part of the brain to engage with the chip, and for the system to generate the right kind of electrical impulses.

Hospital staffers wheeled the patient into the operating room shortly after 8 a.m. Bouton asked how he'd slept. Well, was the answer, "You slept

better than I did," Bouton said.

At 8:30, an anesthesiologist put the patient under, and then a worker shaved his head. Around 9 a.m., the surgeon, Ali Rezaei, made a small incision and began to remove a piece of skull. The day before, he'd acknowledged all the things that could go wrong with the procedure — a bad connection between the brain chip and the computer, or the very slim chance of a post-operation infection. "But we're hopeful," he said, "and we're prepared."

Bouton stood behind the surgical team, next to the computers he'd set up hours before, wearing green scrubs, a red hairnet and tennis shoes. He is the research leader for neurotechnology at Battelle, a nonprofit research and development emporium headquartered on the edge of the Ohio State University campus. He is 43 years old. He has no medical training. His specialty is a branch of engineering called control theory. He was mulling a doctoral program when Battelle offered him a job in its medical devices unit. That was 17 years ago.

When Bouton was in high school in Iowa, he was programming computers in a language that wasn't yet in most college textbooks. He won an international science fair with a large, boxy robot that navigated its way around rooms with a rotating beam of light. The robot still lives in a basement lab at Bouton's house in the Columbus suburbs. His name is

Marvin.

In the brain and the spinal cord, Bouton has found the ultimate control system. Several years ago, he worked on a project called BrainGate. His job was "decoding," or "deciphering,"

brain actions. Doctors would put chips in brains of people who were paralyzed and have them think about moving something.

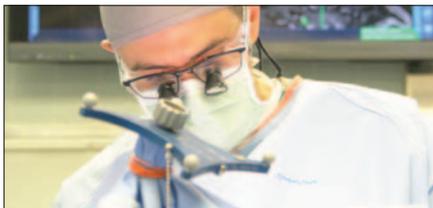
Bouton developed algorithms to see what the patients' brainwaves looked like when they thought about movements. "In a way, we're reading their minds," Bouton said the day before the surgery in a windowless Battelle conference room.

Eventually one of those patients was able to control an electric wheelchair with her thoughts.

Lots of researchers around the world are working to restore motor function to victims of spinal injuries. Some are using stem cells in an effort to revive the broken spine. A team at the University of Louisville recently helped patients briefly stand and move their legs by sending electric currents into the spinal cord.

What no one has been able to do, thus far, is allow paralyzed patients to control their own limbs with their own thoughts.

Until, perhaps, now.



## How the Neurobridge works

Researchers at Battelle have invented a several-step process meant to help paralyzed people move their hands again with their own thoughts.

### BRAIN IMPLANT

**1** Surgeons embed a chip with 96 electrodes in the patient's brain. The electrodes "read" the commands from the part of the brain that controls hand movement.

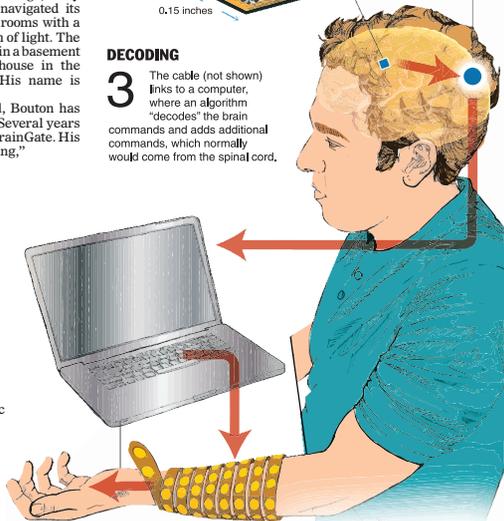


### TRANSMITTER

**2** A wire connects the chip to a port, screwed into the skull. The port connects to a cable that carries the information from the brain chip.

### DECODING

**3** The cable (not shown) links to a computer, where an algorithm "decodes" the brain commands and adds additional commands, which normally would come from the spinal cord.



### ELECTRODE SLEEVE

**4** The computer connects to a "sleeve" of electrodes wrapped around the arm, which fire in a sequence to stimulate muscle fibers, which trigger the movements the patient is thinking of. The whole process lasts less than a 10<sup>th</sup> of a second.

# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Cache of war medals found hidden in tree

**VT** MILTON— A World War II service medal belonging to a Nebraska man could be on its way soon to the man's son after it was found hidden in a tree in the Vermont town of Milton. It was discovered along with a number of unrelated medals in a VCR cassette on May 3.

In addition to the 1945 good conduct medal of Richard Gene Woody, there were commemorative coins, a Veterans of Foreign Wars medal from the 1930s, a Spanish American War Medal, a woman's Relief Corps Medal and a Civil War pay stub for a Chelsea man.

The medals were turned over to Zachariah Pike, the founder of the group Purple Hearts Reunited.

"I think these were stolen items," Pike said Friday. "These were items that a collector had picked up over time."

## Park Service projects damage sacred site

**IA** IOWA CITY — National Park Service officials approved \$3 million in illegal construction projects over a decade that damaged one of the nation's most sacred American Indian burial sites, but few have been punished for the bureaucratic failure, records show.

Phyllis Ewing, the former superintendent of Effigy Mounds National Monument, and subordinate Tom Sinclair repeatedly ignored laws that required archaeological studies and input from tribes before building boardwalks, trails and a maintenance shed at the federally protected site in northeast Iowa, according to investigation documents posted on the park service's website.

While no human remains were affected, one tribal leader complained that officials treated his ancestors' cemeteries "as places to walk your dog," records show.

## Officials look for mystery man's family

**TN** NASHVILLE — Officials at Nashville's medical examiner's office are trying to find the family of a man whose friends knew him only as Snooker, a nickname he earned playing pool at a local bar.

The Tennessee reported that when the man died last summer, he had no driver's license, no mail, no credit cards. Although he had lived in Nashville for almost 30 years, his friends knew him only by his roommate knew him even by his nickname.

"He'd kind of gone off the grid," said Denise Martin, investigations director for the Davidson County Medical Examiner's Office. "It's just a very extraordinary case, that he seemed to have lived here for a few decades, but for some reason never gave his real name, even to those he was intimate with."

Finally, a few weeks ago, he was identified by fingerprints as Davis William Dixon, 63. Police also learned Dixon previously lived in St. Louis.

Authorities still have not found

## THE CENSUS

**50** The number of years the Metro-North Railroad commuter trains have been equipped with bar cars, which had their last hurrah on Thursday on their run from Grand Central Terminal in New York to New Haven, Conn. The rolling taverns, where city workers gathered for decades to play dice, find jobs and hold annual Christmas parties, are being retired because they can't be coupled to the New Haven line's new fleet of train cars. With their faux-wood paneling and red leather lounges, the "Mad Men"-era cars are believed to be the last of their kind in the U.S.



JULIO CORTES/AP

## Over the river and through the fog

A jogger trots on the Brooklyn Bridge as early morning fog covers New York on Saturday.

a relative to claim Dixon's remains. They're making a final push before they hand Dixon's body over to friends, who have raised money to cremate him.

## 3 charged in theft attempt in police lobby

**OK** EDMOND — Edmond police said three people were arrested for trying to steal prescription drugs from a drug disposal box in the police department lobby.

Police spokeswoman Jennifer Monroe told The Oklahoman that Matthew Waller, 17, and Hollie Andress, 22, on Friday took a bag of pill bottles from the box used to collect old and unused prescription drugs. Monroe said Waller and Andress' father, Richard Andress, 54, took the sack into a restroom.

Monroe said Hollie and Richard Andress later blocked a window while Waller took pill bottles from the box and put them in Hollie Andress' purse.

The three were arrested after a jailer monitoring security video saw Waller reach into the box.

## Students to go in search of spooks

**LA** LAFAYETTE — An instructor at the University of Louisiana-Lafayette wants to use digital cameras, voice recorders and other equipment to guide students as they delve into the mysteries of the paranormal this summer.

Ghost Hunting 101 is a three-day course the university will offer July 11-13 as part of its continuing education program.

Instructor Brad Duplechien said special equipment that measures electromagnetic activity will be used to explore reported hauntings.

"An EMF meter detects any odd levels of electromagnetic energy in the air, which doesn't mean something's there but helps to tell us something strange is happening," said Duplechien, who is founder of a group that investigates and researches paranormal activity across the state.

For this year's investigation, Duplechien said he is considering the Southern Forest Heritage Museum in Long Leaf, which was

featured on the Syfy channel's "Deep South Paranormal."

## Nearly 3 dozen gang members are arrested

**TX** EDINBURG — Nearly three dozen gang members have been arrested in a five-day fugitive roundup in the Rio Grande Valley's Hidalgo County.

Sheriff's spokesman J.P. Rodriguez said the operation that began May 5 and wrapped up Friday also determined two other gang members being sought are dead and 14 others are in custody for other offenses.

The sweep included a raid on a stash house where 20 gang members were found inside.

Rodriguez told The Monitor of McAllen the operation was intended to apprehend people with outstanding arrest warrants and disrupt gang activities on both sides of the Texas-Mexico border.

The fugitive sweep also discovered 41 people in the U.S. illegally. They've been turned over to immigration authorities.

## Judge: State wrongly pulled 'OINK' plate

**IN** INDIANAPOLIS — A judge has ruled that Indiana officials violated a police officer's constitutional rights by revoking his vanity license plate "OINK."

The American Civil Liberties Union of Indiana has argued that decision infringed on Greenfield police Officer Rodney Vawter's freedom of speech rights. Marion County Judge James Osborn issued his ruling Wednesday.

Vawter sued the Bureau of Motor Vehicles when it revoked his plate after three years, saying its content was "offensive or misleading."

The BMV stopped offering vanity plates last July until the case was decided.

The case is among several cases involving vanity plates across the country. The New Hampshire Supreme Court ruled Wednesday in favor of a man with a "COPSLIE" plate.

From wire reports

FACES

# Couple ponder screen reunion

Hollywood supercouple Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie say they're considering teaming up again on the big screen.

At a Kensington Palace costume event in London for her new Disney movie "Maleficent," Jolie told reporters May 8 that "we are thinking about it."

Joined by Pitt and her 12-year-old son Maddox on the blue carpet, Jolie was excited to visit the royal venue, joking, "I am using it as an excuse to be a tourist."

The film itself was also a family affair: The couple's daughter Vivienne stars in the movie as the young Sleeping Beauty.

Jolie said she loved bringing her kids on set: "They lived on the fairy mound. They hung out with Elle (Fanning). It was magic."

"Maleficent" starts in the U.S. on May 30 and in installation theaters June 6.

From The Associated Press

**Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie attended the Maleficent exhibit at Kensington Palace in London on May 8. The exhibit showcases costumes and props from "Maleficent" before they go on display to the public at the O2 in London.**

JOE RYAN, INVISION/AP



# Jackman excited about his return to Broadway, Tony duties

By JOHN CARUCCI  
The Associated Press

Hugh Jackman is jacked to host the Tony Awards for the third time, but he's also looking forward to being onstage for a longer stint in the near future.

"I'm going back to Broadway. I'm doing a play called 'The River,' a Jez Butterworth play. So I'm really looking forward to treading the boards here on Broadway," Jackman confirmed to The Associated Press on May 8.

The play is about a trout fisherman in a remote cabin who is visited by two of the women in his life. It was first seen in London in 2012.

But before that, it's the Tony Awards for Jackman on June 8.

"It's like the Olympics for an athlete or the Super Bowl for a football player. You want to do your best, and, of course, you only get one shot at it. But they're the things you look back at the end of the day and say, 'I'm glad I had a go at that,'" Jackman said of the annual awards ceremony that celebrates the best in theater.

"I've done it three times, the Tonys. For me it's one of the best shows out there. It is one of the most accepting, generous audiences you can ever get at Radio City Music Hall," said Jackman, who has also won a Tony. "I never take for granted how lucky I am to be embraced by that community. After all, I'm an Aussie, but I've always felt at home there."

The new play will be Jackman's fourth on Broadway. He was last there with a one-man show in 2011 that routinely sold out the 1,176-seat Broadhurst Theatre. He also starred in "The Boy From Oz" in 2003 and the play "A Steady Rain" with Daniel Craig in 2009.

"The River," with Ian Rickson directing, will open Nov. 16.

The 45-year-old star, who is promoting his latest film, "X-Men: Days of Future Past," says he's already started rehearsals for the Tonys, but doubts his X-Men character Wolverine will be making an appearance.

"I'm not sure Fox will be thrilled if Wolverine came out singing and dancing," he joked.



# Questlove to produce music series for VH1

From wire reports

Jimmy Fallon's late-night show isn't the only TV program getting help from Questlove.

The Roots leader is executive producing a music series for VH1 that will feature three artists performing at the same time, simultaneously on one stage. "SoundClash" debuts July 23 with Lil Wayne, Fall Out Boy and British group London Grammar.

The concept behind the series is to showcase A-list musicians and rising acts performing a range of songs, from current hits to covers to collaborative numbers, instantaneously.

Ed Sheeran, singer-songwriter Sia and alternative rock band Grayscale will appear on the second episode, to air July 30.

More episodes will be announced later. Diplo, the DJ who has produced for Beyonce and M.I.A., will host "SoundClash."



Questlove

## ABC renews 'Scandal' and more

Returning for ABC's 2014-2015 season are "Scandal," "Grey's Anatomy," "Once Upon a Time," "Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.," "Resurrection," "Castle," "Revenge," as well as comedies "Modern Family" and "The Goldbergs."

Among the #soobvious renewals is that for "Scandal." The soap starring Kerry Washington didn't slow in its third season, story-

line-wise, or buzz-wise. And it translated in the ratings, with it averaging a 3.0 among the advertiser-coveted 18-49 demo and 9 million total viewers — numbers that increase significantly when DVR viewings over seven days are factored in.

And newbies "Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D." survived the cut. The renewal of the "S.H.I.E.L.D." despite its modest ratings, was not unexpected. And it comes in conjunction with the pickup of another Marvel property and Captain America spin-off "Marvel's Agent Carter."

Meanwhile, the CW network has canceled freshman drama "The Tomorrow People" along with "Star-Crossed" and "The Carrie Diaries." "The Tomorrow People," a remake of the sci-fi drama about a group of paranormal humans fighting for survival, struggled to impress on the ratings front.

## Brothers disappointed in ouster

Two brothers shown the door by HGTV before their upcoming real estate show made it on the air say that if their Christian faith cost them a shot at TV fame, "then so be it."

David and Jason Benham said May 8 they were disappointed that HGTV pulled the plug on "Flip it Forward," due to debut in October. After the network announced the show was upcoming, the lobbying group Right Wing Watch labeled David Benham an "anti-gay extremist" and reported on statements he made against homosexuality and gay marriage.

HGTV spokeswoman Audrey Adlam declined to say why the show was canceled.

The Benhams, based in Concord, N.C., had planned to use their experience buying cheap homes and renovating them in their

new show. They said that "anyone who suggests that we hate homosexuals or people of other faiths is either misinformed or lying."

## Lee wants to adapt film for TV

Spike Lee says his wife persuaded him to adapt his 1986 film, "She's Gotta Have It," for television.

"For years, my wife Tonya (Lewis) kept telling me, 'That would make a great TV show,'" Lee said in an interview May 8. "Then I went to Showtime with the first initial meeting and we sold the idea. That's not something that happens every day."

Lee wants to adapt the movie into a half-hour comedy series. The original story focused on a woman's relationship with three men, exploring the issues of race, sexuality and gentrification in the New York City neighborhood of Brooklyn. Showtime will decide whether the show gets picked up.

## Other news

■ It's a boy for country singer **Zac Brown**. His wife, Shelly, gave birth to the couple's fifth child — and first boy — earlier this week. A publicist for Brown said the baby, named Alexander Frost Brown, was born May 5 in Atlanta, weighing 11 lbs., 7 ounces.

■ Organizers have announced the dates of the inaugural **Rock in Rio USA** festival slated for next spring on the Las Vegas strip. The festival is May 8-9 and May 15-16 in 2015.

■ **Lee Marshall**, one of the actors who supplied the booming voice of Tony the Tiger in commercials, has died. He was 64. His son, Jason VanBorssum, tells the Los Angeles Times Marshall died of esophageal cancer on April 26 at a Santa Monica, Calif., hospital.



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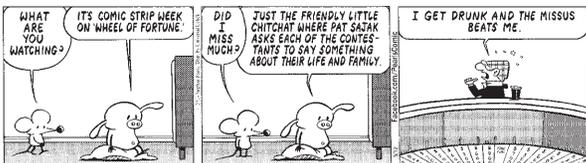
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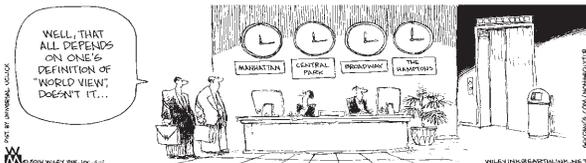
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Doonesbury



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Eugene Sheffer Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 Track circuit
- 4 Bedouins
- 9 Cistern
- 12 Hockey venue
- 13 "Sound of Music" heroine
- 14 Yale student
- 15 Wordiness
- 17 Fish eggs
- 18 "— Doubtfire"
- 19 Dodged
- 21 Merry
- 24 Italian painter Guico
- 25 Hearty brew
- 26 Lower limb
- 28 Vision
- 31 Chicago exchange, for short
- 33 Flop
- 35 Orchard member
- 36 Chest
- 38 Utah neighbor (Abbr.)
- 40 Author Fleming
- 41 "Oh, woe!"
- 43 Historic events
- 45 Witty comeback
- 47 Exist
- 48 Parisian pal
- 49 Bright red
- 54 Ailing
- 55 Father of Eero Saarinen
- 56 That woman
- 57 Coloring agent

DOWN

- 1 Actress Ullmann
- 2 Blackjack component
- 3 Apiece
- 4 Unprincipled
- 5 Grapled, slangily
- 6 "Entourage" role, maybe
- 7 "Eight Men Out" director John
- 8 Blue-green deposit on copper
- 9 Burn remedy
- 11 Even
- 12 Nasty pooch, of the kin (Abbr.)
- 13 Incursion
- 14 Girl in "David Copperfield"
- 15 Bear
- 16 Doctrine
- 17 Obesity stat
- 20 One
- 21 Door-frame piece
- 22 Bread spread
- 23 Multiskilled
- 27 Pistol
- 29 Ardor
- 30 Cash-drawer section
- 32 Utah neighbor (Abbr.)
- 34 Maligns
- 37 Wonder
- 39 Manly
- 42 Engraved pillar
- 44 One of the kin (Abbr.)
- 45 Incursion
- 46 Girl in "David Copperfield"
- 50 Bear
- 51 Doctrine
- 52 Cry of discovery
- 53 Fresh

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Today's Cryptoquip Code: Z equals C



SPORTS BRIEFS

Spieith shares lead after bogey-free round

The Associated Press

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. — Jordan Spieth couldn't see any of the 240 yards to the green on the toughest hole at the TPC Sawgrass. He was in the rough so far right of the 14th fairway that he was closer to a water hazard than No. 12 that he didn't know even existed. His ball was on the back side of a mound. One wrong move could have led to a big number.

"Probably the best shot I've hit here this week," Spieth said Saturday.

The contact was perfect. The ball landed about pin-high in a bunker, setting up another par.

It was like that all day at The Players Championship.

Every time the 20-year-old Texan landed in trouble, he answered with a recovery shot, a chip-and-run, and always a putt that kept him without a bogey through 54 holes and gave him a share of the lead with Martin Kaymer going into the final round.

Spieth's final act was an escape through the trees on the 18th hole and a 12-foot par putt from the fringe for a 1-under 71. Kaymer missed his par putt with just inside 10 feet on the final hole and had to settle for a 72.

They were at 12, two three shots clear of former Players winner Sergio Garcia (69) and John Sendren (69).

Not since Greg Norman won The Players in 1994 has anyone gone through the opening three rounds without a bogey. Then again, Spieth has shown over the last year that he is capable of remarkable feats.

"I didn't play with him the first two days, but there were a couple today where you think it's a tough one to save par, and he always pulled it off," Kaymer said. "If it wasn't a brilliant chip, it was a good putt. So it's very tough to beat those guys that don't make mistakes. ... Seems like he doesn't make many mistakes."

Kaymer wasn't too shabby on the toughest day all week at Sawgrass — warm, humid, blustery and increasingly frightening. He picked up a pair of birdies on the



GERALD HENBERT/AP

Jordan Spieth shows his ball on the 17th green during the third round of The Players Championship at TPC Sawgrass on Saturday.

front nine to build a two-shot lead, only to lose two birdie opportunities on the par 5s on the back nine.

Even when he heard a few cheers after missing his par putt on the 18th, which allowed Spieth to share the lead, Kaymer was in a good spot. A former world No. 1 and major champion, Kaymer is trying to end more than two years without winning.

"It's very important that you enjoy the day," Kaymer said. "It's a rare opportunity that you're in the leading group one of the biggest tournaments we play all year."

Two-shot penalty for Rose rescinded

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. — The PGA Tour has rescinded the two-shot penalty given to Justin Rose at The Players

Championship.

Rose was penalized Saturday evening after the third round when he addressed a chip shot off the 18th green and it was deemed his ball moved ever so slightly. Rose didn't think it did and played the shot. It took viewing of three television shots for the tour to assess the penalty under Rule 18-2b.

An hour before he teed off, the tour rescinded the penalty.

The third-round score became a 71, and Rose teed off only five shots behind the leaders. The Tour is preparing an explanation why the penalty was reversed.

In other golf news:

European Tour officials say caddie Ian MacGregor has died after suffering an apparent heart attack during the final round of the Madeira Islands Open.

The 52-year-old MacGregor

was caddying for Alastair Forsyth of Scotland when he collapsed on the ninth fairway — Forsyth's final hole.

The tournament, which had already been cut to 36 holes because of fog delays, was suspended but resumed following consultations with players and caddies.

Sharapova rallies to win Madrid title

MADRID — Maria Sharapova bounced back from a poor start to defeat Simona Halep 1-6, 6-2, 6-3 Sunday and win the Madrid Open championship.

Sharapova, who lost to Serena Williams in last year's final, crumbled in the opening set when she held her serve just once.

But Halep's serve dipped in the second set and Sharapova started hitting pinpoint ground strokes that kept the Romanian running. The ninth-ranked Russian converted both her break points in the set to even the match.

Sharapova then pulled away in the deciding set with an early break to follow up her triumph in Stuttgart with a maiden title in Madrid.

Since the 2011 French Open, only Williams has beaten Sharapova on clay.

In other tennis news:

Novak Djokovic has been pain-free for 10 days and is ready to return from the right wrist injury that forced him to withdraw from the Madrid Open a week ago.

The second-ranked Serb has been practicing hard as he prepares for this week's Italian Open and the French Open, which starts in two weeks.

"Right now I feel much more confident at the state of my wrist and I know that I'm ready much more to play a match than I was one week ago," Djokovic said Sunday after attracting thousands of spectators to a practice session with Australian Open champion Stanislas Wawrinka on the Foro Italico's spectacular Pietrangeli court, which is lined with new-plastic surfaces.

Djokovic opens in Rome

against Czech veteran Radek Stepanek and he's hoping to have both of his head coaches in place this week — long-time adviser Marian Vajda and six-time Grand Slam champion Boris Becker, who joined his staff in December.

Stiverne stops Arreola for WBC heavyweight belt

LOS ANGELES — Bernane Stiverne completed his long journey to a heavyweight title with one more pulsing victory, stopping Chris Arreola in the sixth round Saturday to claim the WBC belt vacated by Vitali Klitschko.

Stiverne (24-1-1, 21 KOs) dropped Arreola twice in the sixth, and the Haitian-born Canadian citizen was punishing Arreola again when referee Jack Reiss stopped the fight with 58 seconds left in the round.

The Klitschko brothers had held every major heavyweight title for the past six years. Vitali's retirement to pursue Ukrainian politics in December opened the WBC belt for the 35-year-old Stiverne, a late bloomer who hasn't lost in 13 consecutive fights.

After beating Arreola by decision last year, Stiverne had not fought in nearly 13 months while waiting for Klitschko's decision to retire.

Stiverne dropped Arreola (36-4) for the first time with a sweeping right hand to the Mexican-American's left temple, sending Arreola wobbling and crashing to the canvas. Arreola rose and kept fighting, but Stiverne put him headfirst into the ropes moments later with another combination.

Yankees' Sabathia to DL with right knee pain

MILWAUKEE — The New York Yankees have placed struggling starter CC Sabathia on the 15-day disabled list with inflammation in his right knee.

Sunday's move comes a day after the left-hander allowed three home runs in a no-decision against Milwaukee.

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## College lacrosse

### NCAA Div. I tournament

**Play-In Round**  
Wednesday, May 7  
Air Force 9, Siena 8  
BY Round 13, Richmond 5

**First Round**  
Saturday, May 10  
Albany (NY) 13, Loyola (MD) 6  
Notre Dame 13, Harvard 5  
Maryland 6, Cornell 11  
Duke 9, North Carolina 5  
Johns Hopkins at Virginia  
Drexel at Pennsylvania  
Air Force at Syracuse

**Quarterfinals**  
Saturday, May 17  
Syracuse, N.Y. vs. North Carolina  
Albany (NY) vs. Bryant-Syracuse winner  
Sunday, May 18  
Harvard vs. Bryant-Syracuse winner

**Newark, Del.**  
Johns Hopkins-Virginia winner vs. Air Force-Duke winner  
Drexel-Penn. winner vs. Denver

## Tennis

### Madrid Open

**Saturday**  
At Caja Madrid  
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Women, \$5.1 million (Premier)  
Clay-Outdoor

**Singles**  
Rafael Nadal (1), Spain, def. Roberto Bautista Agut, Spain, 6-3, 6-3.  
Kei Nishikori (10), Japan, vs. David Ferrer (6), Spain, 1-1.

**Women**  
Simona Halep (4), Romania, def. Petra Kvitová (5), Czech Republic, 6-7 (4), 6-3, 6-2.  
Maria Sharapova (8), Russia, def. Agnieszka Radwanska (3), Poland, 6-4, 6-3.

## College baseball

### Saturday's scores

**EAST**  
Binghamton 9, Boston College 6  
10  
Ithaca 3, Canisius 5  
Clemson 8, Rhode Island 5  
Hofstra 4, Coll. of Charleston 2  
Indiana 9, Penn St. 10  
Stevens Tech 5, Baruch 2  
Temple 4, Louisville 2  
VCU 10, UMass 5

**SOUTH**  
Belmont 5, Middle Tennessee 1  
Charlotte 5, Louisiana Tech 1  
Illinois 5, UNK Asheville 2, 10 innings  
St. Bonaventure at Richmond, pp.  
Missouri 9, Tennessee Tech 8  
Vanderbilt 16, Florida 2  
Virginia 4, GEORGETOWN 3

**WEST**  
Augustana (S.D.) 4, Winona St. 0  
3  
Kent St. 5, Illinois 4  
E. Illinois 4, Morehead St. 0  
3  
Michigan 5, Ohio St. 1  
0  
St. John's Bowling Green 6  
SIU Edwardsville 8, Northwestern 2  
Youngstown St. 11, Chicago 1

**CONFERENCE**  
Cent. Arkansas 9, Carroll 1  
SACramento 3, Texas-Pan American 2

**MINNESOTA INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE**  
Rochester Williams 3, Springfield 0  
3  
St. Cloud State 10, Minnesota State 1

**TEXAS-PAN AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP SEMIFINALS**  
Rochester Williams 3, Springfield 0  
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St. Cloud State 10, Minnesota State 1

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## Auto racing

### 5-hour ENERGY 400

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1. (13) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 267 laps, 115.4  
2. (1) Simon Pagenaud, Honda, 82  
3. (2) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 267, 137.4  
4. (10) Brad Keselowski, Chevrolet, 267, 137.4  
5. (17) Casey Kahne, Chevrolet, 267, 115.5  
6. (22) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 267, 109.4  
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8. (7) Greg Edwards, Ford, 267, 128.7, 41, 161.3  
9. (9) Danica Patrick, Chevrolet, 267, 101.2  
10. (26) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 267, 81.3  
11. (7) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 267, 97.3  
12. (1) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 267, 89.4  
13. (13) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 267, 89.9  
14. (22) Oriol Servia, Honda, 82, 32, 131.4  
15. (15) Brian Vickers, Toyota, 267, 82.9  
16. (30) Timmy Linn, Chevrolet, 267, 75.3  
17. (16) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 266, 70.8  
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# HIGH SCHOOL: DODDS EUROPE

## NEW AND NOTES FROM THE WEEKEND

# Ramstein, Patch diamond rivalry a gem

There will only be one champion. But both contenders played like one Saturday.

Ramstein and Patch have been locked in epic battles since DODDS Europe launched a baseball program, and the battles only get better every year. Saturday's skirmishes were among the most intense yet.

Patch, winner of three straight Division I titles from 2010 to 2012, won the opener 9-6 on a Parker Boyle three-run homer in the bottom of the eighth inning. The blast was only the most memorable example of the Panthers' game-long excellence; the team didn't commit a fielding error behind a strong pitching effort by Andrew Buxkemper.

Ramstein, which ended Patch's reign in last spring's title game, responded with its own heroics to earn a 4-2 nightcap win and a doubleheader split. Jonny Oswald threw a seven-inning gem, yielding just three hits and one earned run while striking out five. Robert Navarro launched a solo home run to boost the Royal offense.

Earlier in the week, Ramstein head coach Tom Yost called the Panthers-Royals clash "the best rivalry game in all of Europe." He was proven right twice on Saturday. But if the trend continues, the teams' seemingly inevitable meeting May 24 might be the best yet.

**AFNORTH:** The Lions won a rugged Division II boys soccer battle with SHAPE on Saturday, pulling away in the second half for a 6-3 victory. Claudius Karich started offensively with two goals and an assist, while goalkeeper Victor Black held the Spartans in check with 11 saves.

**Alconbury:** The Dragon softball team will look to finish its season on a high note Saturday at Lakenheath. Alconbury, last year's Division III champion, will compete at the Division II level in this tournament, but every indication says the Dragons remain a championship-caliber squad. The team has won six straight and is 8-2 overall, having lost only to D-1 school Kaiserslautern this season.

**American Overseas School of Rome:** One can look at the Falcons' 2-2 boys soccer tie with Marymount last Wednesday from two different angles. First, AOSR failed to gain the revenge it sought after falling to Marymount in last year's Division II title game. The Falcons did, however, prove they're a worthy foil for the three-time defending champions that they were a year ago. The tournament, starting May 19, will provide the final judgment.

**Ansbach:** If the Cougars are to make a run in the Division II European baseball tournament, it will be stars Bailey Ward and Austin Benton who make it happen. They geared up for the challenge in a sweep of Hofenhofs on Friday, with each recording two hits and three runs scored in the second of the two wins.

**Aviano:** The Saints earned a season-defining victory on Saturday in a 2-1 Division 2-1. Coach Mark Fix said the win was the first time in "about 15 years" Aviano had beaten AOSR, and it locked in a 2-2-2 season record, the program's first 500 finish in at least five years. Nathan Sevigny scored both Saints goals.

**Bamberg:** Katie Funcheon burst onto the DODDS Europe sprinting scene with victories in the 100- and 200-meter dashes at Hofenhofs.

Her time of 12.69 seconds at 100 meters is remarkably close to the 12.60 time that won Ramstein's Kristiana Jones the event at last year's European championships; her 200 time of 25.81 would have been a European title last year.

**Baumholder:** It was a quiet week on the Bucs athletic front, with only the track team seeing action. As the giant-killing girls soccer team looks forward to the Division II tournament, the baseball and softball teams will look to pick up another momentum-building win or two in their regular-season ending home set against Bitburg on Saturday.

**Bitburg:** The Barons claimed their long-awaited first softball win of the season on Saturday, a 14-7 decision over Division II rival AFNORTH. Alexa Landenburger earned the win on the mound. The win was hard-earned for the Barons, who were 0-8 and had been swept by D-1 teams Ramstein, Lakenheath and Wiesbaden.

**Black Forest Academy:** A last chance at pulling off a Division I upset eluded the Falcons soccer team on Saturday as both the boys and girls dropped 2-0 decisions to visiting Kaiserslautern. They will try their luck at their own level when the tournament starts May 19.

**Brussels:** The girls soccer team geared up for a run at the Division III title Saturday by stomping divisional rival Menwith Hill 11-0. Ali DeFazio headlined eight Brussels scorers with a three-goal performance. Brussels will take an even 3-3 record in the playoffs.

**Hofenhofs:** David Vidovic has already carved his name into Tigers and DODDS-Europe lore with his brilliant football career. But he wouldn't mind adding to the legacy on the track. Vidovic won the 100 and 200 on Saturday. The hero of the Division II football team clocked 11.47 at 100 meters and 23.42 at the 200.

**International School of Brussels:** With graduation having claimed most of their established talent base, the Raiders will face an uphill climb in defending the Division II boys soccer title. ISB finished 3-2 in the regular season and lost 2-1 loss to Lakenheath in its only D-1 matchup.

**Kaiserslautern:** The Raiders soccer team dodged upsets in Saturday's doubleheader at BFA as each squad escaped with a 2-0 victory. Kaeli Ebner scored two first-half goals to stake the girls to an early lead that held up throughout. Ryan Rimmler and Seagr Scoring took the opposite approach, scoring a second-half goal apiece.

**Lakenheath:** The Lancans boys and girls soccer teams finished off matching 5-0-1 records with a Saturday sweep of Alconbury. Elmer Ramos scored four goals for the boys in an 8-1 rout. Madie Franke and Paige Ellis netted Lancan goals in a 2-0 girls victory.

**Marymount:** The Lions learned this week exactly how difficult another Division II boys soccer title will be. Marymount yielded AOSR to a 2-2 tie in a rematch of last year's championship game on Wednesday; on Saturday, the Lions edged another Division II rival, Naples, 1-0.

**Menwith Hill:** The Mustangs earned an encouraging boys soccer win on Saturday, traveling to Belgium and knocking off Division III rival Brussels 4-2.



Eric A. Brown/Stars and Stripes

**Kaiserslautern in the Dylan Schindele singled in the winning run in Red Raiders' 8-7 victory over Wiesbaden on Saturday that allowed the team to sweep a doubleheader and stay in contention for the Region 1 title. Kaiserslautern needs to sweep Ramstein in the season finale on Friday to earn a tie with the region-leading Royals.**

Shaun Brooks and Ian Evans scored twice each in the victory. Menwith Hill will take a two-game winning streak into the tournament, a major turnaround from the three-game skid that started its season.

**Naples:** The Wildcat soccer teams made final preparations for the coming Division II soccer tournament in vastly different ways on Saturday.

The four-time defending champion Naples girls tuned up with a 9-0 rout of Marymount. The boys, meanwhile, encountered the three-time defending champion boys of Marymount and took a tough 1-0 loss.

**Schweinfurt:** Jarell Bect paced the field in the 800-meter race Saturday at Hofenhofs to give the Razorbacks one of their two individual event wins in the meet. Bect finished at 2:17.53, five seconds ahead of the field.

**SHAPE:** Begona Rodrigues Bravo scored twice and Maggie Ehrich added a goal and two assists as the Spartans girls soccer team handed Division II rival AFNORTH 3-1. SHAPE will enter the postseason unbeaten 5-0-1.

**Sigonella:** All five Jaguars teams were off last weekend, and baseball, softball and both soccer squads will be idle again this week as the postseason approaches. The track squad will travel to Aviano on Saturday for the regular season's final meet.

## Scoreboard

Baseball	
<b>Friday</b>	Ramstein 16, AFNORTH 1
	Ansbach 11, Hofenhofs 4
	Ansbach 17, Hofenhofs 5
<b>Saturday</b>	SHAPE 9, Lakenheath 6
	Lakenheath 8, SHAPE 5
	Patch 9, Ramstein 5
	Ramstein 4, Patch 2
	Kaiserslautern 10, Wiesbaden 1
	Kaiserslautern 8, Wiesbaden 7
	Vicenza 13, Aviano 4
	Vicenza 13, Aviano 4
Soccer	
<b>Saturday</b>	Lakenheath & Alconbury 1
	Menwith Hill 4, Brussels 2
	AFNORTH 6, SHAPE 3
	Ramstein 2, Wiesbaden 0
	Kaiserslautern 2, BFA 0
	Aviano 2, AOSR 1
	Marymount 1, Naples 0
Girls	
<b>Saturday</b>	Lakenheath 2, Alconbury 0
	Brussels 11, Hofenhofs 0
	SHAPE 3, AFNORTH 1
	Ramstein 5, Wiesbaden 0
	Kaiserslautern 2, BFA 0
	Vicenza 7, Florence 1
	Naples 6, Marymount 0
Softball	
<b>Friday's games</b>	Lakenheath 16, Bitburg 8
	Lakenheath 18, Bitburg 3
	Hofenhofs 20, Ansbach 7
	Hofenhofs 16, Ansbach 2
Saturday's games	
	Bitburg 14, AFNORTH 7
	AFNORTH 14, Bitburg 4
	Patch 8, Ramstein 3
	Patch 15, Ramstein 0
	Kaiserslautern 14, Wiesbaden 4
	Kaiserslautern 10, Wiesbaden 2
	Vicenza 15, Aviano 9
	Vicenza 14, Aviano 13
Boys	
<b>Saturday</b>	Wiesbaden 252, Ramstein 160, Patch 78, Frankfurt 45, Bitburg 44, Baumholder 38, BFA 21
	Naples 125, Vicenza 45, Marymount 29, Frankfurt 69, Bitburg 35, BFA 31
	Vilseck 238.5, Hofenhofs 131.5, Ansbach 76, Schweinfurt 71, Bamberg 7
	Ramstein 190, Wiesbaden 145, Patch 100, Frankfurt 69, Bitburg 35, BFA 31, Baumholder 27
	Wiesbaden 159, Ansbach 120, Bamberg 76, Marymount 145, AOSR 9
	Vilseck 159, Ansbach 120, Bamberg 76, Hofenhofs 59, Schweinfurt 5

Wiesbaden 252, Ramstein 160, Patch 78, Frankfurt 45, Bitburg 44, Baumholder 38, BFA 21

Naples 125, Vicenza 45, Marymount 29, Frankfurt 69, Bitburg 35, BFA 31

Vilseck 238.5, Hofenhofs 131.5, Ansbach 76, Schweinfurt 71, Bamberg 7

Ramstein 190, Wiesbaden 145, Patch 100, Frankfurt 69, Bitburg 35, BFA 31, Baumholder 27

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Vilseck 159, Ansbach 120, Bamberg 76, Hofenhofs 59, Schweinfurt 5

**Vicenza:** After falling just short a year ago, Cougars girls soccer star Alex Frank is playing like she's on a mission. The senior striker and Virginia Military Institute signee scored six goals in Vicenza's 7-1 rout of Florence on Saturday.

The Cougars will ride a three-game winning streak into the Division II tournament, with hopes of getting back to the European championship game. Naples won its fourth straight title at Vicenza's expense last spring.

**Vilseck:** The Falcons soared well over the heads of rivals Ansbach, Bamberg, Hofenhofs and Schweinfurt on Saturday, earning a boys team track victory in a triple-digit margin. Khayree Files had a lot to do with that, the Schweinfurt transfer

paced victorious relay teams in the 4x100, 4x400 and 4x800 and led teammate Michael Zokou for first place in the high jump.

**Wiesbaden:** Just as they did in last fall's Division I football championship game, the Warriors used speed to get the better of Ramstein on the track in Saturday's boys 4x100 relay team, comprised of Davon Poole, Keyshawn Green, DeQuan Reed and Anthony Little, edged the Royals' entry to take first place in the event. The win helped the Warriors to a convincing 252-160 team win over Ramstein.

# HIGH SCHOOL: DODDS PACIFIC

## NEWS AND NOTES FROM THE WEEKEND

# Prince delivers district title for Kadena

By DAVE ORNAUER  
Stars and Stripes

KADENA AIR BASE, Okinawa — In another time, Bailey Prince may have become unsettled on the mound when trouble came calling in the form of an opponent's rally.

But instead of her game unraveling on Saturday when Kubasaki touched her for two hits and a run in the first inning, the Kadena sophomore right-hander settled down, pitching a five-hitter and ending Saturday's deciding district series game with a walk-off two-run single.

"Last year, she was a freshman, so it was hard to be out there with a bunch of seniors," coach Kelli Wilson said after Prince threw and batted the Panthers to an 11-1 win, which wrapped up a sweep of the Okinawa best-of-three series.

"This year, there are a lot of underclassmen, so she's had to step up and take more of a senior role."

In addition to her solid pitching, Prince has been a force at the plate, doubling .545 on the season with nine doubles, two triples and 25 RBIs with 11 stolen bases. But demonstrating leadership, something that doesn't show on a stat sheet, may be the biggest change, Wilson said.

"We don't want to show a lot of attitude on the field, we don't want to show any emotions, stuff like that, so she's really doing a great job" of keeping hers and her teammates' on-field feelings in check."

Saturday may have been Prince's final OAAC game, regular season or otherwise. Her father, Air Force Master Sgt. Ed Prince, AFN-Okinawa's station manager, is due to transfer in January. "Determination to win districts," Prince said of settling down after her shaky start and helping complete the series sweep. "I just wanted to do really well for my team."

In the series opener on Friday, right-hander Peyton Lettkeman threw a no-hitter and the Panthers blanked the Dragons 13-0. In the two games, Prince batted a combined 3-for-7 with two doubles and three RBIs.

Kadena has won the season series every year except 2012 since softball became a high school sport on Okinawa in 2003.



DAVE ORNAUER/Stars and Stripes

**Bailey Prince, a sophomore pitcher-infielder, has taken more of a leadership role for a Kadena Panthers team that won the Okinawa softball district title for the 11th time in 12 seasons. The Panthers swept Kubasaki Friday and Saturday in the best-of-three series.**

**Kubasaki:** In another district title-deciding match, the Dragons got two Marissa Mesquita goals and shut out the Panthers 3-0. But winning the girls soccer season series 2-1 came at a high cost to Kubasaki, which lost senior striker Sydney Johnson for the season with a right-knee injury. Mesquita scored 10 goals over the weekend as Kubasaki went 2-0-1 in three matches.

**Yokota:** Daniel Galvin swept the 800- and 1,600-meter races and helped the Panthers 1,600 relay team to gold, while freshman Christian Sonnenberg threw the discus 45.94 meters and Yokota came within two points of repeating its Kanto Plain finals boys title. American School in Japan's boys edged Yokota 119-117, while the Mustangs girls beat Nile C. Kinnick.

**Kinnick:** The wind was not legal (between 4 and 7 meters per second all day) and the race was hand-timed, but Jabari Johnson's 21.0 in the boys 200

dash was the fastest ever recorded in the Pacific under any circumstances. ... Kalle Johnson ran her Pacific-leading goal total to 35 with a hat trick in the Red Devils' 8-0 girls soccer win over Christian Academy Japan.

**Zama:** Niyah Lewis offered an indication she's ready for the Far East meet next week at Yokota, putting the shot at a distance of 10.21 meters, topping the Kanto record of 10.09 set by American School in Japan's Mia Weirland earlier this season.

**Perry:** Samurai boys and girls soccer ended their regular seasons with shutout wins at E.J. King on Saturday. Pacific goal-scoring leader Gaku Lange (35) and Justin Hill each scored thrice as Perry boys blanked the Cobras 6-0. Bobbi Hill also scored a hat trick in the Samurai girls' 7-0 victory over King.

**Guam:** Hat tricks were quite common around much of the Pacific, including Kayla Kinney's three goals in the Panthers' 4-0 win over Academy of Our Lady of Guam. Kinney's goals came in the first 10 minutes of the second half. She now has 22 on the season.

**Seoul American:** Mid-distance runner Nialah Blount and hurdler-jumper Faith Rendles shared girls high-point honors and helped the Falcons roar to the title in the DODDS Korea track finals Saturday. ... The softball team won twice by wide margins over Humphreys and enters the final weekend of the season 12-0.

**Humphreys:** While Seoul American swept the DODDS Korea track team titles, Blackhawks sprinter DaiQuan Wilson won the 100 and 200, posting hand-timed readings of 10.88 and 22.1 seconds, and captured boys high-point honors.

## Scoreboard

Track	
<b>DODDS Korea championships</b>	
<b>Boys</b>	Seoul American 91, Humphreys 42, Daegu 21
<b>Girls</b>	Seoul American 72, Humphreys 59, Daegu 20
<b>Kanto Plain championships</b>	
<b>Boys</b>	American School in Japan 119, Yokota 117, Kinnick 112, Zama 96, St. Mary's 75, Christian Academy Japan 18
<b>Girls</b>	ASU 110, Kinnick 155, Selsen 52, Sacred Heart 50½, Zama 47, CAJ 22, Yokota 20½
<b>Baseball</b>	ASU 11, Kinnick 0, ASU 4, Kinnick 0, Yokota 4, Zama 3 (8), Yokota 14, Zama 3
<b>Softball</b>	Seoul American 15, Humphreys 0, Seoul American 28, Humphreys 1, Kadena 11, Kubasaki 1 (Kadena wins district series 2-0), Kadena 13, Kubasaki 0
<b>Boys soccer</b>	Kadena 6, Misato Tech 0, Kubasaki 8, Misato Tech 0, Kubasaki 7, Okinawa Christian 1, Matthew C. Perry 6, E.J. King 0, CAJ 3, Kinnick 0
<b>Girls soccer</b>	Guam 4, Academy of Our Lady 0, Kubasaki 3, Misato 3, Kubasaki 8, Kyuyo 0, Kadena 4, Oroku 1, Kubasaki 3, Kadena 0, Perry 7, King 0, ASU 2, Yokota 1, Kinnick 8, CAJ 0
<b>Boys volleyball</b>	<b>Guam playoff quarterfinals</b> Harvest Christian def. Guam 25-14, 25-8, 25-20 J.H. Kennedy def. Southern 25-21, 25-21, 26-24 Kubasaki def. St. Paul Christian 24-26, 25-21, 25-20
	Father Time def. George Washington 25-22, 18-25, 11-25, 26-24, 15-11
<b>Daegu:</b> Warriors track and field's best hopes for titles at Far East might be among the girls field events. In the DODDS Korea finals, Lari Robertson captured the high jump and took second in the long jump, while Diane Grunwald took second in the discus.	
<b>Osan:</b> Softball and baseball games scheduled for April 23 which were postponed due to air quality issues have been rescheduled for Thursday, Seoul American at Osan, in the teams' final tune-ups next week's Far East tournament at Atsugi.	

— Dave Ornauer

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# AUTO RACING



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**Jamie McMurray comes into pit row on fire after smacking his car into the wall during a NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race at Kansas Speedway in Kansas City, Kan., on Saturday. McMurray was uninjured.**

## NASCAR Sprint Cup Series

# Gordon still getting it done

Veteran driver holds off Harvick on final lap to grab the win in Kansas

By DAN GELSTON  
The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Kan. — At any age, Jeff Gordon sure knows how to win.

Nearly two decades after he burst onto the scene with his first victory, Gordon keeps taking checkered flags, storming to the lead in the final laps at Kansas Speedway on Saturday for his first victory of the season and 89th overall in NASCAR's top series.

The 42-year-old Gordon held off a hard-charging Kevin Harvick on the final lap to move into the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship field.

Gordon won for the first time since October at Martinsville and became the ninth driver to win in the first 11 races this season. He entered the race with the points lead, but exclaimed a weight was lifted off his shoulders as he crossed the finish line for his third Kansas victory.

"I'm just so proud of (the 24 team). They have been giving me the best race cars all year long," Gordon said. "I have been having so much fun. I'm going to be 43 this year and I feel like I'm 25 again. That is the way that make me feel."

Kasey Kahne was third, followed by Joey Logano and Dale Earnhardt Jr.

Danica Patrick was seventh for her best career Cup finish.

Gordon built his points lead on the strength of four top-fives and seven top-10s in the first 10 races — including second-place finishes at Texas and Richmond — but he knew how much one win would ease pressure on his Hendrick Motorsports team.

"This is so sweet," he said. "What a huge weight lifted off this team's shoulders. We needed to get to Victory Lane."

Gordon is celebrating the 20th anniversary of his first career Cup victory at Charlotte Motor



COLIN E. BRALY/AP

**NASCAR driver Jeff Gordon celebrates in victory lane after winning the Sprint Cup Series race at Kansas Speedway.**



### Points standings

No. Driver	Points
1. Jeff Gordon	394
2. Matt Kenseth	379
3. Kyle Busch	373
4. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	368
5. Carl Edwards	367
6. Joey Logano	346
7. Jimmie Johnson	340
8. Ryan Newman	332
9. Greg Biffle	328
10. Brian Vickers	327
11. Brad Keselowski	326
12. Denny Hamlin	318

Speedway in the prestigious Coca-Cola 600. He will go for his fourth Coca-Cola 600 victory May 25. At Daytona this year, Gordon

insisted he was serious about considering retirement with a fifth championship. He looks every bit a title contender — but said he feels like he could race until 50 if his cars are this stout.

"The whole retirement thing I think is thrown out too much," he said. "I know I'm somewhat to blame for that."

After the start of the race was delayed 35 minutes by rain, the first Sprint Cup night race at Kansas soon left drivers in the dark after the lights went out on the backstretch. NASCAR polled drivers if they wanted to continue and they were good to go, with Kurt Busch and Carl Edwards among the many who said the track was bright enough to race.

Harvick led the final 36 laps in his October win and led the first 41 on Saturday before briefly falling into the middle of the pack.

Harvick worked his way to the front in the No. 4 Chevrolet and opened a commanding lead over Gordon and Logano. He led a race-high 119 laps in the 400-mile race — small consolation once Gordon grabbed the lead with eight to go.

Patrick had her best run of the season, spending most of the race nestled inside the top 10, and brought a needed jolt of electricity when she passed teammate Tony Stewart and Earnhardt to move into third with 95 laps left.

Jamie McMurray and David Gilliland both had their cars erupt in flames in separate accidents. Gilliland was slow to exit his No. 38 Ford and gingerly walked away from the smoldering wreckage. He was checked out and released from the infield care center.

"It was the hardest hit I've had in a long time," he said.

McMurray had a small run derailed when he smacked the wall and the back of his No. 1 Chevrolet caught fire.

"I heard a small pop and then just lost all the steering and got into the fence," he said.

## Roundup

# Hamilton makes it four in a row in F1

The Associated Press

MONTMELLO, Spain — Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton and Nico Rosberg sped away to their fourth straight one-two finish at the Spanish Grand Prix on Sunday in a dominant performance that does not bode well for the rest of the Formula One field.

Hamilton took off from pole position and stayed ahead of Rosberg — despite the German closing to less than a second in a tense final lap — to record a fourth consecutive victory and move ahead of his teammate in the overall standings.

Hamilton's 26th career win gave him 100 points after five races and three more than Rosberg, who failed to find a way in front of his main rival for the fourth straight time after winning the season opener.

"This is our fourth one-two, it's just unreal," said Hamilton after his first career victory at the Barcelona-Catalunya circuit.

Hamilton hadn't led the championship since June 2012 after the Canadian GP with McLaren.

"Getting my first win here after trying for eight years, it is difficult to put into words my feeling," said Hamilton. "I have never had a car like this. I have never had a lap like this. I am grateful I was able to keep (Rosberg) behind me."

Red Bull's Daniel Ricciardo finished third for his first career podium after coming close on three occasions this year.

Four-time champion Sebastian Vettel had a flawless drive to move up from a 15th-place start to finish fourth, with his Red Bull finally not having any problems following two days of it stalling in practice and qualifying.

Valtteri Bottas of Williams crossed fifth, followed by troubled Ferrari pair Fernando Alonso and Kimi Raikkonen in sixth and seventh.

Lotus' Romain Grosjean and Force India duo Sergio Perez and Nico Hulkenberg rounded out the points.

Not even a three-week break for

their rivals to improve their cars prevented Mercedes from earning its fifth win in as many events this year in a disheartening performance for the other 10 teams. Ricciardo ended up more than 48 seconds slower than Rosberg.

After executing a clean start, the Silver Arrows focused on protecting their tires and preparing a final fight at the end of the race to decide which would leave the other as runner-up.

Hamilton led all of the way, but he asked his team for help on several occasions — as well as complaining about the tire strategy, after never being able to shake Rosberg.

## Pagenau stretches fuel to win in IndyCar Series

INDIANAPOLIS — Indianapolis Motor Speedway officially opened for the month of May with a chaotic road course race that started with a wreck, saw James Hinchcliffe and the mayor of the city injured by flying debris, and, finally, Simon Pagenau celebrate a fuel-mileage victory.

Pagenau won the inaugural Grand Prix of Indianapolis on Saturday, the first IndyCar Series race on IMS' road course, by stretching his fuel the final 29 laps.

The Frenchman was one of several drivers to gamble on gas, and he took the lead when Oriol Servia had to stop with four laps remaining. Pagenau managed to make it to the finish for his third series victory despite having to keep an eye on his mirrors.

Ryan Hunter-Reay was second and Helio Castroneves third on his 39th birthday.

"Man I didn't know what we were asking for, but we made fuel," Pagenau said in Victory Lane. "The fuel saving was amazing. It was nerve-wracking. I was worried about RHR coming back, and I didn't know what Helio was doing here. I don't like racing off throttle."

Sebastien Bourdais and Charlie Kimball rounded out the top five.



LUCA BRUNO/AP

**Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton crosses the finish line in front of teammate Nico Rosberg to win the Spanish Grand Prix in Montmelo, near Barcelona, Spain on Sunday.**

# NFL DRAFT

## THEY SAID IT

**‘They saw Michael Sam, day after day they scratched it off the board. That was their loss. But St. Louis kept me on that board. And you know what, I feel like I’m a (Jadeveon) Clowney, a first draft pick. I’m proud of where I am now.’**

**Michael Sam**  
Intimating that teams which passed on him chickened out and that he should have been drafted sooner after being selected 249th overall in the seventh round by the St. Louis Rams

**‘In the world of diversity we live in now, I’m honored to be a part of this.’**

**Jeff Fisher**  
Rams head coach, to ESPN during an interview after Sam’s selection

**‘Michael Sam wouldn’t have been drafted five years ago.’**

**Chris Kluge**  
Former Minnesota Vikings punter, who accused the organization of cutting him in part because of his vocal support for gay rights

**‘It’s a great day for Michael and his family and for the NFL.’**

**Jason Collins**  
Openly gay NBA player with the Brooklyn Nets

**‘Horrible.’**

**Don Jones**  
Miami Dolphins safety, in a one-word tweet, later deleted, posted shortly after Sam was drafted

# Sam: SEC co-defensive player of the year falls to Rams

He said teams that passed on him chickened out and he should have been drafted sooner. “From last season alone, I should’ve been in the first three rounds. SEC Defensive Player of the Year, All-American,” Sam said. He stopped short of directly saying his stock dropped in the draft because he came out.

“You know what, who knows? Who knows? Only the people who sit in the war room now,” he said. “They saw Michael Sam, day after day they scratched it off the board. That was their loss. But St. Louis kept me on that board. And you know what I feel like I’m a (Jadeveon) Clowney, a first draft pick. I’m proud of where I am now.”

Sam came out as gay in media interviews earlier this year. His team and coaches knew his secret and kept it for his final college season. He went on to have the best year of his career: He was the co-defensive player of the year in the nation’s best college football conference and had 11.5 sacks.

The pick came after several rounds of suspense. The first round of the day, No. 4 overall, came and went, no Sam. Then the fifth and sixth, and finally, the day was down to just a handful of picks.

When Mike Kensil, the NFL’s vice president of game operations, walked to the podium at Radio City Music Hall in the draft’s final minutes to announce the Rams’ second-to-last pick, the crowd got a sense something was up. Very few of the last day picks were announced at the podium. Twitter lit up with suggestions the Rams were about to make news.

When Kensil said: “The St. Louis Rams select... Michael Sam...” the fans gave a hearty cheer, chanting “Yes! Yes! Yes!” and “Michael Sam!”

Sam was in San Diego watching with friends and family at the home of his agent, Joe Barkett of Empire Athletes. ESPN and the NFL Network had cameras there and showed Sam’s reaction.

Sam was on the phone bending over, with his boyfriend hugging him and rubbing his left bicep. When Sam got off the phone, the tears started. He gave his boyfriend a big kiss and a long hug as he cried and his eyes red-dened. After, they shared cake — and another kiss.

“Thank you to the St. Louis Rams and the whole city of St. Louis. I’m using every ounce of this to achieve greatness!” Sam tweeted with a frenzied typo moments after he was picked, with a picture of himself



SHANE KEYSER, KANSAS CITY STAR/MCT

**Former Missouri Tigers defensive lineman Michael Sam was co-defensive player of the year in the SEC last season, recording 11½ sacks. He was drafted by the St. Louis Rams in the seventh round of the NFL draft on Saturday.**

wearing a Rams cap and a pink polo shirt.

The 6-foot-2, 255-pound Sam was considered a mid-to-late round pick, far from a sure thing to be drafted. He played defensive end in college, but he’s short

for that position in the NFL and slower than most outside linebackers, the position he’ll need to transition to at the professional level.

He was taken with the 249th overall pick out of 256. Players from Marist, Maine and McGill University in Canada were selected before Sam.

“In the world of diversity we live in now, I’m honored to be a part of

this,” Rams coach Jeff Fisher said during an interview on ESPN.

The NFL had no comment on Sam being drafted.

The impact of Sam’s selection goes far beyond football. At a time when gay marriage is gaining acceptance among Americans, Sam’s entry into the NFL is a huge step toward the integration of gay men into professional team sports. Pro sports have in many ways lagged behind the rest of society in acceptance.

“Michael Sam wouldn’t have been drafted five years ago,” said former Viking punter Chris Kluge, who has accused Minnesota of cutting him in part because of his vocal support for gay rights.

In the last year, NBA veteran Jason Collins has come out publicly as gay, and is now playing for the Brooklyn Nets. Collins said before the Nets’ playoff game against the Heat that he was watching the draft and texted Sam after he was picked.

“It’s a great day for Michael and his family and for the NFL,” Collins said.

Publicly, most people in and related to the NFL have been supportive of Sam. NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell has said Sam would be welcome in the league and judged solely on his ability to play. A few wondered whether teams would be reluctant to draft Sam because of all the media attention that would come with it.

Now that he’s there, it could be seen as an opportunity for the NFL to show that cross locker room culture is not as prevalent as it might have looked to those who followed last season’s embarrassing Miami Dolphins scandal. But all the reaction to Sam’s news wasn’t positive from the league.

Miami safety Don Jones posted a one-word tweet, “Horrible” shortly after Sam was drafted. It was later taken down. The team’s general manager said he was aware, and was disappointed.

Wade Davis, a gay former NFL player who is now the executive director of the gay rights advocacy group “You Can Play,” said that Sam only needs to do his job to have an impact beyond the field.

“Michael Sam doesn’t have to be a vocal advocate (for gay rights),” Davis said. “His visibility is his advocacy.”



**St. Louis Rams head coach Jeff Fisher, right, said he was “honored” to be a part of bringing Michael Sam to the NFL.**

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## MLB

## NL roundup

## Greinke, Dodgers top West-leading Giants

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Once they got Matt Cain out of the game, Yaseli Puig and the Los Angeles Dodgers roughed up the San Francisco Giants' stellar bullpen.

Dee Gordon and Puig broke open a tie game with consecutive RBI doubles in the seventh, Matt Kemp homered in the eighth and the Dodgers beat the NL West-leading Giants 6-2 on Saturday.

Cain pitched a good game and pounded the zone," Kemp said. "He threw strikes, mixed his pitches up well and got them over the plate. We couldn't really get anything off of him. But we waited him out, got him out of there, got to their bullpen and scored some runs at the end for the W."

Zack Greinke (6-1) allowed two runs and six hits in seven innings, striking out eight and walking three. The right-hander extended his streak to 20 consecutive starts in which he's allowed fewer than three runs — the longest by any pitcher since the "dead ball" era.

"It's always a luxury to have two Cy Young winners at the top of your rotation like Zack and Clayton Kershaw. That's a plus for our team," Kemp said. "Hopefully they'll continue to stay healthy and keep doing what they're doing. But we have to do our job as hitters and drive in runs for those guys."

The Dodgers took the lead in the seventh against reliever Jeremy Affeldt (0-1) when Drew Butera doubled and scored on Gordon's hit inside third base with Pablo Sandoval playing in on the grass with the Dodgers' speedy leadoff hitter at bat. Puig then greeted Jean Machi with a ground-rule double into the left field corner.

"That's a bad break," Giants manager Bruce Bochy said. "Pablo had to cover the bunt with two outs. Gordon hit it in a good spot, and the ball just bounced by him."

The four runs charged to the Giants' bullpen was in sharp contrast to the major league-best 1.75 ERA they brought into the game. Affeldt had pitched 10% scoreless innings in his 10 previous appearances since coming off the DL on April 16.

"They got nicked up a little, but they

were so good and really solid all year," Bochy said. "It's going to happen."

Former Giants closer Brian Wilson escaped a bases-loaded jam in the eighth, retiring Hunter Pence on a foul pop to Butera behind the plate after a visit from pitching coach Rick Honeycutt. The Dodgers tacked on two more runs in the bottom half on Kemp's leadoff homer against Juan Gutierrez and Butera's sacrifice fly.

Cain was charged with two runs, three hits and four walks over five-plus innings in his first start off the disabled list. The three-time All-Star hadn't pitched since April 23 and missed two turns in the rotation because of a cut on the tip of his index finger.

**Padres 9, Marlins 3:** Chase Headley hit a three-run homer in his return to the lineup, Seth Smith drove in four runs and host San Diego had a second straight big night at the plate to beat Miami.

**Brewers 2, Cubs 0:** Ervin Santana pitched five-hit ball for seven innings to remain unbeaten and Ryan Doumit snapped a scoreless tie with a pinch-hit double in the seventh as host Atlanta beat Chicago.

**Pirates 4, Cardinals 3:** Pedro Alvarez singled in the go-ahead run and host Pittsburgh beat St. Louis for its season-high fourth straight game.

**Rockies 11, Reds 2:** Corey Dickerson hit two home runs and two doubles, driving in a career-high four runs as visiting Colorado beat Cincinnati.

**Phillies 5, Mets 4:** Ryan Howard had four hits, including a tiebreaking single in the ninth inning, and Jimmy Rollins homered and scored four times to lead visiting Philadelphia past slumping New York.

## Interleague

**Brewers 5, Yankees 4:** Rickie Weeks hit a two-out RBI single after Jonathan Lucroy moved to third on a balk, Francisco Rodriguez earned his league-leading 15th save and host Milwaukee snapped a three-game skid by beating New York. Lucroy, Carlos Gomez and Aramis Ramirez each homered off Yankees starter CC Sabathia.



PATRICK SEMANSKY/AP

Baltimore's Steve Clevenger, left, delivers the game-winning double in the 10th inning as the Orioles beat the Houston Astros 5-4 on Saturday in Baltimore.

## AL roundup

## Clevenger leads Orioles to fifth straight victory

The Associated Press

BALTIMORE — With several players hampered by injuries, Steve Clevenger became the latest Orioles' role player to get a big hit.

Clevenger, who is in the lineup while starting catcher Matt Wieters recovers from elbow soreness, hit an RBI double in the 10th inning to extend the Orioles' winning streak to five games with a 5-4 victory over the Houston Astros on Saturday night. "It's big, just for the team," Clevenger said. "We were on a four-game win streak, now five. We're never going to give up until the last out and we proved that tonight."

J.J. Hardy had an infield single with one out in the 10th before Clevenger hit a double down the right field line off Paul Clemens (0-1).

"I was just battling," Clemens said. "I couldn't come in with my fastball at all so that's that. I was really looking to get comfortable out there. We didn't go to off-speed soon enough. I just kept missing with my fastballs and paid for it. I feel responsible. This is a ball game we should win."

Houston's Jose Altuve hit a two-out, two RBI single in the ninth inning off Baltimore closer Tommy Hunter that gave the Astros a 4-3 lead. However, after a 55-minute rain delay, Astros right-hander Anthony Bass loaded the bases with two outs on two singles and a walk before pinch hitter Delmon Young tied the game with an infield single. Ryan Webb (2-0) pitched a scoreless 10th for Baltimore.

After Nelson Cruz gave the Orioles a 3-2 lead with his 10th home run of the season in the eighth, Hunter entered and allowed a single and double with one out before getting Jonathan Villar to ground into a fielder's choice preventing a run from scoring.

However, Altuve delivered a sharp single to center to give the Astros the lead.

Astros right-hander Collin McHugh allowed two runs and seven hits with four strikeouts and two walks over 6½ innings. After allowing just one run in his opening two starts of the season, McHugh allowed five runs in just four innings May 4 against Seattle.

**Red Sox 8, Rangers 3:** David Ortiz homered and doubled and Shane Victorino drove in four runs with three hits as visiting Boston beat Texas. Jon Lester (4-4) gave up three runs and four hits in seven innings, a week after striking out a career-high 15 against Oakland.

**Angels 5, Blue Jays 3:** Tyler Skaggs pitched into the ninth inning and retired 21 straight batters, leading visiting Los Angeles over Toronto. Rookie C.J. Cron hit his first major league homer and Chris Iannetta added a two-run shot as Angels won their sixth in a row at Toronto dating to 2012.

**Tigers 9, Twins 3:** Miguel Cabrera hit a three-run homer that capped a six-run second inning, sending Max Scherzer and host Detroit past Minnesota. Cabrera connected for his fifth homer, tagging Kyle Gibson (3-3). Victor Martinez also homered, giving him eight this season and four in the past six games.

**Rays 7, Indians 1:** Erik Bedard gave up one hit in six shutout innings and James Loney had three hits and drove in two runs as host Tampa Bay broke a four-game skid with a victory over Cleveland.

**Mariners 3, Royals 1:** Chris Young pitched eight efficient innings and Justin Smoak and Dustin Ackley homered as host Seattle beat Kansas City.

## Interleague

**Athletics 4, Nationals 3 (10):** John Jaso doubled in pinch-runner Nick Punto with two outs in the 10th inning to lift host Oakland over Washington. The A's scored twice in the ninth off Nationals' closer Rafael Soriano to force extras and storm back for their third walk-off win this season after being limited to two hits over the first eight innings.

**Diamondbacks 4, White Sox 3:** Wade Miley pitched seven strong innings and Cody Ross had three hits as visiting Arizona beat Chicago. Miley (3-3) allowed two runs on four hits while striking out six and not allowing a walk. His only mistake came on an 0-1 pitch in the fifth inning that Paul Konerko hit over the left-field fence for a two-run home run.



ALEX GALLARDO/AP

The Dodgers' Carl Crawford, left, scores on a sacrifice fly by Drew Butera in the eighth inning as San Francisco Giants catcher Hector Sanchez, right, awaits the throw at the plate during Saturday's game in Los Angeles. The Dodgers won 6-2.

# NHL PLAYOFFS

## Gibson shines in goal for Ducks

### Rookie earns first playoff shutout as Anaheim beats LA to even series 2-2

By GREG BEACHAM  
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A few minutes after John Gibson finished his NHL playoff debut by shutting out a vaunted postseason power, the Anaheim Ducks' rookie goalie barely seemed to register a pulse, let alone any visible excitement.

The Ducks were plenty excited for him after another surprising twist in their playoff run left them even with the Kings.

Gibson made 28 saves, captain Ryan Getzlaf had a goal and an assist, and Anaheim evened its second-round postseason series with a 2-0 victory over Los Angeles in Game 4 on Saturday night.

Devante Smith-Pelly also scored in the first period and Corey Perry had two assists for the top-seeded Ducks, who bounced back from two series-opening losses at home with consecutive victories at Staples Center. Anaheim regained momentum with a dynamic performance from a calm, collected 20-year-old goalie who was stopping pucks in Newfoundland three days earlier.

"I think there's always nerves, but you're always got to learn to control them," said Gibson, widely considered the best goaltending prospect in hockey. "After the first five minutes, I settled down."

If Gibson actually had any nerves, nobody noticed them while he became the youngest goalie in NHL history to record a shutout in his playoff debut.

Game 5 is Monday night at Honda Center in Anaheim.

Anaheim started its third goalie in three games with the dramatic entrance of Gibson, who made 39



MARK J. TERRILL/AP

Los Angeles Kings center Jarret Stoll, left, tries to get a shot in on Anaheim Ducks rookie goalie John Gibson, right, as defenseman Hampus Lindholm defends during the second period in Game 4 on Saturday in Los Angeles. The Ducks won 2-0 to even their second-round series at 2-2.

saves in an AHL playoff game more than 4,400 miles east of Los Angeles on Wednesday night. He coolly backstopped the Ducks even while the final 40 minutes were largely dominated by the Kings.

"He just goes about his business," said Smith-Pelly, Gibson's teammate for much of the AHL

season. "I've watched him all year. You would think there would be some nerves, but there were none. It was just like any other game. He's one of the more laid-back guys around."

Gibson, from Pittsburgh, made his NHL debut with three victories late in the regular season, and he got the Game 4 start from

coach Bruce Boudreau in place of veteran Jonas Hiller, who started the first two games against Los Angeles and finished Game 3 after Frederik Andersen injured his right leg.

"As soon as we called him up, I thought about it," Boudreau said. "He's been playing and he gives us the best chance to win."

## Scoreboard

### Second round

#### (Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**  
Boston 3, Montreal 2  
Montreal 4, Boston 3, 2OT  
Boston 5, Montreal 3  
Montreal 4, Boston 2  
Boston 1, Montreal 0, OT  
Saturday: Boston 4, Montreal 2  
Monday: at Montreal  
x-Wednesday: at Boston  
Pittsburgh 3, N.Y. Rangers 2  
N.Y. Rangers 3, Pittsburgh 0, OT  
Pittsburgh 3, N.Y. Rangers 0  
Pittsburgh 2, N.Y. Rangers 0  
Pittsburgh 4, N.Y. Rangers 2  
N.Y. Rangers 5, Pittsburgh 1  
Sunday: at N.Y. Rangers  
x-Tuesday: at Pittsburgh

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**  
Chicago 2, Minnesota 2  
Chicago 4, Minnesota 1  
Minnesota 4, Chicago 0  
Minnesota 4, Chicago 2  
Sunday: at Chicago  
Tuesday: at Minnesota  
Los Angeles 2, Anaheim 2  
Los Angeles 3, Anaheim 2, OT  
Los Angeles 3, Anaheim 1  
Anaheim 3, Los Angeles 2  
Saturday: Anaheim 2, Los Angeles 0  
Monday: at Anaheim  
Wednesday: at Los Angeles  
x-Friday: at Anaheim

### Saturday

#### Ducks 2, Kings 0

Anaheim	2	0	0	2
Los Angeles	0	0	0	0

**First Period**—1, Anaheim, Smith-Belly 3 (Perry, Getzlaf), 16:02. 2, Anaheim, Getzlaf 4 (Perry, Vatanen), 18:45 (pp).  
**Shots on Goal**—Anaheim 11-3-14, Los Angeles 9-12-7-28.  
**Power-play opportunities**—Anaheim 1 of 3; Los Angeles 0 of 4.  
**Goalies**—Anaheim, Gibson, 1-0-0 (28 shots-26 saves); Los Angeles, Quirk 0-0 (11-9), Jones (0:00 second, 3:37).  
A—16,489 (18,118), T—2:27.

### Bruins 4, Canadiens 2

Anaheim	0	1	1	2
Los Angeles	1	1	2	4

**First Period**—1, Boston, Soderberg 1 (Eriksson, Barkowski), 13:20.  
**Second Period**—0, Boston, Smith 4 (Hamilton, Soderberg), 1:04 (pp), 3, Boston, Ignina 4 (Krug, Chara), 13:36 (pp), 4, Montreal, Gallagher 4 (Plekanec, Markov), 14:39 (pp).  
**Third Period**—5, Boston, Eriksson 2 (Fraser, Soderberg), 14:12, 6, Montreal, P.Suban 4 (Pacioretty, Markov), 17:31 (pp).  
**Shots on Goal**—Montreal 9-11-11-31, Boston 8-9-30.  
**Power-play opportunities**—Montreal 2 of 5; Boston 2 of 4.  
**Goalies**—Montreal, Price 6-3-0 (30 shots-26 saves); Boston, Rask 7-3-0 (31-20).  
A—17,565 (17,565), T—2:36.

# Power play gives Bruins 3-2 edge on Canadiens

By JIMMY GOLEN  
The Associated Press

BOSTON — It took the Boston Bruins five years to score a power-play goal in the playoffs against the Montreal Canadiens.

They needed only 32 seconds to do it again.

Reilly Smith and Jarome Iginla scored on back-to-back advantages to help the Bruins snap an 0-for-39 postseason power-play drought against Montreal and beat the Canadiens 4-2 on Saturday night.

The victory in Game 5 gave Boston a 3-2 lead in the best-of-seven series and a chance to eliminate its Original Six archrival in Montreal on Monday night.

"It's been a little bit. We all know that," said Iginla, who just joined the team this season. "Guys are on it, and we want to come through on the power play."

Carey Price made 26 saves for Montreal. Brendan Gallagher and P.K. Subban scored for the Canadiens, who need a victory in Game 6 on Monday to force the

series back to Boston for seventh game Wednesday night.

"I'm not going to sugarcoat it. It's going to be a tough game," Bruins defenseman Johnny Boychuk said. "You have to be prepared for everything, because you can't expect anything less from that team."

Carl Soderberg and Loui Eriksson also scored for Boston. Tuukka Rask stopped 29 shots, extending his shutout streak to 122 minutes, 6 seconds before Gallagher scored to make it 3-1 on a power play with 5:21 left in the second period.

Subban had a late goal on a power play with Price pulled to make it a 6-on-4. The Canadiens played much of the last five minutes with an empty net, but could not get closer than two-goals down.

The most-decorated team in the NHL, Montreal has reached the conference finals just once since winning its 24th Stanley Cup title in 1993.

"It has to be desperation mode," Price said. "We've got enough



CHARLES KRUPA/AP

Boston Bruins left wing Loui Eriksson, top, beats Montreal Canadiens goalie Carey Price (31) as he scores during the third period of Game 5 on Saturday in Boston. The Bruins won 4-2 to take a 3-2 lead in the best-of-7 Eastern Conference second-round series.

guys here that have faced that type of situation we're in."

The Bruins had not scored a

power-play goal in the playoffs against the Canadiens in 39 tries over 14 games dating to 2009.

Soderberg gave Boston the lead with 6:40 left in the first, and it was still 1-0 at the end of the period when Tomas Plekanec was penalized for interfering with the goaltender. Just 64 seconds after the break, Smith redirected Dougie Hamilton's shot past Price to make it 2-0.

Sixteen seconds later, Plekanec was sent off again — this time for high-sticking. It only took 6 seconds into the power play for the Bruins to make it 3-0 on a back-hand crossing pass from Torey Krug to Iginla.

"I think our power play wasn't effective the first period," Bruins coach Claude Julien said. "We had a little chat after the opening period about turning up the intensity. Then when we scored the two goals, and the power play was huge."

Plekanec set up Gallagher to cut the deficit to two goals with 5:21 left in the second period, but Eriksson snapped in the rebound of Game 4 hero Matt Fraser's shot with just under 6 minutes left in the game to make it 4-1.

# NBA PLAYOFFS

## Scoreboard

**Second round**  
(Best-of-seven; x-if necessary)  
**EASTERN CONFERENCE**  
**Miami 2, Brooklyn 1**  
Miami 107, Brooklyn 94  
Miami 86, Brooklyn 82  
**Saturday:** Brooklyn 104, Miami 90  
**Monday:** at Brooklyn  
**Wednesday:** at Miami  
**x-Friday:** at Brooklyn  
**x-Sunday, May 18:** at Miami  
**Indiana 2, Washington 1**  
Washington 102, Indiana 96  
Indiana 56, Washington 52  
Indiana 85, Washington 63  
**Sunday:** at Washington  
**Tuesday:** at Indiana  
**x-Thursday:** at Washington  
**x-Sunday, May 18:** at Indiana  
**WESTERN CONFERENCE**  
**San Antonio 3, Portland 0**  
San Antonio 116, Portland 92  
San Antonio 114, Portland 97  
**Saturday:** San Antonio 118, Portland 103  
**Monday:** at Portland  
**x-Wednesday:** at San Antonio  
**x-Friday:** at Portland  
**x-Monday, May 19:** at San Antonio  
**Oklahoma City 2, L.A. Clippers 1**  
L.A. Clippers 122, Oklahoma City 105  
Oklahoma City 112, L.A. Clippers 101  
Oklahoma City 115, L.A. Clippers 112  
**Sunday:** at L.A. Clippers  
**Tuesday:** at Oklahoma City  
**x-Thursday:** at L.A. Clippers  
**x-Sunday, May 18:** at Oklahoma City

**Saturday**  
**Spurs 118, Trail Blazers 103**  
**SAN ANTONIO** — Kleonard 4-10 7-7 11, Pounce 8-18 3-19, Spilltner 4-4 1-9, Parker 12-20 3-29, Green 2-7 0-0 5, Gino-Dini 5-10 1-4, Davis 4-5 1-9, Beinnelli 2-5 0-0 5, Baynes 6-10 0-0, Mills 4-8 0-0 10, Ayres 1-1 0-2, Bonner 0-0 0-0 0, Joseph 0-1 0-0 0, Totals 42-89 25-118.  
**PORTLAND** — Batum 8-13 0-0 20, Aldridge 9-23 4-21, Lopez 4-5 7-13, Lillard 7-21 7-7 21, Matthews 6-14 6-22, Robinson 0-3 0-0 0, Barton 0-0 0-0, Watson 0-0 0-0 0, Wright 1-2 0-2, Cliver 0-0 0-0 0, McLeonard 0-0 0-0, Freeland 0-0 0-0 0, McCollum 1-1 2-2 4, Totals 36-84 23-31 105.  
**San Antonio** 28 32 23 58-118  
**Portland** 18 22 29 34-103  
Three-Point Goals — San Antonio 7-21 (Parker 2-3, Mills 2-4, K.Leonard 1-3, Beinnelli 1-3, Green 1-3, GinoDini 0-3), Portland 8-23 (Batum 4-7, Matthews 4-10, Lillard 0-6). Fouled Out — None. Rebounds — San Antonio 46 (K.Leonard 10), Portland 56 (Aldridge 12), Assists — San Antonio 23 (Parker 9), Portland 23 (Lillard 5). Total Fouls — San Antonio 25, Portland 20. A-20,321 (13,980).

**Nets 104, Heat 90**  
**MIAMI** — James 8-15 9-10 28, Battler 1-4 0-2, Bosh 5-11 2-12, Chalmers 1-3 0-3, Wade 9-18 2-4 20, Anderson 0-0 2-2 2, Allen 2-6 5-8 31, Lewis 1-3 0-0 2, Cole 1-3 0-0 3, Jones 3-3 0-0 9, Haslem 0-1 0-0 0, Douglas 0-0 0-0 0, Beasley 0-1 0-0 0, Totals 30-65 25-90.  
**BROOKLYN** — Johnson 7-10 0-0 19, Pierce 5-10 2-3 14, Garnett 5-6 0-0 10, Williams 3-11 2-2 9, Livingston 5-9 1-2 12, Anderson 1-1 0-0 2, Cole 1-3 0-0 15, Anderson 3-6 0-0 8, Teletovic 4-7 0-0 12, Thornton 2-2 0-0 11, Kirilenko 2-2 0-0 4, Gutierrez 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 38 27-104.  
**Brooklyn** 30 19 14 27-90  
**Miami** 19 23 33 58-104  
Three-Point Goals — Miami 8-24 (Jones 3-7, Cole 1-3, Chalmers 2-2, Anderson 2-4, Allen 0-1, Bosh 0-2, Battler 0-2, Lewis 0-2, Wade 0-2), Brooklyn 15-25 (Johnson 5-7, Teletovic 4-7, Pierce 2-3, Anderson 2-4, Livingston 1-1, Williams 1-2, Thornton 0-1). Fouled Out — None. Rebounds — Miami 30 (James 8), Brooklyn 50 (Blatche 10), Assists — Miami 13 (S. Anderson 5), Brooklyn 26 (Williams 11). Total Fouls — Miami 20, Brooklyn 23. Technicals — Allen, Anderson, Flagrant Fouls — Pierce, A-1-17,17 (32).

# Nets cool Heat, cut deficit to 2-1

## Brooklyn hands Miami its first postseason loss

By BRIAN MAHONEY  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Two losses in Miami didn't faze Paul Pierce, nor did 16 quick points by LeBron James.

The post-season, Pierce said repeatedly, is no time to panic. And the Heat, apparently, are nothing to fear.

"We're not scared of them," Pierce said.

Joe Johnson scored 19 points, Andray Blatche had career playoff highs of 15 points and 10 rebounds, and the Brooklyn Nets handed the Heat their first loss this postseason, 104-90 on Saturday night in Game 3 of the Eastern Conference semifinals.

Pierce scored 14 points, Deron Williams and Kevin Garnett bounced back from awful offensive efforts, and the Nets withstood James' 16-point first quarter and held him to two baskets over the final three quarters.

"Tonight was the type of urgency we're going to need for the rest of the series," Pierce said.

Brooklyn, which swept Miami in the regular season, can tie the series with a victory at home Monday night in Game 4.

"I think this is a must-win coming up Monday," Garnett said. "If we want to give ourselves any type of room ... any type of chance, I think that we've definitely got to take care of home."

James scored 28 points for the Heat, who hadn't even faced a fourth-quarter deficit in their eight-game winning streak in the post-season snappet. It was their first loss since Game 5 of the NBA Finals.

The two-time defending champions were having an easy path to another finals, winning their last four games by double digits. But the Nets shook off the Heat's siz-



Julie Jacobson/AP

Nets forward Alan Anderson, left, drives to the basket against Heat guard Ray Allen in the fourth quarter of Game 3 of their Eastern Conference semifinal playoff series on Saturday. The Nets won 104-90.

## 'We're not scared of them.'

Paul Pierce  
Nets forward, on the Miami Heat. Brooklyn trails its best-of-seven Eastern Conference semifinal series with Miami 2-1.

zling start, then held them to 33 points over the middle two quarters to take control.

"I've been part of a lot of series and understand that the series is never won in two games or in three games," James said. "And you move onto the next one and you learn from the previous one how you can get better."

Mirza Teletovic and Shaun Livingston each scored 12 points for the Nets in their first home post-season victory ever against the Heat. Teletovic made four of Brooklyn's 15 three-pointers.

Williams, 0-for-9 in Game 2, shot just 3-for-11 but finished with nine points and 11 assists. Garnett, just 2-for-10 for four total points in Miami, shot 5 of 6 for 10 points and seven rebounds.

Dwyane Wade scored 20 points and James grabbed eight rebounds, but his night fell well short of what it could have been after his ferocious first quarter.

He made a free throw to bring Miami to 59-56 in the third quarter, but Teletovic made a three-point jumper, followed by baskets by Blatche, Johnson and Livingston

to make it 68-56. Teletovic made two more threes and Williams knocked down another before the end of the quarter, which ended with the Nets ahead 77-63.

Teletovic opened the fourth with another three, and Alan Anderson hit a pair later in the period while also getting in a skirmish with Ray Allen that led to double technical fouls. The Nets held Allen to two baskets after he hurt them in both games in Miami. The Nets shot 53 percent from the field, 60 percent from behind the arc, and out rebounded the Heat 43-27.

Brooklyn outscored Miami 53-41 in the second half, making 20 of 33 shots.

"To sum it up, they outplayed us. They outplayed us, particularly in that whole second half," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said.



Rick Bowmer/AP

Portland's Robin Lopez, right, battles with the San Antonio's Tim Duncan during Game 4 of their Western Conference semifinal playoff series on Saturday. The Spurs won 118-103.

# Spurs put Blazers on brink

By ANNE M. PETERSON  
The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — Spurs coach Gregg Popovich took pains to make sure guard Tony Parker was well rested for the playoffs. "I barely played in April," Parker said. "I was joking with Pop if I was still with the Spurs."

The break has paid off. Parker scored 29 points and San Antonio took a 3-0 lead in its Western Conference semifinal series against the Portland Trail Blazers with a 118-103 victory.

Parker has scored 29 or more points in three of his last four playoff games.

"He's been the engine for us," Popovich said. "He started out really well tonight. He made shots, he involved everybody else. He was playing great D at the other end. He's really playing a whole complete game."

The Spurs led by as many as 23 points in the first half, building a big early lead just as they had in the first two games of the series in San Antonio.

The teams meet again on Monday night at the Moda Center.

LaMarcus Aldridge had 21 points and 12 rebounds for the Portland, which pulled within eight points in the third quarter but couldn't get any closer. The

Blazers were hurt by 15 turnovers and only six points from their bench.

"They're just persistent," Aldridge said. "They play championship basketball and that's what we have to get to."

No NBA team has come back from a 3-0 deficit to win a seven-game series. In 2003, the Blazers rebounded with three wins after dropping the first three against Dallas, but ultimately lost the first-round series' deciding game.

San Antonio, the top seed in the West, is vying for a second straight trip to the finals. Last season the Spurs fell to the Miami Heat in seven games.

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## NFL DRAFT



ESPN/AP

Missouri defensive end Michael Sam cries as he talks on a phone at a draft party in San Diego after he was selected in the seventh round, 249th overall, by the St. Louis Rams in the NFL Draft.

# Made-for-TV moment

## St. Louis picks Sam, welcomes league's first openly gay athlete

By RALPH D. RUSSO  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Michael Sam waited and waited. Hours passed, rounds came and went, and eventually, there were only eight more picks left on the third and final day of the NFL draft.

For just a moment, it looked as if his chance of being picked by a pro team and becoming the league's first openly gay player might take a detour.

The call finally came in Saturday from the St. Louis Rams, the team right down the road from

where Sam played his college ball at the University of Missouri.

Sam was selected in the seventh and final round and admitted it was a frustrating wait. He said teams that passed on him chickened out and he should have been drafted sooner.

"From last season alone, I should've been in the first three rounds. SEC Defensive Player of the Year, All-American," Sam said. He stopped short of directly saying his stock dropped in the draft because he came out.

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### By the numbers: Michael Sam

**123**

Career tackles  
(67 solo)

**36**

Career tackles  
for loss

**6**

Career forced  
fumbles

**21**

Career sacks  
(11.5 in 2013)

**2**

Career  
interceptions

**2**

Career fumble  
recoveries

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Prince pitches Kadena to district title  
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