

## US vows justice in beheading of journalist

Obama condemns 'hateful' video as Islamic State threatens 2nd hostage

By TRAVIS J. TRITTEN  
*Stars and Stripes*

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama said Wednesday the United States will be relentless in seeking justice for an American journalist beheaded by the Islamic State terrorist group.

Obama called the killing an act of "hateful terrorism" that contrasts with freelance reporter James Foley's work

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exposing suffering in the Syria war and compared the Islamic State to a spreading cancer that now threatens Muslims as well as others in Iraq and the region.

The president stopped short of declaring any new military action against es-

calating provocations and threats from the Islamic State, saying that the U.S. will continue to act "alongside" others to combat the threat. The Pentagon said unmanned drones continued airstrikes in Iraq on Wednesday.

The Islamic State posted a video of the beheading online Tuesday in reaction to U.S. airstrikes a day earlier.

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Abducted journalist James Foley, shown in 2012, was beheaded by militants from the Islamic State extremist group.

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Police move in to arrest a protester as they clear crowds out of Ferguson, Mo., early on Wednesday. Overall, the scene was more subdued than the past five nights, ahead of a visit by Attorney General Eric Holder to meet with officials carrying out an independent federal investigation into the death of Michael Brown.

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"There's a lot of due diligence here. This isn't some program run amok."

— Pentagon press secretary Rear Adm. John Kirby, discussing the Defense Department program that provides military equipment to American police departments

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**MILITARY**

**Navy kicks out 34 in cheating case**

By **ROBERT BURNS**  
*The Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — At least 34 sailors are being kicked out of the Navy for their roles in a cheating ring that operated undetected for at least seven years at a nuclear power training site, and 10 others are under criminal investigation, the admiral in charge of the Navy's nuclear reactors program said.

The number of accused and the duration of cheating are greater than was known when the Navy announced in February that it had discovered cheating on qualification exams by an estimated 20 to 30 sailors seeking to be certified as instructors at the nuclear training unit at Charleston, S.C. Students there are trained in nuclear reactor operations to prepare for service on any of the

Navy's 83 nuclear-powered submarines and aircraft carriers.

Neither the instructors nor the students are involved in handling nuclear weapons.

After further investigation the Navy determined that 78 enlisted sailors were implicated. Although the cheating is believed to have been confined to a single unit at Charleston and apparently was not known to commanding officers, the misconduct had been happening since at least 2007, according to Adm. John M. Richardson, director of naval reactors.

"There was never any question" that the reactors were being operated safely," he said in an interview, yet the cheating was a stunning violation of Navy ethics.

Richardson said he was "loaded for bear" at the outset of the investigation, unconvinced the cheating was confined to a single

training unit. But he now believes that it had not spread, and that this was one reason that the ring managed to operate so long without being discovered.

In addition to the 34 enlisted sailors who were removed from the nuclear power program and are being administratively discharged from the Navy, two more who were implicated as "minimal" participants had their non-criminal punishment suspended due to their "strong potential for rehabilitation."

Also, 32 sailors were implicated by investigators but later exonerated by Richardson, and he gave one officer a verbal warning. The officer, whom Richardson declined to identify by name or rank, was not accused of participating in the cheating. He was faulted for "deficiencies" in his oversight of the exam program, but Rich-

ardson said this was not severe enough to merit punishment.

The 68 implicated sailors are in addition to the 10 whom Richardson said are believed to have been "at the center" of the cheating ring and remain under investigation by the Naval Criminal Investigative Service.

The scandal rocked the Navy, but details until now had remained under wraps as senior Navy officials sought to determine the scope of the cheating — including whether it was happening elsewhere — as well as the root causes and possible remedies.

Unlike an Air Force exam-cheating scandal that came to light in January at a Montana base that operates land-based nuclear-armed missiles, the sailors involved in the Navy cheating had no responsibility for nuclear weapons.

**Some F-16Ds grounded after cracks found**

By **ERIK SLAVIN**  
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MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — The Air Force grounded more than half of its F-16D fighter jets after it found structural cracks between the front and rear pilot seats in several aircraft, according to a statement released Tuesday in Washington.

The cracks in the canopy longeron sill, a thin strip of material that fastens to the fuselage, were found in 82 of the Air Force's 157 F-16D aircraft.

The Air Force ordered an inspection of all F-16Ds after it began finding cracks on the planes during routine post-flight inspections. The service finished its inspections Monday.

The Air Force F-16 Program Office and Lockheed Martin are developing a temporary fix that would allow the damaged aircraft to fly limited hours while they work on a permanent solution, according to the statement.

The United States has also agreed to sell the Iraqi air force 36 F-16 aircraft, along with training. The first two of those aircraft were ceremonially handed over



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**An F-16D takes off from the runway of Graf Ignatievo Air Force Base, Bulgaria, in 2010.**

to Iraq at a Fort Worth, Texas, training site in June. The U.S. had planned to deliver the planes to Iraq in the fall, but the siege of Iraq by the Islamic State has delayed those plans, according to recent Pentagon statements.

It remained unclear Tuesday whether the structural problems found in the U.S. versions of the

aircraft would have any effect on the Iraqi versions.

In the Pacific, the 36th Fighter Squadron out of Osan Air Base, South Korea, flies both the grounded F-16D and the F-16C variant, according to the base website.

The two-seat, F-16D variant of the F-16 is primarily used for

training, according to the Air Force statement. The planes are 24 years old, on average, with more than 5,500 hours of flight time. There are 969 F-16s of all variants in the Air Force, according to service figures.

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## MILITARY

## Airman awarded Silver Star for heroism

By WYATT OLSON  
Stars and Stripes

An airman with the 22nd Special Tactics Squadron was awarded the Silver Star and Bronze Star Monday at Joint Base Lewis-McChord for directing air and ground strikes while he was behind enemy lines in Afghanistan.

Tech. Sgt. Matthew McKenna, a combat controller, received the Silver Star, the nation's third-highest combat military decoration, for his actions during a 13-hour firefight in Afghanistan in 2013.

McKenna and his team found themselves outnumbered with the enemy closing in on their position from higher ground, according to an Air Force statement.

McKenna coordinated airstrikes on 10 insurgents, preventing them from completing an ambush of his team. "At one point, he discovered his team was running out of ammunition and coordinated an aerial resupply at two locations placing desperately needed munitions within 50 feet of the endangered servicemembers," the statement said.

Despite pleas from his teammates to take cover, McKenna rushed into the "kill zone," exposing himself to heavy fire in order to control airstrikes that were within about 600 yards of him, the statement said.

The airstrikes gave the team a chance to move up the mountain for an emergency pickup.



Russ JACKSON/Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

**Tech. Sgt. Matthew McKenna and Lt. Gen. Bradley Heithold salute on Monday after McKenna was awarded the Silver Star during the 22nd Special Tactics Squadron awards ceremony at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash.**

"On several occasions, with no regard for his personal safety, Sgt. McKenna moved from cover, exposing himself to withering machine gun and rocket-propelled grenade fire to locate friendly elements trapped by enemy fire," the Silver Star citation said.

"His actions secured the survival of his team against a challenging enemy, allowing them to beat back three counterattacks contributing to 103 enemies killed in action before withdrawing to safety," the Air Force statement said.

McKenna was also awarded the Bronze Star for actions throughout the entire deployment to Afghanistan, during which he controlled 431 aircraft during 23

ground combat operations, which led to the capture of 26 enemy insurgents and 67 enemy fighters killed in action, the statement said.

McKenna was the fourth member of the 22nd STS to receive the Silver Star for operations conducted in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Four other airmen with the 22nd STS were also awarded the Bronze Star during the ceremony Monday: Staff Sgt. James Sparks, Tech. Sgt. Bridger Morris, Tech. Sgt. Tyler Britton and Tech. Sgt. Joseph Luera.

Luera, along with Staff Sgt. Douglas Perry, also received the Air Force Combat Action medal.

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## Charity: More military families using food banks

## DOD calls study flawed, compares servicemembers' pay to civilians'

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WASHINGTON — The number of military families who struggle to put food on the table has been growing in the years since the Great Recession, the nation's largest network of soup kitchens and food pantries said Tuesday.

That increase convinced the Feeding America charity to study servicemembers who use the food assistance network, leading to a landmark report released Monday that found about 1 in 4 active-duty and reserve troops or someone in their household sought out charitable meals or groceries over the past year.

The Hunger in America report and an interview with the nationwide charity indicate troops are increasingly falling into a segment of the working poor that makes too little to consistently afford food but too much to qualify for government aid such as food stamps.

"We have heard anecdotally for the last several years that our food banks have seen an increase in the military families coming for food distribution," said Maura Daly, spokeswoman for Feeding America.

Feeding America has published studies on hunger in the U.S. every four years since 1993. The findings Monday finally put numbers to what charity workers were seeing.

About 620,000 households where at least one servicemember lives — including reserve forces — received donated meals or food over the past year through the network, which includes soup kitchens, food banks and pantries in every state, according to the findings released Monday.

"What that means is that one in four people currently serving in the military lives in a household that turns to Feeding America for food assistance," Daly said.

Many Americans are still struggling to bounce back from the stock market and housing crash in 2008. Troops — despite the set pay and benefits — may be particularly dependent on charity food pantries for help.

The use of government-funded food stamps, officially known as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, has doubled in the four years since the economic

collapse. But about 27 percent of Americans who sometimes go hungry have incomes above the federal eligibility requirements, according to the charity.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture lists the cutoff for SNAP assistance at \$14,940 in gross annual income for a single-person household and \$30,624 for a family of four.

In comparison, an E-1 soldier starts out with a base pay of about \$18,378, according to the Army.

"A lot of military families would not qualify for SNAP," Daly said.

The report found that military households are about 4 percent of the 15.5 million households served by the food assistance network.

The Pentagon shot back on Tuesday, defending military pay and compensation and saying that the study results are flawed.

Spokesman Lt. Cmdr. Nate Christensen said a review of military compensation two years ago found pay for enlisted troops was higher than 90 percent of civilians with the same education and experience. Officers were paid more than 83 percent of their civilian counterparts.

Meanwhile, the Feeding America study did not look at the specific relationships between the servicemembers and those who took food assistance, and did not survey troops who live overseas.

Daly said it is possible that servicemembers reported in some of the households were deployed or away on training when members of the family sought out assistance.

The charity surveyed 60,122 people who use the network over several months and asked them whether there was anyone in their household currently serving in the military. The results were then extrapolated to make estimates for a yearlong period.

"The Department of Defense disagrees with the methodology that Feeding America used to calculate the estimated percentage of military households served by its food assistance programs," Christensen wrote in an email to Stars and Stripes.

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## ISAF servicemember killed in attack

Stars and Stripes

KABUL, Afghanistan — A servicemember with the NATO-led military coalition in Afghanistan died Wednesday from an enemy attack in the country's east.

A release from the International Security Assistance Force did not provide the servicemember's identity or nationality. Coalition member countries typically release the names of their forces killed in combat. The death brings the number of ISAF servicemembers killed this year to 52, according to a tally by The Associated Press.

Afghan officials reported that an ISAF servicemember was

stabbed in the neck Wednesday in Kabul, although it was unclear whether the victim was the casualty referred to in the ISAF release. The attack occurred around 10:30 a.m. on Bamaror Road, according to district police chief Najebullah Samsur. Samsur didn't know if the victim survived. A spokesman for the Ministry of the Interior, which oversees police, said the man was on guard duty by the road when he was stabbed in the neck. Police arrested the assailant, said the spokesman, Najeb Danish. Neither Samsur nor Danish knew the nationality of the victim.

Asked about the attack, an ISAF spokesman said only that

one ISAF servicemember died Wednesday.

While casualty rates for ISAF servicemembers have fallen in recent years as Afghan security forces assume more of the fighting against insurgents, ISAF servicemembers still work closely with Afghan forces and patrol their own bases.

Roughly 44,000 international troops remain in Afghanistan — nearly 30,000 of them Americans — as the coalition prepares to end its combat mission this year. NATO plans call for a residual training-and-advicing force to remain after 2014, pending agreements with the government.

to train security forces and other personnel to respond to potential threats.

Previous Citadel Pacific exercises occasionally have increased traffic around bases and caused minor interruptions at gates, particularly at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Installations may also use

"giant voice" communications to broadcast messages to exercise participants across the base.

A spokesman for Commander Naval Forces Japan said Wednesday that they anticipated normal access and no significant disruptions to bases and commands.

From staff reports

## Citadel Pacific exercises set for next week

Navy bases in the Pacific will conduct their annual Citadel Pacific security exercise Aug. 25-29, service officials said Wednesday.

The exercises at bases in Japan, Hawaii and Guam are designed

# MILITARY

## DARPA: Future force will be faster, lighter

By DAN LAMOTHE  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — When insurgents began laying improvised explosive devices by the dozen in Iraq to kill U.S. troops in 2004, no immediate answer was available.

Soldiers and Marines responded by hanging any kind of scrap metal they could find to better protect their Humvees. But "Hillbilly armor," as the troops sometimes called it, weighed the vehicles down, made them prone to rollovers and still didn't cover the bottom sides of the vehicle most exposed to a blast.

The Pentagon's fight to keep the weight down on vehicles has never really ended. To fight off IEDs, it eventually fielded MRAPs, short for Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles.

The beefy trucks have an armored V-shaped hull that deflects roadside blasts, and are credited with saving thousands of lives in Iraq and Afghanistan.

But even the smallest ones still weigh in excess of 25,000 pounds, and are prone to rollovers that kill troops.

With all that in mind, a Penta-

gon agency has launched a new, high-tech effort to protect troops while reducing armor.

The Ground X-Vehicle Technology Program is investigating options available to improve both the mobility of military vehicles and the safety for troops inside.

The goals, expressed here by the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, appear to be a tall order:

- Reduce vehicle size and weight by 50 percent
- Reduce onboard crew needed to operate a vehicle by 50 percent
- Increase vehicle speed by 100 percent
- Access 95 percent of all terrain
- Reduce the enemy's ability to detect and target an approaching vehicle

DARPA says that some ways to reach those goals could include "radically enhanced mobility," figuring out ways to autonomously dodge threats and re-position armor, and improving situational awareness for troops inside the vehicle.

The agency also wants to explore making it more difficult for



Images released by DARPA

The Defense Advanced Projects Agency released these images to explain its Ground X-Vehicle Technology program. The agency is looking for ways to make armored vehicles lighter and faster.

adversaries to see and hear the vehicle.

Despite the program's futuristic goals, DARPA says it plans to develop technology for the program over two years after initial contracts are awarded around April 2015.



## Navy plans tests of exoskeleton technology

Lockheed Martin has received a contract for the U.S. Navy to evaluate and test human exoskeleton technology, which is basically a framework worn over clothing that is designed to help with heavy lifting.

Specifically, the Navy is testing two Fortis exoskeletons, which are designed for industrial use. Lockheed has been developing exoskeleton technology for five years, including military designs.

The Navy contract is the first for Lockheed Martin's industrial use exoskeletons. Lockheed describes the Fortis exoskeleton as an unpowered, lightweight system that increases an operator's strength and endurance by transferring the weight of heavy loads from the user's body directly to the ground.

"Ship maintenance often requires use of heavy tools, such as grinders, riveters or sandblasters," said Adam Miller, director of new initiatives at Lockheed Martin Martin's and Fire Control. "By wearing the Fortis exoskeleton, operators can hold the weight of those heavy tools for extended periods of time with reduced fatigue."

The contract is through the National Center for Manufacturing Sciences. Terms of the contract were not disclosed.

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# Afghan stability questioned amid recount

By PAMELA CONSTABLE  
The Washington Post

KABUL, Afghanistan — With a crucial deadline soon approaching to inaugurate a new president and an election ballot recount in a critical stage, fears are growing that Afghanistan's fragile transition process could collapse into violence.

The quickening pace of a protracted election audit and a flurry of meetings between aides to the two rival candidates this week have raised faint hopes that the country may have a new leader in office within the next two weeks, just in time to attend a NATO summit crucial to future foreign aid for Afghanistan. But Afghan and international observers here warn that the process could easily fall apart, with disputes persisting over the fairness of the ballot recount and the two candidates unable to agree on a division of power after a winner is declared. Under U.S. pressure, they agreed to form a national unity government with a president as well as a chief executive, but they differ strongly on the details.

Despite pleas for patience from international officials, aides and allies of Abdullah Abdullah — the candidate who originally called for the ballot recount and charged

massive fraud in a June runoff vote against rival Ashraf Ghani — continue to threaten that they will pull out of the process and call for civil unrest if Ghani wins a tainted recount and is named president. One powerful governor backing Abdullah threatened in June to form a "barbaric government" after Abdullah lost the runoff, and last week he again called for a "civil uprising" and takeover of the capital if Abdullah loses the vote recount. There have been separate news reports that some officials close to the Afghan security services may be planning to install their own "interim government" if the political process falls apart.

In the past several days, police and security vehicles have flooded Kabul and gunfire has been heard. On Tuesday, a knife fight reportedly broke out at the heavily guarded election compound where the votes are being recounted, injuring several people.

Although both candidates have signed a commitment to form a joint government as soon as the recount results declare one of them president, negotiating teams for Ghani and Abdullah are apparently still miles apart on how much power and authority the loser would be able to exercise as chief executive — a critical factor

in dispensing patronage to powerful backers and allies.

Uncertainty over what will happen in the next two weeks — whether Afghanistan will manage to install a new government or face violent challenges from forces unwilling to accept electoral defeat — is gripping a nation that has gambled its future on a deeply flawed first-ever democratic transition of power.

"Afghanistan is very fragile and unstable. We are right at the edge of making or destroying all the hopes that the people have for new leadership and a credible government," said Abbas Noyan, a spokesman for Ghani. "Former adversaries need to become partners, but we have enemies on all sides, from the hardliners to the Taliban. If violence starts, a lot of people will be killed before it can be stopped."

Ghani, a former World Bank official, won the June runoff by a wide margin over Abdullah, a former foreign minister, and is likely to prevail in the recount. Abdullah, who got the most votes among 16 candidates in a first round in April, has alleged that both the runoff and the recount have been fraudulently stacked against him by Ghani and the outgoing government of President Hamid Karzai.

## NY Times reporter told to leave country

The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Afghanistan ordered a New York Times journalist Wednesday to leave the country in 24 hours and barred him from returning over a story he wrote saying that a group of officials were considering seizing power because of the impasse over who won its recent presidential election, the attorney general's office said in a statement.

The attorney general's office called Matthew Rosenberg, 40, into their office Tuesday and asked him to reveal his sources, which he refused to do, the Times reported. On Wednesday, the attorney general's office said the story threatened Afghanistan's stability and security, announcing that he was being expelled. The statement suggested that the reporting, which relied

largely on unnamed sources, was fabricated.

A story on nytimes.com Wednesday said the newspaper was "appalled" by the decision to expel Rosenberg and stood by his story.

President Hamid Karzai's spokesman, Aimal Faizi, said Rosenberg's ejection came from the "clear fabrication" in his story, which amounted to an attempt to undermine the security and stability of the country.

Rosenberg's story in the Times said some officials with ties to the security forces were "threatening to seize power."

The newspaper reported that powerful figures in the government were discussing forming an interim government as a way to rescue the country from the impasse following the election.

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This image from a video shows James Foley of Rochester, N.H., at the time a freelance contributor for GlobalPost, in Benghazi, Libya.

# Journalist: Video's message suggests Islamic State turning sights on American targets

FROM FRONT PAGE

The airstrikes helped Iraqi army and Kurdish peshmerga forces retake Mosul Dam in northern Iraq — the first major offensive victory over the militant Islamic group since it pushed across the Syrian border in June, began seizing large swaths of the country and declared a religious caliphate.

The administration confirmed the authenticity of the video, which showed a masked member of the Islamic State killing Foley with a knife, accusing the United States for causing his death, and taunting the president with the possible killing of Steven Sotloff, another American journalist captured while reporting on the civil war in Syria.

"The United States will continue to do what we need to do to protect our people. We will be vigilant and we will be relentless," Obama said. "When people harm Americans anywhere we do what is necessary to see that justice is done and we act against (the Islamic State) standing alongside others."

The killing and threats are the clearest indication yet that the al-Qaida splinter group is focusing on American targets after a lightning advance through Iraq that reaped weapons, money and territory.

The administration strategy is pinned to Baghdad unifying the country to beat back the Islamic State. For Obama, the escalating violence poses a stark choice over deeper involvement following a withdrawal of U.S. forces from the country in 2011 and his promises that new bombing campaigns begun Aug. 7 will not lead to ground war.

On Wednesday, the president called on Iraqis and Syrians to

rise up against the group, saying it is pushing a "bankrupt ideology" that has caused the deaths of thousands of Muslims.

"People like this ultimately fail. They fail because the future is won by those who build and not destroy, and the world is shaped by those like Jim Foley and the overwhelming majority of humanity who are appalled by those who killed him," Obama said.

Foley was taken prisoner in November 2012 while reporting on the strife in Syria, where the Islamic State first established power amid the civil war between resistance forces and the heavily armed military of President Bashar Assad. Foley reported from Afghanistan for Stars and Stripes in 2011 and had also been taken captive by insurgents once before in Libya when Moammar Gadhafi was forced from power.

The Foley family posted a statement on a Facebook page dedicated to finding the reporter when he was still missing, and which urged the Islamic State to release him.

"We implore the kidnappers to spare the lives of the remaining hostages," his mother wrote. "Like Jim, they are innocents. They have no control over American government policy in Iraq, Syria or anywhere in the world."

In the video released Tuesday, Sotloff appears only for a moment and is shown with a shaved head and orange jumpsuit crouching in a barren desert landscape beside Foley's killer.

The masked Islamic State operative tells Obama that his next move will determine Sotloff's fate.

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# Another besieged Iraqi minority appeals for help

## Islamic State targets Amrili, home to Shiite Turkmen

BY SINAN SALAHEDDIN  
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Members of a minority Iraqi Shiite community whose town has been besieged by Sunni militants appealed to Iraq's military and the international community to intervene to end the siege, a lawmaker said Wednesday as the U.N. started a massive aid push to help Iraqis uprooted by the extremists.

Also Wednesday, scattered attacks killed at least 11 people in and near Baghdad. The city has not been spared the almost daily violence even as the country grapples with the onslaught by the Islamic State group and their militant Sunni allies.

The siege of the northern town of Amrili, populated by Shiite Turkmen, is part of the Islamic State's offensive, which seized large swaths of western and northern Iraq this summer and also pushed further in neighboring Syria.

The militants' rampage, however, suffered a major setback this week when Iraqi and Kurdish troops backed by U.S. airstrikes dislodged the Islamic fighters from a strategic dam near Mosul, Iraq's second-largest city which militants overran in June.

Turkmen lawmaker Fawzi Akram said nearly 15,000 Turkmen in Amrili, about 105 miles north of Baghdad, have been besieged for the past two months by militants affiliated with the Islamic State.

The siege has left the residents in a dire situation, despite recent army airdrops of weapons, food and medical supplies. The town has no water or electricity, yet the residents are putting up a fierce resistance, al-Tarzi said.

"Amrili is besieged from all sides and calls for help are falling on deaf ears," he said, urging the U.S. to consider airstrikes on militant targets around the town.

Resident Jaafar Kadhim al-Bayati, a 41-year-old father of three, told The Associated Press over the phone that children in Amrili are getting sick and that the town needs more help.



MARKO DROBNIAKOVIC/AP

A child peers from a tent inside a camp for refugees in Irbil, Iraq, on Tuesday. Some 1.5 million people have been displaced by fighting in Iraq since the Islamic State's rapid advance began in June.

### Officials: DOD mulling more troops in Iraq

WASHINGTON — U.S. officials say military planners are weighing the possibility of sending more American forces to Iraq mainly to provide additional security around Baghdad.

A senior U.S. official said the number of troops currently under discussion would be fewer than 300, but there has been no final decision yet by

Pentagon leaders. The talks come as American fighter jets and drones conducted nearly a dozen airstrikes in Iraq since Tuesday when Islamic State militants threatened to kill a second American captive in retribution for any continued attacks.

A U.S. official said the strikes came in the hours after militants released a video Tuesday showing U.S. journalist James Foley being beheaded.

From The Associated Press

"We are starving, we ran out of food and the only clinic is not functioning now due to lack of medicines," he said. He added that a pregnant woman died while in labor this week after she was brought to the clinic but there was no one there to help her.

Like other religious minorities in Iraq such as the Christians and the Yazidis, the Turkmen community has also been targeted by the Islamic State, which considers them to be apostates. Thousands of Turkmen have been uprooted from their homes since the Islamic State took Mosul, the northern city of Tikrit and a spate of towns

and villages in the area.

In Baghdad, six civilians were killed and 12 were wounded when a parked car bomb ripped through Palestine Street, a police officer said. Mortar rounds in the northern Sabaa al-Bour neighborhood killed three and wounded nine, another police officer said.

And in the town of Mahmoudiyah, 20 miles south of Baghdad, a bomb hidden in a garbage pile killed two people and wounded five, according to police officials there. All officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to media.

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NATION

# Perry defends his actions, then smiles for mug shot

The Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Republican Texas Gov. Rick Perry gave a confident, wry smile beneath flawless hair for his mug shot. Then he went out for vanilla ice cream.

That's how the possible 2016 presidential candidate greeted his booking on criminal charges of abuse of power.

But what's next for the longest-serving governor in Texas history isn't so glib: Perry's high-powered and pricey legal team will now quickly try to extinguish the case against him, which includes two felony charges stemming from his veto last summer of state funds for public corruption prosecutors.

An arraignment is scheduled for Friday, but Perry doesn't have to be present — and he's already planning to be in New Hampshire

that day to court GOP voters as he mulls another White House run.

Perry was already in campaign mode Tuesday when he arrived at the Travis County courthouse — just a block behind the governor's mansion — for fingerprinting and his mug shot. He strode to a lectern in front of a phalanx of cameras and reporters, and his vows to fight the charges were interrupted by chants of "Perry! Perry!" from a few dozen supporters.

About the only time Perry didn't seem in control was when he was instructed to remove his newly signature, black-framed glasses for the booking photo. "The actions that I took were lawful, they were legal, and they were proper," Perry said before entering the courthouse.

Perry was indicted last week on charges of coercion and official

oppression for vetoing \$7.5 million for the state public integrity unit, which investigates wrongdoing by elected officials and is run by the Travis County district attorney's office.

Perry threatened the veto if the county's Democratic district attorney, Rosemary Lehning, stayed in office after a drunken driving conviction. Lehning refused to resign and Perry carried out the veto, drawing an ethics complaint from a left-leaning government watchdog group.

Perry was indicted by a grand jury in Austin, a liberal bastion in



ERIC GAV/AP

Texas Gov. Rick Perry arrives at the Blackwell Thurman Criminal Justice Center on Tuesday in Austin, Texas. Perry has been booked on two felony counts of abuse of power. His mug shot is at left.

otherwise mostly fiercely conservative Texas.

The governor, meanwhile, isn't letting the case keep him from a packed travel schedule that will take him to the early voting states of Iowa, New Hampshire and

South Carolina over the next two weeks. After his 2012 presidential campaign flamed out, the Republican opted not to seek re-election as governor in November — leaving him more time to focus on rehabilitating his image nationally.

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NATION

# Quiet night in Ferguson precedes Holder visit

The Associated Press

CLAYTON, Mo. — As U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder made his way to Ferguson on Wednesday, a small group of protesters gathered outside the building where a grand jury could begin hearing evidence to determine whether the police officer who shot 18-year-old Michael Brown should be charged in his death.

Outside the St. Louis County Justice Center in Clayton, where the grand jury was expected to convene, two dozen protesters gathered in a circle for a prayer, chanted, and held signs urging prosecutor Bob McCulloch to step aside. Nearly two dozen officers guarded the building's main entrance, which also was blocked off with yellow police tape.

McCulloch's deep family connections to police have been cited by some black leaders who question his ability to be impartial in the case of Darren Wilson — the white officer who fatally shot the unarmed Brown on Aug. 9. McCulloch's father, mother, brother,

uncle and cousin all worked for the St. Louis Police Department, and his father was killed while responding to a call involving a black suspect.

The prosecutor, who is white, has insisted his background will have no bearing on the handling of the Brown case, which has touched off days of rancorous nighttime protests during which authorities used tear gas and rubber bullets to clear the streets of the St. Louis suburb where he was killed.

The protests were more subdued Tuesday night, with smaller crowds, fewer confrontations and no tear gas. Police said they still made 47 arrests, but mainly of people who defied orders to disperse.

The slight easing of tensions preceded the visit during which Holder planned to meet with FBI and other officials carrying out an independent federal investigation into Brown's death, as well as with community leaders.

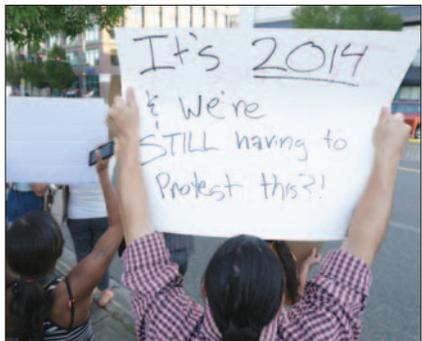
Holder arrived in St. Louis shortly before 11 a.m. CST

Wednesday, accompanied by several Justice Department officials, including members of its Civil Rights division.

In a letter published late Tuesday on the St. Louis Post-Dispatch website, Holder promised a thorough investigation while calling for an end to the violence in Ferguson. He said the bond of trust between law enforcement and the public is "all-important" but also "fragile."

The department has mounted an unusually swift and aggressive response to Brown's death, from conducting an independent autopsy to sending dozens of FBI agents to Ferguson in search of witnesses to the shooting.

Meanwhile, Brown's funeral arrangements were set. The Austin A. Layne Mortuary, which is handling arrangements, said the funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Friendly Temple Missionary Baptist Church. Brown's uncle, the Rev. Charles Ewing, will deliver the eulogy, and the Rev. Al Sharpton will also speak.



TED S. WARREN/AP

A man holds a sign that reads "It's 2014 & we're still having to protest this?" as he attends an evening rally Tuesday in Tacoma, Wash. Several hundred people attended the peaceful gathering to show support for protesters in Ferguson, Mo.

# Pentagon defends program that doles out surplus military gear

By JON HARPER

Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The Defense Department is pushing back against criticism that it's helping militarize local police forces by supplying them with surplus gear.

"We don't push equipment on anybody ... It is made available to law enforcement agencies if they want it and if they qualify for it," Pentagon press secretary Rear Adm. John Kirby said Tuesday. "There's a lot of due diligence here. This isn't some program run amok."

The DOD's 1033 Program is a congressionally mandated initiative that enables law enforcement agencies to obtain equipment and weapons that the military no longer needs. State and local authorities have to apply for the items and explain to the Defense Logistics Agency why they need them.

The program has been in place since the 1990s but has come under intense scrutiny in recent days as police in Ferguson, Mo., have appeared on national television with assault rifles and military vehicles while clashing with demonstrators.

Since 2007, DOD has given the Ferguson Police Department two Humvees, one generator and one cargo trailer. Over the same time period, law enforcement agencies in St. Louis County, which Ferguson is a part of, received six pistols, 12 rifles, 15 weapon sights, a

bomb-disposal robot, three helicopters, seven Humvees and two night-vision devices, according to Kirby.

Authorities in Ferguson have been trying to quell violent protests that erupted after the Aug. 9 shooting death of Michael Brown, an unarmed 18-year-old African-American, by a white police officer.

Critics have said the response was a heavy-handed approach that escalated tensions in the town and may have fueled violent protests. Some believe that the 1033 program has blurred the lines between law enforcement and the military.

But the Pentagon disagrees.

"We're not going to give more equipment or equipment that's inappropriate for use by a law enforcement agency that's small and doesn't need it ... Just because they ask for a helicopter doesn't mean they get a helicopter," Kirby said.

"There's a lot of thought that goes into this. We're not militarizing law enforcement," Kirby insisted.

Kirby suggested it would be a mistake to get rid of the program.

"My hunch is that many of these [law enforcement] agencies out there would tell you that some of this equipment saves lives and protects citizens. And so while we're all focused on what's going on in Ferguson ... let's be careful not to throw the baby out with the bath water here," he said.

While voicing support for the initiative, Kirby sought to distance DOD from any potential misuse of the gear.

"It still is up to local law enforcement to determine how and when and where and under what circumstances they use excess military equipment," he said. "We don't take a position on the way the equipment is being used."

But as criticism of the program mounts, Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel is taking a look at it. "The secretary has been mindful of the public debate and discussion about this issue, and asked his staff this morning for some additional information about the program ... and he's consuming that now," Kirby said.

On Monday, President Barack Obama suggested that the program should be reviewed, but no such review is in the works at this point.

Secretary Hagel has not ordered a review of this program. He's simply asked for some more information so that he can have a more informed opinion about it," Kirby said.

"If after the secretary dives into this more, or if he deems it appropriate to conduct a review or a study, you know, he wants to potentially change it, then we'll certainly come up and talk to you about that. But right now, we're simply trying to get a little more detail about it."

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# Torrential rains cause desert deluge in Phoenix

By BRIAN SKOLOFF  
AND PAUL DAVENPORT  
The Associated Press

PHOENIX — Workers at a farm saw hundreds of cactuses sweep away in a flood. Drivers on Arizona's main north-south freeway watched in shock as muddy waters submerged the road. Rescuers across the state rushed to save people trapped in cars and homes.

The Phoenix area was battered by torrential rain storms Tuesday that caused severe flooding across the desert region. The National Weather Service said some areas received more rain Tuesday than they had all last summer.

"It looked absolutely devastating," said Gov. Jan Brewer, who was glued to the TV all day watching the rescue. "For the last 10, 15 years, we've never seen anything the likes of this."

A helicopter crew rescued two women and three dogs from a home surrounded by swift-moving waters in a town about 30 miles north of Phoenix, while elsewhere a small trailer park was evacuated, a school was flooded and first-responders pulled motorists from partially submerged vehicles.

The National Weather Service issued a flash flood warning for much of the metro area and north of the city, where up to 8 inches of rain fell by midday in some of the



MARK HENLE, THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC/AP

Firefighters talk with Tracey Tumlinson as they prepare to rescue her from her flooded home in New River, Ariz., on Tuesday.

mountainous regions along Interstate 17, the main north-south freeway in Arizona.

A river of muddy water rushed down I-17 about 25 miles north of Phoenix as motorists changed lanes to avoid the deluge. A stretch of freeway was shut down and reopened later in the day.

In another dramatic rescue, authorities pulled an elderly woman from a van stuck in rushing floodwaters, a scene repeated across the region throughout the day as other motorists became trapped.

Officials said nearly 5 inches of rain fell around the town of New River, where a helicopter dropped

two rescuers onto the roof of a home where someone inside had been waving a white piece of fabric from a window to draw attention. The rescuers later walked the women and dogs to safety as the water receded.

Kathy Mascaro said her typical 15-minute commute from home

to work in the Phoenix area more than doubled because of the traffic caused by the flooding.

"It's crazy. You'd think, how could the desert flood, but it really does," Mascaro said. "I've never seen it this bad. I've been here over 20 years and it has never flooded this bad."

The Cox Cactus Farm in Phoenix was inundated by a nearby creek as rushing waters sent workers scrambling to save their more than 600 varieties of plants, shrubs and cactuses.

"Everything just washed away," employee Mitch Bell said. "There's nothing we can do."

The desert around Phoenix sees very little rain most of the year, so when storms roll through with such intensity as they did Tuesday, the water has nowhere to go.

"With so much rain falling so quickly, the water doesn't have a chance to soak into the hard-packed rocky soil," meteorologist Gary Woodall of the National Weather Service said.

Arizona's monsoon season runs roughly from June to September, when powerful storms form with heavy rain and whipping winds. It's a phenomenon that occurs each summer when the winds shift, bringing moisture north from the Pacific Ocean and Gulf of Mexico to produce radical and unpredictable changes in the weather.

## Evacuees return as Yosemite fire ebbs

The Associated Press

OAKHURST, Calif. — A wild fire that surged early and gave a scare to a community near Yosemite National Park has been tamed by firefighters, and some of the more than 1,000 people who evacuated their homes have returned.

"We're not seeing the fire expand like we thought," Madera County Sheriff John Anderson said Tuesday after crews had the fire 35 percent contained amid higher humidity and lower wind speeds.

Eight structures were destroyed as the fire burned nearly 1 square mile in the foothills near

Yosemite.

The flames erupted Monday near Oakhurst, a community of several thousand about 16 miles from a Yosemite entrance, forcing more than 1,000 people to evacuate and thousands more to prepare to leave. Some residents were allowed to go home, but sheriff's spokeswoman Erica Stuart could not provide an estimate of how many.

A road leading visitors to the park reopened Tuesday, and the park itself remained unaffected by the blaze.

Evacuated residents in Oakhurst said they had braced for the worst.

"There is nothing you can do

when a fire is raging," said Clement Williams, 67. "You just have to flee. It's a real sinking feeling."

Williams and his wife, Gretchen Williams, 63, were trying to get information about the fire and their home from officials. They spent the night at a nearby hotel.

Oakhurst was smoky, and businesses downtown were closed as the fire burned about a mile away.

The fire comes amid California's third straight year of drought, creating tinder-dry conditions that have significantly increased the fire danger around the state and sent firefighters scrambling seemingly nonstop from blaze to blaze.



MARK CROSSE, THE FRESNO (CALIF.) BEE/AP

A child's bike sits among the ruins of a burned home destroyed in a wildfire along Highway 41 outside Oakhurst, Calif., on Tuesday.

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NATION



BECKY BOHRER/AP

Dan Sullivan defeated tea party favorite Joe Miller in Alaska's primary election on Tuesday.

Tea party falters in Alaska

Bid to capture Senate seat falls short against mainstream Republican

By BECKY BOHRER

The Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — A tea party attempt to overcome a mainstream Republican came up short in Alaska as a former state attorney general became his party's candidate to take on U.S. Sen. Mark Begich in the fall.

Dan Sullivan on Tuesday night bested tea party favorite Joe Miller, who made a late push reminiscent to his 2010 primary upset of U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski. Miller ultimately lost in the general election.

Alaska is one of the prime targets for Republicans looking to capture six seats now held by Democrats and take control of the Senate.

Their odds of taking the seat now seem improved since voters in general elections tend to favor mainstream candidates over those backed by the ultra-conservative tea party.

Sullivan, who also had the support of Karl Rove and groups such as Club for Growth, was considered the front-runner early on in part due to his fundraising prowess, which has rivaled that of Begich. Roughly \$4 million in attacks have been run against Sullivan



Miller

by a pro-Begich supporters. Former Gov. Sarah Palin, a paid contributor for Fox News who has little to do with state-level politics since appointing Sullivan attorney general and resigning in 2009, re-emerged to support an oil tax referendum that also was on the ball — if successful, it would restore the tax system she championed as governor — and to endorse Miller.

Miller who spent the campaign painting his opponents as "establishment candidates," said in the waning days of the race that he would support the eventual nominee. That spoke to the state Republican's desire for the party to unite in the cause of defeating Begich and of avoiding a repeat of the divisive 2010 race.

Co-founder of ALS ice bucket challenge dies

Bloomberg News.

NEW YORK — Corey Griffin, a former Bain Capital manager who raised more than \$100,000 for the ALS Association in the past week through the Ice Bucket Challenge, was killed in a diving accident. He was 27.

He died at 3 a.m. Aug. 16 at Nan-

tucket Cottage Hospital in Massachusetts, after jumping from the roof of a two-story building into Nantucket Harbor, according to Carlos Moreira, a police spokesman. No other details were provided.

In 2009, Griffin joined Bain Capital's venture capital division, Bain Capital Ventures, as an analyst in an internship program and

stayed on for three years.

Griffin was among a group of fundraising friends of Pete Prates, a former captain of the Boston College baseball team whose struggle with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis inspired a campaign involving dumping buckets of ice water over the heads of famous athletes and other celebrities.

Veteran rock climber killed in Yosemite fall

The Associated Press

SEBASTOPOLE, Calif. — A veteran Northern California rock climber died in a fall in Yosemite National Park, just hours after proposing to his girlfriend during another climb, authorities said.

Brad Parker's girlfriend, Jaimee Dial, had accepted his marriage proposal Saturday after the couple reached the top of Cathedral Peak. His father, Bill Parker, said his son told him it was "the happiest day of his life," the Santa Rosa Press Democrat reported Tuesday.

Later in the day, the couple separated as Brad Parker headed off by himself to climb nearby Matthes Crest, a ridge of upturned rock about 3 miles from Cathedral Peak.

Then tragedy struck. Other climbers witnessed Parker fall about 5:45 p.m., Yosemite Park Ranger Karl Cobb said. Parker, 36, went climbing alone and without ropes and fell on an established route, Cobb said.

Park rangers hiked in and located Parker's body, remaining with it overnight before a helicopter retrieved it the next day, Cobb said.

Parker's death was the second

climbing death in Yosemite this year, the typical average annually, Cobb said.

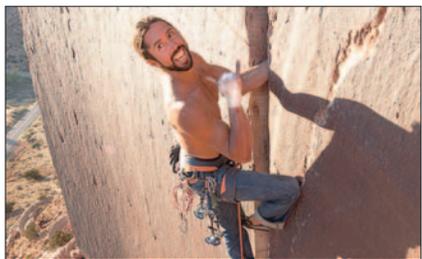
A resident of Sebastopol, Calif., Parker appeared on a cover of California Climber magazine in 2012. He also worked as a yoga instructor and was an avid surfer and mountain biker.

Jerry Dodrill, 41, a longtime friend and photographer who has taken pictures of Parker on his climbs, said Tuesday that Parker has climbed Matthes Crest with relative ease on several occasions.

Dodrill said he and Parker were scheduled to climb on the High Sierras this weekend. Instead, Dodrill will be attending a memorial for his friend Saturday.

"I have no idea what happened on that climb. It blows me away about what happened," Dodrill said. "I keep replaying what might have happened on what was supposed to be the best day of his life. I can visualize where he fell and it makes all of this even harder to accept."

Parker's father said he thinks fatigue from the climb up Cathedral Peak and the run his son made to Matthes Crest may have been a factor in the fall.



COURTESY OF JERRY DODRILL/AP

Brad Parker climbs "Super Crack," a rock climb at Indian Creek, near Moab, Utah, in 2013. Parker, a veteran Northern California rock climber, died Saturday, in a fall in Yosemite National Park.

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## WORLD



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Heavily damaged houses are seen after a massive landslide swept through residential areas in Hiroshima, Japan, on Wednesday. Rain-sodden hills in the outskirts of Hiroshima gave way in at least five landslides, according to Japanese broadcaster NHK.

## At least 10 dead in Japan landslide

BY ELAINE KURTENBACH  
The Associated Press

TOKYO — Rain-sodden slopes collapsed in torrents of mud, rock and debris early Wednesday in the outskirts of Hiroshima, killing at least 10 people and leaving 22 missing, the government said.

Video footage from the national broadcaster NHK showed rescue workers suspended by ropes from police helicopters pulling victims from the rubble. Others gingerly climbed into windows as they searched for survivors in crushed homes.

Hillsides caved in or were swept down into residential areas in at least five valleys in the suburbs of the western Japanese city after heavy rains left slopes unstable.

The Fire and Disaster Management Agency, citing the local government, said 10 people were confirmed dead and another 22 were missing as of mid-afternoon. It said 19 people were injured, two seriously.

"A few people were washed away, and it is hard to know exactly how many are unaccounted for," said local government official Nakatoshi Okamoto, noting that the conditions in the disaster area were hindering efforts to account for all those affected.

Authorities issued warnings that further rains could trigger more landslides and flooding.

Landslides are a constant risk in mountainous, crowded Japan,



A man crawls over cars stuck in muddy water as he tries to navigate a street hit by a landslide in Hiroshima on Wednesday.

where many homes are built on or near steep slopes. Torrential rains in the early morning apparently caused slopes to collapse in an area where many of the buildings were newly constructed.

Damage from land and mudslides has increased over the past few decades due to more frequent heavy rains, despite extensive work on stabilizing slopes. In the past decade there have been

nearly 1,200 landslides a year, according to the land ministry, up from an average of about 770 a year in the previous decade.

In October last year, multiple mudslides on Izu-Oshima, an island south of Tokyo, killed 35 people, four of whose bodies were never recovered. Those slides followed a typhoon that dumped a record 32 inches of rain in a single day.

# Ukraine forces gain ground in rebel stronghold

BY NATALIYA VASILYEVA  
AND PETER LEONARD  
The Associated Press

DONETSK, Ukraine — After days of constant street battles, Ukrainian troops took control Wednesday of a large part of the rebel stronghold in Luhansk, a government spokesman announced, while battles around the rebel's largest city of Donetsk left at least 43 people dead.

Andriy Lysenko, a spokesman for Ukraine's National Security Council, told reporters Wednesday in Kiev that government forces are now controlling "significant parts" of Luhansk, an eastern city just 12 miles from the Russian border.

Hard-hit Luhansk has been without electricity, running water or phone connections for 18 days because of the fighting between government forces and pro-Russia separatists. Russia has sent a massive aid convoy to help the residents there but it is still stuck at the border, since it has not yet received Kiev's approval because the proposed route lies through rebel-held territory.

Earlier in the day, Luhansk city authorities reported running battles between the two sides. Ukrainian troops are trying to encircle Donetsk, the largest city still in rebel hands, and drive the rebels out of Luhansk. Several neighborhoods in Donetsk have been hit with artillery fire in the last few days and fighting on the city's outskirts has become more intense.

The Kiev-backed administration in Donetsk said at noon Wednesday that 34 local residents were killed and 29 wounded in the preceding 24 hours. Lysenko said nine troops were killed and 22 wounded in overnight fighting in Ilovaysk, a town near Donetsk, as the government sought to retake a major railroad and a highway that leads to Russia.

Lysenko said fighting continued Wednesday in Ilovaysk even though government forces had gained overall control of the town.

Among those killed in Ilovaysk

was a Ukrainian-American known by the nom de guerre of "Franko," said Anton Hershchenko, an adviser to the interior minister. He said Franko was an American citizen with a military background who had been living in eastern Ukraine for 10 years and obtained Ukrainian citizenship before joining the government side.

For several weeks running, Donetsk has come under daily shelling attacks from all sides. The imprecision of the shelling is creating much animosity while seemingly taking a limited toll on rebel forces.

On Wednesday morning, rockets slammed into residential areas, including the suburb of Makiivka.

"I was with my grandmother in the bathroom, because there is a bearing wall in there," said Anna Zyrkova, 22. "And then all of sudden, bam-bam."

Many Donetsk residents have been taking refuge in improvised bomb shelters in apartment building basements. Residents in Makiivka huddled in groups near one such shelter Wednesday, chatting and listening as rockets flew in and out several miles away.

At a rebel camp closer to the fighting, a rebel commander who identified himself only as "Chaika" — Russian for seagull — said he was at a loss to explain why army shells were hitting apartments.

"We purposely don't take up positions where people live," he said — a claim that Ukrainian officials have repeatedly dismissed.

In Moscow on Wednesday, protesters scaled one of the city's famed Stalin-era skyscrapers and painted the Soviet star on its spire in the national colors of Ukraine. They also attached a yellow-and-blue Ukrainian flag to the top.

While Moscow police detained four suspects and charged them with vandalism, a crime punishable with up to three years in prison, Poroshenko, the Ukrainian president, welcomed the flag-hoisting over the skyscraper in a video message, calling it a "symbolic" gesture.

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## NATION

# 'What they did shouldn't be forgotten'

## Holocaust Museum opens UN archive on WWII crimes

By BRETT ZONKGER  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — From Adolf Hitler down to the petty bureaucrats who staffed the Nazi death camps, thousands of perpetrators of World War II war crimes eventually were written up in vast reams of investigative files — files that now, for the first time, can be viewed in their entirety by the public.

The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington has obtained a full copy of the U.N. War Crimes Commission archive that has largely been locked away for the past 70 years under restricted access at the United Nations. Recently, the museum announced it has made the entire digital archive freely available to visitors in its research room.

Although information in the documents has long been known to investigators and historians, the public was kept out. Even researchers at the U.N. had petitioned for access through their governments.

Many of those named in the archive were never held accountable.

In addition to the allegations of mass murder against Hitler and his high-level henchmen, the files list thousands of obscure but no-less-horrendous cases from across Europe and Asia. There is Franz Angerer, a member of the Gestapo, accused of rounding up inmates in Sosnowiec, Poland, to send to Auschwitz.

Helmut Steinmetz in Warsaw, Poland, was accused of murdering a crippled Jewish man he met on the street, as well as killing a railroad porter with a stick for refusing to carry his luggage.

And Elimar Luder Precht, who served as chief dentist at several concentration camps, was accused of selecting Auschwitz inmates for execution based on whether they had gold or platinum teeth that could be forcibly taken.

The vast collection includes about 500,000 digitized microfilm images with more than 10,000 case files in multiple languages from Europe and Asia on people identified as war criminals. There are also meeting minutes, trial transcripts and 37,000 names listed in a central registry of war criminals and suspects. Some files have lists of personnel at concentration camps, including Auschwitz and Ravensbruck.

While some case files are brief, others are more extensive collections of charging documents, witness statements, correspondence



PROVIDED BY UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM/AP

Aleksander Belev, center, facing camera, the Bulgarian Commissioner for Jewish Questions, oversees the deportation of Macedonian Jews from Bulgarian-occupied Skopje, Yugoslavia, in March 1943. German soldiers can be seen at left.



BERETO MATTHEWS/AP

Bridget Sisk, chief of Archives and Records Management Section at the United Nations, views a 1947 negative file during a special tour of U.N. historical archives in February 2012.

and commission reports. The evidence was submitted by 17 member nations for evaluation to try to assure that war criminals would be arrested and tried, but the war crimes commission was shut down in 1948.

Paul Shapiro, director of the museum's Mandel Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, noted that Cold War politics prevented many war crimes suspects from being prosecuted.

"Most Holocaust perpetrators were never held accountable be-

fore the law," he said. "Many of them were recruited by various governments for work during the Cold War. I don't want to say only by Western governments, because Soviets also recruited scientists and others."

Making the records public fosters a degree of belated accountability, he said.

"By enabling people today to study and educate based on records like those of the U.N. War Crimes Commission, we can at least hold those people who com-

mitted such atrocities ... to account before history," Shapiro said. "They're not alive anymore, but what they did shouldn't be forgotten. We need to learn from what happened in that era."

For decades, the archive was largely forgotten. In 1987, researchers and historians were granted limited access, but names of witnesses and suspects not convicted of war crimes were kept off limits. Prosecutors and historians with the U.S. Justice Department's Nazi-hunting unit have used the archive for investigations, as have others in an on-and-off effort to hold Holocaust perpetrators accountable.

The Associated Press reviewed some of the newly accessible records, including a few with links to modern-day denials of responsibility for the Holocaust.

They include charges of mass killings by former Hungarian autocrat Miklos Horthy, who today is being memorialized with statues in Hungary amid rising anti-Semitism.

Horthy, the longtime Hungarian leader, was cited as a head of state in a charging document for leading an unprovoked attack against Yugoslavia in 1941 while Hungary was allied with the Nazis, leading to "massacres, murders and torture." The charging document from Yugoslavia says: Horthy was specifically notified of atrocities by a Hungarian lawmaker in 1942, but the incidents continued.

"The Hungarian authorities at once began to send masses of the Serbian population and Jews to concentration camps," according to the account. "In April 1944, Jews from this region of Yugosla-

via were rounded up and handed over to the German Gestapo and SS troops. The great majority of these Jews died or were killed at the death camps."

A separate, more extensive charge file from Yugoslavia accused Hungarian leaders of massacring Serbians and Jews in Novi-Sad and other areas of the Balkans. In the Novi-Sad case in January 1942, the document described how a committee of Hungarians and Germans drew up lists to decide which Serbians and Jews should be killed. Those sentenced to death were lined up in groups of 100 to 150 people along the Danube River, stripped of their clothes in cold temperatures and executed with rifles or bayonets.

"Among the victims were a great number of children, even babies, whose mothers held them firmly to their breasts in the hope of protecting them from death and from the cold," the charging document stated. "It was a scene of horror, ringing with the screams of the mothers and the victims."

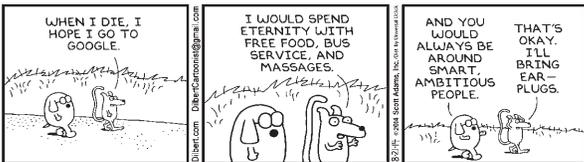
Museum officials said the Hungarian files demonstrate the widespread nature of the Holocaust.

"There is this normal reflex of an average human being who knows something about the Holocaust to think immediately about Germany and about death camps from occupied Poland ... when in fact this was a European-wide slaughter in which many, many administrations participated," said Radu Ioanid, director of the museum's international archival program that is working to build the most comprehensive collection of Holocaust perpetrator records.

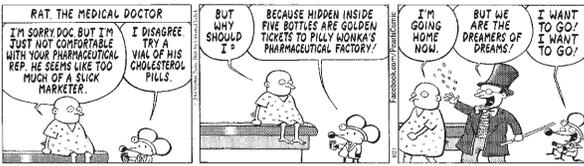
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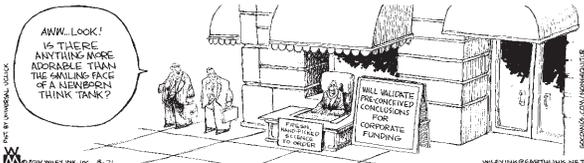
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- 12 Collaborative website
- 13 Time of your life?
- 14 Exceptional
- 15 On
- 16 Pitch
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- 18 Soloist's elegy
- 20 Make fun of
- 22 Round Table member
- 26 Betty or Vanna
- 29 Discumber
- 30 Japanese sash
- 31 Ireland
- 32 Auction offer
- 33 Bambi, e.g.
- 34 Expert
- 35 Churn
- 36 Supermarket section
- 37 Cowboy hat capacity?
- 40 Batman's hood
- 41 Eco-friendly car
- 45 Head light?
- 47 Oklahoma city
- 49 Helper
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- 51 California's Big —
- 52 Portrayal
- 53 Test the waters

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- 9 Excavating machines
- 10 Raw rock
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- 19 Conk out
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- 23 Barbecue need
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- 32 Ship stabilizer
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- 36 Whatever number
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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: A equals Y

WORLD

# Rockets return in Gaza fight as peace talks fail

By **IBRAHIM BARZAK**  
AND **IAN DEITCH**  
*The Associated Press*

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Palestinian militants launched dozens of rockets and Israel responded with airstrikes Wednesday after Egyptian efforts to mediate a lasting truce in the monthlong Gaza war collapsed in a hail of fire a day earlier.

One of the Israeli airstrikes appeared to have targeted Mohammed Deif, the Islamic militant group's elusive military chief, who has escaped numerous Israeli assassination attempts in the past.

A Hamas spokesman said Deif was not present during the strike on a Gaza house. Five people were killed, including Deif's wife and infant son, Hamas officials said.

The fighting resumed late Tuesday when Gaza militants fired rockets at Israeli cities just hours before a temporary cease-fire was set to expire, prompting Israel to withdraw its delegation from Cairo and launch retaliatory airstrikes. Since the truce collapsed, at least 20 Palestinians have been killed and more than 120 wounded, Gaza Health Ministry official Ashraf al-Kidra said.

The Israeli military said it carried out nearly 100 airstrikes on Gaza targets, and that Palestinians had fired more than 140 rockets at Israel since the temporary truce collapsed. About 2,000 reserve soldiers who had been sent home two weeks ago were called up for duty again Wednesday, the military said.

The breakdown in talks and the resumption of violence marked a bitter ending to nearly a week of Egyptian-led diplomacy meant to end the war, which has reduced entire Gaza neighborhoods to rubble.

More than 2,000 Palestinians, most of them civilians, have been

killed since the war began on July 8, according to Palestinian and U.N. officials, and tens of thousands of people have been left homeless. Sixty-four Israeli soldiers, two Israeli civilians and a guest worker from Thailand have also been killed.

Israel's military also said it targeted two Palestinian militants after they fired rockets at Israel early Wednesday afternoon. The Palestinian Red Crescent said they were killed.

Soon afterward, a rocket fired from Gaza hit a house in southern Israel, causing damage to the home but no injuries.

In Cairo, Moussa Abu Marzouk, a senior Hamas leader, said that among those killed in the airstrike on the three-story house in Gaza City were Deif's wife and a child. Three others in the building were also killed.

Samí Abu Zuhri, a Hamas spokesman, told the group's TV station Al-Aqsa that Deif "wasn't even in the location when they bombed it."

Israel has not formally commented on the strike but local media quoted an anonymous official as saying it was meant to hit Deif.

Twenty-one people were wounded in a separate airstrike that hit the building that houses Al-Aqsa TV, said al-Kidra, of the Hamas-run Gaza Health Ministry.

In the talks, Hamas sought an end to a crippling Israeli-Egyptian blockade imposed when it seized power in Gaza in 2007, while Israel wanted guarantees that the Islamic militant group will disarm.

In nearly a week of indirect talks, Egypt appears to have made little headway in resolving the differences. Late Monday, it secured a 24-hour cease-fire extension to allow for a last-ditch attempt to reach a deal.



ANN YOUNG/JOON/AP

## South Korea drills irk North

People evacuate from a building Wednesday during a civil defense drill against possible attacks by North Korea as part of the annual Uchi Freedom Guardian exercise in Seoul, South Korea. The U.S.-South Korean military exercises, which started Monday and involve tens of thousands of troops, are described by the allies as routine and defensive, but Pyongyang sees them as invasion preparation.

## In North Korea name-calling game, the wolf with a 'hideous lantern jaw'

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

SEOUL, South Korea — In its latest personal attack on a prominent official from a rival country, North Korea on Wednesday called U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry a wolf with a "hideous lantern jaw."

North Korea has unleashed a slew of crude insults against leaders in Washington and Seoul this year, calling President Barack Obama a monkey and South Korean President Park Geun-hye a prostitute.

Wednesday's slur against Kerry appeared only in a Korean-language dispatch, suggesting it was meant to rally anti-U.S. sentiment and burnish the leadership's image domestically at a time when Washington and Seoul are conducting annual military drills that Pyongyang calls an invasion rehearsal.

An unidentified policy department spokesman at the North Korean defense commission, led by leader Kim Jong Un, described Kerry as a "wolf donning the mask of sheep."

The spokesman criticized Kerry for recently saying Washington wants to see peace on the Korean Peninsula although the U.S. and South Korea then



Kerry

went ahead with their summer-time drills that North Korea has demanded be scrapped. The U.S. and South Korea say the drills are defensive in nature.

The North Korean spokesman also criticized Kerry's comments on North Korea's human rights record and weapons programs.

"His behavior fully revealed once again the U.S. inveterate nature as a hypocrite who has deceived and mocked mankind with all sorts of gimmicks," the spokesman said in a statement carried by the official Korean Central News Agency.

South Korea and U.S. officials often criticize the North's incentives but stop short of similar rhetoric against North Korean leaders. But conservative activists in South Korea frequently use images depicting North Korean leader Kim Jong Un as a pig in anti-Pyongyang rallies.

Tension on the Korean Peninsula remains high as North Korea has conducted an unusually large number of missile and artillery test firings this year.

### Is this how you speak?

Some of the words going into OxfordDictionaries.com in this quarter's update.

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amazeballs	douchebaggery	neckbeard
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baller	FIML	pegonophobia
air punch	fratty	side boob
bare	hench	side-eye
bedroom tax	hexacopter	SMH
binge-watch	hot diggity	spit take
brick	hot mess	sweetweet
bro hug	hot mic	trackback
catfish	humblebrag	trigger warning
clickbait	hyperconnected	vax
cord cutter	ICYM	WOTY
cotch	in silico	YOLO
cray	mansplain	zonkey

SOURCE: oxforddictionaries.com

## Adds to Oxford online dictionary reflect Web language

*The Associated Press*

LONDON — Don't know what "vaping" is? How about "listicle"?

Perhaps it's time to get to know them. Britain's Oxford University Press said last week it is adding the words — along with other new entries, from "time-poor" to "Paleo diet" — to its online Oxford Dictionaries to reflect new language trends.

Editors for the site track and analyze some 150 million English words used online, in newspapers and other sources, and once every few months they decide which new words are so widely used that they merit a dictionary entry.

"These are words that are common

enough that you are likely to encounter them, and may have to look up their meanings," said Oxford Dictionaries editor Katherine Martin.

One of these is "vape" or "vaping," which describes inhaling smokeless nicotine vapor using e-cigarettes. Oxford Dictionaries researchers say the usage of both "vape" and "e-cig" has increased about 10 times in the past two years.

"The trend of e-cigarettes has created a sort of vocabulary around it," Martin said.

Many new entries are informal words or abbreviations that reflect people's changing media consumption habits and the Internet's ever-increasing prominence.

They include "listicle" — an Internet article in the form of a numbered or bullet-pointed list — and "live-tweet," the act of posting comments about an event on Twitter as it is taking place. There's also "binge-watch," which refers to rapidly viewing multiple episodes of TV shows.

Martin said inclusion in the online dictionary does not mean the words will become permanent additions to the English language. Many may not make it into the more traditional Oxford English Dictionary.

"For some of these, we will say 'What was that?' in a decade. Others may become the next selfie," she said, referring to last year's most popular new entry.

# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Sushi chef found not guilty in stabbing case

**ND FARGO** — A sushi chef in Fargo accused of stabbing a fellow chef with a foot-long knife has been found not guilty of aggravated assault but sent to the State Hospital in Jamestown for mental health treatment.

WDAY-TV reported that Lin Zhong was found not guilty during a bench trial on Monday. The judge's ruling found that the 31-year-old chef from Flushing, N.Y., lacked criminal responsibility for his actions.

Authorities said Zhong stabbed another chef in the hip during a fight at Osaka Sushi and Hibachi in late March.

Prosecutor Leah Viste said in court that an evaluation of Zhong determined that he had "a level of psychosis" that impaired his ability to comprehend his conduct.

Zhong will have a hearing in 90 days to review his mental health treatment.

## Report claims stun guns misused by officers

**NE LINCOLN** — A new report says Nebraska law enforcement officers have misused stun guns in several recent incidents.

The ACLU of Nebraska report released Tuesday said there's a lack of oversight and guidance for the weapons, which release 50,000 volts of electricity. Eleven police departments were investigated between January 2013 and May.

The report said an elderly, disabled man was stunned by Omaha police, and another man was shocked for "staring down" a Grand Island officer from a hospital bed. It also said the weapons were used on a Hastings man for spitting on officers, a young woman in Grand Island with a mental illness, and a 10-year-old in a Kearney public school.

ACLU of Nebraska Legal Director Amy Miller said departments can improve accountability by adopting federal recommendations for the weapons.

## Mom pleads guilty in child tattooing case

**VA RUSTBURG** — A Campbell County woman has been sentenced on abuse charges stemming from the tattooing of her two daughters.

Media outlets reported that Melissa Delp pleaded guilty Monday in Campbell County Circuit Court to two counts of felony child abuse. She received four-year sentences on each count, with all but 18 months suspended.

Police said a co-defendant, Alexander Edwards, was taking care of the girls on Dec. 22, 2013, when they were tattooed without their parents' consent. Delp and another co-defendant, Daniel Janney, were accused of using a razor to try to remove the tattoos. Edwards and Daniel are awaiting trial on child abuse and malicious wounding charges.

## THE CENSUS

# 101

The age of a New Jersey man who is still happily employed and drives himself to work four days a week, Herman "Hy" Goldman turned 101 this weekend and says he won't quit after 73 years working at the same job with light fixtures company Capitol Lighting in East Hanover, N.J. Aside from a brief absence to serve in the U.S. Army during World War II, Goldman has worked at Capitol Lighting since 1941. He now specializes in rebuilding items that are damaged or unusable. Having a passion and purpose keeps him going strong. "It gives me a reason to get up in the morning and go," he said.



PATTI BLAKE, (PANAMA CITY, FLA.) NEWS HERALD/AP

## Beach blanket bandit

Camí Lanolos reacts to a curious raccoon on Monday near the jetties at St. Andrews State Park in Panama City Beach, Fla. Raccoons are sometimes found near the beach area of the park because they are looking for food dropped by beachgoers.

## Police: Robber caught after shower and shave

**NM ALBUQUERQUE** — Police say a suspect accused of robbing a 94-year-old Albuquerque, man was caught after he shaved and showered in the victim's home — and left behind his fingerprints.

The Albuquerque Journal reported authorities arrested Rudy Chavez, 43, on Saturday.

According to a criminal complaint, Chavez held Glen Miller at gunpoint while Chavez showered, shaved, dressed in Miller's clothes, and then left with Miller's car, television and cash. The complaint said Chavez told Miller he was committing the robbery because he had just been released from prison and couldn't find work.

Albuquerque Police Lt. Paul Szych said investigators identified Chavez through fingerprints on the shaver and a bottle of mouthwash. He faces a number of charges including kidnapping.

## Girls accused of 'bread balling' patrol car

**WA RICHLAND** — Four girls accused of throwing wads of bread at a Benton County sheriff's patrol car were cited for reckless endangerment.

The Tri-City Herald reported the deputy saw the girls' car make an illegal left turn Sunday, and as he passed by the car he felt something thrown against the side of his car. He pulled the car over and learned the girls were "bread balling" — throwing wads of bread at passing cars.

In addition to reckless endangerment, the driver was cited for making an improper turn.

## Woman accused of setting husband on fire

**OR MOUNT ANGEL** — An Oregon woman accused of setting her husband on fire because of an argument over weed killer is jailed on an attempted murder charge.

KPTV reported an officer on

patrol Friday evening saw the woman and man outside their Mount Angel home and initially thought there had been an accident with a barbecue.

The man, Timothy Bork, 43, was flown to Legacy Emanuel Medical Center in Portland with burns to his face and chest that covered 15 percent of his body. Court papers said his wife, Toddii Bork, 45, confronted him over spraying poison on weeds that could have sickened her dogs. She told police she doused him with gasoline and set the fire to get his attention.

## Man shows up for jail in T-shirt with mug shot

**ME MADISON** — A Maine man who served a 48-hour sentence for drunken driving wore something special for his jail booking photo: a T-shirt featuring his mug shot.

Bobby Burt, 19, of Pittsfield, had the mug shot from his June arrest printed on the orange shirt, along with the words, "Sponsored by Bud Light and Somerset County Sheriff."



SOMERSET COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT/AP

Robert Burt, of Pittsfield, Maine, reports to serve jail time in Madison, Maine, on Aug. 8.

The mug shot is making the rounds online thanks to The Smoking Gun, which posted it Monday. Sean Maguire, the jail's compliance manager, said there's no policy on what inmates can or cannot wear for booking photos.

From wire reports

FACES

# Meyers prizes Emmycast role



Seth Meyers will host the Emmy Awards on Aug. 25. The show honoring television's best will air on AFN-Prime on Aug. 26.

## 'Late Night' star isn't sweating awards show gig

By FRAZIER MOORE  
The Associated Press

Seth Meyers is no stranger to live television. For years he anchored "Weekend Update" on "Saturday Night Live."

Nor is playing host on TV an alien experience. Since February, he has occupied NBC's "Late Night" host chair.

So Meyers isn't sweating his new role as master of ceremonies when "The Prime-Time Emmy Awards" airs Monday. It will air the next day on AFN-Prime.

"Butterflies tend to go away with the first laugh," he said brightly, "so you try to make that happen as early as you can."

Speaking by phone from Los Angeles, where he was prepping for Emmy night, he reported, "We've written our first pack of jokes. But the best stuff will come later in the week."

"The monologue is the biggest thing I do," he went on, "but they are leaving spots during the telecast where I can comment on things that are happening, and if we come up with something silly this week, we don't have to go hat-in-hand and ask for a minute here, 90 seconds there. It's built into the program for us."

Even so, Meyers said he will honor an Emmy's tradition of front-loading the program with comedy, when those gathered at the Nokia Theatre in Los Angeles are most likely to embrace it.

"The longer the night goes, the less joy there is in the room, because by then a number of people have lost," Meyers noted. "It was the Golden Globes and the people were drinking, maybe they'd care less. But here, the host and the program are stand-

**“ Butterflies tend to go away with the first laugh, so you try to make that happen as early as you can. ”**

ing between them and the bar.”  
Meyers is a TV veteran, but he said he also remains a TV fan.

“Even if I wasn't in television right now, I would be watching the Emmys, mostly because of how good TV is right now,” he said. “I was really excited when the nominations came out, because most of them are shows that I watch.”

In a separate conversation, Emmycast producer Don Mischer praised Meyers' ease on live TV and skill at thinking funny on his feet.

“But more than anything, he loves television,” Mischer agreed. “He really, really wanted to do this and he has really rolled up his sleeves. That's what makes

a difference.”  
Like most viewers, Meyers has his favorites among the nominees.

In particular, he's rooting for Amy Poehler, with whom he used to share the "Weekend Update" anchor desk. Poehler, who previously has been up for 10 Emmys but never won, is nominated this year as best actress for her NBC sitcom "Parks and Recreation."

“But here's the good news,” said Meyers, surely wearing a grin: “No matter which way it goes, I'm VERY confident she's going to be OK.”

“I don't want anyone to think I'm this incredibly selfless person,” he added with a laugh. He shared a 2011 Emmy for original music and lyrics on “SNL,” among the numerous nominations he has gotten for his writing. “The hard part is not when friends of mine lose an award, but when I lose. I like to remind them that they're all winners, whereas, when I lose, I really feel like a loser!”

Meyers acknowledged that viewers can be tough with their postmortems of an Emmy telecast and its host. One reason: Different viewers come looking and hoping for different things.

“There are people in the audience who take these awards very seriously, while a lot of people don't. No one's right or wrong. But ultimately everybody will have a different take on what it is that I as host am trying to do, based on what the Emmys means to them.

“But the reaction will be very temporary,” he predicted. “Everyone talks more about the Emmys beforehand than after. This is a night about a year of television and, when it's over, people move on.”

## Aniston, Hamm, Hudson set to Stand Up to Cancer

Jennifer Aniston, Jon Hamm, Halle Berry, Reese Witherspoon and Kiefer Sutherland want to connect with you about cancer. They are among the stars slated to appear on “Stand Up to Cancer,” the hour-long telethon set to air Sept. 5 on 31 broadcast and cable networks simultaneously. It will air on AFN-Prime on Sept. 6.

Other celebrity participants announced Wednesday include Pierce Brosnan, Rob Lowe, Will Ferrell, Ben Stiller, Eric Stonestreet and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

Rather than the stars staffing phone banks as they have on past “Stand Up to Cancer” telethons, they'll be contacting with viewers by phone and online through Facebook and other platforms from a “digital lounge” hosted by Katie Couric. Fans can sign up for the “We're Calling You” initiative beginning Wednesday at [wecallingyou.org](http://wecallingyou.org).

“We'll have plenty of stars reaching out to donors via social media, thanking them through Facebook messages, digital shout outs, Instagrams and tweets,” Couric said. “In other words, this year, we are so 2014!”

The “Stand Up to Cancer” special will also feature performances by Jennifer Hudson, Ariana Grande, The Who, Common & Lupe Fiasco and Dave Matthews.

For the first time, the telethon will include a Canadian co-broadcast, with funds raised benefiting research and awareness programs in Canada.

Funds raised by the telethon support international, inter-disciplinary scientific research aimed at discovering new treatments for various types of cancer.



Ariana Grande, left, Jessie J and Nicki Minaj will kick off the MTV Video Music Awards with their song “Bang Bang.”

### Other news

■ The MTV Video Music Awards will open with a “Bang.” Ariana Grande, Nicki Minaj and Jessie J will kick off Sunday's awards show with their new song, “Bang Bang.” It will be the first time the trio performs the Top 10 hit in public.

■ Singer Ray J has pleaded not guilty to groping a woman at a Beverly Hills, Calif., hotel bar and resisting arrest afterward. Los Angeles County prosecutors say Ray J — whose legal name is William Ray Norwood — entered the plea Tuesday to misdemeanor charges of sexual battery, vandalism, battery on a police officer and resisting a peace officer. He's scheduled to return court Aug. 28.

■ A lawyer for convicted Jamaican reggae star **Buju Banton** said Tuesday that a U.S. federal appellate court agreed to a new hearing on his latest appeal. The singer is serving a 10-year sentence for convictions on cocaine conspiracy and trafficking charges stemming from a 2009 arrest that followed a sting operation. He was convicted in 2011.

■ The estate of **Anna Nicole Smith** has failed in its final bid to obtain her late husband's money, seven years after her death. A federal judge on Monday rejected the effort to obtain about \$44 million from the estate of Texas billionaire J. Howard Marshall, whom Smith married in 1994 when he was 89 and she was 26. The oil tycoon left his estate to his son and nothing to Smith.

WORLD

# Liberian security forces seal slum to halt Ebola

The Associated Press

MONROVIA, Liberia — Security forces blocked off a seaside slum in Liberia's capital Wednesday, stepping up the government's fight to stop the spread of Ebola, unhearing residents and reportedly sparking a protest.

In central Monrovia there were few cars or people about as nervous residents stayed inside after President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf ordered West Point sealed off and imposed a nighttime curfew, saying that authorities have not been able to curtail the spread of Ebola in the face of defiance of their

recommendations.

Sirleaf also ordered gathering places such as movie theaters and night clubs shut and put Dolo Town, 30 miles south of the capital, under quarantine as well.

"These measures are meant to save lives," she said Tuesday.

Ebola has killed at least 1,229 of the more than 2,200 people it has sickened in Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone and Nigeria in the outbreak, according to World Health Organization figures. Liberia has the highest death toll and its number of cases is rising the fastest.

Fear and tension are running

high in the capital, especially in places like West Point where there is substantial mistrust of authority. Dead bodies are dumped daily in the streets by relatives who fear infection. Fearful residents call a government hotline to ask that they be removed, but they sometimes remain outside for hours or days.

On Wednesday, riot police and soldiers deployed to block anyone from entering or leaving West Point, which occupies a peninsula where the Mesurado River meets the Atlantic Ocean. Residents of the slum looted an Ebola screening center over the week-



ABDAS DULLEN/AP

**Liberian security forces blockade an area around the West Point Ebola center in Monrovia, Liberia, on Wednesday. They are clamping down on the movement of people to prevent the spread of the virus.**

end, accusing the government of bringing sick people from all over the city to their neighborhood.

While Sirleaf blamed the disease's continued spread on people

who have hidden the sick or defied orders against touching dead bodies, many Liberians feel their government isn't doing enough to protect them from the disease.

# UN troop level set for C. African Republic

The Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — The initial U.N. force that takes over peacekeeping duties in Central African Republic from an African force on Sept. 15 will have 7,600 soldiers and police, the U.N. envoy to the conflict-racked country said Tuesday.

Babacar Gaye told reporters after a closed briefing to the U.N. Security Council that this represents about 65 percent of the nearly 12,000-strong force authorized by the council in April.

Britain's deputy ambassador Peter Wilson, who chaired the council meeting, said Gaye told council members he expects the full force to be on the ground early next year.

Central African Republic has been in turmoil since an alliance of Muslim rebel groups, the Seleka, overthrew the longtime president in March 2013. After Muslim fighters went on looting sprees, raping and killing civilians at random, an armed Christian movement known as the anti-Balaka and aided by the ex-president's loyalists began retaliating, sparking sectarian bloodshed.

In January, Seleka was forced from power and tens of thousands of Muslims have fled to the north or to neighboring countries. Thousands have been killed and despite a cease-fire signed on July 23 violence has continued.

A transitional government has been established, and about 2,000 French troops and nearly 6,000 African peacekeepers have been trying to stabilize the country, which is about the size of Texas.

Gaye said 5,800 members of the African force will be "rehabited" in U.N. blue berets and become part of the U.N. force, along with 1,800 fresh troops.

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BUSINESS/WEATHER

# Macy's settles bias inquiry

By MICHAEL VIRTANEN

The Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — The retailer Macy's has agreed to pay \$650,000 to settle allegations of racial profiling at its flagship store in Manhattan's Herald Square.

Under the agreement signed Tuesday with New York's attorney general, the company will adopt new policies on police access to its security cameras monitors and against profiling, further train employees, investigate customer complaints, keep better records of detentions and report for three years on its compliance.

Attorney General Eric Schneiderman said the settlement should help ensure customers are treated equally regardless of race or ethnicity at the retail giant's 42 department stores statewide.

"It is absolutely unacceptable — and it's illegal — for anyone in New York to be treated like a criminal simply because of the color of their skin," Schneiderman said.

The attorney general's Civil

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New York attorney general

Rights Bureau said it opened an investigation into Macy's in February 2013 when it received several complaints from minority customers. Since then, the office recorded complaints from 18 African-American, Latino and other ethnic minority customers who claimed they'd been apprehended and detained at Macy's stores between 2007 and 2013, despite not having stolen or attempted to steal any merchandise.

The complaints included cus-

tomers detained after traveling between floors by escalator with unconcealed merchandise. Other customers speaking limited English and suspected of shoplifting or credit card fraud were not permitted to make phone calls, denied access to an interpreter and required to sign trespass notices they couldn't understand.

The agreement cites Macy's data from October 2012 through October 2013 showing employees apprehended and detained 1,947 individuals at the Herald Square store. Meanwhile, about 6,000 people were detained at stores statewide.

"Moving forward, our company will be initiating a series of measures including enhanced training and education for our loss prevention and sales associates," Macy's said in a statement. "We also will be adopting an expanded role for our security monitor to help ensure that we have the right police and procedures in place, and that we are constantly reviewing our compliance with them."

## Safety agency offers online recall check

DETROIT — The U.S. government is offering a free online service for drivers to find out if their vehicles have been recalled but not repaired.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said the service started Wednesday on its website, safecar.gov.

Drivers can key in their vehicle identification number to get the results.

Also, automakers must keep the same data on their own websites, and they have to update it at least once per week.

From The Associated Press

## EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Aug. 21)	\$1.3661
Dollar buys (Aug. 21)	€0.7320
British pound (Aug. 21)	\$1.7171
Japanese yen (Aug. 21)	100.00
South Korean won (Aug. 21)	995.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3771
British pound	\$1.6652
Canada (dollar)	1.0939
China (Yuan)	6.1400
Denmark (kroner)	6.5603
Egypt (Pound)	7.1506
Euro	\$1.3287/0.7526
Hong Kong (dollar)	7.5077
Hungary (Forint)	236.48
Israel (Sheqel)	3.5348
Japan (Yen)	103.31
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2838
Norway (kroner)	6.1771
Philippines (Peso)	43.91
Poland (Zloty)	3.15
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7507
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2493
South Korea (Won)	1,022.59
Switzerland (Franc)	0.9111
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Turkey (Lira)	1.8102

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### MARKET WATCH

Aug. 19, 2014

<b>Dow Jones Industrials</b>	<b>80.85</b>
	16,919.59
<b>Nasdaq composite</b>	<b>19.20</b>
	4,527.51
<b>Standard &amp; Poor's 500</b>	<b>9.86</b>
	1,981.60
<b>Russell 2000</b>	<b>4.07</b>
	1,162.47

## INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	4.00
Federal funds market rate	0.09
3-month bill	0.10
30-year bond	3.20

## WEATHER OUTLOOK



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

### Thursday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	Chatanooga	94	72	Pcldy	Fort Wayne	85	65	Rain	Louisville	92	73	Pcldy	Pocatello	78	57	Cldy	Shreveport	98	76	Pcldy
Ablene, Texas	95	72	Cldy	Cheyenne	82	57	Pcldy	Fresno	96	69	Cldy	Lubbock	93	68	Pcldy	Portland, Maine	76	57	Pcldy	Sioux City	89	71	Pcldy
Akron, Ohio	82	65	Cldy	Chicago	86	69	Rain	Goodland	93	66	Cldy	Macon	98	75	Cir	Portland, Ore.	75	58	Pcldy	Sioux Falls	86	68	Pcldy
Albany, N.Y.	76	64	Cldy	Cincinnati	89	69	Rain	Grand Junction	88	57	Cldy	Manassas	92	65	Rain	Providence	76	58	Pcldy	South Bend	85	65	Rain
Albuquerque	85	65	Cldy	Cleveland	82	65	Pcldy	Grand Rapids	83	61	Cldy	Medford	86	54	Cir	Pueblo	89	60	Cldy	Spokane	77	55	Pcldy
Allentown, Pa.	79	64	Rain	Colorado Springs	84	57	Cldy	Great Falls	66	55	Rain	Memphis	97	77	Cir	Raleigh-Durham	92	71	Pcldy	Springfield, Ill.	91	73	Pcldy
Amarillo	83	68	Pcldy	Columbia, S.C.	100	74	Pcldy	Green Bay	77	59	Pcldy	Miami Beach	90	80	Pcldy	Rapid City	87	60	Pcldy	Tulsa	97	73	Pcldy
Anchorage	68	51	Cldy	Columbus, Ga.	97	76	Pcldy	Greensboro, N.C.	91	70	Pcldy	Milwaukee	82	65	Rain	Richmond	90	70	Rain	Syracuse	78	65	Rain
Ashville	66	51	Cldy	Columbus, Ohio	88	74	Pcldy	Greenville, S.C.	82	65	Rain	Milwaukee	78	65	Rain	Richmond	90	70	Rain	Tallahassee	98	72	Cldy
Atlanta	95	75	Cir	Concord, N.H.	77	53	Cldy	Hartford Springfield	78	60	Cldy	Mpls-St. Paul	87	69	Rain	Roanoke	89	68	Cldy	Tampa	94	79	Pcldy
Atlantic City	82	65	Cldy	Corpus Christi	97	81	Pcldy	Helena	70	53	Rain	Missoula	77	53	Rain	Rochester	77	65	Rain	Toledo	83	63	Cldy
Bismarck	82	62	Pcldy	Dallas-Ft. Worth	98	78	Pcldy	Honolulu	81	76	Cir	Mobile	81	66	Rain	Rochester	67	58	Rain	Topeka	84	64	Pcldy
Baltimore	83	68	Rain	Dayton	86	78	Cldy	Houston	96	78	Pcldy	Montgomery	97	74	Pcldy	Sacramento	87	60	Cir	Tucson	90	72	Cldy
Baton Rouge	95	76	Pcldy	Daytona Beach	95	75	Pcldy	Huntsville	95	71	Cir	Nashville	95	74	Cir	St. Louis	96	75	Cir	Tulsa	98	76	Pcldy
Bilings	79	60	Rain	Denver	86	60	Cldy	Indianapolis	85	60	Cldy	New Orleans	92	77	Pcldy	St. Petersburg	87	60	Pcldy	Tupelo	97	73	Pcldy
Birmingham	85	73	Pcldy	Des Moines	93	74	Pcldy	Jackson Miss.	97	74	Cir	New York City	79	67	Cldy	St. Thomas	91	79	Cldy	Waco	98	77	Cldy
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Boise	82	59	Cir	Duluth	70	58	Rain	Janeau	70	49	Pcldy	Norfolk, Va.	79	61	Pcldy	Salt Lake City	85	62	Pcldy	W. Palm Beach	91	78	Pcldy
Boston	74	61	Pcldy	El Paso	89	72	Cldy	Kansas City	96	76	Cir	North Platte	90	63	Pcldy	San Diego	96	73	Cir	Wichita	98	76	Pcldy
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Burlington, Vt.	77	64	Pcldy	Evansville	93	74	Pcldy	Lansing	93	74	Pcldy	Paducah	96	74	Cir	San Jose	81	61	Cir	Yonkers, N.Y.	81	55	Rain
Caribou, Maine	78	54	Pcldy	Fairbanks	69	50	Cldy	Las Vegas	96	79	Pcldy	Pendleton	81	54	Cir	San Juan, P.R.	90	78	Cir	Youngstown	81	64	Cldy
Casper, Wyo.	84	53	Pcldy	Fargo	82	66	Cldy	Lexington	89	71	Rain	Pensacola	91	71	Rain	Santa Fe	82	55	Cir				
Charleston, S.C.	98	75	Pcldy	Flagstaff	72	51	Cldy	Lincoln	97	72	Pcldy	Philadelphia	82	67	Cldy	St. St. Marie	76	59	Cldy				
Charleston, W.Va.	84	66	Rain	Flint	81	60	Cldy	Little Rock	96	76	Cir	Phoenix	98	80	Rain	St. Stephen	98	75	Pcldy				
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OPINION

Governors' scandals hiding in plain sight

By CATHERINE RAMPPELL

**T**he laboratories of democracy are blowing up.  
 A rash of relatively convoluted, thoroughly unsexy political scandals involving governors is moving through the country. So many of them involve Republican presidential hopefuls that conspiracy theorists could argue they must be manufactured, or at least overhyped, by wily Democratic strategists. At least one Democratic governor has also been implicated, though.

Most of the scandals (or, to be fair, sometimes pseudo-scandals) are pretty hard to follow unless you're paying really close attention. However, most Americans are not. So here's an overview.

Most recently Rick Perry, Texas governor and presumed 2016 Republican presidential candidate, was indicted for abuse of power and coercion.

The background: A district attorney in Texas pleaded guilty to drunk driving and was jailed. She also happens to run the state's Public Integrity Unit, which investigates ethics violations by elected officials. Perry threatened to veto funding for the unit if the district attorney didn't resign. She refused, so Perry carried out his threat.

Pressuring a convicted lawbreaker to leave office probably sounds legitimate. Problem is, that Public Integrity Unit was investigating a cancer research institute that was one of Perry's pet projects. (One of its former high-ranking officials now faces a felony corruption charge.) If the district attorney had stepped down before she was up for re-election, Perry would have picked her replacement, who could then presumably have quashed the investigation. Whether his actions rose to the level of criminality is a matter of debate

even among his critics.

Likely Republican presidential hopeful and scandal-ensconced governor No. 2 is Chris Christie. By now you might know that the "time for some traffic problems in Fort Lee" incident, which has cost New Jersey taxpayers \$6.52 million this year in bills from Christie's attorneys alone. Other embarrassments seem to be bubbling up, too, including Christie's own Solyndra-style debacle: the closure of Atlantic City's glittering Revel Casino Hotel, which opened just over two years ago, thanks in part to \$260 million in tax breaks offered by the Christie administration. There's also the matter of another possible bridge scandal, this one involving securities law violations because of the source of the funding to repair the Pulaski Skyway.

On to Scott Walker, Wisconsin governor and possible presidential contender, who has been implicated in an allegedly shady scheme between his campaign and third-party conservative groups. A special prosecutor recently released a statement saying he has not yet drawn any conclusions from the available evidence about whether to file charges against Walker.

Need more?  
 Robert McDonnell, the former governor of Virginia and one-time rising star of the Republican Party, is on trial over gifts and cash he and his wife allegedly received while in office. Florida's Rick Scott, a tea party darling once considered a possible future presidential contender, faces accusations involving personal financial interests in a rail project and a natural gas pipeline.

As for the lone Democrat among the bunch, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo allegedly lobbied an anti-corruption commission he created, steering the commission away from investigating his allies

and a media-buying company that had worked on his campaign. He ultimately disbanded the commission altogether.

How could all of this be going on without anybody noticing?

I have one theory. Facing severe challenges to their business models, lots of midsize newspapers have decided to go "hyperlocal," thinning out their coverage of state-level issues and officials in the process. A recent Pew report, for example, found that the number of full-time state-house reporters fell by 35 percent between 2003 and 2014. So perhaps governors got accustomed to the luxury of operating with little scrutiny from the Fourth Estate. Some of these imbroglios were first uncovered or pursued not by journalists, by the way, but by government investigators or an outside watchdog group.

Simultaneously, Americans are increasingly turning to comedy and entertainment sources for their news. Unfortunately, most of these newsworthy gubernatorial disgraces and bonduogles involve complex legal issues. Without lurid sex or colorful femme fatales, they don't especially lend themselves to late-night comedy material, or even a particularly pithy portmanteau (with the exception, of course, of Christie's "Bridgegate"). There are a couple of stellar comedians, such as HBO's John Oliver, who have actively tried to comedify serious but technical topics, but they are unusual.

The takeaway for politicians: If you're going to engage in dubiously ethical endeavors, make sure they're shrouded in complicated, confusing statutes like securities law. Good old-fashioned sex scandals may sound like more fun, but they're intelligible enough to hold the attention of comedians, and voters, for longer than you might like.

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Congress should let DOD stop selling tobacco

Bloomberg News editorial

**E**ven the most oblivious member of Congress knows that smoking is bad for you. As it turns out, it's even worse for you if you happen to be a soldier. So would Congress insist that the Pentagon sell cigarettes — at a discount, no less?

The rationale has long been that members of the military have to smoke because their jobs are so stressful. There's no denying the stress of military service, or that troops who smoke experience more of it than their comrades who don't (though it may come more from their nicotine addiction than from their work).

Yet soldiers who smoke are not immune to lung cancer and the other lethal pulmonary illnesses that smoking causes. And like all smokers, they face an increased risk of cardiovascular disease. In fact, as an article in the current New England Journal of Medicine points out, smoking is especially harmful to soldiers because it lowers their fitness for service: It makes them more susceptible to injuries and infections, slows the time it takes for their wounds to heal, and leads them to take more frequent breaks than nonsmoking soldiers take.

The Pentagon, to its credit, has been trying for decades to restrict smoking. Most recently, Navy Secretary Ray Mabus said he's considering banning tobacco sales on Navy ships and Navy and Marine Corps bases. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel has asked for a Defense Department-wide review of tobacco policies.

Sadly and predictably, political forces are fighting back. In response to the Navy's possible sales ban, Rep. Duncan Hunter, Republican of California, has inserted language in the defense authorization bill that would require military commissaries to keep selling tobacco products. Congress responded the same way in the early 1990s after the captain of the USS Theodore Roosevelt said he planned to make that aircraft carrier smoke-free.

So it's little wonder the military has continued to have a smoking problem. The Defense Department spends more than \$1.6 billion a year on medical care and lost days of work due to smoking, and the Department of Veterans Affairs spends billions more treating former soldiers with lung disease.

About 1 in 4 members of all branches of the U.S. military smoke, compared with

about 1 in 5 of the general population. But the percentages differ across the military: While about 30 percent of Marines smoke, members of the Air Force and Coast Guard smoke less than the national average, as do officers in all branches.

Millions of troops, in other words, have found more healthy ways to deal with the stress that inevitably accompanies military service. Nor are smoking bans especially difficult to impose or enforce: There is no smoking allowed during basic training, for example, and a 2010 ban on smoking on submarines was instituted after a warning period to allow sailors time to quit — went off with no trouble.

The policy review Hagel has requested is expected to be finished within a couple of months, and it can be expected to take account of the Institute of Medicine's 2009 recommendation to work toward a tobacco-free military. That need not result in an immediate ban on all smoking. But gradual limitations on where and when troops are allowed to smoke are necessary, as are greater efforts to help them quit.

In the meantime, the military is right to want to get out of the cigarette-sales business — and Congress should let it.

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## OPINION

## Government overreach isn't just desserts

BY GEORGE F. WILL

WASHINGTON

In physics, a unified field theory is an effort to explain with a single hypothesis the behavior of several fields. Its political corollary is the Cupcake Postulate, which explains everything, from Missouri to Iraq, concerning Americans' comprehensive withdrawal of confidence from government at all levels and all areas of activity.

Washington's response to the menace of school bake sales illustrates progressivism's ratchet: The federal government subsidizes school lunches, so it *must* control the lunches' contents, which *validates* regulation of what it calls "competitive foods," such as vending machine snacks. Hence the need to close the bake sale loophole, through which sugary cupcakes might sneak: Foods sold at fundraising bake sales must, with some exceptions, conform to federal standards.

What has this to do with police, from Ferguson, Mo., to your hometown, toting machine rifles, fighting knives, grenade launchers and other combat gear? Swollen government has a shriveled brain: By printing and borrowing money, government avoids thinking about its proper scope and actual competence. So it smears mine-resistant armored vehicles and other military marvels across 435 congressional districts because it can't.

And instead of making immigration policy serve the nation's values and workforce needs, government, egged on by conservatives, aspires to emulate East Germany along the Rio Grande, spending scores of billions to militarize a border bristling with machine guns, tanks, and missile launchers. Much of this is justified by America's longest losing "war," the one on drugs. Is it, however, necessary for NASA to have its own SWAT team?

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to improve it, as Debra Harrell, 46, a South Carolina single mother, knows. She was jailed for "unlawful neglect" of her 9-year-old daughter when she left her, with a cellphone, to play in a park while she worked at a nearby McDonald's.

Resistance to taxation, although normal and healthy, is today also related to the belief that government is thoroughly sunk in self-defeating, indiscriminate meddling and the lunatic spending that lards police forces with devices designed for conquering Fallujah. People know that no normal person can know one-tenth of 1 percent of what the government is doing.

In Federalist Paper 84, Alexander Hamilton assured readers that although the proposed Constitution would increase the power of a distant federal government, this government would be inhibited by scrutiny. "The citizens who inhabit the country at and near the seat of government will, in all questions that affect the general liberty and prosperity, have the same interest with those who are at a distance, and ... they will stand ready to sound the alarm when necessary." Not now, when five of the nation's richest 10 counties, ranked by median household income, are Washington suburbs, parasitic off the federal government. The people who write the regulations of school lunches must live somewhere.

Darin Simak, a first-grader in New Kensington, Pa., who accidentally brought a toy gun to school in his backpack, turned it in to his teacher. School administrators then



suspended him because the school has a "zero-tolerance policy." What children frequently learn at schools is that schools often are run by biological adults incapable of common-sensical judgments.

"We simply cannot allow toxic things to be in our schools," said a spokesman for the Texas school district that confiscated the sultan lotion of a 10-year-old who then became sunburned on a school trip. Students, the spokesman explained, "could ingest it." It's really just a dangerous situation. Not as dangerous as entrusting children to schools run by mindless martians.

Content for government cannot be hermetically sealed; it seeps into everything. Which is why cupcake regulations have foreign policy consequences. Americans, inundated with evidence that government is becoming dumber and more presumptuous, think it cannot be trusted to deci-

pher foreign problems and apply force intelligently.

The collapse of confidence in government is not primarily because many conspicuous leaders are conspicuously dimwitted, although when Joe Biden refers to "the nation of Africa," or Harry Reid disparages the Supreme Court's Hobby Lobby decision as rendered by "five white men" (who included Clarence Thomas), Americans understand that their increasingly ludicrous government lacks adult supervision. What they might not understand is that Reids and Bidens come with government so bereft of restraint and so disoriented by delusions of grandeur that it gives fighting knives to police and grief to purveyors of noncompliant cupcakes.

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## Evidence grows of cabin-air contamination on planes

BY ADAM MINTER  
Bloomberg News

**C**an an airplane-cabin air kill? The question has nagged at airplane manufacturers, crew and passengers ever since the jet age shut us into pressurized metal tubes. As far back as 1955, aviation engineers worried about contaminated air in plane cabins, and in 2009, Boeing settled a lawsuit brought by an American Airlines flight attendant who claimed that toxic air leaking into a 2007 flight had caused her health to fail. In the wake of that suit, Boeing insisted that "cabin air is safe to breathe." And until recently, airlines and planemakers could legitimately claim that there wasn't enough scientific evidence to support the accusations.

That's changing, in large part due to Richard Westgate. A former pilot with British Airways, Westgate died in December 2012 after more than a decade of illness that he believed had been caused by long-term exposure to jet-engine lubricants bleeding into cabin air. Samples of Westgate's blood and tissue were provided to Mohamed Abou-Donia at Duke University Medical School, an expert in organophosphate poisoning, who published the results of his investigation late last month in the *Journal of Biological Physics and Chemistry*.

According to Abou-Donia, Westgate's

tissues were riddled with clear evidence of organophosphate poisoning, including significant brain injury. "It was the worst case I've seen in all these years of doing this work," Abou-Donia told me.

In theory, organophosphates — which are derived from jet-engine lubricants and the chemicals added to them — should not be floating in cabin air. All jets (except for Boeing's 787 Dreamliner) pressurize their cabins using warm, compressed air that's "bled" from the jet engines and recirculated through cabins. Seals are meant to separate the air from the oil and other chemicals.

Occasionally, however, those seals fail or leak and result in a "fume event" that contaminates the cabin. Such events happen with disturbing frequency: An online search brings up numerous fume events with human health impacts from recent years. A 2014 study by the Australian Transportation Safety board reported that it had received reports of "over 1,000" such cases between 2008 and 2012. While most were "minor in consequence," others included "a single flight crew incapacitation event and a further 11 minor injury events to crew." In recent months, two more possible victims have emerged: a British Airways flight attendant and pilot.

Even minor events are important to track. According to Abou-Donia, Westgate was never exposed to a single, overwhelming "fume event" during his career. His

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exposure was chronic, and probably dated back to his first days as a professional pilot in 1996. Westgate didn't begin to feel ill and show symptoms of organophosphate poisoning until 1999 — a gap of three years that Abou-Donia says is consistent with the chemical-induced sicknesses he observed while studying Gulf War Syndrome. "Every time you are on the plane and you are exposed, it accumulates," he explained. Given how much they fly, crewmembers are at far greater risk than passengers from the steady, day-to-day accumulation of chemicals in their systems.

So why aren't more airline crewmembers coming down with symptoms like Westgate's? According to Abou-Donia, genetic differences account for how an individual will react to organophosphates (stress levels are also a critical determinant). Based on population studies of the enzymes in question, about 20 percent of the population will experience some symptoms, while about 0.01 percent will experience the very worst effects. Westgate probably belonged to the latter group.

The problem is that very few studies of this phenomenon exist, and those that do are hampered by the small number of subjects. As a result, even quality studies that find a correlation between cabin air and organophosphate poisoning, such as a 2009 report by Australia's Civil Aviation Safety Agency, have to concede "insufficient evidence at present to confirm or deny" that crewmembers were poisoned by the air around them.

Westgate's case should add to pressure for more extensive studies. "We know that there's something there," said Abou-Donia. "But to confirm it we need to do it with a very large number of subjects and controls." Airlines and airplane manufacturers would seem to have an incentive — not to mention a moral obligation — to fund such investigations. But fear of the results, and the likely litigation to arise out of them, makes that highly unlikely.

Instead, government agencies with an interest in worker health and safety need to take the lead. In the U.S., responsibility should fall on the Federal Aviation Authority, the National Institutes of Health and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health. More than half a century after airplane manufacturers recognized the problem of air bled, it's time to find out just how deadly it is — and then to do something about it.

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#### Connecticut Open

**A.U. Open Series event**  
**Surface: Hard-Outdoor**  
**At The Connecticut Tennis Center at New Haven, Conn.**  
**Purse: \$710,000 (Premier)**

**Singles**  
**Second Round**  
 Alison Riske, United States, def. Flavia Pennetta, Italy, 6-1, 7-6 (3)

Barbora Zachlavyova Strýcova, Czech Republic, def. Caroline Garcia, France, 6-2, 6-2  
 Magdalena Rybarikova, Slovakia, def. Simona Halep, Romania, 6-4, 6-2  
 Petra Kvitová (2), Czech Republic, def. Ekaterina Makarova, Russia, 6-2, 6-1

**Doubles**  
**First Round**  
 Cara Black, Zimbabwe, and Sania Mirza (2), India, def. Karolina and Kristyna Pliskova, Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-2

United States and Coco Vandeweghe, United States, def. Nicole Gibbs and Alison Riske, United States, 7-5, 6-2

Marina Erakovic, New Zealand, and Arina Radan, Croatia, def. Garbiñe Muguruza and Carla Suarez Navarro, Spain, 2-6, 7-5, 10-6

#### Wimbledon

**A.U. Open Series event**  
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**Singles**  
**Second Round**  
 Kevin Anderson (2), South Africa, def. Adrian Panaritiu, France, 6-3, 6-2, 6-4

Nicola Pietrangeli, France, def. Tommy Robredo, Spain, 6-4, 6-2  
 Jerzy Janowicz, Poland, def. Joao Sousa (2), United States, 6-4, 6-2

Donald Young (11), United States, def. Daniel Evans, United Kingdom, 6-3, 6-2

Edouard Roger-Vasselin (12), France, def. Denis Istomin, Uzbekistan, 6-3, 6-2

6-9, 6-7 (5), 6-4  
 David Goffin, Belgium, def. Leonardo Mayer (4), Argentina, 5-7, 6-3

Andrea Seppi (14), Italy, def. Federico Bonzi (2), Italy, 6-4, 6-2  
 Sam Querrey, United States, def. Steve Johnson (20), United States, 6-3, 6-2

Mikhail Kukushkin (13), Kazakhstan, def. Robin Haase, Netherlands, 5-7, 7-6 (4), 6-4

Marcel Granollers (8), Spain, def. Paul-Henri Mathieu, France, 6-4, 6-3

Yen-Hsun Lu (9), Taiwan, def. Blaz Ruzic, Croatia, 6-4, 6-2

Pablo Andujar (10), Spain, def. Igor Siynginov, Netherlands, 6-3, 6-3

John Isner (1), United States, def. Bradley King, United States, 7-6 (5), 6-2

6-3, 6-2  
 Ryan Harrison, United States, 7-6 (5), 6-2

**Doubles**  
 Mats Wilander and Marcin Matkowski, Poland, def. Colin Fleming and Jamie Murray, Britain, 7-5 (9), 6-2

Jamie Murray, Britain, and John Peers (2), Australia, def. Rene Garcia Lopez, Spain, vs. Philipp Oswald, Austria, 6-3, 6-2

Florin Mergea, Romania, and Joao Sousa (20), United States, 6-3, 6-2

Mexico, and Oliver Marach, Austria, 6-1, 4-6, 11-9, 6-3

Tim Groth and Chris Guccione, Australia, def. David Marrero, Spain, and Leander Paes (2), India, 6-3, 6-2

**Quarterfinals**  
 Andrej Panaritiu, Cabal and Robert Farah, Colombia, def. Robin Haase, Netherlands, and Nicolas Pietrangeli, France, 6-4, 6-4

### Pro basketball

#### WNBA playoffs

**(x-if necessary)**  
**CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS**  
**Best-of-five**  
**Eastern Conference**  
**Friday at Atlanta**  
**Sunday at Chicago**  
**Atlanta vs. Washington**  
**Thursday at Atlanta**  
**Indiana vs. Washington**  
**Thursday at Washington**  
**X-Mas game at Indiana vs. Chicago**  
**Western Conference**  
**Friday at Phoenix**  
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**Los Angeles vs. Phoenix**  
**Minnesota vs. San Antonio**  
**Monday at Minnesota**  
**Saturday at San Antonio**  
**X-Mas game at Minnesota**

#### NFL preseason

**AMERICAN CONFERENCE**

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Jets	2	0	1.000	38	27
Miami	1	0	.500	30	30
New England	1	0	.500	30	30
Jacksonville	1	0	.500	49	34

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	1	0	.500	49	34
Buffalo	1	0	.500	44	37
Tennessee	1	0	.500	44	47
Indianapolis	0	1	.000	36	40

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Baltimore	0	2	.000	60	33
Kansas City	0	2	.000	59	67
Cincinnati	0	2	.000	56	66
Cleveland	0	2	.000	41	48

#### NFL preseason

**NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	2	0	1.000	64	59
Washington	1	0	.500	47	29
Dallas	0	2	.000	37	64
Philadelphia	0	2	.000	47	49

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	1	0	.500	37	48
Atlanta	1	0	.500	23	42
Carolina	1	0	.500	46	36
Atlanta	1	0	.500	35	36

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Seattle	1	0	.500	57	35
San Francisco	1	0	.500	57	35
St. Louis	0	2	.000	31	47

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Chicago	20	0	1.000	315	15
New England	19	0	1.000	275	35
New Orleans	31	0	1.000	333	24
Oakland	27	0	1.000	306	27

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# COLLEGE FOOTBALL

## Florida's Jones ready to erase 2013 season

### Running back eager to prove he's 100 percent

By MARK LONG  
The Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla. Florida running back Matt Jones was mostly miserable last season. The 6-foot-2, 235-pound junior from Setfner missed considerable time with a viral infection, rushed back for the second game of the season and then injured his knee a few weeks later.

He didn't think things could get any worse.

But with Jones watching from the sideline, the Gators ended the year with seven consecutive losses and recorded the program's first losing season since 1979.

"Watching the team just kind of falling apart, that was the toughest thing," he said.

Jones is healthy now and eager to prove last year was a fluke — for himself and Florida.

"I think we're going to overcome that 4-8 (record)," Jones said. "We don't have 4-8 in our head no more. This team is kind of rebuilding. We're stacked at every position."

Sure, quarterback Jeff Driskel and the team's revamped offensive line probably will be more important in determining Florida's success this season. But being able to run the ball consistently has proven to be a championship model for the Gators.

And Jones could be the key to making it work.

He has the size to pick up tough yards between the tackles, the speed to get to the

edge and go the distance, and the receiver skills to be a threat in the passing game.

"He's a 230-pound back that, about midway through the third and fourth quarter, you get tired of hitting," coach Will Muschamp said. "He's got extremely good hands, he's very good at protection, very smart player. ... He looks really good. He's healthy, he's in shape, he's excited, itching to get started."

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**Will Muschamp**  
Florida coach

Jones felt the same way last season.

He spent a week in the hospital and more than a month recovering from a viral infection that sapped his strength and energy and took off more than 10 pounds. Jones worked his way back on the field in time to play at Miami in the second game of the season, but averaged 2.6 yards a

carry and fumbled in a loss to the Hurricanes. "Last year was very difficult just overcoming my sickness and just going into the season and getting hurt," said Jones, who finished with 339 yards rushing and two touchdowns. "I just feel like I'm a step ahead of my game this year. I'm just glad I'm here in camp with my boys."



Florida running back Matt Jones missed most of preseason camp last year with a viral infection, rushed back and then blew out his knee early in the season.

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## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Ohio State's  
Miller out  
for season

By RUSTY MILLER  
The Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Ohio State star quarterback Braxton Miller will miss the 2014 season, dealing a severe blow to the fifth-ranked Buckeyes' national title hopes.

Ohio State confirmed late Tuesday afternoon that Miller reinjured his throwing shoulder and will need surgery. The two-time Big Ten player will be the year left practice in pain Monday after making a short throw.

"My goal is to come back from this injury stronger and better than ever," Miller said in a statement.

It's a huge blow to a team considered to be one of the best in the Big Ten and the country, one which already has several major holes to fill on offense.

"My thoughts and prayers are with Braxton and his family," Ohio State head coach Urban Meyer said. "This is an unfortunate injury to a young man who means so much to this program."

The senior and three-year starter partially tore the labrum in his right shoulder in a loss to Clemson at the Orange Bowl. He had surgery, did not face contact in spring practice and was held out of several practices this month due to soreness.

Redshirt freshman J.T. Barrett is Miller's top backup and will likely be the starter in the Aug. 30 opener against Navy in Baltimore.

Miller said he was on schedule to graduate with a degree in Communications in December and that he also wanted to attend graduate school, "and then return to lead the Buckeyes next season."

Miller's options would include taking a medical redshirt and returning to Ohio State for one more season in 2015, or rehabbing the injury and making himself available for the NFL draft in the spring. He toyed with the idea of turning pro last spring, but decided against it because of the shoulder surgery might hurt him with pro teams.

Miller's injury in Monday's practice, first reported by The Columbus Dispatch, came on a routine, un rushed rollout pass. Miller reportedly left the field after screaming in pain but was upbeat later while getting his shoulder iced. He had his arm in a sling on Monday night.

Miller is one of the Big Ten's most decorated quarterbacks, and the falloff in experience compared to his backups is huge.

He has thrown 666 passes in his glittering three-year career, starting as a freshman. Barrett has never played in a game, and sophomore Cardale Jones threw his only two collegiate passes during a 56-0 rout of Purdue.

Miller has also run for 32 touchdowns and passed for 52, putting him in reach of many of Ohio State's career records at his position.

Barrett was an acclaimed four-star recruit out of Wichita Falls, Texas, who watched with Jones last year as Miller took most of the snaps in the Buckeyes' 12-2 season. When Miller was hurt for most of the San Diego State, California and Florida A&M games with a sprained knee, senior Kenny Guiton had big games while leading Ohio State to victories.

Barrett completed 17 of 33 passes for 151 yards with no interceptions and no touchdowns in Ohio State's annual spring intrasquad scrimmage. Because of Miller's problems with his shoulder, Barrett has gotten a lot of practice time with the Buckeyes' first-team offense in the spring and in recent weeks.

Miller hurt originally hurt his shoulder on the first possession against Clemson in the Orange Bowl, but played the rest of the way in the 40-35 loss. Soon after the injury was discovered, he had surgery in February.

Ohio State said at the time that Miller had "minor, outpatient surgery." But he has had problems with the shoulder since.



JAY LAPRETE/AP

Ohio State quarterback Braxton Miller watches from the sidelines as the Buckeyes play Florida A&M last September. Miller reinjured his throwing shoulder during practice on Monday and will miss all of this season.

### Bigger than the Buckeyes

Ohio State quarterback Braxton Miller is done for the season because of a shoulder injury. It's a crushing blow on a few levels:

■ Miller is one of the best and most entertaining players in the country. He ran for 1,068 yards, passed for 2,094 and accounted for 36 touchdowns. He was a legitimate Heisman Trophy contender. In the statement released by Ohio State making the news official, he said he wants to return to Columbus for another season.

■ It's a nice sentiment, but after two surgeries on his shoulder in less than a year Miller's future as a quarterback at any level is in doubt. And that's unfortunate.

■ For No. 5 Ohio State, a season that had championship hopes — both Big Ten and national — will now begin with a very different feel. The Buckeyes are still conference contenders, though it could be argued they have now ceded the role of Big Ten favorites to Michigan State. Maybe.

The national championship? That's a very different story, and not just for the Buckeyes, but the whole Big Ten.

■ At least one of the Big Five conferences has to be left out of the College Football Playoff's final four. The Buckeyes were the conference's best bet to get through the regular season unbeaten. Now that's much tougher. A weakened Ohio State also has a trickledown effect to the rest of the conference. Beating the Buckeyes becomes less impressive.

The Big Ten needs a dominant team to emerge from a conference that has been a cut below the Southeastern Conference and Pac-12 in recent years. Maybe No. 8 Michigan State is that team. A victory at No. 3 Oregon would certainly go a long way toward boosting the Spartans' and the Big Ten's credentials.

With Miller gone, the Big Ten could be in a serious bind if the Spartans don't come through in Eugene on Sept. 6.

—Ralph Russo, The Associated Press

### Briefs

## 2 Kansas RBs suffer year-ending injuries

The Associated Press

LAWRENCE, Kan. — The top two running backs on the Kansas depth chart will miss their senior seasons after Brandon Bourbon tore his ACL and Taylor Cox tore his Achilles' tendon.

Jayhawks coach Charlie Weis announced the injuries in a statement Tuesday. He said that both of the players will remain in school and could petition for a sixth year of eligibility.

"I feel bad for both Brandon and Taylor as they were looking forward to the opportunity to be the replacement for James Sims," Weis said.

Bourbon, who tore his knee ligament during a scrimmage on Sunday, was listed first on the most recent depth chart. The 225-pound senior has battled injuries throughout much of his career, running for 422 yards and four touchdowns in parts of three seasons.

Cox, who hurt his tendon in a non-contact drill Monday, spent his first two seasons at College of the Siskiyous in California. He started three times as a junior and ran for 464 yards, but he was forced to take a medical redshirt after appearing in just two games last season.

Both of them were trying to replace Sims, who finished his career with 3,592 yards rushing, the third-most in school history. Sims ran for 1,155 yards and seven touchdowns last season.

The injuries leave junior college transfer De'Andre Mann and

freshman Corey Avery as the top two running backs. Mann piled up more than 1,700 yards rushing last season for California's Hartnell College, while Avery ran for more than 1,600 yards for Carter High School in Dallas.

### Golson: Irish rallying around loss of players

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Quarterback Everett Golson said the adversity of abruptly losing four teammates while Notre Dame investigates whether they were involved in academic dishonesty is bringing the Fighting Irish together.

"I guess I can go back to my instance, where you really see who your true friends are," said Golson, who was suspended from school last fall for academic impropriety. "You see your true brotherhood through adversity. I think we've definitely come together."

Linebacker Jaylon Smith echoed that sentiment.

"We're a family here. We've just got to bond together," he said.

Most of the other members of the 17th-ranked Fighting Irish who spoke during Tuesday's media day wouldn't comment about how the team was reacting to the losses of starting cornerback KeiVarae Russell, leading returning receiver DaVaris Daniels, defensive end Ishaq Williams and backup linebacker Kendall Moore. School officials have said they don't know how long the investigation will take.



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NFL

# Rivera: Panthers 'dynamic' with healthy Stewart

By STEVE REED  
The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Carolina Panthers running back Jonathan Stewart reminded teammates, fans and upcoming opponents just how dangerous he is with the ball in his hands, rushing for two touchdowns in a 28-16 preseason win over the Kansas City Chiefs on Sunday.

Now he has to prove he can stay healthy.

Stewart ran for 3,500 yards and 26 touchdowns in his first four seasons, but ankle and foot injuries limited the former first-round pick from the University of Oregon to 15 games over the last two seasons and his production has fallen off dramatically.

But if Sunday night was any indication, Stewart could be back in a big way.

He only ran for 26 yards on four carries, but his explosive 17-yard burst and his two TDs has Panthers coach Ron Rivera brimming with confidence when discussing a potential running attack that includes DeAngelo Williams, Stewart and Pro Bowl fallback Mike Tolbert.

Rivera said the Panthers have the potential to be "dynamic" if Stewart can stay healthy.

In 2008, Williams and Stewart became the first NFL running back duo to each run for 1,100 yards in the same season.

Pro Bowl center Ryan Kalil has defended Stewart over the years, even as fans on Twitter and local sports talk radio ridiculed the



BOB LEVERONE/AP

Panthers running back Jonathan Stewart, right, runs past the Chiefs' Dontari Poe during the first half of a preseason game in Charlotte, N.C., on Sunday. Stewart had missed much of training camp with an injury.

running back for routinely missing practices and games.

"When he does get back out there you realize why he is so special and why you keep giving him chances to come back," Kalil said.

Kalil said the 5-foot-10, 235-pound Stewart runs as hard as

any back in the league.

"I've played so many games with him and watched so much film, you see a guy that people want to keep fighting and fighting for," Kalil said. "I think he is such a huge part of our running game and it's great to have him out there."

Stewart missed the start of training camp after straining hamstring again raising questions about his durability.

But he said at the time he wasn't worried the hamstring was and actually encouraged that his ankle felt better than they had in three years.

It was Stewart's 17-yard run that sparked a stagnant Carolina offense on Sunday night and led to two straight touchdowns drives. Stewart showed his strength when he bounced off a defender to find the end zone in the second quarter on a 2-yard scoring run.

"He doesn't go down," Kalil said. "He fights for every yard. I think with that you get some of the nicks and knacks that he gets. The guy just fights and fights and fights. I know it kills him but to not be able to stay out there all the time, but it is part of the game."

Stewart said he's excited about the season.

"It's been a while since I've touched the end zone," Stewart said.

Stewart's health could potentially impact how the team uses quarterback Cam Newton in the running game.

Newton has run for 2,032 yards and 28 touchdowns over the past three seasons — more than any other NFL quarterback — but Rivera has indicated he wants to reduce the wear and tear on Newton's body.

That doesn't mean the Panthers won't keep working on the read option in practice and use it some this season.

"We'll develop it until (Newton) is ready to go," Rivera said. "I still then you will see what you see, and this is our offense. If we can use our backs effectively enough where he we don't have to rely on him running we would certainly much rather do that."

## Aging: Players say their mindset has direct impact on length of their careers

FROM BACK PAGE

Rocking chairs and walking canes. "Grandpa" and "Graybeard."

"I think so much of it's a mindset," said 35-year-old Saints quarterback Drew Brees. "If I tell myself I am 25, I'm 25 and that's honest to God. That's my mindset. I can play for another 10 years. That would be my goal, but I'm taking it one year at a time. There's no reason why I couldn't do that."

He would be a rarity in the NFL, where the average age ranges between 25 and 27. The lifespan of most careers in the league lasts somewhere between 3½ and almost seven years, meaning retirement comes at an age when people in most other professional fields are just getting started.

For several players, though, age is an opponent to defy.

The Colts' 41-year-old Adam Vinatieri is the NFL's oldest active player. While he might not have the leg he did while leading the Patriots to three Super Bowl titles and another with Indianapolis as "Automatic Adam," he's still one of the league's most reliable kickers.

"As long as my body's feeling healthy, I can't see why I can't continue to play," Vinatieri said when he re-signed with the Colts for two years in March.

There are plenty of other big-time stars at the so-called "skill" positions who are also still thriving. Just look at Denver's Peyton Manning (38) and New England's Tom Brady (37), who are still setting passing records, along with Brees, nearly every season.

Preparation, training, strict diets and consistent sleep habits are among them.

"I look forward to driving over here every day,"



**'As long as my body's feeling healthy, I can't see why I can't continue to play.'**

Adam Vinatieri  
41-year-old Colts kicker

Manning said. "I think as soon as you go, 'Golly, I do not want to go over there today,' that's when you've got to get out."

Some defensive backs, such as Charles Woodson (37), Champ Bailey (36), Terrence Newman (35), Adrian Wilson (34), Ike Taylor (34) and Ryan Clark (34) could all be going up against some players 12-15 years younger than them this season.

"I look at the NFL, every team wants to get younger," said Woodson, entering his 17th season. "They push a lot of the older guys out, guys who can still play the game. I don't think there's any question that it's undervalued. ... Our best days are not behind us just because other people say our best days are behind us."

"We're going out there to play good football and win games, and that's what we intend to do."

AP Pro Football Writer Arnie Stapleton and AP Sports Writers Josh Dubow, Michael Marot, Brett Martel, Jamie McCauley, Andrew Seligman and Joseph White contributed to this story.

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## NFL BRIEFS

# Browns name Hoyer starter over Manziel

The Associated Press

BEREA, Ohio — Brian Hoyer will open the season as Cleveland's quarterback, barely hanging on to his job by holding off hotshot rookie Johnny Manziel.

Browns coach Mike Pettine picked Hoyer over Manziel to start Sept. 7 at Pittsburgh. It's Hoyer's job for now, but the real test for him will be how long he keeps it from Manziel.

Pettine met with his coaching staff Tuesday and announced in a release Wednesday before practice that he'll go with Hoyer.

The decision ends weeks of competition and analysis, and the Browns are hoping it will allow Hoyer, who started three games last season, to build some chemistry with Cleveland's struggling offense before they meet the dreaded Steelers, their long-time rivals.

"He was the clear leader from the beginning," Pettine said of Hoyer. "We've maintained all along that if it was close, I would prefer to go with the more experienced player. Brian has done a great job in the meeting rooms, on the practice field and in the locker room."

Pettine delayed his decision after both Hoyer and Manziel played poorly in a 24-23 exhibition loss at Washington on Monday. During that game, Manziel gave the finger to the Redskins sideline, an act Pettine said would be factored into the decision.

Manziel's offseason behavior didn't help his cause. He was criticized for spending his weekends away from Cleveland's facility partying before training camp. Manziel has shown flashes of his Johnny Football form in practices, but he's struggling with an offense that's more complex than the one he ran at Texas A&M.

"He's certainly made great strides," Pettine said. "We are pleased with where he is, and he has shown that he has come a long way in his ability to pick up the playbook, be coachable and lead an offense. We are confident that he is just to have a great future, but we're going to feel that Brian still had a decided edge on him."

Pettine thought it was important to have Cleveland's QB situation settled before Saturday's home preseason game against St. Louis.

"I think it's especially good, as an offensive unit, to go out and play and gain cohesion and chemistry," Pettine said.

## Eagles get RB Barner from Panthers for pick

PHILADELPHIA — The Philadelphia Eagles have acquired running back Kenjon Barner from the Carolina Panthers for a conditional seventh-round draft choice in 2015.

Last year, Barner was drafted in the sixth round by the Panthers. The 25-year-old Barner played in eight regular-season games and a playoff game with the Panthers.

He finished his collegiate career at Oregon ranked second in school history in yards rushing (3,623) and tied for second with 41 touchdowns rushing.

## Steelers bring back DE Keisel to bolster line

PITTSBURGH — The Pittsburgh Steelers are planning to re-sign defensive end Brett Keisel to bolster a reconfigured line that has struggled to produce much of anything in the first two weeks of the preseason.

Keisel, who turns 36 on Sept.

19, was effective when healthy last season with four sacks in 12 games. But with the team up against the salary cap he wasn't going to command anywhere near the \$4.9 million cap number he received last year.

Also Tuesday, the Steelers and offensive tackle Marcus Gilbert reached agreement on a new six-year contract that runs through the 2019 season.

## Cardinals S Mathieu comes off PUP list

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Arizona Cardinals safety Tyrann Mathieu came off the physically unable to perform list Tuesday.

The club said that nose tackle Alameda Ta'amu, who tore his

ACL in the final game last season, has also come off the list.

Mathieu was having a stand-out rookie season when he tore the ACL and LCL in his left knee against St. Louis on Dec. 8. In 13 games, he had 62 tackles, a sack, two interceptions, four tackles for loss, a forced fumble and a special teams tackle.

## Vikings WR Simpson appeals 3-game ban

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — Minnesota Vikings wide receiver Jerome Simpson has appealed a pending three-game suspension for a repeat violation of the NFL's substance abuse policy.

In January, Simpson pleaded guilty to careless driving and re-

fusing to submit to a chemical test, avoiding jail and the DUI charge. He was ordered community service and two years of probation.

In other news:

■ NFL teams can carry 10 players on their practice squads for the next two seasons.

■ The league and the players' union agreed Tuesday to increase the number from eight to 10.

■ The New York Jets have placed rookie WR Shaquell Evans on season-ending injured reserve after he underwent shoulder surgery Tuesday.

■ The Detroit Lions released veteran CB Drayton Florence.

■ The San Francisco 49ers signed injured DL Glenn Dorsey to a two-year contract extension through the 2016 season.

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# MLB SCOREBOARD

## American League

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	72	52	.581	
New York Yankees	66	51	.564	.087
Tampa Bay	64	48	.568	.110
Toronto	61	68	.470	.444
Boston	56	68	.447	.487

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	67	56	.550	—
Detroit	67	56	.546	.022
Cleveland	61	50	.552	.114
Minnesota	59	69	.458	.444

West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	74	50	.597	
Oakland	68	57	.544	.054
Seattle	68	57	.544	.054
Houston	53	72	.421	.375
Texas	48	74	.394	.269

## National League

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	73	57	.563	
Atlanta	66	60	.520	.043
Miami	63	50	.561	.084
Philadelphia	62	55	.528	.111
Pittsburgh	55	71	.437	.437

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	65	56	.539	—
St. Louis	68	57	.544	.024
Chicago	59	59	.500	.040
Cincinnati	61	65	.484	.100
San Diego	57	69	.447	.153

West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	75	56	.569	
San Francisco	68	56	.552	.045
Colorado	58	46	.558	.112
Arizona	49	76	.392	.211

## Tuesday's games

Seattle's N.Y. Yankees at Houston 5, Philadelphia 2 at St. Louis, Tampa Bay's 11 Innings L.A. Angels at Boston 3, Miami 4, Texas 3, 10 Innings Atlanta's Chicago White Sox 1, Cleveland 7, Minnesota 5 at Los Angeles, Toronto, Kansas City 7, Colorado 4 at Detroit, St. Louis 5, N.Y. Yankees at Washington 8, Arizona 1, Atlanta 11, Pittsburgh 3 at Chicago 4, St. Francisco 5, 5 Innings St. Louis 5, Cincinnati 4, L.A. Dodgers 8, San Diego 6

## Wednesday's games

Texas at Philadelphia, Detroit at Milwaukee, St. Louis 5, N.Y. Mets at Oakland, Houston at N.Y. Yankees, Chicago at Tampa Bay, L.A. Angels at Boston, Chicago at Chicago White Sox, Cleveland at Minnesota, Kansas City at Colorado, Arizona at Washington, Atlanta at Pittsburgh, Chicago at St. Louis, San Francisco at Chicago Cubs, San Diego at L.A. Dodgers

## Thursday's games

Houston (Kuebel 10-8) at N.Y. Yankees (Kerley 4-4), Cleveland (Kluber 13-6) at Minnesota (Dobson 13-6), Detroit (Price 12-4) at Tampa Bay (Cobb 8-4), Los Angeles (Shoemaker 11-4) at Boston (De La Rosa 4-4), Arizona (Miley 7-3) at Washington (Gonzalez 6-9), Atlanta (Fetheran 11-9) at Cincinnati (Cabrera 12-10), San Francisco (Bumgarner 13-9) at San Diego (Tross 11-4), L.A. Dodgers (Greinke 12-8)

## Friday

### Tigers 8, Rays 6 (1)

Detroit	W	L	Pct	GB
Kinsler	5	2	.714	
Thrift	5	1	.833	.119
McCart	5	1	.833	.119
Wright	5	0	1.000	.222
Castro	3	1	.750	.278
Carr	3	1	.750	.278
Center	3	1	.750	.278
Avila	2	0	1.000	.333
Holaday	2	0	1.000	.333
Rodriguez	2	0	1.000	.333
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Davis	2	0	1.000	.333

### Braves 11, Pirates 3

Atlanta	W	L	Pct	GB
Gosselin	4	1	.800	
Johan	4	1	.800	
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Johan	4	1	.800	

### Angels 4, Red Sox 3

Los Angeles	W	L	Pct	GB
Calton	3	1	.750	
Prout	3	1	.750	
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Prout	3	1	.750	

## Indians 7, Twins 5

Cleveland	W	L	Pct	GB
Bourn	4	1	.800	
Aviles	3	0	1.000	.111
Brantley	3	0	1.000	.111
CSantib	3	0	1.000	.111
Wong	3	0	1.000	.111

## Braves 11, Pirates 3

Atlanta	W	L	Pct	GB
Heward	6	1	.857	
Gosselin	4	1	.800	
Johan	4	1	.800	
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## Athletes 6, Mets 2

New York	W	L	Pct	GB
Lagars	4	0	1.000	
DWright	3	0	1.000	.111
Armad	4	1	.800	
Camplif	4	1	.800	
Tejada	4	1	.800	

## Orioles 5, White Sox 1

Baltimore	W	L	Pct	GB
Markks	4	0	1.000	
Pearce	3	0	1.000	.111
Flarity	3	0	1.000	.111
A Jones	4	0	1.000	.111
N Cruz	4	0	1.000	.111

## Astros 7, Yankees 4

Houston	W	L	Pct	GB
Burns	3	1	.750	
Timmer	3	1	.750	
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## St. Louis 5, Yankees 4

St. Louis	W	L	Pct	GB
Wainwright	4	1	.800	
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## Cubs 2, Giants 0 (4/2)

Chicago	W	L	Pct	GB
Pagan	3	0	1.000	
Pence	3	0	1.000	.111
Sanford	3	0	1.000	.111
Duval	3	0	1.000	.111
Ariza	3	0	1.000	.111

## Angels 4, Red Sox 3

Los Angeles	W	L	Pct	GB
Calton	3	1	.750	
Prout	3	1	.750	
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## Seattle 7, Rockies 4

Kansas City	W	L	Pct	GB
Acik	2	1	.667	
Rusop	2	1	.667	
Gilling	2	1	.667	
Iniesta	2	1	.667	
Perez	2	1	.667	

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## MLB

## Roundup

## Nationals win eighth straight

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — After three straight walk-offs, the Washington Nationals went for a cakewalk instead.

Sure, winning late over and over again is a thrill, but it's not good for the blood pressure — not to mention the workload of the bullpen. Stephen Strasburg provided much of the salve Tuesday night, allowing one run and three hits over a season-high eight innings as the Nationals ran their winning streak to eight games with an 8-1 victory over the Arizona Diamondbacks.

"I guess it's what the doctor ordered," Strasburg said.

That, along with a six-run third inning. Asdrubal Cabrera's bases-clearing double blew the game open, giving Washington an overdue breather in what is now its longest winning run since August 2012.

"I think we're just coming together," said shortstop Ian Desmond, who had four RBIs. "We've kind of established our way, I guess you would say."

Success had come with suspense for the Nats: four consecutive one-run games, including the last three decided by the final at-bat, and the last two in the 11th inning.

But Strasburg (10-10) did just what the Nationals needed him to do: eat up innings to give the overtaxed relievers a break. He struck out four to give him an NL-leading 198 for the season, besting his previous single-season high of 197 in 2012 — the year he was shut down early after returning from elbow surgery.

"The way Stephen pitched is, I hope, indicative of what we're going to see in the future," Desmond said. "He's been great a lot in his career, but tonight was one

of those games where it was really fun to watch."

The Nationals sent seven batters to the plate in the third before the Diamondbacks could record an out. Rookie Chase Anderson (7-5) faced six of them, allowing five singles and a walk before he was pulled in the shortest outing of his young career.

**Astros 7, Yankees 4:** Chris Carter snapped a ninth-inning tie with a colossal three-run homer, extending his second-half power surge for visiting Houston.

Marvin Gonzalez knocked in two runs with a pinch-hit single, and the fourth-place Astros (53-73) won for the third time in four meetings with the Yankees this season.

**Cubs 2, Giants 0 (5):** Anthony Rizzo slammed a two-run homer, Tsuyoshi Wada pitched five strong innings, and host Chicago won a game that was halted after 4½ innings because of unplayable field conditions.

After a brief, but heavy downpour, the game was delayed 4 hours, 34 minutes before it was called off at 1:16 a.m.

**Mariners 5, Phillies 2:** Hisashi Iwakuma struck out a season-high 11 batters in eight scoreless innings, and Kyle Seager homered to lead visiting Seattle.

Mike Zunino was 0-for-17 before getting two hits and driving in two runs.

**Marlins 4, Rangers 3 (10):** Giancarlo Stanton hit an RBI single with two outs in the 10th inning, and host Miami beat Texas for its third straight win.

Miami (63-62) surpassed last year's win total of 62.

**Orioles 5, White Sox 1:** Chris Tillman threw eight strong innings, and AL East-leading Baltimore won its third in a row, beating host Chicago.

Nick Hundley homered, Chris

Davis had a two-run double, and Adam Jones and Delmon Young also drove in runs for the Orioles.

**Indians 7, Twins 5:** Yan Gomes had three hits including a home run, and rookie pinch-hitter Tyler Holt hit a go-ahead, two-run double in the sixth inning as Cleveland rallied from a 5-0 hole to beat host Minnesota. Oswaldo Arcia homered in his third straight game for Minnesota, capping a five-run first.

**Brewers 6, Blue Jays 1:** Mike Fiers pitched seven dominant innings, and Jonathan Lucroy and Aramis Ramirez each had a pair of doubles for host Milwaukee.

In his third start since being recalled from Triple-A Nashville on Aug. 9, Fiers (3-1) held the Blue Jays to two hits and one run and retired the final 18 batters he faced.

**Tigers 8, Rays 6 (11):** Victor Martinez drew a tiebreaking bases-loaded walk during a three-run 11th inning for visiting Detroit.

Ian Kinsler opened the 11th with a triple off Grant Balfour (1-5), a flare to right that got past a diving Kevin Kiermaier. Torii Hunter walked and Miguel Cabrera was intentionally walked before Martinez got his free pass.

**Royals 7, Rockies 4:** Omar Infante had three doubles and drove in four runs to help visiting Kansas City knock off Colorado. James Shields pitched six solid innings to get the win for the Royals, who have won 21 of 26.

**Dodgers 8, Padres 6:** Justin Turner drove in two runs and scored another pair, helping rally host Los Angeles beat San Diego and snap a three-game skid.

The Dodgers have won six of seven against the Padres and improved to 8-3 against their NL West rival this season.



KEITH SRANOC/AP

The Braves' Evan Gattis, left, rounds the bases past Pirates first baseman Ian Davis after hitting a home run in the ninth inning Tuesday in Pittsburgh. The Braves won 11-3.

# Streaking Braves top reeling Pirates

By Will Graves

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Fredi Gonzalez has seen this before. Every summer it seems.

There will come a time during the season when something clicks in Justin Upton and all the rest of the Atlanta Braves have to do is hop on and enjoy the ride.

Like now, for example. Upton went 2-for-4 with five RBI in Atlanta's 11-3 thrashing over reeling Pittsburgh on Tuesday night. The Braves have won five straight and are 7-3 during Upton's current 10-game hitting streak.

"He gets hot and he can carry us," Gonzalez said. "He's done that a few months so it's nice to have that big bat right behind [Freddie] Freeman, who is starting to roll the pole a little bit also."

Upton's 24th homer — a three-run shot off Francisco Liriano (3-10) in the third — broke things open early. He added a two-run single off reliever Brandon Cumpton in the fifth as the Braves extended Pittsburgh's losing streak to a season-high seven games.

Jason Heyward went 2-for-5 with three RBI for the Braves while Evan Gattis hit his 19th homer on a tape-measure shot that landed halfway up the rotunda behind left field.

"That was a joke," Upton said of Gattis' shot.

Aaron Harang (10-7) struck out four without a walk in 8½ innings, his only misstep coming in the ninth when he couldn't quite nail down his first complete game in 14 months.

"I was locating, getting ahead early, not deep into counts a lot," Harang said. "They were being

really aggressive and swinging at pitches out of the zone. Guys were there to make plays for them."

Harang even added his first RBI in two seasons, a single up the middle in the second that put the Braves up 1-0. Upton did most of the rest as the Braves ruined Andrew McCutchen's return to the lineup for Pittsburgh.

McCutchen went 0-for-4 in his first game back after missing two weeks with fractured cartilage in his ribs. The reigning National League MVP left the game after grounding into a double play in the bottom of the eighth. He reported no discomfort but allowed it may take a bit for his timing to come back.

"This is definitely something I'm trying to do, get back in the rhythm of things, get back in the swing of things," he said. "That will work a smother rather than later."

Travis Snider, Starling Marte and Russell Martin had two hits apiece for the Pirates, whose current losing streak is their longest since dropping seven straight Sept. 7-14, 2012.

Liriano's real problems began in the third. He allowed singles by Phil Gosselin and Freddie Freeman to start the inning. Upton sent a lined shot over the wall in left to make it 4-0 and the Braves kept piling on.

Liriano gave up nine runs, seven earned, in four-plus innings. He walked three and struck out four while his ERA rose from 3.78 to 4.18.

"One of those nights when you throw is gonna get hit," Liriano said. "They've been pretty hot last couple games. I've got to put it behind me, got to move forward."



JACK DEMPSEY/AP

Rockies catcher Michael McKenry drops the ball while trying to tag out the Royals' Billy Butler (16) at home plate during the fourth inning Tuesday in Denver. The Royals won 7-4.

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# Calhoun's catch, Iannetta's double lift Angels

By HOWARD ULMAN

The Associated Press

BOSTON — Kole Calhoun leaped at the low right-field fence to take a three-run homer away from Brock Holt in the second inning.

"Game-changer," Angels teammate Chris Iannetta said. "It was awesome."

Seven innings later, Iannetta delivered the tiebreaker with an RBI double that sent Los Angeles over the Boston Red Sox 4-3 on Tuesday night.

Brennan Boesch had a ground-rule double with two outs off closer Koji Uehara (5-3) for the Angels' first hit since the fourth. Iannetta then hit the ball off the end of his bat off the left-field wall, just above the leap of Daniel Nava.

But Calhoun's grab in front of his team's bullpen was the major topic in the Angels' clubhouse.

"We go from being potentially down three or four runs to having the opportunity to take the lead," Iannetta said.

Down 1-0 on David Ortiz's 29th homer in the first, the Angels went ahead with three runs in the third.

"This game's a lot about momentum swings," Calhoun said, "and that's a big one right there."

Joe Smith (5-1) got the win for the AL West leaders and Houston

Street recorded his 34th save.

Boston rookie center fielder Mookie Betts, a second baseman in the minors, also took away a potential home run when he ran down Josh Hamilton's drive in the first in deep right-center field.

"Every game played in center field is going to be a positive experience for him, given that he's gone through a positional change," Red Sox manager John Farrell said.

The Angels took a 3-1 lead with four consecutive hits, starting with a double by Iannetta. The next three hits all drove in runs — a single by Calhoun, a triple by Mike Trout and a single by Albert Pujols.

Pujols originally was ruled out for the second out of the inning on Will Middlebrooks' throw after the third baseman's diving backhand stop. The call was overturned on replay, but Trout would have scored anyway on his head-first slide into home.

Jerod Weaver's wildness led to Boston's next two runs that tied it at 3 after six innings.

In the fifth, Dustin Pedroia singled, Ortiz walked and both advanced on a wild pitch. Pedroia scored on Mike Napoli's groundout.

Xander Bogaerts began the sixth with a walk, took third on a single by Christian Vazquez and scored on a sacrifice fly by Holt.



ELISE AMENDOLA/AP

The Angels' Chris Iannetta hits the game-winning RBI double as Boston Red Sox catcher Christian Vazquez watches in the ninth inning Tuesday at Fenway Park in Boston. The Angels won 4-3 to maintain their one-half game lead over the Oakland Athletics in the AL West division.

## Crisp's 3 RBIs stop A's skid

By MICHAEL WAGAMAN

The Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Oakland Athletics leadoff hitter Coco Crisp tinkered with his swing for a few days and finally got the results he has been looking for.

That is critical for a team trying to hang on in the AL West after owning the best record in baseball for a majority of the season.

Crisp hit a tiebreaking three-run triple in the fourth inning to help Scott Kazmir earn his career-best fifth win, and the A's beat the New York Mets 6-2 on Tuesday night to snap a five-game losing streak.

"I haven't been hitting well at all so I'm trying to figure out some things to try to be successful with whatever I'm dealing with," Crisp said. "These past couple of days, whatever I've been trying to do it seems like it could work so I'm trying to stick with that and see what happens."

Crisp wouldn't divulge what changes he has made to his swing but it is clear he knew something had to change.

Coming off a miserable road trip when he went 2-for-23, Crisp grounded out and singled before lining an 0-1 pitch from Mets starter Dillon Gee down the right field line with the bases loaded. It was Crisp's third triple this season.

The A's, who avoided losing six consecutive games for the first time since 2012, remained a half game behind the Los Angeles Angels in the AL West.

"It's very rare that he goes through a stretch like this," Oakland manager Bob Melvin said of Crisp. "It's not like he was striking out all the time (or) taking off-balance swings. A hit like that, especially with runners in scoring position in a tight game, can do wonders for the personality."

Kazmir (14-5) allowed one run and four hits in six innings. He retired nine of his final 10 batters after giving up a solo home run to Travis d'Arnaud lead-



BEN MARGO/AP

The Athletics' Coco Crisp watches his three-run triple off Mets pitcher Dillon Gee in the fourth inning Tuesday's at Oakland, Calif. The Athletics won 6-2.

ing off the fourth.

New York lost its third straight.

Oakland had been mired in a team-wide hitting slump before coming up with its most productive game in a week.

Crisp, the leadoff hitter who has been in and out of the lineup with lingering neck pain, provided the biggest boost with his first multi-hit game since July 8.

Josh Reddick added a two-run homer, and Alberto Callaspo drove in a run with a sacrifice fly two batters before Crisp's bases-clearing hit.

The Mets avoided making history but couldn't snap their skid.

New York had been held to four hits or fewer in its previous five games. According to stats provided to the team by Elias Sports Bureau, no club had ever done that in six straight.

The Mets managed seven hits this time but it wasn't enough to prevent their second loss in three games against the A's this season. Gee (4-6) gave up four runs and eight hits in 5½ innings. The right-hander fell to 0-5 in his past seven starts and is winless since July 9.

## Cardinals beat Reds on bases-loaded HBP

By STEVE OVERBEY

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — The St. Louis Cardinals are finding new ways to get walk-off wins.

Jon Jay was hit by a pitch from J.J. Hoover with the bases-loaded in the ninth inning, lifting the Cardinals to a 5-4 win over the Cincinnati Reds on Tuesday night.

The walk-off victory was the second in a row for St. Louis, which won for the fifth time in six games and remained 2½ games behind Milwaukee in the NL Central.

Johnny Peralta's RBI single in the 10th inning Monday provided St. Louis with a thrilling last-at-bat triumph.

Matt Holliday drew a leadoff walk to start Tuesday's winning rally. He advanced to third on Matt Adams' single. After Peter Bourjos ran for Holliday, Peralta walked to load the bases. Hoover (1-10) then plunked Jay to force in Bourjos with the winning run.

"It's not like you hope to get hit by a pitch every time," Jay said. "But I'll take it."

The Reds lost in walk-off fashion for the third time in the last four games. They are a season-high 10 games out of first place.

"[Two walk-offs] in a row isn't fun," Cincinnati third baseman Todd Frazier said. "It's crazy, I've

never been around something like that. I never want to see it again."

Jay scored the tying run in the eighth on pinch-hitter Daniel Descalso's RBI double off reliever Jumbo Diaz.

"Call it whatever you want to call it, but we're just playing better baseball right now," Descalso said.

Pat Neshek (6-0) pitched a scoreless ninth inning for the win.

Frazier put the Reds in front 2-1, with a two-run homer in the fourth, his 21st of the season.

Cincinnati starter Alfredo Simon gave up three runs and eight hits over 5½ innings. He struck out two and walked one.

St. Louis starter John Lackey gave up four runs, two earned, in six innings. He struck out seven and walked one.

Cincinnati scored twice in the sixth on a bases-loaded double by former Cardinals outfielder Ryan Ludwick. Errors by Holliday and Matt Carpenter and a walk set the stage for Ludwick's hit, which pushed the lead to 4-1.

Peralta homered in the sixth to cut the deficit to 4-2. It was Peralta's 17th homer of the season, setting the single-season mark for a St. Louis shortstop. Jay and Oscar Taveras followed with hits before pinch-hitter Shane Robinson singled off reliever Sam LeCure to bring the Cardinals to 4-3.

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## Schilling blames tobacco for mouth cancer

The Associated Press

BOSTON — Former major league pitcher Curt Schilling says he's battling mouth cancer and blames 30 years of chewing tobacco use.

Schilling discussed details of his cancer on WEEI-FM in Boston on Wednesday. He announced he had cancer in February, but had not disclosed what kind.

He says it's due to chewing tobacco.

Schilling is being treated at Brigham and Women's Hospital and the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. He received seven weeks of chemotherapy and radiation treatments and is in remission. He says he's lost 75 pounds.

Schilling is a three-time World Series champion with the Arizona Diamondbacks and Boston Red Sox.

He's being sued by Rhode Island's economic development agency after his video game company received a \$75 million state loan guarantee and then collapsed.

### Selig reiterates A's need for new stadium

OAKLAND, Calif. — Bud Selig will likely leave his tenure as

baseball commissioner early next year with one unsettled situation that has him "frustrated."

The Oakland Athletics still don't have the new ballpark he says he believes they desperately need. Selig praised all parties after the A's recently reached a 10-year lease agreement with the Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum Authority to stay at the rundown Coliseum. Whether the A's are able to one day build a new stadium at the current Coliseum site or elsewhere in Oakland, Selig will support the team's ideas.

"This is always something I wanted to get resolved before I leave office, which is another 5½ or six months," Selig said Tuesday, citing litigation as the current snag. "I've always said the local club, they know their market best."

Earlier this year, the City of San Jose appealed a judge's decision throwing out a key argument in its lawsuit against Major League Baseball over the A's plans to relocate to San Jose, where the San Francisco Giants hold territorial rights.

### Williams earns top seed for US Open

NEW YORK — Top-ranked



AL BEHREMAN/AP

**Serena Williams earned the No. 1 seed for the U.S. Open, which begins on Monday in New York.**

Serena Williams is seeded No. 1 as she seeks her third straight U.S. Open title.

The U.S. Tennis Association followed this week's WTA rankings in announcing the seedings Wednesday.

French Open runner-up Simona Halep is seeded second after reaching a career-best ranking this month. She has never advanced past the fourth round at the U.S. Open.

Wimbledon champ Petra Kvitová is seeded No. 3 with third-ranked Li Na out because of a knee injury. Agnieszka Radwańska moves up to No. 4.

Five-time major champ Maria Sharapova is seeded fifth, meaning there's a chance she could face Williams in the quarterfinals. The runner-up the last two years, Victoria Azarenka, is seeded 16th after an injury-plagued season.

Venus Williams is seeded 19th. The draw is Thursday, and the tournament starts Monday.

### FIFA bans Barcelona signing players in 2015

LONDON — Barcelona will be barred from signing any players in 2015 after FIFA rejected the club's appeal against a one-year ban for breaching rules over the transfer of youngsters.

The Spanish giants will now ask sport's highest court to overturn the punishment, which resulted from the signing of 10 players under the age of 18 to the club's renowned La Masia academy. FIFA found the signings to have violated rules designed to prevent child trafficking.

Because Barcelona launched an appeal against the transfer embargo in April, the ban was

temporarily lifted during the current transfer window, which closes on Sept. 1. That allowed Barcelona to spend around \$240 million strengthening during the offseason, with Uruguay striker Luis Suarez the headline signing from Liverpool.

A fine of \$494,000 was also imposed on Barcelona over the signing of players under the age of 18 from 2010 to 2013.

### Franklin in doubt for Pan Pacific

GOLD COAST, Australia — Olympic gold medalist Missy Franklin swam in a local pool to test her injured back on Wednesday and is still hopeful of competing at the Pan Pacific championships.

The 19-year-old American had back spasms during practice Tuesday, two days before the meet was due to begin.

The U.S. team issued a statement Wednesday saying Franklin swam at a local pool and tested her back "with minimal discomfort," adding that her status for the 200-meter freestyle and 100 backstroke would be determined prior to preliminary heats on Thursday morning.

## Gibbs waiting to reach out to former JGR driver Stewart

By JENNA FRYER  
The Associated Press

HUNTERSVILLE, N.C. — Joe Gibbs is waiting for Tony Stewart to emerge from seclusion to reach out to his former driver.

Stewart has been in isolation since his car struck and killed Kevin Ward Jr. in an Aug. 8 sprint car race.

"I didn't feel like it was the right time [to call him], but we're all praying for him," Gibbs said. "We all love Tony. I love what

he did for us here. We all know he's a racer's racer, and he's big for our sport."

Stewart drove for Gibbs from 1997 through 2008, winning Cup titles in 2002 and 2005 driving for Joe Gibbs Racing. He left following the 2008 season when he was offered an ownership stake at Stewart-Haas Racing.

Gibbs said Tuesday he learned very early in his tenure that sprint car racing was Stewart's passion and the car owner had to accept Stewart's participation in

other series. He joked that all team meetings were disrupted by Stewart updating the group on his latest adventures outside of NASCAR.

"I had to spend 30 minutes listening to him how he won a dirt late model race, and I wanted to go, 'I don't care, OK?'" Gibbs laughed. "But he was so excited. I came to the conclusion that was him — for him to be happy and doing the things that he wanted to do, he was going to be racing."

Gibbs said Stewart was a valuable mem-

ber at JGR, and when another employee was struggling to cover the cost of adopting a child, Stewart gave him the needed funds. He hoped as Stewart continues his recovery process, more examples of Stewart's softer side will emerge.

"Tony's got great courage. He's smart. He loves this sport. He's totally focused on it. He doesn't have distractions," Gibbs said. "He's very important to our sport. This is a horrible thing to have happen for the Ward family, for him."

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## Aging gracefully

Old by sport's standards, many stars still thriving

By DENNIS WASZAK JR.  
*The Associated Press*

NEW YORK

**T**here's something stunning happening on Michael Vick's head. You can't see them from far away, but up close, tiny gray hairs are starting to emerge — color-sapped reminders that the New York Jets quarterback is no longer the speedy youngster fresh out of Virginia Tech.

He turned 34 in June, making him "old" in today's NFL. During minicamp in June, Vick even had a young fullback address him as "sir" in the huddle.

"That baffled me a little bit," Vick said at the time with a chuckle. "I'm not that old and I have to reiterate that over and over again."

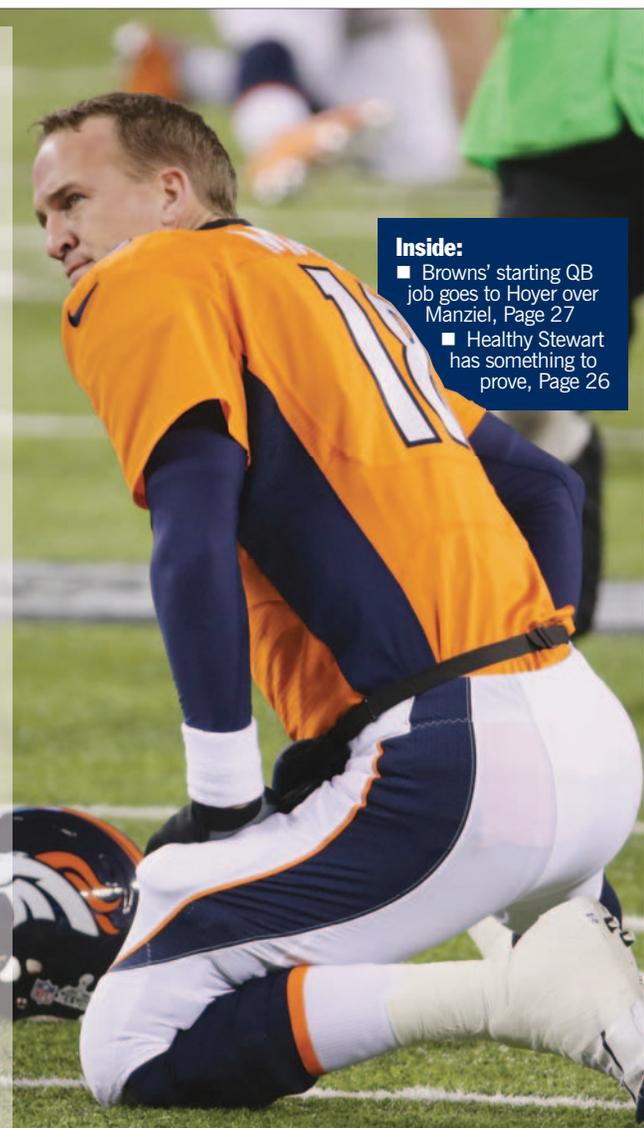
But in the time-warped world of professional sports, anything past 30 opens conversations about players being past their prime. If you get to 35, well, then the geriatric jokes start flying.

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TONY TRIBBLE/AP

New York Jets quarterback Michael Vick, left, had a young fullback address him as "sir" in the huddle during a minicamp in June, the same month he turned 34.



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Denver's Peyton Manning warms up before the start of Super Bowl XLVIII on Feb. 2. At 38, Manning is entering his 17th season in the NFL and is still one of the top quarterbacks in the league.

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