

Displaced Iraqis from the Yazidi community look for clothes to wear among items provided by a charity organization at the Nowruz camp in Derike, Syria, on Tuesday.

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CRISIS IN IRAQ

# 'Logistical challenge'

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## For spouses of the fallen, benefits system complicates moving on

By THOMAS GIBBONS-NEFF  
*The Washington Post*

On Mother's Day 2010, Marine Sgt. Thomas Bagosy told his wife that he loved her and that he had completed his two purposes in life: He had served his country and helped bring their children into the world. The next day, after a battle with post-traumatic stress that spanned nearly half a decade, he put a 22 caliber pistol to his head and shot himself.

His wife, Katie Bagosy, found out several

**'It's like they want us to stay in our little, sad bubbles. We're young and we're supposed to be sad forever?'**

**Rachel Porto**  
widow and blogger

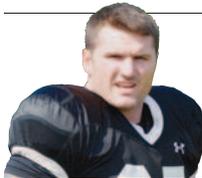
hours later when a casualty notification officer from Camp Lejeune, N.C., pulled up to her door. In his hand: a gigantic three-ring binder with a fading American flag plas-

tered from cover to binding and the "Widow's Survival Handbook" nestled within.

"He hands me this gigantic binder with the 'days ahead' written on the side," Bago-

sy recalled. "It was too much to deal with." After more than 13 years of war that have killed more than 6,800 servicemembers, thousands of spouses of the fallen have found themselves in the same position — forced to navigate a complex and often perplexing system of benefits. Although the nation has largely moved on from Iraq and Afghanistan, the federal benefits system has made it hard for some survivors to do the same.

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# QUOTE OF THE DAY

**"It's like living on the edge of panic, all the time. Nothing is certain."**

— Jill Tahnmoessi, mother of Marine Corps Sgt. Andrew Tahnmoessi, who has been held in a Mexican prison on weapons charges for more than four months

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# MILITARY

# Army, Navy, AF relax hairstyle rules

By **JON HARPER**  
*Stars and Stripes*

WASHINGTON — Under pressure from lawmakers, the Army, Navy and Air Force changed their uniform policies Monday to allow female servicemembers to sport previously banned hairstyles.

The changes came after a DOD-wide hairstyle policy review directed by Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel earlier this year. Some servicemembers and members of the Congressional Black Caucus claimed that Army regulations governing troops' hairstyles contained offensive language and unfairly targeted black women.

Female soldiers can now wear two-strand twists; larger braids, cornrows and twists; and ponytails during physical training.

Female sailors can wear two-strand twists and multiple braids that hang freely above the collar and cover the entire head.

Female airmen can now wear two-strand twists, French twists and Dutch braids.

Deadlocks are still prohibited by the services.

**“These changes recognize that traditional hairstyles worn by women of color are often necessary to meet our unique needs.”**

Rep. **Marcia Fudge**  
D-Ohio

style about hairstyles at [www.defense.gov](http://www.defense.gov).

Friday at [www.marines.mil](http://www.marines.mil).

After conducting their reviews, the Army and Air Force determined that the terms “matted” and “unkempt” are offensive, and they removed them from regulations. The

The Marine Corps has not completed its review, but preliminary recommendations call for the service to authorize twists for medium-length and long hair.

The Marine Corps is asking active-duty Marines and reserves to take an online survey about hairstyles at [www.marines.mil](http://www.marines.mil).

Navy and Marine Corps concluded that their regulations contain no offensive or discriminatory language.

Hagel outlined the changes in an Aug. 11 letter to Rep. Marcia Fudge, D-Ohio, the chairwoman of the Congressional Black Caucus.

The reviews were conducted “to ensure standards are fair and respectful while also meeting our military requirements,” Hagel wrote. “These reviews were informed by a panel of military personnel of mixed demographics reflective of our diverse workforce.”

Fudge expressed satisfaction with the changes in a news release issued Tuesday.

“These changes recognize that traditional hairstyles worn by women of color are often necessary to meet our unique needs, and acknowledges that these hairstyles do not result in or reflect less professionalism or commitment to the high standards required to serve within our Armed Forces,” she said.

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# DOD: Faulty data feeds behind POV shipment delays

By **TRAVIS J. TRITTEN**  
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WASHINGTON — A team of military transportation experts has pinpointed some of the contractor problems that have led to delays in the shipment of personal vehicles and a lot of grumbling from troops, according to the Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command.

The transfer of the privately owned vehicles, or POVs, from trucks to container ships was not being properly recorded by International Auto Logistics, the new contractor in charge of moving tens of thousands of vehicles to bases around the globe. The inaccurate information on vehicles led to confusion at IAL, SDDC spokesman Mark Diamond told Stars and Stripes.

The SDDC and U.S. Transportation Command signed on with Georgia-based IAL in May, but the switch has triggered a litany of complaints from troops, including claims of delayed shipments, damaged property, lost paperwork and vehicles left unlocked in unsecured lots.

An online petition calling on DOD to fire IAL had 1,119 signatures Wednesday, and a Facebook page created to connect members

of the military community with bad POV shipment experiences had 2,047 members.

“We’re not here to do IAL’s work,” Diamond wrote in an Aug. 8 email statement. “We’re here to look after the best interest of our military customers by highlighting and prioritizing issues that IAL needs to resolve to get this program back on track.”

The SDDC last week formed a team of supply chain and contract experts, called POV Fusion, to re-examine the entire vehicle shipping process — including delivery dates and customer service — in the wake of the contractor difficulties, Diamond said.

Some disconnects have already been found.

“There appears to be missing data feeds in IAL’s supply chain ... information, to date, points to issues at the containerization points that connect the line-haul truck to the ocean carrier,” he said.

The loss of the transfer information along with other “manual processes that are not being fully captured” by IAL led to a database on vehicles that is “not fully accurate and leads to confusion,” he said.

The team is passing along recommendations to IAL to improve performance as it works through

the review. Meanwhile, the SDDC is putting additional representatives at vehicle shipment points in Atlanta, San Diego, Seattle and St. Louis to help customers, oversee the contractor and ensure that every vehicle is being properly tracked, according to Diamond.

About 65,000 POVs are shipped to new duty stations by the Department of Defense each year. The SDDC says June and July have been the two busiest months for shipping vehicles in the history of the program, and IAL said it was tasked with moving about 34,000 POVs.

“IAL had less than two months to begin their contract that started during the busiest time of the year, leading to unanticipated quantities of vehicle processing requests that tested their new systems,” IAL spokeswoman Amanda Nunez wrote in an email to Stars and Stripes.

The contractor hired additional employees, upgraded its electronic data system, opened a new call center, and is working with the SDDC team to handle the volume, Nunez said.

Sabrina Tunis, a military spouse, administers the Facebook page where members of the military community gather to discuss IAL service.

“From military servicemembers, their families and DOD civilians to laid-off IAL workers, everyone is sharing their frustrations,” Tunis said. “The stories vary from damaged cars to lost cars to full mailboxes to unanswered emails, etc.”

Tunis said her family shipped their vehicle from Germany to St. Louis in May and it arrived a week late. But the delay was a minor issue.

Initially, IAL told the family the vehicle was on a truck headed from Houston to St. Louis and would arrive shortly. Tunis wrote in an email to Stars and Stripes. When the contractor’s online vehicle tracker showed no movement, another call to IAL received a different answer: It was stuck in Houston and had not cleared customs, she said.

Tunis said she called IAL again the day after the vehicle was scheduled to arrive and was told it had mistakenly been routed to Norfolk, Va.

“Long story short, we kept calling every few days since online tracking never changed and kept getting different answers,” she said. “That was only if someone would answer the phone at all.”

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## MILITARY

## Benefits: Spouses struggle with rules tied to survivor annuities

## FROM FRONT PAGE

The system rewards most generously those who don't remarry or find work and weans those who do from compensation and benefits. Starkly put, survivors, say, has put a price tag on the daunting process of moving on.

Bagosy, who has a part-time marketing job, recalls learning that if she were to earn an income over a certain amount, her deceased husband's Social Security payments would be reduced. The same rule applies to the widows and widowers of civilians, but it has hit survivors of the fallen — many of them young and lacking financial stability — particularly hard.

"The rules associated with these benefits can discourage us from getting a job, or doing different things and making different decisions because we're afraid we're going to lose what benefits we do have," said Bagosy, 31, a mother of two.

Survivor benefits have been paid to those left behind by America's wars, in some capacity, since the late 1700s and have changed accordingly after each of the country's major conflicts. Now, long after the Continental Congress established a seven-year pension for the widows of Revolutionary War officers, the family members of Iraq and Afghanistan's dead are still struggling with a slew of taxes, lump sums, lifelong payments that disuade an early remarriage and, above all, closure.

Bagosy's first encounter with the benefits system came in the form of her husband's military life insurance, a \$400,000 payment she received in a lump sum. She saw it as "blood money" and tried to get rid of it.

"I tried to run," she said. And Bagosy ran, using the money to travel back and forth across the United States, flying from North Carolina to Florida, Texas, Nevada and California. Staying in one place too long made her feel anxious, and so anytime she could get away, she would.

Soon after Bagosy unpacked her bags for the last time, she began to grieve another life. It was a relationship, she said, that was fueled in part by some of the final words uttered by her husband the day before he took his life.

"It's time for me to step back and let another man take over my family," Bagosy recounted her husband saying.

The relationship quickly soured when she realized that the man she was dating was interested only in her survivor benefits, something that widows say is a common occurrence.

Eventually, Bagosy concluded that the relationship was not what would allow her to move on.

"I finally realized that finding that man that my husband spoke about was not going to be what fixed my family," Bagosy said. "I'm the only one who can heal my family, and after four years, that's what I've done." Bagosy now receives about



TAMI CHAPPELL/For The Washington Post

**Katie Bagosy, widow of Marine Sgt. Thomas Bagosy, has struggled with navigating through survivors benefits.**

\$1,500 a month and has used the benefits to keep herself afloat and her kids in school. She said that she is "grateful for everything" but also that she realizes the benefits might not last forever.

In the early months after her husband's death, she realized that if she met a man she loved, marrying him would mean losing her benefits.

Under federal law, only surviving spouses who remarry after the age of 57 retain their annuities.

"I saw it as unfair and a slap in the face," Bagosy said.

With time, Bagosy said, she has come to terms with what remarriage would mean. But she and other survivors remain dogged by another rule, what they have come to call the "Widow's Tax."

The Widow's Tax is the offset created by two benefits that cancel each other out when they are paid simultaneously to a surviving spouse. One is a survivor benefit that works much like a pension and is overseen by the Department of Defense. The other is a payment provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to survivors of troops who died during their time in service.

The law stipulates that for each dollar paid out for one benefit, the other benefit be reduced by a dollar — to avoid "double-dipping." But in the case of many survivors whose spouses joined the military after Sept. 11, 2001, the result is that payments are sharply

reduced.

One widow, who spoke on condition of anonymity because she is still in the military, said she receives only \$14 a month after the two benefits cancel each other out.

"What was I supposed to do? 'It was tough to wrap my head around that was what my husband's life was worth.'"

Bagosy, whose children were 4 and 2 when her husband died, had the option of splitting her benefits — she would receive one while her children would receive the other.

She chose to divide the two annuities. It was a lifelong decision she had to make mere days after her husband died.

"You're being asked to make this decision in the middle of one of the most difficult times of our lives," Bagosy said. "We don't even care about the money at that point. All we care about is that we're never going to see our husband again."

Bagosy's choice to transfer some of her benefits to her kids would mean that the benefit given to her children would be taxable under federal and state law. The decision was an obvious one, for if she hadn't divided the two, she would have been subject to the Widow's Tax.

"The fact that our kids get taxed is insane to me," Bagosy said. "It's insane."

In the months after Bagosy's husband's death, a friend told her to look at the blog of another widow whose husband had died two months earlier.

The blog, A Little Pink in a World of Carno, is run by Rachel Porto, whose husband, Marine Cpl. Jon Porto, died when his armored vehicle rolled over into a canal in Marjah, Afghanistan, on March 14, 2010.

Because both women still lived in Camp Lejeune, Bagosy reached out and set up a lunch date, eventually meeting up with Porto and her daughter Ariana, then 6 months old, at a Red Robin diner off-base. The two quickly became close.

"My memory from the first year after Jonny died is pretty much gone," Porto said. "But I'll always remember meeting Katie."

Like Bagosy, Porto was awash in a mess of paperwork in the weeks that followed her husband's death, eventually deciding to split her two benefits between her and her daughter. She would receive the one while her 2-month-old would receive the taxable other.

"My daughter ended up owing hundreds of dollars in taxes," Porto said. "And the thing is, no one knows how to do taxes for us."

In April 2013, Porto and 3-year-old Ariana went to the H&R Block in their local Wal-Mart to file their returns.

"The lady cried," Porto said. "I

handed her my paperwork, and she looked down and just started crying.

"Tax time is our nightmare" Porto added. "Widows hate it."

To deal with the confusion surrounding their benefits, surviving spouses have set up Facebook groups that allow those spread across the country to help make sense of what they're owed and learn about what some are trying to do to abolish the Widow's Tax.

In one Facebook group, Porto pointed out a post detailing H.R. 32 and S. 734, two pieces of legislation that would eliminate the Widow's Tax. Most widows are pessimistic about the chances of either bill passing.

"Every year we get these bills and rack up these sponsors. ... We thought this would be resolved by now," said Suzanne Gerstner, of Gold Star Wives of America, a nationally recognized group of war widows.

"But unless Congress makes this a priority and quits putting us at the back of the line, it's not going to happen."

Until then, widows like Bagosy and Porto leaf through their dog-eared binders with "the days ahead" scrawled on the side, attempting to make their way through what seems like an endless bureaucratic maze.

"It's like they want us to stay in our little, sad bubbles," Porto said. "We're young and we're supposed to be sad forever?"

MIDEAST

# Afghan candidate rejects joint-governing plan

By Pamela Constable  
The Washington Post

KABUL, Afghanistan—Ashraf Ghani, one of two candidates competing to become Afghanistan's president, said Tuesday that the deadline to finish a vote recount is slipping and that a U.S.-brokered agreement for the rivals to form a joint government afterward does not mean the winner will fully share power with the loser.

Speaking to foreign journalists at his fortified compound in the capital, Ghani appeared to be trying to tamp down a surge of discontent among his supporters and allies, many of whom are reportedly upset that he agreed under U.S. pressure to a full recount of ballots from the troubled presidential runoff in June and the formation of a "unity" government with his rival.

On Friday, Ghani restated those pledges during a visit by Secretary of State John Kerry. But on Tuesday, he sought to clarify that he has not agreed to a power-sharing agreement with former Foreign Minister Abdullah Abdullah. Ghani said the winner will appoint the loser "by decree" as a chief executive to serve "at the discretion of the president." Abdullah has demanded more

authority if he loses.

Ghani also said Tuesday that although he "hoped" the audit of 8.1 million votes could be done in time to have the new president attend a NATO summit in early September, no inauguration date has been set because of "technical uncertainties" with the slow-going ballot review. He said both he and Abdullah will attend the summit, considered key to winning new foreign aid for the ailing Afghan economy.

Ghani finished ahead in the runoff but accepted the recount after Abdullah, who came in first in an initial round of voting in April, charged that there had been massive fraud. Ghani was careful Tuesday not to claim victory. But he spoke in a distinctly presidential tone as he laid out a wide-ranging policy agenda for the next government, including banking and anti-corruption initiatives as well as the rights of women and Taliban prisoners. "There will be no honeymoon," said Ghani, 64, a cerebral former finance minister and World Bank official, describing the Afghan economy as being "in deep recession" approaching depression. He said running for president "appeared to me precisely because it was so difficult."

Ghani said he was determined to build a credible government and change the country's "winner-take-all" culture to a cooperative one. Blaming Afghanistan's quarrelsome political elite for

**“The position of chief executive will solely depend on the discretion of the president.”**

Ashraf Ghani  
Afghan presidential candidate

— which seems likely unless close to 1 million votes for him are invalidated — he will be fully in charge. "Dual authority is not possible," he said. "The position of the chief executive will solely depend on the discretion of the president."

Many Afghans are confused about the nature of the unprecedented joint-governing agreement made under pressure from

the United States as the election process was rapidly collapsing. They are also worried about a resurgence of violence among the dominant Pashtun and Tajik ethnic groups, although both candidates pointedly courted strongmen from diverse backgrounds.

After the fraud-marred June 14 runoff, some of Abdullah's ethnic Tajik supporters threatened to take power by force if he was declared the loser. Now, some of Ghani's fellow ethnic Pashtun supporters fear that Abdullah, if he loses, will be given too much power to fill lucrative government posts and will function more like a prime minister. Ghani took pains Tuesday to squelch this notion.

Despite Kerry's prodding and pledges from both men to work together no matter who wins, neither candidate has laid out a detailed vision for how that would work, and both are still forming teams to meet and discuss those issues.

Ghani acknowledged Tuesday that until a clear winner emerges from the vote audit, any discussions between the candidates will be speculative. American and U.N. officials have urged them to start working out a governing plan before the audit is done and a new president takes office.

The audit, suspended three times amid partisan disputes, has resumed slowly over the past week. Each day, about 700 boxes on average have been counted. By Monday, election officials reported that 5,867 boxes — about 26 percent of the total — had been audited.

U.S. and U.N. officials want the ballot recount to be both thorough and speedy, in the hope that it will end the nation's power vacuum, help cement a new security pact with the United States and help Afghanistan obtain new aid from NATO countries.

But the audit, while gathering some speed, is still plagued by time-consuming disputes. At one recount table this week, where a box from pro-Abdullah Herat province was being discussed, a monitor from Ghani's side kept saying that all the check marks for Abdullah were similar. A long argument broke out, piles of ballots were sorted and resorted, and no one could agree on how many varieties of "similar" check marks existed.

"You need to have patience. You need to give me time," said a U.N. official assisting the audit, trying to quiet the cacophony as he went through yet another pile. "We all want to get this done, but we have to do it right."



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MILITARY

# Reunions joyful as Tango returns

BY JENNIFER HLAD  
Stars and Stripes

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. — First Lt. Caleb Peterson got back just in time.

The Marine returned home from a seven-month deployment in Afghanistan an hour before doctors were scheduled to induce labor for his wife, who was pregnant with the couple's third son. The baby was due Monday, Peterson said, but "he waited on me."

Peterson was one of about 75 Marines with Tango Battery, 5th Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment, who returned from Helmand province in Afghanistan early Wednesday morning. Wives, girlfriends and parents gathered outside the barracks under bright lights as early as 3 a.m., while red, white and blue-clad children chased



More than 70 Marines with Tango Battery, 5th Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment are back from a seven-month deployment to Afghanistan. Among them is Cpl. Nickolas Collins, near left, who met his 6-month-old son, Karson, early Wednesday at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

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Stars and Stripes

each other in a basketball court flanked with state flags.

More than a dozen people held hand-made signs welcoming their loved ones home; one on a stroller read, "I've waited my whole life to meet you." Annette Collins stood near the stroller with her 6-month-old son, Karson. The deployment was Cpl. Nickolas Collins' first, and he called it "an experience."

Capt. Mike Wish, the battery's executive officer, said the unit — made up of a cannon platoon and a high-mobility artillery rocket system platoon — provided general fire support for Regional Command Southwest, headquartered at Camp Leatherneck. Tango Battery is part of I Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward), which took command of RC-SW in early February. I MEF (Forward) is expected to be the

last major Marine command to deploy to Afghanistan.

Peterson, the fire directions officer for the cannon platoon, said that platoon was stationed at Camp Bastion, the British camp co-located with Camp Leatherneck. The cannon Marines worked closely with the British troops and provided fire support for American, British and Georgian infantry troops, he said.

"We shot just about every night," supporting the troops on the ground, Peterson said.

Other Marines said they were disappointed they didn't get to fire more artillery.

Cpls. Matthew Crockett and Jeff Lilley, with the HIMARS platoon, said the Marines didn't shoot as much as they had hoped.

"I guess they didn't need us as much,

which is a good thing," said Lilley, who had previously deployed to Helmand province.

Wish said there were "no major security issues" while the battery was in Helmand, and that they did not fire artillery as frequently as when he was deployed there with a similar unit in 2012.

The operational tempo was slower paced in part because the focus is to make sure the Afghans are taking over the security role in the area, Wish said.

The Marines are keeping their eyes on the future: Sierra Battery, which replaced Tango Battery, will bring the artillery equipment home when they return to California at the end of the year with the rest of I MEF (Forward).

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## MILITARY



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**Army Pfc. Lawrence Gordon's procession makes its way through Viroqua, Wis., followed by family, supporters and veterans. Gordon was to be laid to rest Wednesday in his native Canada on the 70th anniversary of his death in France during World War II.**

# US soldier killed in WWII finally being laid to rest

By **MATTHEW M. BURKE**  
Stars and Stripes

The remains of a U.S. World War II soldier, identified by French scientists earlier this year, were to be interred Wednesday on the 70th anniversary of his death.

Army Pfc. Lawrence Gordon was one of two soldiers killed on Aug. 13, 1944, when his M5 armored car was struck by a German anti-tank shell near Carrouges, France. His remains were first interred in an American cemetery as "unknown," despite the fact that his bloody wallet was sent home to his family and the man killed next to him was identified.

The remains were reburied seven months later as an unknown in a German cemetery in France because the body was found with German clothing or equipment.

Despite years of research and evidence compiled by an amateur research team that the remains actually belonged to the U.S. soldier, accounting officials at the Joint Prisoners of War, Missing in Action Accounting Command decided against exhuming and testing the remains last year. Gordon was positively identified Feb. 13 by France's national crime laboratory with the support of German authorities.

Gordon was expected to be laid to rest Wednesday next to family members at 1 p.m., the approximate time he was killed. His grave lies on a hillside overlooking a river and the town where he lived before the war.

According to his nephew, Lawrence, of Alberta, Canada, the remains were escorted through five U.S. states and over the border by U.S. law enforcement and the Patriot Guard before arriving in his hometown of Eastend, Saskatchewan, Canada, this week. "It feels pretty darn good,"



**Gordon's remains were identified by French and German authorities earlier this year after U.S. officials declined to pursue a identification.**

Lawrence Gordon said Tuesday of the burial. "I am a happy man right now."

According to the family, the U.S. military declined to provide an escort.

Emails from Army officials to Gordon provided to Stars and Stripes said the escort was not approved because the most direct route wasn't being taken to the burial site. Gordon said they wanted to pass through Casper, Wyo., where the Canadian citizen worked on a ranch until he enlisted less than a month after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

"Not having an escort 'doesn't really sit well with me,'" Gordon said. "My uncle made the ultimate sacrifice... I guess it's fitting we'll bring him home on our own."

The younger Gordon said he has a "bad taste in his mouth" about the case's handling, but he thanked the American people for

their outpouring of support as his uncle's body made the final journey home.

Officials from the Defense Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Office have said they are investigating the handling of the case as the agency undergoes a much-publicized reorganization following a series of high-profile scandals involving the nation's accounting community over the past two years. Army officials referred inquiries to the DPMO, which did not immediately respond to a request seeking comment.

The research team behind the identification of Gordon's remains began its work in 2011. While producing a documentary film about his grandfather, filmmaker Jed Henry discovered that a single member of Staff Sgt. David Henry's 199-member Reconnnaissance Company never made it home.

He began poring over records with a team of French and American researchers. They built a strong case, but that wasn't enough for defense accounting officials, who denied a request to exhume the remains and perform a DNA test. However, the family was able to convince French and German authorities.

"Thank God he was in a German cemetery," Henry said Tuesday, still en route to Eastend. "If he was in an American one, there is no chance in hell he'd be home right now getting buried. He'd still be an unknown."

Before the recent reorganization ordered by Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel, JPAC averaged more than \$1 million of annual budget per identification. To identify Gordon, Henry's team spent about \$25,000 total, mostly on travel costs.

The private nuclear DNA test that confirmed his identity cost about \$1,000, Henry said.

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# Riverine squadron commander relieved

Stars and Stripes

The commanding officer of Coastal Riverine Squadron 3 was removed Tuesday following an investigation into "several personnel issues and actions," according to a Navy statement.

Cmdr. Joseph Fauth was relieved by Rear Adm. Frank Morneau, head of the Navy Expeditionary Command, "due to a loss of confidence in his ability to command," the statement said.

Loss of confidence in command is a critical reason generally used in official statements when commanders are relieved. Morneau made the decision based on concerns for sailor welfare and safety, according to the statement.

Cmdr. Michael Dillender, chief

staff officer for Coastal Riverine Group 2, has assumed interim command of the squadron.

Following a relief, a former commander is generally reassigned to a headquarters position — unless court-martialed — which is rare for a relieved officer — the former commander either files retirement papers, or faces a "show-cause" board of officers who determine whether the former commander should remain in the service.

The San Diego-based Coastal Riverine Squadron 3 operates in nearshore waters and rivers and also conducts harbor defense missions along with other security tasks.

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# Ramstein airman won't face death penalty in AFN murder

By **JOHN VANDIVER**  
Stars and Stripes

The Air Force will not pursue the death penalty in the case against an airman accused of murdering an AFN broadcaster, paving the way for German authorities to release evidence they were withholding because the German constitution bans cooperation in cases that could result in a death sentence.

Ramstein-based Staff Sgt. Sean M. Oliver was charged in March with murder in the strangulation death of Petty Officer 2nd Class Dmitry Chepovs, a broadcaster assigned to American Forces Network in Kaiserslautern. German police stopped Oliver on Dec. 14 in Kaiserslautern for driving erratically and found Chepovs' lifeless body in the passenger seat of Oliver's car.

Oliver was also assigned to AFN at the time of Chepovs' death.

When Oliver stands trial in January, he will face a maximum penalty of life without parole, the 86th Airfield Wing public affairs office said Wednesday.

German authorities have been withholding physical evidence from military prosecutors, including the victim's throat, amid concerns that the U.S. would pursue the death penalty, which was abolished in Germany in 1949. German authorities said they are prohibited by law from cooperating in cases that may lead to a death penalty.

Lt. Gen. Darryl L. Roberson, the convening authority in the case, referred the matter on Friday as a noncapital case based on the evidence and advice from the Staff Judge Advocate. When asked whether military investigators have received the withheld evidence from the Germans, 86th Air Wing officials referred questions to German authorities.

Do Gehring, Kaiserslautern's legal prosecutor, wasn't immediately aware of the Air Force rul-

ing but said if the death penalty is off the table, his office stands ready to cooperate.

"We certainly will give legal assistance to the American authorities," Gehring said.

Although German authorities, who did the initial autopsy, cooperated at the start with U.S. military investigators, they withheld the throat and other evidence when they turned Chepovs' body over to U.S. authorities amid concerns it would be a death penalty case.

Initially, the Americans had provided assurances that it would be a noncapital case, but U.S. officials later said Oliver could face execution, German officials said. That prompted the Germans to hold back some of the physical evidence.

In reality, however, application of the death penalty against military members is exceedingly rare.

No military member has been executed since 1961, when Army Pvt. John Bennett was hanged for raping an 11-year-old Austrian girl seven years earlier and attempting to drown her. Andrew Witt, convicted of killing a fellow airman and his wife at Warner Robins Air Force Base in Georgia in 2004, is the only airman on death row at Fort Leavenworth's prison.

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# MILITARY

## Family of Marine jailed in Mexico fights for his freedom

By **MIKE CLARY**  
(Fort Lauderdale, Fla.) *Sun Sentinel*

WESTON, Fla. — Surviving a roadside bomb and two concussions while serving two combat tours in Afghanistan are not the biggest challenges that Marine Corps Sgt. Andrew Tahmooressi has faced.

“He would say that being in a Mexican prison is his most torturous experience,” Jill Tahmooressi said of her 25-year-old son. “He is highly despondent. He is anxious. And he doesn’t believe he should be in jail another day.”

As for his parents, Jill and Khosrow “Paul” Tahmooressi, “It’s like living on the edge of panic, all the time,” she said. “Nothing is certain.”

More than four months ago, the Marine reservist from Weston was arrested after Mexican customs agents found a rifle, shotgun, pistol and about 500 rounds of ammunition in his pickup after he crossed the border at San Ysidro, Calif. Under the Mexican justice system, the evidentiary hearings now going on could take months,

according to Tijuana-based lawyer Fernando Benitez, who is now representing Tahmooressi. If convicted of having unlicensed weapons and ammunition in Mexico, he could face up to 21 years in prison.

“Am I prepared for that? Absolutely not,” said Jill Tahmooressi. Andrew Tahmooressi said he became confused after pulling out of a parking lot, took a wrong turn onto a freeway, and couldn’t turn back. He said he had no intention of entering Mexico, knew the weapons were illegal there, and immediately told Mexican authorities he had them.

He is being held at El Hongo State Penitentiary outside Tecate in a one-man cell. He receives regular visits from U.S. officials and can make collect phone calls home.

Thanks largely to the efforts of Jill Tahmooressi, a nurse, the plight of her son has received national attention. A petition to the White House has more than 133,000 signatures, and he has received visits in jail from two members of Congress.



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**Jill Tahmooressi's son, Marine Sgt. Andrew Tahmooressi, was arrested in Mexico more than four months ago.**

## Manning still waiting for gender treatment

The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Convicted national security leaker Chelsea Manning isn’t receiving medical treatment for her gender identity condition as previously approved by Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel, the American Civil Liberties Union and Manning’s attorney said Tuesday.

The ACLU and Manning’s civilian attorney, David E. Coombs, on Tuesday notified the U.S. Disciplinary Barracks in Fort Leavenworth and several Defense Department officials, including Hagel, that a lawsuit will be filed if military officials do not confirm by Sept. 4 that the treatment will be provided for Manning.

Manning is serving a 35-year sentence at Fort Leavenworth for sending classified documents to the WikiLeaks website. Manning, who changed her name from Bradley after her conviction, has been diagnosed with gender

dysphoria, the sense of being a woman in a man’s body.

Manning sought evaluation and treatment after she was sent to the Fort Leavenworth prison in September 2013. She is asking for hormone therapy and to be able to live as a woman.

“The continued failure to provide Ms. Manning with this treatment is inconsistent with well-established medical protocols and basic constitutional principles,” Chase Strangio, attorney for the ACLU’s Lesbian Gay Bisexual and Transgender Project, said in a statement.

Strangio said refusing to treat Manning is “cruel and unusual punishment” and contended the Army is withholding treatment for political reasons.

Calls to the U.S. Army and the military prison in Fort Leavenworth were not immediately returned.

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# CRISIS IN IRAQ

# In Iraq, Syrian Kurds help US repel radicals

By Mitchell Prothero

McClatchy-Tribune News Service

GWER, Iraq — Victory, they say, has many fathers, and as Kurdish peshmerga militia pushed Islamic State forces from a string of towns near Irbil on Sunday and Monday, it was easy to cite two: accurate airstrikes by U.S. aircraft that eliminated artillery positions and convoys and timely deliveries of light arms and ammunition from the CIA.

But a third may have been just as important, though less publicized: the addition of hundreds of fighters from a Turkish group designated by the U.S. government as a terrorist organization.

Visits to front-line positions Monday made it clear that an influx of fighters with links to the Kurdish Workers Party, known by its Kurdish initials PKK, had played a major role in driving the Islamic State from key areas within a 30-minute drive of Irbil, the capital of Iraq's Kurdistan Regional Government. It was Irbil's possible fall last week that prompted the Obama administration to act on Iraq.

"The PKK took Mahmour," a peshmerga fighter at a checkpoint outside Mahmour said, shaking his head in admiration. Then, using the Arabic acronym for the Islamic State, he offered an explanation: "They're very experienced from fighting Daash in Syria and are true guerrilla fighters from their time in Turkey. They have more experience and training than we do."

There was plenty of gratitude for the U.S. intervention, which since Friday has included at least seven announced airstrikes on Islamic State targets near Irbil.

"The strikes came at the last second but, thank God, they came," said one Kurdish defense official at Kalak, where the peshmerga has set up a defense line that, compared with last week's ragged look, had developed a formidable array of machine guns mounted on pickup trucks



HALID MOHAMMED/AP

Syrian Kurdish peshmerga fighters take a sick Iraqi Yazidi woman to the clinic at Nowruz camp in Derik, Syria, on Tuesday. While the U.S. and Iraqi militaries dropped food and water to the starving members of Iraq's Yazidi minority, the Syrian Kurds took it on themselves to rescue them.

with ample supplies of light ammunition.

A U.S. Department of Defense official confirmed that a series of covert supply missions by the CIA using Iraqi-flagged aircraft had delivered much-needed ammunition and weapons to Irbil at the height of the crisis. Public statements by administration officials indicate that more aid could be in the pipeline.

Kurdish officials have been told, however, not to expect the heavier weapons they need to defeat the better-armed Islamic State, particularly U.S.-supplied armored vehicles like Humvees, which the extremists plundered from the Iraqi army. The issue, said one official, is that the Obama administration still recognizes the government in Baghdad as the only legitimate recipient of government-to-government aid.

"Light weapons aren't going to cut it," said a Kurdish official, who requested anonymity because of the sensitivity of the issue. "You can't pierce armored Humvees with light ammunition. That's not what we're looking for."

That made the introduction of Kurdish fighters from Syria and Turkey that much more important to the peshmerga's recent

victories.

Kurdish officials are reluctant to discuss the presence of hundreds of PKK fighters and would confirm only that some of the units were from "our Kurdish brothers in the self-defense forces from Syria."

But the fighters made no effort to hide themselves Monday in and around Mahmour, and their presence was also confirmed at Gwer.

The entry of PKK forces into the fighting in northern Iraq, particularly so close to Irbil, which the Obama administration has declared particularly sensitive because of the large American consulate and the joint operations center based there, could prove somewhat embarrassing.

The PKK has been operating under the designation "Local Self Defense Forces," or YPG

in Kurdish, in northern Syria in intense battles with the Islamic State for control of key areas along the Turkish border. The YPG designation, according to PKK members, was designed to at least superficially obscure the role of the PKK, which has been designated by the United States, the European Union and Turkey as a terrorist group. Iraq, Turkey and the United States, however, appear to have accepted the need to allow one terrorist group — the PKK — to combat a much worse designated group, the Islamic State.

According to one PKK commander currently in Irbil, the PKK forces arrived Friday and at first took up defensive positions to help protect the capital, including in Irbil's largest open space, Sami Rahman Park, in plain view of the city with their distinctive uniforms and female fighters, something the peshmerga does not have.

"We first based in the park," said the commander, who asked to be called Ali. "But it was not a good situation to be so visible in the center of town. And once the Americans began bombing, we were asked to move out on the offensive to retake Mahmour."

"There are tensions between our party and [Kurdish President Massoud] Barzani over his close relationship with Turkey, but we have set these aside to face the Daash threat together."

As for the irony of being considered terrorists by the United States even as they play a critical role in protecting U.S. assets in Irbil from other radicals, Ali laughed.

"It's a special situation, and everyone is smart enough to know we're not like Daash," he said. "We only fight for a Kurdish homeland and freedom for our people. We're not like these animals."

"Our designation is only politics now."

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Ali

a PKK commander in Irbil, Iraq

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## CRISIS IN IRAQ

# Obama considers action on refugees

By JULIE PACE

The Associated Press

EDGEMONT, Mass. — President Barack Obama is considering a range of military options, including airlifts and creating safe passages, for rescuing thousands of Iraqi refugees trapped on a mountain, and is expected to make a decision in days, the White House said Wednesday.

Deputy national security adviser Ben Rhodes said that while the U.S. has been delivering food and water to the refugees, it was unsustainable to let the refugees remain on the mountain.

“There needs to be a lasting solution that gets that population to a safe space where they can receive more permanent assistance,” Rhodes told reporters traveling with the president during his vacation on the Massachusetts island of Martha’s Vineyard.

The Pentagon sent 129 U.S.

### US troops in Iraq

A breakdown of the nearly 1,000 U.S. military personnel in Iraq to date, by function and number, according to the Pentagon:

- Security forces: 458 in Baghdad
- Assessment and advising in Irbil and Baghdad: 277
- Humanitarian assistance in Irbil: 129
- Office of Security Cooperation, as part of U.S. Embassy in Baghdad: 100
- Total: 964

From The Associated Press

troops to Iraq on Tuesday to assess the scope of the humanitarian crisis and the options for getting them safely off the mountain. Rhodes said that given the urgency of the situation, Obama was expected to receive their

final recommendations quickly and make a final decision within days.

Thousands of Iraqi religious minorities sought refuge on Sinjar Mountain after militants from the Islamic State group swept through their village in northern Iraq.

In addition to the humanitarian aid drops, the U.S. has conducted airstrikes against Islamic State targets, both to protect American personnel in the region and to stop the militants from moving on the civilians again.

Obama has ruled out sending combat troops back into Iraq more than 2½ years after the last U.S. troops withdrew from a war in which nearly 4,500 Americans died.

A U.S. military-led rescue mission on Sinjar Mountain would almost certainly put American troops in harm’s way.

But Rhodes insisted that their

mission would be strictly a humanitarian rescue and would not constitute a return to combat.

“We don’t believe that involves U.S. troops re-entering a combat role in Iraq,” he said. “It involves frankly a very difficult logistical challenge of moving folks who are in danger on that mountain into a safer position.”

Rhodes suggested the U.S. would undertake a rescue mission with help from allies, including Kurdish forces that are receiving arms from the U.S., and the British.

The British military has joined the U.S. in delivering supplies to the mountain in recent days.

The White House has not said specifically how many people they believe to be on the moun-

tain, though estimates range in the tens of thousands.

Rhodes said several thousand have escaped, but the U.S. is seeking a more firm estimate from the assessment team now on the ground.

The assessment team joins 90 U.S. military advisers already in Baghdad and 160 in a pair of operations centers — one in Irbil, capital of the largely autonomous Iraqi Kurdish region, and one in Baghdad, the central government’s capital — working with Iraqi security forces.

They were in addition to about 455 U.S. security forces and 100 military personnel working in the Office of Security Cooperation in the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad.

## Could Marines be called on to evacuate Yazidis?

By DAN LAMOTHE

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Pentagon officials said Tuesday night that the additional 130 U.S. troops the United States has sent to Iraq to assess options to help in the on-going humanitarian crisis in the northern part of the country includes both Marines and Special Operations troops. On Wednesday, we may have learned why; U.S. officials may be weighing the aerial evacuation of thousands of displaced Yazidis, a religious minority in Iraq who have been trapped on Mount Sinjar for days.

The Yazidis fled to the mountain to avoid the threat of violence posed by militants with the Islamic State, which has swept across the region. Officials said the mission would use V-22 Ospreys — an aircraft that only Marines and Special Operations troops deploy.

Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel told Marines and sailors in an appearance at Camp Pendleton, Calif., on Tuesday that “we’re not going back into Iraq in any of the same combat mission dimensions that we once were in.”

Rather, he said, “there are some things we can continue to do, and some we are doing, and I just wanted you to know that.”

A Pentagon official added more context afterward, saying the additional U.S. personnel come “from within the U.S. Central Command region,” which spans the Middle East and includes the Persian Gulf.

The Iraqi military has been evacuating Yazidis from the mountain in recent days while de-

living humanitarian assistance in helicopters.

As “The Washington Post’s Loveday Morris has written, the desperation of those who get on board is obvious. Civilians have been seen in news video recorded on the helicopters crying, hugging and praying as they are pulled from the mountainside, where there is little shelter or supplies and temperatures soar above 100 degrees.

The Ospreys would offer more range and speed than conventional helicopters, given their tiltrotor design.

They are in the region with the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit, of Camp Lejeune, N.C., a naval force that deployed in February as part of the Navy’s Bataan Amphibious Ready Group.

Two of the group’s three ships — the USS Bataan and the USS Gunston Hall — were southeast of Iraq in the Persian Gulf on Friday, Navy officials said. The third ship, the USS Mesa Verde, was farther away in the Red Sea.

Col. Steve Warren, a Pentagon spokesman, said Wednesday that about four Ospreys were used to transport the additional troops, which include about 80 Marines, into Irbil. The aircraft have remained there, along with an unspecified number of other U.S. helicopters. It is the first time the Pentagon has acknowledged deploying aircraft in Irbil and keeping them there.

There are now a total of about 200 U.S. forces in Irbil: the 130 troops who arrived Tuesday, and 70 who were already there in a joint operations center opened in June. Warren declined to comment when asked if the Ospreys

might be used to evacuate the Yazidis, saying only that the aircraft would remain in northern Iraq “until they’re no longer required.”

Evacuating civilians from the mountainside would likely require at least some U.S. troops on the ground, however. A security perimeter for the aircraft to land would be required, and troops would likely be needed at a nearby airfield, perhaps in Irbil, to coordinate the multiple trips it would take. Additional attack helicopters like the AH-1W Super Cobra also would likely escort the Osprey, which can carry about 24 passengers.

The additional deployment of U.S. troops in Iraq this week is in addition to the estimated 775 military personnel who are already “there to protect diplomatic facilities, advise Iraqi forces and perform other work. Many of the latter group are U.S. Special Operations troops, including elite Green Beret commandos in the Irbil area.

As suggested in a Foreign Policy article, U.S. leaders already are making the case to allies to assist in the new military campaign in Iraq. Great Britain has sent a handful of Tornado GR4 fighter jets to the region to conduct reconnaissance missions and C-130s to drop humanitarian aid.

Australia also has offered assistance — Australian Defense Minister David Johnston said Tuesday in a joint appearance with senior U.S. officials that his country would contribute.

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# Clinton hit by right, left on Obama break

## Criticism over policy rebuked

By ANITA KUMAR AND WILLIAM DOUGLAS  
McClatchy Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Hillary Clinton isn't running for president yet, but she's already learning that it's not easy running away from her former boss, even if he's unpopular.

After spending a year and a half praising Barack Obama, the former secretary of state is starting to distance herself from the president. In a blunt interview in The Atlantic, Clinton dismissed Obama's foreign policy as focusing on avoiding mistakes overseas that could lead to military involvement.

"Great nations need organizing principles, and 'Don't do stupid stuff' is not an organizing principle," Clinton told interviewer Jeffrey Goldberg, referring to a phrase Obama has used to describe his resistance to intervention.

Clinton's comments put her strongest to date against Obama, who faces a series of global crises while suffering from low approval ratings, especially on foreign policy.

"This is one smart lady. Nothing happens by coincidence," said Aaron David Miller, a former adviser to Democrats and Republicans at the State Department who now serves as a distinguished scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington. "It's an attempt to differentiate herself from an unpopular president. This is inevitable. You are going to see more of it."

But the interview foreshadows a challenge for Clinton if she does run for president in 2016. How does she differentiate herself from a president without appearing to be disloyal, a flip-flopper or an ineffective secretary of state? And how much did she really differ from Obama?

Clinton called Obama on Tuesday, working to assure him that she was not attacking him, his policies or his leadership.

"Secretary Clinton was proud to serve with President Obama. She was proud to be his partner in the project of restoring American leadership and advancing America's interests and values in a fast-changing world," said Clinton spokesman Nick Merrill.

Merrill acknowledged that Clinton



Former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, seen speaking in Oakland, Calif., on July 23, has drawn criticism for attempts to distance herself from President Barack Obama's policies.

and Obama have had "honest differences" on some issues, including Syria, but he said some people are hyping those disagreements. "Like any two friends who have to deal with the public eye, she looks forward to hugging it out when they see each other" at an event Wednesday night on Martha's Vineyard.

Conflicts between top members of an administration are not new, some laid bare in real time, others revealed later as understudies run for election themselves.

In a sign of the challenges, Clinton's remarks were criticized by the right, which seeks to remind people that she's closely associated with Obama's foreign policy, and the left, which fears she will prove too hawkish.

"Let's be real, she was the Obama foreign policy for four years," said Kirsten Kukowski, a spokeswoman for the Republican National Committee. "And in year five, it's ridiculous to ask Americans to believe that the results we're seeing today aren't a product of Obama-Hillary diplomacy."

From the left, Obama's longtime adviser, David Axelrod responded harshly to Clinton on Twitter. The liberal group MoveOn Political Action said Clinton should think before embracing the same policies that got America into the Iraq War.

But some say that Clinton offers a philosophy on foreign policy that could be appealing to those who think Bush overreached and Obama underreached.

## President has made little effort to cultivate successor

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — While former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton sought to ease tensions with President Barack Obama on Tuesday, their disagreements on foreign policy have highlighted a little-noticed aspect of the president's tenure: He has devoted almost no effort to grooming a successor.

Unlike some other presidents, Obama has not made it a priority to have his ticket mate succeed him, and it's unclear whether Vice President Joe Biden will seek the Democratic nomination in 2016.

That has left an opening for Clinton, who has stepped firmly into the vacuum this summer, asserting herself as the next Democrat in line to lead the country. But in making the case, Clinton has reignited a debate over what the party stands for at a time when her former boss remains in the White House.

"It's almost always a complicated mess, in the best of circumstances," said William Galston, a senior fellow in governance studies at the Brookings Institution.

The issue between Clinton and Obama arose over the weekend, when Clinton drew a sharp distinction between her approach to

international relations and a slogan the president started using this spring to describe his determination to avoid costly errors: "Don't do stupid s—."

Although some Democrats applauded Clinton's critique — "Don't do stupid stuff" is not an organizing principle" — it prompted a backlash from liberals and Obama loyalists such as former senior White House adviser David Axelrod. On Tuesday, Axelrod took direct aim at Clinton for her vote in 2002 to authorize the U.S. invasion of Iraq.

"Just to clarify: 'Don't do stupid stuff' means stuff like occupying Iraq in the first place, which was a tragically bad decision," Axelrod tweeted.

Later, Clinton spokesman Nick Merrill issued a statement saying that the former secretary of state had called the president to discuss the interview and "to make sure he knows that nothing she said was an attempt to attack him, his policies or his leadership."

Obama and Clinton are set to attend a party Wednesday on Martha's Vineyard, Mass., for Ann Jordan, the wife of long-time Democratic adviser Vernon Jordan.

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## NATION

# Answers sought following fatal Mo. police shooting

By ALAN SCHER ZAGIER  
The Associated Press

FERGUSON, Mo. — Nights of unrest have vied with calls for calm in a St. Louis suburb where an unarmed black teenager was killed by police, while the community is still pressing for answers about the weekend shooting.

Hundreds of residents packed two churches Tuesday evening for community meetings about the death of Michael Brown, 18, who was confronted by a Ferguson officer while walking with a friend in the street near his grandmother's home.

People also gathered in the streets Tuesday night, shouting at police. The St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported that police again

fired tear gas into a crowd. One person was injured in a drive-by shooting, although it was not clear if the shooting was related to the protests. The Post-Dispatch also reported that a St. Louis County police officer shot and critically wounded a man who authorities said pulled a handgun on the officer.

The fatal shooting of Brown has exposed deep racial and economic fault lines in the community. At one church gathering



Brown

with dozens of clergy members and elected officials, Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon urged calm "in the face of crisis."

"We stand together tonight, reeling from what feels like an old wound torn open afresh," Nixon said. "A wound that hadn't quite healed right in the first place, and now the pain is just as searing as when the injury first occurred."

The other church rally featured the Rev. Al Sharpton, who earlier in the day pressed police to release the name of the police officer involved — but also pleaded for calm after a night of looting and vandalism and instances of police using tear gas.

Ferguson police initially planned to release the name of



Laurie Scrivan, St. Louis Post-Dispatch/AP

Protesters drop to their knees and put their arms in the air during a rally on Tuesday in Clayton, Mo., for Michael Brown, who was shot and killed by a Ferguson, Mo., police officer Saturday.

the officer, who is on administrative leave, on Tuesday. But they said death threats to its officers prompted them to withhold it. Computer hackers have also targeted the city's website and released details online about individual city employees.

Police have not disclosed the

race of the officer, but witnesses said he was white.

Investigators have released few details about the deadly encounter, saying only that a scuffle unfolded after the officer on a routine patrol asked Brown and another teen to get out of the street on Saturday afternoon.



Christopher Chung, The (Santa Rosa, Calif.) Press Democrat/AP

A firefighter from the Tuolumne-Calaveras Cal Fire unit watches as brush catches fire as a backline is set at the northeast corner of the Lodge Complex Fire, north of Laytonville, Calif., earlier this week.

## Lightning complicates wildfires in West

The Associated Press

GRANTS PASS, Ore. — Oregon Gov. John Kitzhaber has authorized the state fire marshal to send structural firefighters and equipment to help local fire crews battle a new wildfire that is threatening more than 130 homes in southern Oregon's Jackson County.

The Rogue River Drive Fire between Eagle Point and Shady Cove started Monday and has grown to about 300 acres, the governor's office said Tuesday night.

A storm system that moved through the area Tuesday afternoon helped the fire gain momentum and cross containment lines, a Jackson County Sheriff's spokeswoman said.

Elsewhere in Oregon, the Central Oregon Interagency Dispatch Center said 7,000 lightning strikes

blanketed central Oregon on Tuesday. Fire crews responded to 14 new fires but all were tiny.

In Washington, a massive, dramatic dust storm of the type more often associated with the Southwest blew through Eastern Washington and north Idaho on Tuesday evening in advance of thunderstorms, lightning and rain.

The effect on Washington's major wildfires wasn't immediately clear late Tuesday.

Four buildings, including one home, were destroyed in a fire that burned across 10 acres in Mead, north of Spokane, shortly after the thunderstorm moved through, KHQ-TV reported.

Fire officials at the Devil's Elbow Fire complex on northeastern Washington's Colville Indian reservation said that after a week, nearly 800 firefighters had

encircled the 32-square-mile fire with containment lines. They expected their work to be tested by the winds accompanying Tuesday's new thunder and lightning storms.

In northern California, Beaver Fire officials said westerly winds aided firefighters on the fire's western edge Tuesday, slowing its advance. However, the same winds that slowed it in the west prevented fire crews from working on tactical fire operations on the northeast edge. Those operations were delayed in the mountainous area of Siskiyou County, about 15 miles northwest of Yreka.

About 150 rural homes have been evacuated. The fire was 30 percent contained after burning across 45 square miles of the Klamath National Forest north of the Klamath River.

## Report: White House didn't OK '13 immigrant releases

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — More than 2,000 immigrants facing deportation in 2013 were released strictly for budget reasons by immigration agency officials who kept the homeland security secretary in the dark about the plan, according to a federal watchdog's report.

This lack of communication led the Obama administration to wrongly deny for weeks that 2,228 immigrants facing deportation had been released, according to the report Tuesday from the Homeland Security Department's inspector general.

It also said officials at U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement did not adequately plan for the increase in immigrant arrests at the Mexican border and did not track available funds or spending accurately.

Spokeswoman Gillian Christensen said Wednesday that the agency "is committed to addressing the issues identified in the report and has already begun developing plans of action."

Citing internal budget documents, The Associated Press reported on March 1, 2013, that the

administration had released more than 2,000 immigrants in the preceding two weeks and planned to release 3,000 more amid the looming budget cuts.

The White House and the Homeland Security Department disputed the AP's reporting until March 14, when then-ICE director John Morton acknowledged to Congress during a hearing that the agency had released 2,228 people from immigration jails, starting that Feb. 9 for what he described as "solely budgetary reasons."

At the time, Morton told lawmakers that the decision to release the immigrants was not discussed in advance with political appointees, including those in the White House and Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano. He said the pending automatic cuts known as sequestration were "driving in the background."

The inspector general, John Roth, confirmed Morton's explanation, concluding that senior ICE officials did not inform Napolitano or the White House about the implications of the agency's budget shortfall and did not notify Napolitano about their plans to release the immigrants.

## NY area gets summer's worst of rain overnight

NORTH BABYLON, N.Y. — A storm dumped an entire summer's worth of rain on parts of Long Island, stranding drivers in roads flooded with door-handle-high water on Wednesday.

The staggering total, over 13 inches, was recorded from Tuesday evening until Wednesday morning at an airport in the hamlet of Ronkonkoma in Islip. That was more than the area's normal total for June, July and August of 11.75 inches, said Joe Pollina,

of the National Weather Service. More than 5 inches of it fell in just a one-hour period, from 5 to 6 a.m. Wednesday, Pollina said.

The flooding wreaked havoc on the morning commute.

"Many roads are flooded and driving is treacherous," River head officials said in a statement. "There are numerous abandoned vehicles."

Parts of the Southern State Parkway were closed.

"It was up to my waist," said James Piana of Piana's Terrace, who was rescued by firefighters after his truck was swamped.

From The Associated Press

## WORLD

# Palestinians mull proposal for Gaza truce

By MOHAMMED DARAGHMEH  
The Associated Press

CAIRO — Palestinian negotiators were mulling over an Egyptian proposal to end the monthlong Israel-Hamas war as the latest 72-hour cease-fire in the Gaza Strip was due to expire at midnight Wednesday. Since the truce went into effect Sunday, Hamas has halted military operations in the coastal territory and Gaza militants have stopped firing rockets.

The cease-fire was meant to give the two sides time to negotiate a more sustainable truce and a road map for the coastal territory.

A member of the Palestinian delegation to Egyptian-brokered talks in Cairo said Wednesday that his team was considering an Egyptian proposal, which was tabled on Tuesday. Egyptian mediators have been ferrying between the Palestinians and their Israeli counterparts in an attempt to overcome the differences between the sides.

The Egyptian proposal calls for easing parts of the Israeli blockade of Gaza, bringing some relief to the territory, according to Palestinian officials in the talks. But it

leaves the key areas of disagreement, including Hamas' demand for a full lifting of the blockade and Israeli calls for Hamas to disarm, to later negotiations.

The Palestinian negotiator said he had some reservations about the proposal and would try to improve it.

"We would like to see more cross-border freedom, and also to have the question of a Gaza seaport and airport discussed," he said.

On Wednesday, an Associated Press video journalist and a freelance Palestinian translator assisting him were killed in an ordnance explosion while working on an assignment about the aftermath of the recent war in the Gaza Strip.

Simone Camilli and Ali Shehda Abu Afash died when ordnance left over from fighting between Israel and Islamic militants blew up as Gazan police engineers were working to neutralize it in the northern Gaza town of Beit Lahiya.

Police said three police engineers were also killed, while four people, including AP photographer Hatem Moussa, were badly injured.

## Israeli tactic to stop captures criticized

The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — An Israeli military tactic that allows overharming fire to stop the capture of soldiers — even at the risk of killing them — is facing criticism after its use in the Gaza war killed some 100 Palestinians.

The military used the "Hannibal Procedure" after soldiers feared militants had captured an officer, unleashing heavy shelling on the southern Gazatown of Rafah. Now, a group is calling on the military to abandon the practice, saying it puts captured soldiers at unreasonable risk and can lead to civilian deaths.

In an army with a strong ethos of "no soldier left behind," there is a near-obsession with preventing the abduction of Israeli troops, in part because past cases have ended in painful, lopsided prisoner exchanges after years of pro-

tracted negotiations. New recruits learn that if they see a soldier being captured and rushed away in a car, they should shoot at the vehicle to stop its progress, even if it risks the soldier's life.

The "Hannibal Procedure" was designed in the mid-1980s by Yoel Poded, then head of Israel's Northern Command, after Hezbollah guerrillas captured two soldiers in southern Lebanon.

Col. Yaakov Amidror, who recently ended a term as Israel's national security adviser, stood behind a rationale he said was often misinterpreted. He said it gives young soldiers on the ground clear guidelines for such a situation.

"How is it any different than giving a soldier an order to charge forward into live fire?" he said. "You are also putting his life in danger that way. That's what soldiers do."



BULLY MARQUEZ/AP

## Commuter train derails in Philippines

An elevated commuter train wrecked after it overshot its tracks and derailed at the end station Wednesday, injuring dozens at suburban Pasay city, south of Manila, Philippines. Senior Superintendent Florencio Ortila, who heads the Pasay city police, said the train toppled concrete posts, spraying debris and damaging cars in the crowded intersection. Hernando Cabrera, spokesman for the agency that operates the train system, said the train had a "technical problem" and was being pushed by another when it became detached and rolled into the concrete barrier at the final station on the line.

## Pro-Ukraine militiamen killed in ambush on bus

By SERGEI GRITS  
AND YURAS KARMANAU  
The Associated Press

DONETSK, Ukraine — At least 12 militiamen fighting alongside government troops against pro-Russia separatist rebels in eastern Ukraine have been killed in an ambush, a spokesman for their radical nationalist movement said Wednesday.

Artem Skoropatsky said the fighters with the Right Sector volunteer battalion were shot dead while traveling on a bus outside the rebel-held city of Donetsk, which is under siege by government troops.

Many others in the bus were wounded and taken captive, Skoropatsky said, adding that he could not specify the number.

"There is a suspicion that the wounded will be treated very harshly and could be shot," he said.

The Right Sector volunteer battalion does not formally operate within the government armed forces but coordinates its activities with the security services and the Defense Ministry.

Right Sector played a marginal

role in the street uprising that culminated in the overthrow of President Viktor Yanukovich in February. Its far-right affiliations have made it a target of substantial lurid reporting in Russia state media, which has sought to cast the leadership that took over from Yanukovich as an extremist cabal.

Andriy Lysenko, a spokesman for Ukraine's National Security and Defense Council, said Wednesday that 11 servicemen were killed in the previous day's fighting, but he could not immediately specify whether that figure included the Right Sector militiamen.

Inside Donetsk, at least three people were killed overnight Tuesday as the government intensifies its shelling campaign.

Also Wednesday, U.N.'s human rights office said the number of people who have been killed in eastern Ukraine appears to have doubled in the last two weeks.

A spokeswoman for the office, Cecile Pouilly, said the U.N.'s "very conservative" estimates show the death toll has risen to at least 2,086 people as of Aug. 10 from 1,129 on July 26.

## Sierra Leone reports another leading doctor succumbs to Ebola

The Associated Press

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone — A leading physician in Sierra Leone's fight against Ebola has died from the disease, an official said Wednesday, as it emerged that another top doctor had been considered to receive an experimental drug but did not get it and later died.

Ebola has killed more than

1,000 people in the current West African outbreak that has also hit Guinea, Liberia and Nigeria. Many of the dead are health workers, who are often working with inadequate supplies and protection. But despite the large number of deaths and infections among Africans, only two Americans and a Spaniard have received ZMapp, the unproven and experimental anti-Ebola drug

made in the United States. That has stoked debate about ethics on who should be given the limited experimental treatment.

Doctors considered giving ZMapp to Sheikh Humair Khan, the chief doctor treating Ebola in Sierra Leone who had come down with the dreaded disease, but eventually decided against it, officials at the World Health Organization said in an email to The

Associated Press on Wednesday. Doses of ZMapp for two Liberian doctors could arrive as soon as Wednesday in Liberia, according to Liberian Health Minister Walter Gwengiea. They would be the first Africans known to receive the treatment.

Meanwhile, yet another doctor in Sierra Leone, Modupeh Cole, died on Wednesday, according to Sidie Yayah Tunis, director of

communications for the Ministry of Health and Sanitation. Cole, trained in the U.S., was one of the top doctors working in the Ebola isolation ward in Connaught Hospital in Freetown, the capital.

He tested positive for the disease last week and was transferred to the eastern district of Kailahun, where Doctors Without Borders is running a treatment center.

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NATION

# Fitness camp for canines a breed apart

Gym for dogs is latest outlet for owners seeking to indulge their pets

By STEVE HENDRIX  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A dog's life used to be easier: Take a six-hour nap, terrify a squirrel, have a little can of something for dinner.

But these days, a dog needs a day planner, what with the yappy hours, the dog-park play dates and now — yes, it's come to this — working out down at the dog gym.

Ruby was three minutes into her regimen at Frolick Dogs Canine Sports Club in Alexandria, Va., pumping her little beagle legs along the treadmill at 2.5 miles an hour, her nose in endless pursuit of the treat held just out of reach by her personal trainer, Kim Gilliam.

In a region filled with dog parks, doggy day care, dog walkers, dog-biscuit bakeries and rooftop dog-washing stations, the canine industrial complex has produced another indulgence: Fido fitness. Frolick bills itself as the Washington area's first sports club for pets. For \$50 a month, dogs get unlimited access to an air-conditioned, 6,000-square-foot facility boasting two treadmills, balance balls (for that important core), cross-training and an agility course of hurdles, tunnels and bounce beams.

Crazy? Like a foxhound, Frolick's owners think they've hit on yet another way to add to the \$56 billion Americans spent on their pets last year — an outlet that has almost doubled in the past decade and never stopped growing even during the economic downturn, according to the American Pet Products Association.

"It's grown even faster than I thought it would," said Kevin Gilliam, a longtime dog trainer, of the business, which he recently opened with his wife, Kim, in an empty warehouse.

In their first five weeks, there have been sign-ups by dog owners who say summer dog runs are too hot (for dog and owner alike), who want their pooches to shed pounds and who are getting too old to keep up with their still-frisky pets. One customer had recent back surgery, so his Rhodesian Ridgeback now logs miles on the treadmill.

Some of the leggier breeds pant along the rubber belt just for the joy of running, the owners say. But others, like many a new gym member, need motivation. For Ruby, Kim offered the occasional morsel of kibble. It would drop, Ruby would stop to scarf it up and then zoom backward, resuming her trot just a heel pad away from being shot backward like a little hot potato.

"Is that the cutest thing you've



PHOTOS BY AMANDA VOISARD/The Washington Post

Leah Nickelsburg, 12, works with her dog Luna, a 4-year-old Bourbonsais pointer, on the agility course at the Frolick Dogs Canine Sports Club in Alexandria, Va.

ever seen?" said a nearby client whose own dog was perched, quivering, atop a balance ball. A Portuguese Water Dog did reps on the balance beam. A chocolate Lab ran lap after lap behind the purple tennis ball her owner kicked across the floor.

The Lab was Hazel, and her owner said she's much happier getting her exercise inside during the summer.

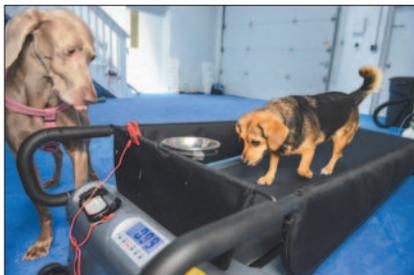
"She's very particular about the heat," said Justin Lang, 36, a work-at-home Alexandria writer. Hazel gets outside about two hours a day, he said, but the dog gym gives her something extra: a greater variety of exercise, social time with other dogs and a solid workout.

"In here, she's good for an hour," Lang said.

The Gilliams know they have the perfect test market for their gym in famously dog-centric Alexandria, a place of dog happy hours, dog masseuses and monthly canine cruises on the Potomac River. The city's mayor was scheduled to be at the gym's official grand opening.

"If it's going to work anywhere, it's going to work here," said Kim, who has an MBA and 10 years in marketing and rattles off statistics about pet spending and Alexandria residents' disposable income with ease.

The pair is riding a cultural shift that has seen the nation's 83 million dogs promoted from possessions to family members in recent decades. Kevin, who grew



Ruby, a beagle-Chihuahua mix, uses the treadmill. Looking on is Sofie, a 4-year-old Weimaraner who is day-boarded at the Frolick Dogs gym.

**Industry observers think that the idea of dog gyms will be embraced all over in a country that gladly spends more than \$300 million a year just on pet Halloween costumes.**

up with dogs in the days when giving them a little bacon grease for a shiny coat was the height of pet pampering, said the idea for the gym came from dog-training customers who told him that they were eager for yet more ways to lavish more time and money on their animals. Many of the dog

million a year just on pet Halloween costumes.

Kit Yarrow, a consumer psychologist who has studied pet-spending patterns, had never heard of a dog gym before. She practically slapped her forehead.

"It'll be huge!" predicted Yarrow, a professor emeritus at Golden Gate University in San Francisco. "Pets are humanized more than ever. Pet products are marketed more and more as if dogs are furry little babies."

Owners are buying it, Yarrow said, because that's just how Americans see their pets. More households don't have children, she noted, and more people live alone. In a world that people see as increasingly rude, polarized and isolated, the ever-faithful dog is seen as a source of emotional support, her consumer surveys show.

"People are grateful for that, and that gratitude is translated into spending more money on them," Yarrow said.

Even the Gilliams, as their four-footed clients burned calories behind them, wondered where the limits of pet spending could be found. Swimming pools for dogs? They have those. A hyperbaric chamber for dogs? There's a local vet with one, Kevin said.

Kim told of an acquaintance who has been developing high-end, hyper-expensive prosthetic legs for dogs.

Kim, the businesswoman, asked, "Who would spend that much money?"

Kevin, the dog gym, answered, "I would."

owners are part of the region's urban renaissance, former suburbanites who worry that their pets don't get enough cardio exercise in the city.

Industry observers think that the idea of dog gyms will be embraced all over in a country that gladly spends more than \$300

## WORLD

## 124 Korean martyrs to be honored by pope

By HYUNG-JIN KIM  
The Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — They died well over a century ago, but the 124 Korean Catholic martyrs who will be honored by Pope Francis this week still have a hold over many of their descendants — even some who learned of their sacrifices only in recent years, or whose families are now Buddhist or Protestant.

It will be a proud moment for them Saturday when Francis beatifies the martyrs, in the last step before canonization, or sainthood. Yet for some, it's also overwhelming to know that someone in their family was willing to die for their faith.

"I was baptized as an infant, and I've been a Catholic for about 50 years, but I've been asking myself whether I could do" what the martyrs did, said Kim Dong Sup, 55, an office worker from a prominent Catholic family that includes 13 martyrs. "What they did was incredible."

Kim has a relic from one of those martyrs: a fingernail-sized piece of spine, mounted on a cross, from Kim Tae-gon, Korea's first Roman Catholic priest. He was beheaded in 1846 at age 25 for attempting to help foreign missionaries enter the country, and his bones were later divided and kept by hundreds of Catholics.

The 124 martyrs perished from 1791 to 1888. Catholic officials believe that, in all, about 10,000 Korean Catholics were executed by the Joseon Dynasty, which tried to shut the Korean Peninsula off from Western influence. The dynasty's rule ended in 1910, when Japan annexed Korea and began its 35-year colonization.

Today, the South Korean church accounts for more than 10 percent of the country's population of 50 million, and the local church hopes for continued growth. But as in Europe, the church here has been affected by an increasingly secular and materialistic culture and by competition from other faiths.

During his five-day visit, which begins Thursday, Francis is expected to encourage young Catholics to spread the faith and not get caught up in what he often calls a materialistic, "throwaway" culture. It's the first papal visit to South Korea in 25 years.

Kim Tae-gon and more than 100 other martyrs were canonized — meaning they were declared saints — during a 1984 visit by Pope John Paul II, who remained in South Korea in 1989.

Two more of Kim Dong Sup's ancestors are to be beatified this week; both refused to renounce their faith. One died in prison in 1814. The other, who was beheaded in 1816, transferred religious books by hand to distribute to believers and taught Catholicism at his home.



AP photos

Triplet panda cubs rest in an incubator at the Chimelong wildlife park in Guangzhou in south China's Guangdong province on Tuesday. The three rare cubs were born July 25.

## Panda triplets born in China

2-week-old trio is extremely rare

By JULIE MAKINEN  
Los Angeles Times

BEIJING — Among panda-lovers, it doesn't take much to set off pandemonium.

Tuesday was a banner day for admirers of the rare black-and-white mammals as a zoo in southern China announced that one of its charges had given birth to a set of triplets, which the facility billed as the only surviving trio of pandas in the world.

The cubs were born to mother Juxiao in the early morning hours of July 29 at the Chimelong wildlife park in Guangzhou, the capital of Guangdong province, China's state-run media said.

Photos of the pink and sparsely-furred cubs released Tuesday showed the triplets in an incubator, two apparently sleeping but one sitting up. Another photo showed one of the cubs being cradled by Juxiao, whose name translates as "chrysanthemum smile."

Infant pandas have a notoriously high mortality rate, and while Chimelong called the triplets a "miracle," experts said it was too soon for the cubs to be declared out of the woods.

External genitalia does not develop until pandas are several months old, and the cubs were not identified as male or female.

Apparently, they have not been given names yet, either. According to the National Zoo in Washington, which currently hosts a pair of breeding pandas and one cub, it is tradition to name giant panda cubs when they are 100 days old.



Giant panda Juxiao caresses one of her three panda cubs on Sunday at the Chimelong wildlife park.

Pandas are notoriously poor breeders. As few as 1,600 giant pandas remain in central China's mountain forests. About 375 pandas live in zoos and breeding centers around the world.

In China's artificial breeding program, it is common to use sperm from more than one male to artificially inseminate a female to increase the chances of fertilization and viable embryos.

## South Africa mulls moving rhinos to halt poachers

By PAUL BURKHARDT  
Bloomberg News

PRETORIA, South Africa — South Africa's Cabinet has approved the relocation of rhinos from the country's Kruger National Park to secret sites both within the country and across its borders to combat a surge in poaching.

Discussions with Botswana and Zambia have started, Edna Molewa, the country's minister of environmental affairs, told reporters in Pretoria, the South African capital, Tuesday.

South Africa, home to most of the world's rhinos, is struggling to protect its pachyderms against poachers, many of whom stream across the border between Mozambique and Kruger armed with automatic rifles and night sights. So far this year 638 rhinos have been poached in South Africa, almost two thirds of those in Kruger, compared with a record 1,004 in all of last year.

"South Africa also recognizes international opportunities for establishing rhino strongholds in neighboring countries," Molewa said.

Poaching has surged in South African game reserves and private game ranches and beyond as demand for the animals' horns climbs in Asian nations including China and Vietnam because of a false belief that it can cure diseases including cancer.

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In addition to protecting the animals from poachers, relocations can boost populations as some are moved from areas where there are too many rhinos for the ecosystem to support and birth rates are declining, he said.

"The translocations are the backbone of what South Africans have achieved with rhinos" in conservation, Ferreira said. About 1,500 rhinos were relocated from Kruger between 1997 and 2013, a program that "has contributed significantly" to the growth of the South African population of the animals, Molewa said.

South Africa's government has also taken other steps to protect rhinos including deploying soldiers in Kruger.

New interventions include disrupting crime syndicates, Molewa said, with the number of poachers arrested "considerably" higher this year than in 2013.

Last month, a poacher was sentenced in a court northeast of Johannesburg to 77 years in jail for killing three rhino calves in 2011. Six people were arrested in an operation in the Kruger, South African National Parks, which Molewa said, served in a statement yesterday.

# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## State drops charges in pickup-ramming case

**AK** FAIRBANKS — State prosecutors have dropped criminal charges against a Fort Wainwright man suspected of ramming a pickup truck with his sports car.

The Fairbanks Daily News-Miner reported Luis Jara, 29, may still face prosecution in military court.

Fairbanks police allege that on June 29 Jara deliberately backed his Porsche Boxster into a Ford F-350 near the front gate of Fort Wainwright Army Post.

He was charged with third-degree felony criminal mischief.

Jara's attorney, Gary Stapp, afterward denied that the crash was a road rage incident and said it was an accident. He said state prosecutors dropped the charge in state court so the military could take up the case

## Atlantic City's Revel Casino to close

**NJ** ATLANTIC CITY — Atlantic City's Revel Casino Hotel will shut down next month after failing to find a buyer in bankruptcy court, company officials announced Tuesday, making it the fourth casino to plan to shut down this year as the New Jersey coastal city's gambling market continues to crumble.

The company said it will close its doors on Sept. 10. The move comes two years after the \$2.4 billion casino opened. It has never turned a profit.

Atlantic City started this year with 12 casinos. The Showboat will close on Aug. 31, and Trump Plaza is closing Sept. 16. The Atlantic Club closed in January.

The Revel's closure will mean the loss of more than 3,100 jobs.

## Maserati patrol car raises police suspicions

**MA** BRAINTREE — Police patrol cars are usually Fords or Chryslers, not Maseratis.

So when a Braintree patrolman spotted a Maserati resembling a police cruiser over the weekend, he pulled it over.

Deputy Chief Wayne Foster told The Patriot Ledger the luxury Italian vehicle's body was painted black and white with a police-style shield on the doors, and police-related decals. Foster said the door shield wasn't accompanied by the usual police phrase "Protect and Serve," but rather with "Deceptions punish and ensnare."

The driver told the officer who pulled him over that he was assisting police "because other drivers noticed him and slowed down, thinking it was a police vehicle." The driver was summoned to court to face a charge of impersonating a police officer

## Apple-eating elk captured again

**ID** GARDEN CITY — A young bull elk with a hankering for apples was for the second time sedated and removed from a southwest Idaho city.

Boise police and Idaho Department of Fish and Game cap-



BEN GARVER, THE (PITTSFIELD, MASS.) BERKSHIRE EAGLE/AP

## Dressing the part

Harold Shadowwolf, in the traditional regalia of the dog-soldier, catches up with Tony Moonhawk at the recent Rock, Rattle and Drum Pow Wow in Adams, Mass. The event celebrates Native American traditions from around the Northeast.

tured the elk over the weekend after spotting it eating apples from a tree in a vacant lot.

Officials said they captured the same elk several weeks ago in nearby Garden City and moved it about 25 miles north to Horse-shoe Bend. Officials said this time the elk is being moved to a more remote location.

## City to provide deaf boy an interpreter for soccer

**PA** GREENSBURG — A city has agreed to supply a sign interpreter for a deaf boy to play soccer in order to settle a federal lawsuit.

The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review reported that members of the Greensburg City Council voted 5-0 Monday to pay as much as \$1,600 for the interpreter. According to the agreement, the interpreter will be provided for each and every soccer practice and game up through fall 2016.

The couple filing the lawsuit accused the city of discrimination for not supplying an American Sign Language interpreter for their 8-year-old son during soccer practices and games involving the city recreation department.

## Memorial sign removed after depressing some

**NY** WATER MILL — A street sign memorial-

izing a nun killed in a New York hit-and-run has been removed after local residents called it depressing.

Newsday said Monday that the sign designating "Sister Jackie's Way" in the Hamptons was removed last week.

Sister Jacqueline Walsh died as she walked along the road in Water Mill in 2012. She was attending a retreat at a convent nearby.

Southampton Town Highway Superintendent Alex Gregor installed the \$45 sign last year. Neighbors complained that it was a painful reminder of tragedy.

The town board asked Gregor to remove it, but he refused. Parks employees took it down, but he put it back up.

He says he ultimately removed it because the nuns lamented the controversy.

## Reality show mom sentenced in sex case

**AR** LITTLE ROCK — An Arkansas woman once featured on a reality show about cheerleading has been sentenced to 10 years in prison for having sex with a 13-year-old boy.

The Arkansas Democrat-Gazette reported that Andrea Michelle Cleveger pleaded guilty in Pulaski County Circuit Court to first-degree sexual assault and engaging a child in sexually explicit conduct. The plea agree-

ment requires her to stay away from the boy for at least 20 years. The 34-year-old mother of three must serve 2½ years before she is eligible for parole.

Cleveger and her daughter appeared on the TLC reality show "Cheer Perfection," which chronicled the lives of girls participating in competitive cheerleading at a gym in Sherwood.

## Park worker is killed by horse-drawn wagon

**OH** BERLIN — A horse-drawn wagon ran over an animal park worker in Ohio's Amish country and crashed, killing the worker and injuring nine passengers.

The Holmes County Sheriff's Office said deputies were called to Rolling Ridge Ranch Animal Park in Berlin on Tuesday morning. It said Apple Creek resident Orley Miller was operating the wagon and was pronounced dead at the scene.

Investigators said Miller stopped the wagon to let passengers feed nearby wildlife. They said Miller was leaning on the wagon's safety rail, which broke and caused him to fall backward.

The spooked horses then took off, and the wagon ran over him and struck a tree.

From wire reports

## THE CENSUS



# 10,000

The number of black bears in eastern North Carolina now, a big comeback since 1980 when there were only 2,000. Wildlife officials told The Daily Reflector of Greenville, N.C., that they are considering changes to bear hunting laws because the population is getting so large. One change for this year is to allow hunters to use bait during the November and December seasons. Other changes being considered are increasing the limit of one bear killed per hunter each season. At one time confined to the far eastern part of the state, the bears have now spread west to near Interstate 95.

## FACES

# Authorities: Williams hanged himself

By PAUL ELIAS  
The Associated Press

Robin Williams' personal assistant found the actor, who was struggling with depression, dead in a bedroom of his San Francisco Bay Area home, officials said Tuesday.

Williams' wife likely was home at the time he killed himself, but was unaware, Marin County Sheriff's Lt. Keith Boyd said.

Williams was last seen alive by his wife Sunday night when she went to bed, Boyd said. She woke up the next morning and left, thinking he was still asleep elsewhere in the house.

Shortly after that, Williams' personal assistant came to the home and became concerned when Williams failed to respond to knocks at a

door. The assistant found the 63-year-old actor clothed and dead in a bedroom.

Boyd said all evidence indicates Williams, star of "Good Will Hunting," "Mrs. Doubtfire," "Good Morning, Vietnam" and dozens of other films, committed suicide by hanging himself with a belt. But he said a final ruling will be made once toxicology reports and interviews with witnesses are complete.

The condition of the body indicated Williams had been dead for at least a few hours, Boyd said. Williams also had superficial cuts on his wrist, and a pocketknife was found nearby.

Williams had been seeking treatment for depression, Boyd said. He would not say whether the actor left a suicide note.

"We still have people we want to speak with, so there is some information we're going to withhold," Boyd said. "We're not discussing the note or a note at this point as the investigation is ongoing."

The Oscar-winning actor for years dealt with bouts of substance abuse and depression and referenced his struggles in his comedy routines. Just last month, Williams announced he was returning to a 12-step treatment program. The circumstances of the death do not help explain what motivated him, suicide experts said. Understanding that would require a detailed "psychological autopsy" that includes the review of medical and other records, and interviews with family and friends.



Lauren Bacall, shown here in 1965, died Tuesday in New York. She was 89.

## Sources: Bieber reaches plea deal

Pop singer Justin Bieber will plead guilty to lesser charges over his Jan. 23 arrest in Miami Beach, Fla., in what police initially described as an illegal street race, two people involved in the case told The Associated Press.

The two people said Tuesday that the 20-year-old star would plead guilty to misdemeanor careless driving and resisting arrest without violence charges, rather than the original driving under the influence charge.

Bieber also will agree to take an anger management course and make a \$50,000 charitable donation, in addition to paying court-ordered fines.

The plea agreement does not call for any jail time.

The two people insisted on anonymity because they were not authorized to comment publicly before a Wednesday court hearing. Bieber is not expected to attend the hearing. The Miami Herald first reported the plea deal.

## Other news

■ Celine Dion is postponing her music career to focus on her health, husband and three children. Dion's representative says in a statement Wednesday that the singer is dealing with an illness that caused inflammation in her throat muscles. Her last performance was July 29 in Las Vegas. The 46-year-old is canceling shows at Caesars Palace Coliseum, further notice. She will also scrap a fall tour of Asia.

■ A publicist for Casey Kasem's daughter says the late radio personality's children are working with law enforcement following a report that Kasem's wife is making arrangements to have Kasem's body flown to Europe. Danny Deraney, a publicist for Kasem's daughter, Kerris, told The Associated Press in an email Tuesday that Kasem's children are discussing their next steps with authorities. Kasem, the radio host of "American Top 40," died June 15. TMZ reports that Jean Kasem is trying to have Kasem's body flown to Europe, perhaps Oslo, Norway, from Montreal. A lawyer for Kasem's wife said he had no comment.

From The Associated Press



During the premiere of the third season of "Nashville," Charles Esten, right, with co-stars, from left, Maisey Stella, Eric Close and Lennon Stella, will perform a song he co-wrote with country singer Deana Carter called "I Know How to Love You Now." It's his first co-written tune to appear on the show.

## 'Nashville' to go live in season premiere

By KRISTEN M. HALL  
The Associated Press

Actor Charles Esten has more at stake in the new season of the ABC drama "Nashville" than resolving the cliffhanger that left his character, singer-songwriter Deacon Claybourne, in the midst of a lyrical love triangle.

During the season-three premiere, Esten, who sang in a band and stage productions long before becoming an actor, will perform a song he co-wrote with Grammy-nominated country singer Deana Carter, "I Know How to Love You Now." It's his first co-written tune to appear on the show, but Esten has had plenty of practice after opening with co-star Clare Bowen for country stars Jennifer Nettles and Alan Jackson on a few shows during the summer hiatus.

"I've played some big rooms, but none as big as the whole United States," said Esten in an inter-

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Charles Esten  
star of "Nashville"

view while shooting on location in Nashville. "Nashville" has made a successful side business out of the

music from the show, with four collections of soundtracks that have sold a combined 62,000 copies, according to Nielsen Soundscan.

Lennon Stella, who plays teenager Maddie Conrad, said the live performances are more theater than television. "There's no taking it back," said Stella, who got her start singing cover songs on YouTube with her younger sister Maisey. "I think it's pretty risky, but exciting for the show."

Esten and actor Chris Carmack will perform in the Sept. 24 show live from the show's Bluebird Cafe set. Studio versions of the songs are available on iTunes immediately after the show. "As always, when you perform at the Bluebird, it's generally live anyway, so this is not really different," Esten said, referring to the real Nashville venue that the show duplicated on a soundstage. "It will be as real as it should be."

## Legendary film star Bacall dies

By JAKE COYLE  
The Associated Press

Lauren Bacall was a movie star from almost her first moment on the silver screen.

A fashion model and bit-part New York actress before moving to Hollywood at 19, Bacall achieved immediate fame in 1944 with one scene in her first film, "To Have and Have Not." Legend Humphrey Bogart's hotel room, Bacall — a lanky figure with flowing blond hair and a stunning face — murmured: "You don't have to say anything, and you don't have to do anything. Not a thing. Oh, maybe just whistle. You know how to whistle, don't you, Steve? You just put your lips together and blow."

With that cool, sultry come-on, not only was a star born, but the beginning of a legend, her title burnished over the years with pivotal roles, signature New York wit, and a marriage to Bogart that accounted for one of the most famous Hollywood couples of all time.

Bacall died Tuesday at the age of 89 in New York, according to the managing partner of the Humphrey Bogart Estate, Robert J.F. de Klerk. Bacall's son Stephen Bogart confirmed his mother's death to de Klerk. She was pronounced dead at New York-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center at 5:21 p.m. Tuesday, according to Kathleen Robinson, the hospital's media relations director.

The Academy-Award nominated actress received two Tonys, an honorary Oscar and scores of film and TV roles. But, to her occasional frustration, she was remembered for her years with Bogart and treated more as a star by the film industry than as an actress. Bacall would outlive her husband by more than 50 years, but never outlived their iconic status. They were "Bogie and Bacall" — the hard-boiled couple who could fight and make up with the best of them. She was less than half Bogart's age, yet as wise — and as jaded — as he was. They starred in movies including "Key Largo" and "Dark Passage" together.



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# OPINION

## GOP should back Ryan anti-poverty plan

By JAY AMBROSE  
 McClatchy-Tribune News Service

**H**ere they come, a charging brigade, conservatives who just might win a fresh war on poverty and otherwise help the down and out because of compassion that hardly stands alone. It is accompanied by analytical soundness.

But wait a minute. Did I say conservatives?

You bet. The reference was not to so-called progressives too often regressive in their allegiance to repeatedly tried and still untried. The reference was to such inspired, right-of-center souls as Republican Paul Ryan, the House Budget Committee chairman and besieged striver for fiscal sanity who is now also a proponent of a sagacious, far-ranging plan to shrink impoverishment.

The plan was born of meticulous investigation that included time visiting neighborhoods with Robert Woodson, an outstanding black activist highly successful in rousing the poor to help themselves. His has been a rescuing practicality too often avoided by academicians, self-serving bureaucrats and congresses that impose, and it shows up big time in a Ryan plan that simplifies, localizes and personalizes.

A bold plot line is to put fully funded federal assistance programs in one package that state and local governments could innovatively administer. Advisers would involve themselves closely with recipients,

encouraging work even as financial aid to workers was increased. There would be constant, cautious testing of results so the safety net would stay intact and false starts could be rectified. This nationwide system of trial and error could very well help enlarge self-reliance, lifting large numbers to the middle class. Welfare rolls could very well collapse.

Ryan aims for most else. He is, for instance, seeking educational improvements in the lower grades and more open doors in occupational training and college for the disadvantaged after high school. He would revamp licensing rules inhibiting entrepreneurship. And as a matter that should win wide applause, he wants to address our prison calamity, reducing runaway incarceration rates, instituting meaningful rehabilitation and facilitating more chances for better lives after release.

While some on the left got here first, Ryan is not alone among Republicans in such ambitions. Sen. Rand Paul, of Kentucky, has joined with a Democrat, Sen. Cory Booker, of New Jersey, to sponsor a bill that would approach drug issues more through rehabilitation than prison while also moving to seal records of many non-violent offenders. Republican Gov. Rick Warren, of Texas, has moved aggressively against mandatory sentencing and for more emphasis on drug treatment over incarceration, thereby lowering his state's prison costs and population.

What these and other officeholders grasp is that our imprisonment rates are

world's highest, 716 per 100,000 adding up to some 2.4 million prisoners in federal, state and local facilities. The social costs are enormous, especially among some widely affected low-income groups. Families are disrupted. Those with records can't get jobs. Young imprisoned law-breakers are trained to be still better criminals. There's evidence crime could actually be kept more in tow by decreasing excessive punishment of the nonviolent. Not to try is not to care.

These Republicans seem to me to care, just as still others seem to care mightily about other issues related to the poor, such as Marco Rubio, the senator from Florida who in January outlined anti-poverty proposals in a number of respects similar to those of Ryan. But are the majority of congressional Republicans ready to act?

That's a concern of Ron Haskins, a Brookings Institution poverty scholar who has called the Ryan plan "the best, most comprehensive and potentially bipartisan set of ideas for promoting opportunity that has appeared in many years." His question is whether other Republicans will act that's not us and back off.

In that case, this charging brigade's ideas could end up defeated even if pursued legislatively as they should be, one step at a time with no shortage of pilot programs.

Let's hope for a rally of intelligent caring instead.

Jay Ambrose is an op-ed columnist for McClatchy-Tribune.

# Putin making a meal out of his war with West

By MASHA GESSEN

**R**ussians are about to lose access to virtually all food imported from the West — which is to say, a significant portion of the food that Russians consume. President Vladimir Putin ordered the ban on imports to retaliate against Western sanctions that impose economic sanctions against Russia after the downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 over eastern Ukraine. More than anything that has happened this year — more than the annexation of Crimea, more than the latest crop of repressive laws passed by the parliament and more than the West's sanctions — the food ban marks a turning point for Russia. It is now fully and truly a country at war.

The ban on Western food has already led to price increases and runs on supermarkets. Food prices were rising at a disturbingly high rate before the ban, and now they will probably skyrocket; there may also be shortages. Russians older than 30 have vivid recollections of such shortages, but the state propaganda machine is working hard to make people associate the looming hardships not with the memories of the failed Soviet economy but with the struggles of World War II. They are to think of their losses as heroic sacrifices made for the war effort. This propaganda, drawing on a wealth of cinematic and literary narratives of the glorious deprivations of wartime, may well prove successful with the vast majority of Russians who support the current war effort, at least in the short run.

A country at war invariably declares

war not only on the outside enemy — in this case, the West, as represented by Ukraine — but also on the enemy within. In his landmark speech to parliament in March announcing the annexation of Crimea, Putin made reference to a "fifth column" of "national traitors" who are in cahoots with the West. With the ban on imported foods, he has broken an uneasy, long-standing truce with the group he views with the most suspicion: Russia's social society.

Putin's first decade at the helm coincided with a period of unprecedented prosperity in Russia, brought about by a boom in energy prices. This accidental fortune allowed Putin to solidify his power quickly and to institute authoritarian rule in Russia. As he was taking over the media and dismantling the electoral system, the country's educated and newly moneyed classes were discovering the pleasures of good food and wine. As it turned out, virtually anyone who had disposable income was willing to forfeit significant amounts of freedom if this coincided with gaining access to delicious meals in increasingly pleasing surroundings.

That's the beautiful spaces came first and the food lagged behind by years. But, by about 2010, Moscow had a lot to offer even to discerning foodies. Last month, I spent about a week having the same conversation with different people over a series of good meals in different Moscow restaurants. We talked about the reversal of history, the country's exceedingly bleak prospects and emigration options. Invariably at some point in the conversation my interlocutors would look around and say something like, "But then there is this"

— meaning a place that served good food from an inventive menu on an outdoor terrace.

My friends are right: The existence of these Moscow restaurants is inconceivable in the medieval warrior state into which Russia is turning itself. Putin knows this, too, and his food ban communicates a simple message to the differently minded: You no longer get to sit around in your cafes. The day after Putin announced the food ban, Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev dealt a second, likely fatal blow to Russian cafe culture by announcing what amounts to a ban on WiFi access in public places.

In between lamenting the disappearance of Italian mozzarella, Australian rib-eye, Finnish yogurt and even cheap American drumsticks, Russian bloggers have also suggested in the past few days that by introducing what amounts to additional sanctions against his country, Putin may have weakened his government. The West's sanctions, of course, are increasingly designed in the hopes of effecting regime change rather than changing Putin's mind. Will either or both sets of sanctions work by stressing the elites enough to make them unite against Putin? If they do, we won't know it until it happens, so tightly closed is the system that Putin built.

One thing is clear, though: Putin's Russia is becoming more truly itself, and the food ban is an important part of renouncing any pretense of being a part of the larger world.

Masha Gessen is a Russian-American journalist and the author of "The Man Without a Face: The Unlikely Rise of Vladimir Putin." This column first appeared in The Washington Post.

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## OPINION

## You'll lose 'friends' by talking politics online

By TAL ABBADY

Shortly after Israel invaded the Gaza Strip in 2009, a close Muslim friend I'd known since elementary school suddenly disappeared from my Facebook feed. She'd been excoriating Israel in her posts, and I'd said nothing. Then I posted a statistic showing the number of Hamas-fired missiles landing in southern Israel, where my husband has family. That same day, I noticed my friend had written "OMG!" under my post. And then she was gone.

With a couple of cool, obliterating key-strokes and no questions asked (or at least posted), she'd apparently banished me from her online world. Years of friendship ended with a wordless, virtual severing.

That's the way things work in social media.

When my husband posted a video with a Zionist interpretation of the founding of Israel (this in response to an animated video advertising the Palestinian version of events), a Christian cousin of his, whom he'd hosted in our home years ago, posted a rant fire with anti-Semitic slurs on his wall. "He's finished!" my husband called out to his iPad. He was still shaken from a phone conversation with his sister in Ashdod. A missile had landed on her terrace. The cousin got an explanation before he was deleted, but he was nonetheless gone from my husband's "friend" list.

And the next day, my husband discovered how it felt. After a heated exchange on the conflict with a close Jewish friend sympathetic to the Palestinian cause, he was the one unceremoniously dumped.

Perhaps it's time to accept that Facebook is a lousy medium for political debate. People seem to be much more interested in making statements rather than asking questions or seeking out diverse opinions. As much as we might like to think we enjoy pluralistic feeds with multiple views, our "friends" tend to be those with whom we agree. The rest, we shed. A recent study from the University of Colorado Denver



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found that "polarizing posts" are one of the most frequently cited reasons for unfriending someone on Facebook.

I hadn't expected those posts. When I joined Facebook six years ago, it was as though someone had lit up a social Christmas tree in my desolate living room. I giddily accrued friendships — primarily with colleagues but also and most enthusiastically with old schoolmates. We'd all been part of a tightly knit expat community in Caracas, Venezuela, and I immediately envisioned Facebook as an Eden of reconnection with that past, where my former BFF from fifth grade would follow our brief exchange of mutually posted pleasantries with solid plans for a tartful reunion.

Needless to say, this didn't happen with any of my old acquaintances. Without the dimension of live contact, we were simply apparitions beaming at one another from flattering photographs. It took me a while to absorb the obvious — we weren't the same children enthralled by our teachers and blood-plighted friendships. We were parents and professionals, married and

divorced. And some of us were unrecognizedly political, particularly whenever events surrounding Israel flared up.

Before logging on to Facebook during the latest Gaza conflict, I braced myself for the warring opinions I'd find. And that was a good thing. There were the usual Holocaust-referenced condemnations of Israel. There were my sister's harrowing photographs of the destruction in Gaza. There was a Venezuelan childhood friend defending the Israeli Defense Forces.

I added to the cacophony with my own posts, which revealed my stake in Israel — my father's country, where I spent summers listening to Simon & Garfunkel in my aunt's Jerusalem apartment. That same aunt had suffered a permanent eye injury decades ago when a grenade exploded under her restaurant table in East Jerusalem.

The woman who defriended me was someone I once cared deeply about. We used to sprawl in each other's bedrooms after school in the late 1980s, laughing over the quirks of teachers and students. Her mother made the best kibbe in Cara-

**Years of friendship ended with a wordless, virtual severing. That's the way things work in social media.**

cas. Our fathers — both businessmen, one Israeli, the other Lebanese — would occasionally chat in Hebrew. Personal and political differences sometimes flared between us, and as adults we took separate paths, but a mutual affection had always bound us.

Facebook seems to have ended that. When she kicked me off her friend list (a conciliatory card I mailed a year later got no reply), I vowed never to post a political word again. I have broken that vow in the last two weeks, but to no fruitful end.

The Israel-Hamas quagmire won't be solved with posts meant for a narrowly self-selected crowd of people who share our views. In times like these, Facebook becomes a bizarre, cultural Rorschach test. It attracts and broadcasts an endless YouTube videos sent by people hoping for a "like."

For me, the initial fantasy of being restored to my 1983 history class with my favorite teacher, surrounded by a clutch of passionate and competitive students — Christians, Muslims and Jews — debating issues with goodwill and youthful enthusiasm is gone. I'm determined to settle for the measured graces of online communing — the annual birthday greetings, the "likes" on photos of our children, the collective agreement to witness each other more tentatively from one year to another in this online hall of mirrors.

Then war will erupt again, and in the quiet of our wounded hearts, we'll mutter to ourselves, "Off with her head!" and hit the unfriend button.

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## No 'likes' from nonprofits for less-free Facebook

By SETH GINSBERG

A recent decision by Facebook to limit the content we see in our newsfeeds could have far-reaching and potentially deleterious unintended consequences for the global nonprofit and advocacy communities.

When the ubiquitous social network changed its algorithm to limit "organic reach" — the number of Facebook users who can potentially see any single piece of content in their newsfeed — the move was characterized as a way for the company to extract additional advertising revenue from corporate brands.

By limiting the ability of corporations to reach consumers, Facebook made the calculation that companies will pay to advertise on the social network to reach these same users.

Regardless of whether this proves to be a sound business decision, corporate brands like Pepsi, Nike and GEICO will likely be able to absorb the additional advertising costs without experiencing a significant impact on their bottom line.

The consequences, however, will be felt much more acutely by the many nonprofit organizations now subject to the same reduction in reach — reportedly down to only 1 or 2 percent of all followers. A nonprofit advocacy group with 5,000 followers, for example, might have a reach of 500 people that is only seen by 50 of its followers.

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The majority of nonprofit organizations do not have budgets for paid advertising. Most are operating on shoestring budgets, focusing on keeping their doors open during challenging economic times and finding a way to fulfill their core mission with fewer resources than ever before.

Yet many of these same nonprofit organizations have invested considerable time and financial resources in creating an active Facebook community, including encouraging members to join, training members how to interact with others on the site, and dedicating staff resources to maintaining pages populated with dynamic content.

For many nonprofits, Facebook has become an integral extension of the organization — a way to disseminate critical information in a timely manner, a fundraising tool, and a launch pad for legislative advocacy. Thousands of nonprofits that work every day to improve human rights, gender equality, the environment, access to medical care, economic conditions, and the environment, among many other issues, have used Facebook to expand their reach into global communities. Beginning

in 2011, the Global Health Living Foundation has convened thousands of health nonprofits at the annual Digital Health Advocacy Summit to discuss new mechanics and applications of social media tools like Facebook, and the pressing issues facing patients with chronic diseases. In a survey of social media and executive directors attending last year, 58 percent of patient and provider groups feel that social media is "extremely important" for advocating for their constituents.

The rug has now been pulled out from under many of these groups.

There is little doubt that Facebook can be a transformative force for good — we have seen its potential in places like Egypt during the Arab Spring and in local neighborhood Facebook groups during recent U.S. weather emergencies. In health care, Facebook has helped bring the voices of the homebound and infirmed to the halls of Congress and state legislatures. It has provided instant product recall information to unknowing patients minutes away from ingesting faulty therapeutics. It has become a place where patients and families battling countless conditions find com-

munity and support from others.

But the transformative power of Facebook — like the popularity of the site itself — is neither preordained nor guaranteed going forward. If nonprofit groups are no longer able to effectively reach the communities of followers they have worked hard to cultivate, they may be forced to look to re-create these communities elsewhere. How can you have a revolution if no one shows up?

In the midst of a pivotal moment in patient engagement and empowerment, our microphone has been turned off. We recruited an audience to fill the room and then suddenly, only those in the first few rows can hear us.

Facebook is a business and as such is entitled to its business model. But as it strives to please shareholders and drive up its bottom line, it should be mindful not to inadvertently choke off the ability of nonprofit organizations to provide others with the help they need.

Facebook promises that the site is "free and always will be." We urge Facebook to live up to the spirit of its motto and grant nonprofit organizations a waiver from the new reduction in organic reach.

Seth Ginsberg is president and co-founder of the Global Health Living Foundation, a national nonprofit patient advocacy organization.

# INDEPENDENT NEWS FOR THE U.S. MILITARY COMMUNITY

**Whenever They Fight and Wherever They Live**

The first Stars and Stripes was printed during the Civil War, when a band of Union soldiers published a handful of editions.

During World War I, Stars and Stripes reappeared in Paris on February 8, 1918, to serve the doughboys of the American Expeditionary Force (AEF), by order of General of the Armies John J. Pershing. An all-military staff produced it weekly until the war's end.

A second renaissance began on April 18, 1942, when a small group of servicemen began publishing a four-page weekly Stars and Stripes in London. They sold each copy for "tuppence" (about 5 cents) and in no time doubled their page count to eight pages, printing daily instead of weekly.

The first World War II edition of Stars and Stripes featured an interview with Gen. George C. Marshall, Army Chief of Staff. Marshall quoted Gen. Pershing, World War I Commander of the AEF, who described Stripes as a major factor in sustaining morale. Stars and Stripes later found a champion and protector in Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Allied Commander and later president of the United States.

Eisenhower enforced a hands-off policy in regard to Stars and Stripes that continues to the present day.

Operations expanded, following GIs to the battlefield to bring them the news. During the war, Stars and Stripes published over 30

separate editions, running up to 24 pages per issue.

At one time, Stars and Stripes had some 25 printing locations in Europe, North Africa, the Middle East and the Pacific. The Pacific edition was launched a week after VE day (Victory in Europe, May 8, 1945).

The war ended—but Stars and Stripes kept going. Its reporters and photographers continued to join American troops in the field, throughout the Korean and Vietnam conflicts, during the 1990s Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, and in Bosnia and Kosovo.

From the 2003 outset of Operation Enduring Freedom, Stars and Stripes was there to report first-hand. The war in Afghanistan continues to receive steady coverage. And during Operation Iraqi Freedom, Stripes reporters embedded with military units in Kuwait and Iraq, as well as on Navy ships in the region.

Stars and Stripes today is a multimedia news organization. The majority of Stars and Stripes unique reporting efforts is read now in digital form, either online at stripes.com or via mobile offerings for iPhone, Android and iPad, in over 200 countries around the world.

The print newspaper is still available for servicemembers, government civilians and their families in



Europe, the Middle East and the Pacific—and in contingency areas. Washington, D.C., hosts the Central office, where daily editions are transported to printers in Afghanistan, Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait, and Djibouti, as well as in Germany, Italy, UK, Japan, and South Korea. Stars and Stripes also publishes several weeklies (Stripes Guam, Japan, Korea and Okinawa), designed to serve the

needs of their respective military communities.

A U.S. edition comprised exclusively of Stars and Stripes reports from around the world now serves stateside forces and veterans. The U.S. edition is published in partnership with commercial newspaper publishers who serve communities with large military populations.

## STARS AND STRIPES RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE

2014 VFW News Media Award – For outstanding contribution to a better understanding of our American way of life and its institutions and interests by honest and forthright reporting.

2013 Best American Newspaper Narrative Writing Contest – Notable Narrative Winner  
Recipient: Martin Kuz: "Soldiers Recount Attack"

2013 Military Reporters and Editors Awards – Notable Narrative Winner  
Recipient: Laura Rauch

2013 National Headline Awards – Second Place: News Series (Forever After: A Warrior Wounded; A Family Challenged)

2013 min Best of Web: Redesign – Honorable Mention  
Stripes UK website

2011 Military Photographer of the Year – Honorable Mention  
Recipient: Joshua DeMotts

2011 Sigma Delta Chi Award – Breaking News Photography (Newspaper Circulation 100,001+ or Affiliated Website/National Magazine) Recipient: Laura Rauch: "For those I love I will sacrifice"

2011 John Reagan "Tex" McCrary Award for Excellence in Journalism – Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation

2010 Military Reporters and Editors Awards – Overseas coverage (< 100,000 circulation)  
Recipient: Jon Rabinoff

2010 National Headline Awards – First Place: Public Service (Forcing Change) – Third Place: News Series (Coming Home: The Men of Triple Deuce)

2009 George Polk Awards in Journalism – George Polk Award for Military Reporting  
Recipients: Charlie Reed, Leo Shane III and Kevin Baron

2009 min Editorial & Design Awards – Editorial Print / Special Supplement: HEROES 2009; Custom Publication Design: Stripes GAMER

2007 Military Reporters and Editors Awards – Overseas coverage (< 100,000 circulation)  
Recipient: Monte Morin

2006 Military Reporters and Editors Awards – Overseas coverage (< 100,000 circulation)  
Recipients: Monte Morin, Joe Giordano; Honorable mention: Nancy Montgomery Photography; Fred Zimmerman

2005 Military Reporters and Editors Awards – Overseas coverage (< 100,000 circulation)  
Recipient: Steve Lower Photography; Terry Boyd

2004 American Legion Excellence in Journalism Award – Ground Truth Hero

2003 Scripps Howard Foundation National Journalism Award – First Amendment, Finalist



# SCOREBOARD

## Sports on TV

Go to the American Forces Network website for the most up-to-date TV schedules. [myafn.net](http://myafn.net)

## Tennis

### Western & Southern Open

A U.S. Open Series event Tuesday, Aug. 12-19, at the Lindner Family Tennis Center in Mason, Ohio

Prize: Men \$4.02 million (Masters 1000); Women \$2.57 million (Premier) Surface: Hard-Outdoor

### Singles

#### Men

Marin Cilic (L), Croatia, def. Feliciano Lopez, Spain, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4  
 James Ward, Britain, def. Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, Spain, 6-2, 3-6, 6-1  
 Veselj Veselovic, Canada, def. Radek Stepanek, Czech Republic, 5-7, 6-1, 7-6 (4)

#### Women

Mikhail Youzhny, Russia, def. Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (2), France, 6-1, 6-4  
 Robin Soderling, Sweden, def. Dominic Thiem, Austria, 6-3, 5-7, 7-5  
 Benjamin Becker, Germany, def. Radek Stepanek, Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-2, 7-5  
 Philipp Kohlschreiber, Germany, def. Ivan Dodig, Croatia, 4-6, 7-6 (4), 6-4  
 Roberto Bautista Agut (1), Spain, def. Jurgen Melzer, Austria, 6-4, 4-6, 7-5  
 Julien Benneteau, France, def. Blaz Ruzic, Croatia, 6-4, 6-2, 6-4  
 Steve Johnson, United States, def. Benoît Paire, France, 6-4, 6-1

#### First Round

Stan Wawrinka (3), Switzerland, def. Benjamin Becker, Germany, 6-3, 6-5, 6-6  
 Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, def. Gilles Simon, France, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4

#### Second Round

Lucie Safarova (1), Czech Republic, def. Venus Williams, United States, 6-7 (2), 6-3, 6-4  
 Christina McHale, United States, def. Nicole Gibbs, United States, 4-6, 6-3, 6-1  
 Lucie Suarez Navarro (1), Spain, def. Tsvetana Pironkova, Bulgaria, 6-3, 1-6, 6-2

#### Third Round

Kurumi Nara, Japan, def. Romina Oprandi, Switzerland, 6-0, 6-2  
 Maria Sharapova (5), Russia, def. Irina-Camelia Begu, Romania, 6-4, 6-2, 7-6 (5)  
 Barbara Zahoranova, Slovakia, Czech Republic, def. Mona Barthel, Germany, 7-5, 6-0

#### Fourth Round

Flavia Pennetta (1), Italy, def. Yanina Wickmayer, Belgium, 7-5, 3-6, 7-6 (4)  
 Camilla Giorgi, Italy, 6-4, 6-7 (4), 6-3  
 Ekaterina Makarova, Russia, def. Daniela Hantuchova, Slovakia, 6-2, 6-2  
 Annika Beck, Germany, def. Garbine Muguruma, Romania, 6-3, 6-3  
 Sabine Lisicki, Germany, def. Roberta Vinci, Italy, 2-6, 6-3, 6-2  
 Sloane Stephens, United States, def. Andrea Petkovic, Germany, 6-3, 6-3

#### Final

Maria Sharapova (5), Russia, def. Madison Keys, United States, 6-3, 6-3  
 Caroline Wozniacki (1), Denmark, def. Zhang Shuai, China, 6-2, 6-2

#### Defeating

Vasek Pospisil, Canada, and Jack Sock, United States, def. Rohan Bopanna, India, and Ansum Ali-Hadi, Czech Republic, 7-5, 6-2

#### Men

1. Garcia-Lopez, Spain, and Santiago Gilardo, Colombia, def. Fabio Fognini, Italy, and Mariusz Fyrstenberg, Poland, 6-3, 10-8, 6-3  
 Philipp Kohlschreiber, Germany, and Gael Monfils, France, 5-7, 6-3, 10-3

#### Women

1. Stephens, United States, and Robin Lindstedt, Sweden, and Marcin Matkowski (8), Australia, and Murray Chin King, Taiwan, and Yung-Jan Chang, Taiwan, 6-3, 6-3

#### First Round

Melanie Oudin, and Taylor Townsend, United States, def. Jelena Jankovic, Serbia, and Alison Van Dyke, Czech Republic, 6-0, 6-0, 11-8  
 Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, Russia, and Lucie Safarova (1), Czech Republic, def. Casey Dellacqua, Australia, and Mirjana Lucic, Spain, 6-3, 6-1, 10-6  
 Kristina Mladenovic (6), France, def. Julia Goerges, Germany, and Anna-Lena Groenefeld, Germany, 6-2, 6-2

#### Second Round

Alla Kudryavtseva, Russia, and Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, Russia, def. Hsiao-Ching Chang, Taiwan, and Yung-Jan Chang, Taiwan, 6-4, 6-3

#### Third Round

1. Shweta Pedekar, and Kevin Chappell, 8-0, 3 Hunter Mahan, 8-1, 3 Graham Delaet, 8-3, 5 Henri Stenson, 8-4, 6 Lucas Glover, 8-2, 7 Derek Serrano, 8-1, 8 Murray Swafford, 9-2, 9 Adam Scott, 9-4, 10 Nick Woodland, 9-0

#### Fourth Round

1. Chris Kirk, 1,571 \$3,016,867  
 2. Matt Kuchar, 1,571 \$3,016,867  
 3. Justin Rose, 1,571 \$3,016,867  
 4. Adam Scott, 1,571 \$3,016,867  
 5. Rickie Fowler, 1,571 \$3,016,867  
 6. Dustin Johnson, 1,571 \$3,016,867  
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## Pro football

### NFL preseason

#### AMERICAN CONFERENCE

W	L	Pct	PF	PA	
N.Y. Jets	1	0	1.000	13	10
Buffalo	1	0	1.000	35	33
Cleveland	1	0	1.000	12	13
New England	0	0	0.000	6	23

#### SOUTH

W	L	Pct	PF	PA	
Jacksonville	1	0	1.000	16	10
Tennessee	1	0	1.000	16	10
Houston	1	0	1.000	32	32
Indianapolis	0	0	0.000	10	13

#### North

W	L	Pct	PF	PA	
Baltimore	1	0	1.000	23	3
Cleveland	1	0	1.000	12	13
Pittsburgh	1	0	1.000	16	20
Cincinnati	1	0	1.000	39	43

#### West

W	L	Pct	PF	PA	
Denver	1	0	1.000	21	16
Kansas City	0	0	1.000	41	39
San Diego	1	0	1.000	27	7
Oakland	0	0	0.000	6	18

### NATIONAL CONFERENCE

#### East

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	0	0	1.000	37	29
Washington	1	0	1.000	23	9
Dallas	0	0	0.000	7	27
Philadelphia	0	0	0.000	7	27

#### South

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	1	0	1.000	16	10
New Orleans	1	0	1.000	26	24
Carolina	0	0	0.000	18	20
Tampa Bay	0	0	0.000	28	34

#### North

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	1	0	1.000	34	28
Minnesota	1	0	1.000	10	6
Green Bay	0	0	0.000	16	20

#### West

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	1	0	1.000	32	0
San Francisco	1	0	1.000	33	23
Seattle	1	0	1.000	24	26
San Diego	0	0	0.000	24	26

#### Thursday, Aug. 14

N.Y. Jets 13, Indianapolis 10  
 Washington 23, New England 6  
 Baltimore 23, San Francisco 21  
 Kansas City 40, Cincinnati 39  
 Tampa Bay 16, Seattle 16  
 San Diego 27, Dallas 7

#### Friday, Aug. 15

Atlanta 16, Miami 10  
 Buffalo 20, Carolina 18  
 Kansas City 27, Tampa Bay 10  
 Chicago 34, Philadelphia 28  
 Minnesota 10, Oakland 10  
 New Orleans 25, St. Louis 24

#### Saturday, Aug. 16

Detroit 13, Cleveland 12  
 N.Y. Giants 20, Pittsburgh 16  
 Tennessee 20, Green Bay 19  
 Arizona 32, Houston 0

#### Sunday, Aug. 17

Jacksonville at Chicago  
 Philadelphia at New England  
 Tennessee at New Orleans  
 Dallas at Seattle  
 Detroit at Oakland  
 Chicago, FC Kansas City  
 Green Bay at St. Louis  
 Buffalo at Dallas  
 N.Y. Giants at Indianapolis  
 N.Y. Jets at Cincinnati  
 Pittsburgh at Pittsburgh  
 Miami at Tampa Bay  
 Arizona at Houston  
 Atlanta at Minnesota  
 Dallas at San Francisco  
 Denver at San Francisco  
 Kansas City at Carolina

#### Monday's game

Cleveland at Washington

## Golf

### PGA Tour statistics

#### Through Aug. 10

1. Sergio Garcia, 68.858, 2. Jimmy Walker, 68.875, 3. Adam Scott, 69.269, 4. Matt Kuchar, 69.343, 5. Rickie Fowler, 69.351, 6. Graeme McDowell, 69.522, 7. Justin Johnson, 69.648, 8. Charles Howell III, 69.619, 9. Justin Rose, 69.658, 10. Dustin Johnson, 69.712

#### Driving Distance

1. Bubba Watson, 314.7, 2. Dustin Johnson, 314.0, 3. Rory Sabbatini, 310.4, 4. J.B. Holmes, 308.3, 5. Andrew Loupe, 306.6, 6. Adam Scott, 306.5, 7. Robert Galford, 305.5, 8. Jonathan Veal, 304.8, 9. Matt Kuchar, 304.7, 10. Charles Howell III, 304.2, 11. Jason Kokrak, 304.1

#### Driving Accuracy Percentage

1. Adam Scott, 74.542, 2. David Tom, 74.979, 3. Tim Clark, 74.599, 4. Justin Rose, 74.599, 5. Rickie Fowler, 74.878, 6. Sergio Garcia, 69.936, 5. J.J. Henry, 69.418, 6. Billy Horschler, 69.296, 7. Joe Burdick, 69.296, 8. Matt Kuchar, 69.296, 9. Ryan Moore, 68.696, 10. Kevin Stricker, 68.649

#### Greens in Regulation Percentage

1. Chad Campbell, 72.448, 2. Justin Rose, 72.595, 3. Graham Clark, 71.018, 4. Sergio Garcia, 69.936, 5. J.J. Henry, 69.418, 6. Billy Horschler, 69.296, 7. Joe Burdick, 69.296, 8. Matt Kuchar, 69.296, 9. Ryan Moore, 68.696, 10. Kevin Stricker, 68.649

#### Total Driving

1. Shawn Brummage, 70, Kevin Chappell, 80, 3 Hunter Mahan, 81, 3 Graham Delaet, 83, 5 Henri Stenson, 84, 6 Lucas Glover, 85, 7 Derek Serrano, 85, 8 Hudson Swafford, 92, 9 Adam Scott, 94, 10 Nick Woodland, 95

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#### EASTERN CONFERENCE

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Sporting KC	11	7	4	37	32
D.C.	9	7	4	37	32
Toronto FC	9	11	0	38	30
New York	6	8	9	26	37
Philadelphia	6	8	9	27	36
Chicago	6	9	9	26	35
New England	6	12	2	26	35
San Jose	6	12	2	26	35
Houston	6	12	2	22	42
Montreal	6	12	2	22	41

#### WESTERN CONFERENCE

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Seattle	10	4	9	39	27
Real Salt Lake	10	4	9	39	27
FC Dallas	10	4	9	39	27
Los Angeles	9	4	7	34	19
Vancouver	7	4	11	33	29
Colorado	7	4	11	33	29
Portland	7	7	9	30</	

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# Giving his team another option

## Smith gets opportunity to show Falcons what he can do at RB

By CHARLES ODUM  
The Associated Press

**A** FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. — Antone Smith, best known for his special teams play in his first five seasons with the Falcons, finally has a chance to show he deserves playing time at running back.

With starter Steven Jackson held out with a left hamstring injury, Smith showed impressive big-play potential in the Falcons' 16-10 win over Miami on Friday night.

**'I know my ability. I've just got to go out there and play on the field every week.'**

**Antone Smith**  
Falcons RB

Smith's 35-yard gain after a short catch and 76-yard touchdown run were negated by penalties, but the plays still created a buzz.

"It's on film," Smith said after Monday's practice. "You can't take that back."

Smith has earned more carries in Saturday night's game at Houston and is saturating his long-awaited opportunity.

"This will be my sixth season, with the first one being on the practice squad, so I've been waiting for this a long time," Smith said. "You've got to be patient and I've been very patient and now that my time is here I've just got to take advantage of it."

Smith rushed for two touchdowns despite having only five carries in 2013. He had a 50-yard touchdown run at Tampa

Bay and a 38-yard scoring run on Dec. 1 at Buffalo.

Coach Mike Smith was won over by the two 2013 touchdown runs and said in the offseason the running back deserved more touches.

"After the Buffalo game last season, which I think really showed what kind of explosion he has, we felt like we had to get him an opportunity to touch the football," Mike Smith said Monday. "He continues to warrant having touches. We'll continue to use him in the backfield and as a special teams player."

Antone Smith and Jacquizz Rodgers could be the featured running backs at Houston.

"I know my ability," Smith said. "I've just got to go out there and play on the field every week."

Smith (5-9, 192) impressed his teammates by using his speed to find open field against the Dolphins.

"He showed the explosiveness that he has and the speed that he can change a game on any given play," quarterback Matt Ryan said after the game. "It was fun to watch."

Smith has kept his spot on the team by excelling on special teams. He led Atlanta with 11 special teams tackles last season.

"I believe he's one of the top special teams players in the league," Mike Smith said. "He's gotten an opportunity to touch the ball on the offensive side and he's taken advantage of those opportunities."



Atlanta running back Antone Smith showed promising big-play potential in the Falcons' preseason opener against Miami on Friday.

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# Where is Fireman Ed?

## He hung up his hat, but still supports J-E-T-S

By DENNIS WASZAK JR.  
The Associated Press

### By the numbers

**E**d Anzalone never wanted to hang up his helmet. The New York Jets super-fan known as Fireman Ed simply grew tired of the increasing harassment in the stands at MetLife Stadium. Some cursed at him. Others spit on him. Beer was also tossed his way.

"It was just guys who decided, 'Hey, we're going to mess with the fireman,'" Anzalone said.

The tipping point came on Thanksgiving night in 2012, when the Jets were getting romped by the New England Patriots. Anzalone went to a rest room at halftime and two men confronted him. Sensing a bad situation brewing, Anzalone took off before it escalated.

"It was time to go," Anzalone said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. "I said, 'If it's got to come to that and we're getting to that point, it's over.'"

**‘It was all because I spelled out four letters. If they had me spelling Buccaneers, I would’ve been out of business.’**

Ed Anzalone  
New York Jets fan

didn't want to go out in a negative manner. I didn't want to end up on the front page of a newspaper."

Anzalone became a fixture at home games, leading the J-E-T-S chant for 27 years — from Shea Stadium to Giants Stadium to MetLife. He would climb on the shoulders of his brother Frank, and later his buddy Bruce Gregor, silence the crowd of 80,000 and then rock the stadium with the deafening chant that fans all over the NFL came to recognize.

"It was an honor and I was humbled by it," he said. "As much as there were haters, there was nine times more love. It was all because I spelled out four letters. If they had me spelling Buccaneers, I would've been out of business."

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Number of years Ed Anzalone — known as "Fireman Ed" — has been a season-ticket holder.	Number of times the Jets have made the playoffs since Anzalone became a season-ticket holder.	Number of times the Jets have been to the Super Bowl since Anzalone became a season-ticket holder.

SOURCE: NFL.com

His absence as Fireman Ed has been felt. Ed Anzalone, who turns 55 next month, was approached by the Jets about returning, but declined. The Jets recently announced that they're holding a contest to find eight chant leaders. Season ticket holders are being asked to submit videos of themselves leading the J-E-T-S cheer, and fans will be able to vote for their favorites on the team's site.

In a sense, it's a search for the next Fireman Ed.

"I'm happy they're doing something because I want to see it go on," he said.

Anzalone and his brother are entering their 40th year as season ticket holders, and they still attend Jets games. They sit in a different part of the stadium, though, and Anzalone is no longer decked out in his familiar Fireman Ed garb — his firefighter helmet and, for years, a No. 42 Bruce Harper jersey before switching to Mark Sanchez's No. 6.

His absence has angered many fans, who accuse him of quitting on them and the franchise, despite Anzalone writing an open letter published in Metro newspaper in 2012 announcing his reasons for stepping away.

"All these years, I never left until there were four zeroes on the clock," he said. "You can't be the leader and leave. You have to stay. So, there was a reason why I left. I didn't quit. That's what bothers me."

Anzalone, who once got into it with a Giants fan during the 2010 preseason, thinks the introduction of personal seat licenses — or PSLs — helped contribute to the negativity.

"I feel like the fans felt like they were entitled," he said. "It just changed the whole attitude. It was tough."

The J-E-T-S chant wasn't started by Anzalone. It was fans in opposite end zones who would chant back and forth. In 1986, an excited Anzalone was running up and down the aisles at a game and trying to get fans fired up in the lower tier when he got on one of the railings.

"The next thing I know, I almost fell over," he said. "My brother grabbed me, pulled me back up and says to me, 'Get on my shoulders!' Slowly, as the years went on, it started to build."

That's how the legend of Fireman Ed was born, and he became part of the in-game experience. He was even included in an exhibit at the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio, in 1999. Visits with sick children and die-hard fans became regular occurrences.

"I was very lucky," Anzalone said. "It was a wonderful time."



JAE C. HONG/AP

Dallas linebacker Kyle Wilber, right, grabs the facemask of Oakland strong safety Tyvon Branch's helmet during a joint practice Tuesday in Oxnard, Calif.

# Raiders, Cowboys mix it up

By JOSH DUBOW  
The Associated Press

OXNARD, Calif. — The joint practice between the Oakland Raiders and Dallas Cowboys went just about how the coaches scripted it Tuesday with high intensity in an emotional environment.

Then things went a bit over the line when a hard hit by Dallas cornerback Morris Claiborne on Oakland tight end Mychal Rivera led to a brawl that nearly spilled over into the stands and featured a Raiders fan swinging a helmet at a Cowboys player and cornerback B.W. Webb retaliating with a swing at the fan.

"It's definitely a dangerous situation," Webb said. "I don't know why fans would want to jump on this side of the fence. I don't think they'd like it too much on this side."

But even that brawl and a smaller one on the other field involving Cowboys running back J.C. Copeland and Raiders linebacker Justin Cole couldn't mar the day.

"I don't like the fights. I want to come out and practice football," Raiders coach Dennis Allen said. "We don't have any time for that, and we certainly don't want to get anybody injured in fistfights. I thought both teams came out and competed and got a lot of good work in."

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones praised the enthusiasm and atmosphere of the practice that was watched by 8,326 fans.

The practice was more physical than anticipated with players frequently being brought down to the turf despite both coaches saying before it started that they did not want any live tackling.

But after nearly three weeks of practicing against each other, the players were excited for the chance to hit players in another jersey.

That's how the first brawl started. Claiborne felt as if Rivera lowered his shoulder to try to break a tackle so he responded by throwing Rivera to the ground.

That raised the ire of Raiders receiver Greg Little, who came flying in to protect his teammate, leading to the fight on the sideline in front of a boisterous group of Raiders fans.

This was a homecoming of sorts for the Raiders, who held training camp at this exact site from 1985-95.



New York Jets fan Ed Anzalone cheers on his team during a game against Indianapolis on Oct. 14, 2012.

BILL KOSTROUN/AP

SPORTS BRIEFS

# Stewart still could face criminal charges

The Associated Press

Tony Stewart could still face criminal charges for running down Kevin Ward Jr. with his sprint car, even if the three-time NASCAR champion didn't mean to kill Ward, hurt him or even scare him.

Ontario County Sheriff Philip Povero, who announced on Tuesday that the investigation is continuing, has said that his initial findings have turned up nothing that would indicate criminal intent in the crash at the Canandaigua Motorsports Park.

But legal experts agree that does not mean Stewart is in the clear.

The NASCAR star could be charged with second-degree manslaughter under New York law if prosecutors believe he "recklessly caused the death of another person," with negligent homicide another possibility, according to criminal law professor Corey Rayburn Yung of the Kansas University School of Law.

"The question over whether someone was reckless is a factual one, and one a prosecutor might let a jury decide," said Yung.

Athletes in competition often do things that would get the average person arrested — think two boxers in the ring, or a baserunner sliding into second with his spikes high. But sometimes an act is so far outside the bounds of accepted sporting behavior that it becomes a crime, as former major leaguer Jose Offerman learned when he was charged with felony assault for rushing the mound — swinging a bat — after he was hit by a pitch in a minor league game.

So Stewart would not expect to be charged for the car-on-car bump that sent Ward spinning into the wall. But if, for example, he told police that he saw Ward on the track and tried to shower him with dirt or otherwise send him a message, a first-degree manslaughter charge could be a possibility, Yung said.

"In sports we tend to allow all



STEVE MARCUS, THE LAS VEGAS SUN/AP

**Challenger Daniel Cormier, right, prepares to shove UFC light heavyweight champion Jon Jones during a press conference in Las Vegas on Aug. 4. UFC announced Tuesday that the pair's fight will be postponed from Sept. 27 to Jan. 3 after Jones injured his leg.**

sorts of conduct we'd never allow in another circumstance," Yung said. "But this isn't a collision. It's not in that ballpark; it's something you don't expect. This is a more complicated scenario. We're assuming Stewart didn't mean to do this, and yet a death resulted."

Whether Stewart's actions were part of racing depends on what the police investigation finds. Unlike the cars Stewart drives on the NASCAR circuit, the sprint cars have no radios or instrument data recorders that could tell authorities exactly what was happening when Stewart hit Ward.

Video seems to show that Stewart fishtailed when hitting Ward with the rear tire, perhaps indicating he was accelerating; Povero would not say how Stewart described the accident, but he said Monday he has reviewed two videos and spoken to Stewart twice.

Povero's previous comments that he found no criminal intent all but rules out the possibility of a first-degree murder charge, which would essentially require a confession that Stewart was trying to kill Ward. For second-degree murder, prosecutors would need to prove

Stewart was reckless in combination with a "depraved indifference to human life."

"Mr. Stewart has fully cooperated with the police officers that are investigating," Povero said in a news conference shortly after the race. "He was visibly shaken by this incident, and has promised his continuing cooperation in this investigation."

After the investigation is completed, Povero said, the evidence will be turned over to the district attorney as a matter of routine. Even if he is cleared by prosecutors, though, Stewart could face a civil suit.

## Ballmer officially takes over Clippers

LOS ANGELES — Steve Ballmer officially became the new owner of the Los Angeles Clippers on Tuesday.

The team said the record \$2 billion sale closed after a California court confirmed the authority of Shelly Sterling, on behalf of the Sterling Family Trust, to sell the franchise to the former Microsoft CEO. Her estranged husband,

Donald Sterling, had unsuccessfully fought the sale of the team he owned since 1981 in court.

Sterling bought the team in 1981 for \$12 million and presided over decades of losing seasons before engaging in a fierce legal battle with his estranged wife to hold on to his most prized asset.

"I hate losing the team," Shelly Sterling said at a news conference.

She later added, "It feels good. It would have felt good to own the team, too."

In other NBA news:

■ The NBA has suspended Phoenix Suns forward P.J. Tucker for three games following his guilty plea to "super extreme" driving while intoxicated.

Tucker was sentenced to three days in jail and 11 days' home detention following his plea last week. "Super extreme" DUI under Arizona law is for persons whose blood alcohol level exceeds .20 percent. Police say that just after his May 30 arrest in Scottsdale, Tucker had a blood alcohol level of .222. The legal limit in Arizona is .08.

## Seahawks: Accusations against Lynch 'bogus'

RENTON, Wash. — The Seattle Seahawks say accusations that star running back Marshawn Lynch was involved in an assault and damage of personal property are "bogus."

In a statement Tuesday morning the team says it has "the utmost respect for the investigative process," but that after speaking with Lynch the Seahawks concluded the allegations were without merit.

The Bellevue Police Department released a statement Monday saying the alleged incident took place around 2:30 a.m. Sunday and that Lynch is alleged to have been involved. Bellevue police are investigating.

The incident was reported by a female about 12 hours after it

allegedly took place. Police say there was no domestic violence or sexual assault involved in the allegation.

■ In other NFL news: Denver Broncos leading tackler Danny Trevathan is out six to eight weeks after fracturing his left knee during a particularly intense padded practice Tuesday.

The Broncos said their weak-side linebacker has what's called a medial tibial impaction fracture but, fortunately, no torn ligaments.

Trevathan, a sixth-round draft choice out of Kentucky in 2012, is coming off a breakout season in which he led the Broncos with 124 tackles and intercepted three passes before leading the team with two dozen tackles in the playoffs.

■ The New England Patriots have acquired injured lineman Jerel Worthy from the Green Bay Packers in a trade pending a physical for the defensive end.

Worthy had been placed on the non-football injury list. He spent much of 2013 on injured reserve with a knee injury.

## Jones' leg injury forces fight postponement

LAS VEGAS — UFC light heavyweight champion Jon Jones has injured his leg, forcing the postponement of his title fight with Daniel Cormier to Jan. 3.

Jones (20-1) was scheduled to fight Cormier (15-0) at UFC 178 in Las Vegas on Sept. 27 in the mixed martial arts promotion's most anticipated event of the fall.

Instead, Jones and Cormier will headline UFC 182, the traditional year-end show in Las Vegas.

Jones is widely considered the top pound-for-pound fighter in MMA, while Cormier is an undefeated former Olympic wrestler.

They generated major publicity for their bout last week when they scuffled during a promotional event in the MGM Grand casino lobby.

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MLB SCOREBOARD

American League

Table with columns: Team, East Division, Pct, GB, and West Division. Lists Baltimore Orioles, New York Yankees, Tampa Bay Rays, Boston Red Sox, Kansas City Royals, Cleveland Indians, Chicago White Sox, Minnesota Twins, Oakland Athletics, Los Angeles Angels, Seattle Mariners, Houston Astros, Texas Rangers.

National League

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Tuesday's games

Table listing Tuesday's games: Arizona Diamondbacks @ Cleveland Indians, p.d., rain; New York Yankees @ Baltimore Orioles, p.d., rain; Texas Rangers @ Tampa Bay Rays; Los Angeles Angels @ Kansas City Royals; Houston Astros @ Minnesota Twins; Seattle Mariners @ Toronto Blue Jays; Atlanta Braves @ Detroit Tigers; Boston Red Sox @ Cincinnati Reds; Miami Marlins @ St. Louis Cardinals; Atlanta Braves @ Los Angeles Angels.

Wednesday's games

Table listing Wednesday's games: Boston at Cincinnati; Minnesota at Houston; Chicago White Sox at San Francisco; Los Angeles at Texas; Pittsburgh at Detroit; Atlanta at Kansas City; Oakland at Kansas City; Toronto at Seattle; Cleveland at San Diego; Arizona at Philadelphia; Detroit at Atlanta; St. Louis at Miami; Tampa Bay at N.Y. Mets; Milwaukee at Chicago Cubs; Philadelphia at L.A. Angels.

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Pirates 4, Rays 2 (14)

Scoreboard for Pirates vs Rays. Pirates 4, Rays 2. Key players: RDavis (5), JHrnsz (3), Kinsler (4), MCarb (2), VMart (2), JMrtz (4), Avila (4), Suarez (5), Alurque (0), Kinsler (4), OStlins (1), Kelly (1), Ray (2), Ankrms (5), Tenir (4).

Rangers 3, Rays 2 (14)

Scoreboard for Rangers vs Rays. Rangers 3, Rays 2. Key players: Dings (4), Tmpa (4), Choo (4), Goyer (1), Yelich (4), Longri (3), Coney (1), Forstyh (4), Cofey (1), CFigur (0), Kiemrr (4), Tenir (4).

Nationals 7, Mets 1

Scoreboard for Nationals vs Mets. Nationals 7, Mets 1. Key players: Span (5), Rncar (2), Rendon (3), Sdmnd (5), Wrrms (4), MTaylr (4), Hainrhn (1), Dwtlwr (1).

White Sox 3, Giants 2 (19)

Scoreboard for White Sox vs Giants. White Sox 3, Giants 2. Key players: Wlch (1), Fstr (1), Mncr (1), Rnter (1), Crtor (1), Carlye (1), Hrbp (1), Sllr (1).

Red Sox 3, Reds 2

Scoreboard for Red Sox vs Reds. Red Sox 3, Reds 2. Key players: B.Molt (3), Pedro (2), D'ortz (1), Boga (1), Nava (4), Broydr (0), Vazqu (3), Jkelly (2), Napol (1), Bndph (0), Layne (0), Uehara (0).

White Sox 3, Giants 2 (19)

Scoreboard for White Sox vs Giants. White Sox 3, Giants 2. Key players: De Aza (4), Gckz (2), Jrea (1), Koner (1), Putnm (0), Almrz (3), Napol (1), Flowrs (3), Sllr (1), Sllr (1).

AL leaders

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NL leaders

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San Diego's Jedd Gyorko is tagged out at the plate by Rockies catcher Wilin Rosario during the fourth inning on Monday in San Diego.

Padres 4, Rockies 1

Scoreboard for Padres vs Rockies. Padres 4, Rockies 1. Key players: Tolver (4), Blckm (4), Ruedis (4), Arenaz (2), Rnrr (2), Lmndh (2), Fmcs (2), Kahlne (0), Tmpa (3).

Mariners 6, Blue Jays 3

Scoreboard for Mariners vs Blue Jays. Mariners 6, Blue Jays 3. Key players: Tmpa (3), Blckm (4), Ruedis (4), Arenaz (2), Rnrr (2), Lmndh (2), Fmcs (2), Kahlne (0), Tmpa (3).

Angels 7, Phillies 2

Scoreboard for Angels vs Phillies. Angels 7, Phillies 2. Key players: Rverec (3), Rollns (2), Ullbr (1), Howard (3), Bryrd (4), Ruzic (4), Abanc (3).

Mariners 3, Cardinals 0

Scoreboard for Mariners vs Cardinals. Mariners 3, Cardinals 0. Key players: Mrcpt (3), Wong (2), JhrFrs (4), Tavers (3), Mdms (3), Mells (3), Hwrvr (3), Desapl (3), Chate (0), Marns (0).

Cubs 3, Brewers 0

Scoreboard for Cubs vs Brewers. Cubs 3, Brewers 0. Key players: Gcmz (3), Nunsz (4), Braun (1), Gennett (4), Kdavis (2), Segura (3), Gfrr (3), Duke (0), JhrFrs (3), Tmpa (3).

Milwaukee vs Chicago

Scoreboard for Milwaukee vs Chicago. Milwaukee 6, Chicago 2. Key players: M.Peralta (2), V.Peralta (1), J.Fress (1), Gcmz (2), Nunsz (4), Braun (1), Gennett (4), Kdavis (2), Segura (3), Gfrr (3), Duke (0), JhrFrs (3), Tmpa (3).

## MLB

## Roundup

# Volquez again comes through for Pirates

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Clint Hurdle did his best to ignore the doubters when the Pittsburgh Pirates took a \$5 million flier on Edison Volquez.

"That's why they call it noise," Hurdle said.

Funny, it's quiet now.

The resurgent right-hander continued his career resurrection on Tuesday night, limiting the Detroit Tigers for six effective innings in a 4-2 victory. Volquez (10-7) allowed two runs on five hits, striking out five against two walks. His best play, however, wasn't a pitch but a slick behind-the-back grab of a chopper by Victor Martinez in the first inning that kept the Tigers from extending an early 1-0 lead.

"The ball got me," Volquez said. "I got lucky on that one."

Maybe, but Volquez isn't ruling out karma, either.

There were times over the last five years when that ball would find its way to center field and Volquez would crumble. Not this time. The former All-Star turned reclamation project has been one of the few constants in a pitching rotation that's seen top end starters Francisco Liriano and Gerrit Cole spend significant time on the disabled list.

"He's been fun to watch," Hurdle said. "From the time we got him he showed up wanting to get better and wanting to learn."

Travis Snider went 2-for-4 with an RBI for the Pirates. Gaby Sanchez and Ike Davis added RBI doubles and Jordy Mercer chipped in a run-scoring single. Mark Melancon worked out of a two-on, one-out jam for his 22nd save as Pittsburgh improved to 5-3 without star center fielder Andrew McCutchen, who is on the disabled list with a rib injury.

**Nationals 7, Mets 1:** Michael Taylor homered in his big league debut, setting off a silly sequence to retrieve the souvenir, and visiting Washington backed Doug Fister with four long shots in a romp over New York.

Bryce Harper homered early, then Anthony Rendon, Ian Desmond and Taylor connected in the sixth inning as the NL East leaders won their ninth straight at Citi Field.

Fister (12-3) came back from a 25-minute rain delay and pitched seven shutout innings. He gave up seven hits, walked none and struck out three.

**Cubs 3, Brewers 0:** Rookie Kyle Hendricks pitched 7½ innings of six-hit ball in his third consecutive win, and host Chica-



KETH SRAKOCIC/AP

**Pirates starting pitcher Edison Volquez throws against the Detroit Tigers during the first inning of Tuesday's game in Pittsburgh. Volquez allowed two runs on five hits.**

go cooled off Wily Peralta and Milwaukee.

Hendricks (4-1) struck out five and walked one in his third consecutive win, continuing an impressive opening run for his major league career.

Anthony Rizzo hit his 26th homer for Chicago, which had lost three of four.

Trying for a major league-high 15th win, Peralta (14-7) allowed three runs and seven hits in 6½ innings.

**Marlins 3, Cardinals 0:** Jarred Cosart pitched seven innings in a duel with St. Louis' Adam Wainwright to earn his first victory for host Miami.

Cosart allowed three hits and one walk to win for the first time since July 7. The victory came in his second start for Miami after being acquired from Houston in a trade for prospects.

Wainwright (14-7), making his first start against the Marlins since 2010, missed a chance to become the first 15-game winner in the majors. He went seven innings and allowed three runs, with two coming on a home run off the foul pole by Donovan Solano.

**Red Sox 3, Reds 2:** At Cincinnati, Yoenis Cespedes hit a two-run homer in the eighth inning to lift Boston.

One pitch after ducking away from Jonathan Broxton's high-and-inside fastball, Cespedes launched a no-doubt, 433-foot drive to center field with two outs and Brock Holt on second base to give the Red Sox back-to-back victories for the first time since a five-game winning streak from July 13-20.

**Rangers 3, Rays 2 (14):** Carlos Ramos walked Adam Rosales with two outs in the 14th inning to force in the winning run and host Texas beat Tampa Bay.

Ramos (2-5), the Rays' seventh pitcher, walked Rosales on four pitches, allowing pinch-running pitcher Nick Martinez to score.

Texas' sixth pitcher, Scott Baker (1-3) earned the victory with two scoreless innings. The Rangers had lost all 20 games in which he appeared before Tuesday.

**Mariners 6, Blue Jays 3:** Kyle Seager and Kendrys Morales hit solo home runs, Dustin Ackley added a key two-out two-run single, and host Seattle moved into a tie for the second AL wild card with a win over Toronto.

Seattle won for the seventh time in eight games to catch Detroit in the wild-card race.

Young (11-6) pitched six strong innings, allowing just two hits. He yielded a first-inning run after walking Jose Reyes on four pitches and giving up Melky Cabrera's RBI double to start the game. Young retired 14 straight after Cabrera's double.

**Astros 10, Twins 4:** Chris Carter homered twice and tied a career high with five RBIs to lead host Houston over Minnesota.

The game was tied in the third inning when Carter's two-out, two-run drive to the Crawford Boxes in left field put Houston up 3-1.

Carter connected again on his next at-bat with a three-run shot in the fifth which chased Minnesota rookie starter Yohan Pino (1-5).

**White Sox 3, Giants 2 (10):** At San Francisco, Gordon Beckham hit an RBI single with two outs in the 10th inning and Chicago won after blowing a two-run lead in the ninth.

One batter after Jordan Danks was thrown out trying to score from third on a fielder's choice, Beckham hit an 0-1 pitch from San Francisco reliever Santiago Castilla (1-2) past shortstop Brandon Crawford into left field. Sierra, who entered the game as a late defensive replacement, scored easily.

Adam Dunn hit a two-run home run off Giants starter Ryan Vogelsong in the first for Chicago, which wasted another strong start by Chris Sale when reliever Jake Petricka gave up four hits in the ninth.

**Angels 7, Phillies 2:** Kole Calhoun homered and had an RBI single during a seven-run sixth inning, and host Los Angeles' struggling offense rebounded for a victory over Philadelphia.

David Freese had a two-run double during the lengthy rally, which propelled Los Angeles to just its second win in seven games. Calhoun bookended the rally with two of his three hits for the Angels, who had scored just nine runs in their previous 61 innings.

C.J. Wilson (9-8) pitched into the seventh inning of his first victory since June 24, yielding seven hits and two walks.

**Padres 4, Rockies 1:** Odrisamer Despaigne pitched five-hit ball for seven innings, leading host San Diego to its fourth straight win.

Despaigne (3-3) struck out eight and walked two for San Diego, which has won 10 of 13. Chris Nelson drove in two runs in the eighth inning for the Padres.

Alexi Amarista and Abraham Almonte also drove in runs. Yasmani Grandal had two of the Padres' six hits.

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# Lester, Oakland whip KC

By ALAN ESKEW  
The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Oakland Athletics' combination of Jon Lester and Josh Donaldson was too much for the Kansas City Royals.

Lester pitched six strong innings and Donaldson homered twice and drove in four runs as the Athletics won 11-3 Tuesday night, snapping the Royals' eight-game winning streak.

Lester (13-7) has won all three of his starts since joining the A's in a trade from Boston in a deadline deal on July 31 that sent All-Star outfielder Yoenis Cespedes to the Red Sox. Lester struck out nine and allowed three runs on six hits and two walks.

The timing of the trade was bad for the Royals, having to face Lester twice in 10 days.

"I'd rather face Cespedes four times in a game than face Lester one game," Royals manager Ned Yost said. "That's just me. That's not taking anything away from Cespedes. He can beat you with one swing of the bat."

The Royals have won 11 of 13, with both losses coming against Lester — who improved to 9-3 with a 1.84 ERA in 13 career starts against Kansas City.

Donaldson homered in the seventh and eighth off left-hander Bruce Chen for his third multi-homer game of the season. He also added an RBI double in the first and a sacrifice fly in the fifth.

"It helps when you have contributors up and down the lineup," Donaldson said. "We believe that it's going to happen more times than not. We had some balls that were hit hard for outs, and then we had a lot of balls that fell in for us tonight."

Brandon Moss had four hits, matching his career high, as the A's finished with a season-high 20 hits.

"He looked like Wade Boggs up there," A's manager Bob Melvin said.

Royals starter Jeremy Guthrie (8-10) allowed six runs on 11 hits in 4½ innings.



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**Oakland's Josh Donaldson celebrates as he crosses the plate after hitting the first of his two home runs during Tuesday's game against the Royals in Kansas City.**



JOHN BAZEMORE/AP

**Atlanta's Emilio Bonifacio, right, is tagged out by Los Angeles Dodgers shortstop Justin Turner as he tries to steal second base during the first inning of Tuesday's game in Atlanta. The Dodgers won 4-2 after falling behind 2-1 in the fourth inning.**

# Dodgers rally past Braves

## Haren shuts down skidding Atlanta

By PAUL NEWBERRY  
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — The Dodgers are getting solid performances out of their starting pitchers.

Pretty good hitting, too.

Dan Haren pitched six innings and sparked the go-ahead rally with a single, leading Los Angeles to another win over the skidding Atlanta Braves, 4-2 on Tuesday night.

It was the second night in a row the Dodgers got production out of the ninth spot in the order. The previous night, Kevin Correia had two hits and scored a run.

"I was hoping I didn't get thrown out," Haren (10-9) quipped about his hit to right-center field. "It takes me about eight seconds to get to first."

After allowing a fourth-inning homer to B.J. Upton that put the Braves up 2-1, Haren reached base with one out in the fifth. Carl Crawford followed with a double, sending Haren to third, and the pitcher scored the tying run on Yasiel Puig's grounder to third.

"Puig hit the ball and I wasn't sure if it was going to the pitcher," Haren said. "I just went!"

Matt Kemp hit a little blooper to right that just got over the glove of second baseman Tommy La Stella, bringing home Crawford.

That was enough for the Dodgers. Mike Minor (4-8) matched his longest outing of the past month after being skipped his previous turn in the rotation. The Atlanta lefty went 6½ innings, allowing eight hits and three runs.

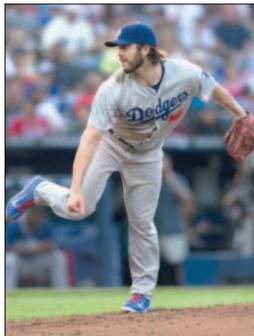
Kenley Jansen earned his 33rd save. The Braves lost for the 11th time in their last 13 games, including two straight to the Dodgers.

With Los Angeles up 1-0, Upton drove his ninth homer of the season deep into left-field seats. It was his sixth career homer off the Dodgers right-hander; Upton has no more than three homers against anyone else.

Minor came into the game with a 5.42 ERA, having surrendered nine hits, two homers and five runs in his most recent start Aug. 1, a 10-1 loss at San Diego.

"I changed some things mechanically, with some of my grips. I thought my stuff was moving better," Minor said. "It was encouraging."

The Dodgers padded their lead in the ninth without a hit. Braves shortstop



JOHN BAZEMORE/AP

**Dodgers starting pitcher Dan Haren pitched six innings in helping hand the Braves their 11th loss in 13 games.**

Emilio Bonifacio botched an easy grounder, and Darwin Barney hustled all the way to second on the error. Barney moved to third on a groundout, and scored on David Hale's wild pitch.

# COLLEGE FOOTBALL

# Nebraska puts emphasis on swiping ball

By ERIC OLSON  
The Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — Nebraska defensive coordinator John Papuchis refuses to let the offense take all the blame for the Cornhuskers having one of the worst turnover margins in the nation the last two years.

“We’ve got to hold up our end of the bargain,” he said. “In some of the games where we may have had some turnovers, we didn’t have very many takeaways, either. There’s a lot to be said for a defense equaling things out.”

Papuchis is emphasizing takeaways in the meeting room. He tracks how many of his charges get on the practice field and how many times they miss opportunities to knock a ball loose or intercept a pass. The next day, he uses film to go over the good and bad.

The Huskers were tied for 119th out of 125 Bowl Subdivision teams in turnover margin (minus-0.85 per game), giving up the ball 11 more times than they took it away. Their combined minus-23 the past two years is last in the Big Ten and seventh-worst nationally.

Given a statistic like that, their two-year record of 19-8 is quite remarkable. But it doesn’t stop Papuchis and his players from lamenting what might have happened if they had taken the ball away more.

Of course, the offense had its own prob-

lems. Only Maryland lost more fumbles than Nebraska’s 16 in 2013.

The Huskers totaled 18 turnovers and two takeaways during a six-game stretch in which they went 3-3. In a 41-28 loss to Michigan State, Nebraska coughed up the ball five times on its side of the 50, twice inside the 10, and the Spartans converted the turnovers into 24 points.

“We could talk about how we were put in some positions that were unfavorable,” linebacker Michael Rose said. “But we had opportunities to make a lot of turnovers and help our offense out. Our main job is to get the ball back to them. We have a hot, potent offense. We want to make sure they have as many possessions as they can.”

While ball-hawking is a priority for any defense, the numbers show the Huskers were lax, lineman Vincent Valentine said.

“We really didn’t get away from it, but it really wasn’t at the front of our list,” he said. “Throughout this camp, we’ve hit on it enough that we know this is one of the main points we have to focus on throughout the season.”

The emphasis goes beyond the standard ball-stripping drills in practice. It’s about developing an attitude.

To make that happen, Papuchis is stressing the fundamentals. That means when a pass-rusher is approaching the quarterback from the blind side, he should look to jar the ball loose while going for the sack.



NATI HARRIK/AP

Nebraska head coach Bo Pelini, right, talks to safety Corey Cooper during Nebraska’s first day of practice last week in Lincoln, Neb. The Cornhuskers are emphasizing the importance of takeaways.

Or when a ball is in the air, the defender should try for an interception instead of simply knocking down the ball.

Papuchis doesn’t want his players to gamble, though.

“Our rule is and always will be, the first guy in is tackling, the second guy is looking to strip,” he said. “We’re never going to compromise that, because then you’re giving up plays you shouldn’t give up.”



PHOTOS BY MICHAEL SCHMIDT, SUN-TIMES MEDIA/AP

Tom Hruby goes through drills at Northwestern football practice in Evanston, Ill., last week. Hruby, a 32-year-old father of three who is an active Navy SEAL, thinks his experiences in the military will help him secure a spot on the team.

## Test: SEAL moved family for chance at Northwestern team

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“He was relentless, absolutely relentless, like you would suspect from a SEAL,” he said.

Hruby was one of 32 people to graduate from his Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL class in late 2006. He then served as a breacher in the Middle East and Southeast Asia.

“One day you’re blowing things up, the next day I’m fast-roping out of a helicopter, the next day I’m parachuting at 20,000 feet,” Hruby said. “It’s inherently dangerous. When you start, you’re like, ‘God, I could die any minute. Any one of these things today can kill me if I don’t do it right.’”

Although he has already taken on many difficult challenges as a Navy SEAL, Hruby thinks there’s still more for him to prove to himself. SEAL Team chief David Goggins is among few people who understand Hruby’s latest endeavor.

“Without a challenge in front of guys like Tom, what’s the point of living?” Goggins said. “That first six months (of SEAL training), they want to see what you’re made of. Tom has always had that character in him.”

Hruby committed to four-hour study days to prepare for the SAT and training at EFT Sports Performance in Highland Park to prepare for football. He and his wife, Jen, sold their home in Pleasant Prairie, Wis., and moved in with Hruby’s room in Crown Point, Ind. Because of the



Tom Hruby, left, talks with Timmy Vernon at the Wildcats’ football practice. Hruby and his wife sold their home, and she and their kids moved in with his mother, while he stays in a dorm room on campus and visits his family on weekends.

long commute, Hruby stays in a dorm room on campus and visits his family on the weekends.

“Our family really likes to challenge each other, and it’s important to us to aspire to our dreams because I don’t think that you can truly be happy unless you go after those dreams that you think are unattainable,” Jen Hruby said.

Hruby thinks his experiences as a SEAL will help him secure a spot on Northwestern’s football team.

“What’s the next step? How do we get out of here? And you’ve just got to stick to those thoughts, stick to what’s important, stick to what you know and just kind of have an attitude,” he said.

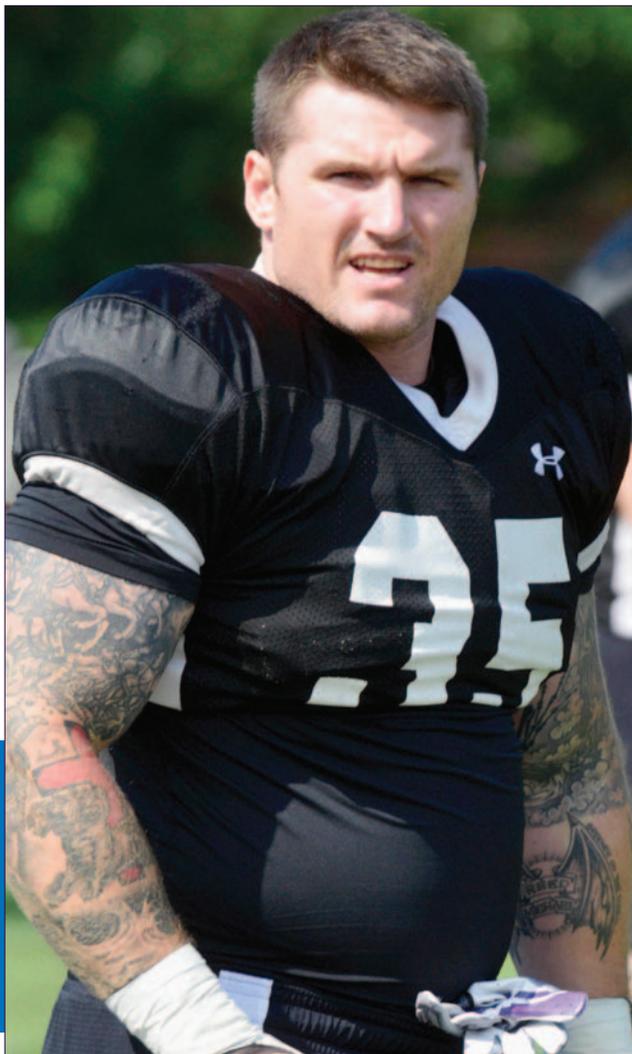
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## COLLEGE FOOTBALL



MICHAEL SCHMIDT, SUN-TIMES MEDIA/AP

Tom Hruby participates in drills at Northwestern football practice in Evanston, Ill., last week. Hruby, a 32-year-old father of three who is an active Navy SEAL, saved up his leave so he could participate in training camp to earn a spot on the team.

# Tackling next test

SEAL, 32, trying to earn spot as defensive end on Northwestern football team

The Associated Press

EVANSTON, Ill.

A 32-year-old active Navy SEAL is hoping to earn a spot on Northwestern University's football team. Tom Hruby, a junior at Northwestern and a father of three, is trying to walk on as a defensive end. Northwestern lists him as 6-foot-3, 230 pounds. He will compete against scholarship athletes in his quest to make it onto the Big Ten football team's roster, the Chicago Sun-Times reported.

"I don't feel like where I'm at today is some outstanding or amazing thing," Hruby said. "It's just more of a challenging route ... the way I kind of think about finding and accepting and trying to take on these challenges that most people would probably say are impossible, one, or very unlikely or just plain dumb."

Hruby still works as a SEAL instructor at Great Lakes Naval Station. He saved up his leave so he could participate in the Wildcats' three-week training camp this month.

Northwestern coach Pat Fitzgerald admires Hruby's drive. Fitzgerald said he doesn't think he could handle that many responsibilities at once.

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