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Petty Officer 3rd Class Josh Kirk, from Naval Support Activity Bahrain's harbor patrol unit, keeps an eye on commercial boat traffic transiting where U.S. Navy ships are moored.

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Anti-US sentiment in Philippines increasing after recent slaying

BY PAUL ALEXANDER
Stars and Stripes

Anti-American protests have long been a staple outside the U.S. Embassy in Manila. It doesn't take much to get leftists and students riled up, chanting and burning flags and effigies.

ANALYSIS

While they're vocal, protesters generally have represented a fairly small segment of Philippine society, ex-

cept during major flare-ups in bilateral ties. Now the slaying of a transsexual at Subic Bay a week ago, allegedly by a Marine taking part in joint exercises, has the anti-U.S. tide seeping into the mainstream again at a particularly sensitive time.

This was the one thing that neither government wanted to see as they scaled up military ties that badly frayed when the Philippine Senate refused to renew leases for U.S. bases in 1991 but had been on

the mend for the past 12 years.

The lurid details of the slaying — the victim's nude body was found in a hotel bathroom, her head on the toilet, with drowning listed as the cause of death — have dominated newspapers and TV. Four of five U.S. ships that had anchored after the exercise were delayed in departing, and the fifth, with the suspect in the brig, is still there.

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Former World War II POWs return to Japan

BY SETH ROBSON
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YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Standing on the waterfront in Tokyo Bay, former Army Sgt. William Sanchez said he can still picture the outlines of Camp Omori, where he was one of 606 allied prisoners of war during World War II.

The 96-year-old — one of seven former POWs in Tokyo last week as guests of the Japanese government — still has strong eyesight and a clear voice as he talks about his days working on the

‘It’s all different, but I can still picture the layout of the camp.’

Former POW Army Sgt. William Sanchez

docks here 70 years ago.

“It’s all different, but I can still picture the layout of the camp,” he said during a Thursday trip to a large shopping mall built on land reclaimed by American, British and Dutch POWs.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“When the waves are good, you’ve got to get in. Every time we have a hurricane we know it’s going to be good.”

— Emile Meder, one of the surfers enjoying ample waves spurred by strong winds at popular Waikiki Beach on Oahu as Hurricane Ana passed southwest of Hawaii

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MILITARY

POW: Ex-prisoners recall harsh conditions of confinement

FROM FRONT PAGE

“My barracks were over there,” Sanchez said, gesturing through a parking lot. “The entrance to the camp headquarters was over there,” he added, pointing at a grandstand where spectators can watch speedboats race in a canal. Sanchez, of Monterey Park, Calif., was captured on Corregidor in the Philippines on May 6, 1942, after a Japanese artillery barrage knocked out his machine gun. He endured a month on a “hell ship” to reach Japan.

The visit was Sanchez’s first trip back since the war. “It’s amazing what I’m seeing,” he said as he strolled near a leafy neighborhood of gleaming, high-rise apartments. A pair of geisha houses near the site of the old POW camp grabbed his attention. “There used to be 15 of them during the war,” he recalled. “The geishas would come out and wave to us and we would joke with them, but we never got close.”

Some 27,000 U.S. troops were captured by Japan during the war and suffered in hellacious conditions at the hands of their Japanese captors: torture, starvation, disease, exposure and the constant deaths of their brothers in arms. Roughly 40 percent of the POWs perished. 1,115 of them after being sent to Japan to work as forced laborers at more than 100 camps run by approximately 60 companies.

Japan organized the trip to help the men gain a sense of closure to the horrific ordeal. For while they recovered from their injuries and renourished their bodies, many say the pain from their psychological wounds has not dulled with time.

The Omori POWs worked as stevedores — loading and unloading ships on the docks. That’s

where Sanchez was on March 9, 1945, when the U.S. launched the most destructive bombing raid in history.

“On the docks, it was every man for himself,” he recalled of the night that U.S. incendiary bombs wiped out much of Tokyo, killing tens of thousands of residents. Miraculously, the POWs survived, but their guards weren’t so lucky. One lost his mother, wife and two children. New guards had to be brought to the camp to guard the POWs, Sanchez said.

Another former POW in Tokyo last week was Oral Nichols, 93 of Carlsbad, N.M. He was among the first Americans taken prisoner when Wake Island was overrun on Dec. 23, 1941, by a Japanese force that vastly outnumbered the Marine Corps garrison there.

Nichols, one of a large contingent of civilian contractors on the island, was working in a hospital when a Japanese soldier fired a shot into the building, wounding the man next to him. After the surrender, he and other prisoners were paraded in front of a machine gun.

“I thought, ‘This is it,’” he said. Rather than executing the Americans, the Japanese stripped them naked, tied them up and left them to bake on the fighting line for two days before putting them onto ships bound for Japan, Nichols recalled.

From there, he was sent to a POW Camp in Shanghai, China, where he worked as a clerk, typing prisoners’ records. The interpreter he worked for, named Ishihara, threatened him regularly and was tried for torturing other prisoners after the war.

“He was executed, I think,” Nichols said.

The oldest veteran visiting the waterfront in Tokyo was Jack



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Oral Nichols recalls his time as a prisoner of war in Japan on Thursday in Heiwajima, Japan. Nichols was a civilian responsible for a construction project on Wake Island when he was captured by the Japanese and was imprisoned almost the entirety of the war.

Schwartz, 99, who was captured on Guam on the third day of the war and reached Japan in January 1942.

Schwartz, then a Navy lieutenant junior grade, was the senior American officer at a POW camp at Kawasaki.

“I had responsibility without authority,” he recalled. “If anything went wrong, it was my fault. I frequently got beaten. Not severely. Just punched around.”

Enlisted POWs at Kawasaki worked for Nippon Steel and at a soy sauce factory and received wages equivalent to 2 cents per day. Schwartz and an interpreter were allowed to shop at local markets for fruit and spices that the men then could purchase at a small canteen, he said.

He was sent to a mountain

camp — Rokuroshi — shortly before the war ended. Nichols, who was sent to Japan via Korea as America and her allies drove back the Imperial Army, also ended up in the mountains, working in an iron mine in the waning days of the war.

Then came the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and the Japanese surrender on Sept. 2, 1945.

When they got word, prisoners at Rokuroshi painted a POW sign on the roof and waited until supplies were dropped by parachute. Army nurses reached the camp soon after and their first act was dousing the flea-infested prisoners with DDT, Schwartz said.

After the war, Schwartz spent 22 years in the Navy and 18 as a city engineer in California, but swore he’d never return to Japan. He had second thoughts when he was offered the chance this year.

“If [the Japanese] are trying to be nice after a while, let them be nice,” he said.

At Omori, after the surrender, the POWs were told to form up and were marched to Yokohama Station to be turned over to the U.S. 1st Cavalry Division.

“When they played the national anthem and raised Old Glory, I finally felt free for the first time,” Sanchez said. “No more beatings ... that was the end of that.”

These days, he doesn’t harbor grudges and supports Japan’s efforts to have its military play a more active role in world affairs.

“Japan is our biggest ally in the Far East,” he said as he prepared to continue his tour of the Japanese capital. “We need Japan to be on our side. That is the biggest military advantage we can get.”

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Kadena contractor, airman found dead on Okinawa

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TOKYO — Two people assigned to Kadena Air Base on Okinawa were found dead in separate incidents Saturday.

A Kadena civilian contractor was found dead at an off-base hotel room early Saturday morning, according to an Air Force 18th Wing statement. The cause of the contractor’s death is under investigation.

Also, an airman died during a diving accident off Okinawa’s coast, about 30 miles north of Kadena Air Base.

The airman was airlifted to Nakagami Hospital, where medical workers were unable to resuscitate him.

The names of both victims are being withheld until 24 hours after the notification of next of kin, according to the statement.

The incidents Saturday mean that at least

five people working at Kadena have died during the past two weeks.

Three airmen who were temporarily assigned to Kadena from Robins Air Force Base, Ga., died after being swept out to sea by high waves associated with Typhoon Phanfone on Oct. 5.

The victims were part of a group of six airmen that had been taking pictures along Okinawa’s rocky northwestern shoreline.

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MILITARY

A patrol craft from Naval Support Activity Bahrain's harbor patrol unit guards the aircraft carrier USS George H.W. Bush during its port visit in Bahrain on Oct. 9.

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Critical security

Bahrain harbor patrol unit protects US Navy assets considered prime targets for militants

By **HENDRICK SIMOES**
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AKHAWR AL QULAY'AH, Bahrain's guided-missile cruiser USS Philippine Sea was leaving port here last week, a nearby Navy patrol craft notified something not quite right.

"I have a white pleasure craft coming towards me," Petty Officer 3rd Class Josh Kirk said, alerting fellow sailors by radio. Sailors hadn't determined what the boat's intentions were. But they couldn't take any risks. They were prepared to open fire if necessary.

"This is probably the most critical port in the U.S. Navy, especially given a lot of the operations in theater right now," said Chief Petty Officer Jason Boatman, the training chief for the harbor patrol unit in Bahrain, the Navy's largest and busiest.

It's no secret that Navy assets in Bahrain are a prime target for those seeking to do the United States harm, or that militants have active supporters in Persian Gulf monarchies. And everybody remembers that terrorists used a small boat laden with explosives to strike at the destroyer USS Cole in the port of Aden in 2000. In that attack, 17 crewmembers were killed and 39 wounded.

Officials, therefore, take security very seriously here.

As the white boat continued on its course toward the USS Philippine Sea, Kirk briefly turned his sirens on. But the incoming boat showed no sign of slowing down or changing course.

He hit the sirens again, but there was still no change.

On the bow of the patrol craft, Petty Officer 1st Class Lanieka Towle saw one of the passengers on the fast-approaching boat raising an object. It could have been a weapon, but it was hard to tell.

Towle grabbed her M240 machine gun in preparation for a possible attack, while Kirk bumped up the throttle to intercept. He conducted a "screen out" maneuver — coming within 10 yards of the boat — as he attempted to block its path to the Philippine Sea. A brief chase ensued, but the unidentified speeding boat continued on away from the ship.

At its nearest point, the boat came within 315 yards of the Philippine Sea. More aggressive action would have been taken if it had broken 300 yards, Kirk said.

"They are some of the hardest working sailors. They are out there in all kinds of weather day and night providing waterborne security for all the ships that come into port."

Capt. David Meron

Naval Support Activity Bahrain base commander



Top: Petty Officer 1st Class Lanieka Towle mans an M240 machine gun at the bow of a patrol craft, providing security for U.S. Navy ships visiting Bahrain. **Above:** Sailors patrol the area where U.S. Navy ships are moored.

For Towle, it was the closest she'd ever come to another boat in this kind of situation, but she said such encounters are routine "to some degree."

"It does make you realize how important you are here in the water," she said.

The U.S. Navy base in Bahrain, which is home to the U.S. 5th Fleet, is the most strategic in the Middle East. Located in the Persian Gulf, it's a major stop for ships involved in operations against Islamic militants in Iraq and Syria and ships patrolling the Gulf of Aden for pirates.

Along with protecting various assets and infrastructure, the unit escorts about 60 U.S. and coalition ships a month in and out of port.

"They are some of the hardest working sailors," said Capt. David Meron, the base commander of Naval Support Activity Bahrain. "They are out there in all kinds of weather day and night providing waterborne security for all the ships that come into port."

The 5th Fleet has minesweepers, coastal patrol ships and other vessels based in this tiny island Persian Gulf nation — a presence that's increased substantially in the past few years. The port is a popular stopping place for the bigger ships — including aircraft carriers and amphibious ships — on lengthy deployments to the region.

All of the ships depend on the harbor patrol unit to provide security, whether they're based here or just visiting.

Kirk said that when on patrol, he's always scanning the water for swimmers, divers and vessels acting suspiciously. It's a difficult task because there's so much activity at the port, with all sorts of fishing boats, recreational speedboats and commercial vessels moving around.

Boatman, the training chief, said it's more dangerous here than on other mainstream Navy bases like Naval Station Norfolk, Va., and Naval Base San Diego.

"Our sailors on the boats are always on their toes," he said. "We've got a lot of young sailors out there that are doing a fine job and protecting assets that are most critical."

For Kirk and Towle there was little time to reflect on the close encounter with the speeding boat on this particular day. Later, the unit was tasked to escort the aircraft carrier USS George H.W. Bush out to sea after a port visit.

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EUROPE

US personnel overseas urged to up vigilance

Stars and Stripes

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — One of the top U.S. Army leaders in Europe says he's concerned that intensified efforts by the Islamic State to recruit more Europeans could pose a threat to Americans living overseas.

Speaking to reporters Thursday in Washington, Maj. Gen. Walter Piatt, deputy commanding general of U.S. Army in Europe, said, "We see recruiting kind of accelerating... We've seen it all the way throughout Europe, and [it's] impossible to track every single person where they are."

Piatt's remarks, published Friday on The Hill website, come amid increased force-protection measures and security warnings for U.S. military personnel in Europe.

The general also said there is a "possibility of lone-wolf attacks," where "somebody could just take advantage of an opportunity to attack."

"It's a real threat to the protection of our citizens and facilities," he said.

On Thursday, force-protection conditions were raised across the U.S. European Command area

of operation as part of a planned security rehearsal that was to extend through Friday afternoon. EUCOM officials said in a news release last week that the elevated posture was not in response to a specific threat but was a result of force-protection concerns throughout the EUCOM area of responsibility.

Earlier this month, EUCOM issued new guidance that encourages commands across Europe to examine their policies on wearing uniforms off base.

In an Oct. 1 memorandum to all 86th Airlift Wing personnel, the

majority of which are assigned to Ramstein Air Base, the wing's vice commander urged individuals "to assess your personal and professional awareness of and preparedness for anti-U.S. activity in Europe" in light of recent U.S. strike operations against the Islamic State.

The memo came on the heels of an Army Threat Integration Center "special assessment" issued late last month, which warned against potential threats posed by the Islamic State, its followers and others influenced by radical Islam.

The memo said that while specific extremist plots against the military community had been not been identified, "terrorist groups and their supporters have the capability of conducting attacks with little to no warning in" the United States "and against U.S. military installations and facilities worldwide."

Among other security measures, the memo urges U.S. personnel to be careful about posting government and military affiliations on social media.

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US base efforts give Baumholder hope

By MATT MILLHAM

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BAUMHOLDER, Germany — As mayor of this garrison town, Peter Lang would like to know the U.S. Army's long-term plans for its sprawling base here. As a former lieutenant colonel in the German army, he also knows those answers don't always exist.

While the Army has remained largely silent on its plans for Baumholder pending the outcome of an overarching review of U.S. military infrastructure in Europe, its actions give Lang reason to believe that things may be looking up for the town, whose fortunes are closely tied to the Army presence.

Despite fewer troops, the Army is moving forward with plans to upgrade housing, roads and other infrastructure here. In April, U.S. Special Forces came to the post to conduct training with MV-22 Osprey aircraft for the first time, adding fuel to long-simmering speculation over the Army's interest in basing Green Berets here.

Even more intriguing is the Army's decision over the summer to defer previously announced job cuts while the Pentagon carries out its European Infrastructure Consolidation Review — a move that would enable the Army to quickly move more soldiers here without having to rehire civilians who take care of many of the day-to-day functions of Army installations.

"For sure, everybody is waiting for any result" of the infrastructure review, Lang said.

The Pentagon did not respond to questions about when the review might be released.

The Army announced the job cuts in February as part of a Europe-wide rebalancing that affected nearly 600 local-national positions, roughly 160 of them in Baumholder. The cuts, according to U.S. Army Europe, were necessary to adjust the size of the civilian workforce in response to previous troop reductions.

While some of the announced plans affecting Baumholder have already been implemented — the transformation of Baumholder from a full U.S. Army garrison to a satellite of the Kaiserslautern-centered U.S. Army Garrison Rheinland-Pfalz — the job cuts have been deferred for up to a year, pending the outcome of the infrastructure review, said Troy Darr, a command spokesman.

"This course of action has not been implemented at any other Army garrisons or satellite sites in Europe," he said.

Baumholder, which until 2012 housed the 170th Infantry Brigade, is one of U.S. Army Europe's largest installations, dwarfing the German town that hosts it. Since the inactivation of the 170th, many of the garrison's buildings have been renovated but sit empty. In its version of the annual defense authorization bill, the House has voted to extend the use-by date on nearly \$60 million previously authorized to build a new elementary school here.

"The capacity is there. The infrastructure is also there," for



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Smith Barracks, a U.S. Army installation that dwarfs Baumholder, the German town that hosts it, has seen the number of troops based there fall by roughly half in the past two years.



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U.S. soldiers from the 10th Special Forces Group practice fast roping from a CV-22B Osprey at the Army Airfield, Baumholder Military Training Area, Germany, in April.

more soldiers to move in, Lang said. "Training opportunities on the military training area is also available."

A 31,000-acre military training area adjacent to the base is the third-largest such facility in Germany, allowing forces to fire tanks and other large weaponry. U.S. and NATO Special Forces

takes care of the base's wastewater, he said.

That decision is also being held up by the infrastructure review, he said. A company that has proposed building a biomass plant to heat the garrison and some municipal buildings won't move forward with the plan without a firm commitment from the U.S., Lang said.

While Baumholder's economy has stabilized since the previous round of troop cuts forced some businesses to close, Lang said his constituents would like to see more Americans in the streets, because with them comes prosperity. After dealing with this ambiguity for years, though, they've learned to be patient.

"Everybody knows that the main decisions, they come not from Kaiserslautern, they come not from Wiesbaden," Lang said. "They will be from the other side of the Atlantic in Washington, D.C."

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MILITARY

PACAF gets 1st female chief

4-star general takes helm amid the Pacific rebalance

By WYATT OLSON
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JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii — Gen. Lori J. Robinson assumed top command of the Air Force in the Pacific on Thursday, becoming the first woman to lead a major Air Force component command.

"Although some observers may be distracted today by the fact that she is first, the wisest will simply note that she just happens to be next," Air Force chaplain Dondi Costin said during the ceremony's opening invocation.

Newly promoted to a four-star, Robinson replaced Gen. Herbert "Hawk" Carlisle, who will head the Air Combat Command at Langley Air Force Base, Va. — where Robinson just completed a stint as vice commander.

During the change-of-command ceremony held in Hangar 19 of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, both Robinson and Carlisle joked about the frequent intersections of their careers.

"How we go back 30 years, to 1984, and our paths have intersected ever since in what can only

be described as fate," Carlisle said.

He recalled being a fighter pilot in that era and had come up with a "brilliant maneuver" for shooting down a drone with a missile during a weapons instructor course. The move turned out to be less than brilliant, he said, and he lost view of the target.

Robinson, then a weapons controller, radioed him "in a calm voice and told me exactly where it was," he said.

She remembered him as the antithesis of Top Gun-era cockiness when, to the stunned amazement of her squadron, Carlisle returned a piece of equipment to her personally.

"This was back "when fighter pilots didn't talk to weapons controllers — they merely yelled at them, and it was always our fault," Robinson joked.

Robinson will command about 46,000 airmen in Japan, South Korea, Hawaii, Alaska and Guam.

She takes the helm amid President Barack Obama's rebalance to the Pacific, which is intended to reinvigorate America's economic,

diplomatic and military engagement in the Indo-Asia region. The Air Force's role in the rebalance is now being tested by America's airstrike campaign against Islamic State militants in Iraq.

The rebalance was clearly on the minds of two speakers Friday — Adm. Samuel J. Locklear III, commander of U.S. Pacific Command, and Gen. Mark A. Welsh III, Air Force chief of staff.

Noting the challenge of maintaining an air presence in a theater of 13 time zones and 100 million square miles of airspace, Welsh told the airmen, "While others talk about the merit and challenges of a rebalance to the Pacific, you worked to make it a reality."

Locklear praised Carlisle as "one of my go-to leaders when it comes to articulating what the rebalance means to America and what it means to the region."

Locklear also commended him for managing readiness during the budget cutbacks caused by sequestration, which he described as "the most difficult time, I think, in the history of our military, at least



RAYMOND GEOFFROY/Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

Gen. Lori J. Robinson, right, the new Pacific Air Forces commander, receives the PACAF flag, from Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III during the change-of-command ceremony at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, on Thursday.

as far as I can tell."

Welsh said Robinson brought a "secret weapon" to her new job in Hawaii — her husband, David, a retired Air Force major general.

"Together they are a force of nature," Welsh said.

"Air power brings a unique, asymmetric advantage with speed, range and flexibility to this immense area of responsibility," Robinson said to Locklear at the closing of the ceremony.

"I pledge to be a full-up partner and component commander pro-

viding my best military advice on how air power and other PACAF capabilities can best serve your priorities," she said.

To Welsh, she acknowledged that these are "fiscally restrained times" and that PACAF "would make the best use of every dollar that's spent to organize, train and equip our airmen so that they can meet any mission asked of them. And when we can't do everything that's asked, I will let you and the secretary know what the risk is."

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Slaying: Handling of Marine's case to be scrutinized for any hint of favoritism

FROM FRONT PAGE

Every detail of how the case is handled will be scrutinized for any hint of favoritism toward the Marine, right down to where he's detained while the legal process unfolds.

An American soldier accused of rape several years ago was held on U.S. Embassy property during his trial, which remains a sore spot for many Filipinos.

The U.S.-Philippines relationship has long been a tangled one, not atypical for a former colony and its colonial rulers.

The sprawling archipelago of more than 5,000 islands has embraced American culture. Marriages between foreigners and locals are accepted far more than in most Asian countries.

America is the prime target for people seeking overseas jobs and a better life. The Americans fought beside Filipinos during World War II, and the U.S. military today is peppered with Philippine faces.

But there also are sensitivities of a country that is proud to have

gained its independence but still struggles to deal with problems common in young nations, including an underfunded and undertrained military.

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the disenfranchised rural poor. When the Abu Sayyaf staged a mass kidnapping at an upscale resort that included three American captives, the Philippine navy tried to follow but couldn't keep up with the escape boat.

The saga dragged on for a year, with the kidnapers and their

captives fleeing at one point from a surrounded hospital.

Finally, with the U.S. invasion of Afghanistan having toppled the Taliban, Washington dispatched military counterterrorism trainers to the Philippines to keep the country from becoming a safe haven for terrorist groups.

Their arrival drew heated protests, and strict rules were drawn up that banned the Americans from combat. U.S. equipment and surveillance assistance trickled in.

When the chief Abu Sayyaf spokesman was killed in a sea battle, the presidential palace watched it all live via a U.S. surveillance aircraft.

Today, while the Abu Sayyaf remains a prickly thorn, it has been called a spent force, and the U.S. trainers have been praised for playing a crucial behind-the-scenes role.

So when increasingly expansionist China began flexing its muscles in the South China Sea, clashing with a Philippine vessel, the Philippine government

realized it was time to bolster its coastal defenses.

At the same time, the U.S. was working on its "Pacific pivot" as the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq came to an end.

So in the wake of the goodwill generated by U.S. aid following last year's devastating typhoon in the central Philippines, Manila and Washington worked out a deal. It was designed to ramp up the U.S. military presence in the Philippines with rotational forces and prepositioned disaster

aid without fully reopening the closed bases, walking a fine line to avoid sparking too much local dissent.

At the time the deal was announced during President Barack Obama's visit to the Philippines, analysts forecast that protests against the deal would fade as long as there was no major incident to fan the flames. That appeared to be happening — until a week ago.

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WAR ON TERRORISM

Kurds: Strikes keep militants out of Kobani

By Patrick J. McDonnell

Los Angeles Times

MURSTPPINAR, Turkey — Each day, Mohammed Jemmo ventures to a barren, wind-swept hilltop overlooking his embattled hometown where two of his sons and a daughter are fighting with the Kurdish militia resisting an offensive by Islamist extremists.

"I thought that if they would be martyred, then that must be God's will," Jemmo said as he peered south from Turkish territory toward the Syrian city of Kobani, plumes of smoke rising skyward and the rumble of an unseen fighter jet cutting through the thick overcast. "But now I'm more confident that they will survive. It seems this may be nearing an end."

Less than two weeks ago, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan declared that Kobani "was about to fall" to the Islamic State group, a message broadcast around the world from satellite trucks on the Turkish side showed the militants' signature black banner rising from buildings and atop Tel Shair, a hill overlooking the city.

But an abrupt reversal in fortunes, aided by U.S.-led airstrikes, appear to have opened the prospect of a speedy conquest by the militants. No more black flags can be seen fluttering on the skyline of Kobani. The battle, freighted with symbolic if not strategic significance, has taken on a new meaning for Turkey. Turkey's president predicted the city's downfall.

Kurds on both sides of the border say the extremist advance has been halted in large part because of the airstrikes, now numbering about 100 a day. Turkey's role in any other part of Syria or Iraq since the air campaign kicked off in August. After a sluggish start, say Kurdish fighters and Kobani



Thick smoke and flames from a fire rise following a strike in Kobani, Syria, during fighting between Syrian Kurds and the militants of the Islamic State group Sunday.

LEFTERIS PITRAKIS/AP

residents, the aerial assault has stopped the Islamic State in its tracks and contributed to retreats along the southern and western flanks of the city.

The Islamic State remains formidable to the east, controlling a strategic mesa. The current battlefield tableau, Kurdish leaders warn, is more akin to a stalemate than an impending victory for either side. While the situation is dynamic, the Kurds of Kobani are in a much better position now than just a week or so ago.

"The situation is stable now," said Ismat Sheik, a Kurdish political representative in Kobani, reached via cell phone.

"The (Kurdish) fighters have managed to stop Daesh from advancing, but the tide hasn't turned

in our favor," he added, using the common Arabic acronym for the Islamic State. "Kobani is still in danger."

While Islamic State forces have suffered heavy losses, their ranks are being bolstered with reinforcements brought in from other militant-controlled areas. Artillery rounds still hit the city with regularity — and again on Saturday — kicking up columns of smoke and debris. The extremists have sent explosives-laden suicide vehicles careering toward the front lines.

Still, the aerial bombardment has largely neutralized the militants' most fearsome assets: tanks and other armored vehicles, mobile artillery and Soviet-era heavy machine guns known

as Dushkas, mounted on pickup trucks. With U.S. and allied aircraft prowling above, moving the arsenal toward Kobani entails considerable risk.

"Daesh has lost its main advantage," said Simko Qaromo, 36, a Kurdish fighter interviewed on the Turkish side of the border. "They are paralyzed, not able to move."

The militants, ever resilient, have adapted. Combatants are ferrying in equipment on motorcycles in hopes of avoiding detection from the air, according to fighters and residents.

On Friday, U.S. Army Gen. Lloyd J. Austin III, who heads the Pentagon's Central Command, confirmed that the militants no longer travel in large convoys

Iraq lifts curfew in Anbar capital

BAGHDAD — Iraqi authorities in the country's western Anbar province have lifted a curfew imposed Friday in the provincial capital of Ramadi over fears that Islamic State militants might try to advance on the city.

Anbar provincial council chairman Sabah Karhout said Sunday that the curfew was lifted the previous day.

Karhout said Islamic State militants continue to shell some neighborhoods with mortar rounds but have failed to seize additional territory in the city.

The group has been making gains around Ramadi in recent weeks against the embattled Iraqi military, despite ongoing U.S.-led coalition airstrikes on the militants.

From The Associated Press

and are "afraid to talk on their networks." But he conceded that it was still "highly possible" that Kobani could fall.

"Give us weapons and we will defeat Daesh all over the region," pleaded Mohamed Jamal, 30, a curly Kurdish fighter with wiry hair found mingling with fellow Kobani exiles in the central square of Suruc, an overwhelmingly ethnic Kurdish city in Turkey housing many wounded fighters and displaced residents. "We don't run from them like the Iraqi or the Syrian armies. We can defeat them if we have the means."

Turkey would oppose US arms transfers to Kurds

By Elena Becatoros and Suzan Fraser

The Associated Press

SURUC, Turkey — Turkey would not agree to any U.S. arms transfers to Kurdish fighters who are battling Islamic State militants in Syria, President Recep Tayyip Erdogan was quoted as saying Sunday, as the extremist group fired more mortar rounds near the Syrian-Turkish border.

Turkey views the main Syrian Kurdish group, the PYD — and its military wing, which is fighting the Islamic State militants — as an extension of the PKK, which has waged a 30-year insurgency in Turkey and is designated a terrorist group by the United States and NATO.

The United States has said recently that it has engaged in intelligence sharing with Kurdish fighters and officials have not ruled out future arms transfers to the Kurdish fighters.

"The PYD is for us, equal to the PKK. It is a terror organization," Erdogan told a group of report-

ers on his return from a visit to Afghanistan.

"It would be wrong for the United States — with whom we are friends and allies in NATO — to expect us to say 'yes' to such a support to a terrorist organization," Erdogan said. His comments were reported by the state-run Anadolu agency on Sunday.

Turkey's opposition to arms transfers to the Kurdish forces is hampering the U.S.-led coalition's efforts to fight the extremists and further complicating relations between Turkey and the United States. The countries are involved in negotiations about Ankara's role with the U.S. and NATO allies fighting the Islamic State group, which is attempting to capture the strategic town of Kobani on the Syrian-Turkish border.

Turkey is demanding that the coalition widen its campaign against the militants by providing greater aid to Syrian rebels, who are battling both the Islamic State militants and President Bashar



Syrian refugee Abduljabbar Mastkalo, 54, from Kobani, hands over his passport to an official of the Kurdish Regional Government for registration as he and his family arrive at the Ibrahim Khalil border crossing between Turkey and Iraq on Thursday.

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Assad's forces. Turkey has so far provided sanctuary to an estimated 200,000 Syrians fleeing

Kobani, and recently agreed to train and equip moderate Syrian rebel fighters trying to remove

Assad from power.

Fighting between the Islamic militants and the Kurdish fighters defending Kobani continued on Sunday. A U.S.-led coalition has been carrying out airstrikes on Islamic State positions in and near the town, as well as in other parts of Syria, particularly in the oil-rich eastern province of Deir el-Zour, and in Iraq. Several airstrikes hit Kobani on Saturday evening.

The flow of migrants into Turkey has intensified since the Islamic State intensified its push to take Kobani and cut access for Kurdish fighters to other areas of Syria they control.

The United Nations' humanitarian chief, Valerie Amos, visited one of the refugee camps set up in a school in the Turkish border town of Suruc.

While 900,000 people have been registered as refugees in Turkey since the Syrian crisis began four years ago, "the reality is that the numbers are nearer to 1.6 million," Amos said.

EBOLA OUTBREAK



JENNIFER REYNOLDS, THE GALVESTON COUNTY (TEXAS) DAILY NEWS/AP

The Carnival Magic docks at Pier 25 in Galveston, Texas, early Sunday. A passenger aboard the cruise ship had been in voluntary isolation in her cabin because of potential contact with the Ebola virus.

Cruise ship docks in Texas with health worker on Ebola watch

By JILL CRAIG

The Associated Press

GALVESTON, Texas — A cruise ship carrying a Dallas health care worker who was being monitored for Ebola returned to port Sunday after an eventful seven-day trip in which passengers had their vacations briefly disrupted with an infectious disease scare.

A lab supervisor who handled a specimen from a Liberian man who died from Ebola in Dallas showed no symptoms during the cruise but self-quarantined out of caution. Carnival Cruise Lines told passengers the unidentified woman was tested for Ebola but the results were negative.

Vicky Rey, vice president of guest care for Carnival Cruise Lines, said the woman and her

husband drove themselves home after arriving in Galveston early Sunday, but offered no further details.

The Ebola scare added some drama to the trip for the hundreds of passengers on the ship.

They learned through a public address system announcement that one of the passengers was being monitored for Ebola. They watched developments about the Ebola outbreak and their ship on the news. The boat was not allowed to dock in Cozumel, depriving passengers of one of the top port destinations. Travelers snapped pictures of a Coast Guard helicopter as it landed to get a blood sample from the passenger.

"We weren't worried. We ended up just hanging out and enjoying the rest of the trip," said Meredith Brooks, a Houston banker

who was on her honeymoon during the cruise.

State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki said that when the woman left the U.S. on the cruise ship from Galveston, Texas, on Oct. 12 health officials were requiring only self-monitoring. Officials stepped up their response while the cruise was underway and two nurses were diagnosed with Ebola.

Carnival Cruise Lines said in a statement that the woman was "not deemed to be a risk to any guests or crew."

"We are in close contact with the CDC, and at this time it has been determined that the appropriate course of action is to simply keep the guest in isolation on board," the statement said, referring to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Official: Ebola protocols being revised

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Revised guidance for health care workers treating Ebola patients will include using protective gear "with no skin showing," a top federal health official said Sunday.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, head of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, said those caring for an Ebola patient in Dallas were left vulnerable because some of their skin was exposed.

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is working on revisions to safety protocols.

Ebola's incubation period is 21 days, and Fauci noted that mark was being reached Sunday for Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital workers who first treated Thomas Eric Duncan, the Liberian man who later died of the disease.

"The ones now today that are going to be 'off the hook' are the ones that saw him initially in the

emergency room," Fauci said.

Duncan was seen at the hospital on Sept. 26 and sent home with antibiotics. He returned by ambulance on Sept. 28, was admitted and died of Ebola on Oct. 8.

Judge Clay Jenkins, the chief executive in Dallas County, said that the protective order that has kept Duncan's family isolated expires Sunday at midnight.

"That's going to be a good thing for those families. They've been through so much, and we're very happy about that," Jenkins said. "At the same time, we're extremely concerned about these health care workers and we continue to make contingency in the event that there are more cases," he said.

Jenkins called the 75 health workers who cared for Duncan "hometown health care heroes," and said they had signed agreements with the state's public health commissioner to stay off public transportation.

He said if any other health

workers test positive for Ebola, a plan is in place that includes:

■ All intake will be done at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital. Ambulances have been instructed to bring anyone with a history of West Africa travel and a fever to that hospital.

■ Those found to be infected will be transferred by air ambulance to one of three national health centers set up to handle very risky germs, or by ground ambulance to the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, which has the capability of disposing of the "copious waste" that Ebola cases generate.

■ If a large number of cases surface, a triage unit at another, undisclosed location will be set up in the next 24 hours, with isolation units. The location was to be announced later Sunday.

Fauci appeared on ABC television's "This Week," NBC's "Meet the Press," Fox News Sunday and CNN's "State of the Union." Jenkins was on ABC.

Obama moves to confront Ebola threat head on

By JIM KUHNHENN

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama delayed acting on immigration and an attorney general nomination this fall to dodge the politics of the midterm campaign season. But there was one topic he could not push aside — Ebola.

The past week's jarring Ebola developments have put a spotlight on the president's management skills just as he was earning praise for acting militarily against Islamic militants.

In recent months, Obama caught criticism for going golfing immediately after speaking about the beheading of an American and for attending a fundraiser after an airliner was shot down in Ukraine. This time, as the Ebola threat hit home in America, the president cleared his schedule, canceling travel and appearances to consult with Cabinet members and to talk with world leaders about how to contain the epidemic.

By Friday, he had named a point man for the U.S. response just as the clamor for an Ebola "czar" was nearing fever pitch.

"They are resisting their usual impulse to hunker down and wait it out," said Jim Manley, a former top aide to Senate Democratic Leader Harry Reid who in the past has consulted with the White House. "This time, they've decided to switch gears if only because it hasn't worked in the past."

The week began with the news that a nurse in Dallas has become the first known case of

Ebola being transmitted within the United States. By week's end, a second nurse had been diagnosed, and the hunt for possible exposures expanded from Texas to Ohio, from multiple domestic airline flights to a cruise ship denied a port-of-call in the Caribbean.

White House officials say the president's approach this time reflected the unfolding, real-time developments that needed ongoing decisions to help reassure an increasingly alarmed public. Seeing the issue spiral, White House press secretary Josh Earnest acknowledged "shortcomings" in the federal response, and Obama had to call on the government to react in "a much more aggressive way."

Still, that didn't stop the second guessing, even within his party.

"I'm greatly concerned ... that the administration did not act fast enough responding in Texas," Rep. Bruce Braley, an Iowa Democrat in a tight Senate contest, said during a congressional hearing on Ebola.

At the same time, the crisis seemed to narrow to a single political point of debate: Should the U.S. impose a travel or visa ban on people from the three West African nations bearing the brunt of the epidemic.

Obama said he was not "philosophically opposed" to the idea, but that in practice it would be counterproductive, driving travelers underground and hindering screening of potential Ebola carriers. Still, polls showed the idea had popular appeal.



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Remains may be those of missing Va. student

By Steve Helber
The Associated Press

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — The weekslong search for a missing University of Virginia student appears to have come to a sad end with the announcement by police officials that they have discovered human remains that could be hers.

Further forensic tests are needed to confirm whether the remains are those of Hannah Graham, 18, but Graham's parents were notified of the preliminary findings, Charlottesville police Chief Timothy Longo told a news conference Saturday, shortly after the discovery was made.

A volunteer search for Graham that had been planned for Sunday was canceled so law enforcement can turn its attention to the new evidence, officials from the Albemarle County Police Department said.

Longo said a search team from the Chesterfield County Sheriff's Office found the remains Saturday on an abandoned property in southern Albemarle County — the

same region where police found the body of Virginia Tech student Morgan Harrington, 20, three months after she vanished in 2009. Last month, after arresting a suspect in Graham's disappearance, police said they found a "forensic link" between the two cases.

Thousands of volunteers had searched for Graham in the weeks since her disappearance Sept. 13.

Jesse Leroy Matthew Jr., 32, has been charged with abduction with intent to defile Graham. A preliminary hearing is set for Dec. 4 on the charge. Matthew is being held in the Albemarle-Charlottesville Regional Jail.

Albermarle County Police are now taking over the investigation. County police Chief Steve Sellers said anyone who may have seen suspicious activity or someone who fits Matthew's description in the area after Graham's disappearance should contact police.

"We cannot and we will not jump to any conclusions regarding today's discovery, so I ask for the public's patience as we move

forward and pursue what is now a new ongoing death investigation," Sellers said.

Police officials Saturday afternoon had blocked the road leading to the site where the remains were found.



Graham

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were injured near the school before evening Saturday, and 20 of them were taken to hospitals, Keene fire Chief Mark Howard told New England Cable News.

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Mayhem erupts during annual pumpkin festival in NH

The Associated Press

KEENE, N.H. — Violent disturbances near Keene State College during an annual pumpkin festival lasted until early Sunday and involved dozens of arrests and injuries, as well as police in riot gear using tear gas to disperse crowds.

Keene State student Ellery Murray told The Boston Globe that she was at a party Saturday that had drawn a large crowd when people started throwing things.

"People were just throwing everything they could find — rocks, skateboards, buckets, pumpkins," she said. "People just got too drunk."

The parties around the school coincided

with the annual Keene Pumpkin Festival, where the community tries to set a world record for the largest number of carved and lighted jack-o-lanterns in one place.

Ellery Murray
Keene State College student

showed evidence of a crowd overturning a car, people running from tear gas clouds, street signs being torn down and fires burning in

the streets. Police, who dressed in riot gear and ordered crowds to disperse, also investigated reports of people throwing glass bottles and fireworks, jumping off a roof and banging on cars.

One group of young people threatened to beat up an elderly man, and another resident heard someone "threatening to kill officers," according to the Keene Police Department log, which shows 235 calls between 2:30 a.m. Friday and 3:30 a.m. Sunday and at least 49 arrests.

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Hawaiian island braces for Hurricane Ana

By Audrey McAvoy
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The Associated Press

HONOLULU — Part of Hawaii was hit with a tropical storm warning as a powerful Pacific storm churned "dangerously close" to the island of Kauai.

Late Saturday night, the center of Hurricane Ana was about 135 miles south of Kauai and 120 miles southwest of Honolulu, the National Weather Service said.

Since the tempest grew to

hurricane force on Friday, it has moved generally parallel to Hawaii's islands, with the center remaining more than 100 miles from land.

The result has been high surf, occasional heavy rains and strong winds in parts of the island, but no reports of significant damage.

Still, the storm was being taken seriously on Kauai, which was devastated by Category 4 Hurricane Iniki in 1992 that killed six people and destroyed more than 1,400 homes.

"Those of us that were here during that time remember, and so we are very cautious," said Mary Daubert, a county spokeswoman. "Until she's passed us, we all have to remain vigilant."

Officials said three emergency shelters were opened on Kauai as a precaution.

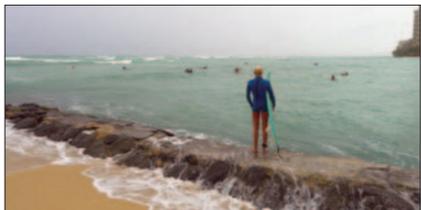
Forecasters said the eye could pass 95 miles south of Niihau island and 115 miles southwest of Kauai — closer than first predicted and making the potential for damage unclear.

Earlier in the day, strong winds and heavy rains prompted flash-flood warnings and lured surfers to the high waves.

A tropical storm watch remained in effect on Oahu but was lifted for Maui, Lanai and the Big Island.

On Oahu, tourists and surfers at popular Waikiki Beach enjoyed ample waves created by the storm in the early afternoon that later gave way to choppy water.

"When the waves are good, you've got to get in," said surfer Emile Meder, 23, who squeezed in a session before heading to work. "Every time we have a hurricane we know it's going to be good."



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Surfer Emile Meder, 23, of Honolulu, watches the waves at Waikiki Beach on Saturday as Hurricane Ana passed southwest of Hawaii.

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WORLD

Korean troops exchange gunfire

By **HYUNG-JIN KIM**
The Associated Press



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South Korean army soldiers stand guard at a military checkpoint near the border village of Panmunjom in Paju, South Korea, on Sept. 17. Border guards of the rival Koreas exchanged gunfire Sunday, South Korean officials said.

SEOUL, South Korea — Troops from the rival Koreas exchanged gunfire Sunday along their heavily fortified border in the second such shooting in less than 10 days, South Korean officials said. There were no reports of injuries or property damage, but the 10 minutes of shooting highlighted rising tensions between the divided countries.

The Koreas' first exchange of gunfire came after North Korea opened fire at balloons carrying anti-Pyongyang leaflets that were floating across the border from the South. Sunday's shootout began after North Korea sent soldiers close to the border line. The move was an attempt by the North to increase worries in the South about what might happen if leafletting continues, analysts say.

South Korean activist groups, mostly made up of North Korean defectors, have been staunch in their vows to continue sending the leaflets, which Pyongyang considers propaganda warfare; one group says it will

float about 50,000 on Saturday. North Korea has warned it will take unspecified stronger measures if leafletting continues.

Generals from the sides met at a border village last week in their first military talks in more than three years to discuss how to ease the recent spike in tensions, but the meeting ended with no agreement.

On Sunday, South Korean soldiers broadcast warnings and fired warning shots at about 10 North Korean soldiers who were approaching the military demarcation line inside the 2.5-mile-wide Demilitarized Zone that bisects the Korean Peninsula, according to a statement from South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Two shots believed to have been fired by North Korean soldiers were found at a South Korean guard post. South Korean soldiers fired toward the North, the state-

ment said. South Korean defense officials said the North Korean soldiers turned back after the shooting.

North Korea opened fire on Oct. 10 after activists floated propaganda balloons across the border, following through on a previous threat to attack. There were no reports of casualties from that incident either.

North Korea has repeatedly demanded South Korea ban activists from sending leaflets, which often urge North Korean citizens to rise up against leader Kim Jong Un. South Korea has refused, saying activists are exercising freedom of speech.

Analyst Cheong Seong-chang, at the private Sejong Institute think tank, said Sunday's gunfire exchange showed North Korea is intentionally escalating military tension to spread fear about possible casualties should leafletting continue.

Ukrainian: Russia OKs pact on gas

The Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine — The Ukrainian president has said his country has reached an agreement with Russia on supplies of natural gas for the winter.

When Russia cut off gas supplies to Ukraine in June over unpaid bills, it raised the risk that Ukraine would be left without heating during the coldest months of the year. It also raised fears that Russia could cut off flows to Europe if Ukraine began siphoning off gas from the pipelines crossing its territory, as has happened during past gas disputes.

President Petro Poroshenko said in a television interview on Saturday that Russia has agreed to supply Ukraine with gas through March 31 at a price of \$385 per 1,000 cubic meters.

"I can say that Ukraine will have gas, Ukraine will have heating," he said.

Poroshenko said he expected the deal to be signed during the next round of European Union-mediated gas talks, to be held Tuesday in Brussels.

Following Europe-brokered talks in Italy on Friday, Poroshenko and Russian President Vladimir Putin reported progress on both a definitive peace settlement in eastern Ukraine and on settling the gas dispute.

Alexei Miller, the CEO of the Russian state gas company Gazprom, said the leaders agreed that Ukraine would pay back \$3.1 billion by the end of the year. It was not clear where Ukraine would get the money.

Poroshenko said his government was still figuring out how to cover the debts of Ukrainian state gas company Naftogaz, but that it has several possible options.



PONTUS LUNDAHL, TT NEWS AGENCY/AP

A member of the military mans a gun on a Swedish Navy fast-attack craft in the Stockholm Archipelago on Saturday as the military investigated reports of "foreign underwater activity" there.

Reported Russian intrusion prompts search by Sweden

The Associated Press

HELSINKI — A Swedish military search for evidence of suspected undersea activity in its waters has entered its third day amid reports of a suspected Russian intrusion.

The military has declined to comment on the operation except to say it is searching for evidence of "foreign underwater activity."

Daily Svenska Dagbladet reported the Swedes had picked up an emergency message suggesting a Russian mini-submarine

had run into trouble in Swedish waters.

Anders Nordin, from the Swedish Maritime Administration, said a Russian-owned oil tanker, which had reportedly been circling near Swedish waters for days, turned Sunday and sailed to the northeast.

Media reports said the tanker's moves might be connected to the search.

The operation was reminiscent of the Cold War, when Sweden's armed forces routinely hunted for Soviet submarines in its waters.

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WORLD



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An injured avalanche victim from Nepal rides a bus to the airport in Katmandu, Nepal, to head home on Saturday.

Nepal closes part of trail to hikers after deadly storm

By BINAJ GURUBACHARYA
The Associated Press

KATMANDU, Nepal — Nepalese officials closed a section of a popular Himalayan trekking route Sunday after rescuers, overwhelmed with last week's snowstorms that killed 38 hikers, had to bring to safety new climbers who set out on the same mountain trails where the blizzards struck.

The dead from the blizzards and avalanches that hit the upper section of the Annapurna Circuit in northern Nepal included foreign trekkers, local guides and villagers. Most among the hundreds of trekkers who had been stuck in the snow have been brought to safety, and government official Yama Bahadur Chokhyal said rescue helicopters were winding down flights.

As the weather cleared, new climbers were already making their way up the same trail despite obvious dangers, prompting the government to close the route, Chokhyal said.

"Our rescuers and helicopters ended up having to bring down these new people while we were still trying to reach the ones who were stranded by the blizzard," he said. "It was burdening and confusing the rescuers, so they had to be stopped."

The route was deemed unsafe and invisible in many sections because of the snow dumped by the blizzard.

The death toll from last week's

disaster — the worst in Nepal's recent history — went up Saturday after a rescue helicopter spotted nine more bodies.

Ram Chandra Sharma, of the Trekking Agents Association of Nepal, who is also coordinating the rescue operation, said there were no immediate plans to retrieve the bodies believed to be of Nepalese porters at the Shanta pass area, located at an altitude of 16,730 feet.

'It was burdening and confusing to the rescuers, so they (new hikers) had to be stopped.'

The steep terrain made it impossible for the helicopter to land to pick up the bodies, said Yadav Koirala, of the Disaster Management Division in Katmandu.

So far, 25 of the bodies have been identified, including those of victims from Canada, India, Israel, Slovakia, Poland and Japan. Eight of the dead were Nepalese. Thirteen others have not yet been identified.

The snowstorms were whipped by the tail end of a cyclone that had hit the Indian coast a few days earlier.

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WORLD

Pope beatifies Paul VI at remarkable synod's end

By NICOLE WINFIELD
The Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Pope Francis on Sunday beatified Pope Paul VI, concluding the remarkable meeting of bishops debating family issues that drew parallels to the tumultuous reforms of the Second Vatican Council, which Paul oversaw and implemented.

Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI was on hand for the Mass, which took place just hours after Catholic bishops approved a document charting a more pastoral approach to ministering to Catholic families.

They failed to reach consensus on the two most divisive issues at the synod: on welcoming gays and divorced and civilly remarried couples. But the issues remain up for discussion ahead of another meeting of bishops next year.

While the synod scrapped its

groundbreaking welcome and showed deep divisions on hot-button issues, the fact that the questions are on the table is significant given that they had been taboo until Francis' papacy.

"God is not afraid of new things," Francis said in his homily Sunday. "That is why he is continually surprising us, opening our hearts and guiding us in unexpected ways."

He quoted Paul as saying the church, particularly the synod of bishops which Paul established, must survey the signs of the times to make sure the church adapts methods to respond to the "growing needs of our time and the changing conditions of society."

Paul was elected in 1963 to succeed the popular Pope John XXIII, and during his 15-year reign was responsible for implementing the reforms of Vatican II and charting the church through

the tumultuous years of the 1960s sexual revolution.

Vatican II opened the way for Mass to be said in local languages instead of in Latin, called for greater involvement of the laity in the life of the church and revolutionized the church's relations with people of other faiths.

He is perhaps best known, though, for the divisive 1968 encyclical *Humanae Vitae*, which enshrined the church's opposition to artificial contraception.

More than 50 years later, *Humanae Vitae* still elicits criticism for being unrealistic given the vast majority of Catholics ignore its teaching on birth control. In their final synod document, bishops restated doctrine, but they also said the church must respect couples in their moral evaluation of contraception methods.

The bishops also signaled a muted opening toward gays, say-



ANDREW MEDICINI/AP

Pope Francis waves Sunday after he celebrated the beatification ceremony of Pope Paul VI and a mass for the closing of a two-week synod on family issues in Saint Peter's Square at the Vatican.

ing they should be "welcomed with respect and sensitivity." That language was far less welcoming than initially proposed, and it failed to get the necessary two-thirds majority vote to pass.

"I have the impression many would have preferred a more open, positive language," Canadian Archbishop Paul-Andre Durocher wrote on his blog in explaining the apparent protest vote on the gay paragraph. "Not finding it in this paragraph, they might have chosen to indicate

their disapproval of it. However, it has also been published, and the reflection will have to continue."

The beatification marked the third 20th-century pope Francis has elevated this year: In April, he canonized Sts. John Paul II and John XXIII.

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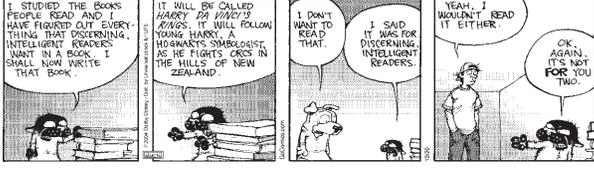
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A NEW VIEW

Teachers asked to get aggressive in latest class intruder training

By **Jessica Bock**
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

As they looked around the biology classroom at Parkway West High, the teachers began to see its typical components much differently than before.

A power cord could hold the door tightly closed. So could a desk chair leg jammed into the lever knob. A fire extinguisher, if needed, was a weapon of self-defense.

For years, teachers and students have been practicing to prepare for a day they hope never comes — someone walks into their school and begins shooting. That practice has focused on a hide-and-stay-quiet technique to keep the killer away, locking classroom doors, turning out the lights and huddling in a corner or underneath desks.

But what if teachers went further to protect themselves and students should a shooter make it into the classroom?

“Today is the start of thinking differently. You will look at what stops bullets,” said Justin Sparks, a St. Louis County police officer who spoke to Parkway teachers at a districtwide training session in August. “Today you’re going to learn how to defend yourself and defend the kids.”

Several school districts in St. Louis County are taking active shooter training for teachers, administrators and staff to a new level. They say the so-called options-based approach empowers teachers and staff to take steps that may be necessary to save themselves and their students. That could include blocking off classroom doors, running or even throwing objects at the shooter.

In Hazelwood, the first district in St. Louis County to adopt this type of intruder training, students are starting to learn the same options.

After 26 children died in a 2012 shooting rampage at Sandy Hook Elementary in Newtown, Conn., schools across the country have installed better classroom

locks and buzzer systems at entrances, and helped police better navigate buildings should they need to do so in an emergency.

Shortly after Sandy Hook, the U.S. Department of Education recommended that schools use an option-based training program

for intruder or active shooter drills. The International Association of Police Chiefs and the Department of Homeland Security have done the same.

“The worst thing you can do is nothing,” Hazelwood Superintendent Grayling Tobias said. In school shootings, “you hear of people who were sitting ducks. They did not have options.”

There are a number of different options-based programs, but all have the

same premise — that the person closest to the threat needs to be empowered to make an informed decision based on their awareness of the situation, said Paul Fennewald, advisor to the Missouri Center for Education Safety.

But if staff doesn’t have a lot of other information about an immediate threat, going into a “barricade/lockdown” situation may be the obvious choice of action, he said.

Fennewald said that training focused on school staff reactions like this is needed, because too often incidents are over before authorities arrive. Too much of the training for schools is about practicing mostly the law enforcement response, he said.

But he urges everyone to put the risk of a school shooting in perspective with the greatest causes of death for children, such as vehicle crashes and fires.

Above: Matthew West, a para-educator teacher’s assistant, grabs the gun arm of Scott Bollmann, a building manager, during intruder training at Parkway West High School in Ballwin, Mo. Bollmann surprised everyone when he pulled a gun and started shooting (blanks). West immediately reacted by going for the shooter while everyone else dove for cover.

SCIENCE AND MEDICINE

Study finds new evidence linking DNA to java jones

BY MALCOLM RITTER
The Associated Press

NEW YORK

How much coffee do you drink every day? One cup in the morning? Or do you gulp it all day?

Scientists have long known that your DNA influences how much java you consume. Now a huge study has identified some genes that may play a role.

Their apparent effect is quite small. But variations in such genes may modify coffee's effect on a person's health, and so genetic research may help scientists explore that, said Marilyn Cornelis, of the Harvard School of Public Health. She led the research.

The project analyzed the results of about two dozen previous studies with a combined total of more than 120,000 participants. Those participants had described how much coffee they drink a day and allowed their DNA to be scanned. The new work looked for minute differences in their DNA that were associated with drinking more or less coffee.

Researchers found eight such variants, two of which had already been linked to coffee consumption.

Four of the six new variants implicate genes that are involved with caffeine, either in how the body breaks it down or in its stimulating effects, the researchers said in a paper released earlier this month by the journal *Molecular Psychiatry*.

The two other newly implicated genes were a surprise because there's no clear biological link to coffee or caffeine, Cornelis said. They are instead involved with cholesterol levels and blood sugar.

Marian Neuhouser, a nutrition researcher at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle and study co-author, said identifying genes related to consumption may one day help doctors identify patients who need extra help in cutting down on coffee if recommended. For example, pregnant women are advised to consume only moderate amounts of caffeine because of risk of miscarriage and preterm birth, she said.

None of the identified genetic variants was related to how intensely a person tastes coffee, and Cornelis said that surprised her.

She doesn't drink coffee, she said, because she can't stand the stuff.



COFFEE CONSUMPTION

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AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Man falls to his death from beach condo

FL ST. PETE BEACH — Florida authorities said alcohol may be a factor in the death of an Oklawaha man who fell while trying to climb to the roof of a beachfront condominium.

The Pinellas County Sheriff's Office said Cody Conley, of Centerville, Ohio, died early Saturday after trying to climb from the sixth-floor landing of a St. Pete Beach condominium to the roof.

Deputies said Conley had stripped down to his boxer shorts before attempting the climb.

Conley's 17-year-old brother also climbed over the landing's railing to try to stop his brother from falling. Deputies said Conley fell to the pavement below and died at a hospital.

The sheriff's office said Conley's death appears to be accidental. An autopsy is pending.

Conley and his family were visiting Florida for a family wedding.

Teacher investigated for comments on Muslims

MD RIVERDALE PARK, Prince George's County school administrators are investigating allegations that an English teacher made derogatory comments about Muslims.

The teacher told *The Washington Post* that he didn't say anything derogatory and that a classroom discussion was "blown out of proportion."

Students at Parkdale High School reported the conversation to school officials and the Council on American-Islamic Relations, the nation's largest Muslim advocacy group. They reported that teacher Anthony Fonebi told them that "Muslims are dangerous. They are terrorists and they will kill you."

Fonebi said he's surprised that a complaint was filed and that he was trying to turn a discussion about Muslims into a "teachable moment." He said he was trying to make a point that Muslims are wrongly portrayed as terrorists.

28 are sickened at turkey processing plant

MN WILLMAR — A Willmar turkey processing plant had to be evacuated after 28 employees fell sick.

The employees at the Jennie-O plant had flu-like symptoms Friday evening and 21 of them were treated at a hospital, according to the Star Tribune.

Police and firefighters had brought in extra ambulances and a bus to transport workers to Rice Memorial Hospital in Willmar Friday night. One person was admitted to a hospital, according to and running Saturday, according to the newspaper.

Willmar Fire Chief Gary Hendrickson said there were no readings of any type of noxious gases or odors.

Employees called authorities about 7:15 p.m. Friday after a woman was unresponsive at times at the plant. Within moments there was another call of a second employee vomiting, and soon there were vomiting and coughing.

THE CENSUS

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The number of native wood rats remaining in the Florida Keys according to Jeremy Dixon, the manager of the Crocodile Lake National Wildlife Refuge in Key Largo, Fla. However, there is evidence that the endangered rodent is making a comeback. The occupancy rate in nests built by volunteers has increased significantly. Officials said that is in part thanks to a feral cat trapping program that began in 2013. Dixon said 50 cats had been caught in the Key Largo refuge since early 2013. "Things are just really picking up for the wood rats," he said.



JEFF TAYLOR, THE WINCHESTER (VA.) STAR/AP

Mounted muster in the valley

Union cavalry re-enactors muster on the Cedar Creek battlefield in Middletown, Va., on Friday during the 150th anniversary commemoration of the Battle of Cedar Creek.

Professor has 5th beetle named for him

ND FARGO — They may not be John, Paul, Ringo and George, but four of the less musical kind of beetle bear Allan Ashworth's name. Now a nonbeetle has joined the group (and no, it's not Yoko).

Two Chilean researchers at North Dakota State University's entomology laboratory recently identified a new species of damselfly bug among the insects Ashworth collected during his many trips to their South American homeland. They named it "Nabis ashworthi" in honor of Ashworth, a retired distinguished professor of geology at the school who already has four beetle species named after him.

Entomology doctoral student Eduardo Faundez and research assistant Marion Carvajal, a freshman majoring in microbiology, found the new species while working on projects about insects in Chile. Faundez described Ashworth's collection as "extremely well-preserved."

Stand-up roller coaster to get a makeover

OH SANDUSKY — It's the end of the run for Cedar Point's 18-year-old Mantis roller coaster. The Sandusky amusement

park said the last rides were to take place this past weekend. The stand-up coaster will be reconfigured to create a new floorless coaster that will open next year.

The new coaster will be named Rougarou after a werewolf-like creature in French folklore. It will feature floorless trains and a 145-foot first hill. The Rougarou will reach speeds of 60 mph.

Cedar Point said the Rougarou will open in spring 2015.

Man charged in train theft faces big penalties

WY GILLETTE — A 22-year-old Wyoming man accused of stealing a train faces stiffer penalties if he is convicted now that federal prosecutors have taken over the case.

Derek Skyler Brux is accused of unhooking two locomotives near the North Antelope Rochelle Mine, where he worked. Prosecutors said he struck a train twice in the mine yard before an employee hit a fuel cutoff switch.

The Gillette News Record reported federal prosecutors took over the case last week. Campbell County Attorney Jeani Stone said the state dropped its charges after discussions with federal officials. She said the federal charge fits more squarely with what happened.

Driver arrested after jumping off I-65 bridge

AL SARALAND — Police said they arrested a driver who jumped off a bridge into the Mobile-Tensaw Delta rather than pull over for a traffic stop on Interstate 65.

A Saraland police officer tried to stop a Jeep Cherokee on Friday after seeing what appeared to be an improper lane change. Authorities said the driver didn't stop. Instead, the vehicle slowed down and the driver jumped from the General W.K. Wilson Bridge.

The bridge is more than 100 feet over the water in places, but it's not clear how high the man was when he jumped into the delta.

Authorities began a search that ended in the arrest of Paul Nolan Shows, 27, of Chickasaw. He's charged with attempting to elude an officer and reckless endangerment.

Bid to halt dune project over bird is denied

NY BAY SHORE — A New York federal judge has denied a conservationist group's bid to block part of a Fire Island sand dune project over an endangered bird.

Newsday reported that U.S. District Judge Sandra Feuerstein denied the request from Audubon New York on Friday. Fire Island

is a long, thin barrier island that runs parallel to the south shore of Long Island.

The group had sued, claiming the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' \$207 million dune-replenishment project would harm piping plovers by destroying their habitat.

Elected officials said the project was necessary to help protect heavily populated parts of Long Island. U.S. Rep. Tim Bishop praised the judge's decision as "a great victory."

Beer giant causes stir over distribution plan

KY OWENSBORO — A beer giant's application for a distribution license in a western Kentucky city has stirred complaints that the venture would upset the state's system for distribution of alcohol.

The Messenger-Inquirer reported that Anheuser-Busch's application was approved by Owensboro's Alcoholic Beverage Control administrator in August amid a flurry of protest letters.

State Public Protection Cabinet spokesman Dick Brown said that decision has been appealed, and a prehearing conference on the matter is set for Nov. 21. He said Anheuser-Busch's application for state licensure is pending and remains under consideration.

From wire reports

FACES

Real romance

Recently married couple inspiration behind new sitcom 'Marry Me'

By FRAZIER MOORE
The Associated Press

After dating Jake for six long years, Annie figured he would pop the question during their romantic island getaway.

He didn't, and when they return home, Annie throws a comic hissy-fit fit over her ringless state—at the very moment Jake was poised to put a ring on her finger.

Thus begins "Marry Me," a new sitcom starring Casey Wilson as the lovable but dizzy Annie and Ken Marino as her letheaded if hopelessly smitten boyfriend Jake. "Marry Me" reunites Wilson with creator-executive producer David Caspe, in whose former series, "Happy Endings," Wilson played a prominent role.

But in truth, Wilson and Caspe had never stopped being an item since "Happy Endings" left the air in spring 2013 after three seasons. Back then, they were dating. In May, they tied the knot.

Now Caspe gets to draw on domestic life with his vivacious leading lady while appointing Marino ("Eastbound & Down" and "Childrens Hospital") as his onscreen stand-in.

"Annie's character is very much inspired by Casey," says Caspe (the e is silent), "and some of the dynamic between her and Ken's character is the same as our dynamic."

That becomes clear during a rollicking lunch as they fete a reporter at Hollywood's Paramount Pictures studios, where "Marry Me" is produced.

Over salad in the posh Paramount dining room, Caspe recalls that the first met Wilson, then best known as a "Saturday Night Live" alum, when, late in the "Happy Endings" audition grind, she read for the role of Penny, one of that

show's gang of six Chicago chums.

"There were a couple of actresses who were better than her for the part," jokes Caspe. "But I wanted to make love to her, and I thought the best way to do that was to give her the part."

They remained just friends during the first season of "Happy Endings," opting for discretion. Then they ramped up to dating secretly. "Then we started dating for real," Caspe says. "And the cast was supercool about it. Then the show got canceled."

Soon Caspe was developing a new show. "It was perfect for Casey," he says, "and luckily she wanted to do it."

The fact that "Marry Me" was inspired by real life gave it extra appeal—or so Caspe hoped.

"When I went from network to network to pitch it, I would say one of the great things about this show is that it's going to mimic my life, since I'm about to propose to my girlfriend. I used that as a sales tool. So network presidents and development executives and assistants knew we were going to be engaged before Casey knew."

"The entire TOWN knew before I did," she says, rolling her eyes.

Not that she hadn't made such wishes known. "I had mentioned in a friendly, fun fashion, that I'd LOVE to get engaged by the end of the summer. And by 'end of summer' I meant Sept. 1."

By late spring of 2013, she knew Caspe was up to something.

"He's like, 'I think we should stay home in three months and watch TV.' If I said something like, 'I'm thinking of having dinner with a friend,' he would

say, 'But not on Aug. 30—right?'"

"I guess I doth protested too much," he admits.

So how did it go on Aug. 30?

"I got her family together with a caterer to cook dinner for all of us, and had everybody hidden in the other room," a strategy that parallels the "Marry Me" scene. "But I failed to plan what I was going to say. So I stumbled through what can only be described as a series of clichés. Then I kissed her and she said yes. Then, deciding I hadn't said enough, I got back down on my knee and said a little more. I did not shine."

"It was very beautiful," insists Wilson. "It worked very well."

Fast forward to the whirl of events awaiting the couple this past May.

"The show got picked up on a Thursday," Caspe recalls. "Then I went to my bachelor party in Vegas. That Sunday, I flew to New York for the (TV network) upfronts. Our wedding was the next weekend in California. Then we flew to our honeymoon for two weeks. Then we came back, and the very next day I started the writers room."

The TV comedy "Marry Me," — starring Casey Wilson, left, and developed by her husband David Caspe — airs Mondays on AFN-Family.

Katy Winn, Invision/AP

Medical examiner: Joan Rivers died of low blood oxygen

From wire reports

Joan Rivers died of brain damage from low blood oxygen during a medical procedure to check out voice changes and reflux, the medical examiner's office ruled Oct. 16.

The comedian, who was 81, died Sept. 4 after she'd been hospitalized for about a week when she went into cardiac arrest during the procedure at a doctor's office.

Rivers died from "anoxic encephalopathy due to hypoxic arrest"—brain damage due to lack of oxygen—during a procedure to scope her upper gastrointestinal tract and vocal folds, said Julie Bolcer, spokeswoman for the city's medical examiner.

The death was classified as a therapeutic complication. The classification is not commonly used; more deaths are certified as accidents, homicides, suicides

or natural causes. Negligence is not suspected. Had it been, it would have been listed as a contributing cause.

The classification means the complication was a known risk of the procedure—a risk that patients say they understand when they sign waivers before surgery, a malpractice attorney said.

Rivers had been sedated during the procedure with propofol, the medical examiner said. Hypoxia and cardiac arrest are rare potential side effects from use of propofol.

The state health department also is investigating Rivers' death.

Author John Grisham says he regrets remarks

In a statement posted to his website Oct. 16, best-selling au-

thor John Grisham expressed "regret" for his controversial comments suggesting that not all viewers of child pornography are "real pedophiles" and that sentencing for child porn offenders is too harsh.

"My comments made two days ago during an interview with the British newspaper the Telegraph were in no way intended to show sympathy for those convicted of sex crimes," the author wrote, "especially the sexual molestation of children. I can think of nothing more despicable."

"I regret having made these comments, and apologize to all." Grisham's apology also seemed to walk back the heart of his earlier remarks to the Telegraph. "Anyone who harms a child for profit or pleasure, or who in any way participates in child pornography—online or otherwise—should be punished to the full-

est extent of the law," he said in his statement.

Grisham had suggested to the Telegraph that prisons were "filled" with "60-year-old white men ... who've never harmed anybody, would never touch a child."

Smith gets honor from Queen Elizabeth II

British royalty has met acting aristocracy, as Britain's Queen Elizabeth II bestowed an honor on Maggie Smith during a ceremony at Windsor Castle.

Smith, who plays the imperious Dowager Countess of Grantham on "Downton Abbey," was made a member of the Order of the Companions of Honor on Oct. 17 in recognition of her six decades in theater, cinema and television.

The award is limited to 65 living people "of distinction." Other

members include physicist Stephen Hawking, actor Ian McKellen and artist David Hockney.

The 79-year-old actress has won two Academy Awards, for "The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie" and "California Suite."

Bono: I wear sunglasses due to glaucoma

U2 singer Bono says his ever-present sunglasses are not a rock-star affectation—he has suffered from glaucoma for 20 years.

The condition—a buildup of pressure that can damage the optic nerve—can make the eyes sensitive to light.

Bono told the BBC's "Graham Norton Show" that he had the condition, but "I have good treatments and I am going to be fine." He said people would now think of him as "poor old blind Bono."



BUSINESS/WEATHER

Debt-mired Caesars, lenders in talks

By **KIMBERLY PIERCEALL**
The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Caesars Entertainment said Friday it is prepared to start formal discussions with some of its bank lenders as it works to reduce its debt and to stave off what some see as near-term bankruptcy.

In a filing to the Securities and Exchange Commission, the casino company announced that it has reached out to some of its creditors — namely bank lenders — to find ways to ease pressure on its \$24.2 billion debt.

That came a day after the company promised its creditors who are first in line a claim on cash held by its debt-strapped subsidiary, Caesars Entertainment Operating Co., in case it defaulted. It's been in formal talks with that group of creditors, too, for about a month.

In recent years, the company has spun off multiple divisions in an attempt to shape up its fi-

nances, including Caesars Entertainment Resort Properties and Caesars Growth Properties, dividing its casinos, properties and businesses among the subsidiaries. The operating company has the largest debt load.

Earlier this year, the company sold the Claridge hotel tower of its Bally's Atlantic City property and sold the Atlantic City Country Club to a private buyer. It also closed the Harrah's Tunica casino in Mississippi in June and shut down the Showboat Atlantic City casino in September.

For financial analysts watching the debt-heavy operations division that includes Caesars Palace on the Las Vegas Strip, the company's trademarks and two of its remaining Atlantic City properties as well as other regional casinos, it's not a matter of if but when the casino company will file for bankruptcy.

Caesars' spokesman Gary Thompson said he couldn't comment, citing the company's SEC-

mandated quiet period before its third-quarter financial results are released Nov. 10. CEO Gary Loveman has told the Las Vegas Review Journal before that the company has no plans for bankruptcy.

Analysts said Caesars' actions could be an attempt to reorganize its financials outside of a federal courtroom or, if that doesn't work, get priority creditors on its side before it inevitably files for bankruptcy.

Alex Bumazhny, a financial analyst with Fitch Ratings, said it's going to be difficult for the company to reorganize its finances out of court or to arrange a pre-packaged bankruptcy wrapped in a bow that it can take to a judge.

The tricky part, Bumazhny said, is the creditors who are second in line.

He said the company owes more than the company is worth to those who are first in line to be paid back. That leaves little for those second in line.

Those in the latter position

have declared Caesars already in default of its agreements. The company dismissed the contentions in recent securities filings.

"It's just hard to see everybody agreeing to a deal without a pretty long bankruptcy proceeding," Bumazhny said.

Chris Snow, with CreditSights, pointed to \$230 million in interest owed to some of the second-in-line holders of debt in December. He said if Caesars doesn't want to pay up, it likely behooves the company to get the priority creditors on its side now rather than later while it still has attractive cash on hand.

Both analysts said it would be difficult to handicap when the company might file bankruptcy, but Bumazhny said it could be imminent or into the middle of next year after the company passes the threshold of time for some transactions that the court would otherwise be able to look back on during its bankruptcy consideration.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates		
Euro costs (Oct. 20)		\$1.3153
Dollar buys (Oct. 20)		€0.7603
British pound (Oct. 20)		\$1.165
Japanese yen (Oct. 20)		103.00
South Korean won (Oct. 20)		1,035.00
Commercial rates		
Bahrain (Dinar)		0.3770
British pound	\$1.6108/€0.2028	
Canada (dollar)		1.1272
China (Yuan)		6.1243
Denmark (Krone)		5.8300
Egypt (Pound)		7.1525
Euro	\$1.2775/€0.7825	
Hong Kong (Dollar)		7.7573
Hungary (Forint)		239.28
Israel (Sheqel)		3.7272
Japan (Yen)		106.68
Kuwait (Dinar)		0.2889
Norway (Krone)		6.5383
Philippines (Peso)		44.85
Poland (Zloty)		3.30
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)		3.7513
Singapore (Dollar)		1.2744
South Korea (Won)		1,063.39
Switzerland (Franc)		0.9433
Thailand (Baht)		32.41
Turkey (New Lira)		2.4455

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Discount rate	3.50
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3-month bill	0.01
30-year bond	2.97

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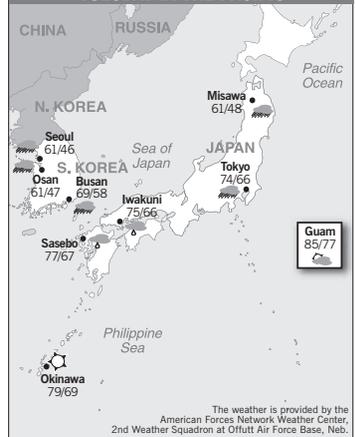
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City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr			
Ablene, Tex	79	58	Cir	Chatanooga	72	43	Pcldy	Fort Wayne	58	44	Cir	Louisville	63	46	Cir			
Akron, Ohio	55	39	Rain	Cheyenne	69	40	Cir	Fresno	81	61	Pcldy	Lubbock	75	54	Pcldy			
Albany, N.Y.	56	31	Cir	Chicago	61	49	Cir	Goodland	73	44	Cir	Macon	76	46	Cir			
Albuquerque	72	52	Pcldy	Cincinnati	59	42	Cir	Grand Junction	70	46	Cir	Madison	59	43	Cir			
Allentown, Pa.	57	33	Cir	Cleveland	57	41	Rain	Grand Rapids	58	45	Cir	Medford	65	52	Rain			
Anchorage	40	33	Rain	Colorado Springs	69	40	Cir	Great Falls	76	47	Cir	Memphis	74	51	Pcldy			
Ashville	66	36	Cir	Columbia, S.C.	74	41	Cir	Green Bay	55	43	Pcldy	Miami Beach	87	72	Cir			
Atlanta	72	48	Cir	Columbus, Ga.	75	49	Cir	Greensboro, N.C.	67	41	Pcldy	Midland-Odessa	74	58	Cir			
Atlantic City	60	38	Cir	Columbus, Ohio	59	40	Cir	Hartford Springfield	58	35	Cir	Milwaukee	59	46	Cir			
Austin	82	63	Pcldy	Concord, N.H.	53	27	Pcldy	Hartford	56	33	Pcldy	Mpls-St Paul	60	46	Cir			
Baltimore	62	37	Pcldy	Corpus Christi	85	69	Cir	Helena	73	42	Cir	Missoula	72	39	Cir			
Baton Rouge	81	63	Cir	Dallas-Ft. Worth	82	59	Pcldy	Honolulu	76	49	Cir	Mobile	76	49	Cir			
Bilings	65	44	Cir	Dayton	59	41	Cir	Houston	84	62	Pcldy	Montgomery	78	49	Cir			
Birmingham	74	47	Cir	Daytona Beach	84	66	Cir	Huntsville	71	44	Pcldy	Nashville	70	45	Pcldy			
Bismarck	69	37	Cir	Denver	72	45	Cir	Indianapolis	61	44	Cir	New Orleans	82	60	Pcldy			
Boise	69	37	Cir	Des Moines	68	47	Cir	Jackson, Miss.	78	45	Cir	New York City	62	40	Cir			
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Bridgeport	60	35	Cir	Duluth	52	42	Cir	Juneau	59	42	Rain	Norfolk, Va.	66	44	Cir			
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Caribou, Maine	45	31	Pcldy	Evansville	62	53	Rain	Lake Charles	81	58	Cir	Orlando	87	65	Pcldy			
Casper, Wyo.	74	40	Cir	Fairbanks	32	19	Cir	Lansing	67	41	Cir	Pasadena	69	45	Cir			
Charleston, S.C.	78	49	Cir	Fargo	60	41	Cir	Las Vegas	87	64	Pcldy	Pendleton	70	46	Cir			
Charleston, W.Va.	64	36	Cir	Flagstaff	66	38	Pcldy	Lincoln	72	45	Cir	Peoria	67	41	Cir			
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OPINION

Fla. candidates write new fan fiction

By ALEXANDRA PETRI
 The Washington Post

There's lots of real, serious news going on in the world. (There always is.)
 But last week, the Internet was galvanized — or, if you like, set abuzz — by “Fangate.” This saw former Florida Gov. Charlie Crist alone onstage with an electric fan for several minutes at Wednesday night’s gubernatorial debate while his opponent, Gov. Rick Scott, either fumed or waited patiently for further instructions from debate organizers backstage, depending on your source. Crist insisted that the debate rules allowed him a fan. Scott thought they didn’t. It turns out that Crist and this fan travel everywhere together and have made something of a life with one another, even going on radio interviews, where a constant whirring noise is generally frowned upon.

The fan is less an electronic accessory to Crist at this point than a friend and confidant. As Molly Ball pointed out, in his years since leaving the governor’s mansion, the fan has been his only pet.

Fans make admirable companions. They do everything a politician could possibly want: turn on a dime, generate buzz and blow hot air. And unlike more traditional pets, they never whine and whine until you succumb and take them for walks in the middle of a rainstorm, when they decide to just sit there and stare at a bush and do nothing.

“Thanks for sticking up for me, Charlie,” the fan murmured to Crist, during the ride home. “It means a lot to me.”
 “Are you kidding?” Crist replied. “Of course I would. You are my number one fan.”

How often in your life do you get the chance to write fan fiction about an actual fan? Not all that often, as my eighth-grade livejournal can attest.

Bizarre requests for accessories at debates have a long history.
 Back in the Lincoln-Douglas days in 1858, Stephen A. Douglas always requested a footstool so that he could be seen over the podium. He never got the footstool, which explains his performance. Abraham Lincoln always requested the opportunity to wear a different face, but he never got



this either.

The fact that there were no official presidential debates until 1960 actually stemmed from the demands made by the candidates. Rutherford B. Hayes and Samuel Tilden both requested electric fans at the debate in 1876, then both refused to take part after the organizers denied their request on the grounds that electric fans would not be invented for another six years.

At the debate between Wendell Willkie and Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Willkie made an outrageous request: that Roosevelt show up. Instead, Roosevelt refused but said that Willkie could have as many fans onstage as he wanted.

John F. Kennedy refused to debate unless Richard Nixon didn’t have a fan.
 During the vice presidential debate between Lloyd Bentsen and Dan Quayle, Quayle requested a fan, but this request backfired when his responses could still be heard over the noise it made.

Both Bill Clinton and George H.W. Bush requested a fan onstage, but debate organizers put Ross Perot there instead.
 Al Gore asked for a large hand-fan with a poem written on it made in the traditional Japanese style, so as to avoid causing the earth any undue discomfort by

plugging something into her, and so he could have a poem to read during commercials. This request was denied. Every time Gore thought of his missing fan, he sighed loudly. George W. Bush, meanwhile, asked for “lots of fans, yeah, let’s pack the whole debate with fans and give them big foam fingers that say ‘W!’” until someone took him aside and explained what people were talking about.

In 2012, Mitt Romney asked that he be replaced onstage with a fan on the grounds that the fan seemed comparatively warm and human and polled better with female voters, but this request was denied.

It seems like a lot of fanfare over something so small. “Are we,” as Charlie Crist asked, “really going to debate a fan?” But especially with debates, you never know what’s going to seal the deal. These things always seem trivial right until the moment they aren’t. It’s not enough to win the debate. You have to appear to win the debate. In the battle of appearances, it is better to be onstage with a fan or not onstage at all?

The answer, my friend, is blowing in the wind.

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Ebola spurs isolationism at the worst time

By CHRISTOPHER FLAVELLE
 Bloomberg News

Thursday’s congressional hearing on Ebola demonstrated what may be the greatest obstacle in the United States to dealing with the outbreak. It’s not money, manpower or know-how, but something both simpler and harder: deciding whether it’s OK to care about the rest of the world.

In his opening questions, Rep. Tim Murphy, R-Pa. and chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee’s subcommittee on oversight and investigations, accused Tom Frieden, head of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, of not banning travel to and from Sierra Leone, Liberia and Guinea in part because it would hurt those countries. Murphy then tried to find out how far up the chain of command that idea went:

Murphy: Dr. Frieden, when you spoke on the phone the other day, you remain opposed to travel restrictions because, in your words, you said cutting commercial ties would hurt these fledgling democracies. Now, is this your opinion of CDC, is this your opinion, or did someone else also advise you, something within the administration, someone — any other agencies?

Where did this opinion come from that that’s of high importance?

Frieden: My sole concern is to protect Americans. We can do that by continuing to take the steps we’re taking here as well as ...

Murphy: Did someone advise you on that, someone else outside of yourself, somebody else advised you that that’s a position — we need to protect fledgling democracies?

Frieden: My recollection of that conversation is that that discussion was in the context of our ability to stop the epidemic at the source.

The exchange is revealing for two reasons. First, it shows that Murphy thought he could embarrass Frieden — and by extension the Barack Obama administration — by disclosing his concern for those countries that have been devastated by Ebola. Second, it suggests that Frieden, who did his best to sidestep those questions, realized the risk of giving that impression.

The correct answer to Murphy’s question is that thanks to Ebola, the well-being of those countries can’t be separated from the well-being of Americans. The disease would never have made it to the U.S. if not for the terrible state of health care systems in Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea, which

stem from their struggling economies.

Anything that puts further strain on those countries will only weaken their ability to deal with this outbreak, as well as the next one. The likely safety benefits of a travel ban would need to outweigh the damage to those countries’ economies caused by further restricting the flow of people and goods. And by any rational account, they wouldn’t.

But that’s not an argument Frieden was eager to get into — even though, from what Murphy said, it’s one Frieden is aware of and was willing to advance in private.

Why the sudden reluctance? Probably because Frieden senses the same thing Murphy does: Fear of Ebola has exacerbated the U.S. tendency toward isolationism and xenophobia, and the view that considering the fate of other countries amounts to softness or worse. The problem with that tendency, aside from being ignoble, is that it makes it harder to overcome this outbreak, a fight that will be won or lost in West Africa. And winning means deciding that it’s acceptable for U.S. officials to care about the health and stability of far-off countries. Apparently we’re not there yet.

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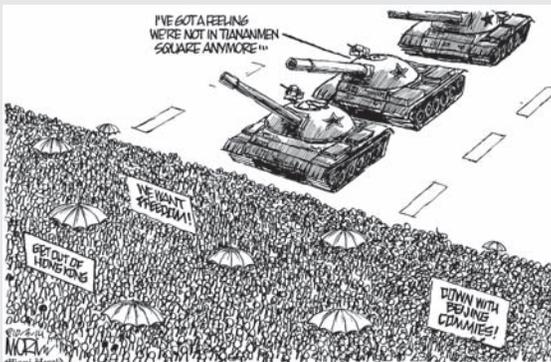
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Russian Tennis Federation President Shamil Tarpishev has been fined \$25,000 by the WTA Tour and suspended from involvement for a year for making derogatory remarks about Venus and Serena Williams on Russian television.

Briefly

Serena: Comments by Russian sexist

The Associated Press

SINGAPORE — Serena Williams says comments by the head of the Russian Tennis Federation referring to her and older sister Venus as “brothers” were bullying, sexist and racist, and that she supported the one-year suspension imposed by the WTA against the official.

Shamil Tarpishev was also fined \$25,000 for making the comments on Russian television. He also said the sisters were “scary” to look at.

“I think the WTA did a great job of taking (the) initiative and taking immediate action to his comments,” Williams said Sunday in Singapore ahead of her WTA Finals defense. “I thought they were very insensitive and extremely sexist as well as racist at the same time. I thought they were in a way bullying.”

Asked whether he regretted his comments, Tarpishev told The Associated Press on Saturday at the Kremlin Cup that the program on which he spoke was “a humorous show.” When asked about his ban, Tarpishev said: “I can’t comment. I don’t understand it.”

In a statement released later by the Russian Tennis Federation, Tarpishev denied any “malicious intent” and said his quotes had been taken out of context.

The WTA said it would seek his removal as chairman of the Kremlin Cup tournament, which ends Sunday.

He made his comments during an appearance on a Russian talk show this month alongside former Olympic singles champion Elena Dementieva. When Dementieva was asked what it was like playing against the Williams sisters, Tarpishev interjected and called them the “Williams brothers.” He also said that “it’s scary when you really look at them.”

Golovkin defends title against Rubio

CARSON, Calif. — Gennady Golovkin stopped Marco Antonio Rubio in the second round Saturday night, defending his WBA middleweight title with his 18th consecutive stoppage victory.

Golovkin (31-0, 28 KOs) punctuated his brief West Coast debut with a crushing left hand to the forehead. Rubio tumbled to the canvas and couldn’t get his wits together in time, the fight ending 1:19 into the second round.

Golovkin won Rubio’s WBC interim belt, which means the winner of WBC champion Miguel Cotto’s upcoming bout with Canelo Alvarez must either fight Golovkin or vacate the title.

In their boxing news: ■ Manny Pacquiao made his professional basketball debut on Sunday, just a month before he is set to defend his WBO welterweight crown.

Pacquiao started Sunday’s game for KIA Sorrento of the Philippine Basketball Association but played only seven minutes and committed two turnovers in his team’s 80-66 win over the Blackwater Elite at Philippine Arena.

The boxing icon, who joined the pro league team as a player-coach, played in a preseason game earlier this month, finishing with one point and two turnovers after a 10-minute stint.

DC United completes turnaround, wins East

WASHINGTON — Chris Pontus and Eddie Johnson scored and D.C. United beat the Chicago Fire 2-1 on Saturday night.

United (17-9-7) stretched its unbeaten streak to five games, clinching first place in the Eastern Conference — and the biggest single-season turnaround in MLS history, rebounding from last year’s 24-loss season.

NEWS AND NOTES FROM THE WEEKEND

RB Sego does his part, so does Kadena defense

Panthers limit Paylor, shut out Kinnick to reach D-I title game

KADENA AIR BASE, Okinawa — Sometimes lost beneath the glamor of a star running back’s rushing stats can be the work of a defense to keep the opponents’ opposite number at bay.

While senior Justin Sego put up his expected dose of yards, a swarming defense also helped help Kadena book a spot in next month’s Far East Division I football title game for the second straight season.

Sego racked up 289 all-purpose yards and accounted for four touchdowns, while the defense held Pacific rushing leader Dre Paylor to 108 yards. The Panthers routed Kinnick 49-0, ending the Red Devils’ title hopes. Kadena plays for the D-I title at Kubasaki on Nov. 8.

“We (coaches) worked really hard to ensure the kids got a chance and the kids worked really hard to give themselves a chance to be at that game,” said coach Sergio Mendoza of Kadena (4-2). “They’ve earned the right to be there.”

The win left all three teams, Kubasaki, Kadena and Kinnick, at 3-1 in the Division I standings. Kubasaki won host rights via points tiebreaker and the Panthers earned the visitor’s spot via head-to-head competition with Kinnick.

Defensively, with Sego shadowing Paylor at the corner spot and Siulagispai Fuirnaono, Dominic Santaneli, Gar Gerstner and John McBain clogging the middle, spelled the difference, Mendoza said.

“We went back to a lot of tackling fundamentals that we needed to go back to,” he said of the week of practice. “We worked on our fundamentals and that helped us out a lot on defense.”

Kubasaki: The Dragons will tune up for their Nov. 8 title-game appearance with games Monday against the Singapore American youth services All-Star Falcons team, then on Friday when they entertain American School in Japan.

Daegu: DeMarco Andrews and Andre Rosalie combined for 267 yards and three touchdowns on 25 carries before exiting with injuries in the fourth quarter as the Warriors remained the only unbeaten DODDS Pacific football team. Daegu held off Seoul American 32-18 and can complete a perfect regular season at home Friday against his employers.

Humphreys: Sometimes, a coach’s best asset is hiding in plain sight. The Blackhaws turned on Friday to an attack that takes advantage of junior quarterback Tyrone Slaughter’s athleticism and he responded with four touchdown throws in a 34-0 shutout of Osan.



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Kinnick running back Dre Paylor, the Pacific’s leading rusher, was held to 108 yards by Kadena’s defense.

Osan, Seoul American: The Cougars are due to host the Falcons in Friday’s season finale, each looking to snap lengthy losing streaks. Osan winless in six games, Seoul having lost its last five. But the Cougars are banded up with six players sidelined and coach Don Tusha indicated they may not have enough to play.



Yokota: Led by No. 1 singles seeds Chris Beemsterboer and Rimi Bargmon, the Panthers tennis team enjoyed a red-letter weekend at Matthew C. Perry, winning the boys tie 9-1 and shutting out the Samurai girls 9-0. Perry did take the one mixed doubles match.



Kinnick: With Connor Brown and Erin Stonebarger capturing the boys and girls races, the Red Devils came away with the boys and girls titles in the DODDS Japan court country finals at the Tama Hills Recreation Center 2.9-mile boys and 2.1-mile girls circuits.



E.J. King: The Cobras’ No. 1 singles seed, Rikki Kendall, shut out Neil Rodriguez 8-0 to power E.J. King’s boys tennis team past Kinnick 5-1 in a weekend series at Sasebo Naval Base. The Red Devils girls responded by shutting out the Cobras 6-0.



Guam: Anthony McGuire’s 30th-place finish and Taloani Atogue’s 13th-place finish were the highest among Panthers runners in Friday’s Asia-Pacific individual court country race. That and Saturday’s team relay were the last action Guam sees this season; Guam teams are no longer participating in next month’s Far East meet.

Perry: The Samurai tennis and girls volleyball teams, s well as their five opposite numbers scattered throughout the country, now turn to the DODDS Japan tournaments, volleyball at Yokota and tennis at Zama.



Edgren: Paced by the play of junior middle blocker Kaelean Middleton, the Eagles remained unbeaten against DODDS Japan Division II opponents this season. She had seven kills each as Edgren swept two matches from Zama in three sets each.



Zama: Junior running back Jaedon Baker remains one of the bright spots for the Trojans, who’ve gone winless thus far this season. In Friday’s 40-7 home loss to American School in Japan, he scored on a breakaway 63-yard touchdown run.



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HIGH SCHOOL: DODDS EUROPE

NEWS AND NOTES FROM THE WEEKEND

No surprises in football semifinal hosts

Anyone who's been paying attention to DODDS-Europe football over the last calendar year won't be surprised at the teams hosting the upcoming semifinals.

Among the four teams playing home games with a title shot on the line: the unbeaten defending Division I champion; a Division I mainstay anxious for a title-game return; the unbeaten defending Division II champion; and Division II's undefeated, unchanged overall top seed.

Wiesbaden finished out its 5-0 regular season Saturday with a convincing 48-6 victory over playoff-bound Patch. The Warriors will play host to the Kaiserslautern Raiders, whom Wiesbaden beat 40-3 on Sept. 19.

Ramstein, whose undefeated season was spoiled by Wiesbaden in last season's Division I title game, locked in its No. 2 seed Saturday with a 17-3 victory over Wilsack. The Royals will welcome Patch next weekend; Ramstein beat the Panthers 45-0 on Sept. 20.

Hohenfels, which earned last year's championship via a road semifinal at Bitburg and a neutral-site defeat of SHAPE, has played its way into a season-defining semifinal home game this year. The Tigers beat SHAPE 33-20 and will host Naples next weekend. The Tigers beat Naples 40-28 on Sept. 27.

Ansbach, while not the defending champion, has emerged as the most dominant team in Division II this season. That didn't change Saturday in a 55-28 win over Aviano that wasn't as close as even the lopsided final score suggested. The Cougars will host Vicenza next weekend in the teams' only meeting this fall.

Next weekend's semifinal winners will gather at Kaiserslautern for the final four championship games Nov. 1.

AFNORTH: The Lion girls enjoyed a through 6-1 tennis win over Alconbury on Saturday, taking its only loss by a forfeit. Sophia Esrich and Amelie Esrich cruised to singles wins and teamed up for a 6-0, 6-0 rout at No. 1 doubles.



JOSHUA L. DEMOTT/Stars and Stripes

Vicenza's Mario Molina throws a pass in Saturday's game at Bitburg. Molina led the Cougars to an upset and a spot in the semifinals.

Alconbury: While the Lion girls prevailed, the Alconbury boys evened the score in Saturday's tennis meet. Joey Behr produced wins at No. 2 singles and No. 1 doubles in a 7-2 team win.

American Overseas School of Rome: The Falcon boys volleyball team stayed unbeaten Friday and Saturday with victories over Aviano. AOSR cruised out its regular season Saturday at Naples.

Aviano: The Saints scored a pair of convincing wins over AOSR this weekend. Setter Sydney Green dished out a combined 31 assists in a three-set Friday win and four-set Saturday win.

Baumholder: The Bucs girls volleyball team shook off a first-set setback to post a five-set victory over Brussels on Saturday. Alexis and 11 kills and Karina Inchauregui handed out 12 assists for Baumholder.

Bitburg: A frustrating Baron football season ended in appropriate fashion Saturday. Vicenza knocked off - and knocked out - the former four-time champions with a 33-32 quarterfinal victory.

Black Forest Academy: Falcons runner Jacob Benjamin interrupted the Patch parade to the finish line Saturday at Stuttgart. The only non-Panther in the top five, Benjamin placed second, just 10 seconds off the winning time.

Brussels: A perennial girls volleyball contender, the Brigands have fallen short of their usual standards in a 1-8 season. They'll have a chance to change that one last time before the tournament with a four-team meet at Alconbury next Saturday.

International School of Brussels: Raider boys tennis ace Fabian Sandrup Selvik appears up to the challenge of claiming the European championship next weekend. His 6-0, 6-0 win over Brussels on Saturday capped a perfect regular season.

International School of Florence: It didn't come away with a victory Saturday, but the Florence girls volleyball squad did provide further evidence of its status as a Division III title contender. Florence pushed 2013 Division II champion and new Division I power Naples to four and five sets in a pair of losses.

Kaiserslautern: The Raiders clinched the fourth and final spot in the Division I football semifinals Saturday with a 40-6 win over last-place Lakerheath. Quarterback Bridger Hawkins and wideout Antwan Haynes flashed dangerous chemistry with a pair of touchdown connections.

Lakenheath: The Lancer volleyball team celebrated homecoming Saturday with straight-set victories over Menwith Hill and SHAPE. Seniors Jade Julien (12 kills) and Shannon Cox (28 assists) led the way.

Marmoynt: MMI's wireless boys volleyball team still has one more shot at a regular-season win before the European tournament, but it won't be easy. Vicenza hosts Marmoynt and Aviano in a three-way finale meet Saturday.

Menwith Hill: The Mustangs used a sock-on serving game to upend Alconbury in four girls volleyball sets Saturday. Alley Laplante, Denise Culbreth and Lindsay Woolleyhand all went on multiple-point serving streaks.

Naples: The Wildcat football team extended a three-year home winning streak with a 34-18 win over Rota in a Division II quarterfinal.

The rest of its season will play out in Germany, however. Naples will travel to Hohenfels for a semifinal and advance to Kaiserslautern for the title game if it wins.

Patch: Panther boys tennis ace Marcus Burkpile tuned up for this week's European championship tournament with a dominant effort against Wiesbaden. Burkpile won his No. 1 singles match 6-0, 6-1 and his doubles match 8-2.

Rota: The Admirals bowed out of the Division II football playoffs Saturday, but the season can only be remembered as a success. A year after a winless campaign, Rota's 2014 included a winning 3-2 regular season, a postseason berth and a very respectable 34-18 road loss to Naples in Saturday's quarterfinal.

SHAPE: A pair of Spartan contenders lined up for their respective European tournaments with strong showings Saturday. Cross country runner Anna Kelle finished first in a home-course race and Marianna Kyriou took a straight-set win at No. 1 singles.

Sigonella: The Jaguars are apparently fully recovered after an 0-7 start to their boys volleyball season. Friday and Saturday victories over Marmoynt pushed the team's record to 3-7.

Vicenza: The Cougars pulled off one of the biggest football wins in school history Saturday, beating Bitburg 33-32 in a Division II quarterfinal. Peter Toves is in a game-winning score with under four minutes to play and Adrian Guerrero nailed the extra point to earn the victory and a semifinal shot at top seed Ansbach.

Wilsack: Falcons boys tennis ace Critchell Okendo enjoyed a 3-0 weekend. He picked up No. 1 singles wins over Ramstein and Ansbach and formed half of a successful doubles venture against Ramstein.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

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Saturday's scores

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 Albany (N.Y.) 20, Maine 7
 Boston College 45, Warner 21
 Army 33, Wesleyan (Conn.) 30, OT
 14-13, Michigan Tech 21
 Bentley 38, Connecticut 7
 Bridgewater 19, Kutztown 13
 Bridgewater (Mass.) 34, Plymouth St. 0
 Brockport 45, Alfred 42
 Colby 47, Hamilton 14
 Concord 61, WW Wesleyan 12
 Cortland St. 35, S. Virginia 0
 Dartmouth 24, Holy Cross 21
 East Stroudsburg 35, Millersville 13
 Franklin & Marshall 21, Middlebury 7
 Hampshire 14, Middlebury 10
 Husson 12, Gallaudet 6
 Juniata 30, Ursinus 10
 Kean 20, William Paterson 24
 King's (Pa.) 45, FDU-Florham 17
 LIU Post 48, Anselm 21
 Lehigh 31, Cornell 14
 Lycoming 34, Chemo 9
 Nichols 20, Michigan 15
 Miami Maritime 13, Coast Guard 7
 Mercyhurst 45, Slippery Rock 23
 Middlebury 35, Bates 6
 Mount St. Mary's 28, Colby of N.J. 7
 Mount Union 26, Castleton St. 21
 Muhlenberg 47, Gettysburg 19
 NY Maritime 40, Anna Maria 12
 New Haven 31, American International 21

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 Norwich 37, Becker 20
 Penn State 37, Allegheny 9
 Penn St., Columbia 7
 Penn State, Brown 16
 Robert Morris 17, CCSU 24
 Rowan 21, RW 16
 Sacred Heart 31, Morrisville 31
 Sacred Heart 23, Duquesne 20
 Springfield 49, Hartwick 16
 Spring Regina 49, Curry 6
 Stonehill 18, Clarion 16
 Springfield 48, Merchant Marine 21
 Stony Brook 42, Connecticut 27
 Stonyhill 33, Pace 0
 Susquehanna 24, Moravian 21
 Tiffin 24, Delaware 7
 Trinity (Conn.) 17, Bowdoin 10
 Union 20, Millersville 20
 UMass 38, E. Michigan 14
 Wake Forest 20, Fiburg St. 14, OT
 W. New England 36, Union (N.Y.) 14
 Wilmington & Jefferson 34, Bethany (W.V.) 3

SOUTH
 Alabama 59, Texas A&M 14
 Albany St. (Ga.) 31, Morehouse 14
 Alcorn State 40, Texas Southern 25
 Appalachian St. 53, Troy 14
 Austin Peay 20, Murray St. 13
 Ave Maria 38, Southeastern (Fla.) 35
 Berry 46, Hendrix 24
 Bethune-Cookman 48, Savannah St. 20
 Bluefield Southern 28, Milligan 14
 Bluefield South 68, Union (Ky.) 56
 Carson-Newman 55, Tusculum 35
 Catawba 30, UNC-Pembroke 17
 Centre 21, Sewanee 3
 Chattanooga 34, The Citadel 14
 Christopher Newport 38, Averett 7
 Clark Atlanta 47, Benedict 0
 Duke 20, Kentucky 35
 Duke 20, Virginia 13
 Eastern Kentucky 39, Eastern 27
 Faulkner 34, Cumberland (Tenn.) 16
 Fayetteville St. 34, Johnson C. Smith 14
 Florida A&M 31, Howard 20
 Florida St. 31, Notre Dame 27
 Gallatin 24, Lincolnton 19
 Frostburg St. 38, Itasca 37, 2OT
 Georgia Tech 47, Georgia 34
 Georgetown (Ky.) 42, Cumberland 13
 Glenville St. 35, Virginia-Wesleyan 14
 Grambling 63, Ark.-Pine Bluff 39
 Guilford 35, Bridgewater (Va.) 29
 Hickory-Wadley 48, Emory 6 & Henry 27
 Huntington 55, Ferrum 16
 Jackson State 30, Stetson 27
 Kentucky Wesleyan 55, Lindenwood (Ill.) 41
 Kent 41, Kentucky 3
 Lamar 63, Nichols St. 31
 Liberty 23, Newberry 10
 Livingston 21, Shaw 20
 Louisiana Tech 27, LA 20
 Louisville 30, NC State 18
 Miami Hill North Greenville 27
 Marshall 45, FIU 13
 Maryland 38, Iowa 31
 Maryville (Tenn.) 38, Greensboro 14

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 NC A&T 43, Delaware St. 20
 North Carolina 21, Hampton 13
 North Alabama 34, Florida Tech 31
 North Carolina 48, Georgia Tech 43
 Oklahoma 31, Sam Houston St. 27

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 Prairie View 52, MSU 19
 Richmond 27, Charleston Southern 3
 Reinhardt 35, Belhaven 24
 Richmond 27, Rhode Island 0
 S. Louisiana 41, Cent. Arkansas 24
 Shenandoah 24, Catholic 14
 South Alabama 30, Georgia St. 27
 South Carolina 41, Furman 10
 Spaw 20, Elon 9
 Syracuse 30, Wake Forest 7
 Tennessee Tech 38, Kentucky 31
 Thomas More 49, St. Vincent 7
 Tuskegee 61, Stillman 19
 UCF 26, Tulane 13
 UT-Martin 21, Tennessee St. 16
 Valdosta St. 62, Mississippi College 0
 Villanova 35, William & Mary 31
 Virginia 24, Bowie St. 14
 Virginia Union 40, Chowan 29
 W. Carolina 35, Mercer 21
 West & Lee 28, Randolph-Macon 25
 Wilder 13, Point (Ga.) 3
 Winthrop 24, Delta St. 16
 Wingate 45, Berea 21

MIDWEST
 Adams St. 37, Black Hills 13
 Adams 27, Albion 26
 Anderson (Ind.) 37, Hanover 35
 Ashland 17, Hillsdale 7
 Augustana (Ill.) 17, Illinois Wesleyan 2
 Augustana (SD) 52, Wayne (Nebr.) 48
 Baker 45, Avila 3
 Ball State 55, Wilmington (Ohio) 17

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 Ball St. 32, Cent. Michigan 29
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 E. Illinois 52, SE Missouri 13
 Elmhurst 28, North Park 0
 Ferris St. 34, Ohio Dominican 19
 Fort Hays 24, Emporia St. 21
 Franklin 38, Mount St. Joseph 28
 Hastings 14, Taylor 17

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 23 Hastings 48, Midland 28
 Hope 42, Oliver 37
 Illinois 35, Greenville 10
 Hills 27, W. Illinois 34
 Indianapolis 23, Truman St. 20
 Iowa Wesleyan 37, Westminster (Mo.) 21

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 21 Jamestown 63, Mayville St. 6
 John Carroll 80, Marietta 0
 Kean 45, Alma 24
 Kent St. 39, Army 17
 Lake Erie 24, Saginaw Valley St. 21
 Lakeland 34, Rockford 7
 Lincoln (Mo.) 62, Texas College 6
 Mac Murray 58, Eurole 7
 Macalester 28, Beloit 21
 Marquette (Ind.) 37, William Penn 14
 Mary 17, Minn.-Crookston 10
 McKendree 53, SW Baptist 13
 McPherson 24, St. Mary (Kan.) 9
 Michigan St. 56, Indiana 17
 Michigan Tech 39, Grand Valley St. 14
 Mid-Am Nazarene 52, Evangel 1
 Minn. Duluth 48, Northern St. (SD) 30
 Missouri State 39, Purdue 38
 Missouri Southern 34, Northeastern St. 7

Missouri St. 31, South Dakota 12
 Missouri Valley 63, Culver-Stockton 15
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Academics

Ground game helps AF get past New Mexico

The Associated Press

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — Fullbacks Shayne Davern and D.J. Johnson lent a hand to Air Force's passing game with the pounding of their feet.

Their repeated forays up the middle produced 136 yards rushing and three touchdowns and helped open up key passing lanes, including Kale Pearson's 50-yard throw to Jalen Robinette for the go-ahead score as Air Force hung on to beat New Mexico 35-31 on Saturday.

"I think you have to run the ball well and then, when you do, you can get some bigger opportunities for the pass, and that we did," Air Force coach Troy Calhoun said.

Davern finished with a team-high 85 yards rushing. Johnson

added touchdown runs of 1, 3, and 6 yards among his 51 yards to help Air Force (5-2, 2-2 Mountain West) remain unbeaten in four games at home.

Kent State 39, Army 17: Army coach Jeff Monken miniced no words during a 35-minute postgame address to his team. The Black Knights were beaten by previously winless Kent State, marking the low point of their difficult season.

"When you can't convert plays to keep your legs going and you don't tackle, it's hard to win," Monken said. "We've got to be better than this."

Sophomore Colin Reardon set career highs with 360 passing yards and four touchdowns, helping the Golden Flashes (1-6) snap a six-game losing streak and earn their first victory.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

West Virginia stuns sloppy No. 4 Baylor

By JOHN RABY
The Associated Press

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — When West Virginia needed another late push to pull out a win, Clint Trickett and Kevin White came up big again.

Trickett threw two of his three touchdown passes in the fourth quarter, White had a pair of TD catches and West Virginia surprised sloppy No. 4 Baylor 41-27 Saturday.

The Mountaineers (5-2, 3-1 Big 12) surpassed their win total of last season and beat a top five opponent for the first time since defeating No. 3 Oklahoma in the Fiesta Bowl after the 2007 season.

West Virginia had lost to Alabama and Oklahoma earlier this season when the Crimson Tide and Sooners were ranked in the top five.

"We've been in this situation before and have been unable to finish," West Virginia coach Dana Holgorsen said. "I told them at halftime, we're not in this thing to finish close again. Let's go out there and win this thing."

It marked the second straight game that West Virginia came up strong in the end to put away an opponent.

Against Baylor, Trickett went 23 of 35 for 322 yards, his eighth straight 300-yard game going back to last season.



West Virginia's K.J. Dillon, left, breaks up a pass intended for Baylor's Levi Norwood on Saturday in Morgantown, W.Va.



MARK WALLHEISER/AP

Seminole defensive back Jalen Ramsey, left, stops Notre Dame wide receiver C.J. Proise short of the goal line at the end of Saturday's game in Tallahassee, Fla. Florida State won 31-27.

No. 2 FSU survives Irish

Fifth-ranked Notre Dame comes up short late

By KAREEM COPELAND
The Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — With Florida State's perfect record still intact and a second-half rally against Notre Dame complete, Jameis Winston and coach Jimbo Fisher shared a hug as the crowd exploded in celebration.

Winston had done it again.

"He has a drive to win," Fisher said. "He has a drive for greatness."

No. 2 Florida State bounced back from a 17-10 halftime deficit and won its 23rd consecutive game by holding off No. 5 Notre Dame 31-27 on Saturday night.

The win came after another week of controversy for Winston, but on Saturday night, the embattled quarterback's mission was to dig the Seminoles out of trouble. And he did.

The reigning Heisman winner drove the Seminoles to touch-

downs on three of their first four second-half drives, each taking a minimum of seven plays. He spread the ball around and hit big plays to receivers Rashad Greene, Travis Rudolph and Jesus Wilson. Even running back Karlos Williams caught a 21-yarder.

This wasn't the first time Winston had to shine in the second half. Oklahoma State pushed the Seminoles in the season opener, but lost by six. He outplayed an on-fire Jacoby Brissett to hang 56 points on N.C. State. Winston missed just six passes and threw for 317 yards against Syracuse last week.

"One thing that people need to realize about this Seminoles team is when we have our backs against the wall, we always rise and we start playing harder," Winston said. "This was a big game. We're playing Notre Dame. We're not playing a high school team."

The Irish nearly pulled off the upset, moving to the 2-yard line

in the game's final moments. Everett Golson threw a touchdown pass to Corey Robinson with 13 seconds remaining.

But Notre Dame was called for pass interference when a receiver blocked the defender responsible for Robinson, and the touchdown was erased.

Notre Dame coach Brian Kelly was not happy with the call.

"We execute that play every day," Kelly said. "And we do it legally and that's the way we coach it. We don't coach illegal plays."

The Irish moved back to fourth and goal from the 18-yard line. Linebacker Jacob Pugh picked off the desperation pass in the end zone.

"We fight for each other, it's a brotherhood," FSU linebacker Terrance Smith said. "We fight for the guys next to us and we're not going to let the guys next to us down."

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Saturday's stars

- Cody Kessler, USC, set a school record with seven touchdown passes, throwing five in the first half in the No. 22 Trojans' 56-28 victory over Colorado.
- Blake Sims, passed for 268 yards and three TDs and scored on a 43-yard run while leading the seventh-ranked Crimson Tide to a 59-0 pummeling of No. 21 Texas A&M.
- Royce Freeman, Oregon, ran for 169 yards and four TDs and the No. 9 Ducks extended their winning streak over Washington to 11 straight games with a 45-20 victory.
- Ameer Abdullah, Nebraska, ran for 146 yards and four TDs, leading the No. 19 cornhuskers to a 38-17 victory at Northwestern.
- Trevone Boykin, TCU, threw for a career-high 410 yards with three TDs and the No. 12 Horned Frogs bounced back with a 42-9 victory over No. 15 Oklahoma State.
- Marcus Murphy, Missouri, scored three TDs, including two on special teams, as the Tigers embarrassed Florida 42-13.
- Nick Chubb, Georgia, ran for 202 yards and TDs touchdowns to help the No. 10 Bulldogs beat Arkansas 45-32.
- Brett Hundley, UCLA, accounted for 424 yards of offense and three TDs to help the Bruins snap a seven-game skid at California with a 36-34 victory.
- Michael Dyer, Louisville, rushed for 173 yards, including a game-sealing 46-yard touchdown run with 44 seconds remaining to help the Cardinals hold off N.C. State 30-18.
- Lucas Beatty, Gardner-Webb, threw for 430 yards and five TDs, including the winner in the second overtime of a 47-41 win over VMI.
- Drew Hare, Northern Illinois, finished 365 yards of total offense, 185 passing and 180 rushing, and three TDs in a 51-41 win over Miami (Ohio).



THE GAINESVILLE SUN/AP

Florida kicker Austin Hardin, left, chases Missouri's Marcus Murphy as he returns the opening kickoff for a touchdown Saturday in Gainesville, Fla. Murphy scored two of his three touchdowns on special teams as the Tigers overwhelmed the Gators 42-13.

How the AP Top 25 fared

- 1 Mississippi State (6-0) did not play.** The Bulldogs were off after winning three straight games against top-10 opponents.
Next: at Kentucky, Saturday.
- 2 Florida State (7-0) beat No. 5 Notre Dame 31-27.** At Tallahassee, Fla., James Winston threw for 273 yards and two touchdowns as the Seminoles held off the Irish after an offensive pass-interference penalty wiped out Notre Dame's apparent go-ahead touchdown pass with 13 second left.
Next: at Louisville, Thursday, Oct. 30.
- 3 Mississippi (7-0) beat Tennessee 34-3.** At Oxford, Miss., Bo Wallace threw two touchdown passes, as Ole Miss fell behind 3-0 early in the second quarter, but scored the next 34 points to continue its best start since 1962.
Next: at LSU, Saturday.
- 4 Baylor (6-1) lost 41-27 to West Virginia.** At Morgantown, W. Va., Clint Trickett threw three touchdown passes The Mountaineers (5-2, 3-1 Big 12) earned their first win over a top-five opponent since beating No. 3 Oklahoma in the Fiesta Bowl after the 2007 season. West Virginia sacked Bryce Petty four times.
Next: vs. Kansas, Nov. 1.
- 5 Notre Dame (6-1) lost to No. 2 Florida State 52-17.** Everett Golson was 31-for-57 for 313 yards and three touchdowns, an effort worthy of keeping him in the Heisman Trophy discussion. And Notre Dame will likely stay in contention for the College Football Playoff if it keeps winning.
Next: vs. Navy at Landover, Md., Nov. 1.
- 6 Auburn (5-1) did not play.** The Tigers had an open date following a 38-23 loss to No. 1 Mississippi State when Auburn committed four turnovers.
Next: vs. South Carolina, Saturday.
- 7 Alabama (6-1) beat No. 21 Texas A&M 59-0.** At Tuscaloosa, Ala., Blake Sims passed for 268 yards and three touchdowns and scored on a 43-yard run while leading Alabama to 35 second-quarter points. The Tide shut down the nation's No. 4 offense and dominated a game that had produced two straight thrillers.
Next: at Tennessee, Saturday.
- 8 Michigan State (6-1) beat Indiana 56-17.** At Bloomington, Ind., Connor Cook threw three touchdown passes, Jeremy Langford ran for three more scores and Michigan State scored the final 35 points. Cook finished with 332 yards, Langford and Nick Hill each topped 100 yards on the ground and Tony Lippett had 123 yards receiving as coach.
Next: vs. Michigan, Saturday.
- 9 Oregon (6-1) beat Washington 45-20.** At Eugene, Ore., freshman Royce Freeman ran for 169 yards and four touchdowns and Oregon extended its winning streak over Washington to 11 games. Marcus Mariota threw for 336 yards and two touchdowns for the Ducks.
Next: vs. California at Santa Clara, Calif., Friday.
- 10 Georgia (6-1) beat Arkansas 45-32.** At Little Rock, Ark., Nick Chubb ran for 202 yards and two touchdowns and Georgia dominated on the road for the second straight week.
Next: vs. Florida at Jacksonville, Fla., Saturday.
- 11 Oklahoma (5-2) lost to No. 14 Kansas State 31-30.** At Norman, Okla., Michael Hunnicutt missed a 19-yard field goal with 3:53 left after Oklahoma drove to the 1. Hunnicutt missed two short-field goals and had an extra point blocked. Sterling Shepard tied an Oklahoma record with 15 catches for 197 yards.
Next: at Iowa State, Saturday, Nov. 1.
- 12 TCU (5-1) beat No. 15 Oklahoma 42-9.** At Fort Worth, Texas, Trevone Boykin threw for a career-high 410 yards with three touchdowns, two on long plays to Josh Doctson in the first quarter, and TCU bounced back after a loss to Baylor.
Next: vs. Texas Tech, Saturday.
- 13 Ohio State (5-1) beat Rutgers 56-17.** At Columbus, Ohio, J.T. Barrett completed his first nine passes, ran for 107 yards and two touchdowns and threw for three more scores. The Buckeyes have averaged 56 points in a four-game winning streak.
Next: at Penn State, Saturday.
- 14 Kansas State (6-1) beat No. 11 Oklahoma.** Jake Waters passed for 225 yards and two touchdowns for the Wildcats.
Next: vs. Texas, Saturday.
- 15 Oklahoma State (5-2) lost to No. 12 TCU 42-9.** The Cowboys were outgained 676 to 258 and held without a touchdown for the first time since a 27-0 loss to Oklahoma in the 2009 regular-season finale.
Next: vs. West Virginia, Saturday.
- 16 Arizona (5-1) did not play.** The Wildcats had a week off after losing 28-6 to Southern Cal last week.
Next: at Washington State, Saturday.
- 17 Arizona State (5-1) beat No. 23 Stanford 26-10.** At Tempe, Ariz., Mike Berocovich threw for 242 yards and a touchdown, Zane Gonzalez kicked four second-half field goals and Arizona State cleared a big hurdle. The Cardinal had become a nemesis of sorts for Arizona State, powering past the Sun Devils in two games last season, including a dominating win in the Pac-12 Championship game.
Next: at Washington, Saturday.
- 18 East Carolina (5-1) did not play.** The Pirates had a bye week after they overcame a 10-point deficit against South Florida to remain unbeaten in American Athletic Conference play and improve their best start since 1999.
Next: vs. UConn, Thursday.
- 19 Nebraska (6-1) beat northwestern 38-17.** At Evanston, Ill., Ameer Abdullah had nine 1-yard touchdown runs and quarterback Tommy Armstrong Jr. scored on a 16-yard reception. Abdullah finished with 146 yards on 23 carries.
Next: vs. Rutgers, Saturday.
- 20 Utah (5-1) beat Oregon State 29-23 (2OT), Thursday.** Devontae Booker ran for 229 yards and three touchdowns, including a 19-yard dash in the second overtime.
Next: vs. No. 22 USC, Saturday.
- 21 Texas A&M (5-3) lost to Alabama 59-0.** The Aggies were dominated on both sides of the ball, from start to finish, and pushed their losing streak to three games. It was Texas A&M's first shutout since losing 77-0 to Oklahoma in 2003, and the program's second-most lopsided defeat.
Next: vs. Louisiana-Monroe, Saturday, Nov. 1.
- 22 Southern California (5-2) beat Colorado 56-28.** At Los Angeles, Cody Kessler set a school game record with seven touchdown passes. Nelson Agholor caught three TD passes from Kessler, who broke the mark previously held by Matt Barkley.
Next: at No. Utah, Saturday.
- 23 Stanford (4-3) lost to No. 17 Arizona State 26-10.** The Cardinal defense had a hard time keeping up with the Devils and nearly tripled its nation-leading average of 10 points allowed per game on offense.
Next: vs. Oregon State, Saturday.
- 24 Clemson (5-2) beat Boston College 17-13.** At Boston, C.J. Davidson ran 32 yards for a touchdown with 9:35 to play and Clemson stopped a Boston College drive in the final minutes. Cole Stoudt completed 29 of 45 passes for 285 yards.
Next: vs. Syracuse, Saturday.
- 25 Marshall (7-0) beat FIU 45-13.** At Miami, Raekean Catcoat set an NCAA record for consecutive games with a touchdown pass with 39, finishing with four scoring tosses to help Marshall remain unbeaten.
Next: vs. FAU, Saturday.

NHL

Scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division						
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	6	1	0	2	14	20
Tampa Bay	6	1	0	2	14	17
Detroit	6	1	0	2	11	15
Florida	6	1	0	2	11	15
Toronto	6	1	0	2	11	19
Buffalo	6	1	0	2	10	22

Metropolitan Division						
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Islanders	6	2	0	4	20	15
Washington	6	2	0	4	18	11
Pittsburgh	6	2	0	4	18	12
Columbus	6	2	0	4	15	12
Philadelphia	6	2	0	4	15	12
N.Y. Rangers	6	2	0	4	13	20
Carolina	6	2	0	4	13	20

Western Conference

Central Division						
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	4	3	0	6	12	8
Chicago	4	3	0	6	12	7
St. Louis	4	3	0	6	12	6
Colorado	4	3	0	6	12	6
Winnipeg	4	3	0	6	9	20

Pacific Division						
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	4	4	0	8	20	11
Los Angeles	4	4	0	8	13	9
Vancouver	4	4	0	8	13	9
Calgary	4	4	0	8	15	16
Edmonton	4	4	0	8	11	25

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Friday's games
 Florida 1, Buffalo 3
 Columbus 3, Calgary 2
 Vancouver 2, Edmonton 0
 Nashville 2, Winnipeg 0
 Vancouver 2, Minnesota 1
 Anaheim 2, Minnesota 1

Saturday's games
 Washington 2, Florida 1
 Buffalo 4, Buffalo 0
 Montreal 2, Colorado 2
 Ottawa 3, Columbus 2
 Toronto 1, Toronto 0
 San Jose 4, New Jersey 2
 Pittsburgh 3, N.Y. Islanders 1
 Philadelphia 6, Dallas 5
 Chicago 2, Nashville 1
 St. Louis 6, Arizona 2
 Tampa Bay 4, Vancouver 2

Sunday's games
 Minnesota at Los Angeles
 Dallas at New Jersey
 Calgary at Winnipeg
 St. Louis at Anaheim
 Toronto at Tampa Bay

Saturday

Flyers 6, Stars 5 (OT)

Philadelphia 2 0 3 1 6-5
Dallas 1 3 1 0 0-3
First Period—1, Dallas, Daley 2 (Sequin, Dallas) 11:32 (pp), 2, Philadelphia, Couturier 15:09 (pp), 3, Philadelphia, Couturier 15:41 (pp), 4, Dallas, Philadelphia, B.Schenn 1 (L.Schenn, Mason) 15:59.

Second Period—4, Dallas, Cole 1 (Horcoff, Eaves), 2:46, 5, Dallas, Daley 3 (Sequin, Dallas) 15:33 (pp), 6, Dallas, Ja.Benn 3 (Sequin, Dallas) 19:29.

Third Period—1, Philadelphia, Macdonald 1 (Del Zotto, Reed) 8:52 (pp), 6, Philadelphia, Voracek 1 (Schutt, Giroux), 14:14, 9, Dallas, Spezza 1 (Jo.Benn, Sequin), 14:54, 10, Philadelphia, Raffl 2 (Sequin, Dallas) 16:07.

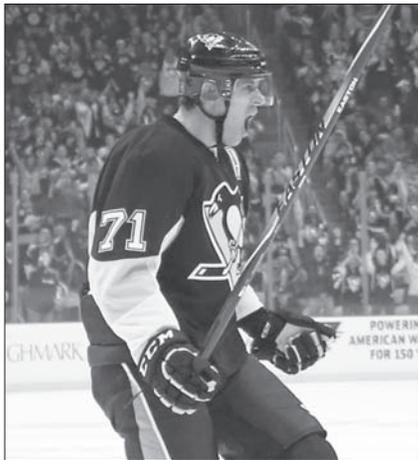
Overtime—11, Philadelphia, Giroux 2 (Sequin, Dallas) 0:00 (pp).
Shots on Goal—Philadelphia 14-10-21, Dallas 12-9-23.
Power-play opportunities—Philadelphia 2 of 5; Dallas 2 of 3.
Penalty shots—Philadelphia, Mason (18 shots-14 saves), Emery 1-0-1 (0:00 third), Dallas, Letourneau 2-2 (37-31), A.—18:53 (18:53), T.—2:43.

Lightning 4, Canucks 2

Tampa Bay 2 1 1-4
Vancouver 1 1 0-2
First Period—1, Tampa Bay, Higgins 4 (Palat), 5:3, 2, Vancouver, Higgins 4 (Bonino, Edler), 7:15, 3, Tampa Bay, Stam.Kovalev 1 (Palat, Higgins) 12:45.
Second Period—4, Vancouver, Edler 1 (Palat, Higgins) 10:07, 5, Tampa Bay, Callahan 3 (Stamkos, Garrison), 12:04.
Third Period—6, Tampa Bay, Killorn 2 (Edler, Stamkos) 10:07, 7, Tampa Bay, Killorn 2 (Edler, Stamkos) 16:12-6-24.
Shots on Goal—Tampa Bay 6-12-24, Vancouver 5-14-12.
Power-play opportunities—Tampa Bay 1 of 5; Vancouver 1 of 6.
Penalty shots—Tampa Bay, Bishop 3-0-1 (23 shots-30 saves), Vancouver, Lark 0-1-0 (20-19), A.—18:47 (18:10), T.—2:31.

Blackhawks 2, Predators 1 (OT)

Nashville 1 0 0-1
Chicago 1 0 0-2
First Period—1, Chicago, Oduya 1 (Patrickson, Bickell), 1:49, Nashville, Weber 3 (Ribeiro, Wilson), 11:17 (pp), 3, Chicago, Crawford 2 (Toews, Bickell), 17:36.
Shots on Goal—Nashville 3-4-11-20, Chicago 12-11-11-37.
Power-play opportunities—Nashville 1 of 3; Chicago 0 of 2.
Goals—Nashville, Hutton 0-0-1 (37 shots-32 saves), Crawford 1-0-1 (20-19), A.—21:60 (19:17), T.—2:30.



The Penguins' Evgeni Malkin celebrates his goal in the second period Saturday against the Islanders. The Penguins won 3-1.

Blues 6, Arizona 1

St. Louis 1 2 3-6
Arizona 0 0 1-1
First Period—1, St. Louis, Backes 2 (Tarasenko, Schwartz), 11:42 (pp).
Second Period—2, St. Louis, Steen 1 (Backes, Tarasenko), 17:23, 3, St. Louis, Schwartz 2 (Tarasenko), 17:54 (pp).
Third Period—4, St. Louis, Schwartz 3 (Letner), 5:5, Arizona, Komkoski 1 (Doan, Ekman-Larsson), 10:28 (pp), 6, St. Louis, Letner 1 (Steen, Shattuck), 12:02 (pp), 7, St. Louis, Schwartz 4 (Shattuck, Letner), 19:57 (pp).
Shots on Goal—St. Louis 15-8-13-36, Arizona 7-8-10-25.

Power-play opportunities—St. Louis 4 of 4; Arizona 1 of 1.
Goals—St. Louis, Allen 1-0-0 (25 shots-24 saves), Arizona, Smith 1-0-0 (36-30).
 A.—11:00 (17:125), T.—2:33.

Red Wings 1, Maple Leafs 0 (OT)

Toronto 0 0 0-0
Detroit 0 0 0-1
Overtime—1, Detroit, Zetterberg 1 (Kronwall, Ericsson), 4:50.
Shots on Goal—Toronto 12-9-8-13, Detroit 12-5-2-32.
Power-play opportunities—Toronto 0 of 5; Detroit 0 of 1.
Penalty shots—Toronto, Bernier 0-2-1 (32 shots-31 saves), Detroit, Gustavsson 1-0-0 (30-30), A.—20:07 (20:06), T.—2:49.

Sharks 4, Devils 2

San Jose 1 1 2-4
New Jersey 0 1 2-0
First Period—1, San Jose, Pavelski 2 (Couture, Burns), 17:53 (pp).
Second Period—2, San Jose, Couture 1 (Marleau, Pavelski), 5:24 (pp).
Third Period—3, San Jose, Marleau 4 (Couture, Burns), 1:36, 4, New Jersey, Cammalleri 5 (Jagr, Greene), 8:00, 5, New Jersey, Henriquez 2 (Ryder, Merrifield), 12:06, 6, San Jose, Thornton 1 (Pavelski), 18:46 (en), 15, 16:13 third.
Shots on Goal—San Jose 9-14-39, New Jersey 8:15-14-27.

Power-play opportunities—San Jose 2 of 3; New Jersey 0 of 3.
Goals—St. Niemi 3-0-0 (37 shots-35 saves), N.Schneider 2-0-1 (31-28).
Penalty shots—Washington, Peters 1-0-1 (21-20), A.—16:52 (17:25), T.—2:23.

Capitals 2, Panthers 1 (SO)

Florida 1 0 0-1
Washington 1 0 0-0
First Period—Washington won shootout 3-1.
Second Period—Florida, Chamera 1 (Fehr, Ward), 17:17.
Third Period—Florida, Boyes 1 (Bergenheim, Olsen), 4:22 (pp).
Shootout—Florida 1 (Huberdeau), 3, Washington 2 (Kuznetsov), 3, Florida 0, 6, Ovechkin 0, 6.
Shots on Goal—Florida 6-6-6-31, Washington 13-8-5-22.
Power-play opportunities—Florida 1 of 5; Washington 0 of 2.
Goals—Florida, Montoya 0-0-1 (28 shots-32 saves), Washington, Peters 1-0-1 (21-20), A.—18:56 (18:50), T.—2:41.

Canadiens 3, Avalanche 2

Colorado 0 1 0-2
Montreal 0 0 1-3
First Period—1, Colorado, Tanguay 2 (Mitchell), 2:24-2-2, Montreal, Subban 2 (Markov, Galchenyuk), 4:13 (pp), 4, Montreal, Galchenyuk 2 (Prust), 11:24, 4, Montreal, Subban 3 (Eller), 17:59.
Second Period—5, Colorado, Duchene 2 (Ignia, Barrie), 17:25.
Third Period—3, Colorado, Duchene 2 (Ignia, Barrie), 17:25.
Shots on Goal—Colorado 11-11-12-34, Montreal 17-11-9-36.

Power-play opportunities—Colorado 3 of 3; Montreal 1 of 1.
Goals—Colorado, Pickard 0-2-0 (36 shots-33 saves), Montreal, Price 4-1-0 (34-32), A.—21:28 (21:73), T.—2:32.

Senators 3, Blue Jackets 2

Ottawa 0 0 2-2
Columbus 1 1 0-2
First Period—1, Ottawa, Legwand 2 (Hoffman, Neil), 15:50.
Second Period—2, Ottawa, Karlsson 2 (MacArthur), 7:02, 3, Columbus, Foligno 2 (Hartnell, Erikson), 13:57, 4, Columbus, Savard 1 (Foligno, Johansen), 14:28.
Third Period—5, Ottawa, Hoffman 1 (Neil), 9:38.

Shots on Goal—Columbus 11-12-17-40, Ottawa 12-12-10-34.
Power-play opportunities—Columbus 0 of 3; Ottawa 0 of 2.
Goals—Columbus, McElhinney (16 shots-14 saves), Bobrovsky 3-0-2 (70-62), Ottawa, Lehner 2-0-0 (40-38), A.—18:94 (19:153), T.—2:31.

Penguins 3, Islanders 1

N.Y. Islanders 1 0 0-1
Pittsburgh 0 2 1-3
First Period—1, N.Y. Islanders, Hickey 1 (Montre, Nelson), 10:46.
Second Period—2, Pittsburgh, Malkin 2 (Crosby, Horowitz), 13:46 (pp), 3, Pittsburgh, Horowitz 3 (Malkin, Letang), 14:44 (pp).
Third Period—4, Pittsburgh, Horowitz 4 (Kunitz, Crosby), 18:40 (en).
Shots on Goal—N.Y. Islanders 10-8-17-35, Pittsburgh 16-11-11-38.

Power-play opportunities—Pittsburgh 10 of 7; Pittsburgh 2 of 4.
Goals—N.Y. Islanders, Hickey 3-1-0 (37 shots-35 saves), Pittsburgh, Fleury 3-1-0 (35-34), A.—18:37 (18:38), T.—2:28.

Bruins 4, Sabres 0 (OT)

Boston 2 2 0-0
Buffalo 2 0 0-0
First Period—1, Boston, Hamilton 1 (Marchand, Hossa), 13:42.
Second Period—3, Boston, Krug 1 (Kreji, 15:40, 4, Boston, Soderberg 2 (Kelly, Eriksson), 14:48.
Third Period—Boston 12-12-12-36, Buffalo 16-11-11-32.
Shots on Goal—Boston 22-22-30-74, Buffalo 0 of 3; Buffalo 0 of 3.
Goals—Boston, Svedberg 1-1-0 (32 shots-32 saves), Washington, Peters 1-0-1 (21-20), A.—18:65 (19:07), T.—2:28.

Roundup

Penguins give NY season's first loss

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — The much-maligned Pittsburgh Penguins' penalty killers provided the lift needed to back up an already-sizzling power play.

The Penguins killed a lengthy 5-on-3 just minutes before Evgeni Malkin and Patric Horowitz scored power-play goals 55 seconds apart in the second period, helping Pittsburgh hand the New York Islanders their first loss of the season, 3-1 on Saturday night. "They took some heat the last three games, but certainly tonight they came through big time," Penguins coach Mike Johnston said of the penalty killers. "That was the turning point in the game, that 5-on-3 killer."

The Islanders (4-1), who came up empty during a 5-on-3 of their own in the second, were the Eastern Conference's last unbeaten team.

"If you go back and look at our record when we don't score a 5-on-3 goal, it's not good," Islanders coach Jack Capuano said. "We didn't capitalize on ours, and obviously they did. That's the difference in the game."

Horowitz, who assisted on Malkin's goal, added an empty tally with 1:20 left to seal the Penguins' win. It is the first time Horowitz has opened a season with points in four straight games. He has a total of eight points.

Pittsburgh captain Sidney Crosby had two assists, including the 500th of his career. He joined Mario Lemieux and Jaromir Jagr as one of the only Penguins with 500 assists, and he is the sixth-fastest to do it in NHL history.

Marc-Andre Fleury made his fourth straight win over the Islanders and the eighth in nine meetings. Fleury made 32 saves as Pittsburgh recorded its first loss of the season.

Ryan Callahan added a goal and an assist for Tampa Bay (3-1), and Alex Killorn also scored. Ondrej Palat had two assists.

Sharks 4, Devils 2: Logan Couture had a goal and two assists, and Antti Niemi made 35 saves as visiting San Jose topped pesky New Jersey.

Joe Pavelski added a goal and an assist, and Joe Thornton led the game with an empty net goal — his 1,200th NHL point — as the Sharks won for the fourth time in five games. They have earned 9 of 10 points, losing only in a shootout in the New York Islanders.

Bruins 4, Sabres 0: Niklas Svedberg made 32 saves in his first NHL shutout for visiting Boston.

It was just the third career start for Svedberg, who replaced Tuukka Rask in the third period of Boston's loss Thursday at Montreal.

Capitals 2, Panthers 1 (SO): Host Washington scored on all three shots in the shootout, and Justin Peters made 20 saves in his first start this season.

Jason Chimera scored his first goal of the young season for the Capitals (3-0-2), who improved to 10-0-1 in their last 11 meetings against their former division rival.

Red Wings 1, Maple Leafs 0 (OT): Henrik Zetterberg scored the lone goal 4:50 into overtime to give host Detroit a victory over Toronto and a sweep of the teams' home-and-home series.

Zetterberg streaked down the right side and sent Niklas Kronwall's centering pass over Jonathan Bernier's shoulder.

Senators 3, Blue Jackets 2: Mike Hoffman made up for missing a penalty shot by scoring the tiebreaking goal midway through the third period.

David Legwand and Erik Karlsson also scored, and Robin Lehner stopped 38 shots to help host Ottawa earn its fourth straight win over the Islanders.

Canadiens 3, Avalanche 2: P.K. Subban scored twice and Alex Galchenyuk had a goal and an assist in host Montreal's victory.

Carey Price made 32 saves to help the Canadiens improve to 5-1.

Blackhawks 2, Predators 1 (OT): Jonathan Toews scored a short-handed breakthrough goal at 3:26 of overtime to lift host Chicago over Nashville.

With Patrick Sharp off for tripping, Toews stole the puck from Nashville's Roman Josi just inside the Chicago blue line. He raced down left wing, cut to the slot and was stopped by Carter Hutton on his first shot, but Toews pushed the rebound under Hutton's pads.

Flyers 6, Stars 5 (OT): Claude Giroux scored a power-play goal 2:49 into overtime to give visiting Philadelphia a come-from-behind victory.

Sean Couturier, Brayden Schenn, Andrew Macdonald, Jakub Voracek and Michael Raffl scored in regulation for the Flyers. Giroux's game-winner came 40 seconds after Dallas' Trevor Daley was penalized for hooking. It was Philadelphia's third power-play goal in the game.

Blues 6, Coyotes 1: Jaden Schwartz completed his first NHL hat trick with 3 seconds to go, goalie Jake Allen was strong in his first NHL start in two seasons.

Jori Lehtera scored his first career goal and had two assists for the visiting Blues.

WORLD SERIES

San Francisco Giants vs. Kansas City Royals • Season series: Royals, 3-0

Game 1

Tuesday at Kansas City
AFN-Sports
2 a.m. Wednesday CET
9 a.m. Wednesday JKT

Game 2

Wednesday at Kansas City
AFN-Sports
2 a.m. Thursday CET
9 a.m. Thursday JKT

Game 3

Friday at San Francisco
AFN-Xtra
2 a.m. Saturday CET
9 a.m. Saturday JKT

Game 4

Saturday at San Francisco
AFN-Sports
2 a.m. Sunday CET
9 a.m. Sunday JKT

Game 5

Sunday at San Francisco
AFN-Sports
1 a.m. Monday CET
9 a.m. Monday JKT
If necessary

Game 6

Tuesday, Oct. 28 at Kansas City
AFN-Sports
1 a.m. Wednesday CET
9 a.m. Wednesday JKT
If necessary

Game 7

Wednesday, Oct. 29 at Kansas City
AFN-Sports
1 a.m. Thursday CET
9 a.m. Thursday JKT
If necessary



Projected lineup

CF Gregor Blanco .260, 5 HRs, 38 RBIs	SS Alcides Escobar .285, 3 HRs, 50 RBIs, 31 SBs
2B Joe Panik .305, 1, 18	RF Nori Aoki .285, 1 HR, 43 RBIs, 17 SBs
C Buster Posey .311, 22, 89	CF Lorenzo Cain .301, 5 HRs, 53 RBIs, 28 SBs
3B Pablo Sandoval .279, 16, 73	1B Eric Hosmer .270, 9 HRs, 58 RBIs)
RF Hunter Pence .277, 20, 24	DH Billy Butler .271, 9 HRs, 66 RBIs
1B Brandon Belt .243, 12, 27	LF Alex Gordon .266, 19 HRs, 74 RBIs, 12 SBs
DH Michael Morse .279, 16, 61	C Salvador Perez .260, 19 HRs, 70 RBIs
LF Travis Ishikawa .252, 3, 18 with Pirates, Giants	2B Omar Infante .252, 6 HRs, 66 RBIs
SS Brandon Crawford .246, 10, 69	3B Mike Moustakas .212, 15 HRs, 54 RBIs

Projected rotation

LH Madison Bumgarner 18-10, 2.98, 219 Ks, 217 1/3 IP	RH James Shields 14-8, 3.21 ERA, 227 IP, 180 Ks
RH Jake Peavy 7-13, 3.73 ERA with Boston and San Francisco	RH Yordano Ventura 14-10, 3.20, 159 Ks
RH Tim Lincecum 9-13, 3.57	LH Jason Vargas 11-10, 3.71, 128 Ks
RH Ryan Vogelsong 8-13, 4.00	RH Jeremy Guthrie 13-11, 4.13, 202 1/3 IP, 124 Ks

Relievers

RH Santiago Casilla 3-3, 1.70 ERA, 19/23 saves	RH Greg Holland 1-3, 1.44, 46/48 saves
RH Sergio Romo 6-4, 3.72, 23/28 saves	RH Wade Davis 9-2, 1.00
LH Jeremy Affeldt 4-2, 2.28	RH Kelvin Herrera 4-3, 1.41
LH Javier Lopez 1-1, 3.11	RH Brandon Finnegan 0-1, 1.29 in 7 games
RH Jean Machi 7-1, 2.58, 2 saves	RH Jason Fraser 3-0, 1.53
RH Hunter Strickland 1-0, 0.00 in 9 games	LH Danny Duffy 9-12, 2.53 ERA, 113 Ks in 31 games, 25 starts
RH Yusmeiro Petit 5-5, 3.69 in 39 games, 12 starts	LH Tim Collins 0-3, 3.86 in 22 games
RH Tim Lincecum 12-9, 4.74, 1 save in 33 games, 26 starts	

Matchups

- This marks the first World Series in a full season in which both teams won fewer than 90 games. One of them will become the sixth wild card to win a championship.
- The only other time both World Series participants were wild cards was 2002, when the Angels beat Barry Bonds and the Giants in seven games.
- These clubs have met only 12 times in interleague play. The only opponent the Giants have faced fewer times is Tampa Bay, with nine. Kansas City hasn't played in San Francisco since 2005.
- The Royals have won nine of the 12 meetings, including a three-game sweep at home this summer when they beat Bumgarner, Hudson and Lincecum, stealing seven bases in the finale. Shields pitched a four-hit shutout to beat Hudson on Aug. 9. Royals relievers didn't allow a run in 6 1-3 innings. Gordon had two HRs and four RBIs in the series. Butler and Perez also homered for Kansas City.
- The Giants opened as a slim favorite.
- Posey will be tested by a team that led the majors with 153 SBs during the regular season and had 13 more in the playoffs. The Giants allowed 107 SBs, tied for seventh-most in the majors. Posey threw out 17 of 76 potential base stealers.
- Bumgarner did a good job shutting down the running game, allowing seven stolen bases on 17 attempts. Nine of the 10 caught stealings were started on pickoff throws by Bumgarner. ... Hudson allowed 15 SBs on 18 attempts.
- Pence is 0 for 11 in his career against Shields. ... Butler (14 for 33 with 3 HRs), Gordon (10 for 28) and Escobar (9 for 22) have all thrived against Peavy.
- Affeldt was a Royals draft pick in 1997 and spent his first 4 1/2 major league seasons with the team.
- Kansas City will have had five days off before the World Series opener, San Francisco four.
- The Royals have home-field advantage thanks to the American League's victory in the All-Star Game. The team with home-field advantage has won the past five World Series.

The big picture



Giants

After winning the World Series in 2010 and '12, the Giants (88-74) are hoping to make every other year a pattern. San Francisco missed the playoffs following each of those championships but got back this season as the second NL wild card. ... The Giants advanced by beating Pittsburgh 8-0 in the wild-card game behind a four-hitter from Bumgarner and a grand slam by Crawford. ... San Francisco knocked off NL East champion Washington in four games in the NLDS, winning three one-run games and an 18-inning marathon in a series that featured only 18 runs. ... The Giants eliminated the Cardinals in the NLCS, winning it in Game 5 on Ishikawa's three-run homer in the bottom of the ninth inning. It was the first homer to end an NLCS and the first to send the Giants to the World Series since perhaps the most famous drive in baseball history — Bobby Thomson's "Shot Heard 'Round the World" in a 1951 playoff vs. the Brooklyn Dodgers. ... The Giants went 243 plate appearances without a home run before hitting three in the clincher. ... The Giants have won 15 of their past 17 postseason games under manager Bruce Bochy. ... After relying on stellar pitching during their last two title runs, the Giants are more balanced this year, finishing fifth in the NL in runs and seventh in ERA. But the starting pitching stepped up in the playoffs, with a 2.40 ERA through 10 games. Pettit has been a valuable long man out of the bullpen. ... Workhorse RHP Matt Cain made just 15 starts this year because of a season-ending elbow injury, and two-time Cy Young Award winner Lincecum was removed from the rotation. He has not pitched in the postseason. ... Bumgarner is a threat at the plate, batting .258 with four homers, 15 RBIs and a .470 slugging percentage this season. The last pitcher to have more RBIs in a season was Mike Hampton with 16 in 2001 for Colorado. ... Hudson will pitch in his first World Series at age 39 after being on teams that lost seven times in the Division Series. ... Morse has only hit at-bats since Aug. 31 because of a strained oblique, but he hit a game-tying, pinch-hit homer in the eighth inning of the NLCS clincher and could be used as the DH in Kansas City.

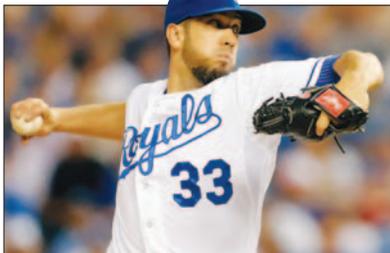


Royals

After ending a four-year postseason drought, the Royals (89-73) continued their winning ways with a perfect run through the playoffs to capture their third pennant. They rallied twice in the AL wild-card game for a 9-8 victory in 12 innings against Oakland, then won their first two ALDS games on the road against the Los Angeles Angels in 11 innings on homers by Moustakas and Hosmer. That made Kansas City the first major league team to win three consecutive extra-inning playoff games. The series clincher was much easier, an 8-3 victory at home for a three-game sweep of the Angels, who had the best regular-season record in the majors at 98-64. ... The Royals won four close games against Baltimore to sweep the ALCS, making them the first team to open a postseason 8-0. Along the way, they've captivated a city starved for sports success. ... The Royals also took the last three games of the 1985 World Series against St. Louis, so they've won 11 consecutive postseason games — in a span of three decades. That's one victory short of the major league record. ... Kansas City wins with solid starting pitching, a nasty bullpen, daring on the basepaths and sensational defense. Baseball fundamentals. During the regular season, KC ranked last in the majors with 95 home runs but first with 153 steals. Then the Royals powered up in the playoffs. They hit eight home runs, including four by Moustakas and two by Hosmer. ... Finnegan pitched for TCU in the College World Series in June. ... The speedy Royals swiped seven bags in the wild-card game against the A's, including one that helped set up the tying run in the 12th inning. Cain made a series of spectacular defensive plays throughout the playoffs and took home MVP honors after batting .533 with five runs in the ALCS. Gordon, Aoki, Moustakas, Escobar and reserve outfielder Jarrod Dyson have also thrived in a string of defensive games. Throw in the clutch homers by homegrown hitters Hosmer and Moustakas, and the rollover' Royals certainly have some serious October mojo going under Ned Yost, the first manager in major league history to win his first eight postseason games.

WORLD SERIES

What to watch for

**Big Game James**

James Shields is the rare Royals player with World Series experience. He pitched 5 $\frac{2}{3}$ scoreless innings for Tampa Bay in a 2008 victory over Philadelphia. Kansas City traded a bevy of top prospects, including outfielder Wil Myers, to the Rays to acquire Shields before the 2013 season. He went 1-0 with a 5.63 ERA in three playoff starts this month and is 3-4 with a 5.19 mark in nine career postseason outings.

**Big Game Bum**

Madison Bumgarner, 25, has stepped forward as the staff ace. The NLCS MVP is 5-3 with a 2.67 ERA in 11 postseason games, matching Bob Gibson and Mike Mussina as the only pitchers with five consecutive postseason starts of at least seven innings with seven or fewer baserunners allowed. Bumgarner has thrown 15 scoreless innings in World Series play, winning both his starts while striking out 14 and yielding five total hits. He went eight innings in the NLCS clincher and figures to get the ball in Game 1 on regular rest.

**Managing expectations**

Looking for his third championship in five years, the understated Bruce Bochy, above, is building a Hall of Fame résumé. Over in the other dugout, Ned Yost was once fired by Milwaukee in the middle of a September playoff race, and some of his curious decisions have exasperated Royals fans. Yost made all the right moves against Baltimore, though, and now he's the toast of the town. With both bullpens stacked and the benches often in play, this could become an interesting chess match.

**Panda watch**

Pablo Sandoval has keyed San Francisco's postseason offense since 2010, reaching base safely in a team-record 23 straight games. Kung Fu Panda is batting .375 with six homers and 14 RBIs during that span. That includes his three-homer performance in the 2012 World Series opener against Detroit on the way to MVP honors.

Lights out late

Both teams rely on stingy bullpens, so runs could be hard to come by in the late innings. Greg Holland, above, has six saves and a 1.13 ERA in eight postseason games. Wade Davis is 2-0 with a 0.96 ERA, and Kelvin Herrera has a 1.08 mark in seven appearances. All three have struck out 10. Bochy's expert use of the bullpen has been the biggest reason for San Francisco's remarkable October success. Jeremy Affeldt has made 18 straight scoreless appearances in the postseason, Santiago Casilla 17 and Javier Lopez 15. Affeldt and Lopez have been particularly tough on left-handed hitters, and Bochy will have to decide how to deploy them against Eric Hosmer and Alex Gordon, who have the dangerous Billy Butler batting right-handed between them.

**Karma, baby**

The Royals believe this is finally their time. They were counted out for much of the season, languishing below .500 on July 22. They were counted out again in the wild-card game before two late comebacks. Perhaps the same karma that won them Game 6 of the 1985 World Series — the infamous Don Denker call — has reared its head for a franchise that was downgraded for decades. But nobody during this decade has owned October like the Giants — every other year, at least.

Potent pairing**Battle-tested Giants vs. well-rested Royals**

By BEN WALKER
The Associated Press

Alex Gordon, Lorenzo Cain and the go-go Kansas City Royals played perfect ball to zip through the playoffs. Plus, they recently flattened Buster Posey and his Giants.

So how come this bunch that's rapidly become a fan favorite all across the country isn't the favorite against San Francisco in the World Series?

"When I look at the Royals, I see a team on a terrific run. There was magic on their side, where everything they did went absolutely right," said Las Vegas oddsmaker Johnny Avello, head of the sports book at the Wynn. "But I don't get into the 'darling' stuff. I have to encompass everything and figure out who's the better team, and that's the Giants."

We'll see what's next in this tight, tense postseason starting Tuesday night when the seasoned Giants visit the fresh Royals at Kauffman Stadium.

A pair of teams with dominant bullpens, the talent to make tremendous catches and a touch for grinding out key runs.

Both of them wild-card teams, too. Of course, come this late in October, no one is really a wild card anymore.

Reigning NL Championship Series MVP Madison Bumgarner, former World Series MVP Pablo Sandoval and Giants manager Bruce Bochy are aiming for their third ring in five seasons.

At 39, Tim Hudson is headed with them, going to his first World Series. A four-time All-Star with 214 wins, he left his longtime home in Atlanta and signed with the Giants last November.

Hudson was swayed by an intangible that he'd seen from the other side — San Francisco's knack for playing especially well at this time of year.

"They know how to win when it matters. There's something different whenever this team gets in the playoffs. They know what buttons to push. They know what guys need to go in certain situations," Hudson said.

Already 8-0 this postseason, the Royals are back in the Series for the first time since George Brett and Bret Saberhagen helped them win it all in 1985.

Giants reliever Jeremy Affeldt, the winning pitcher in the NLCS clincher Thursday night against the Cardinals, played for Kansas City from 2002-06 — the Royals lost 100 games in three of those seasons.

"When I played there, I think they thought they were overdue then, and that was, I don't know, seven, eight years ago," Affeldt said. "There's going to be some energy in that stadium."

Affeldt and the Giants got a close-up at these Royals in August, getting swept in a three-game series at Kansas City.

Gordon homered twice in the series, outfielder Nori Aoki threw in two runners in an inning, the Royals stole seven bases in a game and they beat Bumgarner, Hudson and Tim Lincecum.

"This is a whole different ballgame now." Royals manager Ned Yost said Friday. "This is the World Series. This isn't a three-game series in August."

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