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Afghan security forces inspect the site of a suicide attack near a building used by Taliban fighters during a clash with security forces in Kabul on July 17. With the U.S.-led combat mission in Afghanistan winding down, a recent report states that violence levels in the country are higher than at any time during the war.

### Obama demands that Russia help with access to Ukraine crash site

By MICHAEL BIRNBAUM AND ANTHONY FAJOLA  
*The Washington Post*

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DONETSK, Ukraine — The Ukrainian military on Monday renewed its assault on this rebel-held city, even as international investigators in the region were trying to secure the remains of those killed in the shutdown last week of a Malaysia Airlines airliner.

In Washington, President

Barack Obama demanded Monday that Russia use its influence to compel pro-Russian separatists to allow the investigators full access to the victims and the crash site.

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DAN BALLET/AP

An Israeli soldier mourns in Holon, Israel, on Monday during the funeral of Maj. Tzafir Bar-Or, one of 13 soldiers killed in Shijaya on Sunday.

### Diplomacy intensifies as toll mounts in Gaza

By IBRAHIM BARZAK AND PETER ENAV  
*The Associated Press*

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Israeli tank shells struck a hospital in the Gaza Strip on Monday, killing four people and wounding 60, Palestinian officials said, as Israel's defense minister vowed to press on with the war against

Hamas "as long as necessary." Meanwhile, U.N. chief Ban Ki-moon and U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry headed to Cairo to try to renew cease-fire efforts aimed at ending the Israel-Hamas fighting that has killed at least 530 Palestinians and 20 Israelis and displaced tens of thousands of Gazans in the past two weeks.

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OF THE DAY

**“I’m shocked, very shocked. I didn’t think that organization was still around. Yes, in the 1950s. But this is 2014, and it’s rather disconcerting to know.”**

— Chery Mion, who works in Fruitland Park, Fla., where an investigation has linked two city police officers with the Ku Klux Klan

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**MILITARY**

**New AF training seeks to curb sexism**

By **MONICA VAUGHAN**  
(Marysville, Calif.) *Appeal- Democrat*

Air Force personnel admit it’s difficult to call out their peers for sexist jokes or intervene in sexual harassment.

“I personally do not feel comfortable, but I still do it anyway because I don’t want to see what would happen next,” said Beale Air Force Base Technical Sgt. Julio Serrano.

“It starts off as a joke, but if a commander or squadron leader doesn’t nip that in the bud, (predators) can hide in that environment.”

Serrano, like every other airman at Beale, was recently trained to understand that sexual predators’ behavior can be tracked on a “continuum of harm.” It begins with sexist jokes, and if allowed, evolves into objectification, comments about a person’s body, inappropriate touching and finally to criminal sexual acts.

“There is a very clear link between sexual harassment and sexual assault,” Col. Phil Stewart, former commander of the 9th Reconnaissance Wing, told his airman before he left in June for a new assignment at the Pentagon.

Sexual assault in the military and the military’s historical response to those assaults have increasingly come under fire over

the last few years. The Air Force has responded with new training programs, additional resources for victims and increased transparency from the court.

Col. Douglas J. Lee, the new 9th Reconnaissance Wing commander, said Friday the Air Force takes sexual assault cases extremely seriously and such cases are prosecuted to the fullest extent of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

“Individuals who commit these crimes are a tiny fraction of people in the Air Force, and they do not represent the majority of the professional men and women who serve this great nation honorably,” Lee said.

One of the goals of the new training is to push airmen to be proactive and help identify sexual predators.

They’re learning to intervene when they witness inappropriate behavior and challenge internalized beliefs that may place the blame of sexual assault on victims.

Basically, Beale airmen have been enlisted in a new mission as foot soldiers in the campaign for cultural change to stop sexual assault.

“I want my airmen to root out bad airmen,” Stewart said.

That philosophy puts pressure on every airman to be a part of

the fight against sexual assault, Serrano said.

Cathy Knight, the civilian sexual assault response coordinator at Beale, said the most important initiative on base has been to replace “death by PowerPoint” presentations with briefings and training that are audience-specific, interactive, memorable and actionable.

“We feel we succeed when we get people talking — engaging in meaningful dialogue that helps change behaviors and the culture,” Knight said.

For example, airmen participated in a role-playing scenario during a four-hour mandatory training session in May. The group gathered in a break room to talk about an upcoming party. During the conversation, they ranked their female colleagues’ looks, talked about spiking the women’s drinks and placed bets on who would be able to have sex that night.

After the scenario was played out in groups of up to 25, airmen discussed the issues.

“A lot of people felt the airmen should have been approached in that break room,” Technical Sgt. Julio Serrano said. There were also comments that people could taste whether there was alcohol in a drink and that “they should know their body.”

The discussion was turned

back toward predator behavior and away from victim-blaming, Serrano said. “Although (a female airman) can put themselves in that state, they’re not asking for (sexual assault). We’re trying to get away from finding a way to blame the victim.”

“Comments like ‘She drank too much’ — that kind of mind set can prevent victims from reporting.”

As individuals see a situation and interpret it as problematic, they are trained to accept responsibility, decide how to handle it and act, Knight said.

“As each individual does this, it sets the example for others and becomes a self-sustaining part of our culture,” Knight said. “It also speaks to survivors of sexual assault that we do not ignore, tolerate or condone offenders.”

Knight said a lot of people would want to say something, and “it just takes one person to have the courage.”

Lt. Siobhan Bennett said she’s seen big changes and progress in the military’s sexual assault training in her two years in active duty in the Air Force.

“I think we have a good opportunity to make a big impact on this critical area, and like any critical issue, it requires a change in culture, and it will take time,” Bennett said.

**Air show wraps up**

A spectator examines a mock-up of an F-35 Lightning II at the Farnborough Airshow in Farnborough, England, on Sunday. The Joint Strike Fighter was scheduled to fly at the show, but the plane’s appearance was canceled after the fleet was grounded following an engine fire. The air show ended Sunday with a series of flight demonstrations that included more than 20 aerial displays with performances from the British Royal Air Force’s Red Arrows and a demonstration of some of the capabilities of a U.S. F-18 Super Hornet.

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## MILITARY

# Experts: McDonald must clean house at VA

By JON HARPER  
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON—Bob McDonald, President Barack Obama's pick to head up the troubled Department of Veterans Affairs, faces such a tightrope walk that experts say the way forward is clear: He must clean house.

"McDonald has to walk in and kind of dismantle all of those structures that would keep the culture in the same place," according to Todd Henshaw, the director of executive leadership programs at the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Business. "If you've been in an organization that's failed across the board the way the VA has, the writing is on the wall and probably a lot of the senior people have to go. ... He's going to need some people coming in from the outside" with "some experience and some success leading organizations through turnaround and transformations."

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James Clawson, a professor at the University of Virginia Darden School of Business, agrees. McDonald needs to do a "clean 100 percent sweep of senior management," he said in an email. "You can't get to 'B' with the horses who got you to 'A.'" McDonald's confirmation hearing is scheduled for next Tuesday.

Public outrage, political pressure and media scrutiny have mounted with revelations of gross misconduct and mismanagement at the department's hospitals, and veterans groups are fuming after accusations that long wait times for patient care, which VA employees covered up, led to the deaths of numerous veterans.

The VA system has also been plagued by a massive claims backlog that has kept veterans from receiving the benefits they've earned.

McDonald, a former Army paratrooper, was tapped by Obama to take over the VA due to a belief that his management experience, including a stint as president and CEO of Procter & Gamble Co, makes him an ideal candidate to cure the department's ills.

Legislation making its way through Congress would give the VA chief broader authority to fire people, and Henshaw believes turning it into law is a critical step in rooting out bureaucrats.

Professor J.P. Eggers, at the Northeastern University School of Business, said the new leadership also needs to evaluate middle managers to figure out whom to empower and whom to sideline.

"I would thoroughly expect that there would be a number of interviews [and] conversations to try and identify ... the ones who are too far gone to save in terms of their commitment to the existing status quo versus the ones who have the potential for leadership, who have the reputation within the organization, and will have the willingness to push for change; and finding ways to get

**'You can't get to "B" with the horses who got you to "A."'**

**James Clawson**  
professor at the University of Virginia Darden School of Business, on the task of cleaning house that greets Bob McDonald, right, should he be confirmed as Department of Veteran Affairs secretary



those people as involved as possible in identifying problems [and] identifying solutions," he said.

Clawson said McDonald needs to start implementing changes as quickly as possible, although transforming the system will be a multiyear process.

"No. 1, the public expects it," he said. "No. 2, you've got patients in line who are waiting for it. No. 3, the longer you wait to make the changes the more difficult they become, because the residual culture will continue to eat away at your strategy."

"In the first six months, if [McDonald] can't describe the charter for the organization, how we're going to go about it, the speed at which we're going to produce, and a willingness to get rid of the old folks and bring in new folks ... he's going to be sunk before he leaves the dock," Clawson said.

Experts also emphasized the importance of putting the right diagnostic systems in place and having clear metrics to identify problems and track progress.

McDonald needs to make "heavy investment in IT infrastructure to get good current

data," Clawson said, and he should have outside auditors confirm the information he's getting from insiders.

Henshaw thinks all veterans being served by the VA should be given online customer satisfaction surveys with questions that McDonald and his team develop.

"All of that information could be aggregated and distinguished by region, by hospital, by doctor, [and] by program," Henshaw said. "I mean, we're in the big-data century, right? So he would have access to all the customer service data he would want. ... Part of being customer-focused is hearing the voice of the customer."

Steven Spear, a senior lecturer at the MIT Sloan School of Management who has consulted for major health care providers, including the Boston area VA, said the VA's information systems need to measure things "as close to real time as possible" because speed is of the essence when trying to tackle problems in the health care field.

More than private-sector leaders, McDonald will have to be politically savvy, according to leadership experts.

"You have huge visibility, and you have a bully pulpit," Spear said. "The real question for this guy is ... whether he uses his position in a way that he's persuasive internally, he's persuasive externally, he's persuasive to Congress and the other stakeholders, he's persuasive to folks ... in the press, and so on and so forth. ...

"The same situation can be managed well or less well."

"A very deep challenge for a leader at the VA or any other organization like it is constantly shifting ... political winds that can pop in with the best of intentions," said Hal Gregersen, the executive director of the MIT Sloan Leadership Center. "That to me is the biggest challenge of running this kind of a system."

Henshaw warned that it will probably take five years or more to transform the VA, but McDonald might get fed up and not stick around that long if his reform efforts are thwarted by outside players.

"As CEO of Procter & Gamble ... he was always kind of running his own business, even though he had to keep stakeholders happy," Henshaw said. "... That's very different than leading a government bureaucracy like the VA, where Congress has oversight. I imagine that he's going to get very frustrated by Washington, by Congress, by legislation, by budgets."

"And I wouldn't be surprised if he left when the president left [in January 2017] just because he felt like he wasn't being as impactful as he thought he could be."

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## Novotny now has command he once put on his wish list

By ADAM L. MATHIS  
Stars and Stripes

RAF LAKENHEATH, England — The command of a unit instrumental in comforting U.S. allies unnerved by Russian actions in Ukraine changed hands Monday.

Col. Robert Novotny assumed command of the 48th Fighter Wing and RAF Lakenheath from Col. Kyle Robinson at a ceremony on base. Novotny, who has more than 540 hours of combat flying, was previously assigned to the 9th Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force and the International Security Assistance Force in Kabul, Afghanistan.

Novotny said he picked the 48th when someone asked about two years ago what command he might want someday.

"They're forward, they're in the fight [and] they're ready," Novotny said during the ceremony.

During almost those same two years, the 48th deployed to Afghanistan, Africa and the Persian Gulf and destroyed 477 targets during 4,600 combat flying hours,

according to an award citation for Robinson.

The 48th currently has airmen providing security for Air Force operations in Djibouti and F-15E Strike Eagles operating in the U.S. Central Command region, an area that includes Afghanistan.

The 48th has also been on the front line of the U.S. effort to bolster European allies nervous about Russia. Four F-15C Eagles were on the Baltic Air Policing mission earlier this year when Russian-aided separatists took control of Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula. In response to the concerns of Baltic states, Lakenheath later deployed six more F-15s.

"The public has once again been reminded of how important air superiority is, and it's because of our neighbors in the east," said Lt. Gen. Darryl Roberson, 3rd Air Force commander, who presided over the change of command.

The size of the 48th's fleet, the only Air Force F-15 wing in Europe, has recently been called into question by Gen. Philip Brindle, commander of U.S. European Command and supreme



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Col. Robert Novotny addresses the 48th Fighter Wing and other guests shortly after assuming command of the wing Monday at RAF Lakenheath, England. Novotny's last assignment was in Afghanistan.

allied commander Europe, said in June that officials had drafted "preliminary plans or results" to remove F-15s from Europe.

However, Defense Department leaders told Congress last week they may delay the downsizing of the European F-15 fleet to main-

tain a vigorous presence in the region.

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## MILITARY

# Vet cited for having 14 ducks

The Associated Press

**WEST LAFAYETTE, Ohio** — An Army veteran who was wounded during the Iraq War is worried a citation will result in him losing his 14 pet ducks, which he says are therapeutic.

Darin Welker, of West Lafayette, Ohio, was cited with a minor misdemeanor June 23 for having the ducks in his yard. He is scheduled to appear in Coshocton Municipal Court for a hearing Wednesday and could face a \$150 fine.

Welker, 36, is afraid he won't be permitted to keep the ducks, which he says help him with depression and post-traumatic stress disorder and keep him more active.

The village of West Lafayette, about 80 miles east of Columbus,

banned residents from keeping fowl and other farm animals in 2010.

West Lafayette Mayor Jack Patterson declined to comment on Welker's predicament and referred questions to village police Chief Terry Mardis, who couldn't be reached for comment.

Welker told the Coshocton Tribune that he's had the ducks since March. He said they motivate him to get out of the house so he can feed and clean up after them.

"They're quite a relaxing animal, and they help comfort me in different situations," Welker recently told the Tribune as he held one duck like a baby and stroked its neck. "[Watching them] keeps you entertained for hours at a time."

Welker served a year in Iraq

with the Army National Guard in 2005 and said he came home with a major back injury that required surgery in 2012.

The Department of Veterans Affairs paid for the back surgery but declined to pay for physical therapy recommended by his surgeon and did not provide him with counseling, he said. That's partly why he has come to rely on the ducks, he said.

Welker said he's planning to tell the judge how much the ducks have helped him. He said he has a letter from the VA's mental health department recommending he be allowed to keep them.

The 14 ducks live in a penned-in area in Welker's backyard, which also has kiddie pools so they can swim.



TREVOR JONES, COSHOCTON (OHIO) TRIBUNE/AP

**Iraq War veteran Darin Welker holds one of his ducks at his home in West Lafayette, Ohio.**



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**Brig. Gen. Christopher Cavoli receives the Joint Multinational Training Command colors from Lt. Gen. Donald Campbell, the commanding general of U.S. Army Europe and the 7th U.S. Army, during a ceremony at Grafenwöhr, Germany, on Monday.**



**Maj. Gen. Walter Piatt, the outgoing commander for the 7th Army Joint Multinational Training Command, addresses the gathered crowd.**

## Overseas training facility gets new chief

By MICHAEL DARNELL  
Stars and Stripes

**GRAFENWÖHR, Germany** — Newly frocked Maj. Gen. Walter Piatt handed over command of the U.S. Army's 7th Joint Multinational Training Command to Brig. Gen. Christopher Cavoli during a ceremony Monday.

Piatt's year as commander of the Army's largest overseas training facility was marked by rapid change, influenced heavily by the reshaping of the military's presence in Europe. During his tenure, Piatt oversaw the first major uses of the European rotational force during the recent

Combined Resolve training exercises, as well as the return of the heavy armor to European shores after its departure in 2013.

Piatt, who was frocked as a major general during the change-of-command ceremony, now heads to Wiesbaden, Germany, to replace Maj. Gen. Richard Longo, who is retiring later this year. Piatt will be the next deputy commanding general of U.S. Army Europe.

Cavoli was most recently deputy commanding general for operations of the 32nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, N.C. He now takes command of a train-

ing center whose stated mission of furthering multinational cooperation is, in his words, "a beautiful vision."

"This is like a dream come true," Cavoli said. "I have an operational history in the infantry and in combat arms units, both in peace and in combat. Also, I've had significant experience ... working with other nations' armies. "To bring those two things together, to get to work at a training center that is devoting itself to multinational interoperability, is like combing the two threads of my career into one rope, so I'm very excited."

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## Shooting at base on Okinawa is probed

By MATTHEW M. BURKE  
Stars and Stripes

**CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa** — The Naval Criminal Investigative Service is investigating a shooting that injured four U.S. servicemembers at Camp Schwab in northeast Okinawa, officials said.

No major injuries were reported, and all four are in stable condition, Marine Corps officials said in a statement.

The incident was reported to the Marine Corps Provost Marshal's Office about 10:45 a.m. Thursday, the statement said.

The incident, which involved a 9 mm pistol, appears to have been caused by negligence.

The Marines said they could provide no other details while the situation is under investigation.

"The Naval Criminal Investigative Service is currently investigating the incident," the statement said.

"There exists no evidence at this time to indicate this was an intentional shooting, or a result of anything other than negligence."

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NATION

# 2 Fla. town police officers linked to KKK

BY MIKE SCHNEIDER  
The Associated Press

FRUITLAND PARK, Fla. — Residents of this small town have been stunned by an investigative report linking two city police officers with the Ku Klux Klan, the secret hate society that once was violently active in the area.

The violence against blacks that permeated the area was more than 60 years ago, when the place was more rural and the main industry was citrus. These days, the community of fewer than 5,000 residents northwest of Orlando has been infused by the thousands of wealthier, more cosmopolitan retirees in the area. Those who live in the bedroom community, which is less than 10 percent black, have reacted not only with shock, but disgust that officers could be involved with the Klan, the mayor said.

"I'm shocked, very shocked," said Cheryl Mifala, who works in a Fruitland Park gift shop next door to the mayor's office. "I didn't think that organization was still



John Raoux/AP

**Fruitland Park, Fla., Police Chief Terry Isaacs stands in the hallway at the police department, where two police officers have been linked to the Ku Klux Klan.**

around. Yes, in the 1950s. But this is 2014, and it's rather disconcerting to know."

Mayor Chris Bell said he heard stories about a Klan rally that took place two years before he arrived in the 1970s, but he has never seen anything firsthand.

As recently as the 1960s, many in law enforcement in the South were members but "it's exceedingly unusual these days to find a police officer who is secretly a Klansman," said Mark Potok, a senior fellow at the Southern Poverty Law Center, which monitors hate groups.

Five years ago, Ann Hunnewell and her Florida police officer husband knelt in the living room of a fellow officer's home, with pillow cases as makeshift hoods over their heads. A few words were spoken and they, along with a half-dozen others, were initiated into the local chapter of the Ku Klux Klan, she said.

Ann Hunnewell's ex-husband, George Hunnewell, was fired, and deputy chief David Borst resigned from the 13-member Fruitland Park Police Department. Borst has denied being a member.

James Elkins, a third officer who Ann Hunnewell says recruited her and her husband, resigned in 2010 after his Klan ties became public.

While the Klan used to be politically powerful in the 1920s, when governors and U.S. senators were among its 4 million members, nowadays it is much less active than other sectors of the radical right and has fewer than 5,000 members nationwide, Potok said.

"The radical right is quite large and vigorous. The Klan is very small," he said. "The radical right looks down on the Klan."

Fruitland Park, though, has been dealing with alleged KKK ties and other problems in the police ranks since 2010, when Elkins resigned after his estranged wife made his membership public.

Last week, residents were told Borst and the Hunnewells had been members of the United Northern and Southern Knights Chapter of the Ku Klux Klan, though its presence in their town wasn't noticeable. The Florida Department of Law Enforcement sent the police chief a report linking the officers to the Klan based on information from the FBI.

## Trial opening in Detroit man's claim of self-defense shooting

By ED WHITE  
The Associated Press

DETROIT — Roused from sleep by the sound of pounding in the wee hours, a suburban Detroit man grabbed his shotgun, opened the front door and blasted a young woman in the face.

Is Theodore Wafer guilty of murder? Or did the 55-year-old use deadly force based on a reasonable fear that he was at risk?

Jury selection starts Monday in a trial that will put Wafer's self-defense claim to a tough test. The 19-year-old woman, Renisha McBride, was drunk but unarmed when she climbed the steps of his Dearborn Heights porch, 3½ hours after crashing her car a few blocks away.

Wafer, an airport employee who lives alone, is charged with second-degree murder, manslaughter and use of a gun during a crime. If convicted of the murder charge, he could face up to life in prison, although the actual term would likely be shorter.

Civil rights activists immediately seized on race after the November shooting — Wafer is white and McBride was black — and some likened it to the 2012 killing of Florida teenager Trayvon Martin. But race hasn't been an issue in court in the months leading to trial.

"If Ms. McBride had stayed at the scene of her car crash, where help was on the way, Mr. Wafer would never have been put in the situation ... to use deadly force to protect himself," defense attorney Cheryl Carpenter said.

She said prosecutors have wrongly portrayed McBride as a "docile and meek."

"In fact she was aggressive. She was violent. She broke part of Mr. Wafer's house," said Carpenter, who believes McBride broke Wa-



Wafer

fer's screen door before the shooting, based on a defense expert's opinion.

Prosecutors, however, said Wafer had a better choice if he was

afraid: Stay behind his locked doors and call 911.

"Someone who claims lawful self-defense must have an honest and reasonable — not honest or reasonable — belief of imminent death or imminent great bodily harm," Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy said when she filed charges.

McBride's death capped a night of two shootings in Detroit and Dearborn Heights, a suburb that partially borders the city.

Around 1 a.m., McBride crashed into a parked car on a Detroit street about half a mile from Wafer's home in Dearborn Heights. Witnesses said her head was bleeding, likely from hitting the windshield, which was damaged. An ambulance was called, but McBride walked away before it arrived.

It's not clear what happened to McBride from that time until she arrived at Wafer's home around 4:30 a.m. They didn't know each other, and Carpenter said no words were exchanged before the shooting.

Prosecutors said she likely saw the glow from Wafer's television, which was still on, and probably decided to seek help.

An autopsy found McBride's blood-alcohol level was about 0.22, which is nearly three times above Michigan's legal limit for driving.

"His testimony is essential. Without it, I don't think they have much of a case" for self-defense, said Ronald Bretz, a professor at Cooley Law School and former defense lawyer. "If Mr. Wafer does a good, dramatic job of relaying his fear, he has a chance."

Bretz said the composition of the jury will be important, especially the number of jurors from suburban Detroit.

"Many of the white people in Dearborn Heights feel they are on the edge of the battle line," he said, referring to high-crime Detroit.

## Ohio infant killed by dog with history of attacking

The Associated Press

DAYTON, Ohio — Police in Dayton said a dog attacked and killed a 7-month-old boy.

Police told The Dayton Daily News that the baby's step-grandmother was watching the infant for the day when her dog attacked and killed him Sunday afternoon.

A Montgomery County coroner's investigator says the baby, whose name hasn't been released, is from another state.

An autopsy was planned for Monday.

An animal control officer removed the dog.

Montgomery County records show an American Staffordshire terrier, which resembles a pit bull, is registered at the address where the baby was killed.

A June 3 police report shows the same dog attacked and injured another dog before it got away.

People who gathered at the home after the attack cried and screamed. Police said the step-grandmother was extremely distraught.

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NATION

# Child migrant surge shifts the politics of immigration

By NICHOLAS RICCARDI  
The Associated Press

The surge of Central American children crossing the U.S.' southern border has shifted the politics of immigration, weakening one of the most potent arguments Democrats plan to make against Republicans in November and in the next presidential election.

In the past month, the number of Americans who rank immigration as the nation's top problem has tripled in surveys conducted by Gallup — putting the issue on par with the economy and unemployment as the most frequently named issues facing the country.

Last week, a poll from the Pew Research Center found a 5 percentage point drop in support for the Democrats' long-stalled immigration fix, which would beef up border security while at the same time creating a path to citizenship for many of the 11 million people living in the United States illegally.

That idea remains popular, backed by 68 percent of those polled, having gained support in the past few years as the recession and a surge of Border Patrol agents quieted the border. But Roberto Suro, a former director of the Pew Hispanic Center, said that when the media focuses on trouble at the border, support for such a citizenship effort drops.

In the same Gallup survey, a plurality of Americans said they favor swifter deportations of migrant children and trust Republicans more than Democrats to fix the issue.

"The most potent imagery in immigration politics has been when things are out of control," said Suro, now a journalism professor at the University of South-



CLM MURRAY, THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER/AP

Cal Armin, who came to participate in an anti-illegal immigration rally, takes a photo of a counter-demonstration Friday in Philadelphia.

ern California. "Those three words often spell a turn toward restriction, regardless of what the actual circumstance is."

The political changes come as alarm rises about the more than 57,000 children who have entered

the country since October, many of whom are languishing in makeshift detention facilities as the country's overwhelmed immigration courts fail to keep pace with the need to provide each child a hearing before a judge.

# Hopefuls find sweet spot as Peach State Senate runoff nears

The Associated Press

FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. — Neither Republican running in Georgia's closely watched Senate race has a natural advantage in metro Atlanta, where the state's most populous area and a ring of northern exurbs are serving as the key battleground ahead of Tuesday's runoff.

Both Rep. Jack Kingston, of Savannah, and former Dollar General CEO David Perdue have been spending a major portion of their time and money wooing voters along the busy stretches of Interstates 75 and 85 just before they merge south of downtown Atlanta and then as they split off heading for north Georgia and some of the most Republican parts of the state.

It marks a gigantic "X" on the map, and both campaigns are zeroed in on running up their support in the area. Kingston spent all day Friday in the northern Atlanta suburbs and was back again on Sunday. Perdue has been crisscrossing all of north Georgia and the northern suburbs and exurbs of Atlanta as part of an RV tour launched nearly two weeks ago.

"It's up for grabs," said veteran Republican strategist Chip Lake, noting that up to 70 percent of GOP primary voters live within the metro Atlanta media market, which covers much of north Georgia.

Certainly, no candidate can ignore metro Atlanta and north Georgia and have any hope of winning a statewide election. But the dynamics of this particular race, which has already garnered national attention as Republicans seek control of the Senate, means the election will likely be won or lost based on what happens there.

Kingston, a well-liked con-

gressman in his Savannah district, dominated coastal counties in the May primary. Overall, Kingston finished second to Perdue among a crowded field of Republicans.

The winner of Tuesday's runoff will face Michelle Nunn, considered one of the top Democratic recruits in the country and among

the best hopes for Democrats seeking to keep a Senate majority. But the coastal areas alone can't carry him across the finish line, and Kingston will have to perform very well in metro Atlanta and north Georgia.

Perdue, who hails from middle Georgia but has a base on the coast, did very well in north Georgia during the primary, capturing a majority of counties across the area. Although it's his first political campaign, his cousin is former Gov. Sonny Perdue and his campaign advisers are all veterans of state politics.

Perdue knows he must build on his primary vote totals and broaden his base of support. Meanwhile, Kingston has smartly collected endorsements from two of their former rivals with metro Atlanta support who finished third and fourth in the primary.



Perdue



Kingston

# June data show super PAC fundraising can't miss in Miss.

By PHILIP ELLIOTT  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The political parties, their campaign committees and super PACs faced a Sunday deadline to disclose how much donors gave and how much operatives spent in June. Here are some highlights from the filings:

**Mississippi good for fundraising.** The anti-tax Club for Growth Action last month had its second-best fundraising haul this election cycle as it raised money to pour into Chris McDaniel's bid to deny incumbent Republican Thad Cochran a seventh term in the Senate.

McDaniel had a narrow edge over Cochran in their primary, but neither candidate captured more than 50 percent of the vote. That sent both into a runoff that has produced establishment Republicans and national figures

scrambling to ship millions to the state. Cochran captured more votes on the second round, but McDaniel's allies are threatening to challenge the results.

The Club for Growth Action, which demands anti-tax purity and punishes those who stray from that orthodoxy, raised \$1.2 million in June. In all, the Club for Growth Action fund spent roughly \$3.5 million in Mississippi as of June 30.

**Democrats paying down debt.** The Democratic National Committee narrowly outraised its Republican rival last month and cut its debt to just \$3 million, down from a onetime high of \$23 million.

The DNC raised almost \$9 million in June, while the Republican National Committee reported Sunday that it raised \$8.5 million. Despite narrowly being edged out last month, the RNC still

has \$14.4 million in the bank — roughly twice the DNC's almost \$7.8 million.

**House, Senate Democrats outraise GOP.** House and Senate Democrats' campaign arms alike again outraised their Republican rivals.

The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee raised \$10.9 million from donors in June and has \$50.9 million in its bank accounts. At the same time, the National Republican Congressional Committee said donors gave another \$9.6 million to the committee tasked with keeping House Republicans in the majority and has \$42.5 million saved.

On the other side of Capitol Hill, the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee reported that it raised \$7.2 million in June. The National Republican Senatorial Committee said it raised \$6 million.

**Donors for women.** The group dedicated to electing women who support abortion rights has raised almost \$32 million for federal candidates this cycle. Emily's List, which helps recruit, train and support pro-abortion rights candidates, has also spent close to \$32 million this cycle.

In June alone, the group raised \$3.2 million and spent \$2.1 million. It was the group's best fundraising month this campaign cycle.

**Two San Franciscans, \$3 million.** A pair of San Francisco billionaires gave a jump-start to an environmental super PAC.

Tom Steyer gave NextGen Climate Action, the group he founded, another \$2 million, bringing his year-to-date giving to \$4.1 million. Retired Golden West Financial Corp. executive Herb Sandler, meanwhile, wrote NextGen Climate Action a \$1 million

check. Steyer and Sandler were the only donors to NextGen Climate Action in June.

Steyer had pledged to spend \$100 million on this year's elections — perhaps as much as \$50 million of that from his own fortune.

**Rove-backed group slips in money.** American Crossroads, the super PAC backed by former George W. Bush chief strategist Karl Rove, saw its fundraising dip in June but still spent \$1.8 million.

The group, among establishment Republicans' favorite, raised almost \$113,000 in June — and \$100,000 came from Denver-based Hallador Energy Co.

The haul was a dramatic dip from the \$5.2 million the group raised in March. Even so, the group still has \$2.9 million saved to pay for the ads it has booked in the fall.

NATION



JESSE TINSLEY, THE (SPOKANE, WASH.) SPOKESMAN-REVIEW/AP

A firefighting plane drops water on a stubborn fire burning near Cheney, Wash., on Sunday. The fire started Saturday afternoon and spread to several thousand acres, driven by high winds.

# Weather may aid in wildfire fight

The Associated Press

WINTHROP Wash. — Forecasters say calmer winds and cooler temperatures are headed for a fire-scorched region of Washington state, conditions that could help firefighters in their battle against wildfires that have charred hundreds of square miles of terrain.

Sunday's official estimate put the wildfire burning in north-central Washington at more than 370 square miles, compared with 260 square miles on Friday.

The forecast for Monday and Tuesday called for lighter winds and temperatures, said Spokane-based National Weather Service meteorologist Greg Koch.

"Overall, it looks like the weather scenario is improving," Koch said.

Then on Wednesday a "vigorous" front is expected to cover Washington, bringing rain to much of the state. But it will also bring lightning, Koch said.

"The benefits of the system are still up in the air," he said. "We may get some rain where we need it, but we may also experience some lighting that could cause some new ignitions."

Okanogan County Sheriff Frank Rogers estimated that 150 homes have been destroyed, but suspects that number could be higher. His deputies haven't been able to search parts of the county where homes are spread miles apart.

No serious injuries have been reported, Rogers said.

There are nearly 1,400 firefighters battling the flames, assisted by more than 100 fire engines, helicopters dropping buckets of water and planes spreading flame retardant.

On Sunday, Rogers was driving to the town of Twisp to survey the damage.

"It's the first time in four days I've seen blue sky," he said. "Every day, when you got up, it was nothing but smoke. All we've seen of

the sun is a red ball."

Although the weather is improving, the towns in the scenic Methow Valley remain without power and have limited landline and cellphone service. Okanogan County Public Utility District officials told KREM that fully restoring power to the area could take weeks.

Gov. Jay Inslee said Friday about 50 fires were burning in Washington, which has been wracked by hot, dry weather, gusting winds and lightning. About 2,000 firefighters were working in the eastern part of the state, with about a dozen helicopters from the Department of Natural Resources and the National Guard, along with a Washington State Patrol spotter plane.

Karina Shagren, spokeswoman for the state's Military Department, said 100 National Guard troops were on standby, and up to 1,000 more in Yakima could receive additional fire training. Active-duty military could be called in as well, Inslee said.

# Train derails after collision

The Associated Press

SLINGER, Wis. — A Canadian National Railway Co. train struck another freight train as it rolled through a small village in Wisconsin, causing cars to derail, injuring two people and spilling thousands of gallons of diesel oil that prompted the evacuation of dozens of homes.

The southbound Canadian National train struck several Wisconsin & Southern Railroad cars around 8:30 p.m. Sunday at a rail crossing in Slinger, according to Patrick Waldron, a Canadian National spokesman.

Three engines and 10 railcars derailed, Slinger Fire Chief Rick Hanke said. Slinger is northwest of Milwaukee. An engineer and conductor on the Canadian National train were taken to a hospital with injuries that were not life-threatening, Waldron said Monday.

About 5,000 gallons of diesel spilled from a locomotive fuel tank, Hanke said. Hazardous materials crews placed booms around the spilled fuel and crews worked to upright the derailed cars Monday morning.

Some 100 people who live near the crash site were evacuated from their homes as a precaution but they were allowed to return around 1:30 a.m., Hanke said.

Details about the cause of the crash were not available early Monday. Waldron could not say if the Wisconsin & Southern train was stationary at the time of the collision. A representative for Wisconsin & Southern could not immediately be reached.

Waldron said the Canadian National train was headed from Fond Du Lac, Wis., to Champaign, Ill.

# Shark sightings cause a memorabilia frenzy

The Associated Press

CHATHAM, Mass. — In "Jaws," the fictional mayor tried to protect the summer tourism season by keeping a lid on reports of the man-eater lurking offshore. As sightings of great white sharks mount off Cape Cod in real life, however, businesses in the Massachusetts town of Chatham are embracing the frenzy.

Shark T-shirts are everywhere. "Jaws" has been playing in local theaters and boat tours are talking more tourists out to see the huge seal population that keeps the sharks coming. Harbormasters have issued warnings but — unlike the sharks in the movies — the great whites generally are not seen as a threat to human swimmers.

Tourists peer through coin-operated binoculars in hopes of catching a glimpse of a shark fin from the beaches of Chatham. The posh resort town is on the elbow of the cape that has a large population of gray seals — the massive animals whose blubber is the fuel of choice for great white sharks. Local shops sell jewelry, candy, clothes, stuffed animals and beverages with shark motifs.

A study released last month by scientists at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration found the number of great white sharks off the Eastern U.S. and Canada is surging after decades of decline. Conservation efforts and the greater availability of prey such as Massachusetts' seals, are credited with the reversal.



STEVEN SENNE/AP

An eyeglass holder in the shape of a shark rests on a shelf in a souvenir shop in Chatham, Mass.

# 6 die in pair of air crashes in Ariz. over the weekend

The Associated Press

SEDONA, Ariz. — Only a few hours separated two fiery small plane crashes in northern Arizona that left six people dead over the weekend, authorities said.

The first was reported around 3 p.m. local time Sunday, when hikers in the Bear Mountain area reported the crash and a possible fire, according to the Federal Aviation Administration. The Yavapai County Sheriff's Office said four died in the crash near Sedona.

The Sheriff's Office said fire crews found the single-engine plane about 6 p.m. in Fay Canyon.

The Arizona Republic reported that firefighters, including helicopters and ground crews,

responded.

In northern Arizona's Mohave County near the Utah border, authorities said a small plane crashed, killing two people.

Sgt. John T. Bottoms, of the Arizona Department of Public Safety, told Salt Lake City's KSL-TV the crash occurred about 6:30 p.m. PDT.

The FAA said the plane went down "under unknown circumstances" and was on fire.

Bottoms said crews helped to reach the plane, which was on a ledge, and used water backpacks to extinguish the blaze.

There was no word Sunday on the identities of any of the dead or the causes of the crashes. The FAA and the National Transportation Safety Board will investigate both crashes.

## UKRAINE UNREST

In Netherlands,  
anger at how  
bodies handled

By MIKE CORDER  
The Associated Press

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — The families and friends of Dutch citizens blown out of the sky above Ukraine poured out their grief and anger Monday at a meeting with their monarch and political leaders.

“This terrible disaster has left a deep wound in our society,” a sober King Willem-Alexander said after meeting the next of kin at a private meeting. “The scar will be visible and tangible for years to come.”

The Dutch have widely condemned the way the bodies of the victims have been treated in Ukraine and the fact they have not yet been returned home, four days after the downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 killed 298 passengers and crew, including 193 Dutch citizens.

In an unusual move that underscored the severity of the national trauma, the king gave a brief televised address to the country after meeting hundreds of grieving relatives and friends of the dead near the central city of Utrecht.

“Many people said to us, ‘We at least want to take dignified leave of our loved ones,’” he said. “We understand their frustration and their pain. And we share their

### Train with victims leaves rebel town

HRABOVE, Ukraine — A refrigerated train bearing the bodies of many of the 298 people killed in the Malaysia Airlines plane disaster pulled away Monday afternoon from a rebel-held town in eastern Ukraine.

An Associated Press reporter saw the train leave from Torez, 9 miles from the crash site, and overheard armed separatists saying it was heading for the rebel-held town of Ilovaysk.

There was no official confirmation of that destination from the rebels.

Earlier in the day, Dutch experts had called for a full forensic sweep of the Flight 17 crash site and urged separatists guarding the rail cars that the train must be allowed to leave as soon as possible.

From The Associated Press

heartfelt wish for clarity on the cause of this disaster.”

Speaking after the same meet-



MYKHAILO MARKIIV/AP

The Netherlands' ambassador in Ukraine, Kees Klompenhouwer, left, and Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko express their condolences outside the Dutch Embassy in Kiev, Ukraine, on Monday. The downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 killed 298 passengers and crew, including 193 Dutch citizens.

ing, Prime Minister Mark Rutte also acknowledged the nation's discontent.

“All of the Netherlands feels their anger,” Rutte said. “All of the Netherlands feels their deep grief. All of the Netherlands is standing with the next of kin.”

Victor Jammers, policy director of the organization “Victim Support Netherlands,” also was in the meeting. He said relatives also were angry at being kept in the dark.

“The people I spoke to direct their anger of course to the Ukraine and to Russia, to give you an example, but there is also anger toward the Dutch government, because relatives wanted more information than they got in

the past days,” he said.

One of the questions many are asking is: Will the perpetrators face justice?

Prosecutors in the Netherlands said they have begun a criminal investigation, though it remains unclear exactly where any suspects might face a court, if they can be tracked down.

One relative who said she was going to the meeting was Silene Fredrikz-Hoogzand, whose son Bryce and his girlfriend Daisy Oehlers died on their way to a vacation in Bali.

She expressed disbelief Sunday at how the bodies have been treated.

“Bodies are just lying there for three days in the hot sun,” she told

The Associated Press. “There are people who have this on their conscience. There are families who can never hold the body of a child or a mother.”

Before meeting the next of kin, Rutte briefed lawmakers who had hurried back from their summer recess. He told them that getting the bodies home as soon as possible was his government's top priority. He said a Dutch military transport plane is ready to repatriate the remains.

Rutte said he has made it “crystal clear” to Russian President Vladimir Putin that he must use his influence with rebels to ensure unhindered access to the crash scene for international investigators.

## Ukraine: Malaysia says it will receive black boxes and investigate crash

### FROM FRONT PAGE

Noting that Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has declared a demilitarized zone around the crash site near the Russian border, Obama said the rebels who control the area are continuing to block an investigation, are removing evidence from the scene and are mishandling the remains of passengers and crew among the 298 people who were killed when the plane was shot down Thursday over eastern Ukraine.

The burden is now on Russia and President Vladimir Putin to insist that the separatists “stop tampering with the evidence” and grant immediate, full and unimpeded access to the crash site, Obama told reporters outside the White House. He said the United States will raise this issue Monday at the United Nations.

In the Malaysian capital, Kuala Lumpur, Prime Minister Najib Razak echoed the calls for access to the crash site and announced that the two black boxes from Flight 17 would be handed over Monday night to a Malaysian team in Donetsk.

Najib disclosed in a late-night speech that Malaysian officials have been working behind the scenes with the rebels in charge of the crash site in an effort to “secure vital evidence,” launch an independent investigation into the cause of the crash and recover remains.

He said he spoke to Alexander Borodai, the self-appointed prime minister of the rebel area, and the two agreed that the black boxes would be handed over at 9 p.m. local time in Ukraine (2 p.m. EDT). The two also agreed that independent international investigators would be guaranteed safe access to the crash site to begin a full investigation of the incident, Najib said.

Malaysia currently has a team of about 80 investigators in Kiev along with the country's transport minister, Liow Tiong Lai, and high-ranking officials from Malaysia Airlines.

“I ask that all parties continue to work together to ensure that this agreement is honored,” the prime minister said, “that the remains of our people are returned, that the black box is handed over, and that the international team

is granted full access to the site. Only then can the investigation into MH17 truly begin; only then can the victims be afforded the respect they deserve.”

The European Union, meanwhile, appeared to be moving toward a new round of sanctions against Russia. E.U. foreign ministers were scheduled to meet in Brussels on Tuesday to consider possible steps including additional asset freezes and travel bans on Putin's inner circle. But a hard-line bloc led by Britain was pushing for far more.

British Prime Minister David Cameron openly criticized other European nations reluctant to get tougher on Russia and suggested he would seek to slap Moscow with potentially broader sectoral sanctions if it did not pressure the separatists to cooperate.

“If Russia does not change course, then we must be clear that Europe must keep increasing pressure,” Cameron said. “Russia cannot expect to continue enjoying access to European markets, European capital, European knowledge and technical expertise while the fuels conflict in one of Europe's neighbors.”

In central Donetsk, explosions and artillery fire could be heard from the direction of the city's train station and airport, and a spokesman for the pro-Russian rebels said there was also fighting near the central market.

Portions of the city 40 miles from the crash site were closed off.

“This is a planned offensive,” said a Ukrainian military spokesman, Vladislav Sleznev. The military is trying to push rebels away from the airport, he said. “Aviation and artillery are not aiming at civilian residences. Their only aim is to block the terrorists and fighters.”

In an interview on CNN, Poroshenko said 16 bodies are still missing from the 298 killed in the crash.

He said the rest are on refrigerated train cars that are supposed to depart the rebel-held town of Torez at 7 p.m. local time under international supervision.

At the same time, Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk continued to build a case being made by Washington and Kiev that pro-Moscow separatists and Russian forces worked hand

in hand in acquiring and operating the missile battery believed to have been used to shoot down the jetliner Thursday.

He said the rebels alone did not have the technical ability to operate such sophisticated equipment. He implicated Russia in aiding them and called for an international investigation to establish the facts.

“Drunk guerrillas cannot manage this system,” Yatsenyuk told reporters Monday in Kiev. “They need to work in cooperation with another radar system that we don't have in Ukrainian territory, and we want an international investigation to get the real facts of who targeted the flight.”

Obama said foreign leaders he has called in recent days were “in a state of shock, but also frankly in a state of outrage” over the shoot-down and its aftermath. Teams of international investigators “need to be able to conduct the flight and full and unimpeded, as well as a transparent, investigation,” he said.

Rebel actions to block full access and remove evidence raise the question, “what are they trying to hide,” Obama said.

WORLD

# Libyan clashes kill 47

By MAAMOUN YOUSSEF  
The Associated Press

CAIRO — Clashes between rival Libyan militias fighting for control of the international airport in the capital, Tripoli, have killed 47 people over the last week, Libya's Health Ministry said.

The ministry said on its website late Sunday that the fighting also left 120 people wounded.

The weeklong battle over the airport is being waged by a powerful militia from the western city of Zintan, which controls the facility, and Islamist-led militias, including fighters from Misrata, east of Tripoli. The clashes resumed Sunday after cease-fire efforts failed.

Television footage broadcast Sunday showed a mortar shell striking a Libyan Arab Airlines plane and a column of black smoke billowing from inside the airport, which has been closed since last Monday.

Libya is witnessing one of its worst spasms of violence since the ouster of longtime dictator Moammar Gadhafi in 2011. The rival militias, made up largely of former rebels, have forced a weeklong closure of gas stations and government offices.

In recent days, armed men have attacked vehicles carrying money from the Central Bank to local banks, forcing their closure. The Central Bank had said banks would reopen Sunday, but then remained closed as the fighting resumed.

Libyan government officials and activists have increasingly been targeted in the violence. Unknown gunmen kidnapped two lawmakers in the western suburbs of Tripoli on Sunday, a parliament statement said, and urged the government to intervene to free them.

Last Thursday, a female lawmaker in a liberal-leaning political bloc in the outgoing parliament, Fareha al-Barqawi, was killed in the eastern city of Darna. The motives behind the killing were not known, but such targeted killings — rampant in Libya over the past two years — have been blamed on the militias, which successive governments have struggled to control.

In the past two days in Benghazi, Libya's second-largest city, gunmen killed an army officer while he was driving home in his car, and a former special forces officer was shot dead in the downtown Salmani district.

The U.N. Support Mission in Libya said last week it was temporarily withdrawing its staff because of the deteriorating security situation.



KARIM KADIM/AP

**Iraqi men line up outside the main army recruiting center in Baghdad on Monday to volunteer for military service after authorities urged Iraqis to help battle insurgents.**

## Typhoon kills 11 in Vietnam; China's death toll reaches 26

The Associated Press

HANOI, Vietnam — A typhoon that barreled into northern Vietnam killed at least 11 people and left several missing, state media said Monday, while in China the death toll from the strongest storm to strike the country's south in four decades rose to 26.

Typhoon Rammasun made landfall in Vietnam over the weekend, triggering heavy floods, destroying homes and crops, and blocking roads with landslides, said the Vietnam News, an English-language daily published by the official Vietnam News Agency.

The paper's website carried photos that showed streets and local markets in the city of Lang Son and elsewhere submerged in water, with residents floating on

rubber tires or rafts or huddling under makeshift tents.

Rammasun had earlier battered southern China, killing 26 people and destroying tens of thousands of homes, according to China's official Xinhua News Agency.

It was the strongest typhoon to hit China's southern region in 41 years, damaging roads and ports, cutting electricity and water supplies, and hampering rescue efforts as it swept through dozens of coastal cities.

Worst hit was the island province of Hainan, where the storm made its first landfall Friday. By Monday, 51,000 houses and 100,300 acres of crops had been destroyed.

The typhoon wreaked havoc in the northern Philippines last week, leaving 94 people dead.



AP

**A woman stands near a tree uprooted by Typhoon Rammasun in Nanning, China.**

# Overnight attacks in Iraq kill at least 16

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Attacks overnight in two Iraqi cities killed at least 16 people, officials said Monday as authorities struggle to stop the Sunni militants' offensive that has left huge areas in northern and western Iraq outside of government control.

In one of the attacks, mortar rounds rained down on Shiite neighborhoods in the town of Mahmudiya on Sunday night, killing 11 civilians and wounding 31, a police official said.

The mixed Shiite-Sunni town is about 20 miles south of Baghdad.

In Baghdad's western suburb of Abu Ghraib, a roadside bomb struck an army patrol, killing two soldiers and three volunteers who

took up arms following the Sunni militant push across Iraq in recent weeks.

Eight people were wounded in that attack, the police official said.

Two medical officials confirmed the casualty figures. All officials spoke on condition of anonymity.

In early January, the extremist group now known as the Islamic State seized control of the city of Fallujah, west of Baghdad, as well as parts of the nearby city of Ramadi, the capital of western Anbar province.

In June, the Islamic State launched a massive blitz offensive that brought large swaths of northern and western Iraq under its control.

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WORLD

# Gaza: Fighting claims lives of 24 members of single family

FROM FRONT PAGE

Despite the new diplomatic push, Israel continued to attack targets in the densely populated coastal strip from the air and from tanks, while Hamas fired more rockets and tried to infiltrate into Israel.

A dozen shells hit the Al Aqsa hospital in the town of Deir el-Balah on Monday, Palestinian health official Ashraf al-Kidra said. He said four people were killed and 60 wounded when the shells landed in the administration building, the intensive care unit and the surgery department.

Live footage on Hamas' Al Aqsa TV station showed the wounded being moved on gurneys into the emergency department.

A doctor at the hospital, Fayeze Zidane, told the station that shells hit the third and fourth floors as well as the reception area.

The Israeli military said it was looking into the report.

In one of several airstrikes, 25 people were buried under the rubble of a home in the southern town of Khan Younis, including 24 from the same family. Rescue workers pulled the bodies from the wreckage Monday.

"Twenty-five people," said family member Sabri Abu Jamea. "Doesn't this indicate that Israel is ruthless? Are we the liars? The evidence is here in the morgue refrigerators."

Another Israeli airstrike hit the home of the Siyam family in southern Gaza, near the town of Rafah, said the Palestinian Center for Human Rights. The strike killed 10 people, including four young children and a 9-month-old baby girl, al-Kidra said.

Hamas militants, meanwhile, tried to sneak into Israel through two tunnels, the latest in a series of such attempts. The Israeli military said 10 infiltrators were killed after being detected and targeted by Israeli aircraft. Hamas also fired 50 more rockets at Israel, including two at Tel Aviv, causing no injuries or damage. Since the start of the Israeli operation, Hamas has fired almost 2,000 rockets at Israel.

Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Yaalon said the Gaza military operation would have no time limit.

"If needed, we will recruit more reservists in order to continue the operation as long as necessary until the completion of the task and the return of the quiet in the whole of Israel, especially from the threat of the Gaza Strip," Yaalon told a parliamentary committee.

Israel accepted an Egyptian call for an unconditional cease-fire last week, but resumed its offensive after Hamas rejected the proposal.

Hamas says that before halting fire, it wants guarantees that Israel and Egypt will significantly

ease a seven-year border blockade of Gaza.

"The resistance (Hamas) will not respond to any pressure," Hamas spokesman Sami Abu Zuhri said in a text message, in a reference to the renewed cease-fire efforts.

Kerry left Washington early Monday for Cairo, where he will join diplomatic efforts to resume a truce that had been agreed to in November 2012.

Hamas remains deeply suspicious of the motives of the Egyptian government, which has banned the Muslim Brotherhood, to which Hamas also belongs.

Israel invaded Gaza late last week, preceded by a 10-day air campaign. Air and artillery strikes have targeted Gaza's border areas in an attempt to destroy tunnels and rocket launchers.

Sunday marked the single deadliest day in Gaza since the conflict erupted on July 8, with more than 100 Palestinians killed, according to Palestinian health officials.



Nissim Sean Carmeli, left, poses with Rabbi Asher Hecht in Jerusalem.

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# 2 Americans killed in conflict

By TAMI ABDOLLAH AND SARAH RANKIN  
The Associated Press

Max Steinberg and Nissim Sean Carmeli grew up in America. But they both developed a passion for Israel.

The young men's love of Israel ultimately led them to join the Israel Defense Forces, and they ended up fighting for the Jewish state in the Gaza Strip.

On Sunday, Steinberg, 24, and Carmeli, 21, were killed there. They were among 13 Israeli soldiers and 65 Palestinians killed Sunday during the first major ground battle in two weeks of fighting between Israel and Hamas.

Steinberg, whose family lives in Southern California's San Fernando Valley, was a sharpshooter for the Golden Brigade, his father, Stuart Steinberg, told The Associated Press on Sunday.

Earlier Sunday, the IDF said in a statement that Carmeli, 21, a sergeant, was killed in combat in the Gaza Strip. Carmeli was from South Padre Island, Texas, said Deputy Consul General of Israel to the Southwest Maya Kadosh. She said Carmeli moved to Israel four years ago, and added that the consulate helped his family get a flight there Sunday.

Rabbi Asher Hecht, of Chabad of the Rio Grande Valley in Texas, who is a longtime family friend, said Carmeli joined the Israeli army after finishing high school in Israel and was in the Go-



COURTESY OF STUART STEINBERG/AP

Max Steinberg poses for a photo in Israel in June 2012 while on a trip to Israel.

lani Brigade. Carmeli was from Ra'anana, Israel, according to the IDF statement.

"He had great energy, yet had a kind and gentle soul," Hecht said. "It's been a very tough day for us. We lost a gem."

Carmeli was the youngest of three and has two sisters who currently live in Israel. He was "loved by his parents infinitely," Hecht said.

Steinberg was living in Beer-sheba, Israel. He attended Pierce College and El Camino Real High School in Southern California.

He visited Israel for the first time on a Birthright Israel trip with his younger brother and sister in June 2012, his father said. When he came home, he made an announcement to his parents that he was planning to return and join the IDF, Steinberg said. He made good on that promise less than six months later, making the move in December.

"He went back," Steinberg said. "He was completely dedicated and committed to serving the country of Israel. He was focused, he was clear in what the mission was, and he was dedicated to the work he needed to be doing."

On Sunday morning, the Steinbergs were visited by representatives from the Consulate General of Israel in Los Angeles. They broke the news of Max Steinberg's death.

Stuart Steinberg last spoke to his son at 4 a.m. PDT on Saturday, just hours before his death. Max Steinberg called his father to tell him that his group had been injured when two of their tanks collided. They had to return to Israel for treatment at the hospital. Some soldiers had broken bones, and Max Steinberg had sprained his back, his father said.

"He called me up at 4 a.m. that morning and said he'd be returning to Gaza, back to combat, to be with his friends," Steinberg said.

Steinberg said the family would leave on Monday for Israel, where their son will be buried.

# Obama voices concern about casualties in Mideast

By LARA JAKES  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama called Monday for a "communitarian" approach to focus on ending the fighting in the Gaza Strip, as Secretary of State John Kerry headed to the Middle East to make a renewed push for a cease-fire between Hamas and Israel.

During fresh concerns about the escalating casualty, Obama reaffirmed his belief that Israel has the right to defend itself against rockets being launched by Hamas into Israel. Yet he contended that Israel's military action in Gaza has already done "significant damage" to the Hamas terrorist

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President Barack Obama

infrastructure and said he doesn't want to see more civilians getting killed.

"We have serious concerns about the rising number of Palestinian civilian deaths and the loss of Israeli lives," Obama said. "And that is why it now has to be our focus and the focus of the international community to bring

about a cease-fire that ends the fighting and can stop the deaths of innocent civilians, both in Gaza and in Israel."

As Obama spoke from the South Lawn of the White House, Kerry was flying to Cairo, where he planned to join diplomatic efforts to resume a truce that had been agreed to in November 2012. He

will urge the militant Palestinian group to accept a cease-fire agreement offered by Egypt that would halt nearly two weeks of fighting. More than 500 Palestinians and 20 Israelis have been killed in that time.

The Obama administration, including Kerry, is sharpening its criticism of Hamas for its rocket attacks on Israel and other provocative acts, like tunneling under the border. It is also toning down an earlier rebuke of Israel for attacks on the Gaza Strip that have killed civilians, including children.

In a statement Sunday evening, State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki said the U.S. and international partners were "deeply

concerned about the risk of further escalation and the loss of more innocent life."

Cairo's cease-fire plan is backed by the U.S. and Israel. But Hamas has rejected the Egyptian plan and is relying on governments in Qatar and Turkey for an alternative proposal.

Qatar and Turkey have ties to the Muslim Brotherhood, which is also linked to Hamas but banned in Egypt.

Making the rounds of Sunday talk shows, Kerry said Hamas needs to recognize its own responsibility for the conflict.

"It's ugly. War is ugly, and bad things are going to happen," Kerry told ABC's "This Week."

# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Couple use baby monitor to foil break-in

**AL** LEXLEY — Alabama authorities said a burglar appears to have returned to the scene of his latest crimes one too many times after the victims caught him in the act using a hidden baby monitor.

The storage shed where Chad Stapleton, of Lexley, keeps equipment for his catering business was burglarized three times this month. Fed up, Stapleton and his wife set up a baby monitor inside.

Just before 4 a.m. Friday, the Stapletons heard noise on the monitor and called police. Officers arrived in time to chase a suspect. Stapleton said police found his generator, an ice chest and a portable cooking burner jammed into the suspect's car.

Gene Muggins was arrested on charges related to the burglaries.

## Police: Woman posted selfies in stolen dress

**IL** WEST FRANKFORT — Police investigating a theft of clothing from a southern Illinois boutique said they arrested a woman after she posted Facebook pictures of herself wearing the stolen duds.

Danielle Saxton, 27, of West Frankfort, is charged with misdemeanor retail theft. She's free on her own recognizance.

Authorities allege that a distinctive, leopard-print dress was among the items stolen July 11 from the Mortie's Boutique in West Frankfort.

The store's co-owner, Kert Williams, said he noticed the missing items and posted about the theft on Facebook. Facebook users who saw Williams' posting and those of Saxton made the connection and helped police.

## Jail to move inmates for electrical repairs

**TN** ALTAMONT — An eastern Tennessee jail is emptying its cells after several inmates were shocked because of electrical problems.

Grundy County Mayor Lonnie Cleek said a contractor needs unfettered access to the 1970s-era building and to be able to turn the power off as needed while making repairs. A state inspection found problems at the building that needed immediate fixing.

Cleek said that inmates were moved to other counties while the work took place.

The jail, built in 1973, hasn't been certified by the state since the 1990s.

Conditions have not improved much since more than \$100,000 was spent on fixes a couple of years ago to keep inspectors at bay while officials work toward a replacement jail.

## Bus brings showers to San Francisco homeless

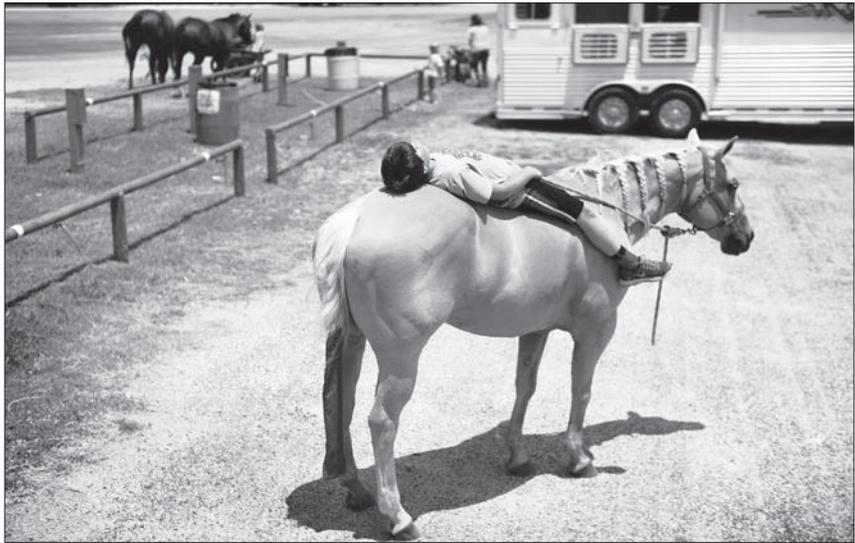
**CA** SAN FRANCISCO — Homeless people in San Francisco can now hop a bus to take a shower.

A nonprofit group has retrofitted a public transit bus with two

## THE CENSUS

# \$20M

The amount in tax returns involved in a massive tax fraud case for which the first of 10 defendants has pleaded guilty. Patrice Taylor, 24, of Midland, Ga., on Friday pleaded guilty in federal court in Montgomery, Ala., to one count of conspiracy to defraud the federal government. Taylor admitted stealing about 375 identities from a credit calling center where she worked in Columbus, Ga.



JOY LEWIS, THE ABILENE (TEXAS) REPORTER-NEWS/AP

## Too tired to trot

**Will Fairbanks, 9, rests Saturday on the back of his horse, Susie, after traveling from his home in Shallowater, Texas, for the 2014 State 4-H Horse Show at the Taylor County Expo Center in Abilene. Will and his sister, Katy, 13, participate in the show every summer. Their mother, Mary Fairbanks, said going to the show is their summer vacation.**

full, private bathrooms and is offering hot showers, clean toilets, shampoo, soap and towels free of charge.

The group, Lava Mae, says the bus is mobile, allowing it to reach homeless people scattered throughout the city. It also removes the potential for rent increases and evictions.

Lava Mae Founder Donice Sandoval said a shower is vital to help the homeless improve their circumstances.

The bus cost about \$75,000 to retrofit and was paid for through private donations, including from technology giant Google.

## Battleship to get \$1.6M in upgrades

**NJ** CAMDEN — The Battleship New Jersey is in line for some upgrades aimed at keeping it afloat financially as a museum.

The group that runs the ship on the Camden waterfront is planning \$1.6 million in work and hopes to get a bond guarantee from the Camden County government to ease the financing.

Executive Director Philip Rowan said a key improvement would be replacing the electric heating system with natural gas. That's expected to save the op-

eration nearly \$500,000 per year, providing cash to help it pay off \$1 million in debt.

Other changes include replacing mooring lines, repairing gangways and upgrading elevators.

## New signs: 'Welcome to Sweet Home Alabama'

**AL** MONTGOMERY — Tourists traveling into Alabama on interstate highways will soon be greeted by signs saying "Welcome to Sweet Home Alabama."

State tourism and transportation officials say the "Alabama The Beautiful" signs that have stood at the state line since 2003 will be replaced by the new "Sweet Home Alabama" signs over the next few months. Smaller versions of the signs will be on the grounds of the eight state welcome centers to serve as backdrops for travelers' photos.

Lynnyrd Skynyrd recorded "Sweet Home Alabama" in 1973 in Doraville, Ga., but Alabama has used the song title on car tags and in tourism promotions.

State Tourism Director Lee Sentell said the song is recognized all over the world and the phrase "Sweet Home Alabama" makes people happy.

## Cherokee Nation tells of plans for new casino

**OK** SOUTH COFFEYVILLE — The principal chief of the Cherokee Nation said the tribe will soon begin work on a new casino in northern Oklahoma near the border with Kansas.

Principal Chief Bill John Baker said the new casino in South Coffeyville will create about 100 jobs in the area. Ground-breaking on the casino is expected later this summer after construction bids are awarded and infrastructure improvements are finished.

The Tulsa World reported that the South Coffeyville casino will be the tribe's ninth casino within its 14-county jurisdictional area.

## Mosquito trap causes scare at power plant

**WY** ROCK SPRINGS — A suspicious device at a southwest Wyoming power plant turned out not to be a bomb, but it might have hurt a mosquito or two.

Security guards spotted the object at the Jim Bridger Power Plant about midnight Wednesday. The device had wires connected to a small battery.

A bomb squad was called out to the coal-fired power plant. Sweetwater County sheriff's officials said bomb experts looked over the device and X-rayed it.

It was a mosquito trap. Weed and pest officers routinely put out the traps to check for mosquitoes that carry the West Nile virus.

## Hospital worker admits to nude patient photo

**IA** WATERLOO — State records show a housekeeper at a Waterloo medical center was fired in May after she admitted to photographing a nude patient being treated at the hospital.

Kimberly J. Niedert said at a recent hearing for unemployment benefits that "stupidity" led her to take the photo on May 26 at the Covenant Medical Center. An administrative judge later denied her benefits request.

The female patient was being treated at the hospital's emergency room when Niedert used her cellphone to take a photo. The patient was unaware a photo was being taken.

Niedert, a 15-year hospital employee, was fired the next day. Hospital officials declined to comment on the case.

From wire reports

BUSINESS/WEATHER

# Consumers padding checking accounts

By E. SCOTT RECKARD  
Los Angeles Times

## \$4,436

With wounds from the Great Recession still fresh, chastened Americans are hoarding more cash in their checking accounts than at any time in the last 25 years.

The defensive stance, uncharacteristic of previous periods of low inflation and an improving economy, reflects how debt-burdened Americans have striven to clean up their personal finances since the recession ended five years ago.

The lack of attractive investment alternatives, with savings accounts paying next to nothing and the stock market already at lofty heights, is another factor, financial analysts said.

A report released Thursday by bank consulting firm Moebis Services Inc. calculated the average balance for U.S. checking accounts — \$4,436 at the end of last year — more than double the average of just \$788 in 2007, the last year before the near-meltdown of the nation's financial system, according to the study by Moebis, of Lake Bluff, Ill.

The average balance for U.S. checking accounts at the end of last year — more than double the average of \$2,100 over the 25 years of the annual survey, conducted by Moebis Services Inc., of Lake Bluff, Ill.

During good economic times, when unemployment and inflation are low, the average balance in consumer checking accounts is about \$1,400, the survey noted.

"When times get difficult, the consumer sits things out and checking balances get larger, normally upward to \$3,000 or a bit beyond," the study said. "Generally, there is higher unemployment, lower inflation and falling prices."

By contrast, free-spending Americans had allowed their

checking accounts to drop to an average of just \$788 in 2007, the last year before the near-meltdown of the nation's financial system, according to the study by Moebis, of Lake Bluff, Ill.

Previously confidential for its clients, the Moebis report is fresh evidence of how the devastating economic downturn worldwide has changed consumer habits, especially on spending and saving.

As people have been cleaning up their financial houses, they have only slowly increased spending, and that has helped to slow the recovery because spending typically represents about two-thirds of economic growth.

The study was based on Federal Reserve reports and proprietary data from 2,800 banks and credit unions, said economist G. Michael Moebis, who heads the firm. Moebis said he released the findings for the first time because he is confident his numbers could be

instead of \$4,400," Moebis said. "So what? It's still twice what we've seen in the past."

Moebis said the trend is challenging for financial firms, reducing their income from overdraft fees. He is urging his clients to prepare for a big withdrawal of funds whenever depositors decide the economy is strong enough for them to use the cash to pay down mortgages, take a vacation or buy cars.

UCLA economist Lee Ohanian said the study shows that despite a recent burst in jobs — employers have added more than 200,000 net new jobs in each of the last five months — there remain "some very troublesome issues in the economy."

Growth in productivity is running at less than half its usual rate, Ohanian said, and the number of long-term unemployed remains high.

"That weighs on people's minds," he said. "They think, 'If I lose my job will I be out of work for two years? It's scary.'"

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	\$1.3873
Euro costs (July 22)	€0.7208
Dollar buys (July 22)	\$1.75
Japanese yen (July 22)	¥99.00
South Korean won (July 22)	₩1,002.00

Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3771
British pound	\$1.7061
Canada (dollar)	1.0748
China (Yuan)	6.2117
Denmark (Krone)	5.1725
Egypt (Pound)	\$1.3518/0.7328
Hong Kong (Dollar)	1.7518
Euro (Forint)	229.03
Israel (Shekel)	3.4205
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7505
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2400
South Korea (Won)	1,027.21
Switzerland (Franc)	0.6894
Thailand (Baht)	31.92
Turkey (Lira)	2.1197

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
3-month bill	0.09
Federal funds market rate	0.09
3-month bill	0.01
30-year bond	3.29

## WEATHER OUTLOOK

### TUESDAY IN THE MIDDLE EAST



### TUESDAY IN EUROPE



### WEDNESDAY IN THE PACIFIC



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

Tuesday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	Chatanooga	87	71	Cldy	Fort Wayne	90	68	PCldy	Louisville	95	72	PCldy	Pocatello	91	55	Cir	Slou City	91	74	PCldy
Ablene, Texas	99	75	Cir	Cheyenne	88	59	Cir	Fresno	96	68	Cir	Lubbock	96	72	PCldy	Portland, Maine	80	60	PCldy	Sioux Falls	86	73	PCldy
Akron, Ohio	87	65	PCldy	Chicago	93	71	PCldy	Goodland	99	68	Cir	Macon	89	70	PCldy	Portland, Ore.	77	60	Cir	South Bend	90	71	PCldy
Albany, N.Y.	88	64	PCldy	Cincinnati	90	67	PCldy	Grand Junction	97	65	PCldy	Madison	89	70	Rain	Providence	83	64	PCldy	Spartanburg	82	59	Cldy
Albuquerque	96	69	PCldy	Cleveland	87	65	PCldy	Great Rapids	89	68	PCldy	Medford	89	63	PCldy	Pueblo	99	64	PCldy	Springfield, Ill.	92	78	Rain
Allentown, Pa.	88	66	PCldy	Colorado Springs	93	62	PCldy	Great Falls	84	57	PCldy	Memphis	91	70	PCldy	Raleigh-Durham	88	69	Cir	Springfield, Mo.	93	69	PCldy
Amarillo	98	70	PCldy	Columbia, S.C.	89	73	Cldy	Green Bay	88	71	Rain	Miami Beach	88	78	Rain	Rapid City	86	64	PCldy	St. Louis	89	66	PCldy
Anchorage	69	55	Cldy	Columbus, Ga.	90	70	Cldy	Greensboro, N.C.	86	68	PCldy	Midland-Odessa	99	74	PCldy	Reno	90	62	PCldy	Tallahassee	92	73	Rain
Ashville	80	65	Rain	Columbus, Ohio	90	68	PCldy	Harford Spfld	88	67	PCldy	Milwaukee	86	69	PCldy	Richmond	90	71	Cldy	Tampa	91	77	Rain
Atlanta	86	70	PCldy	Concord, N.H.	89	59	PCldy	Hartford Spfld	87	64	PCldy	Mpls-St Paul	88	67	PCldy	Rochester	87	66	PCldy	Toledo	90	65	PCldy
Atlantic City	85	68	PCldy	Corpus Christi	95	79	PCldy	Helena	86	59	PCldy	Missoula	87	54	Cir	Rochester	87	66	PCldy	Topeka	101	76	PCldy
Baltimore	85	66	PCldy	Dallas-Ft Worth	98	75	Cir	Honolulu	91	74	PCldy	Montgomery	91	73	Cir	Sacramento	88	62	Cir	Tulsa	97	75	Cir
Baton Rouge	91	73	PCldy	Dayton	89	66	PCldy	Houston	95	78	Cir	Nashville	91	71	PCldy	St. Louis	96	71	Cir	Tupelo	91	69	PCldy
Bilings	90	60	PCldy	Daytona Beach	92	74	Rain	Huntsville	90	71	PCldy	New Orleans	90	77	Cir	St. Petersburg	91	80	Rain	Wichita	89	66	PCldy
Birmingham	89	72	Cldy	Denver	96	64	PCldy	Indianapolis	90	68	Cir	New York City	86	68	PCldy	St. Thomas	90	79	PCldy	Washington	88	69	Cldy
Bismarck	82	63	Cldy	Des Moines	95	76	PCldy	Jackson, Miss.	90	68	Cir	Newark	86	68	PCldy	Salem, Ore.	87	58	Cir	Wilmington	89	74	PCldy
Boise	91	65	PCldy	Detroit	90	67	Cir	Jacksonville	89	73	Cir	Norfolk, Va.	85	71	Cir	Salt Lake City	97	68	Cir	Wichita Falls	100	74	PCldy
Boston	85	65	PCldy	El Paso	102	80	PCldy	Kansas City	95	74	PCldy	North Platte	94	67	Cir	San Antonio	99	75	Cir	Wichita Falls	100	74	PCldy
Bridgeport	85	66	PCldy	Elkins	85	62	PCldy	Key West	90	61	Rain	Okahoma City	97	72	PCldy	San Antonio	97	76	Cir	Wilkes-Barre	86	67	PCldy
Brownsville	96	80	PCldy	Erie	87	67	PCldy	Knoxville	88	70	Cir	Omaha	96	75	PCldy	San Diego	75	69	Cir	Wilmington, Del.	88	69	PCldy
Buffalo	87	66	PCldy	Eugene	79	56	Cldy	Lake Charles	88	75	PCldy	Orlando	95	75	Rain	San Francisco	73	61	PCldy	Yakima	85	62	Cldy
Burlington, Vt.	86	61	PCldy	Fairbanks	92	66	Cir	Lansing	89	62	PCldy	Pasadena	93	66	PCldy	Pendleton	88	62	Cir	Youngstown	86	62	PCldy
Caribou, Maine	86	61	PCldy	Fargo	72	52	Cldy	Las Vegas	104	82	PCldy	Lexington	93	68	PCldy	Peshtigo	99	80	PCldy				
Casper, Wyo.	91	56	Cir	Flagstaff	86	53	PCldy	Lincoln	97	75	PCldy	Philadelphia	89	70	PCldy	Savannah	89	73	Cir				
Charleston, S.C.	88	73	Cir	Flint	91	65	Cir	Little Rock	92	69	Cir	Phoenix	109	86	Cir	Seattle	77	57	Cir				
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National temperature extremes  
Hi: Sun., 115, Death Valley, Calif.  
Lo: Sun., 37, Rexburg, Wyo.

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Dilbert



Pearls Before Swine



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Get Fuzzy



Doonesbury



Fort Knox



Eugene Sheffer Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 Star-spangled banner
- 5 Brazilian city
- 8 Engrossed
- 12 Limping
- 13 Breakfast for Brutus?
- 14 Where David slew Goliath
- 15 Shakespeare's river
- 16 School fundraiser, often
- 18 Rest a bit
- 20 Up
- 21 Scepter
- 22 Auction action
- 23 Moshe of Israel
- 26 PETA-friendly wrap
- 30 Historic period
- 31 Bliss
- 32 Buckeyes' sch.
- 33 Duncan Hines product

DOWN

- 1 Level
- 2 Molten flow
- 3 Uncontrolled
- 4 Categories in biology
- 5 In a kimono
- 6 Terrible guy?
- 7 Erstwhile acorn
- 8 Dwell
- 9 "Oh, woe!"
- 10 Ashen
- 11 Afterward
- 17 Actor Estrada
- 19 Heavy weight
- 22 Serenade the moon
- 23 Calendar abbr.
- 24 Coach Parseghian
- 25 Tibetan bovine
- 26 Coop invader
- 27 Watch chain
- 28 Work with
- 29 Capek play
- 31 Huck's raftmate
- 34 Dermatologist's case
- 35 Sir counterpart
- 36 Slir-fry vessel
- 37 It may be covered in shadow
- 39 Sheriff's star
- 40 Blueprint
- 41 Tardy
- 42 One-named rapper
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- 44 Loathe
- 45 From the beginning
- 46 Thanksgiving veggies
- 48 Conger or moray

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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 Yesterday's Cryptquip: THICK, SOLID PIECES OR LUMPS OF VARIOUS THINGS DELIVERED THROUGH POST OFFICES: CHUNK MAIL.  
 Today's Cryptquip Clue: U equals S

FACES

# 'The Flash' latest TV superhero

From wire services

After a season heavy on darker supernatural fare and sci-fi projects, CW network president Mark Pedowitz said Friday at the Television Critics Association press tour in Beverly Hills, Calif., that he hopes the 2014-2015 season goes further in shedding the network's "teenage girl" image.

It does so this with it the launch of two new series: dramedy "Jane the Virgin," based on a Venezuelan telenovela about a hardworking religious girl who is accidentally artificially inseminated, and superhero drama "The Flash."

"We've set out over the last few years to broaden out the 18-34 audience," Pedowitz told reporters. "This year, we hope 'The Flash' and 'Jane the Virgin' broaden out the audience base."

"The Flash," a spinoff of the CW's hit superhero drama "Arrow," tells the origin story of fast-moving superhero Barry Allen. Pedowitz said he thinks networks have taken a cue from his playbook.

"One of the nice things is a lot of other networks have done comic book characters based on the success of 'Arrow,'" Pedowitz said.

Whether that's true or not, the 2014-2015 season is seeing a growing number of comic book-based storytelling.

NBC will launch "Constantine," based on the DC Comics franchise "Hellblazer" and "Constantine." Fox will roll out "Gotham," rooted in DC's canon of Batman and the Gotham world; ABC has two Marvel properties with "Marvel's Agents of SHIELD" and "Marvel's Agent Carter."

## Other TV news

■ **Alexandra Shipp** has very little time to get ready for her new role as the late R&B singer Aaliyah. Lifetime spokeswoman Kanyie Yu LaPack confirmed July 18 that Shipp, 23, will play the singer, who died in a plane crash in 2001. Shipp replaces Zendaya in the Lifetime biopic "Aaliyah: Princess of R&B." Zendaya pulled out of production last month. Filming will start later this month, and the biopic will be released this fall.

■ **TNT** announced July 18 that it has renewed three of its summer dramas. "The Last Ship," "Major Crimes" and "Falling Skies" all will return for new seasons. It will be the fifth and final season for alien drama "Skies."

■ **"American Idol"** needs to find contestants the audience cares about. That's a criticism Fox's chairman and CEO, Peter Dink, admitted to journalists Sunday. "I haven't seen in the last two years a group of kids who've captured the imagination of the public," he said. Rice said too much attention has been placed on "this constant conversation about who should be judges." Jennifer Lopez, Keith Urban and Blake Shelton will all return to the panel for season 14.



# Shades of curiosity

## Ex-lead Hunnam eager for movie release

By ALICIA RANCILLO  
The Associated Press

The first trailer for the "Fifty Shades of Grey" movie will be released this week, and the original Christian Grey, Charlie Hunnam, says he can't wait for the finished product.

The 34-year-old actor said he still believes in the film although he's no longer a part of it.

"I'm just really excited to see it. I was just really, really invested and wanted to work with (director) Sam (Taylor-Johnson) and play that character. I'm really, really curious."

Hunnam said it's not fair to dismiss author E.L. James' writing as so-called "mommy porn."

"I think people really do that

book a disservice when they reduce it to that type of talk," he said. "What (E.L. James) actually created is a really sophisticated dynamic and presented it in a package which was accessible to people who normally would be terrified of that subject ... Actually what she did was pretty brilliant."

The "Sons of Anarchy" actor dropped out of the movie one month after it was announced he had landed the role of the billionaire Grey, a sexual "dominant" with major baggage who falls for an innocent college coed (played by Dakota Johnson).

Universal Pictures and Focus Features said Hunnam's preparation time for the movie was limited by his TV schedule. He was replaced shortly after by actor Jamie Dornan.

Hunnam says Dornan is "probably a lot better looking and a lot smoother" than he is.

"Fifty Shades" is scheduled to open on Valentine's Day in 2015.

RICHARD SHOTWELL, JR.  
VISION/AP

# 'Apes' holds off all box-office newcomers

From wire services

A raunchy romantic comedy, an anarchic thriller and an animated kids' flick couldn't unseat the evolved primates ruling the box office.

"Dawn of the Planet of the Apes," the 3-D sequel to the 2011 blockbuster "Rise of the Planet of the Apes," took in \$36 million in the U.S. and Canada during its second weekend at the multiplex, according to studio estimates, to remain at No. 1.

The latest entry in the "Planet of the Apes" franchise, which cost \$170 million to make, has now grossed about \$139 million.

The "Apes" had serious competition with "Sex Tape," "The Purge: Anarchy" and "Planes: Fire & Rescue" all opening over the weekend.

"The Purge: Anarchy" opened at No. 2, bringing in about \$28.4 million its first weekend. The film, a follow-up to last summer's hit "The Purge," follows several people as they attempt to survive a 12-hour period when all crime is legal.

"The Purge: Anarchy" is the first horror film since September to open to more than \$20 million.

"Planes: Fire & Rescue" came in at No. 3 after it pulled in \$18 million. The Disney family film's 2013 predecessor, "Planes," tallied more than \$90 million domestically.

"Sex Tape," starring Jason Segel and Cameron Diaz, didn't turn on critics — it got a 20 percent positive score on Rotten Tomatoes — and it pulled in \$15 million to land at No. 4 for the weekend.

"Transformers: Age of Extinction," the only other summer film besides "Dawn of the Planet of the Apes" to hold the No. 1 spot for two consecutive weekends, added \$10 million more, rounding out the top five films of the weekend.

## Lawyer: Unclear where Casey Kasem's body is

A judge has granted Casey Kasem's daughter a temporary restraining order preventing the famous radio host's wife from cremating his remains, but it's unclear where those remains are or whether they've already been disposed of.



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**OOPS: "Dawn of the Planet of the Apes" beat the pants off of all new movies at the box office, including "Sex Tape," starring Cameron Diaz, left, and Jason Segel.**

A lawyer for Kasem's daughter Kerri Kasem said July 18 that when he went to get a funeral home in Tacoma, Wash., a copy of the restraining order, which was informed it no longer had the remains.

"They said they could not disclose where he had gone or where he would end up," said the lawyer, Scott Winship.

Tim Grant, funeral director at Gaffney Funeral Home & Cremation Services, confirmed July 18 that Kasem's body was no longer there.

Kasem, the radio host of "American Top 40" and voice of animated television characters like Scooby-Doo's sidekick Shaggy, died June 15 at a hospital in Gig Harbor, Wash. He was 82 and suffering from dementia, and his death followed a lengthy battle over his care between Jean Kasem and his three adult children from his first marriage.

## 'Treme' actor settling profiling suit against Macy's

A black actor who accused Macy's of racially profiling minorities as shoppers is settling his civil rights lawsuit, one of several cases that drew attention last year to long-simmering complaints about how big retailers treat minority customers.

Macy's Inc. and one of "Treme" star Rob Brown's lawyers said Friday they had

reached a settlement, in principle. A federal judge had indicated in a filing Wednesday that an agreement was in the works.

Macy's and Brown's attorney Douglas Wiggdor wouldn't discuss the terms.

Brown appears on "Treme," an HBO drama series, and has acted in films such as "Coach Carter" and "Finding Forrester." He said he was falsely accused of credit card fraud at Macy's flagship store after buying a \$1,300 watch in June 2013.

He was handcuffed, held for almost an hour in a store detention cell and grilled about the watch by men who mocked the idea that he could afford it before he was released without any charges, according to his court complaint.

"I believe that I was profiled," Brown said last fall.

## Other news

■ The iTunes Festival announced Monday that it will include Sam Smith, Pharrell Williams, Maroon 5, Calvin Harris, David Guetta, Robert Plant, Blondie and Chrissie Hynde in its September event.

■ Actress **Skye McCole Bartusiak**, who portrayed Mel Gibson's young daughter in the 2006 film "The Hurt Locker," died July 19 in her Houston home. She was 21. Bartusiak's mother, Helen Bartusiak, says the actress had been healthy and did not drink or do drugs, and the family doesn't know a cause of death.

■ Jazz musician **Lionel Ferbos**, 103, died Saturday at his home in New Orleans. Ferbos was believed to be the oldest working jazz musician, performing regularly until last year. He was also the last living member of the city's WPA band, which was formed during the Depression by laborers through the federal Works Progress Administration.

■ A judge has ordered South Carolina's largest general contractor to document its fight over the estate of soul singer **James Brown**. The judge's order gives Wilson until early next week to turn the records over.

■ A large, colorful billboard from the 1937 release of the animated film "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" has been sold at auction for \$10.755. The winning bidder has not been made public.

## SHIFTING GEARS

# Tesla on a mission to hire veterans

By **DANA HULL**

San Jose Mercury News

FREMONT, Calif. — Tesla Motors, which is on a mission to bring electric cars to the masses, now has another goal: to become a leading employer of America's military veterans.

"We want to be known throughout the veteran community as a great place to work," Arnonn Geshuri, Tesla's vice president of human resources, said in an interview. "Veterans are a great source of talent for Tesla, and we're going after it."

Tesla's workforce is exploding as it expands production of its Model S, prepares to launch the Model X crossover SUV and enters new markets overseas. The company now has more than 6,000 employees, and of those, 300 — or roughly 5 percent — are veterans, including its logistics director, former Navy officer Adam Plumpton. Another 600 veteran candidates are in the hiring pipeline, according to Geshuri.

"Tesla has risen to the top" among companies known for creating veteran-friendly workplaces, said Ted Daywalt, the president and chief executive of VetJobs, the nation's leading military job board. "They have a good reputation. They hire veterans who can talk to other veterans. There is a language in the military, and having someone who can speak the lingo is important."

Veterans are a good fit for Tesla because many gained advanced technical, electrical and mechanical skills while serving in the military — skills applicable to making electric cars. They are also used to working as part of tightly-knit groups.

Greg Reichow, Tesla's vice president of production, said the company is eager to hire veterans because they've found them to be excellent employees who share the company's sense of mission.

"At Tesla we're not just building cars," Reichow said. "We're trying to transform transportation. They also know how to lead teams, focus teams and function on teams, and they have incredible integrity and discipline."



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**Above: Megan Gates stands next to a partially built Model S on display at Tesla Motors in Fremont, Calif. Gates, who serves in the Army National Guard, is one of the growing number of military veterans employed by Tesla. Right: Gates wears a special T-shirt made by Tesla Motors designed for the military veterans who work for company.**

Tesla is aggressively recruiting veterans while trying to create a culture where veterans feel supported and appreciated once they are onboard.

Jason Noma, a former Army sergeant and intelligence analyst, focuses specifically on military recruiting as a member of Tesla's burgeoning HR team, and has helped increase efforts to hire veterans through word-of-mouth, partnerships with veterans groups and recent events like the Oakland Veteran Job Fair.

In the third-floor cafeteria of

the Tesla factory in Fremont, a vintage "Uncle Sam" poster invites veterans via a series of casual monthly gatherings held at the factory. All vets, regardless of military branch or length of service, are welcome to attend and share ideas on how to improve internal programs. Many vets wear exclusive T-shirts emblazoned with the Tesla logo and the American flag, and Veterans Day is a companywide paid holiday.

The company's support for former and current military personnel does not end there.

Other companies also appreciate the value of veterans in the workforce. Nationally, the unemployment rate for veterans has dropped to 5.4 percent, compared with 6.1 percent for the overall population, according to June data released Thursday by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

"Hiring veterans is not just the right thing to do. It's the smart thing to do," said Bryan Goettel, director of communications for Hiring Our Heroes, a program of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation. "Tesla is a new company, and being at 5 percent is a great starting point. Veterans make great employees; they bring so many skills that help a company thrive."

While the unemployment rate for veterans is less than the na-

tional average, many veterans can feel isolated once they start civilian jobs, or find jobs without clear opportunities for advancement. Veteran advocates say having veterans clubs or groups within a company — formally or informally — makes a tangible impact on creating a veteran-friendly work culture.

"A corporate hiring commitment is often not enough," said Colleen Corliss, a spokeswoman for Swords to Plowshares, a San Francisco-based group that helps veterans break through the cultural, educational, psychological and economic barriers they often face in their transition back to the civilian world. "Tesla has really made an effort to forge relationships among veterans,



and it really makes a difference. Younger veterans are interested in long-term careers with technical skills, and knowing that there is a veteran community within a company goes a long way toward retention."



**Jason Deming operates the touch screen of a Tesla S during a high-speed run on the test track at Tesla. Deming, who serves in the Air National Guard, works as a vehicle test technician for the electric car maker.**

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## MIDEAST

By HEATH DRUZIN  
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**KANDAHAR**, Afghanistan surrounded by scaffolding, a blue-domed mosque is nearing completion on a site where a cinema once stood.

The Afghan government is funding the project, which the Taliban began after razing the movie theater and closing all the others in town as part of their campaign against anything deemed immoral. Before the Taliban could finish the mosque, the U.S. swept them from power in 2001, beginning a war that few thought would still be raging nearly 13 years later.

Like the mosque, the Taliban are back.

In the twilight of a U.S.-led combat mission that has claimed the lives of more than 3,300 foreign troops and tens of thousands of Afghans, the Taliban's military position is in many ways as strong as ever. Although the Taliban lack the popular support that swept them into power in the early 1990s, a recent International Crisis Group report found violence levels in Afghanistan are higher than at any time in the war. The Taliban are also inflicting staggering casualties on the Afghan security forces, who have taken over most of the fighting.

Many in Afghanistan worry that the soaring violence shows the Taliban, like the Kandahar mosque, are on the rise again as international military forces rapidly withdraw at a time when an election crisis threatens to undermine the next Afghan government and the country's first democratic transition of power.

"The Taliban remain very hopeful, they seem upbeat, they have not been defeated," said Rahimullah Yousafzai, a Pakistani journalist and Taliban expert who has been studying the group since its inception. "They remain very committed and think they can fight for some years."

Few see the Taliban taking Kabul again. But only the most optimistic analysts see the Afghan security forces defeating them, something the nearly 50-nation U.S.-led coalition failed to do in more than a decade of fighting.

This was underscored in late June, when Taliban fighters laid siege to Sangin district—an area of Helmand province where hundreds of American and British marines were killed or wounded before turning security over to their Afghan counterparts. Insurgents have killed at least 30 Afghan soldiers and police in the battle and up to 100 civilians have been killed. Even with International Security Assistance Force air support, Afghan security forces are still struggling to control the area nearly a month after the initial attack.

This year's Afghanistan presidential election, initially cheered by the international community and now badly marred by allegations of widespread fraud and a nasty dispute between candidates, provides the most alarming sign. The Taliban launched hundreds of attacks during the election while simultaneously engaging in politicking.

Despite the initial reports of a relatively violence-free vote on June 14, insurgents carried out more than 500 attacks on election day, killing dozens of Afghan soldiers, policemen, officials and civilians. More surprisingly, elders in Taliban strongholds in southern and eastern Afghanistan inter-

viewed by Stars and Stripes said the Taliban pressured villagers to vote for Ashraf Ghani, whom the Taliban prefer to his rival, Abdullah Abdullah, who was a member of the anti-Taliban Northern Alliance.

"The Taliban are flexing their muscles on two fronts—militarily and politically," said Graeme Smith, senior Afghanistan analyst for The

International Crisis Group.

"Politically, they have dramatically shown in the second round that they can

swing the results of a presidential election, and, militarily, we're now hitting incident volumes we haven't seen since the height of the fighting season in the summer of 2011 when we had 130,000 international forces pretty actively engaged in battle."

### Highwaymen, anarchy

Many forget that the Taliban were widely greeted as saviors by war-weary Afghans when the militants rose to power two decades ago. In the wake of a nine-year war with the Soviet Union, Afghanistan was imploding in the mid-1990s under the weight of a civil war. Warlords ran fiefdoms, setting up checkpoints where thugs would demand tribute and often took more than money. Girls and boys disappeared, rape and murder were rampant and fear gripped the country.

The highwaymen who ran those checkpoints were known as "topakyan," Pashto for "gunmen," and were feared and despised. To many Afghans, any alternative seemed better.

"Every village had a king," said Haji Rahmatullah, a tribal elder in Kandahar's Zharay district who was in the province when the Taliban took power. "There was no government, no rules, no constitution—if you had a gun, you had power."

Under those conditions a ragtag group of religious students ("taliban" means "students" in Pashto), led by a one-eyed former anti-Soviet fighter named Mullah Moham-



# THE TALIBAN ARE

## MILITANTS ARE GAINING PREPARE TO LEAVE

mad Omar, swept to power. The Taliban defeated warlord after warlord, rolling into Kabul to cheer through. Even those who have since turned against the movement speak wistfully of the Taliban's early days.

"(Mullah Omar) was a very strong mujahid, very strong fighter against the Russians," said one tribal elder from Kandahar's Taliban-heavy Maiwand district who fought alongside Omar against the Soviets. "He was a very good friend, very

honest and a very good Muslim," the elder said, speaking on condition of anonymity to avoid reprisals.

The good feelings did not last, though. In their five years in power and with Omar at the helm, the Taliban instituted harsh Islamic laws, banning most semblances of modernity as well as most girls' education and meting out harsh justice to anyone who fell foul of the rules. Resentment ran high, and when the Americans arrived in 2001, they too were welcomed.

### Leaving Afghanistan



This is one of a series of stories looking at the U.S. legacy in Afghanistan as its 13-year combat role draws to a close.

# TALIBAN ARE BACK



An Afghan security forces member holds his weapon inside a building which Taliban fighters used for cover during clashes with government troops in Kabul, Afghanistan, on July 17.

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### 'They can fight for 50 years'

Black rimmed glasses give him a bookish look, and his quiet demeanor belies his violent past. But "Mullah Cable" knows first-hand how the Taliban operate. As a Taliban commander, he was widely known and feared in Wardak province, gaining his nickname for his penchant for whipping villagers with cables to enforce Taliban rules. According to Anand Gopal's recent book, "No Good Men Among the Living,"

Mullah Cable eventually commanded 85 fighters on one of the war's biggest battlegrounds. He admits killing many Americans as well as Afghans thought to have been infiltrators, and his exploits gained him notoriety among the Quetta Shura, the Taliban's exiled leadership in Pakistan.

Recently released from prison at Bagram Air Field after four years, Mullah Cable, whose real name was withheld over concern for his safety, now says he has disavowed the Taliban, believing they

alienated too many Afghans to ever again take power. But he points out that the Taliban don't need to take power to undermine the shaky Kabul government — they just need to keep the war going.

"They can fight for 50 years," he said.

This is not the outcome President Barack Obama envisioned when he sent an additional 30,000 troops to Afghanistan in 2009 for a military surge to "break the Taliban's momentum and increase Afghanistan's capacity." For two years, troops flooded the country, especially in the south, fighting pitched battles against militants. There were some gains — security in Kandahar city, once riven by daily attacks, has greatly improved.

But as in Iraq, which is imploding seven years after an even bigger U.S. surge, any gains from the Afghan surge appear to have been fleeting. Far from crushing the Taliban, the U.S. and its allies are now set to declare an end to combat operations just as the war enters its most violent chapter to date, according to U.N. casualty statistics.

"I don't think the Taliban's strength was degraded to the extent that was anticipated," said Yousafzai, the Pakistani researcher and journalist. "Obama was hoping the surge would weaken the Taliban and force them to negotiate — it didn't really happen."

Although U.S. and NATO officials have traditionally been tight-lipped about the guerrilla's numerical strength, a defense attaché from a country with troops in Afghanistan said intelligence estimates put the number of active fighters and auxiliaries at about 30,000 — about the same as before the 2009 surge.

While the Taliban do not appear to have widespread popular support, their ability to draw new recruits despite heavy losses indicates they still have localized strongholds in Afghanistan, not to mention continued sanctuary in much of Pakistan's border region. With tight-knit communities in the rural villages around the border, it would be impossible for the Taliban to operate without local support, Smith said.

"If the cost of reaching peak levels, which it is, is fair to assume that discontent in certain communities in the South and East is also pretty high," Smith said.

### Peace deal

Without a peace deal, most experts agree that the fighting in Afghanistan could last for years. There was a glimmer of hope for negotiations in June 2013, when the Tal-

iban opened a political office in Qatar, a key requirement of the U.S. to start talks. Almost immediately, though, it turned into a debacle. The Taliban raised their flag at the opening ceremony, sending Kabul into a rage and scuttling any talks before they could start.

Before anyone tries to resuscitate the peace process, they'll need to figure out whom to talk to. While the Quetta Shura — the Pakistan-based leadership under Mullah Omar — is considered the Taliban's central decision-making body, the group is so splintered that it's unclear how much command and control any one faction has, according to Alex Strick van Linschoten, a Taliban expert who spent years in Afghanistan.

"It's increasingly less useful to refer to the Taliban as the Taliban anymore," he said.

Ironically, what originally seemed like an American military success may have compounded this problem. The kill-captured campaign, during which U.S. forces eliminated and detained many mid- and high-level Taliban leaders over the course of several years, had a major unintended consequence, Strick van Linschoten said.

"The Taliban have been 'relatively successful in replacing these people, but the more they replace them, the younger these [commanders] get and the looser the ties with the central organization these guys have,'" he said. "They have less of a grasp of boundaries of warfare and codes of conduct."

A bigger obstacle to peace, though, may simply be battlefield success, reflected in the insurgents' triumphant propaganda.

"Indubitably the Americans have been badly defeated in the military field inside Afghanistan and they will inevitably have to evacuate their forces from this land of pious and freedom loving people," the Taliban declared in the introduction to a 7,000-word analysis of the war posted on their English language website in May.

A nationwide campaign to reintegrate former fighters by offering amnesty and financial help has had mixed results. Poverty-stricken villagers have claimed to be guerrilla fighters just to get assistance. Foot soldiers have claimed to be commanders to get a better deal.

Even by the Afghan government's own estimate, only 260 Taliban fighters have been reintegrated in the past three years in all of Kandahar province, one of the group's strongholds.

To put that in perspective, more than 100 militants are estimated to have been killed in the recent series of battles in adjacent Helmand province that began in late June. Those losses don't appear to have put a dent in the ranks of the insurgents, who still control part of the area nearly a month after their initial assault.

It's a far cry from the early days of the war, when leaders from a routed Taliban turned themselves in in droves to make deals with the Americans. But the U.S. was in no mood to negotiate, and many Taliban commanders were either rebuffed or tricked and arrested, some sent to Guantanamo.

In the intervening years, the Taliban regrouped — surviving the troop surge and continuing to stage spectacular attacks in Kabul at the heart of the U.S.-backed government. Those successes may be driving recruitment and boosting morale at a critical juncture in the war.

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# MIDEAST



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Men sit in the entrance of the Shrine of the Cloak in Kandahar, Afghanistan, which is said to house a cloak once worn by Islam's Prophet Muhammad. As his group seized power in 1996, Taliban leader Mullah Mohammad Omar took the cloak out of the building and wore it in public to legitimize himself as the country's new leader.

## Taliban: Many worry that international forces are leaving at crucial moment

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"I think the concern would be that unless the military stalls for them that it will be difficult for the political track to pick up meaningful steam, because as long as the Taliban are physically taking ground, it's going to be very difficult for moderates in the Taliban leadership to make a convincing argument that you should abandon the military operations in favor of political talks," said Smith, the International Crisis Group analyst.

### Fear in the south

ISAF officials declined to comment for this report. They have worked hard to steer journalists toward the narrative that Afghan security forces are in control and that NATO is doing little in Afghanistan — despite the continued presence of 50,000 foreign troops who are providing crucial NATO close air support and intelligence assets.

But ISAF troops are still on the ground and still dying while backing up Afghan forces. And as much as Afghan military leaders speak confidently about their 350,000-strong force, they often cast a nervous eye to the end of the year, when the last ISAF combat troops are scheduled to depart.

"We don't have any fear about the near future, but we hope all those commitments that the international community made to Afghanistan for the future, whether it's equipment or support, are fulfilled," said Afghan army spokesman Gen. Zahir Azimi. "After this year, the ANA still needs support



Children study near the tomb of King Ahmad Shah Abdali in Kandahar, the city the Taliban made their capital before being unseated by the U.S. military in 2001.

when it comes to air support, heavy weapons, and training — specifically in counter-IED and intelligence — and we hope they remain committed to financial support agreed on at the Chicago conference."

The Chicago conference commitment refers to the pledge of roughly \$4 billion in military aid that donor nations pledged in 2012. But that amount anticipated cutting the Afghan security forces by one-third after 2015, based on the incorrect prediction that the Taliban would be significantly weakened by the end of this year.

"Commitments need to be increased from \$3.6 billion to probably a few billion more than that," Smith said. "But then that money needs to not be stolen and to trickle down to the salaries and the bullets and the diesel that need to reach the front lines."



Maybe they will keep the Taliban away for a while, but not forever. They don't have enough weapons, bullets, or helicopters. Limited help from the Americans will not be enough.

— tribal elder from Maiwand district, Kandahar

No one agrees with that more than the very Afghans who have thrown in their lot with foreign forces.

Tellingly, nearly all of the tribal elders interviewed for this story — powerful, wealthy men, with great sway in their communities — asked that their names not be used for fear they could be killed. Insurgents are still active in many rural areas, but perhaps more powerful is the sense of uncertainty about the near future that pervades much of Afghanistan. Afghans are especially wary of being caught on the losing side after seeing what happened after the Mujahedeen defeated the Soviet army in 1989 and the U.S. promptly lost interest in the country.

As money dried up, both from America and the collapsing Soviet Union, the country descended into chaos. Those who worked for the Soviet-backed regime were especially vulnerable. The image of former President Mohammad Najibullah's bloody, castrated corpse hanging from a traffic light in Kabul after the Taliban took the capital is still etched in the consciousness of the nation.

Now many worry the Americans are abandoning them at a crucial moment. They point to the situation in Iraq, where former American allies have been targeted by in-

surgers as the country falls apart.

Sitting on a carpet in his half-built Kandahar city home, drinking green tea, the Maiwand tribal elder and former friend of Mullah Omar, mused on the current state of the Afghan security forces.

"Maybe they will keep the Taliban away for a while, but not forever," he said. "They don't have enough weapons, bullets, or helicopters. Limited help from the Americans will not be enough."

Recent trends in the war seem to reinforce that view. According to the International Crisis Group report, the insurgents for the first time inflicted almost as many casualties on Afghan security forces last year as they suffered themselves. Accounts of some battles in remote districts suggest the two sides were nearly matched in strength.

Asked what would happen if the Taliban were to regain power, the Maiwand elder leaned back against the wall, and snuck a furtive glance at the front door.

"If the Taliban takes power again, it's the same as me drinking a cup of poison."

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OPINION

A way forward once Gaza fighting is over

By JACKSON DIEHL  
 The Washington Post

Since this is the third mini-war between Israel and Hamas in less than six years, some of the consequences being predicted by pundits sound pretty familiar. Such as: Israel's offensives in Gaza will have the effect of destroying "moderate" Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas. Or: Hamas is actually "winning by losing," gaining new support among Palestinians and across the Middle East by standing up to Israel. Or: The stories of civilian casualties and accusations of "disproportionate" force are devastating Israel's standing in the West.

All these claims were made in 2008, when Israeli troops invaded Gaza, and in 2012, when Israel carried out a bombing campaign. All proved wrong. More than five years after the end of Operation Cast Lead, Abbas is still standing. No one is revolting against his rule in the West Bank, even though he has reneged on multiple promises to hold overdue presidential elections since his term expired four years ago.

Hamas, in turn, is far weaker than it was in 2008. It has lost the ability to inflict damage and casualties on Israel with rocket attacks, and because it can no longer smuggle supplies through tunnels from Egypt, the current fighting is rapidly depleting its arsenal. Hamas' civilian employees are going unpaid, its military commanders are being picked off and the population has turned on the Islamists movement.

As David Pollock, of the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, observed last week, polling by a respected Palestinian organization shows that a large majority oppose Hamas' rule. Eighty-eight percent say they want the supposedly discredited Abbas to assume authority over Gaza.

The depressing reality is that this Gaza conflict is headed toward a familiar ending: many people killed but little changed.

Israel is arguably under greater international pressure than it was in 2008. The boycott, divestment and sanctions, or BDS, movement has grown more visible since then. However, it's still a marginal phenomenon, particularly in the United States. This year, as previously, the Gaza fighting has prompted anti-Israeli demonstrations in numerous Western capitals, but a Pew survey released last week showed that 51 percent of Americans sympathize with Israel in the current fighting, vs. 14 percent who side with the Palestinians.

The depressing reality is that this Gaza conflict is headed toward a familiar ending: many people killed but little changed. Israel most likely will avoid toppling Hamas from power in Gaza, since it does not want to go back to ruling the territory itself. Abbas may or may not finally step down in the coming months, but if he does it will be because, at 79, he is exhausted, not because he is being forced out. There may be new attempts to launch U.N. investigations of Israel's alleged war crimes or to grant more recognition to a notional state of Palestine, but they are unlikely to have much effect.

The Obama administration may try again to launch an Israeli-Palestinian "peace process," despite its abject failure in two previous attempts. That, too, would go nowhere. Abbas and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu have repeatedly

demonstrated that they are not ready to make the necessary compromises.

There might be a way to change the status quo for the better, once the fighting is over. However, it would require all sides to embrace the option that was on the table immediately before the mini-war — and that may have triggered the fighting. That is the Palestinian "unity" process, under which the West Bank and Gaza Strip would be joined under a joint administration, by means of elections.

Though Hamas agreed to a unity deal last month, its hard-liners oppose it as much as Netanyahu does. The reason is simple. As the polls show, an election would probably break Hamas' control over Gaza. That prospect, and Abbas' refusal to pay the salaries of Hamas' Gaza employees, may have inspired the renewal of missile attacks on Israel. For his part, Netanyahu used the occasion of the kidnapping and murder of three Israeli teenagers last month to arrest scores of Hamas operatives in the West Bank, a measure that sabotages the unity process.

A smart U.S. strategy would aim at brokering a deal between Israel, Abbas and Hamas whereby prisoners are released and the blockade on Gaza eased in exchange for Hamas' commitment to a long-term cease-fire and free and fair elections for a unified Palestinian government. The result could be a new generation of Palestinian leaders with a genuine mandate from their people. The new crowd might turn out to be more or less willing to negotiate with Israel or to lay the groundwork for statehood. But they would, at least, end a dismal era in which one set of Palestinian leaders dodged multiple peace proposals and the other engaged in futile wars.

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US can, and should, set drone-use standards

By LINCOLN P. BLOOMFIELD JR.

The increasing use in recent years of unmanned aerial vehicles, known as UAVs or drones, has spurred innovation and provoked concern. UAVs, which the U.S. Air Force now calls RPAs, or remotely piloted aircraft — a reminder that humans control them — can fly in places where the risk to a pilot would be too great to justify a manned mission. It is the use of armed UAVs to carry out what the U.S. government calls "targeted killings" on foreign soil of individuals believed to pose a serious terrorist threat to the United States that has spurred criticism, concern and debate, in the U.S. and abroad.

President Barack Obama has tried to strike a balance between protecting the secrecy of intelligence operations and assuring Congress and the public that discrete lethal attacks via UAV-launched missiles on people inside countries like Yemen, Somalia and Pakistan are legal, properly authorized and necessary to defend U.S. interests. The public still has many questions, in part, because the government has remained so tight-lipped about these operations.

The Stimson Center, a nonpartisan think tank in Washington, convened a task force on drone policy in an effort to tackle and resolve divisive questions about the government's use of UAVs and related policy issues. The task force, of which I was a member, was co-chaired by retired Army Gen. John Abizaid, who previously

commanded U.S. Central Command, and Georgetown law professor Rosa Brooks, who previously served as counselor to the undersecretary of defense for policy in the Obama administration. The findings are important to consider and dispel misunderstandings about UAV technology — what is different from other military tools and what is not. Targeted killings, lawfully authorized and carefully managed though they may have been, are generating controversy at home and abroad, which should be weighed in the calculation of how best to protect the U.S. against terrorism.

Greater transparency is called for. The administration should address legitimate public concerns by producing a comprehensive legal and policy rationale for UAV lethal strikes, particularly those outside of recognized areas of ongoing military operations. Mechanisms to introduce greater accountability, including an external review commission, would help. In addition, the U.S. military, not the CIA, should carry out UAV strikes in all but extraordinary circumstances, since the military has well-known and established planning and review procedures and is experienced in managing and being accountable for classified lethal operations.

UAVs can do far more than military tasks, and civilian use of UAVs is already substantial and growing fast. They are increasingly used for agricultural and environmental monitoring, and the emerging capability of small UAVs to deliver cargo from one spot to another suggests

a key future role in the economy, in what some predict may be a coming revolution in technology-enabled mobility and transport. Many countries have industries building drones for civilian and military uses. While export controls on UAVs remain important to U.S. national security, controls on exports to friends and allies should not be so restrictive as to drive investment and technology leadership into potentially unrestricted foreign hands. A sensible approach for UAV exports would reflect the administration's export control reform objective seeking "higher walls around fewer items."

Drones are no longer a novelty. Unmanned systems have become an established and fast-growing segment of aviation and related sectors in the global economy. It is time for the United States to clarify and reconfirm national policy and procedures on targeted killings with UAVs. Not only is that needed to reassure the public of adequate legal authorization and operational oversight. Established mechanisms for transparency and oversight, and prudent export control policies permitting American industry to develop the promising potential of UAV technology for civil as well as military uses, will serve as an appropriate norm for any country using or exporting UAVs. If respected and followed by others, America's example can reduce the prospect that foreign drones will one day threaten our own security.

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## OPINION

## Nevadans burned by the rants of hotheads

By STEVEN HORSFORD

It has been more than three months since my constituents in Bunkerville, Nev., had their lives turned upside down by the standoff at the Bundy ranch. Although Bunkerville (population 1,300) is no longer in the media spotlight, life there has not returned to normal. The militia presence may have dwindled, but a sense of chaos and uncertainty lingers in my state and the broader American West.

When news of a rebellious rancher facing off with federal agents broke in April, conservative media and politicians pounced, quickly lionizing Cliven Bundy as a patriot. They handed Bundy a megaphone, and self-proclaimed militia members from across the country rallied to his side.

Conservative media painted Bundy as “The Last Rancher” and, with apocalyptic fanfare, Bunkerville was transformed into some fevered final bastion of freedom. For some pundits, this was a simple tale about a rancher defending his way of life against an overbearing federal government. At others, the stakes swelled far beyond that, and Bundy became a magnet for a mish-mash of frustrations, from legitimate to conspiratorial.

In the frenzy to pillory the government that ensued, almost no viewpoint seemed too extreme to be heard. The attention from such high-profile conservative media figures as Sean Hannity, armed militia members set up checkpoints, stopped traffic and occupied roads. At one point, local police had to place themselves between the militia and agents from the Bureau of Land Management, fearing for their lives while trying to prevent a blood bath. Simultaneously, local elected officials were working behind the scenes to cut the fuse on the powder keg. But at a safe remove, Fox News and other conservative



JASON BEAN, LAS VEGAS REVIEW-JOURNAL/AP

**Rancher Cliven Bundy, center, addresses his supporters alongside Clark County Sheriff Doug Gillespie, right, while being guarded by self-described militia members in the foreground on April 12 near Bunkerville, Nev.**

outlets dedicated nonstop coverage to the stalemate during the tensest hours on the ground. Finally, the BLM withdrew, and a victory was declared for Bundy. Then came Bundy’s now infamously racist rant, in which he questioned whether blacks were better off when enslaved, and his support fell away.

At this point, Hannity and Co. washed their hands of the story. They had their anti-government victory, and now they needed to distance themselves from Bundy’s racism. Unfortunately, it was too late to truly pull the plug. The fringe has long since taken encouragement from all the supportive coverage.

Soon, a BLM agent working in Utah was threatened by two hooded men in an

unmarked vehicle, who approached him while holding a sign that read, “You need to die.” One man reportedly brandished what appeared to be a Glock handgun.

Last month, Brent Douglas Cole, an anti-government conspiracy theorist, allegedly shot two law enforcement members in California. His online footprint is full of references to conspiracy theories, some illustrating his support for Bundy.

Most horrifically, two months after the Bundy conflict, Jerad and Amanda Miller shot and killed two Las Vegas police officers, plus a third person. They were at the Bundy ranch during the height of the conflict, and Jerad Miller wrote on his Facebook page that the situation at the ranch could be the “start of revolution.” He said

he was protecting the Bundy family from “Federal Government slaughter.”

I am not suggesting that we draw direct lines of causation between these crimes and the Bundy ranch. That is impossible.

But such events don’t occur in a vacuum. They all happened in or near my district. They were all perpetrated by individuals with ideological sentiments apparently in the same constellation as those amplified by far-right talking heads during the Bundy standoff. Such extremists could find only comfort in the small-town stand-off that took place in Nevada in April.

My plea to my fellow public servants and the media is this: Please, recognize that evocations of tyranny and oppression, counterbalanced by patriotic sacrifice and love of country, are powerful motivators. I watched as a small community was transformed into a hotbed for extremism. That did not happen organically but in an environment created by nonstop attention and demagoguery from media and politicians alike. There can be reasonable disagreement about the Bundy ranch. But we can disagree without offering refuge to dangerous ideas.

This case is not closed. Cliven Bundy has yet to answer to the law, and the Bureau of Land Management has said it will pursue the matter “aggressively through the legal system.” Of those who broke the law at the Bundy ranch, Clark County Sheriff Doug Gillespie said, “They need to be held accountable for it.”

Elected officials and the media have control over the megaphones that those such as Cliven Bundy hold temporarily. We have a responsibility to understand the language we use and to consider how it will be heard by others.

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## Germany, S. Korea and the business of alliances

By YURIKO KOIKE

During the Cold War, the Soviet Union used every imaginable threat and inducement — including the ultimate prize of reunification — to bring about a neutral Germany. But German leaders of both the left and the right, from Konrad Adenauer to Willy Brandt, spurned every Soviet offer. Will authoritarian mercantilism now succeed where communism failed?

Countries join alliances, or entities such as the European Union, because these groups make the benefits and obligations more meaningful than any as anything in international relations can be. For Germany and South Korea, however, relationships with historic allies — NATO and the United States, respectively — appear to be changing before our eyes.

Through their huge purchases of goods and promises of even more to come, today’s regimes in Russia and China may be about to achieve by commerce what the Soviets could not achieve with bribery and threats. The scale of that commerce is breathtaking, with German exports to China growing from \$25.9 billion a decade ago to \$87.6 billion in 2011, while South Korea’s exports have increased from \$53 billion to \$133 billion during the same period.

A form of stealth neutrality, indeed, appears to be entering both countries’ diplomacy. Witness Chinese President Xi Jinping’s recent trip to South Korea and German Chancellor Angela Merkel’s unwillingness to impose effective sanctions on Beijing in its recent visit to China, as well as the business-only focus of her just-

concluded visit to China. In both Germany and South Korea, the idea that historic alliances may offer fewer tangible benefits — particularly in terms of exports — appears to be taking root, especially among business elites.

Xi’s visit to Seoul was another bold step in China’s systematic efforts to wean South Korea from its commitment to the U.S.-led international economic order. By offering both to permit South Korea to settle its bilateral trade accounts in Chinese currency and to launch the first-ever Sino-South Korean initiative toward North Korea, Xi is seeking to convince Seoul’s leaders that their country’s future, including reunification, will be determined in Beijing. China’s invitation to South Korea to participate in a new Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank furthers Xi’s efforts to create an alternative financial system, with the bank mimicking the work of the Philippines-based Asia Development Bank.

China’s embrace of South Korea is part of a long-term strategy to turn it into a subordinate state in terms of foreign and national security policy (much as Finland kowtowed to the Soviet Union throughout the Cold War). And yet, though courted by all sides in the struggle to maintain stability in Northeast Asia, South Korea now runs the risk of becoming isolated. Every gesture by the South toward one of the protagonists — China, the United States, Japan and North Korea — elicits so much pressure by the others that it must somehow then devise a compensatory policy.

For example, following President Park Geun-hye’s recent visit to Xi honor the Korean assassin of a former Japanese prime

minister, to which Xi readily agreed, Park began to discuss joining the U.S.-led Trans-Pacific Partnership free-trade negotiations, to assuage the United States. As China continued to pursue an anti-Japanese propaganda campaign throughout 2013, Park felt obliged to send a private envoy to Prime Minister Shinzo Abe to seek talks on reconciling their disputes.

Given its insecurity, a byproduct of the Korean Peninsula’s long division, South Korea requires, above all, calm and steady partners. But frequent changes in U.S. policy toward northeast Asia in recent years have disoriented Seoul policymakers while Chinese policy, though consistent, presents South Korea’s leaders with choices that they appear unprepared to make. As a result, South Korea’s elite appears to be splitting into pro-Chinese and pro-American factions that transcend party lines. Over a period of time, the only beneficiaries are likely to be those who call for “Plandianization” of the Korean Peninsula. Meanwhile, the impact of Germany’s deepening economic ties with Russia on its foreign policy has been evident throughout the Ukraine crisis. Though Merkel frequently admonished the Kremlin about its intervention, German public opinion — particularly that of the country’s business leaders — tied her hands. Indeed, German business has been the main obstacle to imposing the type of systemic sanctions that might have dissuaded Russian President Vladimir Putin from annexing Crimea and continuing to fuel insurgency in eastern Ukraine.

This is not the only recent case in which Germany has distanced itself from its al-

lies and partners. In Libya in 2011, Germany refused to offer even rudimentary material support to the intervention staged by its British and French allies. Germany has also continuously failed to meet its commitment to spend 2 percent of its gross domestic product on defense while insisting that troubled European Union economies stick to austerity budgets that limit their deficits to a fixed proportion of economic output.

Throughout the euro-zone crisis, Germany did the minimum — and always at the last possible moment — to assist its EU partners. And German leaders’ obsession with maintaining their country’s “golden decade” of exports appears to have gagged them on topics such as China’s human rights abuses and its aggressive behavior toward its Asian neighbors. That silence is being rewarded with the first-ever joint Cabinet sessions between a democracy and a communist dictatorship, which will take place in Berlin this fall.

In both Germany and South Korea, economic strength seems to have produced an illusion of invulnerability that is opening a chasm between the country and their allies. Germany and South Korea, however, will gain little, and risk much, if they downgrade their alliance ties in favor of commercially motivated, if unofficial, neutrality. What are short-term benefits they receive will be more than offset by their strategic vulnerabilities vis-à-vis Russia and China.

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# SPORTS BRIEFS/TOUR DE FRANCE

## Briefly

# Lisa Leslie star of '15 women's HoF class

The Associated Press

Four-time Olympic gold medalist Lisa Leslie headlines the 2015 women's basketball Hall of Fame induction class.

She is joined by former Houston Comets star Janet Arcain, University of Georgia standout Janet Harris, former Duke coach Gail Goetsenkos, longtime Oregon high school coach Brad Smith and Oklahoma State coach Kurt Budke, who was killed in a plane crash in 2011.

Leslie also won two WNBA titles with the Los Angeles Sparks and was the league's MVP three times. She helped the U.S. win gold medals at the 1996, 2000, 2004 and 2008 Olympics.

The group will be inducted next June at the Hall of Fame in Knoxville, Tennessee.

## Veteran G Snee meeting with Giants about future

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Veteran guard Chris Snee is meeting with New York Giants doctors and team officials as he considers retirement after a 10-year career.

Snee has had two hip surgeries and now is most troubled by right elbow and wrist problems. He sat out minicamp last month, but indicated he expected to play this season.

The 32-year-old son-in-law of coach Tom Coughlin has several options for 2014. He could go on the physically unable to perform list, leaving open a return in October or November. He could be placed on injured reserve with an option to return — each team gets one such move, but can't exercise it this early. He also could go on IR and miss the entire season.

A second-round pick in 2004, Snee has made four Pro Bowls.

## Former Super Bowl MVP Rypien wins title

STATELINE, Nevada — Super Bowl XXVII MVP Mark Rypien beat Jeremy Roenick and Annika Sorenstam to win the weather-de-



DUSAN VRANIC/AP

**USA player Lisa Leslie smiles after receiving gold for beating Australia in the women's gold medal game at the 2008 Olympics in Beijing. Leslie headlines the 2015 women's basketball Hall of Fame class.**

layed American Century Celebrity Golf Championship on Sunday. Rypien took the title for the first time since winning the inaugural event in 1990.

Rypien ran away from Roenick and Sorenstam, putting up big Stableford points on his back nine, going 5 under for a record-breaking third-round total of 33 points and 76 throughout the three-day event at Edgewood Tahoe Golf Course.

After finishing in second place in the past two years, Rypien broke through with a win in the 25th anniversary of the tournament.

## Swofford confident proposal will pass

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Atlantic Coast Conference commissioner John Swofford said he's confident the NCAA will pass a proposal on Aug. 7 that will allow the five power conferences to make some of their own rules.

Speaking Sunday, Swofford said he "will be surprised if it doesn't pass."

Under the proposal, the five power conferences — the ACC, Southeastern Conference, Big 12, Big Ten and Pac-12 — would have autonomy to make their own bylaws.

## Five things to know

# Cyclists get day of rest

The Associated Press

NIMES, France — A long, flat transition stage across a rainy Provence saw Tour de France riders leave the Alps behind and finish with the prospect of a rest day ahead of them on Monday.

There was no shakeup in the overall classification after the 138-mile Stage 15, which was won by Norway's Alexander Kristoff.

Here are five things to know about the Tour on Sunday:

**1 Bauer's distress:** The heartbreak felt by New Zealand rider Jack Bauer was painful to see. Shortly after being beaten to the line in the final meters by a racing pack after a 138-mile breakaway, Bauer, 29, crumpled to the ground as teammates gathered around to try to console him.

Bauer, the Garmin-Sharp rider who abandoned on Stage 19 in his first Tour appearance last year, took several minutes to compose himself before coming to speak to reporters gathered at his bus.

Bauer described his emotional state as "titter disappointment." "It was a childhood dream to win a stage at the Tour. And for a person like myself, a 'domestique,' I'm normally working in the service of others. This was my first chance to be up the road," Bauer said.

**2 Greipel stymied:** German sprinter Andre Greipel just missed out Sunday on his second stage win at this year's Tour, finishing fourth in the same time as winner Alexander Kristoff of Norway.

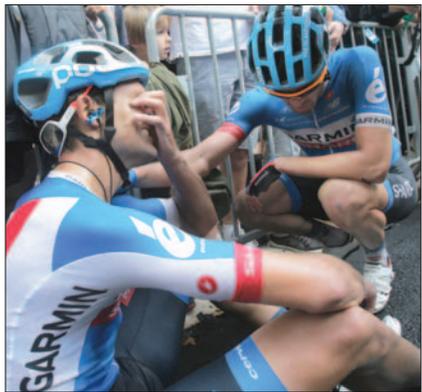
The German champion, who took Stage 6 in Reims on July 11 for his sixth career Tour stage win, said stormy conditions hurt his chances to repeat.

The heavy rain, which only broke shortly before the pack arrived in Nimes, made for an exciting but dangerous finish.

With three mountain stages in the Pyrenees a long time trial ahead — none of which suits sprinters like Greipel — the Lotto-Belisol rider was asked if he was now focused on the final stage sprint finish on Paris' Champs Elysees.

No, Greipel said, "Now the focus is on the rest day."

**3 Nibali eyes time trial:** Yellow jersey holder Vincenzo Nibali has such a firm lock on the race's lead going into the final rest day



CHRISTOPHE ENA/AP

**New Zealand's Jack Bauer, left, who rode in the two-man breakaway all of the race, is comforted by teammates as he cries after being caught by the sprinting pack in the last meters of the fifteenth stage of the Tour de France on Sunday.**

that most observers are speculating not on whether he'll win, but on who will finish below him on the Champs Elysees podium.

Three difficult stages next week in the Pyrenees are unlikely to change that, as the Sicilian known as "The Shark" has demonstrated he is nearly unbeatable in the high mountains.

**4 Van Garderen confident:** U.S. rider Teejay Van Garderen says he's on his guard as he sits in fifth place going into the Tour de France's final week.

The Montana native would dearly like to do better than that over the race's last six stages and validate his BMC Racing team's decision to make him the team's overall leader at this year's Tour.

The former white jersey winner, whose best-ever overall Tour result was 5th place in 2012 when he took the prize for best rider under 25, managed to finish safely in the pack to keep his closest rivals for the podium within a min-

ute on the overall classification. "I've stayed pretty consistent and I think it's not that I'm getting better, it's that other guys start to crack a bit," the 25-year-old Van Garderen said.

**5 Gallopin:** Alain Gallopin, team director at Trek Factory Racing, says the team is banking on Luxembourg national champion Frank Schleck to salvage what's been a disappointing Tour so far.

Gallopin has had to watch as three of his team abandoned, including 2010 Tour champ Andy Schleck and four-time world time trial champion Fabian Cancellara. Meanwhile, his nephew Tony Gallopin has made waves, winning a stage and wearing the yellow jersey for one day. Tony Gallopin rode for his uncle's team until last season.

"We are a new team. It was built around Fabian. It's clear that given Tony's requirements there was no way to keep him. He signed at half price with RadioShack to come with me, but he's not going to do that every time," Gallopin said with a chuckle.

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## Deals

### Sunday's transactions

**BASEBALL**  
**CHICAGO WHITE SOX** - Options SS Carlos Sanchez (L), selected the contract of RHP Taylor Thompson from Charlotte, transferred RHP Felipe Paulino to 60-day DL.  
**CLEVELAND INDIANS** - Options RHP Zach McAllister to Columbus (IL), sent RHP Justin Masterson to Columbus (IL) for rehab assignment.  
**DETROIT TIGERS** - Options RHP Drew VerHagen to Toledo (IL).  
**TEXAS RANGERS** - Assigned 1B Carlos Pena outright to Round Rock (PCL).  
**National League**  
**CINCINNATI REDS** - Options 1B Neftali Soto to Louisville (IL), reinstated Scott Schumaker from the 7-day DL.  
**AGREED TO TERMS** with 2B Donnie Murphy on a minor league contract.  
**COLORADO ROCKIES** - Sent RHP Nick Maize to Round Rock (PCL) for rehab assignment.  
**ST. LOUIS BRUINS** - Options INF Ed Lucas to New Orleans (PCL), recalled RHP Anthony Descalante from New Orleans.  
**NEW YORK METS** - Sent C Taylor Teagarden to Las Vegas (PCL) for a rehab assignment.  
**SAN DIEGO PADRES** - Sent RHP Joe Westland to the AZL Padres for a rehab assignment.

### Football

**National Football League**  
**NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS** - Signed TE Nate Byham.

### Hockey

**READING RAYS** - Agreed to terms with F Adam Hughesman on a one-year contract.

### College

**LIMESTONE COLLEGE** - Hired retired men's and women's tennis coach Alan Ferguson to permanent coach.

## Tennis

### Claro Open

**Bogota, Colombia**  
**Surface: Hard-Outdoor**  
**Singles**  
 Champion: **Doubles**  
 Bernard Tomic, Australia, def. David Ferrer (1), Spain, 6-7 (3), 7-6 (4).  
**Championship**  
 Marin Draganja, Croatia, and Florin Mergea, Romania, def. Alexander Peya, Austria, and Bruno Soares (1), Brazil, 6-4, 7-5.

### Hamburg Open

**Sunday**  
**At Rothemann Sport GmbH Hamburg, Germany**  
**Purse: \$1.8 million (W7500)**  
**Surface: Hard-Outdoor**  
**Singles**  
 Leonardo Mayer, Argentina, def. David Ferrer (1), Spain, 6-7 (3), 7-6 (4).  
**Doubles**  
 Marin Draganja, Croatia, and Florin Mergea, Romania, def. Alexander Peya, Austria, and Bruno Soares (1), Brazil, 6-4, 7-5.

### Isntabul Cup

**Sunday**  
**At Koza World of Sports Istanbul**  
**Purse: \$250,000 (INTL)**  
**Surface: Hard-Outdoor**  
**Singles**  
 Caroline Wozniacki, D., Denmark, def. Roberta Vinci (2), Italy, 6-7 (3), 6-1.  
**Championship**  
 Misaki Doi, Japan, and Ekaterina Svitolina, Ukraine, def. Oksana Kalashnikova, Georgia, and Paula Knafl, Poland, 6-4, 6-0.

### Swedish Open

**Sunday**  
**At Bastad Tennis Stadium Bastad, Sweden**  
**Purse: \$250,000 (W7500)**  
**Surface: Clay-Outdoor**  
**Singles**  
 Mona Barthel, Germany, def. Chanelle Schepers, South Africa, 7-5, 7-6 (3).  
**Doubles**  
 Andreja Klepac, Slovenia, and Maria-Teresa Torro-Floran, Spain, def. Jocelyn Rae and Anna Smith, Britain, 6-1, 6-1.

## AP spotlight

### July 22

1962 - Gary Player of South Africa becomes the first non-resident of the United States to win the PGA championship, a 54-hole tournament in professional golf played in 2 minutes, 10 seconds of time to round to the world heavy weight title. Liston took the title from Patterson with a first-round knockout in 1984. Kathy Whitworth becomes the first woman to win in professional golf tournaments by winning the Rochester Open. Whitworth, with 45 career wins, passes Sam Snead's total of 84 PGA Tour championship victories.

1984 - Bradley Wiggins becomes the first British cyclist to win the Tour de France by protecting yellow jersey during the final professional ride into Paris. In 2012, Wiggins became the first non-American to win the Tour de France. Christopher Froome finishes second, 3 minutes, 21 seconds behind.  
 2011 - Ryan Braun of the 2011 National League MVP is suspended for the rest of the season after testing positive for performance-enhancing drugs. The Milwaukee Brewers start accepts the 65th game, 15 games more than the one he avoided last year when an arbitrator overturned his positive test.

## Pro soccer

### MLS Eastern Conference

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Sporting KC	10	5	4	34	29
D.C. United	10	5	4	26	23
New York Red Bulls	9	7	2	23	24
New England Revolution	5	7	10	23	24
Columbus	7	7	8	23	26
Chicago Fire	5	7	5	23	26
Houston	5	11	1	19	40
Montreal	5	11	1	18	31

### Western Conference

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Seattle	8	7	5	29	32
FC Dallas	8	7	5	29	29
Real Salt Lake	7	6	6	27	26
Los Angeles	7	6	6	27	26
Colorado	6	6	6	27	28
Vancouver	6	6	6	27	28
Portland	5	6	9	24	32
Chivas USA	5	6	9	24	32
San Jose	4	8	5	17	19

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

### Friday's games

**Portland 2, Colorado 1**  
**Saturday's games**  
 New York City 2, Los Angeles 1  
 San Jose 1, San Jose 1  
 Houston 2, Montreal 1  
 Chicago 1, Philadelphia 1  
 Houston 2, Toronto FC 2  
**FC Dallas 2, New England 1**  
 Real Salt Lake 1, Vancouver 1  
**D.C. United 3, Chivas USA 1**

### Wednesday, July 23

**Chicago 1, Houston 1**  
**Thursday, July 24**  
**Montreal 1, Toronto FC 1**  
**Saturday, July 26**  
 Sporting Kansas City 2, Toronto FC 1  
 Houston 2, New England 1  
 Chivas USA at Colorado  
**FC Dallas at Vancouver**  
**Portland at Montreal**  
**Monday, July 28**  
 Los Angeles at Seattle FC

## D.C. United 3, Chivas USA 1

**CHIVAS USA** 0-1-1  
**United** 3-0-0  
**First half** - D.C. United, Justin Johnson (penalty kick), 19:00  
**Second half** - D.C. United, Kitchin 3 (Johnson, Rollie), 59th, 3, D.C. United, 14 (penalty kick), 84th  
**Goalkeepers** - Chivas USA, Dan Kennedy; D.C. United, Bill Hamid  
**Referee** - Stephen Whitham, D.C. United; 31st; Sturgis, Chivas USA; 50th; Silva, D.C. United; 70th.  
 15:32 (45:56)

## NWSL

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Seattle	13	4	43	95	64
FC Kansas City	10	5	34	32	25
Portland Thorns	10	5	34	32	25
Chicago	7	6	27	24	20
Houston Dash	7	6	27	24	20
Western NY	7	9	24	31	24
Bay FC	4	4	19	32	20
St. Louis	4	12	2	16	43
Houston	4	13	2	16	43

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

### Friday's games

Western New York 1, FC Kansas City 1  
**Sunday's games**  
 Portland 6, Boston 3  
 Bay FC 4, Washington 2  
 Seattle FC 1, Chicago 1  
**Tuesday, July 29**  
 Portland at Washington

### Friday, July 25

**Houston at Chicago**  
**Saturday, July 26**  
 Houston at Kansas City  
**Portland at Seattle FC**

## Marathon Classic

### Sunday

**At Highland Meadows Golf Club**  
**Yardage, 6,512 Par: 71**

Purse: \$1.4 million	Final
Lydia Ko, \$210,000	67-70-75=209
Soo Yeon Ryu, \$128,000	68-67-68=207
Cristie Kerr, \$22,000	67-67-73=207
Kelly Tan, \$50,015	68-68-67=207
Michelle Wie, \$22,000	68-68-71=207
Ann Park, \$59,015	66-68-67=211
P. Lindberg, \$32,044	71-68-70=214
J. Gordon, \$32,044	68-72-67=214
Kris Tammen, \$32,044	73-69-68=214
L. Wright, \$32,044	70-69-68=214
M. Martin, \$32,044	67-72-67=214
R. L. Bertham, \$32,045	68-67-68=215
J. Kim, \$32,045	67-67-67=215
Miriam Lee, \$23,045	71-67-69=215
Karinne Krich, \$19,259	73-67-63=216
Lee Thompson, \$19,259	71-72-66=216
Candie Jung, \$19,259	70-71-69=216
Tiffany Hou, \$15,586	71-72-67=217
Marijo Uribe, \$15,586	67-70-71=217
Austin Ernst, \$15,586	66-66-72=217
B. Wang, \$15,586	70-66-69=217
B. Panckaj, \$15,586	69-69-67=217
J. Marie Green, \$15,586	72-68-64=217
Laura Diaz, \$15,586	70-67-67=217
J. Rosales, \$11,950	69-67-68=218
Jenny Shin, \$11,950	70-67-69=218
Meena Lee, \$11,950	70-66-70=218
Stacy Lewis, \$11,950	70-68-70=218
J. Kim, \$11,950	70-67-70=218
Marina Aoki, \$11,950	69-69-69=218
B. Lindom, \$11,950	69-69-69=218
Katy Harris, \$8,491	74-69-67=219
J. Johnson, \$8,491	67-67-67=219
Christina Kim, \$8,491	69-69-69=219
Chella Choi, \$8,491	71-72-67=219
Haru Nomura, \$8,491	69-69-69=219
Michelle Yoo, \$8,491	69-69-69=219
M. L. Steen, \$8,491	67-63-79=219
Na Yeon Chun, \$8,491	69-71-68=219
Belen Mozo, \$8,491	71-68-69=219
C. Hedwall, \$8,491	69-68-69=219
S. Jane Smith, \$8,491	70-71-68=219
Eun-Hee Ji, \$5,821	69-67-60=280
Danielle Kanter, \$5,821	69-70-60=280
Amelia Lewis, \$5,821	69-69-70=280
K. M. Burnett, \$5,821	67-63-78=280
Choi Yoo, \$5,821	70-67-72=280
M. Kaufman, \$5,821	70-71-72=280
S. Michaels, \$5,821	70-69-72=280
H. Bowie Young, \$4,698	71-69-71=281
Moira Dunn, \$4,698	70-69-72=281
Michelle Yoo, \$4,698	70-69-72=281
V. Elizabeth, \$4,698	71-69-69=281
Morgan Pearson, \$3,997	72-71-72=282
S. Hargis, \$3,997	70-69-70=282
J. Yung Oh, \$3,997	71-69-70=282
Scott Carter, \$3,997	70-72-72=282
M. Jung Hu, \$3,997	73-69-72=282
M. A. Leblanc, \$3,997	69-72-69=282
E. Avant Shafford, \$3,401	71-73-68=283
Brianna Do, \$3,401	73-69-71=283
J. Lee, \$3,401	70-69-72=283
Lisa Medley, \$3,401	71-68-69=283
Line Wedekind, \$3,190	75-68-72=284
S. Michaels, \$1,900	70-69-72=284
Jenny Suh, \$3,015	73-69-73=284
Paula Reto, \$3,015	72-71-71=284
Michelle Yoo, \$3,015	71-69-72=284
Ayako Shimizu, \$2,840	71-69-74=284
Ashleigh Simon, \$2,734	70-73-69=287
Julia Boland, \$2,734	74-69-71=287
E. Garcia, \$2,734	70-69-72=287
Jim Kang, \$2,734	70-73-72=288
Paola Moreno, \$2,648	68-74-73=288
Mindy Kim, \$2,599	72-70-72=289
Kishi Arimura, \$2,566	71-70-74=291

## LPGA Tour schedule

**July 24-27** - International Crown, Cayes Valley GC, Owings Mills, Md.  
**Aug. 1-4** - The Claret PCL classic, Blytheleaf CC, Grand Rapids, Mich.  
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## Honda Indy Toronto Race 1

### Sunday

**At Toronto street circuit**  
**Toronto**  
**Lap length: 1.75 miles**  
**(Starting position in parentheses)**

65	(1) Sebastian Bourdais, Chevrolet, 65.1
2	(2) Helio Castroneves, Chevrolet, 65.3
3	(3) Tony Stewart, Mobil 1, 65.3
4	(4) Simon Pagenaud, Honda, 65.5
5	(5) Scott Dixon, Chevrolet, 65.6
6	(6) Graham Rahal, Honda, 65.6
7	(18) Charlie Kimball, Chevrolet, 65.6
8	(7) Justin Willard, Honda, 65.6
9	(23) Will Power, Chevrolet, 65.7
10	(10) Justin Willard, Honda, 65.7
11	(19) Mikhail Aleshin, Honda, 65.8
12	(19) Mike Conway, Chevrolet, 65.8
13	(12) Jack Hawksworth, Honda, 65.8
14	(17) Carlos Munoz, Honda, 65.8
15	(20) Marco Andretti, Honda, 65.8
16	(14) Carlos Munoz, Honda, 65.8
18	(22) Juan Pablo Montoya, Chevrolet, 65.8
64	(16) Sebastian Saavedra, Chevrolet, 64.2
64	(20) Josef Newgarden, Honda, 63.9
21	(3) Ryan Hunter-Reay, Honda, 39.9
22	(6) Luca Filippi, Honda, 17.9
23	(2) Takuma Sato, Honda, 10.9

### Race Statistics

**Winners average speed:** 90.370 mph  
**Time of race:** 1:00:00.000  
**Margin of Victory:** 3:4088 seconds  
**Caution:** 2 for 5 laps.

**Lead changes:** among 3 drivers.  
**Lap Leaders:** Bourdais 1-33, Castroneves 34-43, Stewart 44-65.  
**Points:** Castroneves 52, Power 484, Stewart 483, Willard 482, Montoya 417, Munoz 371, Dixon 361, Andretti 351, Kanaan 340, Bourdais 336.

## Honda Indy Toronto Race 2

### Sunday

**At Toronto Street Circuit**  
**Toronto, Ontario**  
**Lap length: 1.75 miles**  
**(Starting position in parentheses)**

1	(11) Mike Conway, Dallara-Chevrolet, 65.1
2	(9) Juan Pablo Montoya, Dallara-Chevrolet, 65.1
3	(10) Simon Pagenaud, Dallara-Chevrolet, 65.1
4	(12) Helio Castroneves, Dallara-Chevrolet, 65.1
5	(13) Takuma Sato, Dallara-Honda, 65.1
6	(18) Jack Hawksworth, Dallara-Honda, 65.1
7	(7) Scott Dixon, Dallara-Honda, 65.1
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# AUTO RACING/Commonwealth Games



CHRIS YOUNG, THE CANADIAN PRESS/AP

**Sebastien Bourdais takes a turn on his way to winning the first of two IndyCar races in Toronto on Sunday.**

## Bourdais, Conway split IndyCar DH

The Associated Press

TORONTO — IndyCar ran two races in Toronto on Sunday, where rain wreaked havoc on both the schedule and driver strategy.

The series had planned to run one race Saturday and one on Sunday until rain washed out the first event. It instead began Sunday morning, roughly five hours before the start of the second race, and was won by Sebastien Bourdais. He broke a 52-race losing streak dating to 2007 by dominating on the dry street course at Exhibition Place.

But the rain returned for the second race, and IndyCar officials moved the start up 10 minutes in an attempt to run as much as possible in dry conditions. The sky eventually did open, the track became slick and drivers darted to pit road for rain tires.

When the track began to dry, Mike Conway gambled and made an early stop to remove his rain tires. A caution minutes later sent the bulk of the field to pit road to change their tires, and Conway shot up the leaderboard.

Conway was fifth on the restart, but his dry tires were far superior to the drivers still racing on rain tires, and he quickly moved through the field and into the lead. The race, which had been scheduled to run 65 laps or 80 minutes, whichever came first, then became a timed race.

A multicair accident stopped the clock for a cleanup with 4 minutes, 32 seconds remaining, and set up one final restart. Conway pulled away on the restart and easily held off Tony Kanaan.

It was the second win of the season for Conway, who walked away from IndyCar at the end of 2012 season because he no longer wanted to race on ovals. He was hired this year to split the seat with driver/owner Ed Carpenter, who was willing to give up his car on road and street courses.

Kanaan, third in the first race of the day, was the only IndyCar driver to finish on the podium in both events.

Will Power finished third as Chevrolet swept the podium in both races. Bourdais led points leader Helio Castroneves and Kanaan in the first race.

Bourdais, who scored his first win since returning to the U.S. in 2011, was 11th in the second race.

The rain during Race 2 caused one frightening moment when drivers began to slide on the track when the shower first started. Juan Pablo Montoya slipped off course into a fire barrier, and was hit from behind moments later by rookie Mikhail Aleshin.

The contact lifted Montoya's car off its back wheels, Aleshin slid under the car, and Montoya's car landed on top of Aleshin. Montoya's car had to be lifted by a tow truck, and it dangled in the air with the Colombian still in the cockpit.

An uninjured Aleshin returned to his pit stand and showed off his helmet, which was marred by visible tire marks.

"It was not nice at all because I was sitting under the car," the Russian driver said. "It was getting so hot from [Montoya's] car, I couldn't breathe at all because the car is very hot. ... It was not a nice feeling at all."

Race 1 had its own harrowing moment. It came to an almost immediate halt when a multicair crash led to a red flag on the opening lap. After a long delay, racing resumed with Bourdais leading the field to green. He never really had to look back and led all but six of the 65 laps.

It was Bourdais' first victory since the 2007 Champ Car season finale in Mexico City, but the 32nd of his career. That broke a tie with Paul Tracy and Dario Franchitti to give the Frenchman eighth place on the all-time wins list.

"I've got a big smile across my face and I can't seem to get rid of it," Bourdais said after the victory. "The whole race I was stressed out, it felt too easy, it felt like it was way too much under control, and it felt like it was going to go wrong at some point."

# Fleeting Bolt appearance could draw fans to Glasgow

By Rob Harris  
The Associated Press

Competing in just one event, Usain Bolt is likely to remain in Glasgow for less than 20 seconds. Just convincing the sprint star to come to the Commonwealth Games, though, should go a long way to elevating the status of a sporting spectacle that might seem anachronistic.

Two years after the exuberance of the London Olympics, where Bolt left with three golds, Britain is welcoming the world back this week — or former members of the British Empire at least — for Scotland's largest-ever multi-sports event.

Across 11 days, 4,500 athletes will be competing in 17 events as the 20th Commonwealth Games is broadcast for the first time to television audiences in all 71 competing nations and territories. How full the venues will be on those screens remains unclear, with the insatiable appetite for Olympic tickets in London not appearing to have been matched north of the border.

The ticket website shows "high availability" still for many events, including Wednesday's opening ceremony, headlined by rock star Rod Stewart at the home of his beloved football club Celtic, and Susan Boyle, the church volunteer whose soaring voice turned her into an overnight reality TV star.

Even track and field events, which start Sunday at the Hampden Park national football stadium, have tickets still on sale for all but two of the 10 sessions. Not though on Aug. 1 and Aug. 2 when Bolt will appear for the first time. Unlike in London when he swept the 100, 200 and 4x100-meter relay titles, the Jamaican is restricting himself to the relay in Glasgow, with just a heat and ineligible final. Organizers should be relieved Bolt is participating at all, given his lack of action this season due to a foot injury.

"I have received lots of requests, invitations and messages of support from my fans in Scotland who are looking forward to a great event," said Bolt, who skipped the 2006 and 2010 Commonwealth Games.

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Olympic gold medal sprinter

Bolt, a recent foot injury prevented compatriot Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce, the double 100-meter Olympic champion, from participating in the Jamaican trials so her involvement in Glasgow will also be restricted to the relay. Although the enduring relevance of the Commonwealth is often questioned in the 21st century, Fraser-Pryce's affection for the sports festival is clear.

"It ranks high because I've never been to a Commonwealth Games before," Fraser-Pryce told The Associated Press. "I've always thought [after] winning an Olympic gold medal, a world championship gold medal and a world indoor gold medal that if I had a Commonwealth gold medal that would top things off."

"I don't think it's outdated (the Commonwealth Games), I just think that a lot of persons who believe that are the world powers who aren't here. So they believe that it's not a big thing, but ... we are part of the Commonwealth and we see it as something big."

Organizers will be hoping to recapture the high spirits of London 2012, with an array of British Olympic medalists splitting off to compete under the home nations' flags. Perhaps offsetting Bolt's truncated participation, English favorite Mo Farrah declared himself fit to try to add to his 5,000 and 10,000 Olympic titles and shake off the frustrations from his lackluster full London Marathon debut in April.

Away from the temporary Hampden Park track, Bradley Wiggins will also have a point to prove in the newly-built velodrome and on the roads of Glasgow after the 2012 Tour de France champion was omitted from the Team Sky squad for this year's race.

The Tollcross swimming pool

should be the scene of some of the most fiercely competitive action, with the sold-out 100-meter breaststroke final pitting Olympic champion Cameron van der Burg of South Africa against Australia's world champion Christian Sprenger.

The rugby sevens will take on greater significance this time as New Zealand chases a fifth consecutive Commonwealth title as the sport prepares for its Olympic debut in Rio in 2016. Squash's struggle to gain inclusion on the Olympic program raises the significance of Commonwealth gold for many, including Nick Matthew, the Englishman defending singles and doubles titles from Delhi.

The 2010 Games were beset by organizational chaos and damaging headlines for India over the wellbeing of both venues and athletes. Although a sickness and vomiting bug has broken out in the last week in the Glasgow athletes' village only workers appear to have been affected.

Scotland's preparations have largely gone under the radar — a reflection of the smooth project as much as the global sporting radar being tuned into Brazil for the World Cup for much of the year. The Glasgow budget did however jump by more than 50 percent from the bid to \$962 million, and the Scottish government has been forced to dip into its contingency to fund what could be another high-politicized Commonwealth Games in Scotland.

The 1986 Edinburgh Games left the Scottish capital in financial crisis after 32 of 59 teams boycotted the event over the British government's ties with apartheid-era South Africa. This time, domestic politics threatens to dominate the agenda, with politicians in the final stretch before Scotland's Sept. 18 referendum on whether to break away from Britain.

**Jamaica's Usain Bolt is scheduled to compete in just one event at the Commonwealth Games. His appearance should go a long way to elevating the status of Scotland's largest-ever multi-sports event.**

DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP



MLB

# Angels rally in 9th to beat Mariners

By JOE RESNICK  
The Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Albert Pujols mimicked Fernando Rodney's celebratory bow-and-arrow routine as the Los Angeles Angels got to Seattle's closer for one of their most dramatic comeback wins this season.

Pujols hit a tying double off the Mariners' closer and Grant Green had a game-ending, bases-loaded single that lifted the Angels to a 6-5 win Sunday.

"Rodney's one of the game's best, and that's a known fact," the Angels' Kole Calhoun said. "He's an All-Star and somebody that we're expecting to go out there every time and get the job done. But we've got one of the best offenses in the game, and we can put some runs up no matter who's out there."

Rodney (1-4), the former Angels' closer, replaced Joe Beimel with one out in the eighth and retired the next two batters. He entered the ninth attempting his 200th career save, but the Angels rallied for their major league-leading

30th come-from-behind victory. Mike Trout drew a leadoff walk and scored on Pujols' 544th double, which broke a tie with Tony Gwynn for 28th place. When the three-time NL MVP pulled into second base, he mimicked Rodney's bow-and-arrow routine.

"That's his thing," Pujols said. "I've known Rodney for 15 years, so we go way back. And every time I see him, I tell him I'm going to do that to him if I get a big hit against him."

Rodney had gone through the bow-and-arrow routine after Calhoun flew out to the warning track in center field for the last out in the eighth. The 12-year veteran spent two seasons with the Angels, converting just 17 saves in 28 attempts from 2010-11. He had career-best 48 saves in 2012 with Tampa Bay.

"I did that for the fans, because when I came in, they booed me. It's part of the game," Rodney said after his third blow save in 30 chances. "I tried to get the save with five outs. They got me today, but tomorrow's another day."

Rodney loaded the bases twice with intentional walks to Howie



JAE C. HONG/AP

Los Angeles Angels' Mike Trout, right, and Josh Hamilton celebrate after Trout scored on a hit by Albert Pujols in the ninth inning on Sunday against the Seattle Mariners in Anaheim, Calif. The Angels won 6-5.

Kendrick and Efrén Navarro. The first resulted in a 5-2-3 double-play grounder by David Freese. The second set the stage for Green, who slapped a 3-2 pitch up the middle to score Josh Hamilton.

"It seems like all the pressure's on him. He had to get me out. I didn't have to do more than put the ball in play," Green said. "Rodney woke up our dugout. At the time, we were hitting well in the game,

but we didn't have that key hit. He did it at the wrong time with Trout, Pujols and Josh coming up. You don't want to get those guys fired up."

Green, a three-year veteran who has played third base and left field for the Angels, played his first game at shortstop after All-Star Erick Aybar was scratched for the second straight day with soreness in his groin. Green was 1-for-5 and

handled all four defensive chances flawlessly.

Joe Thatcher (1-1) worked a scoreless inning for the Angels, who remained 1 1/2 games behind AL West-leading Oakland following their 13th victory in 14 games.

"It was awesome. Anytime we get a chance to put pressure like that against one of the game's best closers, it's definitely exciting," Calhoun said.



TOM GANNAM/AP

Los Angeles center fielder Matt Kemp makes a diving catch on a ball hit by the Cardinals' Matt Adams in the sixth inning on Sunday. The Dodgers won 4-3.

# Kershaw shaky, but Dodgers down Cardinals

By R.B. FALLSTROM  
The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Clayton Kershaw couldn't hold a two-run lead in a ballpark that's been rough on him. The Los Angeles Dodgers won despite a so-so start from their ace lefty, who'd been virtually untouchable for a long stretch entering the All-Star break.

Adrian Gonzalez hit a tiebreaking single in the ninth inning off St. Louis Cardinals closer Trevor Rosenthal one at-bat after Hanley Ramirez was struck on the left hand, and the Dodgers salvaged

the finale of a three-game series with a 4-3 victory on Sunday.

"Your first emotion is to hit a home run and stand at home plate," Gonzalez said. "But then you tell yourself you've got to stay within yourself."

The Dodgers pulled into a virtual tie for first place with San Francisco in the NL West even though Kershaw was less than dominant. He'd been 8-0 with an 0.74 ERA his previous eight starts.

"It was a struggle," Kershaw said. "I didn't have a great idea where the ball was going for most of the night and I left some balls

up." Yasiel Puig did not play after getting hit by a pitch on the left hand a day earlier and Ramirez was taken out — also after getting struck on the left hand.

Initial X-rays were negative on Ramirez, and both he and Puig were scheduled for a second round of X-rays Monday in Pittsburgh.

Gonzalez leads the National League with 38 road RBIs. He missed a chance earlier, flying out with the bases loaded to end the fourth. J.P. Howell (2-3) got the last out in the eighth and Kenley Jansen finished for his 28th save

in 31 chances.

Rosenthal (1-5) struggled pitching on the third straight day after earning saves the first two games. Peter Bourjos' two-run homer off Kershaw tied it in the sixth.

Kershaw gave up three runs in seven innings, the first time he allowed three runs since May 28, and needed 31 pitches to escape the sixth — an inning kept by Matt Carpenter's 11-pitch walk.

He lost his previous four starts in St. Louis, the last two in the NLCS, and is 2-3 with a 3.68 ERA in seven regular-season starts overall at Busch Stadium.

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## MLB

## NL roundup

## Braves keep pace in East with win over Philadelphia

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Tommy La Stella is making an impression on Atlanta Braves manager Fredi Gonzalez.

Since coming to the big leagues in late May, La Stella is 6-for-7 with the bases loaded, driving in 13 runs in those at-bats.

"When we got him from Triple-A, all our minor league and player development people said that this guy can hit," Gonzalez said after Sunday's 8-2 win over the Philadelphia Phillies. "He can find the barrel with the ball. He sure has done that. Hopefully, that continues."

La Stella drove in three runs and Chris Johnson hit a two-run homer to back Alex Wood. The Braves have won of five of seven and remained second in the NL East, one percentage point back of Washington.

Wood (7-7) allowed one run and three hits in six innings with eight strikeouts to win for the first time four starts. He retired his last 13 batters.

The first five innings were played in a steady drizzle before heavy rain caused a 1-hour, 39-minute delay in the sixth inning.

Philadelphia took a 1-0 lead in the second when John Maberry Jr. homered, but the Braves went up 2-1 in the bottom half on Johnson's seventh homer.

Phillies starter Kyle Kendrick (4-10) got in trouble in the third, walking B.J. Upton, hitting Freddie Freeman with Justin Upton with pitches and forcing in a run with a bases-loaded walk to Jason Heyward that make it 3-1.

After Johnson lined out, the Braves went up 6-1 on La Stella's three-run double. La Stella's latest big hit came two days after the second baseman he replaced, Dan Uggla, was released.

La Stella relishes getting a chance to bat with runners in scoring position.

"You're going to find yourself in those situations whether you want them or not," La Stella said. "I think it goes a long way to see yourself in those situations and see yourself succeeding."

Kendrick gave up six runs, five hits and two walks in five innings, dropping to 1-4 with a 6.99 ERA in his last six starts.

"It's been a tough year for me," he said. "I don't know why. It's just been a bad year. Guys have bad years. So far, that's how it's been. Just keep pitching."

**Padres 2, Mets 1:** Odrisamer Despaigne came within four outs of the first no-hitter in San Diego's 46-year major league history as the Padres beat visiting New York on Seth Smith's run-scoring infield single in the ninth.

Making his fifth major league start, Despaigne didn't allow a hit until Daniel Murphy doubled to left-center with two outs in the eighth. San Diego, the only active major league franchise without a no-hitter, was playing its 7,264th regular-season game.

**Marlins 3, Giants 2:** NL hits leader Casey McGehee homered for the second time this season as ex Miami took the lead for good on a wild pitch by Tim Lincecum in the seventh inning to beat San Francisco.

Miami stopped a six-game losing streak and averted a three-game series sweep.

**Pirates 5, Rockies 3:** Andrew McCutchen hit a tiebreaking single in the seventh inning and Neil Walker followed with a home run and won Pittsburgh overcame a three-run deficit to beat Colorado for a three-game sweep.

Jeanmar Gomez (2-2) pitched a one-hit seventh, All-Star Tony Watson struck out two in a perfect eighth, and Mark Melancon earned his 18th save in 21 chances.

**Nationals 5, Brewers 4:** Jayson Werth hit a game-winning RBI double in the bottom of the ninth after the Brewers tied it in the top of the inning as host Washington edged Milwaukee.

Washington's bullpen tossed five scoreless innings in relief of Gio Gonzalez until Rickie Weeks' RBI single in the ninth off closer Rafael Soriano (1-1), who earned the win despite blowing his third save in 25 chances.

**Diamondbacks 3, Cubs 2:** Josh Colmlenter threw seven sharp innings as Arizona scored on an unusual play in the sixth inning to completed a three-game sweep of visiting Chicago. The only run off Colmlenter (8-5) came on Anthony Rizzo's 23rd homer of the season and third of the series.

Arizona's go-ahead run scored from third base when the first baseman Rizzo caught a pop foul while tumbling into the camera well. By rule, runners are awarded a base when a defensive player carries the ball out of play.



BEN MARGOT/AP

The Athletics' Eric Sogard scores past Baltimore Orioles catcher Caleb Joseph in the fourth inning on Sunday in Oakland, Calif. Sogard scored on a single by the A's John Jaso as Oakland won 10-2 in a battle of AL division leaders.

## AL roundup

## Gray, A's pound Orioles

The Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — As mid-July statements go, the Oakland Athletics delivered a powerful message to the Baltimore Orioles.

Sonny Gray struck out eight to win his fifth consecutive decision, and the major-league best A's pounded the Orioles 10-2 on Sunday in the final regular-season meeting between the AL division leaders.

"I guess it says good things about it," said A's catcher John Jaso, who tripled, singled and had two RBIs. "If we face them down the line, we face them down the line. But it's not something that we think about."

The A's (61-37) overpowered the AL East-leading Orioles (53-44) to take two of three at the Coliseum and finish 4-2 against Baltimore this year.

Oakland had 15 hits and chased starter Kevin Gausman (4-3) in the fifth before beating up Baltimore's bullpen the rest of the way.

Gray (11-3) gave up two runs, one earned, two hits and two walks in 6 1/3 innings. The 24-year-old right-hander hasn't lost since June 13 at the New York Yankees.

"As the game kind of went on and we were able to put some runs together, it was really big because then I could just take a deep breath and really start attacking the guys, and throwing my stuff up there and have them put it in play," Gray said.

Oakland's offense started fast and got contributions from all over.

Stephen Vogt had three hits and drove in a run. Josh Donaldson had two singles and two RBIs. Craig Gentry singled twice and had two RBIs.

Eric Sogard singled twice and drove in a run after starting the day in a 4-for-35 slump. Two-time reigning Home Run Derby champion Yoenis Cespedes singled and doubled for his first extra-base hit since June 25.

The Orioles never got going against Gray and managed just three hits. Eric O'Flaherty tossed 1 1/3 scoreless innings and Sean Doolittle pitched a perfect ninth as the A's closed out the Orioles.

**Blue Jays 9, Rangers 6:** Melky Cabrera hit a tiebreaking home run in the seventh inning as host Toronto beat Texas.

Cabrera drove in three runs and finished 3-for-5, his 13th multi-hit effort in the past 28 games, as the Blue Jays won their first series since sweeping a two-game set against Milwaukee on July 1-2.

**Tigers 5, Indians 1:** Drew Smyly allowed four hits in seven innings as Torii Hunter hit a two-run homer to help host Detroit beat Cleveland and avoid a four-game sweep.

Smyly (6-8) didn't give up a hit until Yan Gomes' two-out double in the fifth. The left-hander allowed one run on Gomes' seventh-inning homer — and two walks with six strikeouts.

**Red Sox 6, Royals 0:** Jon Lester (10-7) allowed no earned runs for the third time in four starts as Boston completed a three-game sweep of visiting Kansas City.

In eight innings, the All-Star left-hander struck out eight and gave up two walks and four hits. Only one Royals player reached third base.

**Astros 11, White Sox 7:** Matt Dominguez hit a two-run homer and a tiebreaking RBI double as visiting Houston tied its season high with 17 hits in a win over Chicago that prevented a three-game sweep.

**Rays 5, Twins 3:** James Loney had two hits and two RBIs, and Chris Archer won consecutive decisions for the first time this season as visiting Tampa Bay topped Minnesota for its fifth straight win.

## Interleague

**Yankees 3, Reds 2:** Jacoby Ellsbury got four hits and scored the winning run in the ninth inning off Brian McCann's pop-fly single that dropped in shallow right field, giving host New York a victory over Cincinnati and a three-game sweep.

Ellsbury and Derek Jeter each had an RBI single for the Yankees. David Robertson (1-2) pitched a perfect ninth to give the Reds their season-high, sixth straight road loss.



JOHN BAZEMORE/AP

The Braves' Tommy La Stella follows through on a three-run double as Philadelphia Phillies catcher Koyie Hill looks on in the third inning of Sunday's game in Atlanta. The Braves won 8-2 to keep pace with Washington in the NL East.

# BRITISH OPEN

# Silver in hand, McIlroy turns focus to green

## Just Masters remains to complete Grand Slam

By PAUL NEWBERRY  
The Associated Press

HOYLAKE, England — Rory McIlroy clutched the treasured piece of silverware, his reward for winning golf's oldest major championship.

Now he's got his eyes on a new jacket. Something in green, preferably.

With a grind-it-out performance on the final day of the British Open, McIlroy checked off another requirement for joining perhaps the most exclusive club in the game.

U.S. Open? He's won that. PGA Championship? Yep, got one of those too.

British Open? Took care of that on Sunday.

"I'm immensely proud of myself," McIlroy said, clutching the claret jug after a two-shot victory over Sergio Garcia and Rickie Fowler. "To sit here at 25 years of age and win my third major championship and be three-quarters of the way to the career Grand Slam, I never dreamed of being at this point in my career so quickly."

All that's left is the Masters. Get ready, Augusta National. This guy isn't very patient.

"I really don't have any doubt that he'll win there," Fowler said. "It's just a matter of time."

Unlike his first two major titles — eight-shot runaways at both the 2011 U.S. Open and the 2012 PGA Championship — McIlroy had to sweat this one out a bit. He didn't play his best, settling for a 1-over 71 that

was his highest score of the week. He bogeyed two straight holes on the front side, giving his challengers a glimmer of hope. But it was never really in doubt, his lead never less than two shots.

"I always felt like I had that little bit of a cushion," McIlroy said.

All along, he had his eyes on a bigger prize: The Grand Slam.

With his victory at Royal Liverpool, McIlroy became the third-youngest player — behind Jack Nicklaus and Tiger Woods — to win three of the four majors. Nicklaus, Woods, Ben Hogan, Gary Player and Gene Sarazen are the only players to capture all four, a feat that eluded such greats as Tom Watson, Arnold Palmer and Sam Snead.

Indeed, a pretty clubber that I can't just want to be the best golfer that I can be," McIlroy said. "I know if I can do that, then trophies like this are within my capability. I'd love to win a lot more and I'm really looking forward to ... next April and trying to complete the career Grand Slam."

Nicklaus has long been impressed with McIlroy's potential.

The Golden Bear liked what he saw on Sunday, watching the finale on television.

"I like his swagger," Nicklaus said in a message posted on Facebook. "I like the way he handles himself. I like his desire to be great. I like his desire to do the things he needs to do. I like that in a young guy. He's cocky in a nice way."

After ripping up the course the first three days, McIlroy didn't go with the driver as much and played some shots safely into the



PETER MORRISON/AP

Rory McIlroy kisses the claret jug Sunday after winning the British Open in Hoylake, England. He now just needs a Masters win to complete the Grand Slam.

middle of the green, avoiding unnecessary risks when he had a lead to work with.

That strategy looked familiar to Nicklaus, who has won more major titles (18) than anyone.

"The other guys put the pressure on him with what they did," Nicklaus said. "Rory then did what he had to do. That is the measure of what you are doing. It is not to go out and shoot another 66. It's shooting what you have to shoot to win the golf tournament."

Playing in the final group for the second straight major, Fowler put off his best round of the championship, a 5-under 67 with one bogey on his card. Garcia, still seeking that elusive first major title 15 years after he nearly got one at age 19, fired a 66 but saw his hopes collapse when he needed two swings to get out of a bunker at No. 15 — the shortest hole on the course.

At the end, all McIlroy has to do was tap in a putt from a couple of inches away to finish off a 17-under 271.

After some issues off the course, including him breaking off the engagement to tennis player Caroline Wozniacki just as the marriage invitations went out, McIlroy seems totally focused on his game.

That's good for golf, especially with Woods struggling to recapture anything close to his former dominance. Playing his first major of the year after recovering from back surgery, he finished 23 shots behind the winner and 69th overall — his worst 72-hole performance of his major championship career.

McIlroy is eager to fill the void left by a wounded Tiger.

"Golf is looking to someone to put their hand up," McIlroy said. "I want to be that person."

# No shame in second for Garcia

By STEVE DOUGLAS  
The Associated Press

HOYLAKE, England — Sergio Garcia doffed his cap, patted his heart and blew kisses to the crowd surrounding the 18th green at Royal Liverpool after clinching what ultimately would be a fourth second-place finish at a major.

Another close call on golf's highest stage, but there were no tears or regrets this time.

Just pride at ensuring this was no runaway for winner Rory McIlroy at the British Open.

"Everyone looks at a second (place) and not want to make it a negative. Not at all," Garcia said. "I did almost everything I could."

Starting the final round seven shots back and in the next-to-last pairing, the 34-year-old Spaniard was the only player to take the challenge to McIlroy on Sunday and closed to within two strokes of him on four occasions over the back nine. The first time was at No. 10, when he sunk a 10-foot eagle putt, sparking a low fist pump from Garcia as McIlroy was waiting to take his second shot from the fairway.

Each time the pressure was on down the stretch, though, McIlroy was able to respond. Notably on the par fives that have been his



SCOTT HEPPELL/AP

Sergio Garcia was the lone player to challenge Rory McIlroy on Sunday at Royal Liverpool. He shot a 6-under 66.

strength all week. "There was a better player," Garcia said after his 6-under 66. "It's as simple as that."

After a final-round collapse at the Masters in 2012, Garcia virtually wrote off his chances of ever ending his major drought.

His second-place finishes at the PGA Championship in 1999 — when a brush, 19-year-old Garcia ran Tiger Woods close — and 2008, plus another at the British Open in 2007 following a playoff with Padraig Harrington, hit him hard. Garcia also had six other top-five placings in the majors by 2012, including a fifth at Royal Liverpool in 2006.

With that elusive major in sight once again, Garcia's composure was striking Sunday. He gave three kids a high five on the way to the 15th tee. He barely acknowledged the roars that greeted any birdie from McIlroy behind him. He fed off the regular shouts of encouragement from the galleries, walking the course with a smile on his face.

"It looks like I'm finally growing up," Garcia said.

Garcia knew there was no room for error if he was to reel in McIlroy and he had an outrageous piece of fortune on No. 12 when he pushed an approach shot right and into the grandstand. The ball rebounded off a metal railing and settled at the edge of the green. He made an up-and-down for par, kissed his ball and threw it into the grandstand.

Garcia ran out of luck at the par-3 15th. His tee shot trickled into a greenside bunker and he took too much sand with his attempted escape, the ball hitting the wall of the bunker halfway down.

Being back contending at a major gave Garcia renewed hope heading into next month's PGA Championship at Valhalla.

"I try to look at the positives. And there's always a lot more positives than negatives," he said.

## Scoreboard

**British Open**  
Sunday  
At Royal Liverpool Golf Club  
Hoylake, England  
Purse: \$9.24 million  
Yardage: 7,112 Par: 72

**Final**

Rory McIlroy	1,665	788-66-68-67	271	-17
Rickie Fowler	1,785	510	69-68-68-67	-21
Sergio Garcia	1,785	610	68-70-69-66	-21
Jim Furyk	1,748	380	68-71-65-25	-21
M. Leindt	1,335	639	68-72-65-26	-21
Adam Scott	1,359	639	68-73-69-66	-21
M. Leindt	1,335	639	68-72-65-26	-21
C. Schwartzl	1,263	536	71-67-67-27	-21
V. Dubuisson	1,192	480	74-66-66-70	-21
Shane Lowry	1,162	462	68-70-69-66	-21
G. McDowell	1,192	462	74-66-66-70	-21
D. Johnson	1,144	454	71-67-71-29	-21
R. Karlsson	1,144	454	69-71-70-69	-21
R. Moore	1,144	454	70-69-71-29	-21
S. Gallacher	1,117	318	70-72-68-68	-20
D. Howell	1,117	318	72-70-68-68	-20
F. Molinari	1,117	318	68-70-75-67	-20
G. Coetzee	1,105	073	70-69-74-68	-21
K. Bradley	993	967	73-71-69-67	-22
Angel Cabrera	993	968	76-69-70-67	-22
Chris Kirk	993	968	71-74-68-69	-22
M. Manassero	993	968	67-75-68-72	-22
Phil Mickelson	978	975	74-70-71-68	-23
H. Matsuyama	965	350	72-72-71-69	-24
Thomas Bjorn	878	875	75-73-65-63	-25
Byeong-Hun An	865	350	72-71-70-72	-24
Christo Wadman	865	350	70-71-76-67	-24
Darren Clarke	865	350	72-72-71-71	-24
Brian Harman	865	350	72-73-68-71	-24
Ben Martin	865	350	71-72-70-70	-24
Jimmy Walker	865	350	69-71-73-68	-24
K. Broberg	825	564	69-71-73-68	-24
David Hearn	825	564	70-71-71-25	-25
Hunter Mahan	825	564	71-73-69-65	-25
G. Poirier (30)	825	564	70-73-69-65	-25
Branden Grace	846	271	71-72-69-74	-26
O. Zanardelli	846	271	70-72-72-72	-26
Jordan Spieth	846	271	71-72-72-72	-26
J. Lee	836	253	72-72-71-27	-27
B. Haskins	836	253	73-71-71-27	-27
K. Kouma	836	253	69-71-74-67	-27
J. Pate	836	253	72-72-71-27	-27
H. Hendrick	836	253	72-72-71-27	-27
K. Stensson	836	253	73-71-69-67	-27
Brendon Todd	836	253	73-71-74-67	-27
G. Woodland	836	253	75-69-72-71	-27
Gregory Bourz	827	189	69-69-70-28	-28
Paul Casey	827	188	74-71-73-70	-28
Stewart Cink	827	188	71-75-69-69	-28

Zach Johnson	827	358	71-75-71-71	-28
Jason Dufner	825	350	70-74-74-71	-29
Bill Haas	825	350	70-72-73-74	-29
Tim Teesdale	825	350	73-73-75-68	-29
Matt Jones	825	351	71-74-72-73	-29
Matt Kuchar	823	791	73-71-74-72	-29
Kevin Na	823	791	70-70-70-70	-29
Matt Westwood	823	791	72-74-69-75	-29
Jason Day	822	808	75-73-74-71	-29
Jamie Spivey	822	808	73-73-75-70	-31
Ryan Palmer	822	808	74-71-76-70	-31
Chris Rodgers	822	808	75-71-73-74	-31
John Senden	822	808	74-74-75-71	-31
B. Strebler	822	808	74-72-71-74	-31
Luke Donald	822	040	73-71-75-29	+4
Kevin Na	822	040	73-72-76-27	+2
T. Olesen	822	040	75-71-73-73	+2
Charley Hoffman	821	634	74-76-71-71	+2
Brooks Koepka	821	634	68-71-74-23	+3
Tiger Woods	821	256	69-77-73-29	+6
Martin Kaymer	821	185	72-72-72-26	+9
Matt Evers	821	015	75-73-78-27	+9
Rhett Gibson	820	84	72-74-74-78	+29



PETER MORRISON/AP

Rickie Fowler followed his second-place finish in the U.S. Open with a tie for second at Royal Liverpool on Sunday.

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# Bills GM losing patience with DT Darius

By JOHN WAWRO  
The Associated Press

PITTSFORD, N.Y. — Buffalo Bills general manager Doug Whaley's patience is growing thin after starting defensive tackle Marcell Dareus experienced his latest off-season setback by failing a pre-training camp conditioning test.

"It's cause for concern," Whaley told The Associated Press after the Bills held their first practice — minus Dareus — in suburban Rochester on Sunday night.

"You always are disappointed when one of your guys isn't ready. But we think he's not far off. So hopefully sooner than later."

Whaley then expressed confidence in Dareus, whose string of troubles include drug possession and reckless driving charges in two separate arrests in May.

"His mindset's better once he's here," Whaley said, referring to the practice field. "And I think we'll find out with his actions. And I think he's ready to disprove all of this stuff that he's a bad seed."

The Bills placed Dareus on the active/non-football injury list on Saturday because the 2011 first-round draft pick did not report to camp in shape, coach Doug Marrone announced shortly before the start of practice Sunday.

Marrone declined to say whether he was disappointed in Dareus' latest setback.

"I just think right now he just needs to focus on getting himself ready, getting on



Bill Wipperfurth/AP

**Buffalo Bills general manager Doug Whaley expressed concern on Sunday after starting defensive tackle Marcell Dareus failed a pre-training camp conditioning test. It's the latest in a series of setbacks for the troubled 2011 first-round draft pick.**

the field and focusing on football," Marrone said. "And I think that's what he'll be ready to do."

This isn't a good start for a player who has encountered a series of on- and off-

field problems over the past seven months. In early May, Dareus was arrested in his native Alabama and charged with possession of synthetic marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

Four weeks later, he was allegedly racing teammate Jerry Hughes when he crashed his 2012 Jaguar into a tree not far from Ralph Wilson Stadium.

Dareus was charged with reckless endangerment and ticketed for several traffic violations, including drug racing.

After the crash, Dareus consulted with Marrone and decided to take two weeks off from voluntary practices. He returned for the team's three-day mandatory minicamp in mid-June, but did not speak to reporters.

Dareus' troubles date to the end of last season when he was benched for parts of the final two games for breaking team rules.

Marrone had previously taken responsibility for mentoring Dareus.

"I just want to make sure that I'm clear that everyone understands that I believe in Marcell, and I will do everything I can to make sure that we can get him on the right track," Marrone said in June. "I'm going to do everything I can to help a 24-year-old man make better decisions."

And yet, it's unclear whether the player is listening.

Even Dareus' teammates have publicly expressed concerns over his poor decision-making. Veteran defensive tackle Kyle Williams, last month, said he hoped the crash was a wake-up call for Dareus.

"Hopefully, it's to a point where it's kind of an epiphany and he comes alive and turns the corner and does his best," Williams said then.

# Army: Washington's Kotwica a rising star in NFL coaching ranks

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Burns struggled to find willing participants to round out his units. Some players disagreed with his philosophies and schemes, and that led to arguments in meeting rooms and sometimes on the sidelines. During one heated exchange, Burns challenged a player to fight him.

There was nothing special about Washington's special teams units. All pride in the units had been lost.

And so, finding the right man to overhaul the unit ranked among Jay Gruden's first moves after being hired as head coach in January.

He zeroed in on Kotwica, whose contact with the New York Jets had just expired. Under Kotwica, the Jets in 2013 ranked among the top 10 in the NFL in kickoff return yards, and 17th on kickoff coverage. By no coincidence, those two areas had ranked among Washington's biggest weaknesses. It also wasn't just happenstance that some of Kotwica's strengths — discipline, planning, strong motivational and communication skills — represented weaknesses of the previous coordinator.

Kotwica had proven himself as a fast riser in the NFL coaching ranks and his leadership skills came without question both on the field and off.

After concluding his senior season as a linebacker for Army, where he anchored the defense and helped his team to 10 wins — most in school history — Kotwica went on to serve his country as an

**“One of the most important lessons I learned in the Army is ... you have to have the ability to make adjustments.”**

Ben Kotwica

Former Army company commander; Washington Redskins special teams coach

Apache helicopter pilot. During his eight years in the Army, Kotwica deployed to Bosnia and was stationed in Korea. In 2004, as a captain in the second Iraq war, Kotwica flew more than 1,000 combat hours.

Kotwica never lost his love for football and he realized coaching bore a number of similarities to his role as a company commander, where he had to unite a group of men, get them to buy in on an important mission and execute with precision.

Upon completion of his military career in 2005, Bob Sutton, Kotwica's former coach at West Point, helped the soldier get a job as the defensive coordinator for the U.S. Military Academy prep school's football team.

Two years later, upon Sutton's recommendation, then-Jets head coach Eric Mangini gave Kotwica an entry-level job on his staff as a quality control assistant for the defensive and special teams units. Six years later, he was promoted to special teams coordinator.

Now in Washington, Kotwica assumes the task of rebuilding the special teams units.

During his initial address and in meetings since, Kotwica has stressed the importance of excellence on special teams. This isn't

Thus far, Kotwica's tactics have worked.

There's a new air in the special teams meetings and practices, said fullback Darrel Young — one of the few bright spots on the units last season. He said Kotwica, with his militaristic style, has impressed players and already has proven himself as "a leader of men."

Fellow special teams standout Niles Paul — one of the few players last season who seemed vexed over the disarray of the unit — agrees.

"We've got a bunch of — with all the people we brought in — a bunch of people feeding off each other, who believe in what we're doing out here and who are having a good time," Paul said. "It's definitely the way Ben communicates. You know Ben is a military guy. First day of special teams, he addressed us and said, 'Who wants to join my special forces? And everybody was like, 'Dang, I wanna join the special forces!'"

Gruden agreed that Kotwica's approach makes it impossible for players to take his message lightly or disrespect him.

"Hell," Gruden chuckled. "He intimidates me. I'm never going to overstep my boundaries with him."

But Kotwica has done more than talk. He has backed up his all-hands-on-deck message by enlisting the services of position coaches to help he and assistant special teams coach Bradford Barta, in an attempt to ensure that his players receive the best instruction possible, and to spark

greater unity.

"I think that you can talk special teams and how important it is, but you've got to walk it," Kotwica said. "I think when you incorporate those other coaches, I think the players see that and feel how important that is."

In addition to speed, physicality and precision, Kotwica has stressed the importance of competition. He has both inexperienced and seasoned players auditioning for roles on his units. Washington also has two place kickers, two punters and even two long-snappers competing for jobs — a rarity.

Kotwica believes that competition will cause the players to work harder for jobs while also positioning him to field the best possible units, which will spur a Washington turnaround. And preparation represent the biggest keys to success, the coach believes.

"One of the most important lessons that I learned in the Army is, you can have a plan going in — you can have an operational order, whether it was in Bosnia, whether it was in Korea or in Iraq. But the enemy's got a vote. And so one of the important things — much like it is on Sunday — is you have to have the ability to make adjustments. Because you might have a plan that might work, but again, the enemy does have a vote and whether it's in the desert of Iraq out on the football field on Sunday, you have to be able to make adjustments and instill that confidence in your soldiers or your players that the job is going to get done."

## Did you know

During eight years in the Army, Kotwica deployed to Bosnia, was stationed in Korea and flew more than 1,000 combat hours as a captain in the second Iraq war in 2004.

SOURCE: The Associated Press

where players incapable of starting get stashed, as a number of players viewed the units last season. Kotwica wants and expects the best.

"I think any time you try to form a unit or an organization, you want to instill a culture," Kotwica said. "So there are things that I've brought from my military background. I put an 'Apply within' sign on my front door, and we're taking all applicants, and I think guys have bought into that. A lot of guys have signed up and want to help this ball club."

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## Special forces

JOHN McDONNELL, THE WASHINGTON POST/AP

The man hired to revamp the Washington Redskins' special teams, Ben Kotwica, center, has an Army background and a personality that has inspired players to follow his lead. Kotwica's strengths — discipline, planning, and strong communication and motivational skills — have made him a fast riser in the NFL coaching ranks.

### Army vet Kotwica aims to turn around Redskins' abysmal special teams unit

By **MIKE JONES**  
*The Washington Post*

**T**he former Apache helicopter pilot and company commander stood in front of the room and issued the challenge. "Who wants to join my special forces?" Ben Kotwica asked, strong and

clear as he conducted his first special teams meeting at Redskins Park back in the spring. He spoke of pride, commitment, and a physical style of play, and again, asked who wanted to join his "special forces." Ears perked up. Things had definitely changed. Special teams play ranked among the lowest of the lowlights during

Washington's 3-13 campaign in 2013. Keith Burns never could find the right buttons to push as a first-year coordinator after taking over for the long-time — and well-respected — firecracker of a special teams coach, Danny Smith.

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**'Hell, he intimidates me. I'm never going to overstep my boundaries with him.'**

**Jay Gruden**

First-year Washington Redskins head coach, on new special teams coach — and former Apache helicopter pilot — Ben Kotwica

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