

Servicemembers below the rank of E-5 in Japan are not allowed to be off post after midnight due to curfew restrictions placed upon them after a string of incidents.

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COLLATERAL DAMAGE OF CURFEWS IN THE PACIFIC

2 deaths among incidents made worse by US servicemembers possibly afraid to get help while disobeying liberty rules

By SETH ROBSON
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YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — It's Friday night, and curfew is looming for U.S. servicemembers across Japan and South Korea.

Some are sleeping, watching TV or playing video games. Some are partying on base or heading back to the barracks from nearby bars, perhaps sprinting to get to the gate on time or walking there unsteadily after one too many drinks.

Others are disregarding a liberty policy — which requires that they be

“You have the choice of losing money and losing rank and, possibly, getting kicked out versus staying at a hotel and taking your chances.”

Airman 1st Class Fred Camacho

back on base or in a private residence or hotel room between midnight and 5 a.m. — despite the risks to their careers and, perhaps, even their lives.

The curfew is wildly unpopular with young troops who complain that they are being treated like children

and punished for something they didn't do. A significant number defy the rules — moving their partying to off-base entertainment districts where they are unlikely to get caught after midnight.

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Obama's test: attempting to avoid 'mission creep' in Iraq

By JULIE PACE
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WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama, in charting a new phase of American military engagement in Iraq, pledges that his war-weary country will not be “dragged back” into a lengthy conflict or become ensnared in “mission creep.”

But recent U.S. military history is full of warning signs about the difficulty of keeping even a limited mission from expanding and extending. The prospect that this latest mission in Iraq could follow that

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pattern is particularly risky for Obama, given that he has staked so much of his legacy on having brought America's long war there to a close.

Already some of the White House's closest allies worry that Obama's plan to send in 300 special operations forces to train the Iraqi military could be the first step in pulling the U.S. back into Iraq's violent sectarian fight.

“I think that you have to be careful sending special forces because that's a number that has a tendency to grow,” said House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi of California, one of Obama's staunchest supporters.

Anna Galland, the executive director of the liberal group MoveOn.org, said even a limited mission “is a dangerous and troubling development that threatens to lead to broader military engagement.”

Indeed, the U.S. has seen small operations escalate before.

The conflict in Vietnam started with Presidents Dwight Eisenhower and John F. Kennedy sending limited numbers of military advisers to train and assist local forces.

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"He's not going to convince me that he's not well-funded. It doesn't matter to me if he's driving a Jeep or a BMW or a Lexus."

— Michael Markland, 43, of Philadelphia, after Tom Wolf, a millionaire who won the Democratic nomination for Pennsylvania governor, delivered his victory speech after driving a 2006 Jeep Wrangler

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VA lacking on female medical issues

By GARANCE BURKE

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Already pilloried for long wait times for medical appointments, the beleaguered Department of Veterans Affairs has fallen short of another commitment: to attend to the needs of the rising ranks of female veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan, many of them of child-bearing age.

Even the head of the VA's office of women's health acknowledges that persistent shortcomings remain in caring for the 390,000 female vets seen last year at its hospitals and clinics — despite an investment of more than \$1.3 billion since 2008, including the training of hundreds of medical professionals in the fundamentals of treating the female body.

According to an Associated Press review of VA internal documents, inspector general reports and interviews:

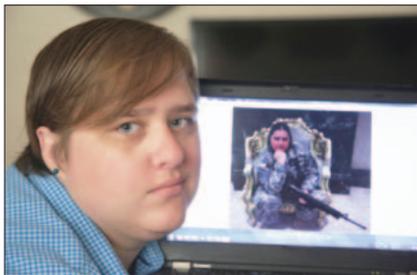
■ Nationwide, nearly one in four VA hospitals does not have a full-time gynecologist on staff. And about 140 of the 920 community-based clinics serving veterans in rural areas do not have designated women's health providers, despite the goal that every clinic would have one.

■ When community-based clinics refer veterans to nearby universities or other private medical facilities to be screened for breast cancer, more than half the time their mammogram results are not provided to patients within two weeks, as required under VA policy.

■ Female veterans have been placed on the VA's Electronic Wait List, which consists of all new patients for whom appointments cannot be scheduled in 90 days or less, at a higher rate than male veterans.

■ And according to a VA presentation last year, female veterans of child-bearing age were far more likely to be given medications that can cause birth defects than were women being treated through private HMOs.

"Are there problems? Yes," said Dr. Patricia Hayes, the VA's chief consultant for women's health in an AP interview. "The good news for our health care system is that as the number of women increases dramatically, we are going to



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Army Sgt. Ashley Morris displays a photograph of herself in Iraq. Morris said that she is now having some trouble getting comprehensive care at the community-based VA clinic near her home in Albertville, Ala.

continue to be able to adjust to these circumstances quickly."

The 5.3 million male veterans who used the VA system in fiscal year 2013 far outnumbered female patients, but the number of women receiving care at VA has more than doubled since 2000. The tens of thousands of predominantly young, female veterans returning home has dramatically changed the VA's patient load, and the system has yet to fully catch up. Also, as the total veteran population continues to decrease, the female veteran population has been increasing year after year, according to a 2013 VA report.

All enrolled veterans can use what the VA describes as its "comprehensive medical benefits package," though certain benefits may vary by individual and ailment, just as with medical care outside the VA system. The VA typically covers all female-specific medical needs, aside from abortions and in-vitro fertilization.

The strategic initiatives, which sprang from recommendations issued six years ago to enhance women's health systemwide, have kick-started research about female veterans' experience of sexual harassment, assault or rape in a military setting; established working groups about how to build prosthetics for female soldiers; and even led to installation of women's restrooms at the more

than 1,000 VA facilities. Yet enduring problems with the delivery of care for female veterans are surfacing now amid the growing criticism of the VA's handling of patient care nationwide and allegations of misconduct, lengthy wait times and potential unnecessary deaths.

Used to treating the men who served in Vietnam, Korea or World War II, many of the VA's practitioners until a few years ago were unaccustomed to treating menopause or giving advice about birth control.

The study on distribution of prescription medication that could cause birth defects is illustrative of the lagging awareness; one of every two female veterans has received medication from a VA pharmacy that could cause birth defects, compared with one in every six women who received drugs care through private health care systems, said the study's author, Eleanor Binla Schwarz, a senior medical expert on reproductive health with VA.

Schwarz, who also directs women's health research at the University of Pittsburgh, pointed out that while she does not believe any of the veterans surveyed were pregnant at the time, it is critical to keep in mind that many new female veterans are of child-bearing age, a higher percentage are on medication than

in the general population and the majority of these women are not on contraception.

Hayes said the VA seeks to place a trained, designated women's provider in every facility and expects to install a "one-stop" health care model that allows women to go to one provider for a range of services, including annual physicals, mental health services, gynecological care and mammograms. Until that happens, however, some VA clinics have limited gender-specific health treatments available for women.

Army Sgt. Ashley Morris, who worked as an operating room technician for six months in 2008-2009 at a military hospital in Baghdad's Green Zone that treated soldiers hit by suicide bombs or wounded in firefights, said that promised transformation is badly needed. She returned having flashbacks and suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder, and spent a month hospitalized in a psychiatric facility in Pueblo, Colo.

Now back home in Albertville, Ala., she said she was ordered in March by a physician at the nearby community-based VA clinic to get a mammogram, given her mother's medical history. But Morris said she had to wait so long to get an outside appointment that she never made it to the doctor, in part, she said, because the VA would not reimburse her for the gas mileage to get to the private screening center 65 miles away in Birmingham.

"As a young female coming home from Iraq, they don't have the care that we need at the local clinic," said Morris, 26. "If it's anything over psych medications, I have to go to Birmingham, and they've stopped compensating me for driving there." VA policy says any veteran who has been approved to get care at an outside facility will be reimbursed for gas mileage or get their transportation paid for by the system, said VA spokeswoman Nididi Mojay.

Jeffrey Hester, spokesman for the VA in Birmingham, said he was not aware of Morris' circumstances.

Female veterans are more likely than their male counterparts to be referred outside the VA system for specialty care, Hayes acknowledged.

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MILITARY

Jockeying for position

Friendly rivalry heats up as Global Hawks arrive at Misawa

The runway at Misawa Air Base sees plenty of action, with Air Force F-16s, Navy P-3 Orions, military rotators and Japan civilian airliners all sharing the pavement. Now, that runway is a little more crowded with the addition of two RQ-4 Global Hawk unmanned surveillance aircraft that arrived late last month. The Global Hawks — along with about 40 personnel from Detachment 1, 69th Reconnaissance Group — plan to spend the summer in northern Japan.

Their arrival has led to a little friendly competition between the fighter jocks who man the F-16s and the joystick jocks who fly the

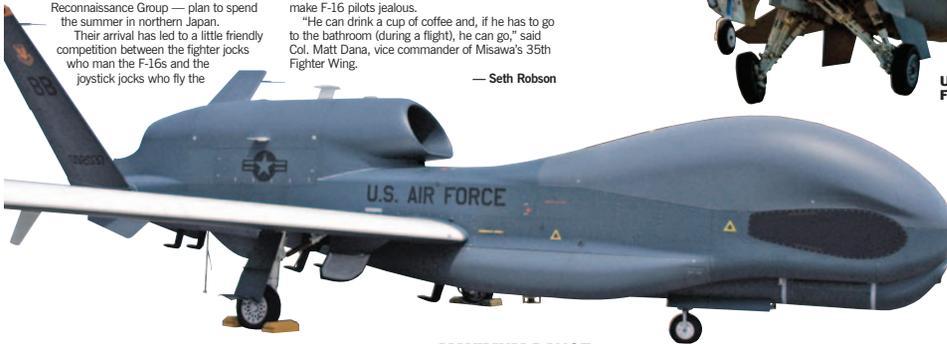
massive Global Hawks. Conventional pilots turned up their noses at drones when they first took to the skies a few years ago. While the F-16 pilots at Misawa can perform a range of adrenalin-pumping maneuvers, the best the Global Hawk crews can manage is 15 degrees of bank. However, there are a couple of benefits that make F-16 pilots jealous.

"He can drink a cup of coffee and, if he has to go to the bathroom (during a flight), he can go," said Col. Matt Dana, vice commander of Misawa's 35th Fighter Wing.

— Seth Robson



U.S. Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcon



Global Hawk

F-16

Primary function: Multirole fighter

Contractor: Lockheed Martin Corp.

Power plant: F-16C/D: one Pratt & Whitney F100-PW-200/220/229 or General Electric F110-GE-100/129

Thrust: F-16C/D, 27,000 pounds

Wingspan: 32 feet, 8 inches

Length: 49 feet, 5 inches

Height: 16 feet

Weight: 19,700 pounds without fuel

Maximum takeoff weight: 37,500 pounds

Fuel capacity: 7,000 pounds internal; typical capacity, 12,000 pounds with two external tanks

Payload: Two 2,000-pound bombs, two AIM-9, two AIM-120 and two 2400-pound external fuel tanks

Speed: 1,500 mph (Mach 2 at altitude)

Range: More than 2,002 miles ferry range (1,740 nautical miles)

Ceiling: Above 50,000 feet

Armament: One M-61A1 20mm multibarrel cannon with 500 rounds; external stations can carry up to six air-to-air missiles, conventional air-to-air and air-to-surface munitions and electronic countermeasure pods

Crew: F-16C, one; F-16D, one or two

Inventory: Total force, F-16C/D, 1,018

GLOBAL HAWK

Primary function: High-altitude, long-endurance ISR

Contractor: Northrop Grumman (Prime), Raytheon, L-3 Communications.

Power plant: Rolls-Royce North American F137-RR-100 turbofan engine.

Thrust: 7,600 pounds

Wingspan: 130.9 feet

Length: 47.6 feet

Height: 15.3 feet

Weight: 14,950 pounds

Maximum takeoff weight: 32,250 pounds

Fuel capacity: 17,300 pounds

Payload: 3,000 pounds

Speed: 357 mph

Range: 8,700 nautical miles

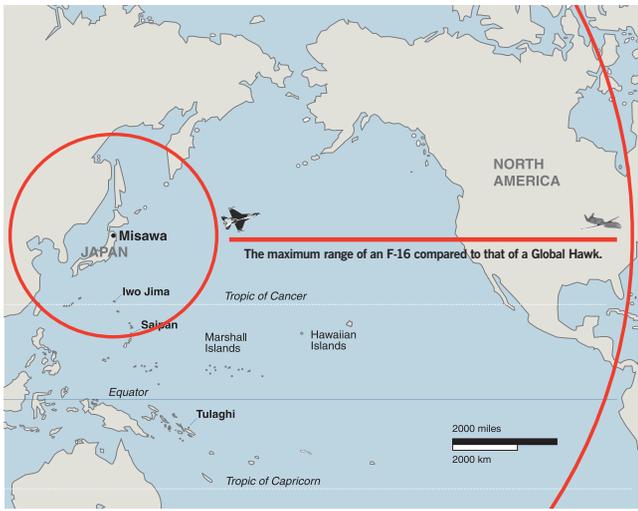
Ceiling: 60,000 feet

Armament: None

Crew (remote): Three (LRE pilot, MCE pilot, and sensor operator)

Inventory: Active force, 20

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Watch a video of the introduction of the Global Hawks at Misawa Air Base

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MILITARY

Army drawdown continues, to hit 1,100 captains

By CHRIS CARROLL
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The Army drawdown continues this week, when about 1,100 Army captains will receive word that their military careers are about to end. Another 500 majors will get the same news in early July.

The cuts were planned by officer separation and early retirement boards that convened this spring to review 19,000 active-duty officers for possible early separation. It's all part of the Army's effort to smoothly trim down to a number that, thanks to federal budgetary uncertainty, remains unclear.

There were about 28,000 captains and nearly 17,000 majors in the Army on April 30, according to Defense Department statistics.

Army Vice Chief of Staff Gen. John Campbell, who sat down with Stars and Stripes recently to discuss Army end-strength cuts, said the separations aren't something anyone wanted. Good officers who've risked their lives to serve the nation will have to leave, he said.

"They're in the Army now, and in other times they'd probably continue to stay in the Army," he said. "But this is not normal."

During the height of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, the Army had about 570,000 troops and has since dropped to about 510,000. The current cuts, which also include 500 noncommissioned officers selected early this year for separation, are aimed at producing an end strength of 490,000 troops — the Army's previous target.

But the force will almost certainly get smaller. The most recent defense budget proposal from the Pentagon, now working its way through Congress, calls for an Army of some 450,000 soldiers.

Should automatic budget cuts known as sequestration return in 2016 after two years on hold because of a bipartisan budget deal, 420,000 troops will be the target end strength, officials say. Campbell and other Army leaders say that such a deep cut would be risky enough to require an overhaul of the nation's defense strategy. However it plays out, many more troops will have to leave.

"This will be a continuing effort as we go forward," Campbell said.

Even as the Army plans for continued drawdowns, certain fields — including cyberwarfare, special operations and missile defense — have grown, he said. The

service branch's leaders are looking hard at areas for offsetting cuts, Campbell said.

Among them are Army educational institutions and Training and Doctrine Command, or TRADOC, he said. Other areas that may be ripe for reductions are Army Medical Command, brigade combat teams — which have already been cut significantly — and enabling functions such as logistics units, he said.

The Army is focused on moving troops to civilian life as compassionately as possible, Campbell said. Some of the most difficult notifications, he said, could be to officers now commanding troops in Afghanistan.

"Just think, if you're a young captain...you've been in the army four to eight years, you could be a company commander who com-



Campbell

manded in combat, and now somebody's going to come up and say, 'Hey, thanks for your service,'" he said. "It's going to be a shock."

Most of the captains who receive notice this week will receive separation pay, while a few have accumulated enough time in the service to qualify for early retirement.

The Army hopes to move many into the Army Reserve ranks.

"We think about two-thirds of those who are selected would be great candidates to go into the reserve component," said Maj. Gen. Thomas Seamands, director of Army personnel management. "The reserve component shortages are actually captain and midgrade NCOs, so it would improve readiness in the reserve forces."

The 1,100 captains will remain in the service until April 1 and can use the intervening time to prepare for their futures, retrain and look for work in the civilian world, Campbell said. Support for transition is available through the Army's "Soldier for Life" program, instituted by Army Chief of Staff Gen. Ray Odierno in 2012, he said.

"They'll have nearly 10 months to transition, to get their finances and their families ready, all the things they need to do to get a smooth takeoff as they leave the service," Campbell said. "They'll have almost a year to get ready for that."

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A U.S. Black Hawk helicopter from the Germany-based 12th Combat Aviation Brigade hovers above a lake at Drawsko-Pomorskie, Poland, on June 14 while a platoon from the 173rd Airborne Brigade's 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, jumps into the water during water survival training during training with Polish and Canadian forces.

New contingent headed to Poland, Baltics

By MATT MILLHAM
Stars and Stripes

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — An American cavalry squadron based in Germany is heading to Poland and the Baltics to replace some 600 U.S. infantrymen who deployed there in April to reassure allies wary of Russian aggression in the region.

The 173rd Airborne Brigade's 1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry Regiment, based in Grafenwohr, will move in by the end of the month to replace the brigade's 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland, a spokesman said. A smaller 173rd unit based in Vicenza, Italy, will augment the squadron in Poland.

The first rotation of 173rd soldiers deployed to the region were on Friday wrapping up a multinational military exercise Saber Strike — involving some 4,700 personnel from 10 countries. Declaring that the U.S.-led war games demonstrated "hostile intent," Russia last week launched a surprise exercise of its own in the tiny enclave of Kaliningrad, which borders Poland and Lithu-

ania. NATO jets were scrambled to intercept Russian warplanes several times over the past week.

Despite the rhetoric and posturing by Russia, the commander of the U.S. contingent that will take over in Latvia said he expects and is preparing for a "100 percent friendly environment." The situation in the region "isn't really so much a concern," said Capt. Jonathan Patten, commander of 1st Squadron's Troop C.

The battalion is scheduled to spend up to three months in the region before it's relieved by another rotation from the 173rd.

"In length, it's kind of a little bit longer than we might be used to" for training rotation, Patten said. Because of that, it's kind of like a deployment, "but the mission is 100 percent training-focused." "There are a few large, already planned multinational exercises such as Saber Junction that we will participate in," Maj. Michael Weisman, a 173rd spokesman, said in an email. The Sky Soldiers "will conduct everything from individual weapons qualification to platoon live-fires together and, of course, airborne operations."

After Russia annexed Crimea from Ukraine, the Pentagon committed in April to having a persistent U.S. troop presence in the Baltics and Poland through at least the end of the year. Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, all part of the Soviet Union until its breakup in 1991, and Poland, a former member of the Soviet-led Warsaw Pact military alliance, have all worked to distance themselves from Russia since the end of the Cold War.

The Baltics joined the NATO alliance in 2004, and Poland in 1999 — moves that the Kremlin viewed as a provocation — and all have since deployed forces to Afghanistan as part of the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force. With the war winding down, the alliance has expanded military exercises to maintain allies' ability to operate alongside each other.

"As everybody's learned over the last decade or so, a unified force doesn't just come together on its own," Patten said. "It takes a lot of effort."

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ROVR simplifies record keeping for pet owners

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The busy PCS season is here, and many military members moving to new assignments with a furry or feathered companion in tow may soon find they have just a bit less to carry thanks to a new system for veterinary records.

Although its acronym may alarm the feline friendly, the Remote Online Veterinary Record, or ROVR, aims to collect and manage a pet's health information electronically. Similar to service members' individual digital health records, this online database may make pets' all too familiar green record jackets a thing of the past.

Capt. Ericka L. Carroll, Veterinary Treatment Facility chief

in Wiesbaden, Germany, said the system integrates all 144 military veterinary facilities worldwide, meaning that pets' medical records can be automatically transferred to the new treatment facility when a military family makes a permanent change of station move.

Standardized pricing for services across all veterinary facilities is also being implemented, so prices in Europe, for instance, will be adjusted to reflect those established by the Veterinary Services Central Fund, Carroll said.

However, transferring records into the system may take some time, as records cannot be automatically moved from the old system into ROVR, Carroll said. "As patrons make appointments, our staff creates a new file in ROVR from the information in our old

system," Carroll said.

Pet owners should bring records from off-post veterinarians when they visit a military facility so those records can be scanned into ROVR, Carroll said. But she recommended that people keep paper copies of those records.

"Being in the military means lots of moving and, thus, seeing lots of different veterinarians. To ensure all your pets' medical records are kept up to date and organized, I recommend owners keep copies of all visits and laboratory work organized by date in their own files and bring it with them to appointments," Carroll said. "This will ensure the veterinarian has copies of all relevant information for your pet."

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PACIFIC



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Workers load a lawn mower at U.S. Army Garrison Yongsan's Camp Cozier in Seoul, South Korea. A union representing thousands of South Koreans who work for U.S. Forces Korea says it will not go on strike for now, but plans to continuing negotiating with USFK.

Strike by Korean military workers averted, for now

BY ASHLEY ROWLAND AND YU KYONG CHANG
Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — For now, thousands of South Koreans who work for the U.S. military will remain on the job, after threatening a strike earlier this year, according to the union representing the workers.

Union officials said members had voted overwhelmingly to strike in April — coinciding with President Barack Obama's visit to Seoul — over complaints ranging from shortened work hours to frozen wages. However, the walkout was postponed after an April 16 ferry sinking that left about 300 people dead.

U.S. and South Korean officials said last week the strike had been averted.

Kim Song-yong, head of the Korean Employees' Union, said that while U.S. Forces Korea has satisfied its demands for pay raises, a number of outstanding issues still have to be resolved.

"Members think USFK doesn't care enough about them," he said. Kim would not say whether or when the union might consider going on strike, saying it was taking a "wait and see" approach based on the progress of future negotiations with USFK.

South Korea's Ministry of Foreign Affairs said in a press release that the labor dispute "was recently solved amicably," and that USFK and the union will continue making efforts to improve their relationship and build trust.

USFK said in an email last week that the command "is pleased to note that the Korean Employees Union closed the current 2013-14 labor disputes and decided to move forward. Our Korean National employees are valued members of the team and

USFK has made decisions which reflect our genuine concern for their well-being while maintaining force readiness to defend (South Korea)."

The union, which claims to represent about 9,500 workers, had asked for at least a 1.96 percent raise, retroactive to Jan. 1, with the expectation for additional negotiations this summer. USFK gave all South Korean workers a 1.6 percent raise, effective the beginning of May, calling it the maximum amount allowed by law. The command's statement noted that the raise was given two months ahead of schedule.

In a letter posted on KEU's website last week, Kim said he had decided to cancel plans for an immediate strike because of nationwide mourning over the ferry tragedy. "But," he added, "our fight is by no means over."

In a telephone interview, Kim said only the pay raise issue had been resolved, and the union has a number of outstanding complaints against USFK, including less-than-full-time working hours for some Korean employees, a lack of promotion potential and salary increases for long-time workers who have reached the top of the pay scale, and job stability as U.S. forces relocate to Camp Humphreys.

Negotiations with USFK are set to resume next month, he said.

USFK took steps in March to avert a mass furlough of its South Korean employees due to a shortfall in funding from Seoul. The South Korean government normally pays the bulk of their salaries but had not done so since a defense cost-sharing agreement between the two nations expired at the end of 2013. South Korea approved a new cost-sharing agreement in April.

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Damage: Liberty policy called a 'morale killer'

FROM FRONT PAGE

The mixture of alcohol and unsupervised young servicemembers in a foreign country has risks. Twice since the late-night restrictions were imposed, it appears that the combination has led to a death; cases where friends didn't seek medical help for those in dire need; possibly out of fear of getting in trouble themselves for being out too late.

In one case, Sasebo-based sailor or Petty Officer 2nd Class David Lange, 26, fled while his friend, Petty Officer 2nd Class Samuel Lewis Stiles, 25, lay dying after falling from the roof of a train parked in a closed station after midnight. The pair had been "urban hiking" shortly after a curfew was imposed in October 2012 on U.S. servicemembers in Japan in response to the rape of an Okinawa woman by two visiting sailors.

In early May of this year, Army Spc. Carl A. Lisone, 20, died after a bar fight in Seoul, South Korea, that left him unconscious and bleeding from the mouth and ears. He died more than 10 hours later; his friends took him to a hotel instead of a hospital. The incident is still under investigation.

The incidents appear to be accidental fallout from curfews aimed at maintaining discipline and readiness or dealing with host-country sensitivities about the small percentage of servicemember who commit crimes off base.

Servicemembers at Yokota Air Base said curfew violators could be reluctant to go to authorities.

Airman 1st Class Fred Camacho, 22, of Brooklyn, N.Y., said no one wants an alcohol-related incident on their record at a time when the military is cutting tens of thousands from its ranks.

"You have the choice of losing money and losing rank and, possibly, getting kicked out versus staying at a hotel and taking your chances," he said.

Given those options, many servicemembers said they would go to a hotel rather than a hospital, he said.

"While reducing misconduct rates is a positive outcome of the policy, the singular goal of the policy is to safeguard the vital relationship with our Japanese host nation and communities," he said by email.

Additionally, U.S. Forces Korea spokesman Christopher Bush said the curfew in Korea — instituted in October 2011 — is being kept in place "in order for leaders to rapidly assemble their units and respond to any situation."

"Leaders at all levels of USFK continually reiterate to servicemembers the importance of our very real mission in Korea," Bush wrote in an email.

Troops are also counseled by leaders regularly regarding safety and personal conduct.

"We are all ambassadors in this country. Servicemembers have a personal and professional responsibility to adhere to the USFK curfew. They also have a moral and professional obligation to their 'battle buddies,'" according to Bush's email.

USFK and USFK recognize that the vast majority of U.S. servicemembers in Japan act as great ambassadors, Bush and Honchul said.

"As with all of USFK's policies, the liberty rules are routinely evaluated to make sure they are appropriate and effective, Honchul said.

Partying far from base

It's well after midnight and the curfew has begun, but the night is still young for revelers — many of them U.S. servicemembers — at nightclubs in the Roppongi entertainment district of Tokyo. There are no military police or "courtesy patrols" here to worry about — or to help out in an emergency — and most club owners aren't going to ask questions of someone plunking down cash for a round of drinks.

Being good neighbors

The liberty policies in Japan are credited with cutting off-base incidents, which shows the U.S. military is trying to play the part of a gracious guest in these foreign lands.

U.S. Forces Japan spokesman Lt. David Honchul said the USFK liberty policy was part of an effort to address off-base incidents and improve host-nation relations.

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Josefin Svensson
Swedish tourist in Tokyo

The situation is similar in Seoul, where courtesy patrols in the Taewon district near the Yong-san base have led some troops to head to other parts of the capital to party late.

"Servicemembers who go drinking after curfew often go into a nightclub before midnight and stay inside until daybreak, when it's safe to head back to base.

The ones partying in Roppongi were reluctant to talk to a reporter after midnight.

"Are you NCIS?" several asked, referring to the Naval Criminal Investigative Service.

One sailor drinking whiskey and cola with a large group of shipmates in a nightclub near Roppongi Crossing said he and his friends often stay out all night and don't fear being caught as long as they keep away from U.S. bases.

Swedish tourist Josefin Svensson, 20, who was drinking alongside the servicemembers, said she's met a lot of young sailors out after curfew. Svensson said all of them had been friendly and that she felt safer going out in Tokyo than anywhere else she has lived.

"I have a friend who is in the U.S. Navy, and he can't come out every night because he has to work," she said. "When he can come out, he should be allowed to stay out late."

Personnel at Yokota Air Base echoed the Roppongi revelers' views.

Airman 1st Class Dominick Gutierrez, 22, of San Antonio, said it's tougher for young airmen to hear stories about how much fun their friends are having back home.

"They say, 'You should have been there the other night. We were out until 4 a.m.,"' he said.

Senior Airman Kyle Smith, 22, of Cooper City, Fla., said he expects incidents to happen no matter what liberty policy is in place.

"I think the curfew is pointless right now," he said.

Smith said he's trying to explore Japan — he recently toured Kyoto — but that the liberty policy makes that complicated. If he wanted to watch the sunrise from the summit of Mount Fuji, which requires climbing at night, he'd need to fill out forms and get approval from a senior officer.

Airman 1st Class Ryan Alexander-Mansker, of Escondido, Calif., said when he goes to bars in Tokyo, he has to leave by 9 — about the time that most other people start their nights out in the city — so he can be back on base before midnight.

He called the liberty policy a "morale killer."

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PACIFIC

Duty outs sailor at risk of losing custody battle

By Robert Allen
Detroit Free Press

ADRIAN, Mich. — A U.S. Navy sailor could lose custody of his 7-year-old daughter to his ex-wife on Monday because he's serving on a nuclear-powered submarine somewhere in the Pacific Ocean.

A viral social media campaign has drawn attention across the country, from his family's home in Washington state to the rural Michigan town of Adrian, where the case is scheduled for a hearing Monday morning.

Matthew Hinds, a petty officer second class, lives outside Seattle with his daughter, Kaylee, and new wife, Benita-Lynn Coile Hinds. Kaylee's biological mother, Angela Hinds, lives in northern Ohio. She lost custody of Kaylee in 2010 after a child abuse-and-neglect case was filed against her and her then-boyfriend, according to a recent filing by Matthew Hinds in the custody-dispute case.

Last August, Angela Hinds

filed for custody through Lenawee County Circuit Court in southern Michigan, where she and Matthew Hinds lived when she filed for divorce in 2009. While the father is serving overseas, Judge Margaret Noe issued an order June 2 for him to appear or "present (the) child" at a hearing scheduled for June 16.

A day after the order was issued, Hinds responded with a letter explaining his overseas military service, and he included a letter from the USS Michigan's command staff supporting it. Hinds did everything necessary to comply with the federal Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, providing a 90-day stay in civil court proceedings if his military service keeps him away, said his lawyer, Rebecca Nighbart. Based on that, Nighbart said they expected the hearing would be postponed until his return.

Instead, it was held without him, with a decision postponed until Monday. Matthew Hinds could return from service to find

Kaylee living in Ohio, Nighbart said. That has led to a petition on Change.org, a fund to help with associated expenses such as airfare on the GoFundMe website, and support pages on Facebook.

As the outrage spread, it caught the attention of Michigan State Sen. Rick Jones, R-Grand Ledge. Jones issued a news release Friday announcing he's drafting legislation to prevent such action against people serving in the military.

"The actions of this judge are a slap in the face to all servicemen and women, who put their lives on the line protecting America," Jones said in the statement. "If a soldier has full custody of a child, then he or she should retain that custody while serving the nation."

Meanwhile, Matthew Hinds' location is deemed "classified" by the U.S. Navy, Nighbart said. He has served at least since she started representing him in 2009, she said.

"I have no idea where he is," she



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Heidi Barber, right, demonstrates support Friday for U.S. Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Matthew Hinds outside Lenawee County Circuit Court in Adrian, Mich.

said. "I just know he's active."

Hinds' ex-wife, Angela, 27, initially filed for divorce in December 2009. The couple had been married less than three years.

The 2010 allegations, which resulted in the father getting custody of Kaylee, led to a charge of child abuse against Angela Hinds. The Department of Human Services removed Kaylee from her custody, and Matthew Hinds took leave from the Navy to retrieve the then-2-year-old Kaylee. Matthew Hinds said the mother has failed to pay child

support multiple times, according to his filings in the custody case.

The criminal case against Angela Hinds was resolved when she agreed to plead no contest to assault. She was given a 10-day jail sentence and probation ending in September 2012, according to court records.

When Angela Hinds filed for custody, the court ordered her to pay required custody-evaluation costs. But after multiple chances, she still hasn't submitted them, according to Matthew Hinds' filing.

Hawaii base employing SPIDERS system for web of energy security

By Wyatt Olson
Stars and Stripes

MARINE CORPS CAMP H.M. SMITH, Hawaii — If you want an example of how vulnerable a military installation can be to power outages, Ross Roley has a quick and personal one.

In the spring of 2011, as the U.S. military was assisting Japan with the aftermath of the devastating tsunami, power was suddenly lost at Marine Corps Camp H.M. Smith on Oahu. The installation is small but critical as headquarters of U.S. Pacific Command, Special Operations Command Pacific and Marine Forces Pacific.

It's also where Roley works as an energy analyst at PACOM's Joint Innovation and Experimentation Division.

"The building across the street didn't suffer an outage," Roley said, pointing to a structure about 50 yards away during an interview at the outdoor courtyard adjoining PACOM headquarters. That's because a backup generator quickly kicked in for that building, where Roley's office is.

The backup generator for PACOM HQ failed to run.

"So in the middle of a major, critical operation, there was a power outage," Roley said. The buildings can't share emergency power, either, he said.

The base is in the process of gaining "energy-island" independence, which will make it the first Department of Defense installation with the capacity to fully maintain all critical operations in the event of a power out-

age — whether it arises from a natural disaster, sabotage or a cyberattack. The base will produce its own electrical supply during such crises from a mix of diesel generators and solar panels.

"When we use the word 'island' here, it means just for emergencies," Roley said. "We're not going to go completely off the grid at Camp Smith, but it gives us the ability to go off the grid when power's out. We can still maintain all the critical missions that are here."

The demonstration project is called Smart Power Infrastructure Demonstration for Energy Reliability and Security, or SPIDERS. Roley said the acronym implies that the electric grid is a web, and SPIDERS is protecting it.

"In our case, that's cybersecurity," he said.

"We're taking all the steps possible to make sure it's very, very, very hard for an adversary to [hack into] the SPIDER microgrid."

Smith's microgrid will be "a good, positive step" in securing American bases, said Peter W. Singer, director of the Brookings Institution's Center for 21st Century Security and Intelligence and co-author of the book "Cybersecurity and Cyberwar: What Everyone Needs to Know."

"But we also have to put cyberattacks in perspective," he said. "Squirrels have taken down more power grids than the zero times hackers have. So this is good for the future threat from hackers as

well as Rocky and Bullwinkle."

It may seem baffling that America's military bases are reliant on commercial utility companies for electricity, but it is the result of the slow step of modernization.

"Back in the early days, all the American outposts were kind of out there in the middle of nowhere," Roley said. "When electricity came along, they had their own generation on the outposts. But then, as the surrounding communities started developing around them, it became more efficient and cost effective to use utility power."

The Department of Defense and military planners were shaken out of electro-complacency in 2008 when the Defense Science Board Task Force on DOD Energy Strategy issued an alarming report about the military's vulnerability to its most critical assets: noting that 99 percent of electricity at DOD installations came from commercial grids.

The following year, the U.S. Government Accountability Office reported that the DOD possessed insufficient information to determine the full extent of the risks to its most critical assets from disruptions in electrical power — even though 31 of the 34 "most critical assets" required continuous electricity to function.

At the July 2012 Aspen Security Forum, Paul Stockton, then the assistant secretary for Homeland Defense and Americas Security Affairs for DOD, said that the risk of a long-term, large-scale outage

of the electric grid was the thing that "keeps me up at night."

The SPIDERS project, whose sponsors include the federal departments of homeland security, defense and energy, was a response to the recommendations of the 2008 report and has been five years in the making, Roley said. Elements of an island microgrid have been tested first at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, and then at Fort Carson, Colo.

Camp Smith was chosen as the culmination of the demonstration project because it's small, about 200 acres, with relatively few buildings, although almost all of them are critical. It also was chosen because there is a single electric feeder line coming into the base, Roley said.

The camp will generate enough electricity for an island microgrid by adding five new diesel generators to the two already there. Those will be combined with a bank of photovoltaic cells on the base's new fitness center and with two large solar carports. Numerous other solar projects are planned for the base.

The additional generators will have new-generation diesel engines that burn more cleanly.

While environmental regulations only allow the two existing generators to be run during emergencies, the new set can be operated at any time, Roley said.

That's important because Smith's microgrid will be designed not just to save the day, but also to save money. The new

generators can run during peak electricity-use periods, for which Hawaii Electric Co. will financially reward the base. In essence, the electric company "will pay us to reduce our load here during peak times," Roley said.

Installation of the grid system is expected to begin in August and to be fully functional by the spring of 2015, Roley said. It will cost about \$8 million to microgrid Camp Smith, he said.

The idea is to then bring the lessons learned from Hickam, Carson and Smith to many other DOD installations — with the caveat that one size does not fit all, Roley said.

There likely will not be an attempt to microgrid entire installations.

For example, there would be no point in creating a microgrid for the entire massive Marine Corps Base Kaneohe Bay in Oahu.

"The right thing to do is select the important buildings in a situation like that and microgrid them," Roley said.

Microgrids likely will be even more valuable at overseas bases.

The 2008 energy strategy report concluded that what shortcomings exist in domestic military installations "is even more relevant outside the U.S. where commercial systems are often less reliable and less well protected than domestically."

Few overseas installations "can generate enough power on their own to meet their missions," the report said.

PACIFIC

Agreement means more GIs in Australia

Trilateral engagements with other nations also envisioned in deal seen as strengthening ties

By **WYATT OLSON**
Stars and Stripes

FORT SHAFTER, Hawaii — The U.S. military is expected to significantly increase the number of troops, ships and watercraft rotating through Australia as a result of the beefed-up Force Posture Agreement announced last week.

Although details about numbers and initiatives remain largely unspecified, defense analysts from both countries expect an increased presence in Australia for the U.S. Air Force, Navy and Marines in the form of bombers, nuclear submarines, missiles and troops.

The agreement assures that the roughly 1,100 U.S. Marines now moving through a base in Darwin on six-month rotations will increase to 2,500 within a couple years — and possibly expand into “something larger,” said Andrew Davies, director of research at the Australian Strategic Policy Institute in Canberra.

“I think this is an important step forward for the alliance,” said Zack Cooper, a defense analyst with the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington.

The United States has a limited number of bases, which are highly vulnerable, in the Asia-Pacific region, he said.

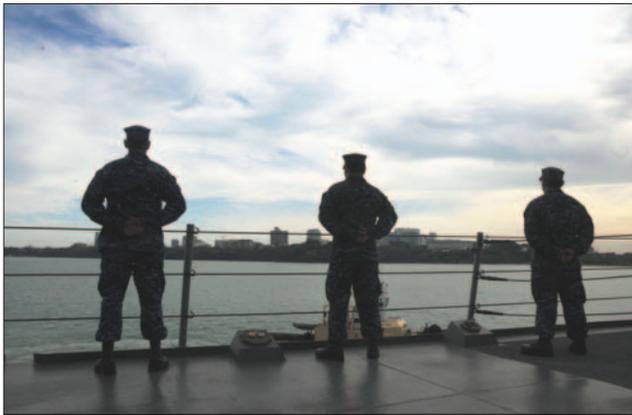
“The challenges for the United States in Asia are quite substantial,” he added. “Anything the U.S. can do to decrease the vulnerability of its forces in the region is a big positive.”

America’s main bases in the region are in Japan and South Korea in the northern Pacific and on Guam, about 1,500 miles east of the Philippines — which itself had been home to massive U.S. Air Force and Navy bases until the early 1990s.

While the U.S. won’t be establishing permanent bases in Australia, gaining further access to runways and ports would provide both haven and support for missions in the South Pacific.

It’s also a way to step up training and joint exercises between the U.S. and the Australian Defense Force, Davies said. He said it’s likely the Air Force will begin using runways in the northern part of the country, possibly for the B-52 strategic bomber and B-2 stealth bomber.

“The U.S. has been interested in using these bases, if not all the



BRANNON DEUGAN/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

U.S. Navy sailors man the rails aboard the USS Blue Ridge as it pulls into port in Darwin, Australia, in June 2013 on a mission to build maritime partnerships and conduct security operations. Port calls by U.S. ships are expected to increase under an agreement reached by the two countries last week.

time, then at least being able to rotate forces through them,” Cooper said. “And geographically the bases are nicely located to make it easy for the U.S. to get quickly into Southeast Asia if they need to.”

Two Royal Australian Air Force runways have been discussed as possibilities — RAAF Tindal in the Northern Territory and RAAF Learmonth in the northwest, said James Brown, a defense analyst with the Lowy Institute for International Policy in Sydney. Learmonth is one of Australia’s three “bare bases” in the remote north, so-called because they are not home to any permanent flying or support units.

Dr. Bates Gill, head of the Inter-

national Studies Centre at the University of Sydney, said that the agreement also settled a debate between the two countries about who would pay for U.S. Marine rotations through Darwin. Australia will pick up the tab on most of that, Gill said, although the exact figures and other details of the agreement aren’t expected to become known until an August meeting of foreign ministers from member nations of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

Davies said that the U.S. Navy would “most likely” have greater access to fleet base facilities in the western port near Perth. U.S. nuclear submarines have occasionally used those facilities, so a

precedent exists, he said.

But the U.S. would face considerable challenges to regularly dock nuclear submarines there, Cooper said.

Because Australia doesn’t operate nuclear subs, it doesn’t have the kind of infrastructure the U.S. would ideally like in a base, Cooper said. “It’s costly, and it’s technologically challenging,” he said.

Gill said his speculation was that the agreement would produce trilateral engagements among Australia, America and, sequentially, one other regional country. The engagements would start out low-key and relatively small, pos-

sibly with New Zealand.

“The Holy Grail on all this, the hoped-for big ticket under that rubric, would be with China,” Gill said.

The first such trilateral engagement is symbolically important, Gill said, because the overall American strategy is to take some steps beyond the “traditional hub-and-spokes bilateral model and see the cooperation with Australia not just as a bilateral one but one in which both Australia and the United States can engage with third parties in the region.”

There are also “political sensitivities” in both countries to consider, Cooper said.

“Any time you’re putting some forces forward, it means that those forces are no longer based in the districts they used to be based in, so it can be a congressional challenge,” he said. “But I think there’s also a domestic political problem for the Australians. Although the polls that I see generally tend to show pretty high support for increasing U.S.-Australian cooperation, there is this hesitance. There are different points of view in Australia, which is only natural, and some experts are wary of making the U.S. and Australia even closer than they are and the implications that might have for China.”

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IRAQ



Fallujah, Iraq, residents bring fuel from Baghdad, as they cross the Euphrates River on Sunday 40 miles west of Baghdad. Sunni militants have seized another town in Iraq's western Anbar province, the fourth to fall in two days, officials said Sunday.

ISIL seizes 2 crossings at borders with Syria, Jordan

By QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraqi military officials say Sunni militants have captured two border crossings, one with Jordan and another with Syria, as they press on with their offensive in one of Iraq's most restive regions.

The officials said the militants on Sunday captured the Turabir crossing with Jordan and the al-Walid crossing with Syria after government forces there pulled out. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media.

The capture of the two crossings follows the fall since Friday of the towns of Qaim, Rawah, Anah and Rutba, all of which are in the Sunni Anbar province where militants of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant have since January controlled the city of Fallujah and parts of the provincial capital Ramadi.

Sunni militants have seized another town in Iraq's western Anbar province, the fourth to fall in two days, officials said Sunday, in what is shaping up to be a major offensive in one of Iraq's most restive regions.

The militants captured Rutba, about 90 miles east of the Jordanian border, late Saturday, the officials said. Residents were on Sunday negotiating with the militants to leave after an army unit on the town's outskirts threatened to start shelling.

The capture of Rawah on the Euphrates River and the nearby town of Anah appeared to be part of a march toward a key dam in the city of Haditha, the destruction of which would damage the country's electrical grid and cause major flooding.

Taking Rutba gives the insurgents control over the final stretch of a major highway to neighboring Jordan, a key artery for passengers and goods that has been infrequently used for months because of deteriorating security.

Iraqi military officials said more than 2,000 troops were quickly dispatched to the site of the dam to protect it. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media.

Chief military spokesman Lt. Gen. Qassim al-Moussawi acknowledged the fall of the Anbar towns, saying government forces had made a tactical retreat and planned to retake them. He provided no further details.

The Islamic State and allied militants have carved out a large fiefdom along the Iraqi-Syrian border. Control over crossings like the one in Qaim allows them to more easily move weapons and heavy equipment. Rebels control the Syrian side of the crossing.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's Shiite-dominated government has struggled to push back against the Sunni militants, who have seized large swaths of the country's north since taking control of the second-largest city of Mosul on June 10 as troops melted away. Iraq has requested U.S. airstrikes to help halt the advance, but President Barack Obama has yet to order any, and has instead called on Iraqi leaders to form a more representative government in thinly veiled criticism of al-Maliki.

Thousands of Shiite militiamen paraded through Baghdad and other cities on Saturday, in a show of force that promised to ramp up sectarian tensions.

In Baghdad, about 20,000 mi-

litiamen loyal to anti-U.S. Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr marched through the sprawling Shiite Sadr City district, which saw some of the worst fighting between Shiite militias and U.S. soldiers before Iraq's invasion in 2003 that helped stem the sectarian bloodshed that was pushing the country to the brink of civil war.

Al-Maliki has come under growing pressure to reach out to disaffected Kurds and Sunnis, with many blaming his failure to promote reconciliation for the country's worst crisis since the U.S. military withdrew its forces nearly three years ago.

Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, the most respected voice for Iraq's Shiite majority, who normally stays above the political fray, on Friday joined calls for al-Maliki to reach out to the Kurdish and Sunni minorities.

Al-Maliki's State of Law bloc won the most seats in the April vote, but his hopes to retain his job have been thrown into doubt by rivals challenging him from within the broader Shiite alliance.

The U.S., meanwhile, has been drawn back into the conflict. It is deploying up to 300 military advisers to join some 275 troops in and around Iraq to provide security and support for the U.S. Embassy and other American interests.

Obama, in an interview with CBS' "Face the Nation," warned that the al-Qaida-inspired militants in Iraq could grow in power and destabilize the region.

He said Washington must remain "vigilant" but would not "play whack-a-mole and send U.S. troops occupying various countries whenever these organizations pop up."

Ayatollah: Iran, US not aligned on Iraq

By JASON REZAIAN
The Washington Post

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, made remarks Sunday that lessened any remaining possibility of military cooperation between the Islamic republic and the United States in securing Iraq against an onslaught from al-Qaida-inspired militants.

"We don't support any foreign interference in Iraq and we're strongly opposed to U.S. interference there," Khamenei said at an event with members of Iran's judiciary, according to the Islamic Republic News Agency.

While officials in Washington and Tehran had earlier signaled a willingness to work together to rid Iraq of Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) presence, the comments from Khamenei show a growing divide between the interests of the long-opposed governments.

Iranian President Hassan Rouhani said last Saturday that once he knows what the U.S. plans are for intervening, his government would "think about cooperation with them in Iraq."

Last week in Vienna, U.S. and Iranian negotiators discussed Iraq briefly on the sidelines of the most recent round of talks between world powers and Iran over the Islamic republic's nuclear ambitions, but up until that point both sides said there were no plans to coordinate directly on Iraq.

Khamenei also rejected the



IRAN'S SUPREME LEADER/ AP
Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei speaks in a meeting with judiciary officials in Tehran on Sunday.

idea that violence engulfing Iraq is part of a sectarian war and blamed the United States and other foreign powers for what he called their roles in allowing extremist groups to flourish in the Middle East.

"What is happening in Iraq is not a war between Shiites and Sunnis. Arrogant powers want to use the remnants of Saddam's regime and takfir (ISIL) extremists to deprive Iraq of stability and tranquility," he said. "The real fight is between those who want to bring back a U.S. presence and those who want Iraq independence."

148 kidnapped Kurdish kids being taught to be jihadists

By MITCHELL PROTHERO
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IRBIL, Iraq — An estimated 148 Kurdish children were trapped by Islamic militants in northeastern Syria while traveling to their final exams in late May. They remain in the hands of the extremists, who are subjecting the children to intensive attempts to radicalize them, leaving parents concerned that the students will join the radicals.

The Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, which has since taken over large swaths of northern and central Iraq, abducted more than 600 children on May 30 as the cities attempted to be freed by Islamic militants along the Turkish border to the rebel-held portions of Aleppo for their final exams. After releasing hundreds of female students and the younger children, the militants kept 150 older boys with the promise they would be released after a 10-day period of Islamic instruction.

Kurdish self-defense forces and militias associated with the Kurdish Workers Party, known by its Kurdish acronym PKK, regularly battle ISIL along a series of strategic front lines in the area and both sides have regu-

larly taken prisoners, which, according to the PKK spokesman in Qamishi, Raydour Khalil, could mean that ISIL plans to demand ISIL prisoners held by the Kurds in exchange for the students.

But Kurdish journalist Multu Civiroglu says that the families he has interviewed fear the worst after two students were released after five days to deliver messages and phone numbers.

"On June 5th [ISIL] released two students," he said by email. "Those two students were given a phone number so that families can contact their children. [They said ISIL] takes care of students and feed them well. Children are 'educated' daily by [ISIL] about how to pray and Sharia. They are also forced to pray five times a day. There is a common idea in [the town of] Kobane that [ISIL] is trying to recruit children to join [ISIL] and Jihad."

Parents who have called the number to say both ISIL and their children ask them to start political demonstrations against the PKK and its Syrian self-defense force militias. This, say the families, who did not want to be identified for fear of both ISIL and the Kurdish authorities, has raised tensions within Kobane.

IRAQ

War vets doubt US can avoid combat in Iraq

By JAMES ROSEN

McClatchy Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Given how quickly Iraqi security forces have ceded large chunks of territory to Islamist militants in the last week, Americans who've fought in Iraq say President Barack Obama's insistence that the up to 30 military advisers headed there will avoid combat could easily be broken.

The president's national security aides say the advisers will be "special operators" — military linguist for special operations forces. While those troops include the Army's Delta Force, Navy SEALs, and Marine Corps and Air Force units, defense experts say most, and perhaps all, of the advisers en route to Iraq will be Army Green Berets, because of their expertise in training foreign fighters.

"These special operators will be advisers, but they will be with Iraqi units, and if those units get engaged by the enemy, they will defend themselves," said Fred Wellman, a former Army lieutenant colonel who served as spokesman for Gen. David Petraeus when he commanded U.S. and allied troops in Iraq.

Andrew van Wey, a former Marine Corps sergeant who fought in the Second Battle of Fallujah and other parts of Iraq's Sunni-dominated Anbar province in 2004 and 2005, said widespread public opposition to a resumption of direct U.S. combat in Iraq requires Obama to say that the advisers won't see fighting. But he said such assurances can't be taken at face value.

"Combat" is an elastic term when you talk about special operations guys, because you never know what they're going

to be doing," van Wey, who now does marketing for a military apparel firm in Fort Worth, Texas, said in an interview. "The nature of these guys' jobs is covert. When you send in special operations, they leave a smaller footprint than infantry or other conventional forces. That's how they get around violating the spirit of 'no boots on the ground.'"

Others who served in Iraq said that once the new U.S. troops are embedded with their Iraqi counterparts, all bets are off, because there are few safe havens in a very dangerous country.

"It's a stretch to say they won't see combat," Eric Young, a former Marine corporal who fought in Fallujah during two deployments to Iraq, told McClatchy. "More than likely those Green Berets will take up leadership roles in the Iraqi military. They may

not be doing a lot of fighting, but they won't just sit back and call for support. They're there to lead from the front. You don't lead from the back."

The last U.S. combat brigades left Iraq at the end of 2011. Obama last weekend dispatched 170 troops to help move some staff from the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad, with 100 additional troops stationed outside Iraq in case more evacuations are necessary.

Wellman said that with the United States having spent billions of dollars and lost thousands of lives in its almost nine-year military engagement in Iraq, Obama and his top commanders are determined not to see a repeat of the horrors of 1975, when U.S. military helicopters had to rescue Americans from the roof of the U.S. Embassy in Saigon as the capital of South Vietnam fell to the communists.

Test: Iraq's unstable security adds degree of unpredictability for US military advisers' role

FROM FRONT PAGE

But those numbers increased over time and set the stage for what ultimately became a yearlong combat operation.

The wars that began in Iraq and Afghanistan in the last decade were intended to be combat missions from the start. Few people expected at the time that the Iraq war would drag on for more than eight years, the Afghan conflict for more than a dozen years, or that the U.S. troop presence in each country would peak above 100,000.

Obama acknowledged the risks of mission creep when he outlined plans Thursday to help Iraq combat the Islamic insurgency that has made gains with lightning speed and, according to administration officials, poses a threat to U.S. interests. The Green Beret military advisers set to arrive soon in Iraq will join a previously announced contingent of 275 U.S. forces sent in the last week to secure the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad and other American interests.

The deployments mark a sharp shift for a president who oversaw the full withdrawal of American forces from Iraq in late 2011 after Washington and Baghdad failed to reach an agreement to keep a few thousand troops in place. While Obama repeatedly has cited the end of the war as one of

his chief achievements, his decision to return some troops to Iraq now raises the question of whether an asterisk ultimately may accompany that claim.

Administration officials insist Obama does not intend to commit the U.S. to another lengthy war in Iraq or put American forces in combat roles. Signaling his reluctance to re-engage, Obama also decided to hold off launching airstrikes, though he left the prospect of targeted strikes on the table.

The president repeatedly made the case for expanding the U.S. military presence would do little good given that the root of Iraq's problems is a political system that has excluded the country's Sunni minority.

"We do not have the ability to simply solve this problem by sending in tens of thousands of troops and committing the kinds of blood and treasure that has already been expended in Iraq," he said. "Ultimately, this is something that is going to have to be solved by the Iraqis."

But there are few guarantees when it comes to sending Americans into Iraq's unstable security situation. Though the troops are not being sent specifically for combat purposes, all are armed and have the right to defend themselves if they are in danger.

"As soon as you put troops or advisers in an area of conflict, they're at risk," said Julian Zel-



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Demonstrators protest outside the White House in Washington on Saturday against renewed U.S. involvement in Iraq.

izer, a political history professor at Princeton University. "That is the nature of war. It's unpredictable and it takes twist and turns that you don't foresee."

Iraq, with its sectarian divides, violent past and unstable politics, may be particularly susceptible to that kind of unpredictability. Obama appeared to leave himself plenty of room to quickly pull out of Iraq, outlining no timeline for how long the military advisers will stay and no vision for what would constitute a mission accomplished.

Yet it's that loosely defined mission that leaves some of Obama's supporters worried about the potential for another open-ended commitment to Iraq. Trying to ease their fears, Obama said he was making decisions with the "dark scars" on his mind of the eight-year war that killed nearly 4,500 American troops.

"What's clear from the last decade is the need for the United States to ask hard questions before we take action abroad, particularly military action," the president said.

Pentagon seeks legal protections for military

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon expects Iraq to agree in writing to legal protections for the military advisory teams that President Barack Obama is sending as part of an effort to stiffen Iraqi defenses against insurgents, a spokesman said Friday.

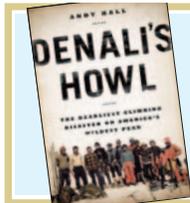
"I can assure you we will have those protections," the Pentagon press secretary, Navy Rear Adm. John Kirby, told reporters.

Iraq refused to agree to such legal protections for a much larger number of U.S. troops that the Obama administration had proposed leaving in Iraq after its combat mission ended in December 2011. As a result, that residual force was never deployed.

Kirby said the U.S. does not need a Status of Forces Agreement of the type it tried to negotiate with Iraq in 2011. He was not specific about the type of written agreement being sought in this case but said he had no doubt it will be obtained.

"I'm confident that the legal protections that are needed will be in place," he said.

The point of having such legal protections is to ensure that U.S. troops would be subject to the U.S. military justice system if needed and not to the Iraqi judicial system.



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NATION

Fight in Senate over rules threatening spending bills

By EN O'KEEFE
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A fresh fight between Democrats and Republicans over rules regarding amendments broke out in the Senate recently, possibly upending carefully orchestrated plans to approve a new spending agreement and avoid another government shutdown this fall.

After several years of raucous debate over the nation's fiscal policy, House Republicans and Senate Democrats have been working at a notably productive pace this year to pass the appropriations bills that set funding for all corners of the federal government.

Congress will need to have a new spending plan in place — either a short-term or yearlong agreement — before the next fiscal year begins Oct. 1. The House began debating the spending bills in May — the earliest it has done so since 1974 — and the Senate started this month with plans to hold up to four weeks of debate on the bills this summer, a considerable amount of floor time for any topic in the modern age.

But Senate Democrats postponed plans to move ahead with a bill that would fund the departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Justice, Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development amid a fresh dispute with Republicans seeking to amend the bill.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., planned to require amendments to pass with a supermajority of 60 votes, saying that the approach "will not come as a

surprise to anyone in this chamber" because Republicans have insisted on such thresholds to advance other legislation in the past. But Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., objected, saying the rules would make it impossible for Republicans to seek changes to the spending bills.

McConnell is running in one of the most closely watched re-election contests this year and has been seeking to block the Obama administration from implementing new rules to curb carbon emissions from coal-fired power plants. President Barack Obama plans to cut carbon dioxide emissions from existing coal plants by up to 30 percent in the coming years. But coal is a major source of energy and jobs in McConnell's state and in several others represented by Democratic senators who are seeking re-election this year.

Aides said McConnell would seek any way possible to introduce his amendment to block the new rules for coal plants and that

he planned to try to attach it to a spending measure funding the Energy Department and related agencies. But Democrats, realizing that McConnell's amendment likely would pass with the votes of some Democratic senators despite Obama's objections, postponed a hearing on the bill.

"Once again, Senate Democrats are preventing my common-sense, pro-coal measure from moving forward," McConnell said in response. "They're doing the bidding of the administration instead of listening to constituents back home."

The dispute is just the latest in a long-running battle between Democrats and Republicans over control of the fractured Senate. Members of both parties had hoped that the appropriations process would be exempt from the floor fights, in part because Sen. Barbara Mikulski, D-Md., who chairs the Appropriations Committee, and her House counterpart, Rep. Harold Rogers, R-Ky., brokered a similar spending plan this year and have been working to move bills through their respective chambers at a brisk pace.

Mikulski on Thursday described the impasse as "sad" but said that she remains hopeful that Rogers and McConnell can work out an agreement. Her aides noted that the appropriations panel has approved six spending bills with bipartisan majority votes.

But this week is the first of just five weeks left before the five-week summer recess — and there are only 10 legislative days scheduled in September before funding dries up.

Rich candidates seek old-car cred

By TIM JONES
Bloomberg News

CHICAGO — They ride the streets in pickups and cars old enough to suggest a welder or a store clerk is behind the wheel. Cameras follow and, if the drivers have their way, so will votes.

Vehicular stagecraft is on the menu as office seekers display high-mileage autos meant to confer Main Street authenticity. The Fords, Chevrolets and Jeeps are rolling protection against charges of elitism like those that led to the June 10 primary defeat of Eric Cantor, R-Va., the majority leader of the House.

Tom Wolf, a millionaire businessman who last month won the Democratic nomination for Pennsylvania governor, delivered his victory speech in a baseball stadium after driving his 2006 Jeep Wrangler from the outfield to home plate, adding a few hundred feet to its 80,000 miles.

"He's not going to convince me that he's not well-funded," said Michael Markland, 43, who lives in the Philadelphia suburb of

Springfield Township. "It doesn't matter to me if he's driving a Jeep or a BMW or a Lexus."

Yet in the United States, with its wide-open spaces and 48,000 miles of interstate highways, locomotion makes the man. The key to Paul Revere's fame was his horse. Country singer Hank Williams' death would have been less memorable had it happened somewhere besides the back of a 1952 Cadillac. When politicians need to communicate, cars speak a uniquely American language.

The recent craze for modest wheels began after Republican Senate candidate Scott Brown pivoted to a GMC Canyon truck to victory in a Massachusetts special election in 2010. After losing his 2012 re-election bid, he's driven it to neighboring New Hampshire, where he's seeking the nomination to challenge Democratic Sen. Jeanne Shaheen. He features the vehicle in television ads.

In Illinois, Republican venture capitalist Bruce Rauner, who owns nine homes and earned \$53 million in 2012, "still drives a 20-

year-old camper van, wears an \$18 watch and stays in the cheapest hotel rooms he can find," according to the website of his gubernatorial campaign. He also drives a 2010 Ford Edge and a 2008 Harley-Davidson Ultra Classic motorcycle, said Mike Schrimpf, a spokesman.

Sometimes accessories are required.

Republican Alabama State Rep. Steve Hurst, who runs a pawnshop and fireworks store in Talladega, faced a challenge in the June 3 primary. He burnished his blue-collar image by driving his district in a pickup truck, while also demonstrating fealty to the Second Amendment by towing a black barbecue grill shaped like a giant handgun. He won.

The importance of a veneer of humility, from flannel shirts and a folksy manner to artfully arranged hay bales, has been magnified in an era of distrust and disgust. Approval ratings of Congress hover in the low teens, and incumbents are vulnerable to charges that they're out of touch.



RICHARD SHOTWELL, COURTESY OF INVISION/AP

Transgender actress and activist Laverne Cox arrives at the Critics' Choice Television Awards at the Beverly Hilton Hotel on Thursday in Beverly Hills, Calif.

Obama advances transgender rights

By LISA LEFF
The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — President Barack Obama, who established his bona fides as a gay and lesbian rights champion when he endorsed same-sex marriage, has steadily extended his administration's advocacy to the smallest and least accepted band of the LGBT rainbow: transgender Americans.

With little of the fanfare or criticism that marked his evolution into the leader Newsweek magazine nicknamed "the first gay president," Obama became the first chief executive to say "transgender" in a speech, to name transgender political appointees and to prohibit job bias against transgender government workers. Also, in his first term, he signed hate crime legislation that became the first federal civil rights protections for transgender people in U.S. history.

Since then, the administration has quietly applied the power of the executive branch to make it easier for transgender people to update their passports, obtain health insurance under the Affordable Care Act, get treatment at Veterans Health Administration facilities and seek access to public school restrooms and sports programs — just a few of the transgender-specific policy

shifts of Obama's presidency.

"He has been the best president for transgender rights, and nobody else is in second place," Mara Keisling, executive director of the National Center for Transgender Equality, said of Obama, who is the only president to invite transgender children to participate in the annual Easter egg roll at the White House.

Religious conservative groups quick to criticize the president for his gay rights advocacy have been much slower to respond to the administration's actions. The leader of the Traditional Values Coalition says there is little recourse because the changes come through executive orders and federal agencies rather than Congress.

The latest wins came this month, when the Office of Personnel Management announced that government-contracted health insurers could start covering the cost of gender reassignment surgeries for federal employees, retirees and their survivors, ending a 40-year prohibition. Two weeks earlier, a decades-old rule preventing Medicare, the government-funded health insurance program for the elderly, from financing such procedures was overturned within the Department of Health and Human Services.

WORLD

South Korean troops surround soldier who killed five comrades

By JUNG-YOON CHOI
The Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — South Korean troops on Sunday exchanged fire with a runaway soldier who was killed in a forest after he surrounded five comrades near his North Korea border outpost, and the troops brought in his parents to persuade him to surrender, a defense official said Sunday.

One platoon leader was wounded when the sergeant, identified only by his surname, Yim, threw a grenade and fired on the military personnel closing in on him, according to a defense ministry official who asked not to be named, citing department rules. The official said troops fired back.

Villagers in a nearby area were warned not to leave their houses. The village head, Jang Seok-kwon, said that he heard gunshots ring out about 10 times Sunday.

The military brought Yim's parents to the forest about 6 miles

from the border outpost to try to persuade him to give up, the official said.

Yim opened fire Saturday night with his standard-issue K2 assault rifle at the outpost near the North Korean border in Gangwon province, east of Seoul, killing five fellow soldiers and wounding seven others, the military said.

Yim, who was scheduled to be discharged from the military in September, fled with his weapon, but it wasn't clear how much live ammunition he had.

A Defense Ministry official confirmed Yim was considered a "protected and watched-on soldier," which means he needed special attention among servicemen. According to the official, the South Korean military assigns such status based on servicemen's periodical personality test.

Yim was designated a grade A protected soldier in April last year — one with a high risk of



AMN YOUNG-JOON/AP

South Korean soldiers aim their machine guns on Sunday as they surround a fellow soldier who is on the run after a shooting incident in Goseong, South Korea.

suicide attempt or inducing other accidents who could not serve at heavily guarded outposts — then improved to grade B status last November. It means he was being watched with focused attention, but could serve at the outposts at the commander's discretion.

Thousands of troops from the rival Koreas are squared off along the world's most heavily armed border.

There was no indication that

North Korea was involved. But tensions between the two countries have been high recently, with North Korea staging a series of missile and artillery drills and threatening South Korea's leader. The Koreas have also traded fire along their disputed maritime border in the Yellow Sea.

South Korea has repeatedly vowed to respond with strength if provoked by the North.

Benghazi suspect a shadowy figure among militias

By MAGGIE MICHAEL
The Associated Press

CAIRO — A strange silence has met the U.S. capture of a Libyan militant accused in the 2012 attack that killed the American ambassador and three others. In his hometown of Benghazi in eastern Libya, there have been few threats of revenge, only speculation among supporters and opponents that Ahmed Abu Khattala was betrayed by an insider.

Abu Khattala had said for months he had no fear of the Americans snatching him, living at his home and saying he worked as a construction contractor. Before U.S. commandos snatched

him from Benghazi a week ago, he had been battling alongside the militant group Ansar al-Shariah against the troops of Khalifa Hifter, a renegade Libyan general who has waged an offensive aimed at crushing Islamic militants around Libya. Abu Khattala's brother, Abu Bakr, told The Associated Press.

Abu Khattala was a prominent figure in the eastern city of Benghazi's thriving circles of extremists, popular among young radicals for being among the most hard core and uncompromising of those calling for Libya to be ruled by Islamic Shariah law.

But he was always something of



Abu Khattala

a lone figure. Even after he joined Ansar al-Shariah — the group accused by the United States of carrying out the Sept. 11, 2012, attack on the U.S. diplomatic

mission in Benghazi — he didn't take a leadership position or a post in its decision-making bodies, noted Fadlallah Haroun, a former rebel commander in Benghazi who met Abu Khattala in prison in

the 1990s.

"He was always an outsider," Haroun, who opposes the Islamists and whose brother is the top intelligence official, told the AP. "He was a very simple man who was honest in his talk and independent."

That may have made it easier for the U.S. to track him down. Among Benghazi officials and militants, there were multiple theories floating over who could have given away his location to the Americans. Some pointed the finger at Hifter. Others said Islamist militias may have turned him in, hoping to relieve the pressure on themselves in Hifter's offensive.

Putin backs cease-fire in Ukraine

By DAVID MCHUGH
The Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine — Russian President Vladimir Putin expressed support Saturday for Ukraine's unilateral cease-fire in its battle against pro-Russian separatists and appealed to both sides to halt all military operations.

But he warned that Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko's blueprint for peace would not be viable without action to start peace negotiations.

The qualified Russian backing for Poroshenko's effort to halt the conflict was another in a series of shifting Kremlin moves and statements that leave unclear the level of Moscow's commitment to de-escalating the conflict.

Putin's conciliatory words came on the same day he ordered large-scale military exercises that

'(Putin) calls on the opposing sides to halt any military activities and sit down at the negotiating table.'

Kremlin statement

criticized as likely to raise tensions. U.S. officials also accused Russian troops of moving back into positions near the border with Ukraine's troubled east.

The Kremlin said in a statement that Putin calls on the opposing sides to halt any military activities and sit down at the negotiating table. The statement said Putin supported Ukrainian Poroshenko's decision to order Ukrainian troops to observe a unilateral cease-fire starting last Friday night.

But it added that Putin wanted to draw "attention to the fact that the proposed plan, without practical action directed at a beginning for a negotiating process, will not be viable or realistic."

Poroshenko bills the unilateral cease-fire as designed to inspire a wider peace plan that would include an amnesty for pro-Russian separatist fighters who disarm.

Further steps would include joint security patrols, a buffer zone on the border, early regional and parliamentary elections, protections for the language rights of people who use Russian as their main language and, eventually, changes in the constitution to permit more regional self-government.

Ukrainian troops have struggled for weeks to suppress separatists who have seized buildings and declared independence in the eastern Donetsk and Lugansk regions near the border with Russia.

Ukraine and the United States have accused Russia of supporting the insurgency. Russia counters that it is not supporting the insurgents and that Russians who have joined the fighting are doing so as private citizens.

US pressing Egypt to adopt more moderate policies

By LARA JAKES
The Associated Press

CAIRO — U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry on Sunday made the highest-level American visit to Egypt since President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi took office as Washington presses the former army chief to adopt more moderate policies.

Economic and security problems are undermining Egypt's stability, and Kerry said Sunday in an attempt by the Obama administration to bolster its relationship with a longtime Mideast ally.

U.S. officials say they have seen some small encouraging signs that el-Sissi is prepared to protect Egyptians' rights. They cite the issuance of tough penalties



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U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, left, meets with Egyptian Foreign Minister Sameh Shoukry at a hotel in Cairo on Sunday.

for sexual assault against women and freeing a jailed journalist.

El-Sissi ousted Egypt's first freely elected president, Mohammed Morsi, last July after widespread protests against the Islamist leader and his Muslim Brotherhood group.

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OPINION

Not all veterans deserve 'hero' tag

BY BENJAMIN SUMMERS

I have worn an Army uniform for the past eight years and deployed twice to Afghanistan. This doesn't make me a hero.

Many veterans deserve high praise for their heroism, but others of us do not. Infrequently, those who put their lives on the line for a mission, aircrews who flew into harm's way to evacuate the wounded, servicemen and women who made the ultimate sacrifice — these are some of the heroes I've been privileged to know. Applying the label "hero" to those of us who haven't earned it diminishes the service and sacrifice of those who did. It also gets in the way of constructive debate and policymaking.

Over the past decade, a growing chasm between military and civil society which has raised the pedestal upon which the United States places those who serve in its military. Too much hero-labeling reinforces a false dichotomy heard in our political discourse: You're either for the troops or you're against them. We badly need to find ways to bridge this civilian-military gap to cultivate a more nuanced appreciation of service and to produce better policy in Washington.

According to a Pew Research Center report, the percentage of Americans who served in the military has been declining since 1970 — an obvious consequence of the move from a draft to an all-volunteer force after the Vietnam War. The number of veterans in Congress also has fallen dramatically, from more than 50 percent in the 1980s to about 20 percent today. Inevitably, a smaller proportion of veterans in civil society means less civil knowledge of military issues.

At the same time, the widening civilian-military divide intensifies the aura that attaches to military service, especially

While we veterans surely appreciate a supportive public, too much hero-labeling has unintended consequences.

when the country is at war. Over the past decade, veterans did many things that the general public didn't do and doesn't necessarily comprehend fully: deploying, being away from home for a year, serving in war zones. During these years, it's undeniable that veterans have received a hero's embrace from their nation; one need look no further than the positive treatment of veterans in Super Bowl commercials or at emotional airport welcome-home events. While we veterans surely appreciate a supportive public, too much hero-labeling has unintended consequences.

The past year offers an indication of the blinding effects of this problem. Defense spending is a prime example. Too often, policymakers frame discussion of whether to cut the military budget as being for or against the troops; the political battle over the military portion of the sequester is an example of this black-or-white mindset. But any bureaucracy particularly one that doesn't function with a profit-and-loss mentality — can innovate and gain efficiencies when it's forced to do more with less. If we're not searching for opportunities to fix, clean and trim our organizations, we're not being good stewards of them. When we can't have political discussions that dig beneath the blanket of "for or against the troops," palatability wins over stewardship. And one of our nation's most precious resources suffers the long-term consequences.

The recent Department of Veterans Affairs scandals further illuminate this problem. A backlog of disability claims is

surely evidence of a VA system that needed to be fixed. The allegations of serious ethical shortcomings in accounting for long waits for VA health care in Phoenix were reprehensible. But the public outcry addressed only one side of the problem. Headlines such as "Making America's Heroes Wait" capture the tone, but they obscure the questions we should be asking, such as: Are there too many claims? How many caught in the backlog suffered a combat-related injury? If we added scrutiny to who qualifies for VA benefits, would the system function better? In the current environment, it's just not politically palatable to ask these kinds of questions. You can't make America's heroes wait.

The list goes on. We were all happy to see Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl released after being held prisoner in Afghanistan for so long, but to prematurely say that he served with honor and distinction diminishes those who did earn such accolades and illuminates the general mislabeling of military service. It isn't that the U.S. public shouldn't honor those who served in combat; it's that a large civil-military divide prevents policymakers from even asking the right questions. Leaders inside and outside the military need to focus on bridging this gap.

Not every servicemember is a hero. The question we realize that, the quicker we start creating a political environment that can foster genuine debate and answer the difficult policy problems we face.

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How Indians became a favorite marketing tool

BY STEPHEN MIHM
 Bloomberg News

Last week, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office canceled the trademark of the Washington Redskins on the grounds that the name was "disparaging" to Native Americans. The football team's owner, Daniel Snyder, was unsuccessful in his contention. No doubt he will continue to maintain that the name is a "badge of honor" for native peoples.

Snyder may genuinely believe that making millions from the sale of cheap merchandise adorned with pictures of Indians is a celebration of Native American pride. History suggests otherwise, however.

Americans (the non-native kind) haven't always tried to profit from images of Native Americans. In fact, it was only after Indians had been almost exterminated by military force and disease, had their lands confiscated, and their tribes dispersed that they found themselves resurrected in commercial life, as adornments for the packaging of a host of products in 19th-century America.

Patent medicine was the first business to seize on this branding. Bogus remedies that promised to cure everything from hemorrhoids to baldness to impotence (often all at once) were marketed with the image of a "noble savage" who allegedly had access to arcane medical lore desperately needed by city dwellers eager for a cure.

In the 1870s and '80s, the brazen appropriation of Indians in advertising hit new highs. The Kickapoo Medicine Co., for example, built a brand on the backs of the Kickapoo people of the Midwest. Con-

cocting tinctures and potions — Kickapoo Indian Oil, Kickapoo Indian Worm Killer, and Kickapoo Indian Sassafras, and Blood, Liver, and Stomach Renovator — two fast-talking white entrepreneurs traded off the tribe's name to hawk bogus cures.

The company's proprietors marketed their wares during elaborate "medicine shows" featuring performers, some drawn from nearby reservations, who would give away a portion of their lives. The focus of the more popular consisted of dramatic scenes of Indians slaughtering white settlers.) According to historian Kevin Armitage, almost 80 of these sales troupes would tour the U.S. at any given time, extolling the restorative powers of Kickapoo Sagwa, which was nothing more than a laxative.

Other patent medicine makers developed similar techniques. There was "Dr. Morse's Indian Root Pills," bursting with special plants that the good doctor had acquired from the wise "Red Men of the forest." (Dr. Morse was a fiction, as was the curative powers of the pills). Then there was Sassafras Cough Balsam, Nez Percé Catarrh Snuff, Pocahontas Bitters, Comanche Blood Syrup, and many others.

The timing of this mania for aboriginal cures was perverse.

"By the grimmest of ironies," medical historian Barbara Griggs says, "this commercial boom in Indian medicine coincided with the deliberate destruction of that Indian culture and civilization from which it borrowed its trade-names."

But the borrowing was far from over. Indians had been the first peoples to smoke tobacco — for ceremonial purposes initially. Perhaps the most interesting anecdote adorning the advertising and packaging of

countless tobacco companies in late-19th-century America, including Black Hawk Cigars, Red Indian Cut Plug Tobacco, In-pah-chee Smoking Tobacco and In-pah-chee Gars. Most of these disappeared long ago, though a few — Red Man Tobacco, for example — remain. (Not to mention more recent products such as Natural American Spirit cigarettes, which promise "100% Additive-Free Tobacco.")

Perhaps the most ubiquitous in the product names and packaging of anything connected to the land (the same land, it should be noted, that had been taken from native peoples). As a consequence, the image of the stern Indian (or scantily clad Indian princess) became a totem of late 19th-century advertising, testifying the virtues of corn starch, farming implements and popcorn.

It was only a matter of time before Indians — or caricatures thereof — ended up appropriated as mascots for the increasingly profitable business of professional sports. Here the appeal lay in native peoples' alleged ferocity and manly spirit, which could be repurposed on the athletic field, complete with tomahawk chops, war dances, teepees and other paraphernalia. The Boston Braves baseball team, born in 1912, was one of the first, followed by the Cleveland Indians in 1915. Dozens of professional and collegiate teams followed suit.

As Snyder has found out, the pretense that these mascots are harmless homages to native peoples has become increasingly harder to sell.

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WORLD

China: Direct talks should settle sea disputes

Bloomberg News

BEIJING — China will be firm in upholding its territorial integrity and believes disputes in the region should be settled through direct talks with the countries concerned, the nation's top foreign policy official said.

"We will never trade our core interests or swallow the bitter fruits that undermine our sovereignty, security and development interests," Yang Jiechi said in a speech at the World Peace Forum in Beijing Saturday. Yang, a state counselor and former foreign minister, held talks last week in Vietnam to defuse tensions over a Chinese oil rig in waters claimed by both countries.

Asia's largest economy has intensified moves to assert its territorial sovereignty in the East and South China Seas, ratcheting up tensions with the Philippines,

Vietnam and Japan. China has refused international efforts to resolve the conflicts and this month reiterated that it doesn't recognize a United Nations tribunal investigating a complaint by the Philippines against China's claims over the Spratly Islands.

"The problem now is that some countries are using outside influence to promote the internationalization of the South China Sea problems," Wu Shicun, president and senior research fellow at the National Institute for South China Sea Studies, said in an interview after Yang's speech. "These countries such as Vietnam and the Philippines use American support to increase their antagonism to China."

Yang's remarks about direct negotiations indicate China wants to eliminate any third party such as the U.S., he said.

In his speech, Yang did not mention

America's role in regional territorial disputes, yet China has opposed the country's "pivot" to Asia, blaming it for increasing tensions in the South China Sea.

China seems to be making efforts to deny the U.S. military access to waters off the Chinese coast, Stephen Hadley, former U.S. national security adviser to President George W. Bush, said at the forum. Yet the American military presence in Asia has been a stabilizing force and without it China's neighbors might unite, he said.

"It runs the risk of creating the very containment strategy undertaken by its own neighbors that China so vigorously protests against in its conversations with the United States," he said.

Yang's comments echo those of Premier Li Keqiang, who said in Greece on Friday that China is committed to settling maritime disputes through dialogue and negoti-

ation "on the basis of respecting historical facts and international law," according to a Xinhua News Agency report.

China will be resolute in safeguarding its national sovereignty and territorial integrity, which is conducive to safeguarding regional peace and order as well, Li said, according to Xinhua. The country will firmly oppose any act of hegemony in maritime affairs, he said.

Yang, who outranks Foreign Minister Wang Yi, visited Vietnam last week to defuse tensions over the placing of an oil rig, known as 981, last month by a Chinese state-owned company near the Parcel Islands. Known as Xisha Islands in China, the area is claimed by both nations. The move led to skirmishes between coast guard vessels, the sinking of a Vietnamese fishing boat and anti-China demonstrations in Vietnam.

Review confirms basis of Japan's apology for wartime sex slavery

By MARI YAMAUCHI
The Associated Press

TOKYO — The study that led Japan to apologize in 1993 for forcing Asian women into wartime prostitution was confirmed as valid by a parliament-appointed panel Friday after South Korea and China slammed the review as an attempt to discredit historical evidence of such abuses.

Officials said Japan stood by its earlier pledge not to change the landmark apology.

"We concluded that the content of the study was valid," said lawyer Keiichi Tadaki, who headed the five-member panel that reviewed about 250 sets of documents used for the government study that was the basis of the 1993 apology.

The new investigation focused on how the study, which included interviews with 16 former Korean victims, was conducted, not its historical findings. But any discussion of bitter World War II history is sensitive, especially when Japan's relations with its two closest neighbors are soured by territorial disputes.

The panel started its study in April after a top bureaucrat who helped in the 1993 study questioned the authenticity of the interviews, while suggesting Seoul possibly pressured Tokyo into acknowledging the women were coerced.

Tadaki, who briefed the contents of the report, said Japan had enough evidence from other documents to produce the apology and that the hearings of the women were supplementary and intended to show Japan's compassion rather than to verify historical evidence. His team's report acknowledged Tokyo and Seoul negotiated at length over the wording but that did not distort

historical facts mentioned in the apology.

Historians say between 80,000 and 200,000 women from across Asia, many of them Koreans, were forced to provide sex to Japan's front-line soldiers. Japanese nationalists contend that women in wartime brothels were voluntary prostitutes, not sex slaves, and that Japan has been unfairly criticized for a practice they say is common in any country at war.

Abe, himself, has been criticized by South Korea and China for backpedaling from past Japanese apologies and acknowledgments of wartime atrocities.

Japanese officials interviewed 16 of such women in 1993 at South Korea's request as part of an investigation that led to the apology by then-Chief Cabinet Secretary Yohei Kono, and known as "the Kono statement," which acknowledged many women were forced into prostitution for Japan's wartime military.

Government spokesman Yoshitake Suga reiterated Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's pledge not to revise the 1993 apology, saying that evaluation of the historical evidence should be left up to historians and scholars.

"Japan's relations with South Korea are extremely important and we will try to explain this issue to gain understanding," Suga said.

A reversal of the apology would have worsened strained relations in the region.

Adding to the ire, the South Korean navy on Friday conducted live-fire exercises in seas near islands that are claimed by both countries. Top Japanese officials protested the drills, but South Korean officials said the exercises were routine and rejected Tokyo's demands to cancel them.



Koji SASAHARA/AP

Japanese farmer Masami Yoshizawa, second from right, is surrounded by police officers blocking him from leading a bull off a truck he drove from Fukushima, northeastern Japan, in front of the Agriculture Ministry in Tokyo on Friday.

Japanese farmers seek aid over cattle in radiation zone

By ELAINE KURTENBACH
The Associated Press

TOKYO — A pair of Japanese farmers whose livelihoods were wrecked by the 2011 nuclear disaster staged a protest Friday at Tokyo's agriculture ministry, scuffling briefly with police as they unsuccessfully tried to unload a bull from a truck.

Masami Yoshizawa and fellow farmer Naoto Matsumura have remained at their farms seeking to care for their own and others' abandoned livestock in areas where access has been restricted due to radiation fears since the March 2011 meltdowns at the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant.

The two drove down from Fukushima, bringing the black bull

in the back of a truck, to appeal for help with the livestock, some of which have developed unexplained white spots on their hides. "Stop, stop, stop, stop," shouted a policeman in a blue uniform who climbed into the back of the truck and blocked the farmers from leading the bull onto the pavement in front of the ministry. "It's dangerous. Absolutely not!"

Yoshizawa and Matsumura are among thousands of farmers who lost their livelihoods when their farms, produce and livestock were declared off-limits and unsafe after the nuclear plant sped radiation into the countryside after it was crippled by a massive earthquake and tsunami.

They want the farm ministry or other government agencies to

help them figure out what is causing the spots on the animals' hides and to stop culling abandoned livestock and burning radiation-contaminated vegetation they need to feed the animals.

"The ministry told us they don't know what is causing the spots. Well, they need to do more research and figure it out. They can't just run away, saying they don't know," Yoshizawa said.

Shouting through a megaphone, he urged the farm minister, Yoshi-masa Hayashi, to come down and take a look for himself. Hayashi was not at the building, but at the parliament, and no other officials responded to Yoshizawa's appeal, though the two were allowed to present a written appeal at the ministry's reception desk.

SCIENCE AND MEDICINE



Space grown

Astronauts try growing their own vegetables

By MARK K. MATTHEWS
Orlando Sentinel

WASHINGTON — As salad ingredients go, romaine lettuce ranks somewhere between limp carrots and dried radishes on the excitement scale. But add a dash of outer space, and suddenly that frilly leaf is looking downright exotic, especially to astronauts used to food wrapped in plastic.

Gardening in space could become a reality soon if NASA is able to grow its first crop of romaine lettuce on the International Space Station.

Astronauts began the farming experiment in early May and — if it's successful — NASA could make history by the end of year. U.S. astronauts have never eaten food grown in space, agency officials said.

Space explorers might someday tend whole gardens on the way to Mars, said Gioia Massa, the project's science team leader.

"We want to get to the point where we can grow a variety of things," said Massa, whose list included tomatoes, strawberries and

basil.

For now, though, NASA is limiting itself to the "Outrageous" variety of red romaine lettuce, largely because of the plant's hardness.

"It was happy in a lot of different environments," she said.

Early testing also showed that the romaine lettuce didn't harbor as many microbes as some other plants. That's crucial because astronauts in space have weakened immune systems, and washing the plants — a chore well-known to most home gardeners — is difficult in the microgravity of the orbiting station.

So NASA is being cautious and barring its astronauts from eating the first batch of lettuce now being cultivated under red, blue and green LED lights. Astronauts will pick the plants and freeze them so that leaves can be sent back to Earth later this year.

When the space lettuce is back on the ground, scientists will analyze the plants for microbes and other hazards. A major worry is that space radiation could make microbes more virulent.

But if everything checks out, station astronauts will be allowed to grow — and possibly eat — a second batch of romaine lettuce, potentially by the end of the year.

The lettuce experiment "could be a precursor to learning how to farm and garden out in the solar system," said Trent Smith, the veggie project manager.

Not only do fresh foods provide astronauts with some much-needed nutrients, he said, but the plants' consumption of carbon dioxide can help filter the air of a spacecraft.

Though NASA's experiment with romaine lettuce is a first for the agency, it won't be the first time that spacefarers have grown plants fit for consumption. Earlier this year, Russian scientists reported that crops they had grown on the station, including dwarf wheat and Japanese leafy greens, were safe to eat.

"The experiments with peas have been very promising," said Margarita Levinskikh, a researcher at the Institute of Biomedical Problems, in a report published by a Russian news agency.

Even if the lettuce experiment is successful, Massa said she expects heavy testing would accompany every new vegetable NASA would grow in space. So a full space salad — complete with romaine lettuce, carrots and tomatoes — likely is several years away.

"We know it's not going to be easy," Massa said of the experiment. But, she added, that's why NASA has the space station. It's "the platform for doing these studies now to [test] what we need for future exploration missions."

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Stars and Stripes

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Prison's power plant could become museum

NY OSSINING — An old power plant at Sing Sing could become a museum dedicated to the history of the infamous New York prison.

The nearly derelict building once supplied the power for the "Old Sparky" electric chair that executed Julius and Ethel Rosenberg in 1953 on espionage charges.

Supporters say the museum could house the chair and other artifacts, including prisoners' homemade weapons.

Sing Sing's reputation was burnished by Hollywood, which used it as a setting for many movies. The lockup 30 miles up the Hudson from New York City also inspired the saying now synonymous with incarceration: "up the river."

Museums at active prisons are rare. The power plant is on prison property but separated from the 1,600 inmates by a high wall topped with guard towers.

Police: Zapped driver sheds stun bars, flees

NH SALEM — An unruly driver zapped with a stun gun during a traffic stop yanked out the bars, assaulted the officer and fled early Saturday, prompting a two-state pursuit that also led him to steal a police cruiser and threaten to shoot officers, authorities said.

The fracas began after midnight in Salem when Officer Adam Pearson pulled over Robert Zygarski, 52, of Ellwood City, Pa., for a traffic stop. Police said Zygarski was uncooperative so Pearson shocked him with the stun gun.

Police said Zygarski pulled out the bars, assaulted Pearson, then sped away, beginning a chase that ended when his tire blew in Lawrence, Mass. Police said Zygarski climbed out of his car, charged at the officer and fled in the marked cruiser.

Police said he later entered a gas station and announced he planned to shoot police officers, prompting the clerk to call police. Police found Zygarski on a nearby trail and arrested him. He was charged with assault, resisting arrest and other offenses.

Hot air balloon lands at women's prison

OR WILSONVILLE — Inmates were sent indoors when a hot air balloon landed in the parking lot of an Oregon women's prison, but it wasn't an escape attempt.

The Oregonian reported that the pilot told officials at the Coffee Creek Correctional Facility that he was taking part in a balloon festival Thursday morning but was running low on fuel and had a strong wind.

Prison spokeswoman Vicki Reynolds said the pilot decided the parking lot of the facility south of Portland was the safest place to land. No one was hurt.

Reynolds said the parking lot is far enough from the main prison that officials "felt confident in assuming this wasn't an inmate es-

THE CENSUS

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The number of feral hogs in the United States, descendants of both escaped domestic pigs and wild Eurasian boars imported by hunters. Scientists with the U.S. Department of Agriculture say the growing population of hogs costs the U.S. about \$1.5 billion a year — including \$800 million in farm damage. Hunting and trapping won't do the trick for these big, wildly prolific animals. So, the USDA has kicked off a \$20 million program this year to control feral swine with a poison — sodium nitrate, a preservative used to cure bacon.



GEORGE NIXON/AP

Ugly honors

Peanut, a 2-year-old mutt, poses after beating out a host of dogs with unusually large heads, hairless bodies and other oddities in the World's Ugliest Dog Contest, at the Sonoma-Marin Fair on Friday in Petaluma, Calif. Although Peanut is healthy now, his owner, Holly Chandler of Greenville, N.C., said he was seriously burned as a puppy, resulting in bald patches all over his body. Chandler said she hopes Peanut's victory will help raise awareness about animal abuse.

cape attempt."

Suspected vandal linked to graffiti in courtroom

CA SAN DIEGO — San Diego County authorities have filed new charges against a suspected vandal they believe scrawled graffiti in the courtroom where he was being prosecuted.

U-T San Diego said sheriff's deputies searched 18-year-old Francisco Canseco's San Diego home and found evidence linking him to the tagging.

He pleaded not guilty to five felony counts of vandalism last week and remained jailed Thursday.

The city attorney's office said Canseco was in court in April to face misdemeanor charges of vandalism and possessing tagging tools.

Grffiti was found on courtroom chairs and hallway benches a day after he appeared. Sheriff's Detective Mark Milton said investigators used a database to match the tags with Canseco's moniker.

Teen admits shooting outside zoo into crowd

DC WASHINGTON — A 14-year-old District of Columbia youth admitted in court Thursday that he fired shots into a crowd outside the National Zoo during the annual Easter Monday celebration, injuring two other teenagers.

The youth pleaded guilty in D.C. Superior Court to seven charges, including assault with a deadly weapon and possession of a handgun, in the afternoon shooting April 21.

After the teen's arrest May 3, District of Columbia police said he was a member of a gang in Southwest Washington, and was outside the zoo when he encountered members of a rival gang from neighboring Prince George's County. The teen pulled out a handgun and fired into the crowd, police said. A 16-year-old was shot in an elbow, and an 18-year-old was shot in the hand.

He faces a maximum sentence of being placed in the custody of

the Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services until age 21.

Man dies in explosion at a fireworks plant

WA TENINO — A deadly blast at a fireworks plant in Washington state came as workers were preparing shells for shipping, an Entertainment Weekly official says.

The company produces professional fireworks shows around the region. Ken Julian, company operations vice president, said in a statement.

After the explosion Wednesday morning, William Hill, 75 of Olympia, died while awaiting for an airlift to a regional trauma center. The blast also injured a 25-year-old man, who was flown to a Seattle hospital with burns and trauma, and a 52-year-old man, who was taken to a nearby hospital, Thurston County sheriff's spokesman Lt. Greg Elwin said.

"Right now this appears to be non-criminal and non-intentional — an unfortunate accident related to this type of business," Elwin

said.

10-year-old saves her brother from drowning

IA WATERLOO — Firefighters are crediting a 10-year-old girl with helping save her younger brother from being washed away into a flooded concrete culvert.

Waterloo television station KWWL reported that firefighters were called to Bontrager Park around 7 p.m. Thursday. They found Charlie Cizek, 8, of Waterloo, clinging to his sister, Caly, after falling into a flooded concrete intake drain.

Caly said she and her brother were riding bikes in the park and looking at the flood water when Charlie slipped and fell. She jumped off her bike and grabbed his arms as the water pulled at both of them.

Passers-by called 911, a nearby neighbor helped, and first responders were able to safely pull Charlie out of the culvert.

From wire reports

FACES

'Think Like a Man Too' stars open up about love, sequel

BY MOLLY EICHEL
Philadelphia Daily News

Megan Good stopped having sex, and all of a sudden it was all anyone wanted to talk about with her.

"People are fascinated by it!" she said, adding she doesn't mind talking about her sex life (or lack thereof).

Good and her "Think Like a Man Too" co-star Michael Ealy were in Philadelphia last week to talk about the movie, the sequel to the surprise 2012 blockbuster "Think Like a Man," based on the book "Act Like a Lady, Think Like a Man" by Steve Harvey. "Too" follows the group of friends navigating relationship follies as they continue their stories, past the meet-cute stage, on a Vegas vacation.

The flick hit theaters on June 20.

During the first movie, Good's character, Mya, who

was dating former playboy Zeke (Romany Malco), was taking part in the 90-day rule, which essentially translated to no hanky-panky for the first three months of a relationship. "While I was playing Mya, who was implementing the 90-day rule, I was living Meagan who was living the 90-day rule and then some," Good said about her impromptu method acting. "It was like, 'Girl, I get it.'"

She and her pastor/movie-exec husband, DeVon Franklin, had decided to abstain before their 2012 nuptials. It worked so well, they're literally writing the book on keeping things PG before marriage. Good and Franklin are calling their book "The Wait."

But just because they waited doesn't mean Good thinks everyone should. "I wouldn't preach to other people. It's just offering another option," she said.

"It's not about telling people to wait but just talking about what it was like to wait. You can liken that to anything. It can be a relationship, a career or just waiting on God in any way, shape or form to show up for you. In that time, you grow, you mature, you learn about yourself.

'You have to define happiness for yourself.'

Michael Ealy
star of "Think Like a Man Too"



'People want to see a reflection of their own lives. Hopefully we get to do a part three. What happens next?'

Meagan Good
star of "Think Like a Man Too"

Photos by Screen Gems

There are so many reasons to be present in the wait so you're not focused on getting what you want immediately."

For Ealy, Good's ethos ties into the theme of the movie. "You have to define happiness for yourself," he said. "Sometimes that's being with the one you love instead of jumping into a situation you've always dreamed of."

He was referring to his character, Dominic, who might have to separate from girlfriend Lauren (Taraji P. Henson) because both have new opportunities. Ealy noted that he liked that Lauren makes this decision on her own, not based on the demands of her man. But he bristled at the idea that "Think Like a Man Too" is in any way more progressive than the original's source material, which was criticized for what some called an outdated view of how women should act in a relationship. Ealy

said that Harvey's perspective boiled down to a simple idea: If you respect yourself, he will respect you.

"Think Like a Man Too" expands on the ideas of the first movie, in that it looks at what Ealy called "phase two" of any relationship. Once the honeymoon is over, that's when real life starts.

"People want to see a reflection of their own lives," Good said. "Hopefully we get to do a part three. What happens next?"

Going hand-in-hand with seeing real-life issues on screen, Ealy stressed that it's also important for all types of people to see reflections of themselves up in lights. A spate of movies with predominantly black casts have been deemed surprise hits at the box office of late — the original "Think Like a Man" (\$91.5 million box office), "Best Man Holiday" (\$70.5 million) and "Ride Along" (\$134.2 million) — to name a few.



Country legend's wife defends his care: 'I must do what is in his best interest'

The Associated Press

Glen Campbell's Alzheimer's disease has progressed to the point where he needs full-time professional care, his wife said June 19, explaining her decision to place the singer in a long-term care facility and responding publicly for the first time to criticism from Campbell's eldest daughter.

In an email to The Associated Press, Kim Campbell wrote that doctors persuaded her earlier this spring to discontinue care at the family's home, drawing criticism from Campbell's daughter Debby. "It is crushingly sad to see him afflicted with Alzheimer's but indulging those feelings does not help him," Campbell wrote, adding, "I am his wife and no one wants him more than me and that's why I must do what is in his best interest."

Debby Campbell told Country Weekly magazine two weeks ago that she objected to the move and that she and Campbell's eldest children heard about it through news media reports. She also said she did not believe family members in Nashville, where

the Country Music Hall of Fame member now lives, were spending enough time with him.

Campbell, 78, was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in 2011. Glen Campbell has eight children, including three with Kim Campbell, his wife of 32 years. She says she spends time with her husband every day and that two of his children who live in Nashville visit weekly. Beyond that, she says she organizes activities for him.

Ford healing after surgery on broken leg

Harrison Ford is recuperating after surgery to heal a broken leg suffered during production on "Star Wars: Episode VII."

The actor's publicist said June 19 that Ford is doing well after surgery and will soon begin rehab. Ford was injured during filming of the much-anticipated sequel at Pinewood Studios outside of London.

The accident involved a spacecraft door falling on the 71-year-old actor's leg. Ford's Han Solo pilots the Millennium Falcon,

which is returning in "Episode VII." Disney has said that shooting is continuing while Ford recuperates. He's expected to be sidelined up to two months.

Lifetime making movie about '90s show cast

Lifetime is going back to the 1990s with a TV movie on the Saturday morning show "Saved By the Bell."

The network said June 19 that its film, "The Unauthorized Saved By the Bell Story," is being made in Vancouver and will premiere Labor Day. It will examine the life of young unknown actors in Hollywood trying to maintain the clean image of their characters while growing up amid the temptations of show business.

The same person who cast the original series will handle that role for the TV movie. Dylan Everett of "Deglass: The Next Generation" is in line to play the ringleader role of Mark-Paul Gosselear, and "Scream" is being handled by Sam Kindseth of "Shameless."

Other news

■ Actor-comedian Tracy Morgan has been moved from a hospital to a rehabilitation facility as he recovers from a serious auto accident, his spokesman said June 20. He is showing signs of improvement, but has a long road to full recovery, spokesman Lewis Kay said in an email.

■ J.K. Rowling's latest novel has quickly climbed up the best-seller lists now that it's finally available for purchase on Amazon.com. Rowling's detective novel "The Silkworm" was in the top 100 by late on June 19 for both print and e-book sales.

■ Netflix is expanding its empire of original content with a talk show to be hosted by Chelsea Handler. The online TV network said June 19 the comedian's new show will begin in early 2016. It will update the format of her current E! talk show, "Chelsea Lately," but retain the comedic focus on entertainment and cultural issues, Netflix said. Handler will end the seven-year run of "Chelsea Lately" on Aug. 26.

■ "Modern Family" actor Ty Burrell says he sees gay marriage in the United States is a "tide that can't be turned." Burrell headlined a fundraiser June 19 in Salt Lake City to help cover legal costs for couples fighting Utah's ban on same-sex marriage, lending his celebrity to help a group backed by sitcom co-star Jesse Tyler Ferguson.

■ The British government has approved plans to double the size of Pinewood Studios, home to Harry Potter and James Bond. The Department for Communities and Local Government granted planning permission June 19 for a \$340 million expansion of the movie-making complex near London.

■ A board working to redevelop a former Army base south of downtown Atlanta will begin negotiating a possible sale of some Fort McPherson land to filmmaker Tyler Perry. The McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority voted June 18 to begin formal negotiations with Perry. The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported.

BUSINESS/WEATHER

Thrift shops selling by the pound

By JOHN EWOLDT
(Minneapolis) Star Tribune

In hip fashion circles, "used" is increasingly the new "new."

Twenty years ago, thrift stores were nothing more than glorified garage sales, with worn-out clothes and icky shoes strewn from corner to corner. But the Great Recession and its frugal influence may have changed shopping habits for good, and now resale shops are adding stores, offering more merchandise and launching new concepts to expand the customer base.

An exploding trend among resale retailers is the "pound program," which lets bargain hunters grab a bundle of merchandise, have it weighed, and pay a set price. The concept has become so popular that the Salvation Army just switched half of its flagship Minneapolis store to a by-the-pound program that moves goods in and out weeks faster than before. Clothes, shoes and handbags sell for \$1.49 per pound, while toys, kitchenware and toys go for \$1.29 per pound.

"We want good pieces, especially clothing, to flow out the door quickly. If you let them sit too long, you have quality control issues," said Tom Canfield, district manager for Salvation Army

stores in Minnesota's Twin Cities area.

In the by-the-pound program, men's, women's and kids' clothes unsold after three weeks are gathered from 12 stores and sent to the Minneapolis warehouse. There they are divided into large containers and dumped onto tables every 15 minutes, where extreme bargain hunters quickly sort through each new load. The Salvation Army has more than 25,000 pounds of goods waiting to be sold in the pound program, Canfield said. Although consumers pay less than \$1.50 per pound, it's still more profitable for a charity than selling it as surplus to operators overseas.

Customers can expect to see fresh merchandise every time they shop, Canfield said, not schlocky merchandise that is marked down.

Last week's grand opening exceeded sales expectations. "We thought we'd sell 10 percent of everything that we put out, and we ended up selling 40 percent of it," Canfield said.

Nationally, the number of used-goods stores has grown 7 percent each year since 2010, making it a \$13 billion industry in 2012, according to the National Association of Resale and Thrift Shops. Locally, thrift stores are reporting record sales. Thrifts such as Assistance League, Goodwill, Salvation Army

and Arc's Value Village have reported healthy sales gains of 3 to 20 percent annually in the past several years.

Along with by-the-pound stores, resale shops are launching other new concepts or just growing in general.

For instance, Goodwill will also add a new store called Gina and Will, which will sell casual and trendy clothing shoes and accessories for young men and women. The store will debut in late August in Minneapolis' Venue complex.

Arc's Value Village, which has four locations, has no plans to add a by-the-pound store. Business director Laurel Hansen said customers don't want to dig for merchandise. "Our customers are clamoring for more personal shopping attention. That's why we added personal shoppers in 2012," she said. "Customers buy more when they use them."

With sustained growth each year and a hip quotient solidified in Macklemore's "Thrift Shop" song, resale continues to surge. "There's been a broad shift in the attitude of customers," said Jason Seifert, chief financial and operations officer of Goodwill-Easter Seals Minnesota. "Whether they're looking to be green by keeping stuff out of the landfill or just looking for a bargain, it all works for us."

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	\$1,3953
Euro costs (June 23)	€0.7167
Dollar buys (June 23)	¥107.15
British pound (June 23)	£1.5715
Japanese yen (June 23)	¥100.00
South Korean won (June 23)	₩119.00

Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
British pound	\$1.7011/0.5878
Canada (dollar)	1.0754
China (Yuan)	6.2245
Denmark (Krone)	5.4647
Egypt (Pound)	7.1525
Euro	\$1.3593/0.7357
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7515
Hungary (Forint)	225.16
Israel (Shekel)	3.4461
Japan (Yen)	102.13
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2820
Norway (Krone)	6.1246
Philippines (Peso)	43.85
Poland (Zloty)	3.106
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	1,020.59
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2498
South Korea (Won)	119.00
Switzerland (Franc)	0.8957
Thailand (Baht)	32.47
Turkey (New Lira)	1,4492

(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 euro, 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
Discount rate	8.50
Federal funds market rate	0.10
3-month bill	0.04
30-year bond	3.44

WEATHER OUTLOOK

MONDAY IN THE MIDDLE EAST



MONDAY IN EUROPE



TUESDAY IN THE PACIFIC



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

Monday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Ablene, Tex	80	72	Cldy	Chatanooga	91	68	Cldy	Fort Wayne	84	66	Cldy	Louisville	92	73	Pcldy
Akron, Ohio	84	61	Pcldy	Chicago	83	65	Rain	Goodland	98	63	Cldy	Lubbock	88	70	Pcldy
Albany, N.Y.	83	53	Cir	Cincinnati	89	67	Pcldy	Grand Junction	79	59	Pcldy	Macon	91	69	Rain
Albuquerque	91	65	Pcldy	Cleveland	86	65	Cldy	Grand Rapids	83	64	Cldy	Medford	88	56	Cir
Allentown, Pa.	83	55	Pcldy	Colorado Springs	77	52	Cldy	Great Falls	74	46	Cir	Memphis	91	73	Rain
Amarillo	81	52	Pcldy	Columbia, S.C.	93	71	Cldy	Green Bay	73	62	Cldy	Miami Beach	87	75	Pcldy
Anchorage	61	49	Cldy	Columbus, Ga.	91	72	Rain	Greensboro, N.C.	86	65	Cldy	Midland-Odesa	94	72	Pcldy
Ashville	83	63	Cldy	Columbus, Ohio	87	66	Pcldy	Harrisburg	83	65	Pcldy	Milwaukee	77	58	Rain
Atlanta	90	61	Pcldy	Concord, N.H.	82	50	Cir	Hartford	87	56	Pcldy	Missoula	83	48	Pcldy
Atlantic City	82	57	Pcldy	Corpus Christi	96	77	Cldy	Helena	78	49	Cir	Mobile	86	73	Cir
Austin	84	63	Pcldy	Dallas-Ft. Worth	93	76	Cldy	Idaho Falls	86	73	Cir	Montgomery	89	72	Rain
Baltimore	82	63	Pcldy	Dayton	86	66	Pcldy	Houston	91	74	Pcldy	Nashville	93	70	Pcldy
Baton Rouge	91	72	Cldy	Daytona Beach	92	75	Rain	Huntsville	92	72	Rain	New Orleans	89	71	Cldy
Bilings	76	52	Pcldy	Denver	80	54	Cldy	Indianapolis	88	70	Cldy	New York City	82	62	Cldy
Birmingham	87	71	Rain	Des Moines	79	68	Rain	Jackson, Miss.	93	71	Cldy	Newark	88	63	Cir
Bismarck	77	55	Pcldy	Detroit	84	62	Cldy	Jacksonville	91	68	Cldy	Northfolk, Va.	84	70	Cir
Boise	90	54	Pcldy	Butte	75	53	Cldy	Juneau	57	51	Cir	North Platte	79	57	Pcldy
Boston	77	60	Cir	El Paso	100	79	Cir	Kansas City	82	71	Rain	Oklahoma City	88	70	Rain
Bridgeport	81	58	Cldy	Elkins	82	57	Cldy	Key West	87	78	Cldy	Omaha	81	66	Cldy
Brownsville	93	79	Pcldy	Erie	82	63	Pcldy	Knoxville	91	66	Cldy	Orlando	93	74	Cldy
Buffalo	85	59	Cir	Eugene	81	49	Pcldy	Lake Charles	91	74	Cldy	Pendleton	89	57	Pcldy
Burlington, Vt.	82	62	Cldy	Evansville	87	70	Cldy	Lansing	90	68	Pcldy	Peoria	89	68	Pcldy
Caribou, Maine	79	50	Pcldy	Fairbanks	74	46	Cldy	Las Vegas	104	79	Cir	Philadelphia	84	63	Pcldy
Casper, Wyo.	74	46	Cldy	Fargo	78	59	Pcldy	Lexington	90	68	Pcldy	Phoenix	107	80	Rain
Charleston, S.C.	92	74	Cldy	Flagstaff	81	46	Cir	Lincoln	81	65	Cldy	Pittsburgh	84	62	Pcldy
Charleston, W.Va.	90	63	Pcldy	Flint	85	61	Cldy	Little Rock	89	71	Rain	Portland	89	74	Cldy
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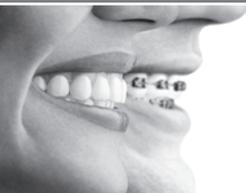
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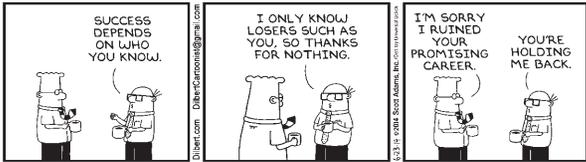
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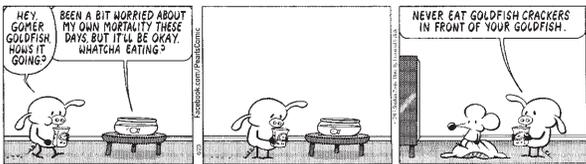
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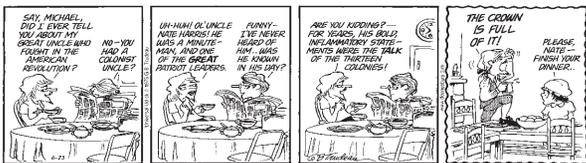
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ACROSS

- 1 Last wife of Henry VIII
- 5 Leprechauns' dance
- 8 Use a teaspoon
- 12 Ontario neighbor
- 13 Dos Passos trilogy
- 14 "That's terrible"
- 15 Chinatown secret society
- 16 Pool table site
- 20 "Tristram Shandy" author
- 21 Tranquil
- 23 Barcelona bear
- 24 Snipe, for one
- 28 Vats
- 31 Compass dir.
- 32 Villainous look
- 34 Sticky stuff
- 35 Netting
- 37 "The Chase," e.g.
- 39 Homer's outcry
- 41 Transaction
- 42 Lessons
- 45 Worshipped
- 49 Strategy
- 51 Great silently
- 52 First victim
- 53 Altar affirmative
- 54 "— Brocovich"
- 55 Not as much
- 56 Standard
- 57 Depend (on)

DOWN

- 22 Not merely fear
- 24 Jewel
- 25 Hydrocarbon suffix
- 26 Address for French women
- 27 Carriage
- 29 Greet the bad guy
- 30 Scatter seeds
- 33 Peruse
- 36 "Monopoly" buys
- 38 Not so fast
- 40 With it, once
- 42 1946 song, "— in Calico"
- 9 Painstaking
- 10 Aware of
- 11 Italy's capital
- 17 DDE's command
- 19 Calligrapher's assortment
- 43 Infanco
- 44 Error
- 46 Unusual
- 47 Satanic
- 48 Repudiate
- 50 Oklahoma city

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Whip... 100th Anniversary...
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Aud. 581, 2014 \$14,000.00 Mini Condition US...
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Automotive 140

A 4x4 R/B BOBBET ALLY WHEELS...
Ford, Shelby, GT500, 2013...
Ford, Shelby, GT500, 2013...
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Autos for Sale - Germany 142

Audi, A4 Quattro, 2007 \$13,900.00 US...
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Automotive 140

SELLER BEWARE

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Audi, S5, 2012 \$41,000.00 Mini Condition US...
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Autos for Sale - Germany 142

BMW, 2012 \$29,000.00 MINI Condition US...
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Autos for Sale - Germany 142

Ford, Edge SE, 2009 \$9,000.00 GREAT CONDITION...
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Autos for Sale - Germany 142

Mercedes Benz, C220, 1998 \$1,200.00 Elegance, 2.2 liter...
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Porsche, Boxster S, 2002 \$18,000.00 Just tuned up...
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Volvo, XC90 T6 AWD, 2010 \$28,000.00 Luxury ride with all...
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Motorcycles 164

Harley Davidson Road King...
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MLB SCOREBOARD

American League

East Division	Pct	GB	
Toronto	42	53.3	11 1/2
Baltimore	38	51.5	1 1/2
Baltimore	38	51.5	1 1/2
Tampa Bay	34	45.2	7 1/2
Yankees	31	41.3	11 1/2

Central Division	Pct	GB	
Detroit	39	54.9	—
Kansas City	35	52.7	1 1/2
Chicago	35	52.7	1 1/2
Minnesota	35	47.9	5
Chicago	35	47.9	5

West Division	Pct	GB	
Oakland	47	62.8	—
Los Angeles	46	61.6	1 1/2
Seattle	39	52.0	8
Seattle	39	52.0	8
Houston	33	43.4	14 1/2

National League

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	36	52.1	—	
Atlanta	36	51.4	1/2	
Miami	37	50.0	1 1/2	
Philadelphia	34	46.6	6 1/2	
New York	34	45.3	5	

West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	46	30.0	55.3	5 1/2
Cincinnati	36	37	49.3	8 1/2
Pittsburgh	36	38	48.6	9
St. Louis	36	39	47.9	9 1/2

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	41	53.9	—	
Los Angeles	41	53.9	—	
San Diego	32	43	42.7	12 1/2
Arizona	32	46	41.0	14

Florida Division	W	L	Pct	GB
N.Y. Yankees	5	1	33.3	—
Houston	3	1	23.1	—
Tampa Bay	3	1	23.1	—
White Sox	3	1	23.1	—
Kansas City	3	1	23.1	—

Philadelphia	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	14	13	51.9	—
St. Louis	14	13	51.9	—
St. Louis	14	13	51.9	—
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Philadelphia	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	7 1/2	5	32.5	5.8
St. Louis	7 1/2	5	32.5	5.8
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Philadelphia	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	8	6	11.7	0.7
St. Louis	8	6	11.7	0.7
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Philadelphia	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	2	1	66.7	—
St. Louis	2	1	66.7	—
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Mariners 2, Royals 1

Seattle	R	H	B	K	IP	BB	SO
J.Lones of	4	0	1	0	3	0	0
Gilless if	4	0	1	0	3	0	0
Canó	4	0	1	0	3	0	0
Morsin b	4	0	1	0	3	0	0
Seager b	4	2	2	0	3	0	1
Enchvz r	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
JMolitor d	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
Ackley pr-dh	1	0	0	0	3	0	0
Miller ss	1	2	0	0	3	0	0

Totals	35	10	27	1	31	0	1
Seattle	001	000	001	—	—	—	—
Kansas City	001	000	001	—	—	—	—
E.-A.Escobar (6P)	DP	—	Seattle	2	—	—	—
CS—Romero (3)	LOB	—	Seattle	6	—	—	—
CS—Romero (3)	LOB	—	Kansas City	2	—	—	—
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St. Louis	2	1	66.7	—

Nationals 3, Braves 0

Atlanta	R	H	B	K	IP	BB	SO
LaStell b	4	0	0	0	3	0	0
Bjpton c	4	0	0	0	3	0	0
Fronb b	4	0	0	0	3	0	0
Gatticc	3	0	0	0	3	0	0
Werth c	3	0	0	0	3	0	0
Hayward r	3	0	0	0	3	0	0
Upton lf	3	0	0	0	3	0	0
Adams c	3	0	0	0	3	0	0
Adams ss	3	0	0	0	3	0	0
Teherm p	2	0	0	0	3	0	0
Jainz p	2	0	0	0	3	0	0
Totals	31	0	0	0	30	0	0

Washington	R	H	B	K	IP	BB	SO
Teheran L6-5	1	7	3	3	2	10	1
Jainz	1	0	0	0	3	2	10
Washington	7	3	3	1	1	2	1
Fister W6-2	8	5	0	0	1	3	1
Wright L6-18	1	0	0	0	1	3	1
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Orioles 6, Yankees 1

Baltimore	R	H	B	K	IP	BB	SO
Marks r	4	1	0	0	3	0	0
Pearce f	4	1	2	2	3	0	0
Wright c	4	1	2	2	3	0	0
A.Jones cf	4	1	2	1	3	0	0

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By JAY PARIS
The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Same pitcher, different approach, and the Los Angeles Dodgers and pitcher Josh Beckett couldn't be happier.

"It's a little easier the other way, but it's been good," Beckett said. "I'm locating my curveball, too. It's not like I'm throwing curveballs down the middle. I'm back-dropping them to lefties and getting them away to righties and getting them out front."

Beckett's reinvention continued Saturday night in the Dodgers' 4-2 win over the San Diego Padres.

His lively right arm which once produced one fastball after another has found new life by easing up.

Beckett (5-4) pitched seven strong innings, and Hanley Ramirez drove in two runs.

Beckett, in his first start against San Diego this year, allowed four hits and two walks. No Padres reached second base, and San Diego never had more than one runner on base at a time against him.

"[Beckett] had that tantalizing curveball all night long, all different counts," Padres manager Bud Black said. "He kept it down in the strike zone and he was throwing it for a called strike right at the knee. He threw enough fastballs to keep us honest."

Beckett continued his stellar work against NL West teams, tying a season-high with eight strikeouts and lowering his ERA to 1.40 against divisional foes.

"The way I pitch is different," said Beckett, who is 4-1 on the road with a no-hitter and a 1.88 ERA. "I never really felt like I had to give in."



JULIE JACOBSON/AP

The Yankees' Derek Jeter, right, reacts as umpire Tom Hallion calls him out on strikes to end the third inning of Saturday's game against the Baltimore Orioles in New York. The Orioles won 6-1.

Roundup

Orioles batter Nuno, Yankees

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Nelson Cruz hit his 23rd home run, J.J. Hardy connected for his first of the season and the Baltimore Orioles beat the New York Yankees 6-1 Saturday after starter Bud Norris left with tightness in his groin.

Adam Jones and Steve Pearce also went deep against struggling soft-tosser Vidal Nuno, helping the Orioles rebound after blowing a two-run lead in the ninth inning of a 5-3 loss Friday night.

Cruz and Pearce each had a two-run shot. Hardy ended a drought of 339 at-bats that dated to last September.

Mark Teixeira hit his 12th home run for the Yankees, who had won four straight and eight of 10, but that was all they managed against Norris and three relievers.

Twins 4, White Sox 3: Joe Mauer hit a two-run double that just missed reaching the seats and Kevin Correia pitched a smooth six innings to help host Minnesota beat Chicago for the third straight game.

Glen Perkins pitched another tenuous ninth inning but got his 19th save in 22 tries after giving up two runs to blow one the night before.

Reds 11, Blue Jays 1: Jay Bruce's homer helped host Cincinnati get ahead 8-0 for the second day in a row, and Mike Leake made this big lead stand up, pitching eight innings for a victory over Toronto.

A day earlier, the Blue Jays pulled off the second-biggest comeback in their history. Down 8-0 after the second inning, they rallied to a 14-9 victory behind a pair of homers from Edwin Encarnacion.

Cardinals 4, Phillies 1: Matt Holliday broke an eighth-inning tie with a double, and Adam Wainwright tossed eight strong innings to lead host St. Louis to a win over Philadelphia that snapped the Phillies' season-high five-game winning streak.

Wainwright (10-3) allowed one run and six hits, struck out seven and didn't walk a batter for the Cardinals, who broke a three-game losing streak.

Nationals 3, Braves 0: Doug Fister pitched eight shutout innings, and Anthony Rendon had three hits and two RBIs for host Washington in a rare win over Atlanta.

The Nationals took a half-game lead over Atlanta in the NL East after dropping the first two games in the series. Ryan Zimmerman also drove in a run.

Tigers 5, Indians 4 (10): Miguel Cabrera doubled with one out in the 10th inning to drive in the go-ahead run and lift Detroit over host Cleveland.

Justin Verlander was one out away from winning for the only the second time in seven starts, but closer Joe Nathan (4-2) blew a save for the fifth time this season when Michael Bourn's tied it with a two-out single.

Athletics 2, Red Sox 1 (10): Coco Crisp singled in Alberto Callaspo with one out in the 10th inning and host Oakland beat Boston to extend its winning streak to five games.

Rays 8, Astros 0: Jake Odorizzi allowed one hit and struck out 10 while pitching into the eighth inning as Tampa Bay beat visiting Houston.

Mets 4, Marlins 0: Jacob deGrom pitched seven scoreless innings to earn his first win for visiting New York in a victory over Miami.

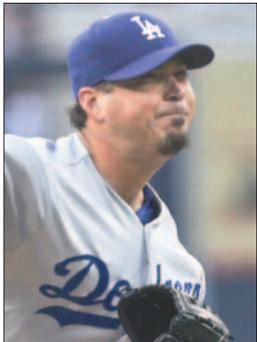
Brewers 9, Rockies 4: Aramis Ramirez had three hits, including a solo homer, and Wily Peralta won his fourth straight start as visiting Milwaukee beat error-prone Colorado.

Mariners 2, Royals 1: Dustin Ackley drove in the go-ahead run with a two-out ninth inning single as visiting Seattle beat Kansas City.

Pirates 5, Cubs 3: Josh Harrison homered and drove in three runs, leading Vance Worley and Pittsburgh to a rain-delayed victory over host Chicago.

Angels 3, Rangers 2 (10): Howie Kendrick hit an RBI double in the 10th inning, and C.J. Cron homered, leading Los Angeles past visiting Texas.

Giants 6, Diamondbacks 4: Tyler Colvin drove in three runs, and San Francisco snapped a season-high, six-game losing streak by beating host Arizona.



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Los Angeles Dodgers starting pitcher Josh Beckett improved to 4-1 on the road with a no-hitter and a 1.88 ERA after Saturday's 4-2 win over the Padres in San Diego.

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Andy Murray enters Wimbledon as the defending champ after becoming the first Brit to win the men's title since 1936.

A new beginning

Champ Murray returns with new coach, without pressure of nation

By HOWARD FENDRICH
The Associated Press

LONDON — Imagine what the reception will be like for Andy Murray on Monday when he first strides onto the green grass of Centre Court at Wimbledon.

A year ago, Murray became the first British man since Fred Perry in 1936 to win the singles title at a tournament the locals refer to simply as "The Championships," ending a nation's long wait and sparking talk of a knighthood.

This year, Murray gets the defending champion's honor of playing the fortnight's first match on the most famous tennis court in the world. Seems safe to say that 15,000 or so of his closest friends will greet him with a full-throated roar.

"As the time gets nearer, and, you know, I get ready to play the first match on Monday, I'll definitely ... be excited about it," Murray said. "I will be nervous. It [is] an experience; something I have never experienced before. Players have talked about it in the past, that it's a great experience. But it can also be a nerve-racking one."

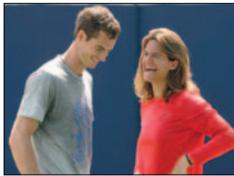
Murray had a slow start this season, coming off back surgery, and he hasn't reached a final since Wimbledon 50 weeks ago.

But he showed he's on the way back to peak form by reaching the semifinals at the French Open.

Performing that well on clay would seem to bode well for what he can do on grass.

"I expect to play well there. I'm really looking forward to going back. I think it will give me a lot of positive energy," Murray said. "I'm glad I'm back playing to a level that was able to get me through to the last stage of Slams."

As for how Murray will handle whatever jitters accompany his first trip back to the site of his most significant



SANG TAN/AP

Andy Murray shares a laugh with his new coach Amelie Mauresmo, the former women's No. 1 whom he hired this month.

victory, his peers think he'll be just fine.

"The way he's got himself back into shape again, I think he can really believe again. That's what's most important now," said Roger Federer, who won seven of his record 17 major championships at Wimbledon and is coming off a grass title at Halle, Germany. "[Being] defending champion is never an easy thing. But then again, he played so well on grass the last few years. ... I would feel comfortable if I was Andy at this point."

Novak Djokovic, the 2011 champion and runner-up to Murray last year, agreed.

"I'm sure that Andy, with all the experience he has playing in the big matches, and especially here in front of his home crowd, understands and knows the way how to handle the pressure and expectation," Djokovic said. "So I expect him to do well."

The other reigning singles champion, France's Marion Bartoli, will not try to deny her title, announcing her retirement at 28, less than six weeks after the 2013 final. That actually fits well with the quirky career of Bartoli,

who certainly did things her way, down to her two-fisted strokes for forehands, backhands and volleys.

While Murray's baseline game is rather conventional by today's standards, his coaching decisions have been groundbreaking. After parting in March with Ivan Lendl — whose hiring was followed by those of fellow past greats of the game Stefan Edberg (by Federer) and Boris Becker (by Djokovic) — Murray picked former women's No. 1 Amelie Mauresmo as a replacement this month.

"All I'm interested in is to be able to help him [reach] his goals," Mauresmo said. "That's about it."

Murray, who grew up in Dunblane, Scotland, has made plain that those aims are primarily about winning more Grand Slam trophies.

He earned his first at the 2012 U.S. Open, shortly after winning a gold medal at the London Olympics. Those triumphs followed his loss to Federer at Wimbledon that year. In 2013, Murray beat Djokovic in the Wimbledon final to end the 77-year drought.

Scotland's vote in September about whether to break away from Britain — Murray has steadfastly avoided weighing in — will be a popular topic of conversation around London this summer, and with England's early elimination from the World Cup, the attention on "Our Andy" at Wimbledon figures to be as strong as ever.

"Anytime you taste what it feels like to win it once, you obviously want to win it again. So there's an element of pressure you put on yourself, for starters, because you sort of want to see what that feels like at least one more time," said ESPN analyst John McEnroe, who won Wimbledon three times. "From that standpoint, he's going to be feeling pressure. Clearly now once people know he can do it, they're going to think he should do it again."

Big 4, Serena looking to vie for more titles

By HOWARD FENDRICH
The Associated Press

LONDON — Last year's Wimbledon was the most unpredictable in memory.

Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal and Maria Sharapova — owners of a combined 10 titles at the All England Club — were all gone by the end of the second round. Five-time champion Serena Williams left in the fourth. Add in the record-equaling withdrawals or mid-match retirements because of health problems.

And to cap it all, Andy Murray finally gave Britain the men's champion it had wanted for more than three-quarters of a century.

What might 2014 have in store? Here are five things to watch at Wimbledon, where play begins Monday.

1 Muresmo: The pairing of Murray and his new coach, Amelie Mauresmo, was quickly dubbed "Muresmo," and their partnership is sure to draw a lot of notice. For one thing, Murray won the grass-court Grand Slam tournament — the first British man in 77 years to do so — with Ivan Lendl in his corner. For another, it's unusual for a top male tennis player to be coached by a woman, although Murray was coached for years by his mother, current British Fed Cup captain Judy. Asked about the hiring of Mauresmo, 2013 Wimbledon runner-up Novak Djokovic said: "I don't know how that's going to turn out, this relationship. But it's definitely an interesting decision."

2 The Usual Suspects: A member of the so-called Big 4 has won each of the last 11 Wimbledon titles — seven for Federer, two for Nadal, and one apiece for Murray and Djokovic — and few would be surprised if someone in that quartet makes it an even dozen. The top-seeded Djokovic, champion in 2011, is a popular pick, although he himself offered this: "I wouldn't say it's so obvious that the 'usual suspects' ... will reach the final stages." Nadal's ninth French Open title was followed quickly by his third consecutive loss on grass; the stuff is rough on his knees. If Federer, now 32 and a father of four, is going to seriously contend for an 18th major title, it figures to come at Wimbledon, because he excels on grass, last year's stunning second-round exit notwithstanding. "I feel like, yeah, if things click here, I should be able to win the tournament," Federer said.

3 Serena's reaction: Williams is ranked No. 1 and seeded No. 1. But she's lost before the quarterfinals at three of the past four majors, including at Wimbledon last year and a second-round exit at the French Open last month. With her best-in-the-women's-game serve and ability to bounce back from setbacks, a strong showing from Williams on the grass wouldn't shock her coach, Patrick Mouratoglou. "She's definitely the kind of person that, when something bad happens to her, is always able to react."

4 Sharapova's decade: Hard to believe, perhaps, but it's been a decade since Sharapova won Wimbledon at age 17 for her first Grand Slam title. Now she's got five major trophies, but is still stuck on one at the All England Club. "I don't think about that victory very often," Sharapova said. "Just sometimes when I need a little pick me up or when I look back at my achievements."

5 Time to make a mark: Men who might make a breakthrough include Grigor Dimitrov of Bulgaria, who won a grass-court tuneup title last week, or Canada's big-time up-and-coming women who took center stage at the French Open fare at Wimbledon: Simona Halep, coming off her first Grand Slam final appearance; Eugenie Bouchard, a semifinalist at the Australian Open and Roland Garros; and Garbine Muguruzza, who stunned Williams in Paris.



Maria Sharapova
ANJA NIEDRINGHAUS/AP

CWS/US WOMEN'S OPEN



Vanderbilt players dash from the dugout after Rhett Wiseman scored the winning run in the 10th inning against Texas.

CWS roundup

Vanderbilt, Virginia reach championship

By ERIC OLSON
The Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Tyler Campbell's bases-loaded infield single in the bottom of the 10th inning gave Vanderbilt a 4-3 win over Texas on Saturday night and sent the Commodores to the College World Series finals against Virginia.

Campbell was in his second game filling in for third baseman Xavier Turner, who was ruled ineligible Friday for a violation of NCAA rules. Campbell had only 21 at-bats this season when he stepped to the plate in the 10th. He sent a slow grounder toward shortstop C.J. Hinojosa, who charged the ball, but couldn't get it to first in time to get Campbell.

Vanderbilt (49-20) gives the SEC a team in the CWS finals for the seventh straight year. The championship series starts Monday night.

In the Texas 10th, Hinojosa drilled a ball deep to right, but Rhett Wiseman sprinted into the right-center field gap and extended his glove to make the catch before falling into the warning track.

Vanderbilt rallied with two outs in the bottom half of the 10th.

Wiseman singled, pinch-hitter Ro Coleman walked and Karl Ellison was hit above the left elbow to load the bases for Campbell.

Campbell fouled off a pitch and took another before he grounded to short. When he beat Hinojosa's throw, he waited to be mobbed by teammates who came flooding out of the dugout and bullpen.

Virginia 4, Mississippi 1: Robbie Coman's two-run, bases-loaded single gave the Cavaliers the lead, and Josh Sborz and two relievers limited the Rebels to six singles as the Cavaliers advanced to the CWS finals.

Virginia (52-14), in the CWS for the third time, will be looking for its first national championship in baseball.

Sborz (6-4) threw 12 pitches on Friday before a heavy thunderstorm forced suspension of the game in the second inning. He was on the mound when play resumed and worked through the fifth inning. Closer Nick Howard worked the ninth for his 20th save.

The Cavaliers have allowed two earned runs in 33 innings in winning their three CWS games for an 0.55 ERA.

Wie holds on to share lead

By DOUG FERGUSON
The Associated Press

PINEHURST, N.C. — In the midst of throwing a four-shot lead, Michelle Wie never lost sight of the big picture at Pinehurst No. 2.

The U.S. Women's Open rarely goes according to plan, and Saturday was no exception. Wie knows that from experience long ago, and she settled down with four important pars to wind up with a 54-hole share of the lead for the third time in her career.

Wie was a teenager the other two times. Now at 24, she was one round away from capturing her first major.

"I'm just grateful for another opportunity," Wie said after salvaging a 2-over 72 to tie Amy Yang. "Tomorrow I'm going to play as hard as I can and hope for the best."

Yang, who earned a spot in the final group for the second time in three years, didn't make a par until the eighth hole in a wild round so typical of this day. Only a sloppy bogey on the final hole cost her the outright lead, though she was more than happy with a 68.

They were at 2-under 208, the only players still under par.

A pivotal moment for Wie came on the 12th hole. She reached 6 under for the tournament with back-to-back birdies at the turn. She made her first double bogey of the tournament with a tee shot she hooked into the pine trees on the 11th. Her next drive sailed well to the right and settled on a sandy path. Instead of punching under the trees and over the bunker to the green — anything long is a tough up-and-down — she pitched out to the fairway and made bogey.

"U.S. Opens are tough," she said. "I feel like maybe on a different golf course, I would have taken that chance. You just don't want to be too greedy out here. Even though you make bogey, sometimes you just don't want to make a double over, here I felt I made the right decision there."

The USGA set the course up relative to what the men faced last Saturday in the U.S. Open when wire-to-wire winner Martin Kaymer had his only over-par round with a 72. It was short (6,270 yards) but tough because of the pin positions.

That didn't stop Juli Inkster. The 53-year-old Hall of Famer, who has said her 35th appearance in the Women's Open will be her last, had a tournament-best 66 to get into contention. She will be in the penultimate group, four shots out of the lead, still dreaming of a third Open title that would make her by 10 years the oldest Women's Open winner.

"You can think and you can dream all you want," Inkster said. "But the bottom line is you've got to come out and make the shots. And if I'm tied for the lead coming up 18, then maybe I'll think about it. I've got a long way to go. I'm just going to enjoy the moment and hit a few balls and see what happens."

Also remaining in the hunt was Lexi Thompson, who won the first LPGA major this year in a final-



Michelle Wie pumps her fist after making a putt on the third hole during the third round of the U.S. Women's Open on Saturday.

round duel with Wie, and pulled within one shot of Wie with a pair of birdies early in the round.

It fell apart on two holes. Thompson missed the green to the left on No. 8 — the worst spot at Pinehurst — and her first chip fell down the slope, leading to double bogey.

On the next hole, she went long over the green and chose to take relief she really didn't need from a white line marking the TV tower. Thompson went to the drop zone, and her ball rolled back into a divot. Worst yet, she still used her putter, and it hopped high out of the divot and had no chance to reach the green. She made another double bogey, then made three straight bogeys on the back nine. She birdied the final hole for a 74 that left her 3 over.

Na Yeon Choi had a 71 and was in the group with Inkster at 2-over 212 along with Stephanie Meadow (69) and 18-year-old amateur Minjee Lee of Australia (72). Another shot back were So Yeon Ryu, who played her final 10 holes in 3 under for a 70, and Karrie Webb, who went the final 12 holes without a bogey for a 70.

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SPORTS BRIEFS/WORLD CUP

Gaughan wins Nationwide race at rainy Road America

ELKHART LAKE, Wis. — Brendan Gaughan took the lead after a green-white-checked restart, then held on to win the rain-soaked and wild NASCAR Nationwide Series race at Road America on Saturday.

Gaughan won for the first time in the series, breaking through in his 98th career start.

Gaughan noted that he made his fair share of mistakes along the way — pretty much every driver did in challenging driving conditions — and thanked his crew for helping him rally to win.

“I booted this race twice, and thank you to these boys right here,” Gaughan said. “They still believed in me.”

Alex Tagliani was second, followed by Kevin O’Connell, Chase Elliott and J.J. Yeley as NASCAR drivers got a rare opportunity to race in the rain. It was a disappointing finish for Tagliani, who led in the closing stages of regulation but ran out of gas after a late caution flag came out.

It was the third time in Nationwide history that grooved rain tires have been used in a race; the previous two were in Montreal. NASCAR only uses rain tires on road courses, not on oval tracks.

The rain added a tense new dimension to racing at Road America, a four-mile road course where the Nationwide Series already had shown an ability to put on a good show.

Tagliani was leading when a caution flag came out with just over a lap left in the race, ensuring the green-white-checked finish — NASCAR’s version of overtime, as officials attempt to ensure that the race finishes under green. Then Tagliani’s car came to a sudden stop under caution, as he ran out of gas.

That handed the lead to Gaughan, who had been chasing Tagliani down in the closing laps of regulation.

Gaughan then lost the lead to Elliott almost immediately on the restart, and Elliott — the 18-year-old son of NASCAR icon Bill Elliott — suddenly appeared headed to victory.

But Gaughan got back around Elliott, retaking the lead with just over a lap to go. Gaughan held off O’Connell for most of the last lap, then withstood a late charge from Tagliani, who refueled his car and nearly charged all the way back to the lead.

Rosberg wins Austrian GP

SPIELBERG, Austria — Nico Rosberg held off a challenge from teammate Lewis Hamilton to win the Austrian GP on Sunday for the sixth 1-2 finish by Mercedes this season.

It was Rosberg’s third win of the year and sixth overall as he extended his lead in the drivers’ championship over Hamilton to 29 points.

Valtteri Bottas came third for his first career Formula One podium while Williams’ Valtteri Bottas, who started from pole position, took fourth.

Four-time Formula One champion Sebastian Vettel had an engine problem in the second lap and was doubled by the field before quitting the race in the 36th on Red Bull’s home circuit.

Ilonen wins Irish Open by 1 shot

CORK, Ireland — Mikko Ilonen shot a final round 70 on Sunday to win the Irish Open by 1 stroke after leading from start to finish.

The 43-year-old Finn celebrated his 300th European event and his fourth tour victory with an overall 13-under 271 on the Pota Island course.

Italy’s Edoardo Molinari shot 67 to take second on 12 under.

Local favorite Graeme McDowell never appeared in the hunt for his first Irish Open success, posting a 71 to finish three shots behind Ilonen.

Scoreboard

First round

x-advanced to second round

GROUP A	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Brazil	1	0	1	0	4	4
Mexico	1	0	1	0	4	4
Croatia	1	1	0	0	3	3
Cameroun	1	1	0	0	3	3

Thursday, June 12

Brazil 3, Croatia 0

Mexico 1, Cameroon 0

Brazil 0, Mexico 0

Croatia 4, Cameroon 0

Monday, June 23

Brazil vs. Cameroon

Croatia vs. Mexico

GROUP B

x-Netherlands 2, 0, 0, 0, 0, 6

x-Chile 2, 0, 0, 0, 0, 6

Australia 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 4

Spain 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 3

Friday, June 13

Netherlands 5, Spain 1

Chile 3, Australia 1

Wednesday, June 18

Netherlands 3, Australia 2

Chile 2, Spain 0

Monday, June 23

At Curitiba, Brazil

Spain vs. Australia

Netherlands vs. Chile

GROUP C

x-Colombia 2, 0, 0, 0, 0, 6

Ivory Coast 2, 0, 0, 0, 0, 6

Japan 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 2

Greece 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 2

Saturday, June 14

Colombia 3, Greece 0

Ivory Coast 2, Japan 1

Thursday, June 19

Colombia 2, Ivory Coast 1

Greece 0, Japan 0

Monday, June 24

At Curitiba, Brazil

Colombia vs. Japan

Greece vs. Ivory Coast

GROUP D

x-Costa Rica 2, 1, 0, 0, 0, 6

Italy 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 4

Nigeria 0, 2, 0, 0, 0, 2

England 0, 2, 0, 0, 0, 2

Saturday, June 14

Costa Rica 3, Uruguay 1

Italy 2, England 1

Thursday, June 19

Uruguay 2, England 1

Friday, June 20

Costa Rica 1, Italy 0

Tuesday, June 24

At Natal, Brazil

Uruguay vs. Italy

Costa Rica vs. England

GROUP E

France 2, 0, 0, 0, 0, 6

Ecuador 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 4

Switzerland 0, 2, 0, 0, 0, 2

Honduras 0, 2, 0, 0, 0, 2

Sunday, June 15

Switzerland 2, Ecuador 1

France 3, Honduras 1

Friday, June 20

France 5, Switzerland 2

Ecuador 2, Honduras 1

Wednesday, June 25

At Manaus, Brazil

Switzerland vs. Honduras

France vs. Ecuador

At Rio de Janeiro

Ecuador vs. France

GROUP F

W L T GF GA Pts

Nigeria 2 0 0 3 3 6

x-Argentina 2 0 0 3 3 6

Iran 0 0 1 0 1 0

Bosnia-Herzegovina 0 1 1 0 1 0

Sunday, June 15

Argentina 2, Bosnia-Herzegovina 1

Iran 0, Nigeria 0

Monday, June 16

Argentina 1, Iran 0

Nigeria 2, Bosnia-Herzegovina 0

Wednesday, June 25

Nigeria vs. Argentina

At Brasilia, Brazil

Bosnia-Herzegovina vs. Iran

GROUP G

W L T GF GA Pts

Germany 0 1 0 0 5 3

United States 0 1 0 0 3 3

Ghana 0 1 0 0 1 1

Portugal 0 1 0 0 1 1

Monday, June 16

Germany 4, Portugal 2

United States 2, Ghana 1

Tuesday, June 22

Germany 2, Ghana 2

Portugal vs. United States

Thursday, June 26

At Recife, Brazil

Germany vs. United States

At Brasilia, Brazil

Portugal vs. Ghana

GROUP H

W L T GF GA Pts

Belgium 0 0 0 3 2 3

Russia 0 0 0 1 1 1

South Korea 0 0 1 1 1 1

Algeria 0 0 1 1 1 1

Tuesday, June 17

Belgium 2, Algeria 1

Russia 1, South Korea 1

Wednesday, June 22

Belgium 1, Russia 1

Algeria vs. South Korea

Thursday, June 26

At Sao Paulo

Belgium vs. South Korea

At Curitiba, Brazil

Algeria vs. Russia



Costa Rica’s Cristian Gamboa, right, and Giancarlo Gonzalez celebrate with Oscar Duarte after the team’s 1-0 victory over Italy in Group D action in Recife, Brazil on Friday. The Ticos have already advanced to the next round after beating former champions Italy and Uruguay.

These Ticos enjoying life

Costa Rica has emerged as surprise team of difficult group

BY RICARDO ZUNIGA
The Associated Press

Costa Rica stunned the football world by beating former champions Italy and Uruguay in one of the toughest groups in the World Cup, becoming the first team from Group D to advance to the knockout stage.

The small Central America nation of almost 5 million people is famous for its stunning beaches, lush jungles and a laid-back way of life defined by its national motto — Pura Vida!

Five things to know about Costa Rica:

1 Pura vida: The national motto and tourism slogan loosely translates to Live Life or Enjoy Life. It defines the lifestyle in a country that does not have an army and has been called the “Switzerland of the Americas” because of its neutrality during international conflicts. Its former president Oscar Arias won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1987.

Located between Nicaragua and Panama, millions visit Costa Rica every year for its tropical jungles, Pacific Ocean and Caribbean Sea beaches, and an industry based in eco-tourism. Costa Rica is a prime surfing spot, particularly its Pacific coast beaches, and soccer is a passion for the “Ticos.”

2 What about that nickname?: By now, the “Ticos” nickname has been heard everywhere where the World Cup is televised.

But what does it mean? Costa Ricans are called “ticos” because of their unique way of saying diminutives in Spanish. For example, when saying something is small — or “chico” in Spanish — Costa Ricans would say it is “chiquitico,” or very small.

3 Who are these Ticos?: The Costa Rica squad may not have any globally recognizable stars, although it does have players based in top European leagues.

Joel Campbell, a 21-year-old star in the making, played last season for Greek club Olympiakos, on loan from Premier league powerhouse Arsenal. Campbell broke through in the 2011 Copa America, the South America championship where Costa Rica played as a special guest. Arsenal coach Arsene Wenger signed him soon after that tournament, and since then the striker has played on loan in France, Spain and Greece.

Campbell has shined in Brazil with his speed and strength, scoring a goal in the 3-1 win over Uruguay. With two years remaining in his Arsenal contract, Wenger will be hard pressed not to bring Campbell back to Emirates Stadium.

Striker Bryan Ruiz, who scored in the 1-0 win over Italy on Friday, plays for Dutch club PSV Eindhoven, after an unsuccessful spell with Premier League club Fulham, and Keylor Navas is one of the top goalkeepers in the Spanish league with Levante.

4 Colombian influence: Costa Rica is coached by Colombian Jorge Luis Pinto, who is in his second stint as the Ticos manager. The 61-year-old Pinto coached Costa Rica in 2004-05 and Colombia in 2007-08, as well as club teams in Colombia, Peru, Ecuador, Costa Rica and Venezuela.

Pinto, who studied in Brazil and Germany, relies on discipline and tactical order, and this Costa Rica team is rarely caught off-guard in attack-to-defense transitions.

5 A little history: Costa Rica has played in four World Cups, and has advanced beyond the group stage for just the second time. The Central Americans advanced to the Round of 16 in its first ever World Cup participation in 1990, when they finished second in their group after beating Scotland (1-0) and Sweden (2-1), and losing to Brazil (1-0). They lost 4-1 to the former Czechoslovakia in the knockout stage.

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WORLD CUP

France raising expectations

By JEROME PUGMIRE
The Associated Press

RIBEIRAO PRETO, Brazil — Having captured people's attention at the World Cup with some scintillating attacking football, France's players are now in unknown territory after raising expectations back home.

"Vertigineux" (vertiginous) was the front page headline of sports daily L'Equipe on Saturday, illustrating how France has hit new heights with a photo of striker Olivier Giroud leaping into the arms of his teammates after scoring in Friday's 5-2 rout of Switzerland. The emphatic victory followed a 3-0 win over Honduras in the team's opener in Group E.

"No one was expecting this result," center half Raphael Varane said Saturday. "We exceeded our expectations and it surprised us in a positive way."

Le Parisien's headline translated as "We Love These Blues," reflecting how France has won the fans over again after the World Cup shambles of four years ago, when its reputation hit rock-bottom following a training ground strike.

Now France, which faces Ecuador on Wednesday, has to back up its early promise.

"We have to stay humble because we know that people will be expecting much more from us now," said Mathieu Valbuena, who scored one goal and set up another for Giroud.

None of the current France players have been in this position before at a World Cup. They were more used to hostile criticism from the media and the jeers of their home fans amid the fallout of that infamous strike.

"We can't get carried away because the road is still long," captain Hugo Lloris said. "It's the job of the older players to get the message across to the younger ones."

The European Championship two years ago repaired the damage a little, but the performance in the quarterfinal defeat to Spain was unconvincing. France then struggled to qualify for the World Cup, beating Ukraine 3-2 in a tense two-leg playoff.

Trailblazing 2-0 from the first leg, France was on the verge of elimination and dug deep.

"The match against Ukraine triggered everything," Valbuena said. "I've played like that and did nothing afterward then it would have been for nothing."

Although there were some impressive performances in the pre-tournament friendlies — Norway

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Hugo Lloris
France captain

was crushed 4-0 and Jamaica demolished 8-0 — few could envision how rampant France's forward line would be in Brazil.

France has scored eight goals in two matches — the same as the Netherlands attack featuring Robin van Persie and Arjen Robben, who have three goals each.

Forward Karim Benzema also has three, and could have had a hat trick in both games. He scored twice and created an own goal against Honduras, and missed a penalty and had a last-gasp goal chalked off against the Swiss.

He has still scored nine goals in his past eight games and set up midfielders Blaise Matuidi and Moussa Sissoko against the Swiss.

The strength of the France team is a solid midfield and the flexibility of its forward line, with Benzema, Valbuena and Giroud all interchanging positions to pull the Swiss apart.

Benzema is the undisputed leader of the attack, but he is also an astute playmaker who hurts defenses with his quick passing when he drops deep or drifts out wide.

"When you have players of this quality it leads to goals," Valbuena said. "Everyone is pulling in the same direction."

Coach Didier Deschamps has kept players focused by increasing competition for places.

After surprisingly dropping Giroud for the first game, replacing him with Antoine Griezmann, he dropped Griezmann and restored Giroud to the attack against Switzerland. The other change was even more daring, with Sissoko picked ahead of coveted playmaker Paul Pogba.

Deschamps was fully vindicated, with Giroud also creating a goal for Valbuena and Pogba creating Benzema's goal moments after coming on.

"The coach often says that everyone has a part to play," Sissoko said. "There were two changes (against Switzerland) and there may be more in the next match."



MATT DUNHAM/AP

England's Wayne Rooney said his team needs to remember what it feels like to make its most humiliating exit from a World Cup since 1958, following consecutive defeats by Italy and Uruguay.

Rooney tells team to remember pain

Star hopes early exit motivates England

By ROB HARRIS
The Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO — As England endures its worst World Cup for more than 50 years, Wayne Rooney wants his teammates to remember the pain of this campaign.

England is already out of contention after losses to Italy and Uruguay, its run lasting less than a week. Not since 1958 had England failed to make it to the second round of a World Cup it qualified for.

"This is considered a debacle in a country where expectations, as the game's inventor and host of the richest league, seemingly surpass its football abilities.

With its only title coming at the 1966 World Cup on home soil, is there hope for the English?"

"It's vital we take the pain we are feeling now and remember that and the next tournament we don't want to feel that again," Rooney said Saturday.

But addressing the long-term malaise will take longer. A new crop of defenders can't be produced in two years to complement the young — at times exhilarating — attacking players breaking into the national team.

Football Association chairman Greg Dyke spent months producing a report which outlined ways to ensure Premier League teams are playing more Englishmen, but some of the plans quickly unraveled and he wasn't made available to the media on Saturday as the scrutiny on the national team intensified.

For now, with another game in Group D still to be played against surprise leader Costa Rica on Tuesday, the squad can't even escape Brazil. Instead, Rooney, alongside goalkeeper Joe Hart,

led the public apologies to the England fans who followed them to south America.

"Obviously we are hurting," Rooney said. "We are really disappointed to be out of the tournament. I am sure you can imagine it's quite tough, a long few days for us ... but we have to be strong together as a team. We have to make sure we are positive for the next game."

For Hart, England's 2-1 losses in Brazil rank among his worst moments in football. England's early elimination was sealed by Italy losing 1-0 to Costa Rica on Friday.

"It's a strange empty feeling," Hart said. "This is ultimately really cruel and gutting for me."

There doesn't seem there'll be any change in the dugout. Roy Hodgson is set to remain in charge, with the FA asking the coach to see out his contract to the 2016 European Championship. Rooney has seen signs of progress under Hodgson, who took charge before Euro 2012, where England lost the quarterfinals in a shootout.

"He has put a great enthusiasm in the team, a great set of young players, exciting players in place," Rooney said. "Make no doubt about it, Roy is the man to take us forward. We appreciate what he has done for us."

Rooney, who scored against Uruguay to finally end his World Cup goal drought, will hope to be back at the World Cup in Russia in 2018.

"I never want to pull out of squads," the Manchester United forward said. "I always turn up and play for England when I am called upon. I have no desire whatsoever to stop doing that unless I am told to. I will play for England until I am not selected."

Italy questions fitness after loss

By ANDREW DAMPF
The Associated Press

NATAL, Brazil — Italy boasted for weeks about its physical fitness preparation for this World Cup.

Coach Cesare Prandelli constantly said he wanted to bring not just 23 players to Brazil, "but 23 athletes."

Players' fitness levels were monitored down to the most minimal details for months. Specially trained nutritionists selected all the food and liquid that the Azzurri consumed.

So how did Italy go from physically dominating England in the Amazonian venue of Manaus to getting out-run and out-played by unheralded Costa Rica in a 1-0 loss Friday in Recife?

While it was where near as hot as Italy feared against Costa Rica — 84 F and 70 percent humidity according to FIFA — the Azzurri struggled to keep up with the speedy Ticos for long stretches.

"We did everything we could to prepare, but matches are an entirely different matter," team physician Enrico Castellacci said.



HASSAN AMMAR/AP

Italy's Daniele De Rossi cools himself during Friday's match between Italy and Costa Rica in Recife, Brazil.

scored the opening goal in the 2-1 win over England and said the conditions in that game made him hallucinate at times. He also felt the heat against Costa Rica.

"You can say all you want but we played against a squad that is more used to this climate," Marchisio said. "Sure there were some key chances that we didn't take advantage of and would have changed the match. But in the second half the heat was the dif-

ference, that's for sure. It's not an alibi."

Midfield maestro Andrea Pirlo shined against England, too, but had trouble making an impact against Costa Rica — Ticos coach Jorge Luis Pinto revealed afterward he'd designed a special defensive web to contain the passing wizard.

"The conditions were worse than Manaus," Pirlo said.

Perhaps it's also worth considering that Italy traditionally struggles against lesser-known opponents — as seen in its seven-match winless streak entering the tournament, which included draws with Denmark, Armenia, Nigeria and even tiny Luxembourg.

Fortunately, the four-time champion can still advance with either a win or a draw against Uruguay in its last Group D match on Tuesday in Natal.

Captain Gianluigi Buffon was one of the few Azzurri not to place the blame on the heat.

"We can't look for alibis," said the goalkeeper, who is in his record fifth World Cup squad. "Most of all, we need to make a 'mea culpa,' and turn the page, because there's a game to win now."

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Germany aims to regroup, turns focus to Americans

BY NESHA STAREVIC
The Associated Press

FORTALEZA, Brazil — Germany's hard-fought 2-2 draw with Ghana has left Joachim Loew's team in the position it wanted to avoid at all cost: needing a good result in the final match of the group stage.

For on top of the inevitable pressure, that match happens to be against the United States, whose coach Jurgen Klinsmann and assistant coach Bert Vogts have both been in charge of Germany in the past.

Germany never thought that Saturday's match against Ghana would be easy, but it got a lot more than it ever bargained for. Ghana turned the match around in hot and humid Fortaleza to lead 2-1, before Miroslav Klose struck less than two minutes after coming on as a substitute to salvage the draw.

It was Klose's 15th career World Cup goal and it matched the record of 15 set by former Brazil great Ronaldo — who also notched his 15th, also against Ghana, at the 2006 World Cup in

Germany.

"But what's important now is that we play well against the Americans," Klose said.

Klose's goal could revive the debate over whether Loew should return to the system with one true striker, rather than stick with the 4-3-3, where attacking midfielders rotate positions to emerge into scoring positions.

Germany has a provisional lead at the top of Group G with four points from two matches. But the Americans could go to the top — and seal a place in the knockout rounds — with a win against Portugal on Sunday.

Ghana has one point and can also nurture hopes in the final match against Portugal, depending how other matches go. Germany and the United States play on Thursday in Recife.

"The situation has not changed in a major way for us. We want to win the next match and remain on top," Loew said.

Midfielder Sami Khedira also thought Germany was still on track.

"It's all in our own hands and

that's what we must concentrate on over the next few days," he said.

What could complicate Germany's situation is more injuries. Thomas Mueller, who failed to follow up his hat trick against Portugal with another goal but provided one assist, needed stitches for a cut above his eye after a late collision with Ghana's John Boye.

Defender Jerome Boateng did not come out for the second half with a left-hip injury and could be doubtful for the match against the Americans.

His replacement, the inexperienced Shkodran Mustafi, didn't defend well when Ghana scored its first goal. Fellow defenders Per Mertesacker and Mats Hummels often struggled against the speedy, physical Ghanaians and miscued an offside trap before Ghana's second goal.

Another reshuffle is unlikely to make Germany's defense more solid. Loew is already using right-back Philipp Lahm as a defensive midfielder and four central defenders as his back four.



FRANK AUGSTEIN/AP

Germany's Miroslav Klose takes a shot against Ghana in Fortaleza, Brazil on Saturday. Klose scored to earn a 2-2 draw.

And further down the road, Germany will have to figure out how not to make a mess of its second match in a tournament. Four years ago, it opened with a 4-0 win

over Australia, and then lost 1-0 to Serbia. It needed to beat Ghana in the final match and it did, with a fortunate 1-0, before going on to reach the semifinals.

Faltering quartet rescued by Messi

BY KARL RITTER
The Associated Press

BELO HORIZONTE, Brazil — The "fantastic four" didn't look so fabulous, so once again the magnificent one had to come to the rescue for Argentina.

Argentina is through to the second round at the World Cup largely thanks to Lionel Messi's exceptional left foot. His stoppage-time clincher came after the attacking quartet he spearheads with Sergio Aguero, Gonzalo Higuain and Angel Di Maria didn't click in the 1-0 win over Iran.

After a series of missed opportunities, Argentina coach Alejandro Sabella broke up the foursome in the 76th minute, replacing Higuain and Aguero with backup strikers Rodrigo Palacio and Ezequiel Lavezzi.



SERGEI GRITS/AP

Argentina's Lionel Messi, right, jokes with Sergio Aguero after the team's 1-0 win over Iran.

"We know that we're not playing as well as we expected," Messi said. "It's very difficult when the other team protects the goal so well."

While Di Maria created chances with fast runs down the left flank and Messi rescued a ho-hum performance with a brilliant late goal, Higuain and Aguero struggled with poor finishing.

"Today we had some difficulties," Messi said. "But Kun (Aguero) had some chances, Pipa (Higuain) had some chances and I did as well. In general I think we played well together."

Sabella's substitutions showed that the coach had a different assessment.

"We were reaching opportunities on the left but not on the right," he said. "Sometimes we were getting through in the middle but there were too many players in the Iranian defense."

Sabella praised his squad for continuing to work hard for the lead even when things weren't going well but admitted that, just like in the first game against Bosnia-Herzegovina, it was the "genius" of Messi that decided the match.

Goalkeeper Sergio Romero, who made a crucial save to prevent Iran from taking a late lead, also gave credit to the Argentina captain.

"Thank God our No. 10 is from a different planet," he said.



FERNANDO LLANA/AP

Nigeria's Kenneth Omeruo, right, celebrates as Bosnia's Edin Dzeko, left, sits on the pitch after Nigeria eliminated the World Cup newcomers from contention with a 1-0 win.

Nigeria ousts Bosnia with victory

BY STEVE DOUGLAS
The Associated Press

UIJABA, Brazil — Nigeria ended a 16-year wait for a victory in a World Cup match Saturday, beating Bosnia-Herzegovina 1-0 courtesy of Peter Odemwingie's first-half goal and knocking the tournament newcomers out of contention.

Only a point is needed by Nigeria from its last Group F game — against already-qualified Argentina — to reach the knockout stage after Odemwingie finished from close range in the 29th minute following one of many powerful runs by his strike partner Emmanuel Emenike.

Playing hours after Ghana's plucky 2-2 draw with Germany, Nigeria gave African football another lift following its continent's inauspicious start to the tournament. Prior to Saturday, the five African teams had claimed just one win and a draw in seven matches.

"It's something awesome for Africa," said Nigeria goalkeeper Vincent Enyeama, who tipped Edin Dzeko's shot onto the post in the final few seconds to preserve the win. "Africa needed that win, some-

thing to boost the confidence back home."

The Bosnians are sure to go home after the group stage, and will wonder if things may have gone differently had Dzeko's goal in the 21st minute not been ruled out for offside. Replays appeared to show the officials may have got the call wrong.

"The referee was shameful for this competition," Dzeko said.

But Nigeria deserved its win, with Emenike causing all sorts of problems for Bosnia's defense with his strength and direct running in energy-sapping conditions in the western Brazilian city of Curitiba. At the other end, the experienced Joseph Yobo was back as captain and marshalled the defense in his 99th international game. Dzeko and the Bosnians' technical midfielders carved out few clear-cut opportunities.

"They surprised us with their speed and movement," coach Safet Susic said. "They wanted to win probably that much more than us."

There was added motivation for Keshi's team, seeking to boost the spirits of Nigerians in the wake of a suicide bombing attack at a World Cup viewing site in their country. At least 14 people died.

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Checking in

After anxious weeks leading up to tournament, World Cup has unfolded smoothly so far

The Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO In the weeks leading up to the World Cup, reports of strikes, demonstrations, unfinished stadiums and inevitable traffic problems dominated the news. But since the first match kicked off on June 12, goal-filled games, superstar performances and upsets have delighted fans — particularly those from Latin America.

By Sunday night, 32 of the 64 matches will have been played. Nearly halfway through this World Cup, here's a look at how things have stacked up so far.

SAFETY — Tourists have complained about nuggings and pick-pockets, but overall the safety for fans so far has been solid. Brazil's reputation for violence — a United Nations report says the country has more annual murders than any other — has many fans on high alert and taking special care of where they travel. There have been incidents of gunfire near areas where fans are watching matches or staying, but none targeting World Cup tourists. The clashes between drug gangs and police that often result in shoot-

outs have been muted in Rio — as has often been the case during big events. Skirmishes between rival fans have been rare, with hooligans from any country not yet making an impact. The mass demonstrations that sent millions into the streets during last year's Confederations Cup tournament have not reappeared, and the scattered protests have mostly been dispersed quickly by police.

TRANSPORTATION — Despite transportation strikes leading up to the World Cup, subways in Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro have efficiently carried fans to matches. The other host cities rely on roads, and they've been congested. That's normal for Brazil's metropolitan areas. Pele himself complained that he missed the first half of the Brazil vs. Mexico match because his car was stuck in traffic on his way to a viewing party in Sao Paulo. Brazil's airports have handled the load of tourists traveling around the continent-sized nation, although there have been complaints of delays and cancellations. Terminal expansions weren't completed in time for the Cup, but there have been no major problems for flying fans around — just fewer of



MARTIN MESSNER/AP

Iran's goalkeeper Alireza Haghighi dives but fails to stop a goal by Argentina's Lionel Messi during the closing moments of Saturday's group F World Cup match at the Mineirao Stadium in Belo Horizonte, Brazil. The games at the World Cup have been almost uniformly excellent so far, with some of the tournament's early group games garnering praise as being among the best in Cup history.

the creature comforts found in airports elsewhere.

STADIUMS — The state of the stadiums was a major concern before the tournament started. Workers died in construction, organizers gave up on some finishing touches and temporary seats were brought in just days before the games began. The stadiums have performed better than expected, but not without some problems. A rickety staircase at the Maracana was repaired after video showed it swaying under thousands of fans. The grass at the Manaus stadium looked a little dry before the games, but wasn't a huge problem. Some stadiums have had long queues to get through security. Most alarmingly, more than 100 Chilean fans in Rio broke into the Maracana, getting past security and damaging a media center before being corralled, arrested and told to leave the country.

TECHNOLOGY — Goal-line technology was introduced at the World Cup for the first time and was an instant hit, being used at least twice in the opening rounds of competition to rule if the ball had crossed the line for a goal or not. The technology was introduced after the World Cup four years ago, when an England goal against Germany was not allowed even though the whole world saw that the ball had crossed the line by almost a yard. FIFA boss Sepp Blatter, until then an implacable foe of using technology, changed his mind suddenly and tests began. In Brazil, seven video cameras are trained on each goal, able to tell with a margin of error of 1.5 mm if the ball has crossed the five-inch wide goal line. The first goal to be given using the new technology made the score 2-0 to France against Honduras. The word "GOAL!" flashed up on the referee's wristwatch and the goal was given. Teething problems annoyed the Honduras players and FIFA promised to have a

Did you know

Adidas' 'Brazuca' ball has been a hit at the World Cup, and online, where it has amassed 2 million Twitter followers.

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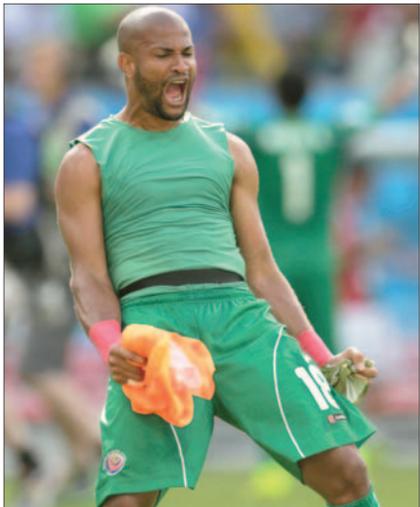
look at some details of what the public got to see, but there was widespread belief that the technology had removed one of the most controversial elements of the game and made referees' task much simpler.

INNOVATIONS — Soccer has well and truly entered the age of technology. It's not just 22 players running around after a ball any more. At this World Cup, most of the teams are using all sorts of high-tech devices to manage their players. The players can be wirelessly monitored during games and practice. A widget in the jerseys transmits heartbeat and other medical data to the coaches who monitor on iPads and can tell when a player is peaking or tiring. A chip in players' boots transmits distance run and speeds to the benches as well. One shoe manufacturer has introduced a boot weighing just 99 grams and millions have been spent developing what FIFA calls the perfect ball. The Brazuca ball made by Adidas, unlike its predecessors made by the same German company, has been hailed at the World Cup. It doesn't deviate in the air too much. The ball itself

has even attracted almost 2 million Twitter followers. High-tech jerseys are made to combat the heat of Brazil. One of the biggest success stories of the Cup has been introduction of Vanishing Spray applied by the referee to a line 10 yards from where a free kick is due to be taken. In the past, a wall of players intended to block the kick would often sneak forward toward the ball, but the referee now marks out 10 yards and uses an aerosol to apply a white line that vanishes after 30 minutes or so.

FAN EXPERIENCE — Fans from all over the world have come to the homeland of "Jogo bonito" and the overwhelming reaction in the stands, in the streets and on social media has been positive. Fans have enjoyed the hospitality, the weather, the food and drink and the sites of Brazil. Latin American neighbors have particularly enjoyed the tournament, in part because their teams are doing very well. Fans from Chile, Argentina, Colombia, Uruguay, Ecuador and Mexico have packed stadiums and belted out their national anthems proudly. Even the United States — which has had a tiny fan base at some recent World Cups — has sent a large and vocal crew of supporters, taking over Natal when the U.S. played in that coastal city.

MATCHES — The games have been excellent, with some saying the early group games have been among the best in World Cup history. Teams have played aggressively, and there have been just a handful of draws. Trailblazing teams have made comebacks, and a several upsets have captivated TV audiences around the world. Superstars such as Neymar, Robin Van Persie and Lionel Messi have played well. Although a couple of European powers — Spain and England — were eliminated early, fans in most of the world have enjoyed the goals and the games.



STEPH DAVID JOSEK/AP

Costa Rica goalkeeper Patrick Pemberton celebrates after his team's 1-0 victory over Italy during their group D World Cup match.

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Safety

- No violence
- Few protests

B+

Stadiums

- Long waits
- Dry grass

C-

Matches

- Close games
- Plentiful scoring

A+

Fan Experience

- Hospitable hosts
- Food and drink

A

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