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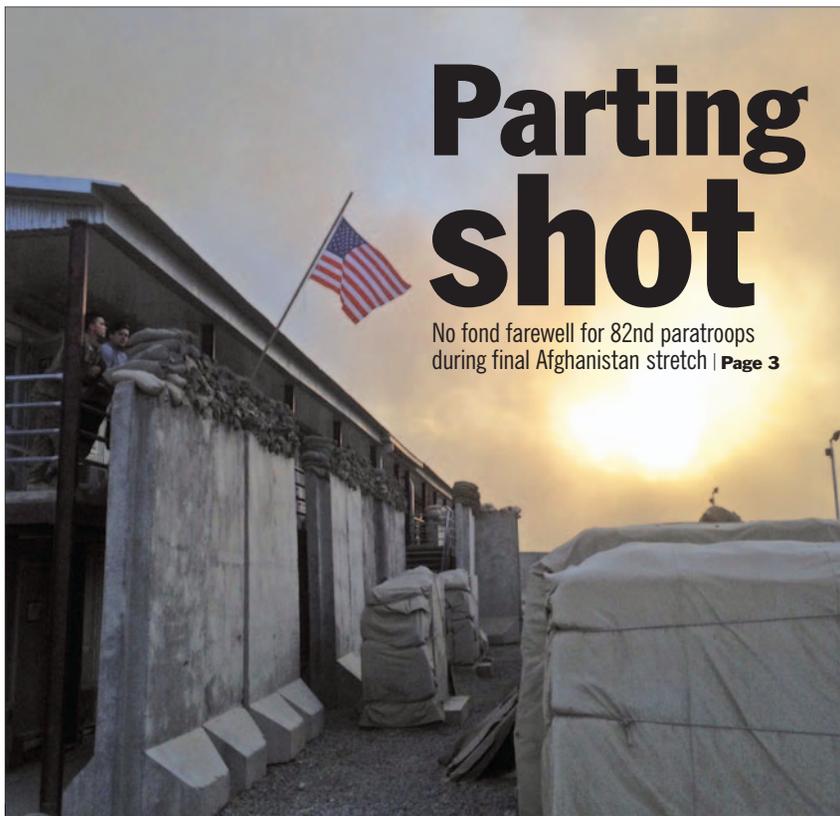
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A dust cloud rolls over Forward Operating Base Shank in Logar province, Afghanistan. Shank was the latest U.S. base in the country to close.

Syrians to be trained to defend, rather than reclaim ground

By RAJIV CHANDRASEKARAN
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Syrian opposition force to be recruited by the U.S. military and its coalition partners will be trained to defend territory, rather than to seize it back from the Islamic State, according to senior U.S. and allied officials, some of

whom are concerned that the approach is flawed.

Although moderate Syrian fighters are deemed essential to defeating the Islamic State under the Obama administration's strategy, officials do not believe the newly assembled units will be capable of capturing key towns from militants without the help of forward-deployed U.S.

combat teams, which President Barack Obama has so far ruled out. The Syrian rebel force will be tasked instead with trying to prevent the Islamic State from extending its reach beyond the large stretches of territory it already controls.

"We have a big disconnect within our strategy. We need a credible, moderate Syrian force,

but we have not been willing to commit what it takes to build that force," said a senior U.S. official involved in Syria and Iraq operations who, like others cited in this report, spoke on the condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the training program.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"You want toxic? I'll show you toxic."

— Lt. Col. Tammy Baugh, to soldiers in the 1st Battalion of the 25th Aviation Regiment, according to an Army report. One captain told investigators her style was toxic and promoted contention in the unit.

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Syrians: US does not want to be pulled into drawn-out war

FROM FRONT PAGE

Military commanders are reluctant to push Syrian fighters into full-scale battles with well-armed militants if they cannot summon close air support and medical evacuations, mindful of how fledgling forces in Iraq and Afghanistan crumbled without that assistance during the early years in those nations. But U.S. military aircraft cannot provide that aid without American or allied troops in close proximity to provide accurate targeting information on secure radio channels.

Military officials also want U.S. aircraft to advise opposition forces if those forces are thrust into combat, helping them to fight effectively and reducing the chances that the new units will disintegrate in the heat of battle.

"You cannot field an effective force if you're not on the ground to advise and assist them," said a senior U.S. military officer with extensive experience in training the Iraqi and Afghan militaries.

Obama's unwillingness to deploy ground combat forces is rooted in concern that American troops would be drawn into a long, bloody war in the Middle East.

In announcing the campaign to confront the Islamic State, the president said the United States would "strengthen the opposition as the best counterweight to extremists." The Pentagon subsequently announced that the U.S. military would seek to train as many as 5,000 Syrian fighters a year, aiming to build what Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel called an "effective opposition force, not just a hit-and-run group of rebels."

The Obama administration's plan calls for U.S. Special Operations troops to recruit moderate Syrian opponents of the Islamic State in Jordan, Turkey and other nations. They will be flown to Saudi Arabia, trained for about eight weeks, and then sent into the small enclaves of Syria already controlled by the Free Syrian Army and other moderate opponents of the Islamic State. The first units are expected to be deployed in roughly six months.

"The plan is for us to safeguard cleared areas," said a senior official of an Arab nation that

US: Black market oil sales boost militants

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Islamic State militants are amassing wealth at an unprecedented pace, earning about \$1 million a day from black market oil sales alone, a U.S. Treasury Department official said Thursday.

David Cohen, who leads the department's effort to undermine the Islamic State's finances, said the extremists also get several million dollars a month from wealthy donors, extortion rackets and other criminal activities, such as robbing banks. In addition, he said the group has taken in at least \$20 million in ransom payments this year from kidnappings.

"With the important exception of some state-sponsored terrorist organizations, IS is probably the best-funded terrorist organization we have confronted," Cohen,



Cohen

undersecretary for terrorism and financial intelligence, said in a speech at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in Washington. "It has amassed wealth at an unprecedented pace."

The group, which extracts oil from territory it has captured across Syria and Iraq, wants to create a caliphate, or Islamic empire, in the Middle East. Led by Iraqi militant Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, the Islamic State initially tried to oust Syrian President Bashar Assad, but other groups, including al-Qaida central com-

mand, turned against the group because of its brutality.

Unlike the core al-Qaida terrorist network, the Islamic State group gets only a small share of funding from deep-pocket donors and therefore does not depend primarily on moving money across international borders. Instead, the Islamic State group obtains the majority of its revenues through local criminal and terrorist activities, Cohen said, acknowledging that Treasury's tools are not particularly well-suited to combating extortion and local crime.

In the Iraqi city of Mosul, Islamic State terrorists are reportedly going door-to-door, business-to-business, demanding cash at gunpoint, he said. Cohen noted that U.S.-led airstrikes on oil refineries are threatening the militants' supply networks.

is part of the U.S.-led coalition and who has been briefed on the training program. "They will end up being a defensive force more than an offensive force."

Lt. Gen. William Mayville, the director of operations for the Pentagon's Joint Staff, said the opposition fighters would receive "basic training to secure their villages." The force, he said, "will have some effect," but he acknowledged that the fighters "won't have the decisive effect" in the battle against the Islamic State.

A defensive opposition force also could allow President Bashar Assad's government to regain territory it has lost to the Islamic State, which has been pummeled — but remains far from defeated — by hundreds of U.S. and coalition airstrikes over the past month.

The administration has made little secret of the fact that reversing Islamic State gains in Iraq is the primary goal of its military strategy in the region. Airstrikes in Syria, senior administration officials have said, are not designed to push out the militants but to destroy the infrastructure, sources of revenue and command structure that have enabled them to operate successfully in Iraq.

Those officials maintain that it is premature to focus on the question of whether U.S. advisers should deploy with the new Syrian force. A more pressing concern, they contend, is the challenge of recruiting willing, competent fighters from Syrian refugee communities. U.S. officials do not want to pull away members of the Free Syrian Army who already are fighting in Syria, but they worry that many of those who have fled the country as refugees may not want to return to their war-ravaged homeland.

The officials said they intend for U.S. troops to use the basic training sessions, which will focus on unit discipline and elementary combat skills, to identify promising candidates for more advanced courses. Those individuals could be schooled to engage in more ofensive missions.

"We will evolve and learn as the program proceeds," said a senior Defense Department official. For now, the official said, "there is an enormous focus on building leadership structure."

The first phase, Mayville said, "is identify and vet them, create a relationship and give them basic training." Then, he said, they will "go back and protect their communities."

Thus far, senior military leaders have concurred in public with Obama's decision not to send ground combat troops to Syria and Iraq, but the country's top military officer, Gen. Martin Dempsey, has said that if he determines that it is necessary for U.S. advisers to accompany local forces on attacks against Islamic State targets, he would make such a recommendation to the president.

Administration officials say technological advancements will allow the U.S. military to provide a degree of air support to Syrian forces without having to stand shoulder to shoulder with them. They note that in Iraq, U.S. commanders recently employed surveillance aircraft, including drones, to identify Islamic State militants near the Mosul Dam, striking them in proximity to Kurdish forces.

But military officials regard those Kurdish forces as far more seasoned than the newly assembled Syrian fighters will be. "This isn't just about coordinating airstrikes," the senior military officer said. "It's about keeping up morale, attending to injuries, ensuring order within the ranks. You can't do that from afar."

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Packing up

No fond farewell for 82nd paratroops in Afghanistan

By JAD SLEIMAN
Stars and Stripes

FORWARD OPERATING BASE SHANK, Afghanistan — American paratroops from the 82nd Airborne Division have spent the last seven months closing down bases in eastern Afghanistan.

At every base, the Taliban have been eager to send them out with a bang. Literally.

Soldiers of Company C, 1st Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment are members of the last American battalion conducting full-spectrum combat operations in Afghanistan as the U.S. military prepares to pull its combat troops out of the country by the end of the year. Throughout the deployment, they've come face to face with an increasingly bold Taliban that threaten both departing Americans and the Afghan forces they leave behind.

"Fundamentally — as in Iraq — the U.S. is leaving behind an extremely fragile situation, which will be vulnerable to Taliban inroads in precisely the same places that were hard-fought when the U.S. troops were present," said Sarah Chayes, a South Asia expert and senior associate with the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in Washington.

Such vulnerability first became evident in the southern province of Helmand last year. The longtime Taliban stronghold, which produces most of the nation's opium, saw a dramatic increase of Taliban activity after international forces began leaving near

the start of this year's spring fighting season.

It's a common tactic of the insurgents.

"The Taliban want to appear to be driving the U.S. out," said Anthony Cordesman, a strategy expert with the Washington-based Center for Strategic and International Studies. "They're playing to local tribes, and if local tribes can attack the U.S. as it withdraws ... it strengthens the Taliban image but it gives a broader picture that the government is weak and that they can't hold the territory. It sets the precedent for [next year's fighting] campaign."

Eastern Afghanistan presents its own challenges, with various Taliban-affiliated groups massing in the hundreds to attack the Afghan military.

"It's a more confusing [mixture] of insurgent groups," said Graeme Smith, a senior analyst with International Crisis Group in Kabul. "Every week, I feel like we hear a name of some different insurgent group that's supposedly popping up or operating there."

The fragmentation, coupled with increased influence and support from sections of the insurgency next door in Pakistan, complicates Afghan government efforts to reach a political solution to the Taliban influence, Smith said.

The Taliban have continuously insisted that all U.S. and NATO forces — whom they regard as foreign occupiers — must leave the country before they consider participating in the political process. The insurgents have vowed to continue fighting if any foreign advisers remain in Afghanistan after the withdrawal of coalition combat troops.

Still waging war

While much of the focus of U.S. military action in Afghanistan has been on the withdrawal of combat troops, units like the 1-504 must keep their



Spec. Cameron Rylander points to a gravel field from which rocket attacks against Forward Operating Base Shank were launched the previous night.

minds on the war going on in front of them. They have seen these insurgents in action across the region, at times in the form of mild harassing fire, at other times in brazen attacks more commonplace in the 13-year war's past.

The battalion has lost two soldiers in combat: Sgt. 1st Class Samuel C. Hairston and Spec. Brian K. Arsenault. Both were killed while the battalion was trying to shut down a base in Ghazni.

Success at Ghazni was measured by the unit's ability to keep the Taliban at least 6 miles from the base, which is about the maximum range of most indirect-fire weapons, said Capt. Nathaniel Dams, Company C commander.

The paratroops say the tail end of that mission was the most dangerous, with near-daily firefighting and multiple calls for close air support.

"We took contact from pretty much every cardinal direction," said Spec. Cody Garecht, referring to a September battle during which twin A-10 gunships came to the soldiers' aid.

As fires controller, it's Garecht's job to call in such airstrikes.

At least a handful of the bombs dropped by coalition forces in August — the most dropped in any single month in the past two years — were in support of the paratroops.

The Taliban, the paratroopers say, perhaps sensed the Americans were on their way out. Their increasingly bold attacks culminated the very day the paratroop-

ers were leaving the FOB. It was a scenario almost unheard of this late in the war: a ground attack on an American base.

"When our [entrance] got attacked I think the Taliban were under the impression that we had already gone," said Garecht. "A lot of local nationals were trying to come in because they thought we were gone and then all of a sudden we got attacked the same day."

Also that same day, Sept. 4, the Taliban launched a complex attack against an Afghan intelligence headquarters in nearby Ghazni City, detonating two massive suicide truck bombs. Fighters struck breaches created by the blasts. Local news reported 14 Afghan security personnel and 19 Taliban fighters were killed and 154 people were wounded.

Shank was quieter, but far from peaceful. It was the soldiers' last stop — the base was transferred to the ANA on Thursday — and still the Taliban continued to attack during their stay.

"Incoming! Incoming! Incoming!" an automated voice belloved early this month across the largely empty FOB. A deep boom followed, briefly shaking the barracks. It was yet another rocket attack at the base that earned the ominous nickname "Rocket City."

No one was hurt. Nothing was hit. The 82nd's paratroopers, however, recognized remaining danger, and pushed out to the surrounding countryside on a daily basis to stem the attacks. They did so on foot because the stubborn IED threat surrounding the base claimed two vehicles at the start of their mission.

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Spec. Derrick Slayton provides security during an Oct. 5 patrol outside Forward Operating Base Shank in eastern Afghanistan. Slayton and the other soldiers of Company C, 1st Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, are tasked with beefing up security around the FOB ahead of its pending closure.

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Leaving Afghanistan



MILITARY

Nimitz to test F-35 before undergoing maintenance

By JENNIFER HLAO
Stars and Stripes

ABOARD THE USS NIMITZ — Before the Navy's oldest aircraft carrier docks for a 16-month maintenance period, it's helping other ships get ready for deployment, and next month, will host the first landing of the F-35C on a carrier.

The Marine version of the Joint Strike Fighter, the short-takeoff, vertical-landing F-35B, has made successful landings aboard ships at sea. But the Navy's version, the F-35C, which is designed to land on carriers, has not — in part because of problems with the tail hook.

The landing test will take place on the Nimitz after the conclusion of the current task group exercise, which began Monday off San Diego and includes U.S. guided missile cruisers and guided missile destroyers as well as four Canadian ships and a Yokosuka-based Japanese ship.

The Nimitz returned from a nearly 10-month deployment in December 2013 and is slated for dry dock starting in January. Still, the ship's captain said the exercise is a good opportunity for veterans to pass on their knowledge to some of the newer sailors, and for the crew to practice skills now since their training cycle before their next deployment is likely to be compressed.



JENNIFER HLAO/Stars and Stripes

Sailors aboard the USS Nimitz prepare to attach a fuel tank onto an F/A-18 Super Hornet on Wednesday during a task group exercise taking place off the coast of San Diego.

"We get a lot out of this," said the Nimitz commander, Capt. John Ring.

Though U.S. forces frequently partner with Canadian and Japanese forces, it's "pretty special" to be able to work with both at once, he said.

Ring said he is happy to be able to help the other ships train and get certified, because while simulation training is important, "Murphy gets a vote, too, and Murphy doesn't often show his face until you're doing it for real."

Rear Adm. Joe Kuzmick, commander of Carrier Strike Group 15, said involving other countries and a carrier makes the training more robust and realistic — and everyone benefits.

"Just working together is very helpful," he said.

Lt. Vince Pellerin, a Canadian liaison officer, said the exercise

gives the Canadian ships an opportunity to practice a wide range of skills and to work with an aircraft carrier, which the Canadian Navy does not have. One of their ships also is getting ready to deploy, he said.

Lt. Cmdr. Kohei Sueki, a Japanese liaison officer, said the primary goal of the Japanese sailors is to improve their tactical skills. However, they also hope to enhance their ability to operate with U.S. and Canadian forces; the language barrier and linking communication systems make that communication difficult, he said, but it's "a very good challenge."

Sueki said he also welcomed the rare chance to sail to San Diego, noting that he had enjoyed "Taco Tuesday" and a hamburger Wednesday aboard the Nimitz. "I like America," he said.

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Top admiral says long deployments aren't sustainable

By BROCK VERGAKIS
The Associated Press

NORFOLK, Va. — The Navy's top admiral told sailors on Wednesday that eight-month deployments are no longer sustainable and that he had a plan to make seven-month cruises the standard.

Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Jonathan Greenert made the comments during an all-hands call aboard the USS Kearsarge at Naval Station Norfolk. The amphibious assault ship returned from an eight-month deployment in November.

In recent years, eight- and nine-month deployments have become commonplace, placing a strain on sailors and their families back home.

"We cannot do eight-month deployments over and over and over again and it's very regrettable you had that. We have a plan in place that we have to just buckle down and carry out and it starts with maintenance," Greenert said.

Greenert said the lengthy deployments became necessary due to operational needs and because of automatic spending cuts known as sequestration.

"A big part of our problem

today and why we have long deployments is we had furloughs, we had continuing resolutions and we had sequestration and we shut down. We weren't authorized overtime and we weren't authorized hiring," Greenert told reporters. "That's all been reconciled. We don't want to go back there. We don't want to have sequestration again because this is one of those outcomes, and it has a cascading effect that goes on for 18, 24 months."

He said the spending cuts resulted in delayed maintenance on ships, which meant that it took longer for ships to be ready to go on deployments and relieve those already out at sea.

"When we were not getting the maintenance done, somebody was out there still standing watch and then people were late coming up on maintenance," he said. "We should be caught up this year."

Greenert said deployments for the current fiscal year will still reach eight and nine months, but those in the 2016 fiscal year should be back to seven months. This fall, the Navy began paying sailors extra when their deployments exceed 220 consecutive days.

Shot: More than 800 bases have been turned over to Afghans or closed

FROM PAGE 3

Years ago, with more resources, the trucks could have been replaced. It's a luxury removed at the American-designated twilight of the war.

"You really can't sit idle if you want to effectively do the things you need to do to set the conditions for that final footprint on the FOB," Dams said. "You have to create a buffer because you can't always be worrying about sucking down rounds that disrupt your operations. Basically, buying time is what you're doing."

Shank has become the latest American base to shutter in the east — leaving the security of the province resting squarely on the shoulders of the Afghan National Army.

U.S. military officials declined to provide rowal numbers in the east, citing security concerns. They confirmed that as of Oct. 1, only 30 American bases remain nationwide after the transfer to the Afghans or

complete closure of more than 800.

Afghans taking control

Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Sapp, one of Company C's platoon commanders, is on his sixth deployment to Afghanistan in the past nine years. In that time, he said, he's watched Afghanistan's security forces evolve from inauspicious beginnings into a real army.

The coalition participation in the fighting isn't what it was during his past deployments, he said: not as constant nor as intense.

"We've helped where we can, we're here to help, but it's ultimately their country and they have to do their part," he said. "I think all their training is starting to pay off; you see it here and there. They have the tools, now it's up to them. I think they can be successful."

Success may come at a cost too great for

the nascent Afghan force, however. Afghan National Army officials recently told The Associated Press their combat deaths during this year's fighting season have jumped 30 percent over last year.

Nationwide, the violence of this year's fighting season is on track to eclipse the record violence seen during the 2011 American surge, according to statistics compiled by Smith and other analysts.

In the coming months, as the temperature drops and snow begins to clog mountain passes, fighting will likely slow to a crawl. Afghan forces will face their greatest test next spring, when they'll have to make peace with the Taliban or defeat them without the help of American combat troops.

U.S. military officials have tried to put a positive spin on the decreasing number of Afghan soldiers who have been killed or wounded: At least the Afghan forces are willing to fight, even if many die in the

process.

But Cordesman gets a different impression from the numbers. "There's a tendency to confuse casualties for success," he said, adding that, in his estimation, the ANA is still years away from real competency.

Since the number of U.S. advisers in Afghanistan is expected to be cut in half by the end of next year, Cordesman said, he expects significant ANA losses and reversals during next year's fighting season.

And the years of military-to-military hand-holding between coalition forces and the ANA can't make up for a dysfunctional central government, Chayes said, which is a major stumbling block to lasting security.

"Nothing changed in the underlying dynamics to ensure that the gains from the 2009-2010 surge would be maintained," she said.

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Vehicle shipping deal reached

Dispute had threatened an already beleaguered system

By TRAVIS J. TRITTEN

Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The military's troubled system for shipping privately owned vehicles appears to have dodged a major breakdown Wednesday after a dispute was settled by the main contractor and a subcontractor responsible for overseas transport.

International Auto Logistics, which took over the vehicle shipping earlier this year, reached an agreement in Georgia court with Liberty Global Logistics after the subcontractor threatened to walk away last week over not being paid millions of dollars, according to a document obtained by Stars and Stripes.

The disagreement had threatened to shut down all shipment of private vehicles to military stations in Europe and was the latest bump in a contract that has angered thousands of servicemembers and drew fire from Congress due to long delays, vehicle tracking problems and customs paperwork snafus. The terms of the agreement were not immediately disclosed by attorneys on either side of the case.

Last week, the subcontractor

notified IAL that it was going to quit the contract, after complaining that the company had taken out an \$8 million line of credit and had been late paying back \$3 million.

"LGL's Friday night letter promises nothing less than an intent to stop the Department of Defense's global operation to move the privately owned vehicles of its servicemen and women who are being transferred to and from their overseas duty stations," according to the International complaint.

International appealed to a federal judge who issued an injunction over the weekend stopping LGL from walking off the job Monday morning.

The two companies were set to appear before a Georgia federal court Thursday for a hearing on the dispute but that was canceled after they jointly filed a notice of the agreement. Both must appear in court in early November to ensure the pact is holding.

As the subcontractor crisis receded, questions over the IAL contract remained. Sen. Mark Warner, D-Va., said this week that the subcontractor dispute raised more questions over whether the company can do the job. He told

the DOD this week that it should consider terminating the contract if performance does not improve. Warner and Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., have said IAL now appears to be bungling customs paperwork, creating new problems for troops waiting on vehicles.

In August, the DOD sent out an emergency task force to help the company fix its foundering delivery system after months of complaints and found that it was not properly tracking vehicles sent by ship. The department said chronic delays were also due to the high number of military vehicles shipped during the summer as well as a lawsuit with the prior contractor that delayed IAL's takeover.

U.S. Transportation Command, which oversees the contractor for the DOD, told Stars and Stripes this month that service is improving but declined to provide statistics on vehicles.

Meanwhile, complaints over delays continue and a Facebook page for frustrated customers has more than 4,800 members, with hundreds currently active, according to a page founder.

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'Black Hawk Down' vet Gallagher is dead at 52

Stars and Stripes

Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Robert Gallagher, who parachuted into Panama during Operation Just Cause, served as a platoon sergeant with Task Force Ranger in the Somalia battle known as "Black Hawk Down" and fought his way into Baghdad

in 2003 was found dead in his Georgia home Oct. 13 of natural causes.

He was 52 years old.

The 3rd Infantry Division announced his death on Facebook. According to the 3rd ID, Gallagher was the 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment command sergeant major during Operation Iraqi Freedom I.

During the initial invasion, he was injured and continued to engage the enemy while a soldier rendered first aid on his leg.

He had a distinguished

career, earning two Purple Hearts, a Silver Star, a Bronze Star, a Bronze Star with "V" device and numerous other awards, medals and achievements, 3rd ID wrote on Facebook.

Gallagher was born in Bayonne, N.J., in 1962. He joined the U.S. Army in 1981 and retired in 2013, according to an online obituary hosted by the Richmond Hill Funeral Home.

Burial will be held in Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors at a later date, according to the obituary.

Gallagher joined the U.S. Army Wounded Warrior Program as the new sergeant major in late 2009. In an interview with the organization's AW2 blog, Gallagher recalled his most memorable moments: "[T]he combat parachute assault from 500 feet into Panama is something you never forget — especially while under fire."

And remembering both gallantry and loss, he said, "The best day and the worst day of my life was when I served in Mogadishu, Somalia, on Oct. 3, 1993, as a part of Task Force Ranger."



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Slim chance Congress can stop higher RX co-pays

By Tom Philpott

When Congress reconvenes Nov. 12, opponents of billions of dollars in military compensation "reforms" sought by President Barack Obama and the Joint Chiefs of Staff will have one final and narrow opportunity to derail the plans.

Three significant compensation changes still alive on Capitol Hill are:

- A second consecutive 1-percent cap on the January military pay raise.

- A string of annual increases in prescription drug co-payments for retirees who use retail pharmacies or Tricare mail order, which would begin next year.

- Higher out-of-pocket rental costs to be paid by a million servicemembers who draw stateside Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH).

The Senate Armed Services Committee's version of the fiscal 2015 defense authorization bill would allow all three, having accepted the case of military leaders that compensation must be slowed to sustain readiness amid shrinking budgets.

The House-passed bill declines to endorse these changes. However, the House left itself in a weak position to stave off the pay curbs by also declining to identify defense budget cuts elsewhere to replace hefty savings tied to raising drug co-pays and slowing BAH increases over the next several years.

As a result, House-Senate conferees tasked with negotiating a final defense bill likely face the choice of accepting compensation curbs in the Senate bill or cutting force readiness more directly by slashing training, tying up ships, grounding aircraft or making deeper force cuts. Hill sources suggest.

Only fast-spending readiness accounts like these could produce equivalent savings to pay curbs.

Still, the Military Coalition, a consortium of 32 associations and veterans' groups, is pressing to block the compensation curbs whatever the odds of success.

In a letter this month to retiring Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., chairman of the committee, and Sen. James Inhofe, R-Okla., its ranking member, the coalition urges repeal of additional defense spending cuts called for under the 2011 Budget Control

Act (BCA) with its indiscriminate deficit-reduction tool called sequestration.

The BCA, it argues, has created a "benefits versus bullets" debate that puts readiness at risk. "Funding is needed for both — not one over the other."

Meanwhile, on the coalition's behalf, Military Officers Association of America found "champions" to introduce amendments to the Senate bill (S. 2410) during floor debate.

Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., wants the pay cap replaced with a raise to match private sector wage growth. North Carolina Democrat Sen. Kay Hagan's amendment would block the planned pharmacy co-pays. Mark Begich, D-Alaska, is seeking to remove bill language that would dampen BAH increases through 2017.

But this year, like last year, the Senate might not debate a defense bill if leaders decide there isn't time to sort through amendments, debate them for a week or longer, hold a full Senate vote, appoint conferees to iron out differences with the House and then pass a compromise bill through both chambers.

That is still Levin's desire for the last defense bill he will shepherd through the Senate. But Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid is just as likely to decide there aren't enough days left in a lame-duck Congress to allow regular order.

Last year when pressed for time, the Senate never debated the defense bill cleared by the armed services committee.

Instead, key senators and staff met informally with House counterparts, and negotiated away differences between the Senate committee bill and the House-passed bill.

The result was a new bill that quickly cleared the House and then the Senate with no debating final details.

If that happens this year, it would scuttle the coalition's plan to force senators to accept or reject the three popular amendments from its champions.

"It is an uphill battle," retired Air Force Col. Mike Hayden, MOAA's director of government relations, acknowledged.

At least the coalition's letter, he said, reminds senators that a high-profile commission has been studying compensation is-

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sues for a year, and is due to report its findings by February.

Here are more details on compensation changes in the Senate bill, along with new estimates on savings if enacted, as prepared by Congressional Budget Office:

PAY CAP — Capping the Jan. 1 military raise at 1 percent, versus 1.8 to match private sector wage growth, and denying any raise to flag and general officers, would save the department \$588 million in 2015 and \$3.9 billion through 2019.

RETIREE COLA SET — Military and federal civilian retirees, survivor benefit annuitants, disabled veterans and Social Security recipients will see a 1.7 percent cost-of-living adjustment in January.

The yearly COLA on federal benefits is based on inflation as measured by the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W). The COLA reflects changes in average prices for a market basket of goods and services from the third quarter of 2013 to the third quarter this year.

DAMPENING BAH — Basic Allowance for Housing rates are adjusted annually to keep

pace with average local rents for types of housing deemed appropriate based for pay grade and marital status. The Senate bill would dampen BAH increases for three years until rates cover 95 percent, not 100 percent, of average local rents.

Also, monthly BAH no longer would include the average cost of renter's insurance.

These changes would trim program costs by \$4 billion through 2019.

HIGHER RX CO-PAYS — Prescriptions filled on base would remain free but co-pays at retail outlets and mail order would increase, most sharply for brand-name medicines. The changes largely would impact retirees and their families.

The \$17 co-pay at retail for brand-name drugs on the military's formulary would jump to \$26 initially and see annual increases until reaching \$45 by 2024.

The \$5 co-pay for generic drugs at retail would increase by \$1 a year until 2024.

The co-pay of \$13 for mail-order brand-name drugs on formulary would double to \$26 next year and reach \$45 by 2024. Generic drugs would be free if filled by mail until 2019, then a \$9-co-pay would be charged for a 90-day supply.

Drugs not on the formulary cost \$44 to fill at retail pharmacies.

Under the Senate bill, non-formulary drugs would only be

available by mail order or on base, not at retail outlets, starting next year.

The \$41 mail order co-pay for a three-month supply would jump to \$51 and increase annually to reach \$90 by 2024.

Last March, Tricare began requiring older beneficiaries to get all maintenance medicines for chronic conditions by mail or on base, for at least a year.

The Senate bill would make this requirement permanent and expand it to impact all retirees and their family members, regardless of age.

Exempted from higher co-pays would be members medically retired, spouses of members who die on active duty and family members of both groups.

The higher co-pays would save the Defense health program \$1.5 billion in direct costs by 2019 and \$3 billion more in accrual payments into a fund set up to cover health costs of military retirees also eligible for Medicare.

The cost estimates, CBO says, take into account that higher co-pays also will cause some beneficiaries to stop taking medicine, resulting in more clinic visits and hospitalizations.

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Fort Carson's 'toxic' leader back on the job

By TOM ROEDER

The (Colorado Springs, Colo.) Gazette

The commander of a Fort Carson helicopter battalion objected when subordinates talked about a toxic command climate, according to documents obtained by The Gazette.

"I want toxic? I'll show you toxic," Lt. Col. Tammy Baugh allegedly told soldiers in the 1st Battalion of the 25th Aviation Regiment, documents said.

A 263-page Army investigation report released under the Freedom of Information Act portrays Baugh as a foul-mouthed boss who belittled soldiers, threw things during a meeting and sometimes stormed out of battalion gatherings.

Baugh and the battalion's commander were temporarily relieved in July, but later placed back in command despite the scathing report.

"Too many soldiers and leaders in the battalion, across all ranks, have been negatively impacted by her belittling, disrespectful and caustic interaction, and the results of that interaction have been detrimental to morale, effectiveness and climate of the organization and the morale and well-being of soldiers," the report says.

After complaints reached Fort Carson commanders, the investigation was ordered July 3 and Col. William McDonough was appointed to assess Baugh, Command Sgt. Maj. Derrick Merriwether and the command climate of the battalion. Dozens of soldiers were interviewed, with most calling the climate bad, or worse. Baugh told investigators she was misunderstood.

An 18-year veteran, Baugh

earned the Bronze Star Medal during Iraq and Afghanistan deployments and was rated as a senior aviator in the Apache attack helicopters used by the battalion.

Frustration, confusion

Investigators found a climate of frustration and, to some degree, confusion in the battalion. One issue raised is the tangled chain of command above the battalion. The unit is technically part of the Hawaii-based 25th Infantry Division and falls under a brigade commander there. It also works closely with Fort Carson leaders and falls under the post's chain of command for issues including discipline.

In her statement, Baugh complained about her staff and said that her unit has consistently had too few soldiers "with manning topping out at 86 percent."

"This not only generates stress, but has a negative impact on standards," she wrote.

Baugh's troops, though, say their commander was often near the boiling point.

"Her command style is toxic and it bleeds from the highest-ranking to the lowest, promoting contention among all members of the unit," a captain whose name was redacted from documents wrote in a statement to investigators.

Investigators found that Baugh erupted during meetings.

Baugh's use of foul language was repeatedly documented in the report. The colonel confessed to using dirty words, but said they were never directed at any soldier in particular.

More than 70 percent of the soldiers interviewed by investigators reported that Baugh routinely left meetings when she was unhappy.

Poor command climate

In his report, McDonough said Baugh failed to treat soldiers with "dignity and respect." The report blames Baugh for fostering a poor command climate and chastises Merriwether for failing to confront the colonel on the issues.

In a rare step, McDonough called

for the firing of Baugh and Merriwether. Fort Carson commander Maj. Gen. Paul LaCamera didn't dispute what McDonough found, but declined to relieve the colonel.

Fort Carson confirmed that Baugh returned to command, but didn't respond to questions on what steps were taken to change the command climate in her battalion.

"The suspension imposed on the leadership has been lifted and both have resumed command responsibilities," Fort Carson said in a statement Tuesday.

In her statement, Baugh said her critics are slackers.

"It seems that those who cannot meet the standard have the loudest voice," she wrote.

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Mum's the word on SEALs during federal criminal trial

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Witnesses, attorneys and even the judge took special care not to let the phrase "Navy SEALs" pass their lips during a federal criminal trial in Alexandria this week, further cloaking an already mysterious case involving the purchase of hundreds of unmarked rifle silencers for the military.

Instead, people involved in the trial referred obliquely to "the program," "operators" and "other entities in the government" when discussing who might have wanted to use the silencers, according to a classified Navy contract.

On Wednesday, a key defense witness was interrupted almost immediately after he introduced himself as the weapons accessory manager for the Naval Special Warfare Command — which oversees the Navy's commando units, including the furtive SEALs. The case centers on charges that a civilian Navy intelligence official, Lee Hall, conspired to steer a hugely profitable \$1.6 billion contract to a recently bankrupt Cali-

fornia auto mechanic to make 349 silencers.

The devices were designed to fit AK-47-style automatic rifles — not standard U.S. military weapons — and lacked any markings or serial numbers. Closing arguments were made Thursday, and U.S. District Judge Leonie Brinkema said she will render a verdict in the coming days.

The mechanic, Mark Landersman, is the brother of Hall's boss at the Pentagon. According to testimony and records in the case, he spent less than \$10,000 in parts and labor to manufacture the batch of silencers. The prosecution claims the silencers were unnecessary.

According to one document filed last year by prosecutors, Hall told a government witness during a recorded phone call that the silencers were designed for the Naval Special Warfare Development Group — the formal name for SEAL Team 6 that killed Osama bin Laden.

In later filings, prosecutors scrubbed all references to SEAL Team 6.

EBOLA OUTBREAK

US set to track travelers from Ebola nations

By **MIKE STOBBE**
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Federal officials working to keep Ebola from spreading into the U.S. have ordered that all travelers who come into the U.S. from three Ebola-stricken West African nations now be monitored for three weeks.

Starting on Monday, anyone traveling from Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone will have to report in with health officials daily and take their temperature twice a day.

The measure applies not only to visitors from those countries but also returning American aid workers, federal health employees and journalists.

‘We have to keep our guard up,’
Tom Frieden
CDC director

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced the new step Wednesday.

The virus has killed more than 4,800 people in

West Africa, nearly all in Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea.

CDC Director Tom Frieden said monitoring will provide an extra level of safety. Passengers already get screened and temperature checks before they leave West Africa and again when they arrive in the United States.

“We have to keep our guard up,” Frieden told reporters on a conference call.

The Obama administration has resisted increasing pressure to turn away any visitors from the three countries at the center of the Ebola outbreak, especially after a Liberian visitor to Dallas came down with the infectious disease days after he arrived and later died. Instead, passenger screening was put in place at 5 key U.S. airports. That was tightened Tuesday to funnel everyone coming from those countries through those airports so all are checked.

The monitoring program will start in six states — New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, New Jersey and Georgia — the destination for the bulk of the travelers from the outbreak region. It will later extend to other states.

Each passenger will be required to provide contact information for themselves as well as a friend or relative. They will be instructed to check for a fever twice a day and report their temperature and any symptoms to health officials daily for 21 days.

How the checks are done — in person, by phone or Skype — will

be decided by the states, Frieden said. If a traveler does not report in, public health officials can track them down. How far they can go to get them to cooperate is up to those officials, CDC officials said.

They will also receive “CARE” kits — the name stands for Check and Report Ebola. The kits include a thermometer and instructions on what to do if symptoms occur. Also included is a card to present to health care providers if they seek care.

CDC already was telling its own employees and other health professionals returning from the outbreak zone to monitor their temperature. It can take up to 21 days to develop symptoms, which include fever, headache, muscle aches, vomiting and diarrhea.

Earlier this year, roughly 150 travelers to the U.S. each day were from the three countries. But it appears there are far fewer now — there are no direct flights and flights to the area have been curtailed. New York’s Kennedy airport — which handles the most traffic — has averaged 34 a day since screening began Oct. 11.

The other airports are Washington’s Dulles, Newark’s Liberty, Chicago’s O’Hare and Atlanta’s Hartsfield-Jackson. While a few of the people screened thus far have been taken to the hospital, none had the infectious disease.

According to an Associated Press-GfK poll released Wednesday, Americans are worried about Ebola spreading here, and many say the government hasn’t done enough to prevent that from happening. The poll found a surprising 9 out of 10 people think it’s very necessary to tighten screening procedures.

Some would go even further: Three-quarters think it’s definitely or probably necessary to prevent everyone traveling from places affected by Ebola from entering the U.S.

On Wednesday, White House spokesman Josh Earnest said the president has been following advice from scientists that a travel ban could do more harm than good. Health officials fear travelers will just find alternate routes and spark harder-to-trace outbreaks.

Many health experts agree that a travel ban is a bad idea. But one faulted the CDC for being slow to institute the daily monitoring.

Monitoring can’t stop Ebola from coming in, “but we’ll have a better chance” to quickly identify and isolate cases, said Dr. Richard Wenzel, a Virginia Commonwealth University scientist who formerly led the International Society for Infectious Diseases.



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German army joining Ebola fight

Volunteers of the German army put on their protective suits during a training for the Ebola virus in Appen about 15 north of Hamburg, Germany, on Thursday. The volunteers are being trained for a mission to support the German Red Cross in Liberia in the fight against the Ebola epidemic.

Liberians threaten to break isolation over food

The Associated Press

MONROVIA, Liberia — Dozens of people quarantined for Ebola monitoring in western Liberia are threatening to break out of isolation because they have no food, the West African nation’s state radio reported Thursday.

Forty-three people were put in quarantine after four people died of Ebola in Jenevondra, a town in an impoverished corner of Grand Cape Mount County near the Sierra Leone border, the Liberia Broadcasting System said.

It quoted those quarantined as

saying that the U.N. World Food Program apparently has stopped providing food to people affected by Ebola in the area. A WFP officer is looking into the claim.

Liberia is the hardest hit of three West African nations being ravaged by Ebola. The latest figures published Wednesday by the U.N. World Health Organization show the country has at least 4,665 infected people and 2,705 have died there.

Rwanda’s minister of health, meanwhile, is reversing a decision she made to require visitors who

had been in the U.S. or Spain during the previous 22 days to report their medical condition to Rwandan authorities daily. Dr. Agnes Binagwaho said on Twitter late Wednesday that the decision to screen travelers from the U.S. and Spain, two countries that have seen cases of Ebola, was solely her decision and not the government’s.

A posting on President Paul Kagame’s Twitter account said the measures instituted by Binagwaho weren’t necessary and that his health minister sometimes acts first and thinks later.



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EBOLA OUTBREAK

Despite assurances, Ebola doubts remain

By NANCY MONTGOMERY
Stars and Stripes

VICENZA, Italy — If Col. Pedro Almeida has said it once, he's said it a dozen times: Only sick, symptomatic Ebola virus disease sufferers can infect anyone else, and only through transmission of body fluids.

Officials have repeatedly said that U.S. Army Africa troops deployed in Liberia will have no contact with Ebola victims and almost certainly will not have the virus when they return to Italy.

"I cannot tell you it is a zero percent chance (that a soldier would be infected with EVD)," Almeida, USARAF's chief of staff, said during a Wednesday town hall meeting with Italian civilians who work for the U.S. military. "What I can tell you is that our soldiers are not in a position to contract Ebola."

The meeting in the garrison movie theater was one of two this week at Caserme Ederle to reassure local workers that USARAF's 100 or so personnel redeploying to Vicenza in a couple of weeks would not pose a health threat. The meetings came in response to what Almeida said was "a lot of concerns in the community."

Wednesday's town hall served as primer on how the disease is transmitted and the factors, such as poverty and rudimentary health care, that have propelled the West African epidemic that has been confirmed to have killed nearly 5,000 people since December.

"It is very hard to contract Ebola," Almeida said, pointing out that more than 50

people who came into contact with Thomas Duncan, the Liberian man who died in Dallas from EVD, did not become infected.

But USARAF personnel, Almeida stressed, are having little contact with any Liberians, let alone Ebola patients.

"They are not out building the 18 hospitals the U.S. has promised, training health care workers or staffing mobile labs being set up to perform blood tests. What they're doing, he said, is 'setting up all of that.'"

Almeida outlined protocols for monitoring those who have traveled to West Africa that he said exceeded those of the World Health Organization and the U.S. Centers for Disease and Control. These, he said, have been planned in concert with Italian authorities.

Among the safeguards:

■ Personnel are currently having their temperatures taken twice daily.

■ Twelve hours before they leave Liberia, they'll be tested by a health care provider and screened for any enhanced risk through a series of questions. Anyone with symptoms, such as a fever, or anyone whose answers indicate enhanced risk will not be allowed on the plane home, Almeida said.

■ After arriving in Vicenza, personnel will undergo another screening at the garrison health center, followed by twice-daily, in-person temperature checks for 21 days. Returning troops will not be allowed to leave the Vicenza area during that time.

"We're doing all this with a group of people who have never been exposed to the virus in the first place," Almeida said.

He warned that returning troops might in fact develop fevers. Even so, that should not be cause for alarm. "It's flu season," he said. Or, he said, a fever in redeployed personnel could mean malaria.

Almeida said an on-call doctor at the local Vicenza hospital would decide if a feverish person should be isolated there and await blood test results from a Rome laboratory.

Anyone who tested positive for Ebola would be taken to a Milan hospital.

There were some skeptics at Wednesday's town hall. Several people suggested that the returning troops be quarantined for 21 days.

One man asked to know which day the troops would return so he could avoid public areas on post and frequently wash his hands for 21 days. Another said he'd seen an Italian television show that indicated "that some of the people who were in Liberia have had brief and occasional encounters with people with Ebola."

Not true, he was told.

He remained unconvinced by official assurances at the end of the lengthy session.

"I doubt," he said.

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Ebola town halls set

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — The 86th Medical Group is hosting several town hall meetings at Ramstein to present information about the Ebola virus and discuss safety precautions to mitigate risks, base officials said.

The first town hall is scheduled Friday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Hercules Theater, Building 2101. Two more meetings are set for Monday, from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. and from 10 to 11 a.m., also at the Hercules.

All personnel, family members and civilians are invited to attend.

Air Force officials have already released some information on how they are handling personnel transiting between Ebola-affected regions and Ramstein. Aircrews from Ramstein have been airlifting supplies to West Africa as part of Operation United Assistance, the U.S.-led effort to fight the Ebola outbreak. Since Oct. 7, the wing has supported eight C-130J flights into West Africa.

In an article posted to the base's website Wednesday, officials said they are ensuring that all people traveling from Ebola-infected areas are screened before departing and again when arriving back at Ramstein.

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Corporate giants funding ballot initiatives

By PHILIP ELLIOTT
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Voters may not know it, but the millions of dollars paying for ads on ballot measures they will consider next month come from large companies and national advocacy groups.

Many of the messages are tailored to defend or expand the business interests of companies such as Coca-Cola, Monsanto and ExxonMobil, yet few have their names in the ads.

For example, \$6.4 million in ads funded by Coloradans for Better Schools is backed by the Rhode Island-based Twin Rivers Casino

in favor of a ballot initiative that would expand gambling to horse tracks. Opponents, calling themselves Don't Turn Racetracks Into Casinos, are backed by a group of Colorado casinos and are helping fund \$5.7 million in ads to defend their turf.

Through Oct. 20, TV ad spending on ballot issues totaled roughly \$119 million, according to an analysis conducted by the Washington-based Center for Public Integrity, based on preliminary data from media tracking service Kantar Media/CMAG. Four of the five most expensive ballot initiatives — a process designed to give voters a direct say over public policy

— feature at least one corporate patron.

Voters may not readily identify the patrons behind the hundreds of millions of dollars in ads using family farmers, concerned doctors and smiling teachers as spokespeople as the corporations set up outside groups with nondescript names to handle the political ads.

For instance, food industry giants Monsanto, the J.M. Smucker Co., Coca-Cola and Pepsi are spending \$3 million opposing an Oregon ballot measure that would require vendors to label genetically modified foods. Voters see the ad spending labeled as being from the No on 92 Coalition. Natu-

ral food companies are spending \$2.1 million on ads to support the effort through a group called Vote Yes on Measure 92.

Citizens in 26 states can put on ballots proposals that would create new laws or veto existing ones. Every state but Delaware offers voters the chance to weigh in on constitutional amendments approved by the legislature. Once an initiative is approved to go before voters, the ad deluge begins.

California, home to some of the nation's most expensive media markets, has the two priciest ballot questions as measured by TV ads. A proposition to require drug testing for doctors and allow

more expensive malpractice lawsuits has drawn \$23.1 million in advertising.

Consumer Watchdog, a national advocacy group, teamed up with trial lawyers to back the measure. Lawyers stand to benefit because higher judgments against doctors translate to higher attorney fees. That coalition, calling itself Yes on Prop 46, has spent \$3.9 million so far on ads supporting the measure.

But the bulk of the spending opposes the measure under the No on 46 banner. Doctors and hospital and insurance companies have helped fund \$19.1 million trying to stop the ballot measure.



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A Secret Service police officer walks outside the White House on Thursday as a maintenance worker performs repairs as part of a previous fence restoration project after a man climbed over the fence Wednesday and was arrested.

Man arrested after jumping fence at White House; 2 dogs assaulted

By DARLENE SUPERVILLE
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The 23-year-old Maryland man who climbed over the White House fence Wednesday night has been charged with felonies for assaulting two police dogs and making threats, the Secret Service said Thursday.

Dominic Adesanya, of Bel Air, Md., is in custody of the U.S. Marshals Service for previous outstanding warrants, Secret Service spokesman Brian Leary said. Adesanya has also been charged with four misdemeanor counts of resisting arrest and unlawful entry.

After climbing over the fence, Adesanya was swiftly apprehended on the North Lawn by uniformed Secret Service agents

and their dogs. He was unarmed when he was arrested.

President Barack Obama was at the White House at the time of Wednesday's incident.

Video of the incident recorded by TV news cameras shows a man in white shorts on the lawn just inside the fence. The man lifts his shirt as if to show that he is unarmed, then is seen kicking and punching the two Secret Service dogs.

Leary said the two dogs, named Hurricane and Jordan, were taken to a veterinarian and treated for minor bruising. Both dogs were cleared to return to duty.

The incident came about a month after a previous White House fence jumper carrying a knife sprinted across the same lawn, ran past armed uniformed agents and entered the mansion

before he was felled in the ceremonial East Room and taken into custody.

That embarrassing Sept. 19 incident preceded the disclosure of other serious Secret Service breaches in security for Obama and ultimately led to Julia Pierson's resignation as director of the agency after 18 months on the job.

After Pierson resigned, an agent who once led Obama's protective detail came out of retirement to lead the Secret Service until Obama names a new director, pending the completion of internal and independent reviews of agency practices.

This week, a federal judge delayed the arraignment of Omar Gonzalez, the man charged in September's fence-jumping incident, because of questions about his mental fitness to stand trial.

3 states deny gay unions

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The writing is on the wall for gay marriage bans in Kansas, Montana and South Carolina after federal appeals courts that oversee those states have made clear that keeping gay and lesbian couples from marrying is unconstitutional.

But officials in the three states are refusing to allow same-sex couples to obtain marriage licenses without a court order directing them to do so. It could be another month or more before the matter is settled.

In a debate Monday, Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback vowed to defend his state's constitutional amendment defining marriage as between a man and a woman. A federal court hearing is scheduled Friday.

There seems little doubt that U.S. District Judge Daniel Crabtree ultimately will set aside the state's gay marriage ban. That's because the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, encompassing Kansas and five other states, has said a state may not deny a marriage license to two people of the same sex. The same requirement holds true for federal judges hearing same-sex marriage lawsuits in Montana and South Carolina.

John Eastman, chairman of the anti-gay marriage National Organization for Marriage, agreed with Warbelow that federal judges almost certainly will rule to allow same-sex marriages. But Eastman urged state officials to continue to put up a legal fight until the Supreme Court decides the issue one way or the other.

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Teens renew concerns about terrorism appeal

By SADIE GURMAN
The Associated Press

DENVER — The case of three teenage girls being investigated for trying to join Islamic State militants poses vexing questions for U.S. officials about the use of social media by terrorist groups to recruit people inside the United States, experts said Wednesday.

A Colorado school official said the Denver area girls — two sisters aged 17 and 15 and a 16-year-old friend — were victims of an online predator who encouraged them to travel overseas and eventually to Syria.

Mia Bloom, a professor of security studies at the University of Massachusetts-Lowell, said the girls' story so far suggests how Islamic extremists have mastered social media to prey on younger and younger women with "Disney-like versions of what it is like to live in the caliphate," complete with promises of husbands and homes.

At least one of the girls was communicating with someone online who encouraged the three to travel to Syria, said Tustin Amole, a spokeswoman for the Cherry

Creek School District where the girls attend high school.

Fellow high school students told school officials that the girls had been discussing travel plans over Twitter, Amole said.

The girls were detained at an airport in Frankfurt, Germany, and sent home over the weekend. They were interviewed by the FBI and returned to their parents in suburban Aurora. Those in the tight-knit east African community where they live said the sisters are of Somali descent and their friend is of Sudanese descent.

"There's no indication they had been radicalized in a way that they wanted to fight for ISIS," Amole said.

A U.S. official said evidence gathered so far made it clear that the girls were headed to Syria, though the official said investigators were still trying to determine what sort of contacts they had in that country. Another U.S. official said that investigators were reviewing evidence, including the girls' computers. The officials spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the ongoing investigation by name.

"Social media has played a very significant role in the recruitment of young people," said FBI spokesman Kyle Lovén in Minneapolis, home to the largest Somali community in the U.S. Authorities there have been concerned about terrorists' recruiting of the young for years.

"What we've experienced here in Minneapolis is that young, disaffected youth who exist primarily on the fringes of society — they seem to be more susceptible to this type of propaganda, unfortunately," Lovén said.

Terrorist recruiting has been a problem for years in Minneapolis. Since 2007, roughly 22 young Somali-Americans have traveled to Somalia to take up arms with al-Shabab, an al-Qaida-linked group. Those were all men.

Within the last year, a handful of people from the community left Minnesota to join militant groups in Syria, and this time there are fears that women might have been targeted. Lovén said the FBI is working with the Somali community to establish trust and help identify young people at risk for radicalization.

PTSD argued in case of jailed Marine

The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — There's no dispute retired Marine Sgt. Andrew Tahmooressi drove with three loaded guns in his truck into Mexico where firearms are illegal.

Tahmooressi says he got lost on a California freeway ramp that sent him across the border with no way to turn back.

His attorney argues Mexican Customs officials also violated his rights by holding him for some eight hours without notifying the U.S. Consulate or getting a translator.

But arguing those points could mean a long time in jail for the 26-year-old Afghan War veteran.

Instead, his lawyer is relying on another argument to win his freedom in the shortest time possible. He needs to be released so he can go home to get treatment for his combat-related post-traumatic stress, which Mexican authori-

ties don't treat, even in their own soldiers.

The case marks one of the first times Mexico could make a ruling on PTSD — though the psychological wound is increasingly used in U.S. courts, especially in arguing for reduced sentences.

But it has gotten mixed results, according to a study by the University of California, San Francisco. U.S. appeals courts have found PTSD-based criminal defenses to be viable when a direct connection is made by an expert between the criminal actions and PTSD, the study found.

That U.S. case law could serve as an important reference point for courts in other countries, the authors' noted. Mexico, however, has a long history of staunchly keeping U.S. influences at bay and it is particularly sensitive of any perceived pressure on its courts from its neighbor.

At the same time, Mexico has prided itself on considering humanitarian concerns — which is why Tahmooressi's lawyer, Fernando Benitez, believes his client's PTSD will help in fast-tracking his return home.

The seasoned lawyer, who has successfully defended well-known names south of the border, said he is not using PTSD as a defense as the Marine's previous lawyer tried to do before Tahmooressi fired him.

That would mean then that Tahmooressi admits a wrongdoing caused by PTSD, and the Florida man maintains his innocence.

Using PTSD as a defense also could backfire with Mexico deciding that he is mentally incapacitated and sending him to a mental institution, legal experts say.

Benitez instead is asking the judge to rule in his favor so he can get PTSD treatment.



JOHN J. WATKINS, THE TIMES OF NORTHWEST INDIANA/AP

Lake County Sheriff John Buncich talks to reporters following the first court appearance for serial murder suspect Darren Vann on Wednesday in Crown Point, Ind.

Police track movements of Ind. slaying suspect

By MICHAEL TARM
AND DON BABWIN
The Associated Press

CROWN POINT, Ind. — Investigators are using the cellphone records of an Indiana man already charged in the slayings of two women to pinpoint his movements after he told police he liked to check on the status of bodies he'd previously stashed after a fresh kill, authorities said.

Illinois law enforcement officials told The Associated Press on Wednesday that Darren Vann, 43,



Vann

may have traveled to Chicago's south suburbs between the time 19-year-old Afrikka Hardy's body was discovered Friday in Hammond, Ind., and Saturday when Vann was arrested in nearby Gary. The officials spoke on the condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to discuss the investigation.

Indiana police say Vann, a convicted sex offender, has confessed to killing Hardy and six women whose bodies were found over the weekend in abandoned houses in Gary. He has been charged with murder in the deaths of Hardy

and Anith Jones, 35, whose body was found Saturday in Gary.

A judge ordered Vann be held in contempt of court Wednesday when the former Marine refused to even acknowledge his name during an initial court hearing in Hardy's slaying.

Magistrate Judge Kathleen Sullivan asked Vann if he understood the reason for the hearing but he just stared back silently.

"Mr. Vann, are you choosing not to take part in this hearing?" Sullivan asked the shackled Vann, who was flanked by two Lake County Jail guards at the lockup in Crown Point.

Sullivan urged Vann's public defender, Matthew Fech, to tell his client "that he stays in jail the rest of his life until this hearing takes place." Fech urged Vann to speak, but he again offered no response. Sullivan found Vann in contempt and said she would schedule another initial hearing for next week.

Lake County Sheriff John Buncich said Vann's demeanor has otherwise been "quiet, calm and collected," but that his silence, if it persists, could raise complicated legal questions that would slow the prosecution process.

Sullivan also issued a gag order barring investigators from interviewing Vann unless they first get his permission through his attorney, Buncich said.

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Records shed light on prisoner care in NY

By Jake Pearson
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — These are the deaths in New York City's Rikers Island jail that don't make headlines — prisoners with diseases, disorders and addictions who succumb to heart attacks, infections and other causes officially filed away as "medical."

But hundreds of documents obtained by The Associated Press through public records requests raise serious questions about the quality and timeliness of the medical care many of these inmates received, with the treatment, or lack of it, cited as a factor in at least 15 deaths over the past five years.

The accounts have prompted city officials to re-examine the quality of medical and mental health care in the city's 11,000-inmate jail system and whether the outside company that holds a three-year, \$126.9 million contract to provide treatment, Corizon Health Inc., should be fired.

Experts say the problems documented by the AP are particularly troubling because New York City is better equipped to deal with in-



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Carmen Perez, 65, holds a vacation photo of herself and her late son Rolando Perez, 36, who had taken medication for epilepsy since he was 16, died while being detained on a burglary charge at the Rikers Island jail.

mate health needs than perhaps anywhere else, with 1,180 health workers employed by Corizon and the city, a mandatory doctor's visit within the first 24 hours of custody, 30 on-island clinics that handled more than 112,000 sick-call visits last year, and access to some of the nation's finest hospitals.

In New York and in most other lockups across the nation, experts say there are many obstacles to delivering quality care, most sign-

nificantly the flood of mostly poor inmates who come with various maladies and addictions that have gone untreated for years.

Other factors: Policies entitling inmates to only "minimum standards" of care, often less than what is provided in the outside world; pressure to keep costs down; and guards who can be cynical and dismissive of inmate complaints.

"Everywhere you look at the system, it's structured to prevent

prisoners from getting the health care they need," said Brad Brockmann, who heads the Center for Prisoner Health and Human Rights at Brown University.

Of the 98 inmates to die in New York City jails over the past five years, at least a dozen had cancer and many more were suffering from health problems related to longtime drug or alcohol use. Fifteen had AIDS, HIV or hepatitis C.

Tobacco firm to restrict smoking

Workers will have limits on where to light up

The Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — Camel cigarette maker Reynolds American Inc. is snuffing out smoking in its offices and buildings.

The nation's second-biggest tobacco company informed employees Wednesday that beginning next year, the use of traditional cigarettes, cigars or pipes will no longer be permitted at employee desks or offices, conference rooms, hallways and elevators. Lighting up already is prohibited on factory floors and in cafeterias and fitness centers.

The no-smoking policy will go into effect once Reynolds builds indoor smoking areas for staff still wanting to light up indoors, spokesman David Howard said.

"We believe it's the right thing to do and the right time to do it because updating our tobacco use policies will better accommodate both nonsmokers and smokers who work in and visit our facilities," Howard said. "We just better aligning our tobacco use policies with the realities of what you're seeing in society today."

While Reynolds will no longer allow smoking, it will allow the use of smokeless tobacco products, including electronic cigarettes, moist snuff and pouches of finely milled tobacco called snus (pronounced "snoose").

The company also will allow the use of Eclipse, a cigarette made by Reynolds that uses a carbon tip that heats tobacco after being lit by a lighter. First released in the mid-1990s, Eclipse is in limited distribution and one of the top-selling brands in the cafeteria at the company's Winston-Salem, N.C., headquarters.

The percentage of Reynolds' 5,200 employees that smoke is in line with the smoking rate in the U.S. That is about 18 percent of adults, according to the federal Centers of Disease Control and Prevention.

Through its subsidiaries, Reynolds American also makes its Pall Mall cigarettes, Grizzly smokeless tobacco and Vuse-branded electronic cigarettes.

Altria Group Inc., the Richmond, Va.-based owner of the nation's biggest cigarette maker, Philip Morris USA, doesn't allow smoking on factory floors and in places like elevators or hallways, said spokesman David Sylvia. Employees with separate offices can smoke in them, but otherwise the company has designated smoking areas in office buildings, conference areas and cafeterias, he said.

Autopsy report on Ferguson shooting released

By Jim Salter
The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — The official autopsy of an unarmed 18-year-old black man indicates he was shot in the hand at close range during a struggle, but a medical examiner not involved in the investigation says there's no way to conclude whether the injury meant Michael Brown was trying to grab the gun of the officer who killed him.

The St. Louis County medical examiner's autopsy report, obtained by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, doesn't explain why Brown was killed after the apparent scuffle at Officer Darren Wilson's police vehicle sped onto a Ferguson street or confirm whether he was confronting Wilson or trying to surrender when he was fatally shot — both scenarios offered by various witnesses to the Aug. 9 shooting. The shooting of Brown by Wilson, who is white, spurred un-

rest and weeks of protests in Ferguson, some of which turned violent.

A grand jury is expected to decide by mid-November whether Wilson will face criminal charges, and the U.S. Justice Department is investigating for possible civil rights violations.

The autopsy showed Brown suffered six bullet entrance wounds and listed "gunshot wounds to the head and chest" as the cause of death. A toxicology report with the autopsy also showed Brown had marijuana in his system.

Dwain Fuller, a Dallas-area forensic toxicologist, told The Associated Press the report indicated "recent use" that likely meant Brown still was feeling the effects of the drug, but "as far as that making him violent, one can't really say."

Both the Post-Dispatch, which published a story Wednesday on the county autopsy report, and The New York Times, which ran a story

last week about the officer's account of the shooting, cited unnamed sources saying Wilson told investigators he and Brown struggled over the officer's gun.

The autopsy said a microscopic exam showed that foreign matter found on tissue from Brown's injured thumb was "consistent with products that are discharged from the barrel of a firearm."

Brown family attorney Benjamin Crump said the shots fired outside the police vehicle are what really matter.

"After there was no more threat, and (Brown) was running away, why did Officer Darren Wilson keep shooting?" Crump asked in an interview with the AP. "That's what this is about. When Michael Brown put his hands up in the air, why does the officer keep shooting?"

Results of a third autopsy, performed by the Justice Department, have not been released.

Funds to help bring modern convenience to rural areas

The Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — A remote Alaska Native village where only half the homes have indoor plumbing is among rural communities nationwide that will receive upgrades to rural water and wastewater systems with \$352 million in grants and loans from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack planned to announce the funding Thursday at a convention of Alaska Natives in Anchorage. Among other awards for water system improvements include a

\$6 million loan and \$3.7 million grant to Clay County Water Authority in Alabama; a \$900,000 loan and \$3.5 million grant for Truth or Consequences, N.M.; an \$11 million loan and a \$3 million grant to Port Townsend, Wash.; and a \$1.2 million loan and \$3.6 million grant to Hartland, Maine.

The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium is working with the village on the project. Consortium project management director David Beveridge said the community is working on securing a required 25 percent matching grant from the state.



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Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack speaks during a Rural Tour stop in 2009. Vilsack visited a remote Alaska Native village that will receive upgrades to rural water and wastewater systems.

WORLD



People sign a Canadian flag at a makeshift memorial to Cpl. Nathan Cirillo, who was shot dead at the National War Memorial by Michael Zehaf Bibeau on Wednesday.



House of Commons sergeant-at-arms Kevin Vickers, credited with shooting Bibeau after he stormed Parliament, received a standing ovation as he entered the chamber Thursday.



A guard watches from a rooftop as Prime Minister Stephen Harper and his wife Laureen lay flowers at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at the National War Memorial in Ottawa on Thursday.

Mom of Canada suspect: 'I cry for victims, not son'

By BENJAMIN SHINGLER
AND RAPHAEL SATTER
The Associated Press

OTTAWA, Ontario — The mother of the man accused of killing a soldier at Ottawa's war memorial then storming Parliament before being shot dead says she is crying for the victims of the shooting, not her son.

In a brief and tear-filled telephone interview with The Associated Press on Thursday, Susan Bibeau said she did not know what to say to those hurt in the attack.

"Can you ever explain something like this?" she said. "We are sorry."

Investigators offered little information about the gunman in Ottawa, identified as petty criminal Michael Zehaf-Bibeau, 32.

Canadian police conceded Thursday that Zehaf-Bibeau was the lone gunman, the second attack in three days in what the prime minister described as terrorism.

Bibeau said she was devastated for the victims of the attack.

"If I'm crying it's for the people," she said, struggling to hold back tears. "Not for my son."

Bibeau and her husband had earlier sent

the AP a lengthy email expressing horror and sadness at what happened.

"I am mad at my son," the email said, explaining that he seemed lost "and did not fit in."

"I his mother spoke with him last week over lunch, I had not seen him for over five years before that," the email said. "So I have very little insight to offer."

The heart of the capital city of Ottawa had been in lockdown after Wednesday's attack, with fears that other gunmen might be on the loose. Ottawa police Constable Marc Soucy confirmed to the AP on Thursday that police are satisfied there was one attacker. Ottawa police Chief Charles Bordeleau told the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. that "there is no longer a threat to public safety."

The two attacks stunned Canadians and raised concerns their country was being targeted for reprisals for joining the U.S.-led air campaign against the extremist Islamic State group in Iraq and Syria.

Government officials credited Parliament sergeant-at-arms Kevin Vickers, 58, with shooting the attacker just outside

the MPs' caucus rooms. Vickers serves a largely ceremonial role at the House of Commons, carrying a mace and wearing rich green robes, white gloves and a tall imperial hat.

Members of Parliament gave Vickers a rousing standing ovation for saving their lives as Parliament resumed Thursday morning.

As Vickers walked into the House of Commons his lips quivered in emotion and he acknowledged the lengthy ovation.

Earlier, Prime Minister Stephen Harper visited the National War Memorial where the soldier was killed to lay a wreath. A man was detained by police near where Harper put down the wreath. Police said the man tried to breach the crime scene and thought there would be minor charges if he's charged.

Witnesses said the soldier posted at the National War Memorial, identified as Cpl. Nathan Cirillo, was gunned down at point-blank range by a man carrying a rifle and dressed all in black, his face half-covered with a scarf.

Experts say US must apologize to free detainees held in N. Korea

By ERIC TALMADGE
The Associated Press

PYONGYANG, North Korea — The United States government must make a formal apology to secure the freedom of two Americans who remain imprisoned in North Korea after the release this week of Jeffrey Fowle, North Korean legal experts said Thursday.

Although North Korea released Fowle, getting Matthew Miller and Kenneth Bae out of prison will likely require an official statement of apology and formal request for their release from Washington, according to the two North Korean law experts who spoke to The Associated Press.

Fowle, who had not yet been tried in a court, was flown out of North Korea on a U.S. military jet Tuesday after being detained for six months for leaving a Bible in a nightclub in the city of Chongjin, where he was visiting with a foreign tour group. North Korean state media said he was released after leader Kim Jong Un granted him a special pardon following "repeated requests" from President Barack Obama.

There has been no word on whether any progress has been made toward getting Miller and Bae released as well.

"In order to return the prisoners to their country, the United States must make an official apology and request their release," said Sok Chol Won, a professor of international law at Pyongyang's Academy of Social Sciences.

Miller and Bae, charged with more serious crimes than Fowle, have been convicted by North Korea's Supreme Court.

Miller, who entered the country on April 10 on a tourist visa, allegedly ripped up the document at Pyongyang's airport and demanded asylum. North Korean authorities say he intended to conduct espionage while in the country. He was convicted and sentenced to six years in prison. He is now digging in fields at a labor camp eight hours a day and being kept in isolation.

Fowle, 46, has been held since November 2012, when he was detained while leading a tour group in a special North Korean economic zone. He was sentenced to 15 years in prison for "hostile acts" after being accused of smuggling in inflammatory literature and trying to establish a base for anti-government activities at a border city hotel.

"It's not a matter of individuals. It's between countries," said Ri Kyong Chol, another law professor at the academy.



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Ri Kyong Chol, left, and Sok Chol Won professors from the Academy of Social Sciences, said the U.S. must make a formal apology to secure the freedom of two Americans who remain imprisoned in North Korea after the release this week of Jeffrey Fowle.



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The Canadian flag flies at half staff on top of the Peace Tower on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on Thursday.

NATION

The rocks of Death Valley

Scientists solve mystery of slowing moving stones

By LOUIS SAHAGUN
Los Angeles Times

DEATH VALLEY NATIONAL PARK, Calif.

The cracking sounds were ferocious. An ankle-deep, frozen lake in Death Valley National Park was breaking apart under sunny skies.

As cousins Richard Norris and James Norris watched, a light wind began moving huge floes of ice across the surface of the water and into rocks weighing up to 200 pounds. Propelled by the ice masses, the rocks began to slide across the slick, muddy bottom of the normally dry lake bed, known as "the Racetrack Playa."

"My god, Jim, it's happening," Richard yelled.

James Norris grabbed a camera. Their photos last Dec. 21 provided the final evidence in solving a mystery of the Racetrack Playa that has long puzzled visitors and scientists: What mechanism moves rocks across flat dirt in the heart of the hottest, driest place on earth?

Rocks of various heft — some weighing 600 pounds or more — leave trails that wiggle like snakes or form complete loops or even rectangles. The trails are cut sharply into the earth but no other tracks are visible.

Theories over the decades have included sporadic hurricane-force winds when the surface is covered with rain water, or rocks carried across the mud by small rafts of ice, or UFOs.

But until the Norrises had an incredible stroke of luck that day last December, no one had scientifically verified the phenomenon. The findings were formally presented Wednesday in the online scientific journal PLOS ONE.

"I'm amazed by the irony of it all," James Norris said, nodding toward the glistening playa earlier this month. "In a place where rainfall averages 2 inches a year, rocks are being shoved around by mechanisms typically seen in arctic climates."

"And the movement is incredibly slow," he added. "These rocks clock in at

about 15 feet per minute."

Geologists have been studying the moving rocks since 1948, when the first scientific study suggested they were driven by dust devils. One reason the mystery endured is that the movements are episodic, often with no motion for periods of decades until a precise series of natural events occurs.

The first requirement is rain in a parched climate. Next, temperatures must fall low enough to freeze the water before it evaporates. Then the sun has to come out and thaw the ice. Finally, wind has to blow strongly enough to break the ice into floes and move it across shallow water underneath. Even a light wind will do.

Ralph Lorenz, a researcher at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory who had investigated playa rock movement for a decade, believed strongly enough that ice floes were the cause that he

erected time lapse cameras in the area about seven years ago. But they failed to record the phenomenon.

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Richard Norris, 55, a paleobiologist at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, and James, 59, a research engineer, launched their "Slithering Stones Research Initiative" in 2011.

Over the next two years, friends and relatives armed with permits from the National Park Service helped them install a weather station in the area and place 15 stones equipped with global positioning devices on its pancake-flat surface.

The "GPS stones," which were engineered to record movement and velocity, were stationed at the southern end of the playa where rocks begin their strange journeys after tumbling down a cliff.

On Dec. 20, 2013, Richard and James Norris returned to inspect the instruments. "We found the playa covered with ice," Richard recalled. "We also noticed fresh rock trails near shards of thin ice stacked up along the shoreline."

The following afternoon, "we were sitting on a mountainside and admiring the view when a light wind kicked up and the ice started cracking," he said. "Suddenly, the whole process unfolded before our eyes."

"There was a side of me that was wistful," James Norris added, "because the mystery was no more."



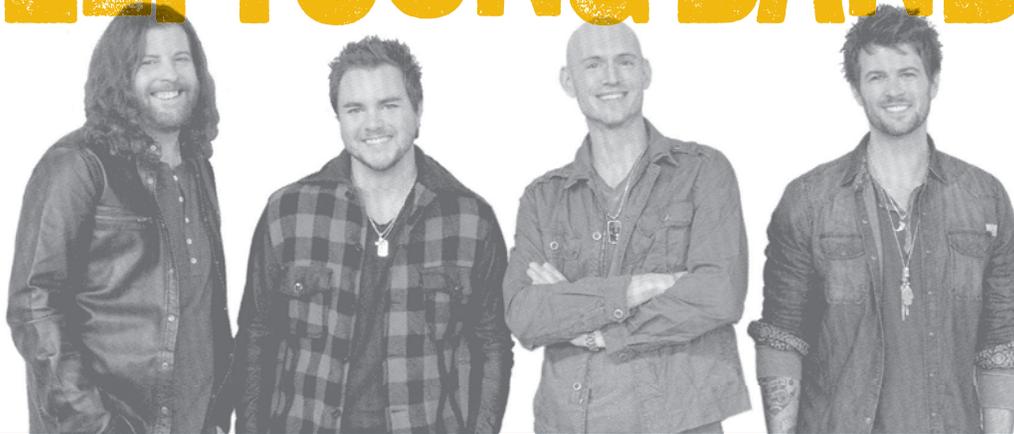
One of several hundred rocks that have left trails as they moved across the surface of Racetrack Playa in California's Death Valley National Park on August 18, 2014. There were several theories for the strange activity, but Richard Norris, a paleobiologist at Scripps Institution of Oceanography, and his cousin James Norris, a research engineer, were the first to photograph rocks in motion.

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NATION

Many adults harassed online

By BARBARA ORTUTAY
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A new study confirms what many Internet users know all too well: Harassment is a common part of online life.

The first-of-its-kind report by the Pew Research Center found that nearly three-quarters of American adults who use the Internet have witnessed online harassment. Forty percent have experienced it themselves.

The types of harassment Pew asked about range from name-calling to physical threats, sexual harassment and stalking.

Half of those who were harassed said they didn't know the person who had most recently attacked them.

Young adults — people 18 to 29 — were the most likely age group to see and undergo online harassment.

Women ages 18 to 24 were disproportionately the victims of stalking and sexual harassment, according to the survey. People who have more information available about themselves online, work in the tech industry or promote themselves on the Internet, were also more likely to be harassed.

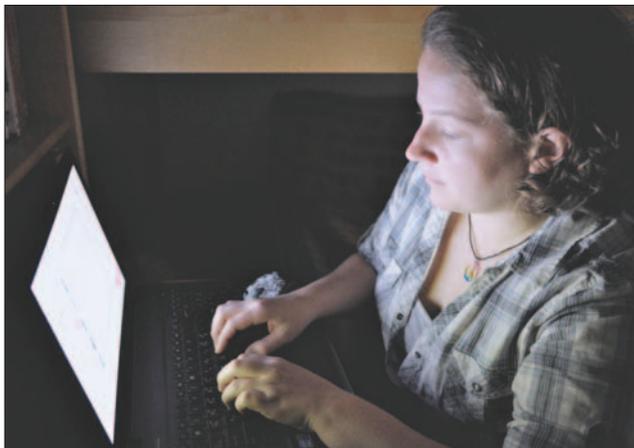
Case in point: Celebrities. Stars such as the actress Jennifer Lawrence had nude photos stolen and posted online in a widespread hacking scandal in late August. Lawrence, 24, later told Vanity Fair that she considered looking at the pictures a sex crime.

It can be difficult for police to go after online bullies in part because "our legal system hasn't quite caught up with technology," said Elizabeth Dowdell, a nursing professor at Villanova University who studies online aggression. On top of that, adults are generally hesitant to report harassment because they might view it as a "child or teenage problem."

"But the Internet has no age limits," Dowdell said. "People look for outlets for aggression and the Internet is a wonderful place because it's anonymous and you don't have to be truthful."

According to Pew, just 5 percent of those who were harassed reported the incident to law enforcement, while nearly half confronted the person online. Forty-four percent said they unfriended or blocked the person.

But victims of harassment often don't know where it's coming from. Thirty-eight percent of people who were harassed online said a stranger was behind the threats, and another 26 percent



KATHLEEN MALONE-VAN DYKE/AP

Catherine Devine of Kings Park, N.Y., had her first of several brushes with online harassment in seventh grade, before she'd even ventured onto the Internet.

didn't know who the person was.

"You can have many different (personas) online," Dowdell said. "So you might think 'I'm going to block Scaryfriend123' and Scaryfriend says 'Fine, I'm going to use my other name Superniceguy' and you just don't know."

The telephone and online survey was conducted between May 30 and June 30 among 3,217 respondents. It has a margin of error of plus or minus 2.2 percentage points.

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Goofy dinosaur a blend of Barney, Jar Jar Binks

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Nearly 50 years ago, scientists found bones of two large, powerful dinosaur arms in Mongolia and figured they had discovered a fearsome critter with killer claws.

Now scientists have found the rest of the dinosaur and have new descriptions for it: goofy and weird.

The beast probably lumbered along on two legs like a cross between TV dinosaur Barney and Jar Jar Binks of Star Wars fame. It was 16 feet tall and 36 feet long, weighing seven tons, with a duck-bill on its head and a hump-like sail on its back. Throw in those killer claws, tufts of feathers here and there, and no teeth — and try not to snicker.

And if that's not enough, it ate like a giant vacuum cleaner.

That's *Deinocheirus mirificus*, which means "terrible hands that look peculiar." It is newly reimagined after a full skeleton was found in Mongolia and described in a paper released Wednesday by the journal *Nature*. Some 70 million years old, it's an ancestral relative of the modern ostrich

and belongs to the dinosaur family often called ostrich dinosaurs.

"*Deinocheirus* turned out to be one the weirdest dinosaurs beyond our imagination," study lead author Yuong-Nam Lee, director of the Geological Museum in Daejeon, South Korea, said in an email.

"When scientists in 1965 found the first forearm bones — nearly 3 feet long — many of them envisioned "a creature that would strike terror in people," said University of Maryland dinosaur expert Thomas Holtz Jr., who wasn't part of the study. "Now it's a creature that would strike be-

'Deinocheirus turned out to be one the weirdest dinosaurs beyond our imagination.'

Yuong-Nam Lee
director of the Geological Museum
in Daejeon, South Korea

ment, amazement."

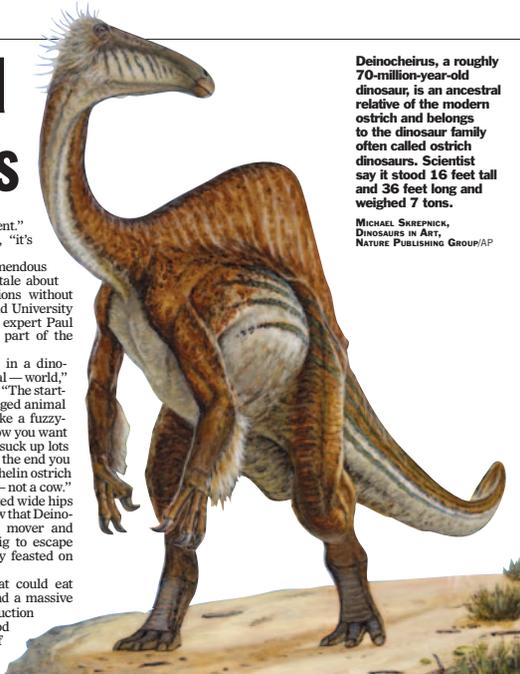
And yes, he said, "it's pretty goofy."

The find is tremendous but is a cautionary tale about jumping to conclusions without enough evidence, said University of Chicago dinosaur expert Paul Sereno, who wasn't part of the discovery.

"This is evolution in a dinosaur — not a mammal — world," Sereno said in email. "The starting point is a two-legged animal looking somewhat like a fuzzy-feathered ostrich. Now you want to get really big and suck up lots of soft vegetation. In the end you look like a goofy Michelin ostrich with fuzz and a tail — not a cow."

Lee figures the tilted wide hips and massive feet show that *Deinocheirus* was a slow mover and probably grew so big to escape from being regularly feasted on by bigger dinosaurs.

It had a beak that could eat plants, but it also had a massive tongue that created suction for vacuuming up food from the bottoms of streams, lakes and ponds, Lee wrote.



Deinocheirus, a roughly 70-million-year-old dinosaur, is an ancestral relative of the modern ostrich and belongs to the dinosaur family often called ostrich dinosaurs. Scientist say it stood 16 feet tall and 36 feet long and weighed 7 tons.

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Lawmaker apologizes for suicide comment

The Associated Press

JUNEAU, Alaska — U.S. Rep. Don Young has apologized after telling students at a high school where a child recently committed suicide that people kill themselves when there's a lack of support from family and friends.

During an appearance in front of about 120 students and adults Tuesday in Wasilla, a teacher asked Young about Alaska's high suicide and domestic violence rates.

"He was talking about the role alcohol plays, and he mentioned depression," Wasilla High School principal Amy Spargo said. "But he also went on to say that suicide happens when there's a lack of support from friends and family, and that's when the students in the room and the adults just took offense — because it's like blaming the people who are left."

She said after that, the event became more confrontational.

Young spokesman Matt Shuckercrow, in an emailed statement Wednesday, said Young "was very serious and forthright when

discussing the issue of suicide, in part because of the high number of tragedies that affect Alaskan youth... In no way did Congressman Young mean to upset anyone with his well-intentioned message. In light of the tragic events



Young

affecting the Wasilla High School community, he should have taken a much more sensitive approach," Shuckercrow said.

Young, the longest-serving Republican in the House, has a history of colorful — sometimes offensive — quips.

Young also was criticized after being caught on camera making faces on the House floor while a colleague discussed a bill to name a post office for a fallen soldier. He also apologized after video circulated of him grabbing the arm of a congressional staffer.

Hmong war veterans again push for burial rights in US

McClatchy Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — The Hmong war veterans marching on congressional offices Wednesday knew better than most about how legislation gets made. Or, more often, gets lost.

Gathered from Alaska and California's San Joaquin Valley, the veterans who once fought alongside U.S. spies and soldiers in their native Laos again seek legislation allowing burial in U.S. national cemeteries.

They've been trying on Capitol Hill since 2009, when Rep. Jim Costa, D-Calif., and his San Joaquin Valley colleagues introduced the first House bill of its kind. This week, they made some tangible progress.

Following a Wednesday morning meeting between congressional aides and grass-roots lobbyists like Fresno, Calif., residents Richard and Erik Xiong, Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., declared she would sign on as a co-sponsor of the Hmong Veterans'

Service Recognition Act. "I am proud to support this bipartisan bill, which would honor the service and sacrifice of Hmong veterans who bravely risked their lives fighting alongside the U.S. during the Vietnam War," Boxer said in a statement Wednesday.

She is joining her Democratic colleague from the state, Sen. Diane Feinstein, as a supporter of the bill, that is matched by a measure re-introduced in the House last year by Costa. In another modest sign of momentum, Rep. Doris Matsui, D-Calif., became the 41st co-sponsor of the House bill last month.

The bills authorize the burial in national cemeteries of Hmong veterans who served in a "special guerrilla unit or irregular forces operating from a base in Laos in support of the U.S. Armed Forces between February 28, 1961, and May 7, 1975." To be eligible, the Hmong veterans also must be naturalized U.S. citizens or legal U.S. residents.

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FAITH

A group of women at Midland United Methodist Church in Midland, Ga., are crocheting sleeping mats for the homeless made out of plastic bags.

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COLUMBUS (GA.)
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Craft for humanity

Church turns plastic bags into sleeping mats for homeless

By LARRY GIERER
Columbus Ledger-Enquirer

Women at Midland United Methodist Church in Midland, Ga., have found a special use for plastic bags: They are crocheting sleeping mats for the homeless.

"It is taking something you want to get rid of and using it for good," Nora Taft said.

Taft is one of 10 people who have been working on the project.

"We are helping others in the community and at the same time we are recycling," she said. "These bags would normally just be going to the landfill."

"It is a unique way to build up the community," Pastor Stephen Brinkman said. He added that it is an easy way for all of the folks in the church to get involved.

Taft said the group has been working on the mats for about six weeks, meeting each Monday in the church fellowship hall. Church members not directly involved with producing the mats have been active by contributing bags, one bringing in 4,400.

The women hope to have six mats

'It is taking something you want to get rid of and using it for good.'

Nora Taft
Midland United Methodist Church member

done by winter and plan to donate the mats to the Open Door Community House in Columbus.

"Open Door is looking forward to getting the mats," Taft said.

Asked if the soft mats are comfortable, Taft replied she believes they are.

"Anything beats sleeping on concrete or hard ground," she said.

The mats are easily cleaned, needing just a shake or a quick rinse. They are lightweight and dry easily. There is another plus.

"Bugs don't like them," Taft said. Only under close observation can one tell the material used. Taft did not

know items could be made out of plastic bags until she saw a vendor selling some at a community farmer's market held each Saturday morning on

the church property in Midland, Ga.

Taft mentioned the items to her daughter, then on the Internet discovered a woman, Dawn Warmbold, who has been making the mats for the homeless in Little Rock, Ark. A website, finecraftguild.com, had instructions on how to make the mats.

Each mat is 3 feet wide and 6 feet long. It takes 400-500 plastic bags to make one and workers say it takes as many as 25 hours from start to finish. The mats are colorful because of the variety of bags used, but Taft said the women are not too involved with patterns.

She would like to see members of other local congregations get involved in making mats.

"Our goal is to make the information available to as many in our area as possible. There are a lot of homeless people here, many more than most people think," she said.

The church members enjoy their task and those working this past week said it is good fellowship.

"We love to help others and it's important to recycle," Taft said.

"We could just buy mats, but this is better."



Angie Mitchell works on a plastic bag sleeping mat created using about 400 plastic bags.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Police: Couple left marijuana at day care

TX LUFKIN — East Texas police arrested a man and woman who they say dumped a gallon-sized bag of marijuana into a white car trash can.

Frederick Ruth, 50, and Youlanda Whitaker, 40, have been charged with possessing marijuana in a drug-free zone and possessing a dangerous drug.

Lufkin police said they received a report Monday of two people bagging up marijuana in a car. Officers found it in the Noah's Ark Early Education Center Day Care and said Ruth and Whitaker were inside.

They said Ruth turned over a small bag of marijuana. Officers found the larger bag in a bathroom after employees reported seeing Whitaker enter with a shopping bag.

Police didn't say why the suspects were at the day care.

State Senate candidates fight over zombie jobs

WA SPOKANE — Zombies have become a political issue in a state Senate race in Spokane.

Incumbent Republican Sen. Michael Baumgartner is challenged by Democrat Rich Cowan, whose North by Northwest production company helped film "Z Nation" for the Syfy Channel in Spokane.

KXLY reported that Cowan touted the hundreds of jobs the TV show brought to the city. Baumgartner said the zombie jobs are temporary and created with a taxpayer subsidy.

Cowan said the second season of "Z Nation" will likely be produced in Spokane.

Cub Scouts burned in chemical explosion

IL RAYMOND — Three Cub Scouts and their adult leader were injured when an experiment caused a chemical explosion in Montgomery County.

Raymond Mayor Dennis Held told KSDK-TV the boys were having a meeting outside a church Monday evening when they conducted an annual experiment. The explosion occurred when they mixed boric acid and antifreeze in a metal fire pit with the intention of making a green flame.

The boys were airlifted to a Springfield-area hospital. The boy who had conducted the experiment suffered burns to his arms, face and hair. The other two boys suffered facial burns.

The adult leader was taken to an area hospital with burns. Their conditions were unclear Wednesday.

Patrol car corrals rogue carriage horse

NY NEW YORK — New York City police said they had to corral a carriage horse after it broke loose from its handler in midtown Manhattan.

It happened Sunday morning. Police said a patrol car chased the horse after it bolted from a



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

Triceratops takes a trip

Berkshire Museum staff move Uncle Beazley, a retired triceratops model, from the museum to a new home at Berkshire Athenaeum public library in Pittsfield, Mass., on Wednesday.

stable on West 37th Street between 10th and 11th avenues and went for a trot.

The police cruiser managed to maneuver the horse into an empty parking lot on 40th Street and 11th Avenue where the handler was able to seize the animal.

Police said there were no injuries to the horse, property or people.

Claiming to be Christ, man attacks woman

KY LOUISVILLE — Louisville police say a man claimed to be Jesus Christ and attacked a woman he called the devil.

WRBB-TV in Louisville reported that Colvotte Brooks, 52, argued with a judge Monday morning during his arraignment, claiming to be the head of Homeland Security.

Police said Brooks attacked the woman just before 6:30 a.m. Saturday. Police said Brooks assaulted the woman, then threw a glass plate at her head as she crawled across the street.

She suffered an injury to her right cheek, which was bleeding and swollen. Police said she was unable to tell the officer her name, and was "very disoriented."

Brooks was initially charged with second-degree assault. A judge upgraded the charge to attempted murder during Monday's

hearing.

Surfer hits shark with board to stop attack

HI WAILUKU — A surfer holding his 8-year-old son said he punched and smacked a shark with his board to stop an attack off Maui.

Kaleo Roberson told the Maui News that he was surfing Saturday with 20 others — including his twin 8-year-old sons and a 6-year-old son — off Maalea when a 12- to 14-foot tiger shark appeared.

Roberson didn't see the shark until it was a few feet away. He remembers a wide-open mouth with teeth coming at him. No one was injured.

Roberson said he slid to the side of his board and hit the shark's nose with his hand. He also kicked it and swung his board at the animal twice before paddling to shore.

The shark left a 14-inch-long bite near the tail of the surfboard.

Man charged in ambulance carjacking

CA LOS ANGELES — Authorities said a patient who stole an ambulance then crashed it in a chase with Los Angeles police has been charged with carjacking and other crimes.

City News Service reported that Mohamed Zahir, 21, was scheduled to be arraigned Wednesday on two counts of carjacking and one count each of attempted carjacking and fleeing police causing serious bodily injury.

Prosecutors said paramedics strapped Zahir to a gurney Sunday night after he told them he'd taken the synthetic drug Spice.

They said he unbuckled himself and tried to get into a woman's car then ran back to the ambulance, got behind the wheel and drove away while paramedics jumped out.

Police said they chased Zahir until he crashed into a minivan. He could get 16 years and two months in prison.

County doubles bounty on beavers to \$50

IA FOREST CITY, — Winnebago County in northern Iowa has doubled its bounty on beavers to \$50.

County supervisors said an aging trapper who had kept the beaver population in check retired because of his physical limitations.

Beaver dams can cause damaging floods. Officials say anyone turning in a beaver tail to claim the bounty has to prove the tail came from Winnebago County.

From wire reports

THE CENSUS



\$5,000

The reward being offered for information about the killing of a Tasmanian devil at the Albuquerque BioPark zoo in New Mexico. Keepers found the male marsupial, known as Jasper, dead in his outdoor enclosure on Oct. 15 as staff prepared to open the zoo to the public. An examination concluded that Jasper died from a fractured skull and brain trauma. A piece of asphalt was found nearby. Jasper was one of four Tasmanian devils on loan to the zoo from Australia as part of an effort to start a breeding program for the endangered species.

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A bird on the hand

Falconry walk in Ireland introduces age-old sport to tourists

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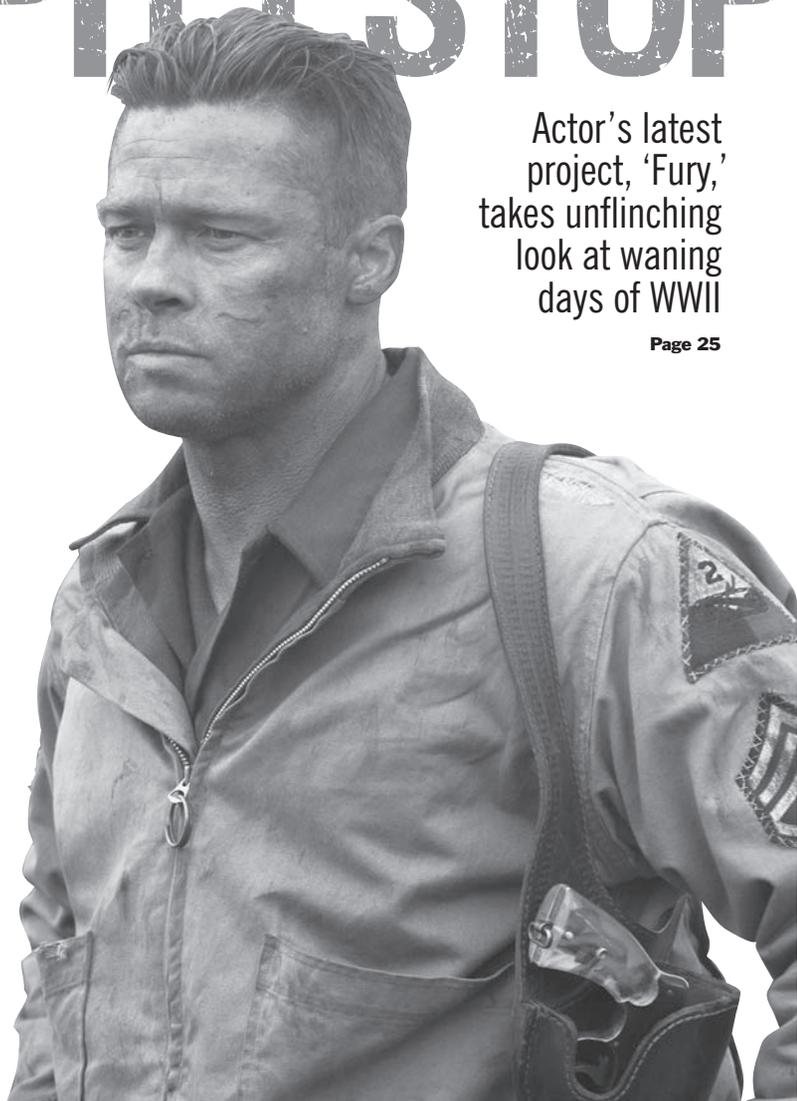


Bali high

Just one day can be enough to get a taste of this famous Indonesian isle

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Actor's latest project, 'Fury,' takes unflinching look at waning days of WWII

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WEEKEND: GADGETS & CHARTS



VELOCITY PRODUCTS, CHICAGO TRIBUNE/MCT

One option for hiding a key is a dummy sprinkler head.

Unlocking the secret of hiding a spare key

By William Hageman
Chicago Tribune

Want to safely hide a spare house key? Here are a few tips. Burglars, don't read this story.

It's a horrible feeling: You arrive home and discover that you lost your key. If only you had a spare you could use to gain entry. Actually, there are numerous ways to hide that spare key.

Let's get the obvious ones — and by obvious, we mean dumb — out of the way.

Don't leave a spare key under the doormat. Even the most dim-witted criminal will check under the mat. You've seen those artificial rocks. So have burglars. Forget them. Put it up over the door frame? C'mon, you can be more inventive than that.

There are better solutions to the lost-key conundrum:

Lockbox. You've seen real estate agents use them. They are small secure containers that can be opened by punching in a code. Hide it somewhere on the property, in a location where it can't be seen from the street and not in close proximity to the lock.

Good disguises: If you have in-ground sprinklers, there's a dummy sprinkler head that blends in with the others and can hold

a key (\$7.95). Similarly, there's a working thermometer that has a hidden compartment where a key may be stashed (\$6.95). Both are available at thehomesecuritysuperstore.com.

Out of sight: The website besthomesecuritycompanies.com suggests hiding the spare key out of street view — a criminally inclined passerby could see you retrieve it and come back later to use it himself.

The neighbors: If you have a trusted neighbor, ask them to hold on to a spare key. You can reclaim it if you get locked out, or they can let themselves in should an emergency arise while you are away. Just be sure the neighbor is dependable and doesn't have a ne'er-do-well teenager who might take advantage of the opportunity.

On the property: Duct tape a key to the leg of your grill, or to the underside of your mailbox or inside the bird bath pedestal.

The doghouse: Heck, even if you don't have a dog, get a small doghouse and hang the key inside. Just seeing a doghouse will give a would-be burglar pause.

Wind chimes: Several websites suggest hiding a key inside a set of wind chimes. Even if a prospective thief knew the key was there, he'd have to make a lot of noise getting it out. No criminal wants that.

ON THE COVER: Brad Pitt plays Sgt. Don Collier, aka Wardaddy, who leads a tank crew in the waning days of World War II in "Fury."

COLUMBIA PICTURES-SONY/AP

GADGET WATCH

Strap & Wrap means no more camera bag

By Gregg Ellman
McClatchy-Tribune News Service

The Miggo Strap & Wrap is designed to be a camera strap for most of today's digital SLR and mirrorless cameras.

The product is designed to act as a protective case that can unfold into a neck/shoulder strap when you want to use the camera. Thus, you don't need a camera bag.

There's also a Grip & Wrap to keep it stored on your wrist. Both come in two sizes and in a variety of colors and patterns.

Each strap is made with neoprene protective foam material with an exterior Lycra skin.

They attach to the tripod socket on your camera and they wrap around the camera allowing it to be carried around your neck or wrist.

There is a little assembly required, but nothing complicated. It's a cleverly designed product and if you're a vacation photographer who wants to take a camera along without a bag of accessories, this might be a great choice.

Online: MyMiggo.com; Strap and Wrap \$49.99, Grip & Wrap \$39.99

The Rocki music device is a rubber, hand-held item that connects to your handheld music system to turn an existing speaker system into a wireless sound system. It connects to the system with a standard 3.5mm headphone cable or with an RCA connection (all included).

From there it's pretty simple; with a Wi-Fi network, you can listen and broadcast in a variety of ways. For example, iPhone users with the free Rocki app can stream on my iOS device using Airplay.

An advantage, which I recognized over other wireless devices such as Bluetooth, is the range. Bluetooth is generally limited to 33 feet, while the Rocki will go as far as your Wi-Fi reaches.

Setup is simple; the step-by-step instructions are right there when you launch the app. From there, select your playlist and let the Rocki and Airplay do the rest.

A microUSB port is used for power. Online: myrocki.com; \$49

Accessories and cases continue to roll in for the new iPhones.

Ventev, as usual, has some of the best-looking cases to hit the shelves. Among my favorites is the Aria (\$24.99) with air vents on the back, enabling the phone's color to shine through.

The dark black/gray case has click buttons built into the sides to control vol-



MCT photos

The Miggo Strap & Wrap acts as a protective case and unfolds into a neck/shoulder strap when the user is ready to shoot some photos.

ume and the side power button, but what makes it versatile is that the buttons can be taken out of the case to expose the actual controls on the phone.



Ventev's Toughglass screen protector (\$34.99) is made from tempered glass with rounded edges and is scratch resistant.

They are rated with 9H hardness but what matters is that they keep your screen scratch free, and using your LCD with the case-friendly protector is problem-free.

The company also makes some of the strongest, flat and tangle-free cables (3.3-foot Apple Lightning — \$24.99) for iPhone and Android devices.

They come in a variety of colors and are probably the last cables you'll have to buy. At least until Apple changes the connection on its devices, which I don't anticipate being anytime soon.

Online: Ventev.com

The Classic Tactical from Tech21 is a rugged case, designed to take some impact and still keep your device intact.

It's built without bulk, and has what the company calls D30 impact material to absorb the shock when dropped or banged.

The tech21.com site describes it as a shock-absorbing material that absorbs and dissipates damaging energy to prevent it from reaching your device.

Online: Tech21.com; iPhone 6 \$34.99, iPhone 6 Plus \$39.99, Galaxy Note 4 \$39.99

ITUNES MUSIC

Top 10 albums on iTunes for Oct. 22:

1. "Partners," Barbara Streisand
2. "Sundown Heaven Town (Deluxe Edition)," Tim McGraw
3. "RUN WILD. LIVE FREE. LOVE STRONG," for KING & COUNTRY
4. "Anything Goes," Florida Georgia Line
5. "Bulletproof Picasso," Train
6. "The Cowboy Rides Away: Live From AT&T Stadium," George Strait
7. "World On Fire (feat. Myles Kennedy & The Conspiracy)," Slash
8. "Old Boots, New Dirt," Jason Aldean
9. "Title — EP," Meghan Trainor
10. "Guardians of the Galaxy: Awesome Mix, Vol. 1," Various Artists

— Compiled by MCT

SPOTIFY MUSIC

The most streamed tracks on Spotify from Oct. 13-19 via Facebook, Tumblr, Twitter and Spotify.

1. "Shake It Off," Taylor Swift
2. "All About That Bass," Meghan Trainor
3. "Animals," Maroon 5
4. "Bang Bang," Jessie J
5. "Cool Kids," Echosmith
6. "Stay With Me," Sam Smith
7. "Blame," Calvin Harris
8. "I'm Not the Only One," Sam Smith
9. "Black Widow," Iggy Azalea
10. "Chandelier," Sia

— Compiled by The Associated Press

ITUNES MOVIES

Top 10 movies downloaded from the iTunes Store for Oct. 22:

1. "Transformers: Age of Extinction"
2. "Godzilla"
3. "The Fault in Our Stars"
4. "Captain America: The Winter Soldier"
5. "Live Die Repeat: Edge of Tomorrow"
6. "Fed Up"
7. "Chef"
8. "The Lunchbox"
9. "Blended"
10. "Draft Day"

— Compiled by MCT

VIDEO GAMES

Game Informer ranks the Top 10 PC games for October:

1. "Civilization: Beyond Earth," 2K Games
2. "The Evil Within," Bethesda
3. "Wasteland 2," inXile
4. "Middle-earth: Shadow of Mordor," Warner Bros.
5. "Metro Redux," Deep Silver
6. "The Vanishing of Ethan Carter," The Astronauts
7. "Sherlock Holmes: Crimes & Punishments," Focus Home Interactive
8. "A City Sleeps," Harmonix
9. "Alien: Isolation," Sega
10. "Borderlands: The Pre-Sequel," 2K Games

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APPS

Top 5 new paid apps for Oct. 22:

- ANDROID
1. Hall to the King: Deathab
 2. South Park: Pinball
 3. Entwined Challenge
 4. Card Dungeon
 5. DRAGON QUEST II
- Top 5 paid apps for Oct. 22:
- APPLE
1. Five Nights at Freddy's
 2. Minecraft — Pocket Edition
 3. Goblin Sword
 4. Sleep Cycle alarm clock
 5. Afterlight

— Compiled by MCT

WEEKEND

CHECK IT OUT

Events, entertainment and other ways to fill your free time

1

AFN catches up to 'Walking Dead'

"Dead" heads overseas can rejoice — AFN will air episodes of "The Walking Dead" as they're airing stateside.

The fifth season of the wildly popular zombie apocalypse series premiered Oct. 12 and will consist of 16 episodes. The premiere attracted more than 17 million viewers and more 18-to-49-year-old viewers in its time slot than Sunday Night Football.

To catch the AFN audience up with stateside viewers, AFN will air the Season 5 premiere at 11 p.m. Oct. 27, followed by episode two at midnight. AFN will air episode 3 on Nov. 3 at 11 p.m., and episode 4 at midnight.

Starting Nov. 10, AFN will air the most current episode of "The Walking Dead" one day after it airs in the United States at 11 p.m. Mondays on AFN-Spectrum.

- "The Walking Dead" airs Mondays on AFN-Spectrum.



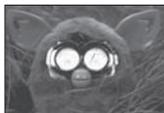
Andrew Lincoln plays Rick Grimes as one of the last humans struggling to survive on "The Walking Dead."

GENE PAGE/AMC

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If 'Fury' is too much for you, try 'Furby'

Brad Pitt's latest movie, "Fury," is taking shots for its gory, obscenity-laced depiction of the end of World War II. Late-night host Jimmy Kimmel joked this week that the Columbia Pictures-Sony studio was making up for its family-unfriendly project by doing a warmer, fuzzier sequel — called "Furby."



- Watch the 'Furby' clip at tinyurl.com/lu9cjs3.

3

'Bayonetta 2' brings sexy to the Wii U

If sexy, 8-foot-tall witches with guns on their stiletto shoes are your thing, then we have got the video game for you. "Bayonetta 2" brings the frenetic combat and anime-meets-Dali art style of the original to the Wii U platform — just



don't let your kids find out about it.

- Game review on Page 26.

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Return of 'Avengers,' planet-wide angst

Can you believe it's already time to start getting worked up over another 'Avengers' movie?! The good folks at Disney have just released a trailer for "The Avengers: Age of Ultron," complete with creepy version of "I've Got No Strings" from "Pinnocchio" playing in the background, and boy, is it a downer. Don't say we didn't warn you.



- Watch the trailer at tinyurl.com/of55oyg.

WEEKEND: MOVIES



From left, Shia LaBeouf, Logan Lerman, Brad Pitt, Michael Pena and Jon Bernthal star in "Fury."

WWII drama 'Fury' treads on war film expectations

By KENNETH TURAN
Los Angeles Times

If memorable war movies mean something to you, open that book to a new page and add "Fury" to the list. It belongs there.

Even if you're not keeping a list, it's hard not to be impressed by what writer-director David Ayer, perfectly aided by Brad Pitt and an exceptional below-the-line team, has accomplished with this bleak and savage story of a World War II tank crew operating in Germany during the last month of the European war.

The advance spin on "Fury" has been, in the words of one of its producers, that it's "not your grandfather's war movie." Like most hype, that turns out to be only half true. In fact, what makes this film distinctive is the adroit way it both subverts and enhances old-school expectations, grafting a completely modern sensibility onto thoroughly traditional material.

For though they don't necessarily act in expected ways, the five-person cross-section-of-humanity tank crew headed by Pitt's Sgt. Dan Collier, aka Wardaddy, fits squarely into familiar Hollywood models involving men doing what they have to because no one else is going to do it.

This concern with codes of masculine behavior fits squarely into the preoccupations of filmmaker Ayer, who wrote "Training Day" and wrote and directed the drama "End of Watch." A bear for research, Ayer has apparently been working on this story for years, and under the command of skilled production designer Andrew Menzies, "Fury" shows great concern for getting the specific details right, even rounding up five authentic M4 Sherman tanks and one German Tiger to use in the production.

That passion for getting close to physical reality leads to "Fury's" most modern aspect, its emphasis on the gory and extreme violence the men ferociously inflict and absorb and how that experience affects them.

Set over an action-packed 24 hours in April 1945, "Fury" starts with a sudden move by Sgt. Collier that brutally ends the life of a German officer. As played by Pitt with a white sidewall haircut and an air of exhausted charisma, the sergeant is an enigma, a lone wolf who is a law unto himself.

In some intangible way, the men who share this tank with the sergeant feel it is the force of his will that has kept those of them still alive safe and sound. That, and their unquenchable

zeal for killing.

These men include gunner Boyd Swan (an effective Shia LaBeouf), a born-again type who prays over Germans after he kills them; loader Grady "Coon-Ass" Travis (Jon Bernthal), the team's most atavistic member; and driver Trini Garcia (Michael Pena).

Because the tank's fifth crewmember, the assistant driver, has just been killed, new guy Norman Ellison (Logan Lerman) joins the group. He is practically an infant, in the Army eight weeks and trained as a clerk typist. He is not happy to be where he is, and the crew is not happy to have him there.

This is not so much because of his inexperience as his scruples, that he does not understand, as the other men, especially the sergeant, do, that wholesale bloodshed is the order of the day and that avoiding it endangers not only his life but those of the rest of the men.

As the tank heads out on a bloody series of missions, it will be the business of Sgt. Collier to educate this young audience surrogate, to make him believe that "we're not here for right and wrong. You kill him or he kills you." Or, as he puts it more poetically, "ideals are peaceful. History is violent."

One of the themes of "Fury" is not only that people are capable of horrors, but also that individuals can come to tolerate if not relish the process. "Best job I ever had" is a catchphrase the men use with each other, and the ghastrly thing is they half believe it's true.

"Fury" is rated R for intense violence, grisly images and pervasive obscenity. Running time: 132 minutes.

New on base

"Fury" is playing at the following:

Europe
Lakemhead, Mildenhall, Ansbach, Baumholder, Grafenwöhr, Hohenfels, Ramstein, Spangdahlem, Stuttgart, Vilseck, Wiesbaden, Aviano and Vicenza.

Pacific
Atsugi, Misawa, Showboat, Fleet, Yokota, Zama, Foster, Futenma, Hansen, Kadena, Kinser, Schwab, Courtney, Yongsan South Post No. 1, Casey, Henry, Humphreys, Kunsan and Osan.

Online: furymovie.tumblr.com



Bill Murray, right, and Jaeden Lieberher star in "St. Vincent."

Bill Murray at his warmest and fuzziest in 'St. Vincent'

By ROGER MOORE
McClatchy-Tribune News Service

Bill Murray has his most adorable film role ever in "St. Vincent," playing a cranky and embittered old drunk who becomes a father figure to the little kid who moves in next door.

It takes every ounce of his disaffected cool, all of his misanthropic hipster persona to tamp down our intense need to go "Awwww" at this little comedy's crowd-pleasing cuteness. But Murray and writer-director Theodore Melfi play us like a music box, manipulating and charming our socks off even as the Vincent for whom the film is named curses, gambles, drinks and cheats — all in front of an impressive 10-year-old.

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Russ hooker he frequents (Naomi Watts). He's in arrears to his bookie (Terrence Howard). And then he gets new neighbors.

Maggie (Melissa McCarthy) is going through a divorce. Oliver, her kid (Jaeden Lieberher), is a quiet kid facing the hazing/bullying rituals of his new school. And Vincent isn't interested.

Naturally, he ends up babysitting the kid for the desperate mom whose story "I don't want to hear." Shockingly, he drags the kid to the track, to a bar. And as self-absorbed as Vincent is, he can't help but notice the kid's problems. He's never seen Abbott and Costello movies.

"Are they old?"

"They're dead. That's the oldest you can be."

He needs to stick up for himself, fight back against bullies. "I'm small, sir!"

This bonding half of the film, with every outing and life lesson set to boucy pop rock, is so jaunty that you may find yourself waiting for a shoe to drop. Because there's always a shoe that's about to drop in movies like this. The pleasures of Murray's performance overwhelm that dread and make you forget the manipulation that comes with it.

McCarthy, allowed to play someone more human than caricature, shines. Watts wears Daka the pregnant hooker's baby

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Online: stvincentfilm.com

belly with a marvelously cynical resignation.

But this is Murray's vehicle, and even if he never quite sticks with an accent or convives us of an infirmity, he is captivating, first scene to last.

"St. Vincent" is rated PG-13 for mature thematic material and language. Running time: 103 minutes.

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WEEKEND: MOVIES

'Fury' director aims for unvarnished look at war

BY DERRIK J. LANG
The Associated Press

At one point during "Fury," the World War II drama starring Brad Pitt, a tank commander's head is blown off while he's hunched outside his vehicle during a fiery battle with a combatant. "Fury" writer-director David Ayer insists he didn't include the surprise decapitation simply to shock moviegoers.

"That was a very common thing that happened," said Ayer. "There's countless stories of crews being inside tanks and then all of a sudden their commander's headless body drops into the tank and sprays blood everywhere. That was the hazard of being a tank commander, and that's why these guys were so brave."

Unlike many films about World War II, which have painted a patriotic portrait of the six-year conflict, the R-rated "Fury" instead offers an unapologetically gruesome look at one long day of battle in 1945, just weeks before the Nazis' final surrender.

From inside an M4 Sherman tank nicknamed Fury, Pitt's Don "Wardaddy" Collier leads a five-man crew deep into enemy territory where they experience — and participate in — hellish acts of war.

"This is like the PG-13 version of what real war is like," said actor Michael Pena, who plays tank driver Trini "Gordo" Garcia. "Real war is not pretty. You can validate almost everything you see on screen. The pictures that we saw were horrendous. This is just a little bit of it."

Ayer, a former Navy submariner who wrote the police dramas "Training Day" and "End of Watch," loaded up on a barrage of research before going into the production on the Sony Pictures film in England, including interviewing veterans, enlisting military experts and studying real-world war footage. While the film isn't based entirely on real-

ity, he didn't want "Fury" to stray too far from the truth — more "Saving Private Ryan," less "Inglourious Basterds."

"In my investigation of the war, I wanted to find circumstances that would help create the world and tell the story of what these five guys faced," said Ayer. "I wasn't cherry picking horrible things just to be gratuitous. I wanted to know what this family could experience together that puts us in their shoes and tells us about that war."

Despite the film's 69-year-old subject matter, Ayer noted the conflicts that the U.S. military confronted in WWII mirror today's clashes in the Middle East.

"They're fighting a fanatical enemy that's thrown the rule-book out," said Ayer. "There are women and children in the combat zone. It's an enemy that had zero regard for human rights. These soldiers had to deal with that, make decisions and fight in that environment. The same difficulties they faced, our soldiers are facing today overseas in the Middle East."

While there are several grisly deaths depicted in "Fury," Ayer insisted there wasn't more carnage left on the cutting room floor.

"It's not like there's going to be a director's cut in six months," said Ayer. "This movie is my director's cut. Sony really understood the movie and trusted me to make it."



The stars of "Fury," from left: Shia LaBeouf, Logan Lerman, Jon Bernthal, Brad Pitt and Michael Pena pose with director David Ayer, right.

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WEEKEND: VIDEO GAMES



THE WITCH IS BACK!

'Bayonetta 2' is packed with exciting content, but may not be for everyone

By MICHAEL DARNELL ● Stars and Stripes

Let me get this one out of the way right now. Yes, "Bayonetta 2" is just as explicitly sexualized as its predecessor, if not more so. Not a single lingering close-up, nude combat segment or pole-dancing attack animation has been toned down one iota for the Wii U audience. Despite Nintendo's kid-friendly image, "Bayonetta 2" is unequivocally not for children, though I'd stop just short of calling it a "mature" game.

Bottom line: If you find hyper-stylized sexual themes and content offensive, this game is absolutely not for you.

That being said, everything else — despite or enhanced by that overt sexuality, depending on your point of view — "Bayonetta 2" is simply sublime.

Everything that made the series a cult favorite has returned, from the frenetic, combo-laden combat to the anime-meets-Dali art style. Everything that caused fans to basically force Platinum Games to resurrect the series is back, turned up past not only 11 but to where numbers no longer have any meaning.

The game centers on an 8-foot-tall witch who fights evil with magic guns strapped to her stiletto heels — and that's the

tamest part of the entire experience. While on her newest mission to save a friend from the depths of hell, Bayonetta will battle angels, fight through the belly of a demonic manta ray and travel through the gates of heaven while battling skyscraper-sized dragons.

The story is basically a jumble of oddball nonsense, and the game does have the annoying habit of taking control away from the player to focus on the plot a bit too often. Thankfully, it's easily ignored. Cut scenes can be skipped and after the first few chapters, the gameplay segments between them grow longer.

And what a blessing that gameplay is.

The combat in "Bayonetta 2" is an encapsulation of everything that is great about video games. Fans of "Devil May Cry" will feel right at home here. There is a jump, punch, kick and weapon button. Stringing together combos will result in more powerful attacks, and higher combo counts fill various meters that can be expended to pull off a variety of

common cause of me having to put down the controller was the finger cramping that came with fighting off wave after wave of monsters. On higher difficulty levels, the AI will destroy lazy players.

Overall grade: **A**

"super" moves. It's a basic setup that has an incredible amount of depth.

Expert players will have a great time trying to pull off monstrous hit streaks, activating "witch time" (slow-down that happens when a dodge is pulled off perfectly) and finishing off foes with vicious final attacks. Newer players are brought up to speed as the game progresses them through harder and harder challenges, and there is a practice mode for those needing some extra tutelage.

Fans of the previous "Bayonetta" will be happy to know that the combos have been smoothed out a bit. I found them easier to pull off, with the margin of error on inputs and dodges to be much friendlier. That's not to say the game is much easier. The most

months to get through all the content Platinum stuffed into the Wii U package. There are roughly 16 levels to play through, and they can be repeated at any time. In addition to the base game, there is a robust multiplayer mode that has players wager on who will pull off the better combo. There is an absurd amount of unlockables to obtain, including Nintendo-themed costumes that range from funny to slightly disturbing. And if that's not enough, Platinum includes an enhanced version of the first "Bayonetta," playable from the start.

There are few games in recent memory that have as much content as "Bayonetta 2" and none that are as unique. There is nothing quite like "Bayonetta 2" on the market, and that alone makes it worth picking up if you're a Wii U owner.

Just don't forget that you were warned about the explicit content. **Bottom line:** A If you're okay with tongue-in-cheek sexual content and some anime-inspired storytelling, then "Bayonetta 2" is absolutely worth buying. If those things are not up your alley, then this game may not be for you.

Platforms: Wii U
Online: bayonetta2.nintendo.com

In "Bayonetta 2," players can customize weapons and equip them on the witch's hands and feet.

Platinum Games

WEEKEND

Europe

THE EUROPE EXPERIENCE

SLEUTH THIS OUT:
Sherlock Holmes exhibition

The Associated Press

Sherlock Holmes is among the most famous fictional Londoners of all time.

Many tourists still see the city through his eyes, and seek out his address, 221B Baker Street.

It seems a logical deduction that the detective's creator, Arthur Conan Doyle, must have known the city intimately.

In fact, historian David Cannadine says, "Conan Doyle himself didn't spend that much time in London. When he wrote the early stories, he got the topography out of a street atlas."

That is one of the surprises provided by a new Museum of London exhibition that explores a character who has been endlessly adapted while retaining his essence: He's a cerebral sleuth, forensic scientist, drug-taking bohemian and archetypal Englishman.

Through film clips, costumes, 19th-century forensic equipment

and more, it follows Holmes from an idea in Conan Doyle's notebook to the smartphone-toting modern detective played by Benedict Cumberbatch in the BBC TV series "Sherlock."

The exhibition also looks at the relationship between the detective and London. Holmes is an icon of the Victorian metropolis, a place of horse-drawn hansom cabs, gaslight and fog. In fact, fog gets a room of its own at the exhibit.

For fans, the most exciting artifact might be a yellowing notebook showing the moment Holmes was created. It bears notes for a detective story in Conan Doyle's handwriting. The author has crossed out his original title, "A Fangled Skein" and written "A Study in Scarlet" — the name under which Holmes' first adventure was published in 1887.

"Sherlock Holmes: The Man Who Never Lived and Will Never Die" runs until April 12. Find more at museumoflondon.org.uk.



Curator Timothy Long poses in silhouette at the Museum of London with a Sherlock Holmes-style pipe and deerstalker hat beside a window forming part of the exhibition "Sherlock Holmes: The Man Who Never Lived and Will Never Die." The exhibit transports visitors back to foggy Victorian London.

MATT DUNHAM/AP

TOP TRAVEL PICKS

Elevate Festival in Graz

Those seeking to examine where we are heading as a society might want to check out the Elevate Festival, running through Sunday in Graz, Austria.

The festival combines electronic music with discourse and activism. Topics will include social, economic and technological developments within the context of democracy and civil society. The aim is to envision alternatives that could bring about a better future, working under the belief that a sustainable society depends on individual and collective self-empowerment.

Elevate participants include avant-garde musicians, technology and media specialists, political scientists, human rights activists and other prominent figures. Some guests appear "live," while others take part by video link or phone. By day, workshops, lectures and film screenings occupy the agenda; in the evening, awards ceremonies, concerts and DJ sets take center stage.

On Saturday, the second day of the festival, the debate will focus on how new technology and media can be applied to social transformation. Speakers include executive producer of Democracy Now!, Amy Goodman, and Freedom of the Press' chief technology officer, Micah Lee.

On Saturday evening, the sounds of house, dub, techno, bass and other subgenres of electronic music entertain across four stages in and around the Schlossberg, an ancient hilltop fortress.



Karen Bradbury

See the Europe Traveler blog at stripes.com/travel/europe-travel

Sunday's program focuses on digital security, protection from surveillance and retaining control over personal data. The program concludes with the Elevate Awards, recognizing people and projects making innovative and sustainable contributions to society.

Admission to the talks, workshops and film screenings is free. Festival passes are sold out, but tickets to Saturday's musical lineup remain available online for 22.16 euros (about \$28).

Can't make it personally? A live video stream will be set up for many of the events. See the complete program at 2014.elevate.at.

New stuff in Nuremberg

Need more stuff in your life? You'd be hard pressed not to find something of interest at Consumers, a consumer goods fair running through Nov. 2 in Nuremberg. Visitors to this vast exhibition for shopping and

lifestyle can explore new trends in fashion, fitness, health, home renovation and much more. With some 1,000 exhibitors present, there's plenty to take in.

The fair is organized according to distinct areas of interest: design and accessories; cookery, energy-efficient building; and family-oriented games make up just a few sections. Stage shows will highlight world dance and culture, much of which is presented by clubs and groups of the region.

Some sections of the fair are open for a limited time. Through Monday, two halls will be dedicated to house pets and aquariums. From Tuesday through Nov. 2, attention turns to horses with the opening of "Fascination Pferd."

The fair takes place at the city's Messe, or fairgrounds, from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Entry costs 12 euros (about \$15) for adults and 7.50 euros for ages 11-14; those 10 and under enter free. Save time, and a bit of cash, by buying tickets online.

Learn more at consumenta.de (German only).

Celebrating chocolate

Can your palate discern the difference between a run-of-the-mill supermarket chocolate bar and a hand-produced product of superior quality?

Amsterdam, the city with the largest cocoa port in the world, makes a fitting location to put your taste buds to the test. On Saturday, the city's Royal Tropical Institute will be host to the first edition of Origin Chocolate.

According to the event's orga-

nizers, just as one can taste the difference between a wine, cacao beans too display their own distinct flavor. The soil, climate and knowledge of the cacao farmer all play a role in determining the bean's quality.

About a dozen award-winning producers and experts will showcase their products and offer tastings. Some of these will take the form of pairings: rum, beer, wine, coffee and cheese.

Speakers will discuss topics such as sourcing beans and trends in the premium-chocolate market. As this venue offers limited capacity, securing advance tickets is recommended. Online tickets are available for 14 euros (about \$18) per person. Tickets upon entry are 16.50 euros, but be aware that the event could sell out. Plan any outing with a visit to originchocolate.eu.

No plans to be in Amsterdam this weekend? Here are some other chocolate-related events:

- **Perugia, Italy:** Eurochocolate, International Chocolate

Exhibition, through Sunday.

- **Paris:** Salon du Chocolat, Porte de Versailles, Wednesday through Nov. 2.

- **Lyon:** Salon du Chocolat, Centre de Congrès Cité Internationale, Nov. 8-11.

- **Cologne:** Salon du Chocolat, Kölnmesse Hall 9, Nov. 14-16.

- **Nice:** Chocolat et Saveurs d'exception, Promenade des Anglais, Nov. 14-17.

- **Tübingen, Germany:** chocART, market square, Dec. 2-7.

- **London:** The Chocolate Festival, Business Design Centre, Dec. 12-14.

- **Brussels:** Salon du Chocolat, Brussels Expo, Feb. 6-8, 2015.
- **Marseille:** Salon du Chocolat, Parc Chanot, Feb. 27-March 1, 2015.



Chocolate takes the spotlight in Europe in many forms, including this chocolate dress at Salon du Chocolat in Paris, which starts Wednesday.

Courtesy of Salon du Chocolat

Looking for even more to do? For additional events, concerts and activities, go to stripes.com/military-life

WEEKEND: QUICK TRIPS

Europe

A monumental experience

The Hall of Liberation in Kelheim, Germany, offers stunning views

By MICHAEL S. DARNELL
Stars and Stripes

There is a moment during every memorable sightseeing expedition that makes it worth the hassle of waking up early, fighting traffic and paying for the privilege of parking.

It can be a great meal shared among friends at a quiet cafe, the awe-inspiring scope of history showcased at ancient monuments or the excitement of a crowd at a public event.

My moment during a recent trip to the Befreiungshalle (Hall of Liberation) in Kelheim, Germany, happened shortly after scaling the spiral staircase leading to the top of the monument. There, I was treated to an absolutely stunning view of the town that lies along the banks of the Danube and Altmühl rivers as the sun rose over the eastern mountains.

In that moment, it was easy to see why King Ludwig I chose that spot to build his monument to German valor.

The Hall of Liberation was conceived by the king to immortalize the sizable German contribution toward the defeat of Napoleon's forces during the 1813-14 Wars of Liberation. In fact, it opened on Oct. 18, 1863 — the 50th anniversary of the massive Battle of Leipzig, the decisive encounter of that conflict and the largest battle in Europe prior to World War I.

It's also a sister monument of sorts to Ludwig's other monuments — the Ruhmeshalle (Hall of Fame), Feldherrnhalle (Hall of Generals) and Walhalla (a hall dedicated to Germanic heroes), and it was the last monument he built before his death in 1868.

Today, the monument remains a popular stop for those heading to the city of Regensburg, and it's a great destination on its own.

Parking is ample and located close enough to the monument that visitors of any age can make the walk. A small visitors center offers English and German tour books and multimedia guides for those looking for in-depth information on the hall's history.

There are a couple of places to stop and take photos along the 500-meter path from the parking lot to the monument. An elevator provides access to the main floor of the hall, though the top level can be reached only via a lengthy staircase.

It's worth the climb, because the view of Kelheim is simply one-of-a-kind.

Inside, visitors can walk along an alcove that circles around 34 sculptures depicting "Goddesses of Victory," each bearing a shield inscribed with a battle fought during the campaign. Above, a vaulted dome 147.6 feet high bears plaques dedicated to famous generals of the war.

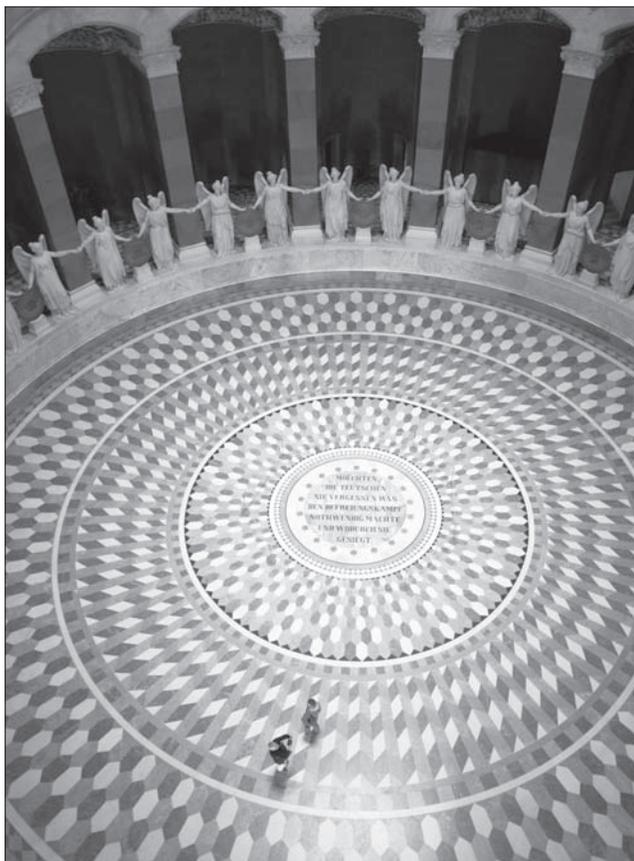
It's all very solemn and awe-inspiring to see the soldiers' names memorialized in such an extravagant manner.

I can't promise you'll have a moment quite like the one I had while visiting, but if you show up early enough, odds are you're going to be treated to one of the most gorgeous views in Bavaria.

There is a cafe on site if you'd like to just see the hall, grab a bite of strudel and head for home, but the town of Kelheim is worth a visit if you'd like to make a day of it.

In short, it's the perfect quick trip.

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A walkable alcove circles the interior of the Hall of Liberation in Kelheim, Germany.



This exceptional view of Kelheim, Germany, can be accessed by elevator at the Hall of Liberation.

By SCHILLNE/Stars and Stripes

ON THE QT

GETTING THERE
The Befreiungshalle (Hall of Liberation) address is: Befreiungshallestrasse 3, 93309 Kelheim, Germany.

FOOD
A cafe on site serves lunch and light breakfast options.

TIMES
9 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday through Saturday, March 19-Oct. 31;

9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday through Saturday, Nov. 1-March 18.

COSTS
2 euros to park, 3.50 euros for adult admission; free to visitors under 18 (with school identification).

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— Michael S. Darnell

WEEKEND: FOOD & DINING

Europe



PHOTOS BY STEVEN BEARDSLEY/Stars and Stripes

The "kafta" at Ristorante Beirut in Pozzuoli, Italy, is a skewered meatball served with tahini, fries, pickles and a piece of pocket bread. The dish goes well with a hot sauce available from the kitchen.

After Hours: Italy

By STEVEN BEARDSLEY
Stars and Stripes

Locals in Naples, Italy, tend to be fickle about ethnic food, meaning Mohamad Chamseddine has his work cut out for him. Since opening the small Ristorante Beirut in a nearby port town known for its seafood restaurants, the personable Lebanese expat and his two business partners have angled to win Neapolitans to the exotic tastes of *schavarma*, *baba ghanoush* and *kafta*.

It's been an easier sell for Americans. As word of the restaurant spread among the Navy and NATO communities in the immediate area, Chamseddine's dining room has grown popular with English speakers during the early evening hours.

Beirut is worth a look for those outside the immediate area as well. It offers one more reason to visit the congested, but charming, Pozzuoli port.

The food hits all the right notes for meaty, spicy Lebanese fare. You can feel at times like a more dressed-up version of the takeout window around the corner, given the pre-made nature of many of the dishes. But it works better than that might sound, with fair prices, good presentation and attentive service from Chamseddine's cousin and business partner, Moustapha Nouredine. (The lack of alcohol, which Chamseddine doesn't serve for religious reasons, could make Beirut a non-starter for some local diners, however.)

Bread, meat and spice are the key components here. Start with any of the cold appetizers, which come with a basket of pocket bread for dipping. Appetizers include hummus, *baba ghanoush* (pured eggplant with tahini, a sesame seed paste) and *tah-bouleh*, a salad of bulgur, herbs, tomatoes and lemon juice.

A simple *mansaf* rice pilaf is

RISTORANTE BEIRUT

Address: via Marinarai 1, 80078 Pozzuoli (Naples). To get there by public transportation, take the Cumana train line to exits for Pozzuoli (north of the port) or Cappuccini (east of the port) and walk toward the port area. The Pozzuoli metro stop (L2 line) is about a 15-minute walk from the port.

Times: 7:30 p.m. to midnight Tuesday-Sunday; lunch by appointment

Costs: 2.50 euros to 3.50 euros

for appetizers; 5 euros to 8 euros for main dishes
Attire: Casual
Menu: In Italian, with photographs
Information: Telephone: (+39) 320-932-0822. Facebook: facebook.com/ristorantebeirut. For religious reasons, no alcohol is served. Vegetarian options and takeout are available. Arrive before 8:30 p.m. for the best parking.

— Steven Beardsley



The "fatayer," or spinach pie, at Ristorante Beirut.

a proper follow-on, a cinnamon-spiced blend of rice, shredded chicken and ground beef with toasted almonds.

Best of all are the meat dishes, whose heavy seasoning and spiciness are a nice departure from milder Neapolitan fare. The *schavarma* might be the most flavorful, with tender strips of beef coated in salt, pepper and garlic with citrus zest. A close second is the chicken kebab (*shish tawok* on the menu), with marinated tenders grilled on a wooden skewer.

The *kafta*, a kind of grilled meatball on a skewer, was best dipped in a pepper sauce that came with another of the dishes

we ordered. The sausage was a bit dry but also worked well with several of the sauces. A garlic butter comes with most of the meat dishes, and tahini was served with the sausages. Pickle spears and a small serving of fries also come with each meat dish.

Again, much of Beirut's food is pre-made. Such shortcuts can take the oomph out of dishes like the *mansaf*, which we found lukewarm one time and piping hot another. Overall, the price, service and taste, so different from the standard fare in this area, have me rooting for Chamseddine and his friends.

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Slow cooker chili is fast to assemble

By J.M. HIRSCH
The Associated Press

Slow cookers have legions of fans. I am not among them.

It's partly philosophical, partly practical. Let's start with the latter: Truth is, I'm just not good at producing food that tastes all that great in a slow cooker. Whatever I make ends up either tasteless mush or wildly overcooked or — on days when I'm really shining — both mushy and wildly overcooked.

The philosophical side is even worse. I resent it when slow cooker recipes require me to pre-cook ingredients before adding them to the slow cooker. And so many recipes seem to

require this. If I need to brown the meat and toast the spices and simmer the sauce all in different pans before I'm even allowed to touch the device that's supposed to be making my work easier, I might as well just finish the dish on the stove.

But I accept that I am in the minority. I understand that many people somehow find these devices useful. I applaud those people.

And in their honor, I created a slow cooker recipe that is everything I think so many are not — easy and tasty. No browning or other pots needed for this dump-and-go vegetarian chili that truly takes just 10 minutes to assemble in the morning. It then can be ignored until you get home from work.

SMOKY SLOW COOKER VEGETARIAN CHILI

Does everyone in the family prefer a different heat level in their chili? With this recipe, the solution is easy. Just leave out the hot sauce and let each person add it at the table.

Ingredients:

1 large yellow onion, diced
1 large sweet potato, peeled and diced

3 cups peeled and cubed butternut squash (about a 2½-pound squash)

28-ounce can crushed tomatoes

3 cups vegetable broth
½ cup red wine

15-ounce can kidney beans, drained

15-ounce can great northern or other white beans, drained

8-ounce bag frozen bell pepper strips

6-ounce can tomato paste
6 cloves garlic, minced

Juice of 1 lime
1 tablespoon sugar

1 tablespoon cocoa powder
1 teaspoon cinnamon

1 teaspoon ground cumin
1 teaspoon chili powder

1 teaspoon smoked paprika
Salt and ground black pepper

Hot sauce, to taste
Sour cream, to serve
Chopped fresh cilantro, to serve

Tortilla chips, lightly crushed

Directions:
In a 6-quart slow cooker, combine all ingredients except the salt and pepper, hot sauce, sour cream, cilantro and tortilla chips. Stir well, then cover and turn on the cooker. Let cook for on high for 4 to 6 hours or on low for 6 to 8 hours. The chili can be served any time after the squash and sweet potato are tender.

When ready to serve, taste, then season with salt, pepper and hot sauce. Alternatively, leave out the hot sauce and offer it at the table for each diner to adjust heat as desired. Serve topped with sour cream, cilantro and crushed tortilla chips.

Start to finish: 4 to 8 hours, depending on slow cooker. Makes 12 servings, 250 calories each.



MATTHEW MEAD/AP

No browning or other pots are needed for this dump-and-go vegetarian chili that truly takes just 10 minutes to assemble.

WEEKEND: TRAVEL

Europe

Hawk walk

Irish School of Falconry teaches visitors to handle majestic birds of prey



Kathleen Perkins walks with Milly, a Harris hawk, after the bird returns from a swoop in the air at medieval Ashford Castle on Ireland's western coast.

By KAREN LUNDEGAARD
Star Tribune (Minneapolis)

ISWING my arm forward with an exaggerated swooping motion, and, as promised, Milly took to the air. Just a few powerful pumps of her red and brown wings, and she was rising up over the strip of manicured lawn before us.

She soared over trees flanking both sides of the lawn, but she soon circled and headed back toward me.

I again held out my arm. Milly was coming in quickly. Too quickly. I turned my head away, just as a gentle plop landed on my outstretched, oversized leather glove. There she was — regal, alert, and clearly more comfortable than I was as her human perch.

The Harris hawk had done this countless times with countless strangers. But boy, I felt special. Mark Barrett, Milly's trainer, quickly proffered a piece of raw beef, her reward. Then I got mine: I walked with her a moment — I was on a Hawk Walk, after all — and watched as she held her head high, noticing ev-

erything, the hunter that she was born to be. The encounter was part of a one-hour lesson in the 4,000-year-old sport of falconry at medieval Ashford Castle, on Ireland's western coast.

There are many ways to spend an afternoon in Ireland. But walking the grounds of an Irish castle with hawks coming to and fro was unlike anything I had done before.

Ashford Castle — a five-star hotel now — sits between Galway and Westport, in a town called Cong in County Mayo. Its towers rise above a landscape of winding roads and stone fences — exactly what you come to Ireland to explore.

Getting past the guards at the gate

without spending a small fortune for a room was easy enough. They pointed my friends, my husband and me in the direction of the Hawk Walk. The long driveway meanders past the golf course and winds down to the castle, which sits on Lough Corrib, a large lake. Ashford, built in the 13th century of gray stone with multiple battlements, is spectacular, and I quickly decided that we'd need to stop for a drink and to walk the grounds on our way out.

We continued past signs for boating and archery, until — at the edge of the 330 acres, up a pebble path and behind large wooden doors — we found the Irish School of Falconry.

Once inside the gates, Mark greeted us, and gave us a tour of the school's 35 or so birds of prey, caged in a U-shaped cluster. He started with its lone owl, a male European eagle owl, and seemingly all-knowing.

Turns out he's not universally adored. One of the hawks, Rua, views him as a potential threat because he has night vision and she doesn't. The dislike is mutual.

The falconers need to know the personalities of each of the birds. Some don't fly well together so they aren't sent on walks at the same time.

Falconers have their favorites, as well.

Mark is fond of Milly, a Harris hawk whom he has taken hunting.

Mark, from Sligo, is young, eager, and cared more about the birds than the tourists, in a delightful way. He regaled us with stories of hawk training, including taking one to the local pub.

But while birds of prey are trainable, and falconers can grow attached, the bond isn't mutual. The hawks consider Mark a means to get more food, whether a chance to hunt on the grounds or get treats of chipped-up mice, chicks and raw beef.

Falconry is sometimes called the oldest sport in the world, having originated in the Far East around 2000 B.C. Officially it means hunting game in the wild with a trained bird of prey, and it was a way to feed families before bows and arrows.

Flying birds of prey is part beauty, part science. Mark and the falconers at the school carefully manage the birds' diets, particularly when they fly. In the wild, birds hunt when they are hungry — but still have enough energy to hunt.

Mark has measured food for the birds, kept in separate pouches in a shoulder bag.

Our group of eight all put on the special gloves. My friends Chip and Martin volunteer for the first flights. Mark shows them how to hold the hawks by their jesses, soft leather straps attached to their legs.

Chip goes first, swooshing Milly away. I take my glove off

and get my camera ready, excited for the photos I imagine I'm about to take.

As Milly flies in, I'm ready. But Milly keeps coming, past Chip, straight toward me a few feet behind him. I duck. Mark acts, whistling Milly to him.

Within minutes it all seems natural. "Who's got him?" Mark would call, and somebody would eagerly stretch out their gloved arm.

We walk through the woodlands and back to the gravel road, the hawks coming and going. While the hawks are trained to respond to whistles and taps to the glove, just holding up the glove — with or without meat — is often enough.

They are also trained to not stay so close all the time, getting bigger rewards for flying farther away and landing in bigger trees. A few trees on the walk are dubbed jackpot trees by the falconers. At the end of our walk, I don't think any of us want it to be over.

As we head back to the school, I put Milly's jesses under my thumb to make sure she doesn't go anywhere.

As we walk through the gates, a couple are preparing to depart on their own Hawk Walk. They're dressed to the nines in period garb, as if ready for a Renaissance festival or actors in a Shakespearean play.

"How odd," I thought to myself. Then the hawk landed on the woman's arm, and her costume seemed complete.

I whispered to my husband, "Next time."

Harris hawks like Milly are a breed commonly used in falconry.

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Europe

Paddingtons to bear down on London

The Record (Hackensack, N.J.)

London could soon become unbearable. Because of, ironically enough, bears.

Paddington bears, specifically. Fifty 5-foot-tall statues of Paddington in a variety of outfits will be installed all over the city, making up the Paddington Trail, which opens Nov. 4.

That's intended to foment excitement and even more buzz for "Paddington" the movie, which premieres Nov. 28 in the U.K.

Everything in the bears will be processed in the clothing from sparkles to Elizabethan puffy shirts. And there will be signage, paw prints and souvenirs.

The city is taking Paddington, a veritable icon of London (despite the fact that he's from Peru), for all he's worth, not waiting for the movie to come out before tooting the film-related tourism products.

When you consider the new Paddington film has more than 294,000 "likes" on Facebook

before its release, it appears the Paddington Trail can't miss.

The idea of enlisting artists to personalize one model statue — usually an animal — began with the "cow parade" in Switzerland in 1998. They lived up to the place, and after the show was over, the statues were auctioned off to raise money for a charity.

Such will be the case with the Paddingtons when they are removed at the end of December; proceeds will go to the UK-wide National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

VisitLondon has partnered with Studio Canal, a co-producer and distributor of movies and television in Europe, to enlist an amazing roster of celebrities to provide design ideas for the bears. There are the stars from the film, of course: Hugh Bonneville, Peter Capaldi, Nicole Kidman, Julie Walters and Ben Whishaw. But there's also ex-secocer

player David Beckham, fashion designers Christopher Kane and Lulu Guinness, director Guy Ritchie, musicians Nick Mason and Frankie Bridge, Royal Ballet principal dancer Darcey Bussell, artists Matthew Williamson, Inkie, Tom Phillips and Hannah Warren, TV survival expert

Bear Grylls, the Chelsea football team, the England rugby union team and London's mayor, Boris Johnson. Actor Michael Sheen recently unveiled his Paddington Shakesbear.

Selfridges will host a Paddington concept store selling miniatures of the statues.

The bears will be installed near museums, parks, shops and landmarks that are Paddington favorites. Bonneville points out that "Paddington is an explorer — this trail is a wonderful way of bringing this to life, and I hope it makes people look at London with fresh eyes."



A Paddington bear plush toy takes tea with jam and cake.

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Japan

SANKEIEN GARDEN - CHRYSANTHEMUM REDISCOVERY (Kanagawa prefecture): Oct. 26-Nov. 23, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., daily; chrysanthemums and dwarf potted chrysanthemums; 500 yen adults, 300 yen seniors, 200 yen children; tinyurl.com/78ccefz.

TAKAHATA FUDOSON CHRYSANTHEMUM FESTIVAL (Tokyo): Oct. 28-Nov. 17, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; 1,500 chrysanthemums in the precincts of Takahata Fudoston, walk from Takahata Fudoston Station on Keio-Line, 30-minute ride from Shinjuku Station; free; 042-591-0032.

BUNKYO CHRYSANTHEMUM FESTIVAL (Tokyo): Nov. 1-23, 6 a.m.-sunset; 2,000 chrysanthemums in the precincts of Yushima Tenjin Shrine; free; Yushima Station on Chiyoda Line.

HIROSAKI CASTLE AUTUMN CHRYSANTHEMUM AND MAPLE LEAF FESTIVAL (Aomori prefecture): Through Nov. 9, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; chrysanthemums in bloom and maple leaves turning in the botanical garden in Hiroasaki Park, one-minute walk from a bus stop for Shiyaokusho-



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Chrysanthemums in Shinjuku Gyoen National Garden in Tokyo. For more on this site: tinyurl.com/o5frkvw.

mae Koen-mae after taking a bus at No. 6; 300 yen adults, 100 yen children; hiroasaki.co.jp.

ASAKUSA CHRYSANTHEMUM FESTIVAL (Tokyo): Through Nov. 15; Asakusa Sensoji Temple, five-

minute walk from Asakusa Station on Ginza-Line; free; 03-3844-1221.

KASAMA INARI JINJA CHRYSANTHEMUM FESTIVAL (Ibaraki prefecture): Through

Nov. 24; festival, started in 1890, is Japan's oldest; also features Kasama Inari Museum and Kasama Inari special chrysanthemum decorated dolls exhibition; fee; www.kasama.or.jp.

South Korea

IKSAN TEN MILLION CHRYSANTHEMUMS FESTIVAL (North Jeolla province): Oct. 24-Nov. 2; features outdoor chrysanthemum exhibition, chrysanthemum artwork contest, and more at Iksan Jungang Sports Complex; gukwiwa.iksan.go.kr.

MASON GAGOPA CHRYSANTHEMUM FESTIVAL: Oct. 24-Nov. 2; exhibitions, culture programs, food tasting, and more; Masongbang Port, Wharf 1; take an express bus to Mason Express Bus Terminal, then take bus 703 to Jeil Girls' High School.

HAMPYEONG GRAND CHRYSANTHEMUM FESTIVAL (South Jeolla province): Oct. 24-Nov. 9; at Hampyeong Expo Park, take a bus to Hampyeong Bus Terminal from Seoul Central City Terminal, then walk about 10 minutes to the festival site.



TOMOHIRO OHSUMI/Bloomberg News

SEE THIS: Shuri Castle Festival, Okinawa

Shuri Castle, in Naha, is holding this annual festival Oct. 31 to Nov. 3. Okinawa citizens in period costume parade from the castle to Kokusai-dori Street 12:30 p.m. Nov. 2, and another traditional parade in costume marches from the castle to Ryutan Street 12:50 p.m. Nov. 3. For more: shurijo.com.

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HALLOWEEN EVENTS

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Japan

Atsugi MWR events include a Trick or Treat 5K Run and 3K walk 10 a.m. Oct. 25; pumpkin decorating at the Teen Center 2:45-6 p.m. Oct. 27-31; and the Liberty Halloween Party & Costume Contest 8 p.m.-midnight Oct. 31.

Camp Fuji has a free Holiday Boo! Celebration at Outdoor Adventure Center, 8 p.m. Oct. 30.

Guam

Coral Reef Fitness Center at **Andersen Air Force Base** has a Ghosts & Goblins 5K Fun Run at Tareque Beach 6:30 a.m. Oct. 31. The Teen Center has a Halloween Lock-In for ages 13-18 10 p.m. Oct. 31.

At **Naval Base Guam** on Oct. 31, 6-9 p.m., Liberty Zombiefest Night & Costume Contest; 6-9 p.m., Halloween dance for ages 13-18, at the Teen Center; and 8-11 p.m., Halloween Anniversary Fest with adult costume contest, trick-or-treat all day for kids, Molly McGee's Irish Pub.

Okinawa

At **Futenma**, enjoy a Halloween costume contest 5 p.m.-1 a.m. Oct. 31 at Habu Fit or a Halloween party 7 p.m.-2 a.m. at Thrifty's Enlisted Club.



Camps **Foster, Kinsler** and **Hansen** have a Spooky Sites Tour Oct. 25-31.

Family Fright Night at Ocean Breeze at Camp **Foster** is 5-9 p.m. Oct. 29; and the Halloween Bash at the Globe & Anchor, Ocean Breeze is 9 p.m.-3 a.m. Oct. 31.

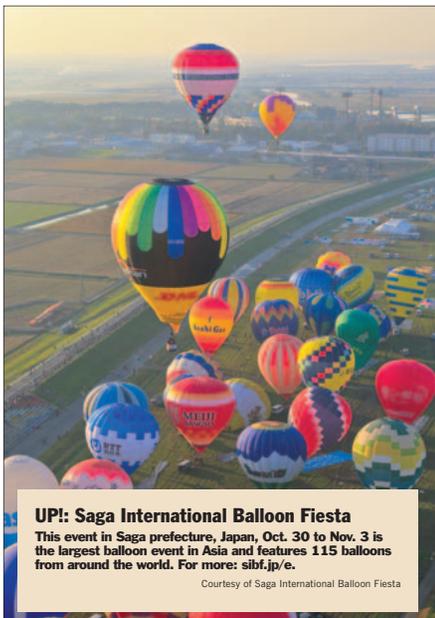
Take part in the Halloween Family Fun Night at Tengan Castle at Camp **Courtney** 5-9 p.m. Oct. 30. On Oct. 31, go to Hashmarks Halloween party at 6 p.m., open to SNCOs & civilian equivalents; or 9 p.m.-1 a.m., enjoy the Halloween Party at Bayview Enlisted Club, open to E1-E5 and civilian equivalents 18 and older; and 6 p.m.-midnight, there is a Halloween Thriller, Legends Officers' Club, open to officers and civilian equivalents.

At **Camp Kinsler**, there is a Super Family Halloween Night Costume Party at Surfside 5-9 p.m. Oct. 30; and a Halloween Monster Mash & Costume Contest, at Seaside, open to E1-E5 and civilian equivalents 18 and older at 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 31.

Check out Palms Halloween Pandemonium, open to all ranks, at the Palms at Camp **Hansen**, 7-11 p.m. Oct. 31.

Take an Okinawa Folk Tale Tour with **Kadena ITT**, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Oct. 31, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Check out the Halloween Bash at the Landing Zone, Beachhead, at Camp **Schwab**, open to E1-E5 and civilian equivalents ages 18 and older, 7 p.m.-midnight Oct. 31.



UP!: Saga International Balloon Fiesta

This event in Saga prefecture, Japan, Oct. 30 to Nov. 3 is the largest balloon event in Asia and features 115 balloons from around the world. For more: sibf.jp/e.

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Boys wear white outfits in observation of Saraswati Day in Bali.



A performer gestures during the traditional Barong and Kris dance in Bali.

The best of Bali

A rushed day reveals the island's highlights



PHOTOS BY WYATT OLSON/Stars and Stripes

Pura Puseh temple in Batuan village in Bali is filled with Hindu stone carvings and figures.

By **WYATT OLSON**
Stars and Stripes

Touring Bali in one day might sound like madness, but it's surprising how much of this Indonesian island province you can see between dawn and sunset.

I didn't undertake such a whirlwind tour by choice; a one-day layover left little time to dawdle in temples or lounge on a beach, but I wanted to take in a mix of what Bali has to offer.

I got lucky with the tour guide I hired, who showed up at my hotel promptly in the early morning with a driver. Made Murjana was proficient in English, flexible with the itinerary and very knowledgeable about the island — particularly Hinduism, the predominant religion in Bali.

The island is only a little bigger than the state of Delaware, but its narrow, busy roads and volcanic slopes slow travel. The paradox is that the more things you want to see in a day, the more time you'll be stuck in a car.

I was fortunate that the Saturday of my tour was Saraswati Day, a religious holiday that celebrates the Hindu deity of that name, known as the goddess of knowledge. We stopped by an elementary school where the children were all wearing white outfits and headpieces for the primary ritual that day: closing and cleaning all books.

Many Balinese wear colorful outfits for the entire day, sashes fluttering as they buzz around on motorbikes during the day.

Our first major stop was an on-stage performance of a traditional Barong and Kris dance/play, accompanied by a 14-member live orchestra. A Barong is a mythical lion-like creature who is king of spirits; his enemy is the demon-queen Rangda. And, sure enough, the play concludes with a drum-pounding confrontation between the two.

The open-air theater provided a printed brochure explaining the significance of the characters taking the stage, but this was more a visual and audio feast than an actual narrative to follow. And although the colorful costumes were ornate and traditional, it seems clear that the ancient tale being spun had been

juiced up with some bawdy humor to satisfy tourists. At one point, a group of servants kills a boar-like creature, whose erect tail they mistake for another part of its anatomy.

Things got even sillier at Ubud Monkey Forest. There are roughly 600 long-tailed macaques living in this small, sacred forest, and guests can stroll among them and even feed them.

The monkeys generally divide themselves up into troops, over which one male dominates. They make themselves comfortable atop Hindu shrines and figurines just as they do on tree branches. Guests can buy food at the entry, and the monkeys know it. They'll climb up your legs and sit on your shoulders or head as they eat the treats.

But don't hold out on them: they know there's another banana in your purse or backpack, **CONTINUED ON PAGE 35**



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Above: A long-tailed macaque monkey finds it hard to say goodbye to a couple who fed it a few treats at the Ubud Monkey Forest in Bali. **Below:** The forest is also home to monitor lizards, such as this 4-foot-long specimen.



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and they'll work at the latch to get it. They're monkeys, after all. And at times, they're thieves, grabbing hats and glasses.

As I was watching a tiny baby monkey clinging to its mother's neck, I heard a scream. I turned to see a monkey heading into the trees holding onto a soft-drink bottle, stolen from a girl roughly 6 years old, at that point in tears.

A monkey "minder," or trainer, raced to the scene, raised a sling-shot and plinked the wayward monkey in the butt with a stone. He dropped the bottle.

Aside from the monkeys, the forest is also home to the Bathing Temple, which is located down a long flight of stairs leading to a stream. A massive banyan tree shrouds the pond and the ancient stone Dragon Bridge arching over the stream. This peaceful hollow feels a world away from busy streets and felonious primates.

After a couple of quick stops that included a demonstration of batik-making, an age-old cloth-dyeing process that's responsible for the distinctive design of Indonesian attire, we headed to the volcanoes and lunch.

Penelokan village sits atop the western edge of the caldera wall of Mount Batur, a volcano that last erupted in 1968. From this strip of restaurants and shops built overhanging the steep ridge, you can view Batur's cone, whose slopes are still darkened from lava flows decades ago. In the distance are Lake Batur, the widest in Bali, and Mount Agung, the highest point in the country.

Seated in the primo balcony table of Sari Restaurant, I ate a buffet that was adequate and beheld a view that was breathtaking. Much of the miles of hillside is given to growing fruit and coffee beans.

Hinduism arrived in Indonesia in the 5th century, followed by Buddhism and Islam, the last of which is the predominant religion in the country of Indonesia. But roughly 90 percent of Balinese today are Hindu, and numerous important temples are found in village centers.

Because it was Saraswati Day, Murjana suggested we go to Tirta Empul temple in the village of Manukaya. Established in roughly 1000 AD, the temple's name means "holy water spring."

As is required for entry into any temple on the island, I wrapped a traditional *kamen* sarong around my waist and tied it with a sash.

Purification with flowing water is important for Hindus, so it's not surprising that the natural spring bubbling up in this small valley would have attracted early believers. It still does.

On this religious holiday, hundreds of people stepped into the waist-high water of the central courtyard's purification pool. They snaked slowly through a line to bathe directly under each of 11 spouts flowing with spring water.

We also drove to the village of Batuan to see Pura Pusuh, another temple that dates to 1000 AD, which is filled with stone carvings of exotic creatures and is devoted to the Hindu god Vishnu.

On the way back to the hotel we stopped at a coffee plantation, wood-carving shop and an Indonesian restaurant with a live floor show for dinner.

Earlier in the day, Murjana had said we'd make it to dinner in time to watch a Bali sunset, but it was well past dusk when we arrived.

Well, I hadn't asked for the sun and the moon; just one full day of Bali's best.

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Balinese Hindus bathe beneath spring water at Tirta Empul temple in Bali as part of Saraswati Day, a religious holiday that celebrates the Hindu deity of that name, known as the goddess of knowledge.



The ancient Dragon Bridge in Ubud Monkey Forest is a favorite spot for tourists to pose for photos while surrounded by a mammoth banyan tree.

WEEKEND: MUSIC

NEW ALBUMS



Aretha Franklin

Aretha Franklin Sings the Great Diva Classics (RCA)

Aretha Franklin sings the sound of America like nobody else alive — a point of unceasing pride for Detroit, the place she was raised and remains near today. So the release of “Aretha Franklin Sings the Great Diva Classics” raises one question right off: Does the singular Queen of Soul really need to borrow from other divas?

The answer is she doesn't need to do anything, but a dive into the realm of other divas is a solid move.

Taking on standards is a common, often lucrative, move for career artists of a certain age and older. But it can be risky, revealing unfavorable comparisons and weaknesses brought on by the march of time. Yet in her uniquely Aretha way, she emerges largely ready for the challenge and more often than not scores commercial and artistic points.

The next question many prospective listeners will ask is if the 72-year-old Franklin can still bring it. The answer is, for the most part, yes, and she makes a strong case on “At Last.” The demanding range of the song made famous by Etta James can lay bare deficiencies, and Franklin reveals none — nailing the opening line and even coming back at the end for some swoops to show she's got chops to spare.

Aretha goes into the domain of a 21st-century soul diva and returns with a thumping disco version of Adele's “Rolling in the Deep.” While it doesn't eclipse the original, it offers some new perspective as well as an inspiring mash-up with Motown Records' “Ain't No Mountain High Enough.” The result shows the timelessness of both Aretha and Adele's new classic.

Somewhat less deep is “I'm Every Woman/Respect,” which seems to be a battle to a draw with Chaka Khan's original — at least until “Respect” pops up in the middle. It's a groovalicious and welcome update of her own classic — so much so that many listeners might wish it didn't disappear so quickly and return to the pleasant but by no means persuasive “Woman.” Aretha's latest clicks by spanning genres and generations. And even if it wasn't her intention, it's hard not to see the album as part complement, part competition. “Divas” proves Franklin's still got it, and it shows that we've still got her.

— Jeff Karoub
The Associated Press



YOU+ME

rose ave. (RCA)

Any fan of the musical ins and outs of Alecia Moore (pop's rugged princess. Pink knows she refuses to let herself be hemmed in by anyone else's definitions. For a long time, in both recordings and concerts, she has committed her raggedly soulful voice to subtle music, backed solely by acoustic guitars on songs of protest and love, with stunning results. So, although billed as a “passion project,” rose ave., the new album by You+Me, her singing/songwriting collaboration with Dallas Green (the Canadian known as City and Colour) is a quieter extension of Pink's vocal and writing skills. Most impressive, though, is the pair's piano-backed rendition of Sade's “No Ordinary Love,” a take so endearing you might forget the original.

— A.D. Amorosi
The Philadelphia Inquirer



Jackson Browne

Standing in the Breach (Inside Recordings)

The uber-troubadour: The archetypal sensitive singer/songwriter. The political firebrand and protest song torchbearer. In a career spanning 40 years, Jackson Browne has been all these things and more. “Standing in the Breach,” Browne's first collection of new material since 2008, has songs that touch all these bases. Though his commitment to exposing injustice and political and corporate corruption is still strong, at times it's almost like he's trying to convince himself as much as us that it's all worth it. He's not ready to throw in the towel just yet, though. The title song is a rallying cry, using an earthquake and its aftermath as a loose metaphor for the state of the world and the sometimes blind but necessary hope needed to improve things. “Standing in the Breach” is one of his most balanced, strongest works.

— Rob Caldwell
PopMatters.com



How do the four vocalists of Little Big Town respond to the platinum success of the group's most rewarded album, 2012's “Tornado”? Certainly not by playing it safe.

On their sixth album, “Pain Killer,” Little Big Town — Karen Fairchild, Kimberly Schlapman, Phillip Sweet and Jimi Westbrook — experiment endlessly with harmonies, arrangements, loops and sound effects. The whistles, odd beats and unconventional guitar work that woozily circle through the first single, “Day Drinking,” only hint at the shenanigans the singers and their producer Jay Joyce cram into these 13 new songs.

Most of it is for the sake of fun — you can hear how

gleeful the group is as they test outlandish ideas on such songs as “Quit Breaking Up With Me,” “Good People,” the Lorde-like “Things You Don't Think About” and the title song. They also show off the beauty of their blended voices on the hushed “Silver and Gold” and the stunning “Live Forever,” written with Jeremy Spillman and Ryan Tyndell.

The Grammy-winning band only stumbles on “Faster Gun,” with its awkward cowboy smiles. The rest of the album keeps raising the bar: Little Big Town, from early on, never followed country music formulas. With “Pain Killer,” their boldness continues to pay off.

— Michael McCall
The Associated Press



Little Big Town

Pain Killer (Capitol Nashville)

Courtesy of Universal Music Group

WEEKEND: MUSIC

By CHRIS RICHARDS

The Washington Post

Dave Grohl. Superstar road-tripper next door? Old-school recording studio preservationist? 21st century rock-'n'-roll diplomat?

He's all of those things in "Sonic Highways," a new HBO rockumentary series that follows the 43-year-old rock maverick and his Foo Fighters as they traverse America's asphalt arteries, recording their new album. Eight songs, eight recording studios, eight different cities. Along the way, Grohl finds time to interview the players, producers, scenesters and enthusiasts who made these cities hum — and then record a Foo Fighters ditty about what he's learned.

The second episode of "Sonic Highways" focuses on Washington, D.C., a city whose musical heritage often defies tidy historicization. Grohl — a proud son of neighboring Springfield, Va. — spends the episode shining most of his light on Washington's hyper-local go-go scene, as well as the hardcore punk scene that congealed in the '80s around the activist group Positive Force, Inner Ear recording studios and Ian MacKaye's pioneering independent punk label, Dischord Records. (Quadruple disclosure: My old band played numerous shows organized by Positive Force and made various recordings at Inner Ear with MacKaye for Dischord.)

I recently spoke with Grohl over the telephone about the challenges of the "Sonic Highways" project and the remote possibility of Foo Fighters going go-go.

Among other things, 'Sonic Highways' proves that you're interested in being a lot more than a guy in a rock band. Do you see yourself as a sort of global ambassador for rock-'n'-roll at this point?

Uh, no. (Laughs.) That would be pretentious and egotistical and a terrible way to see myself. Everything that I do, I do within this relatively small organization that is the Foo Fighters family. We're on our own label. And we make records in our studio. And sometimes we make our own videos. We come up with the ideas for all of our projects on our own. We have aspirations and things we want to accomplish, but it's simple: I love music. I want to share music with people. And I have the resources to do something like the 'Sonic Highways' project. So to me, it's just a labor of love.

How did your Washington visit stand out from the rest of the 'Sonic Highways' trip?

One of the great things about the Washington, D.C. episode is putting the spotlight on go-go music and Dischord Records. Those are things we take for granted living in Washington, D.C. But if you travel outside of the city, a lot of people don't know what go-go music is. A lot of people don't know Ian MacKaye or Dischord Records. Those are the greatest examples of what I'm trying to communicate with this series: the regional relevance of music and how a specific sound comes from

THE SOUND OF MUSIC

'Sonic Highways' follows Dave Grohl, Foo Fighters through 8 US cities on their latest album-recording journey

a specific place.

I remember the first time I traveled outside of Washington, D.C. I thought everyone had go-go music. And when I realized they didn't, I couldn't understand why. And Dischord Records — in this day and age, when everyone has access to independence, Ian MacKaye and Dischord Records are the best example of how to do it properly.

Did you learn anything while shooting the D.C. episode?

One thing I learned that was that the go-go pocket beat was something that Chuck Brown played between songs so the audience wouldn't leave. He realized that when you stop playing music, you lose the crowd. So he would play these top 40 songs, and in between those, he'd throw this pocket beat in there. And that became known as the go-go beat. Very cool.

What got left on the cutting room floor?

My interview with Ian MacKaye was four and a half hours long. So yeah, a lot did! It'll be the greatest criticism of this series: We didn't cover enough in each city. There's no way you can tell the history of music from a city in one hour. So we have to find a way to pay tribute to and honor these musicians, and their background, and their city — all while weaving in a personal journey with the band writing a song that will pay tribute to these people. It's tough to get it all in one pop.



Dave Grohl

VICTORIA WILL, INVISION/AP

WEEKEND: BOOKS

He played in the rain and never came home

Mother's memoir about son's death eloquent and affecting in its self-awareness

By NORA KRUG
The Washington Post

The beginning of the school year can be emotional for any parent, but it is particularly heartrending for Anna Whiston-Donaldson. In 2011, on his second day of seventh grade, her 12-year-old son, Jack, drowned in a flooded and raging creek near their home in Vienna, Va.

Whiston-Donaldson worked out her feelings in real time on her blog, *An Inch of Grace*, a place where she had previously posted funny things her kids said, quips about her marriage, her thrift-store finds and, of course, pictures of her kids on their first day of school.

Now, nearly three years after Jack died, she has published a book: "Rare Bird," a memoir about his death and her slow emergence from a creative shock and grief. "I'd much rather have Jack than a book," says Whiston-Donaldson in an interview at her home. "But if I'm going to have a book, I want something good to come out of it."

Perhaps, she says, her story will offer help and hope to those in mourning and "soften the hearts" of those who cross their paths. Her message, she says, is universal: "Everyone grieves. Everyone in life is going to experience profound disappointment. We all have the opportunity to walk beside someone in crisis."

Sitting at the table in her sunny kitchen, Whiston-Donaldson is candid and self-deprecating. "I try to be real and honest," she says of herself and her book, "But I'm not an expert on grief. It's just my experience."

She turns more tender, her voice softens, when asked about Jack. "He would have been awesome in high school," she says. In recent months, she has found it especially difficult to watch his friends grow older while Jack stays locked at age 12. In their house, reminders of her son are everywhere. A dresser with his clothes sits in her bedroom; his baseball bat and helmet are in the garage. Her home office offers a snapshot of a creative, boy-loving child — on a table stands a Taj Mahal Lego set he built, on a shelf is a spangled jar with the cicada shells he collected in 2004. The next time the Broad X cicadas return, Whiston-Donaldson says, "I'm going to leave the country."

Her book is filled with anecdotes about Jack, but she did not intend it to be a tribute to him. "That wouldn't be helpful," she says — to herself, or to her readers. She also understands that some people will be afraid to read her memoir. "Once I had kids, I stopped reading Oprah books, because I just didn't want to be sad."

Her book is sad. But it is also eloquent and affecting in its self-awareness. This is a "story of a woman who has suffered profound, crushing disappointment, whose plan didn't pan out, whose heart has been broken by life, and who is wondering if she's alone in her pain," Whiston-Donaldson writes in the introduction.

The portrait Whiston-Donaldson, 44, draws of her life before the event is one of suburban idyll — a happy marriage to Tim, a patent lawyer; two boys by then; who said their prayers before bed; a fulfilling



Above: Anna Whiston-Donaldson and her husband, Tim Donaldson, walk near their home in Vienna, Va. Their son, Jack, died three years ago at age 12 after being swept away by a flash flood. Whiston-Donaldson has written a memoir about his death titled "Rare Bird."

Right: The Whiston-Donaldson family, left to right: Jack, Anna, Margaret and Tim pose during a trip to Rodanthe, N.C.



Courtesy of the Whiston-Donaldson family

part-time job at her church bookstore. The day her son died, with the power out from a storm, her children were happily doing their homework by candlelight — a scene so "Little House on the Prairie" that she felt compelled to share it on Facebook.

Then came a knock on the door. Did Jack and his sister, Margaret, then 10, want to come out in the rain and play? They got a "quick 'Go for it!' from me," Whiston-Donaldson writes, and ran outside. "I don't know how many times I'd told them of the crazy fun my sister and I had tromping through the flooded dips and valleys of our own yard as kids, but I do know I had told them," she writes. "I wish I had never told them."

The last time she saw them together, her children were walking down their driveway, Jack "still in his school uniform of navy polo and long khaki shorts, arms raised to the sky." Margaret returned less than an hour later, alone.

Whiston-Donaldson says she still doesn't know exactly what happened. Some of the book's most harrowing scenes describe her frantic efforts to find her son, racing along the side of the creek in her car with Margaret crying in the back seat, and the immediate aftermath of his death. Even more brutal is her chronicle of the two years following the accident, as she tries to accept her loss.

She is unsurprisingly, not least on herself. "I feel a loss of credibility as a mother," she writes, "a sense of shame and despair hangs over me. Can I still weigh in on par-

enthood, as a friend and a "mommy blogger," when I've lost my child?" There's also the realization that tragedy doesn't undo petty anger — "The sound of Tim's chewing his cereal makes me want to crawl out of my skin as it always has" — and the acknowledgment that she can't stay this way — "Can't I show him the grace in the little things when he has shown me the grace in the biggest things of all, by not blaming me for letting the kids play in the rain?" She describes the challenges faced by her daughter, who is simultaneously bereft and brave, and the shift in her relationships with her friends and neighbors.

A year after finishing the book, Whiston-Donaldson continues to struggle with these issues, but has come to see them as a natural outgrowth of loss. She has found comfort reading books about grief — she keeps a "grief library" in her home office and finds particular solace in Jerry L. Sittser's "A Grace Disguised" — and catharsis in writing one. A former English teacher at her alma mater, George C. Marshall High School in Falls Church, Va., she has only recently become comfortable identifying herself as a writer. When she began her blog in 2008, she wrote under a pseudonym, Anna See, and made up names for her family. The anonymity wasn't just professional shyness but protectiveness,

which she now looks on ruefully: "Here I was keeping them from the big bad Internet, and my son was swept away in a creek on our street."

After the accident, people began putting together the news reports with the photos and stories on her blog, and Whiston-Donaldson's two lives — online and off — merged. The comments and condolences poured in from around the world; page views on her blog spiked to nearly half a million during the month of the accident. The online community "gave me a lot of support" and connected her with others who had experienced similar losses; some have since come to her seeking empathy and counsel. There has even been some unexpected joy. When readers saw Margaret's request to meet Justin Bieber, they began an online campaign to make it happen and, amazingly, it did.

Whiston-Donaldson was content to limit her writing to the Internet, even when she was approached by book agents and publishers several months after the accident. Before her son's death, she didn't imagine herself as a memoirist; if anything, she said, she always thought her first book would be about restoring furniture, a hobby she wrote about on her blog. But about a year after Jack died, the encouragement began to take root. She hired an agent, and without a proposal, got a contract with Convergent, a religion imprint at Crown. The choice of publisher reflects the book's spirit: "I've always had the idea that our son's death is not a random accident, not just the result of free will and bad judgment and freak weather," she writes, "but somehow part of a larger plan. And a loving God, who holds all the pieces in his hands, can see the plan that we cannot."

Whiston-Donaldson wrote much of the book at a Penner in a strip mall on Route 7 in Tysons Corner, Va. She finished in November 2013, a few months after the family moved into a new house about two miles from the spot where Jack's body was found. "I feel lighter here," she says, away from Jack's old friends and the house he grew up in.

With the book's publication comes the realization, she says, tearfully, that "I'm one year farther from being with Jack." She's still grieving, she says, but "I feel increasingly less stricken."

For his part, Tim recognizes how valuable writing — both the blog and the book — has been for his wife.

"I can be there for her as a husband," he says, "but I can't fulfill the role of 1,000 anonymous supporters being there for one on a daily basis." He has been reading her blog from the start and says it has helped him understand what his wife is going through, even before the accident. As for the book, he says, he has read it once, alone.

"Is it hard?" he asks. "Yes." But, he adds, "the more I go back there, it becomes less hard to talk about."

His wife draws comfort not only from her writing, her faith and her community — online and off — but also from her experience and that of her family. "I was raised as a free-range kid and I survived," she writes in her book, and she is trying to instill that sense of adventure in her daughter, who has gone whitewater rafting with the Girl Scouts. And despite it all, Whiston-Donaldson says, "I still like rain."

WEEKEND: ENTERTAINMENT**NEW ON DVD**

“Pee-wee’s Playhouse”: Few Saturday morning programs has resonated so loudly with both young and old. The set — featuring 45 remastered episodes of the series, plus the “Pee-wee’s Playhouse Christmas Special” — includes all the wackiness of Pee-wee Herman and his pals: Jambie the Genie, Miss Yvonne, Cowboy Curtis, Reba the mail lady, Captain Carl, Magic Screen, Conky, Globey, Chairry, Pterri and Randy. Paul Reubens’ childlike performance as Pee-wee Herman remains as energetic and fun as when it was when it won 22 Emmy Awards in the late 1980s. That’s because the show is a mix of smart and silly humor that creates pure entertainment joy. If you grew up with the series, this is a chance to catch up with the lunacy. Those who have never seen the show should not miss out on one of the most innovative and clever series in TV history.

“The Purge: Anarchy”: It’s a fight for survival on the only day of the year when all crimes are legal. There isn’t the same sense of claustrophobic dread this time, but the movie ends up as a relentless series of scary moments played out in the canyons of city buildings that builds to white-knuckle tension. Taking the sequel to a broader canvas keeps it from being a knockoff of the first film. There’s a lot more firepower this time, and the action almost hides the weaknesses in the script. “The Purge: Anarchy” has just the right amount of tension to make moviegoers want to lock their car doors when they drive home from the theater.

“Earth to Echo”: Four youngsters try to help an alien return to his spaceship. It would love to be the “E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial” for the 21st century, but the new movie is to “E.T.” what Reese’s Pieces is to lumps of sugar. They share an ingredient, but one is more satisfying. The lack of interesting characters and a patchwork plot leave it less of a new “E.T.” and more a “Cloverfield” for kids.



SONY PICTURES/AP

Cameron Diaz, Jeff, and Jason Segel star in “Sex Tape,” now available on DVD.

Also new on DVD Oct. 21:
“Sex Tape”: Couple’s sex tape gets released on the Internet. Cameron Diaz stars.
“The Fluffy Movie”: Stand-up performance by Gabriel Iglesias.
“Duck Dynasty: Seasons 4-6 Gift Set”: Includes deleted scenes from Seasons 4 and 5.
“Life After Beth”: Couple’s relationship tested when one becomes a zombie.
“Goodnight, Goodnight Construction Site”: Machines get some rest after busy day.
“Autumn Blood”: Two young orphans come under siege by a band of hunters.
“The Scribbler”: Young woman confronts her mental illness using experimental machines.
“Annie Oakley: Complete TV Collection”: Relive the 1950s Wild West adventure.
“Misfire”: D.E.A. agent wages one man crusade against drug cartels.
“The Vincent Price Collection Volume II.”
“The Squad”: Military base attack by strange force.
“Billy Crystal 700 Sundays”: Broadway show featuring the comedian.
 — Rick Bentley/The Fresno Bee

Chuck Lorre is a man of many sitcom hats

BY YVONNE VILLARREAL
Los Angeles Times (MCT)

CBS could very well be an acronym for Chuck’s Band of Sitcoms, Chuck being Chuck Lorre, the seasoned TV show maker. The band of sitcoms are “Two and a Half Men,” “The Big Bang Theory,” “Mom” (all of which

he created) and “Mike & Molly” (on which he serves as an executive producer) — half the comedies on CBS.

Lorre’s latest pride and joy, “Mom,” stars Anna Farris as a recovering alcoholic and single mother attempting to reconnect with her own recovering addict mother, played by Allison Janney.

What was the intention behind doing a show like “Mom” that’s not something on paper that sounds like a knee-slapper.

I wanted to do a series that tackled some real subject matter — subject matters, I guess. Plural. And I have always been intrigued by the Sisyphus-like struggles that are built into single moms. I tried it on “Grace Under Fire,” but I only did that for one season. I really felt it was unfinished, that there were a lot more stories to tell about how difficult it is to raise children and carry on with your personal life — and add on the idea of a person recovering from alcoholism and dealing with all the family baggage and the damage that was done. And then cleaning up that wreckage.

The humor gives you a glimpse of hope; that there is the potential of redemption, because, otherwise, it’s a straight drama — because it is devastating what (alcoholism) does to a family. What was CBS’ reaction when you pitched the show?

They were enthusiastic; a little guarded, but enthusiastic. It was challenging, because you don’t want to be disrespectful. People live this, and you don’t want to be blithe about it. That’s not the way to go. But at the same time, we’re doing a comedy. So finding a comedy in the darkness — I think it’s worth doing, but it’s hard. It’s not silly. At this point, it’s really a gut check. You just have to ask yourself: “Does this feel right?” “Am I uncomfortable — in a good way or a bad way?” And just pray you’re making the right choices.

When did you realize that you liked seeing your words come to life?

The idea of being able to make up a story and make characters and relationships, and then see it become real, early on that was amazing to me, that that could actually happen. That there were people out there who would write a check to make it happen. And then you could actually see it. If you could imagine it, within reason, you can see it. It still startles me when we

walk out onto the stage.

And it’s not extravagant. These are sitcoms. There’s no “Exterior: Pacific Ocean. Battle group forms and Japanese Zeros come in over the horizon.” It’s “Interior: Living room. Couch.” — that’s the headline for a scene. Or “Interior: Kitchen. They’re drinking coffee.” That’s pretty much the extent of what we can dream up. We don’t do a lot of big stories. But the intimacy is what I think television is about.

How are you managing this upcoming season — you’ve got a relatively new show on your hands in “Mom” that needs care and attention, and you’re also walking “Two and a Half Men” after 12 seasons.

I’ve learned to compartmentalize, otherwise I’d lose my mind. They’re very different shows. I’m trying to wrap my head around the idea that this will be the 12th season of “Two and a Half Men.” Ending big was something I really wanted to do rather than having a season-ending episode, I was like, let’s make the entire season a finale. This storyline has got a heart, and it’s also provocative.

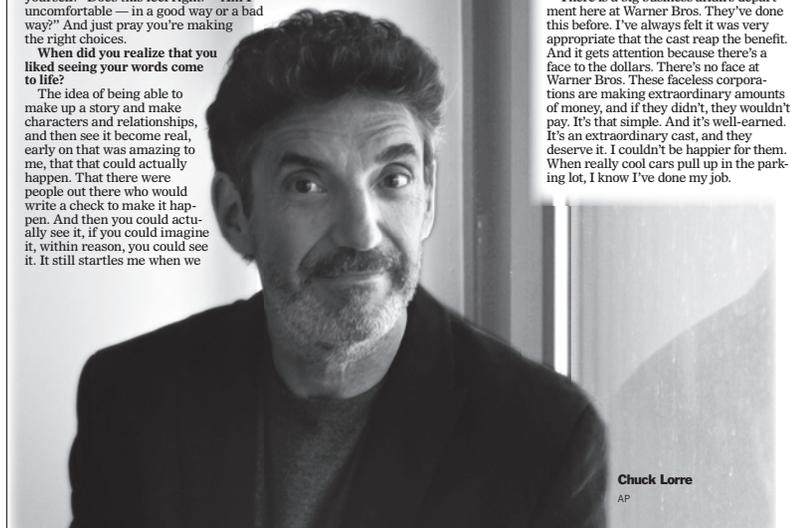
It’s definitely provocative. It’s generated some criticism already. (A big thread this season is a gay-adoption storyline involving straight characters played by Jon Cryer and Ashton Kutcher.) Good. The one thing that is most

deadly is to be ignored. And the storyline was meant to be anyone’s like, hang on a second. Any two people in the state of California can get married now. There’s nothing in that fine print that says they have to be in bed together. There’s no indication that bodily fluids have to be transmitted in order for the marriage to be valid. The marriage is a marriage because you say it’s a marriage. That’s kind of amazing when you think about it. That’s really a transition for the culture. And the fundamental motivation, I think is a good one: A man wants to raise a child, and he doesn’t want to wait for Ms. Right to come along, so he picks Jon Cryer, which is actually the worst choice in the world. So does that alleviate some pressure for the final episode, to look at it more as a season-wide endeavor?

I’m too far away from it now to feel it. We’ve taken so much heat and criticism over the years, it’s like what are you going to say about us (now) that will hurt our feelings? I mean, it’s a little late for us to worry about ending with dignity. This show was always just, I thought, a reasonable attempt to make people laugh.

Another story that’s gotten a lot of attention recently is “The Big Bang Theory” and the cast’s contract negotiations. Where do you fall in all that — how involved do you get? Or where do you stand?

There is a big business affairs department here at Warner Bros. They’ve done this before. I’ve always felt it was very appropriate that the cast reap the benefit. And it gets attention because there’s a face to the dollars. There’s no face at Warner Bros. These faceless corporations are making extraordinary amounts of money, and if they didn’t, they wouldn’t pay. It’s that simple. And it’s well-earned. It’s an extraordinary cast, and they deserve it. I couldn’t be happier for them. When really cool cars pull up in the parking lot, I know I’ve done my job.



Chuck Lorre
AP

WEEKEND: HEALTH & FITNESS

All or nothing

We tell ourselves we're either dieting or not, and we veer from starving to over-indulging. "The more you live in the extremes of all or none, good or bad, the more likely that's going to get you into difficulty," says Gary Foster, chief scientific officer for Weight Watchers International. "The key is that this is a lifestyle. When it's an on-or-off diet or a boot camp mentality, that's a short-term behavior. It's destined not to work out very well."

The lost weekend

Sometimes when we overeat on a Friday night, we figure we've blown the entire weekend. This inevitably leads to a very remorseful and grumpy Monday morning. Is there a better way? "I have my patients picture meals as individual bubbles throughout the day. Pop them as you go along. One isn't dependent on the other, and you don't have any overall plan in place," says Kelly Allison, associate professor of psychology at the University of Pennsylvania's Center for Weight and Eating Disorders.



Lack of sleep affects dietary impulses, which can lead to weight gain.



Grill vegetables and add onions, garlic or lime juice to make them more enticing.

Getting too little sleep

Being sleep-deprived appears to change how our brains respond to food. "Judgment and decision-making brain regions become blunted by sleep deprivation when making food choice decisions," says Matthew Walker, a psychology professor and sleep expert at UC Berkeley. He explains that with too little sleep, the brain structures that control our impulses and desires get out of whack.

Disliking vegetables

"Leave behind the old-fashioned notion of plain, steamed, undressed vegetables as the best way to go. That's boring and borders on punitive," says cookbook author Mollie Katzen ("The Heart of the Plate: Vegetarian Recipes for a New Generation"). She advises being creative: Brush veggies with olive oil and singe them on the grill or roast in the oven. Flavor them with sauces made from pulverized nuts,

herbs or roasted red peppers. Add caramelized onions, fresh lime juice, garlic or chile peppers for more flavor. "Food needs to be delicious and desirable. If the emphasis is simply on 'healthy,' people who are skeptical won't be pulled in," says Katzen.

Letting others steer you off-course

Sometimes, the people you live with and love are not thrilled when you start losing weight. They might be afraid that your relationship will change. If someone is tempting you with trigger foods, you need to speak up, says Allison. "Is there anybody who is bringing home doughnuts and waving them in front of your face? How can you address that? If they want those foods, they can have them outside of the house."



Chocolate chip cookies — in moderation — can fit into a diet.

No chocolate chip cookies ever

"When it's a forbidden food, you're more likely to overeat once you do have it," says Foster. A different approach is to figure out a way to incorporate that food into your life in moderation. Keeping a stash in your kitchen might not work. Even if, say, the cookies are double-wrapped in the freezer, they're going to call out to you when you're most vulnerable. Instead, when a craving hits, try another tactic, such as visiting the best bakery in town and savoring one or two cookies with a good cup of coffee. "If you give yourself permission, but in reasonable portions and frequency, that's where you strike a nice balance," says Foster.

Letting the scale mess with your mind

You're doing all the right things, but when you stand on the scale, the number makes you feel like a failure. The solution here is simple: Weigh in only once a week. Your weight can fluctuate for a variety of reasons, and checking it every day might not give you an accurate assessment. Are your clothes getting looser? Do you have more energy? These are positive indicators that you are succeeding. "Let the scale be a guide, but it's not a judge. It's not an arbiter of your success, especially in the short term," says Foster.

Nighttime nosing

"There is some evidence to suggest that we don't want to be eating a lot late at night, but that is very different from saying you cannot have a snack," says Allison. However, she cautions that eating after dark might lead to a slippery slope: "Emotionally and physically, we're tired at night and we're looking for comforting things. We're more likely to choose the higher-calorie foods than we are during the day. Thinking ahead and portioning them out becomes really important."

Diet detours

Eleven ways people can sabotage their efforts to lose weight

By EMILY DWASS/Chicago Tribune

With two-thirds of American adults considered overweight, a lot of people are trying to shed pounds. It can be a challenging journey, and many folks find that they get tripped up by a major obstacle: themselves. Here are some common ways dieters sabotage their own efforts.



When dieting, don't obsess over the night. Weigh yourself just once a week.

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Using smaller plates at home can help discourage dieters from overeating.

Joining the clean plate club

Most of us were taught to clean our plates when we were kids, and the pattern has continued into adulthood. A recent Cornell University study found that adults eat nearly all the food they serve themselves. At restaurants, ask for a to-go box right when the meal is brought to the table and save half the food for another time. At a buffet, sample mini portions of a variety of dishes. At home, consider using a smaller plate. You can fill it up and eat everything — without guilt.

Crash dieting for a big event

There's nothing like a wedding or a school reunion to inspire a diet. Often, however, as soon as the event is over, we go back to an unhealthy eating pattern. "These short-term changes produce short-term weight loss. Typically they involve more extreme forms of food restriction that cannot be maintained, a sprint instead of a marathon, which is what a healthier lifestyle really is," says Allison.



Not drinking enough water can sabotage healthful-eating plans.

Not drinking enough water

Brenda Davy, a nutrition professor at Virginia Tech University, conducted a study with 45 middle-aged and older adults, dividing them into two groups on low-calorie diets. One group was instructed to drink two cups of water before meals. "We were interested in whether or not that would help them eat less and lose more weight over 12 weeks. And in fact, it did," says Davy. That group lost about 5 more pounds than the other group.

WEEKEND: FAMILY

‘This hobby has no rules’

Stamp collecting can enrich children’s learning

By MELISSA RAYWORTH
The Associated Press

Even avid collectors will tell you: Stamp collecting is not the flashiest of hobbies. It isn’t trendy. It doesn’t speed past you at the breakneck pace of a video game or offer the manic energy of a Cartoon Network television show.

It rewards patience and persistence, teaching those who embrace it about everything from ancient history to modern graphic design.

And that’s exactly why a growing community of parents and teachers believe it’s a hobby worth encouraging kids to pursue.

At the Postal History Foundation in Tucson, Ariz., Lisa Dembowski and her colleagues work with more than 14,000 kids each year in person and online, sharing lesson plans with teachers and sending packets of stamps to kids. Dembowski doesn’t have precise figures, but she has seen an increase in the past couple of years in the number of parents and school groups ordering stamp packets.

Child development experts say the benefits are many; the challenge is to get kids started. Cool stamps aren’t arriving in the mailbox much now that ground mail is less common. And few kids know others who are already collecting stamps. So parents and teachers have to start the ball rolling.

Five reasons why they should:

1. Kids can develop patience and focus.

Sorting through stamps and building a collection requires “a very different kind of attention” than video games or television do, says Miranda Goodman-Wilson, assistant professor of psychology at Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Fla. Quick-cut TV shows “make very rapid demands on children’s attention,” she says, while “stamp collecting requires more sustained focus.”

The intricacies of a tiny image provide a piece of paper, and the story of why that particular image was printed on a stamp, draws kids in, slowing down their racing minds. “When you’re looking at stamps, you spend a little more time than in our instant-gratification activities,” says Gwendolyn Sletky, director of education at the American Philatelic Society.

2. Kids develop expertise.

Child development research has shown that children have an impressive capacity for classifying objects as they learn details if given the opportunity, says Julia Heberle, associate professor of psychology at Albright College in Reading, Penn. “Children, even young children,” she says, “can accumulate a lot of organized, detailed expert knowledge.”

Goodman-Wilson agrees: Stamp collecting helps even very young kids build categorizing and counting skills, and geographic awareness. It can serve as “a natural learning opportunity,” she says.

“As a teaching tool, every stamp has a story to tell,” says Richard



Childhood development experts say the benefits of stamp collecting for children are many, from improving their focus to being a teaching tool for history, art and graphic design.

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Rizzo, director of the stamp outreach program at the International Society of Worldwide Stamp Collectors. “What country issues the stamp? Does the country still exist? Where in the world is the country located?”

3. Kids discover stunning art work and intricate graphic design.

Stamps were once both useful and beautiful. Today, some of their usefulness has been replaced by email and the Internet. But many remain beautiful, and offer a lesson in expressing what’s important and celebrated in a given culture on the tiniest of canvases.

Kids can try sketching some of the stamps they’ve collected or seen in photos. And Dembowski suggests decorating an envelope related to a given stamp, and then mailing the creation to friends or relatives.

4. Screen time is minimal, and optional.

Some kids do hunt for stamps online, and there are collecting apps for Android and Apple devices. But hours spent sifting through a collection of paper stamps connects kids to the physical world. International collecting is exciting, says Moody, because “they’re holding something from another part of the world in their hands.”



Children also can attend stamp shows with their families (the American Philatelic Society website lists dozens around the country each month), and ask neighbors and local businesses for any stamped envelopes they receive and don’t need.

5. A stamp collection can be personalized.

“This hobby has no rules,” Dembowski says. “You can collect whatever you want. So you can focus on one specific topic, like horses” or another subject that a child loves.

“Even though ground mail has decreased, the number of stamp options has not,” Moody says. The U.S. Postal Service regularly issues new stamps depicting everything from flowers and snowflakes to pop singers, athletes and actors.

“In our electronic age, stamp collecting has much more competition for a child’s interest than, say, 50 years ago. But every child has an interest in something,” says Rizzo. “When you put a pile of stamps in front of a child and they start thumbing through them, they will almost always find something that piques their interest.”

SPOUSE CALLS

Military wife adds love and laughter to recipes

“Quiet on the set!” barks the director, pointing an accusing finger at three offenders. One looks away sheepishly, and another sits up straight as if to say, “I tried to tell them.”

I’m on the set of a new show, “Cooking with Gwen.” If it’s not a YouTube sensation yet, it should be. The star of the show is Gwen Phalen, the wife of Air Force veteran Tom Phalen. Gwen prepares recipes from friends as well as family specialties — all in her northern Virginia kitchen.

The director, also camera operator, scriptwriter, prop master and editor, is Susan, one of the Phalens’ two adult daughters. The noisy onlookers are the family dogs, Gracie, Lucy and Curly Joe. Guests on the show have included Gwen’s sisters and grandchildren. Josh Mosier, oldest son of daughter Kathy, created a wooden cutting board especially for the program and made an appearance to present it to his grandmother.

Susan records and edits each show on her smartphone and posts to YouTube. Desserts, entrees and side dishes are presented in two- to five-minute segments; but the food is only part of the recipe.

For Gwen, an early-onset Alzheimer’s diagnosis, and a cancer diagnosis came three months apart last year. Since then, she’s undergone surgery and radiation, as well as chemotherapy, which can further erode cognitive abilities. The cooking show is a homemade therapy tool, devised by Susan.

“It’s so important that we help keep my mom’s mind active and engaged, even when things are sometimes confusing for her,” says Susan. “At the same time, I wanted to preserve my mom’s recipes in a more personal way than just written cards handed down.”

Back in the kitchen, when the ingredients are gathered and the counters are wiped down, the talent is summoned to the set. Gwen dons a chef’s hat over her smooth scalp, and shooting begins.

On this, the eighth installment, she’s preparing a recipe for baked chicken breast, suggested by a friend named Mike. Typical of the sly humor baked into the show, Gwen and Susan decide to call the recipe “Mike’s Savory Breasts.”

Off camera, Susan and her mom walk through the recipe verbally to develop the script on the spot. Susan suggests lines, and Gwen repeats or improvises with words and gestures on camera.

“Did I say ‘savory’ that time?” Gwen asks after one shot.

“You did,” says the director.

“Let’s take a look at ‘Mike’s Savory Breasts.’” Gwen ad libs, taking the completed dish out of the oven.

She’s a natural, smiling and laughing, going along with her adult daughter as if working on a school project requiring help from Mom.

Susan, currently a senior congressional aide on Capitol Hill, applies her years of communications expertise to a project closer to her heart than any other, calling it a labor of love.

“We have so much fun making the shows, and we are building a great video library of my mom’s recipes, peppered with her own sass and style,” she said.

Her dad, Tom, contributes a recurring cameo when the cooking is done. His line: “Let’s eat.”

So we did. I joined the family at the dinner table after the taping to enjoy the fruits of Gwen’s labors. Delicious.

I visited Susan and her family while in the Washington, D.C., area for the launch of a new book titled “Stories Around the Table: Laughter, Wisdom, and Strength in Military Life.” Susan and I and about 40 other military family authors were contributors to the book. In it, Susan writes about her military childhood and the ways her parents helped her to adapt after each move. Now she’s helping her mom adapt to another challenge.

I had many enjoyable meals with friends and colleagues the week of the book launch, but no gathering was any sweeter — nor any more loved — than the time spent around the table with the Phalen family on the set of “Cooking with Gwen.”

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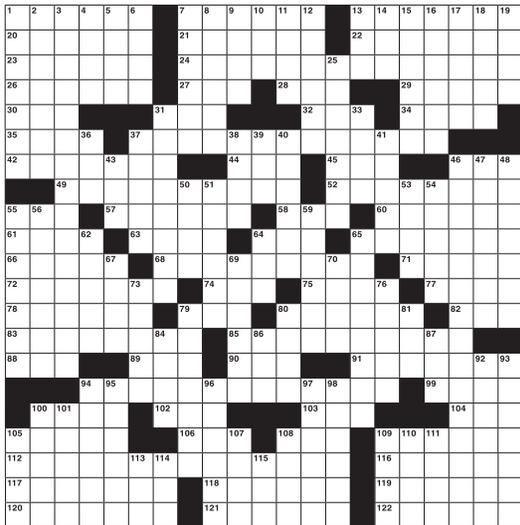
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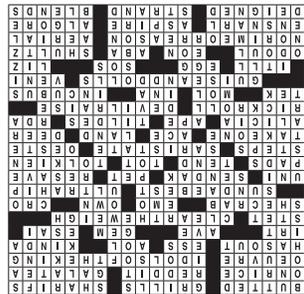
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FACES

Renee Zellweger credits fulfilling life for new look

The Associated Press

Renee Zellweger says she looks different because she's "living a different, happy, more fulfilling life."

The 45-year-old Oscar winner issued a statement to *People* magazine late Tuesday after she became a trending topic on Twitter, with many fans claiming the actress had become "unrecognizable." Her appearance at a Hollywood, Calif., event earlier this week sparked widespread Internet chatter.

Zellweger's most recent acting credit was in 2010, and she says, "People don't know me in my 40s."

She said she has concentrated on her health and personal development in recent years and is "thrilled that perhaps it shows."

Zellweger said she might look different, but "who doesn't as they get older?!"



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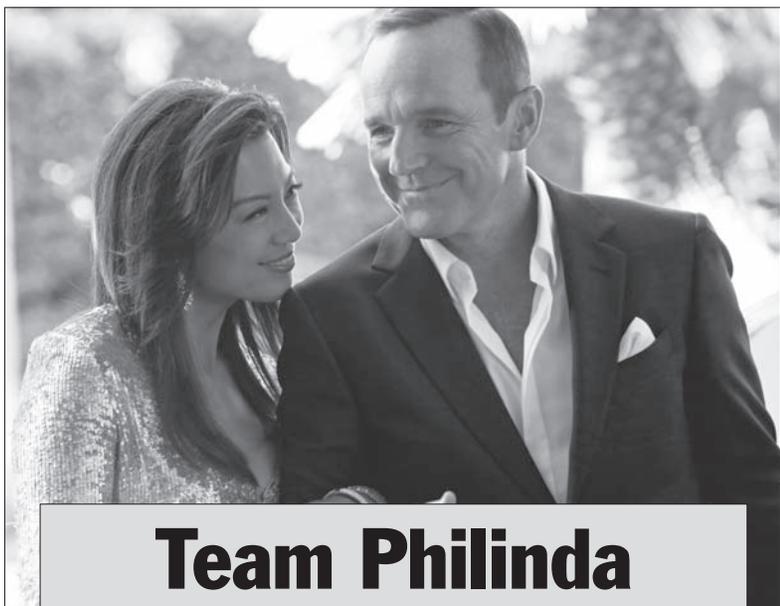
Renee Zellweger's appearance at *ELLE's* 21st annual Women in Hollywood Awards in Los Angeles was a trending topic on Twitter earlier this week.



CHRIS PRIZELLO, INVISION/AP

Fancy surprise

Charli XCX performs for high school students during the Just Dance Homecoming at Aspire Pacific Academy in Huntington Park, Calif., on Wednesday. The event celebrated the launch of the video game Just Dance 2015. The chart-topping 22-year-old pop star delivered tunes "I Love It," "Fancy" and "Boom Clap" to the crowd and later manned the DJ booth.



Team Philinda

'S.H.I.E.L.D.' fans push for Coulson/May romance

BY LAURI NEFF
The Associated Press

There's Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie, aka Brangelina, and Kim Kardashian and Kanye West, aka Kimye. But are you ready for Philinda?

Clark Gregg says that's the moniker "Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D." fans have come up with as they push for an on-screen romance between his character, S.H.I.E.L.D. chief Phil Coulson, and longtime agent Melinda May, played by Ming-Na Wen.

Gregg says some "very vocal and passionate" viewers have been on social media sites saying they "want to see that come to some kind of fruition" on the show, airing Wednesdays on AFN-Spectrum.

Clark Gregg, right, and Ming-Na Wen star on "Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D." Gregg says fans are hoping a romance blooms between their characters. The show airs Wednesdays on AFN-Spectrum.

ABC

Gregg has learned to pay attention to fan campaigns: After Coulson was killed off in "The Avengers," devotees launched an international movement to bring him back under the slogan #CoulsonLives just days after the film's release in 2012. He says that's why Coulson returned for the "S.H.I.E.L.D." TV series, now in its second season. "It was on bridges in the Danube and on a beach in Africa," says Gregg, "and Marvel listens to that."

He says the role has garnered him a fan at home: his nearly 13-year-old daughter Stella. "Sometimes she likes to watch the show with me kind of curled up in my arms and when Coulson's in jeopardy she squeezes in really tight," he says. "I wouldn't trade that for anything in the world."

Sam Smith, 5SOS, MARY J. BLIGE TO PERFORM AT 2014 AMAS

From wire reports

Breakthrough newcomers Sam Smith and 5 Seconds of Summer will take the stage at the 2014 American Music Awards.

Dick Clark Productions announced Thursday that Mary J. Blige will join the British pop crooner and Australian boy band at the Nov. 23 event at Nokia Theatre L.A. Live in Los Angeles. Smith and 5SOS will compete for new artist of the year.

Iggy Azalea is the leading nominee at the AMAs with six.

John Legend, Katy Perry and Pharrell Williams each have five nominations. Lorde is up for four honors at the fan-voted show.

Those acts are all nominated for artist of the year, competing with Beyonce, Luke Bryan, Eminem, Imagine Dragons and One Direction.

Pitbull will host the show and perform.

Lawyers want show yanked

A group of female lawyers in Miami-Dade in Florida really, really, really hate a new sitcom, saying that the show depicts a female judge as "unethical, lazy, crude, hyper-sexualized and unfit to hold such an esteemed position of power." And those are some of the kinder things.

Their ruling: They want NBC to pull the plug.

"Bad Judge" made its debut Oct. 2. Two weeks later, the Miami-Dade chapter of the Florida Association for Women Lawyers sent a letter to network CEO Steve Burke, asking him to kill it.

Azalea, movie up for awards

Rapper Iggy Azalea, actor Bryan Cranston and the film "Gone Girl" are nominees for Logo TV's 2014 New Now Next Awards.

The network announced Thursday that singer Sam Smith, the series "How to Get Away with Murder" and the play "Hedwig and the Angry Inch" are also up for awards. The show will tape Dec. 2 in Miami. The New Now Next Awards honor musicians, TV shows, films and Broadway productions that have had breakthroughs in the past year.

Other news

■ A federal judge won't recommend that prison officials allow **Teresa Giudice** to serve most of her prison sentence in a halfway house.

■ British guitarist **Wilko Johnson** says he is free of cancer, two years after being told he had months to live. The former member of Dr. Feelgood launched what he said would be a farewell tour after being diagnosed in 2012 with incurable pancreatic cancer.

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OPINION

Politicians agree: They aren't scientists

By Andrew A. Rosenberg

When an editorial board recently asked Republican Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell about climate change, said he wasn't a scientist. Florida Sen. Marco Rubio and Gov. Rick Scott, both Republicans, have said the same thing.

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, a Democrat, said he wasn't a scientist, too, when he faced questions about his administration editing documents about the use of hydraulic fracturing. Louisiana's Gov. Bobby Jindal, of the GOP, said he wasn't an evolutionary biologist when asked about teaching established science in schools.

Of course, very few politicians are scientists. And while having more scientists in elected office would be a more appealing idea, it is really beside the point.

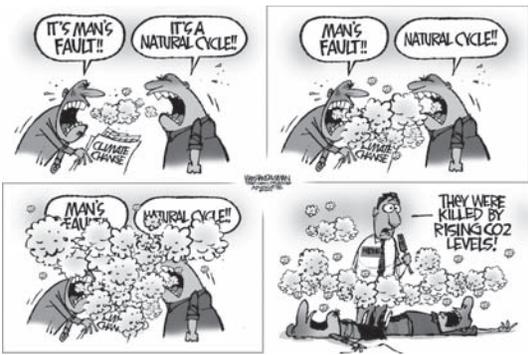
Scientists, including me, serve on committees that advise governments at all levels. We dig into the data and weigh the evidence. We don't present our individual research, but try to convey to policymakers what scientists have collectively discovered about a given topic.

These advisory bodies are designed to be transparent about the data they use, reveal members' conflicts of interest, and solicit input and feedback from the broader public. In other words, they are democratic institutions that we should trust. . . .

Too often, however, politicians conflate scientific evidence about risks we face with a demand for specific policy proposals. As a result, politicians who oppose climate policy are hostile to climate science just as politicians who favor hydraulic fracturing try to prevent scientific agencies from even trying it.

But as my science professor David Hastings told Scott, scientists are the "mappmakers" while politicians are the "navigators." The navigator must ultimately choose the ship's course, but to do so while ignoring — or arbitrarily redrawing — the map is a perilous business.

The distinction should be familiar to any elected official. After all, politicians aren't engineers, but they approve infrastructure



projects. They aren't accountants, but they create budgets. . . .

As Congress has become more polarized, including around scientific issues, some local and state governments have been trying to close the gap between science and policymaking. For instance, while Rubio and Scott might have a strained relationship with climate science, city and county officials in Florida have already banded together to plan for future sea level rise.

Similarly, Congress tied the Environmental Protection Agency's hands when it comes to monitoring air and water pollution from hydraulic fracturing. City council members have reached out to scientists to help them make sense of the risks as they simultaneously weigh the benefits of economic development from new wells.

In Colorado, which formed a commission to study fracking, some advocates are calling for a year's worth of so-called "baseline testing" that would allow the state to assess pre- and post-fracking air and water quality. Such testing could provide trusted, publicly available scientific information

that both sides should welcome.

Finally, public policy has an undeniable effect on our diets, including sugar over-consumption and poor childhood nutrition. But some politicians responsible for food policy ignore this research. Again, cities such as Los Angeles and states including Minnesota are moving ahead with "food charters" that bring together farmers, nutrition experts, parents, community organizations and government officials to foster stronger local food systems.

Scientists study the risks we face. . . . Politicians don't have to respond to every risk, of course. They can and should disagree with each other about if and how to respond. But saying, "I'm not a scientist" in the face of scientific evidence is a cop-out. As a talking point, it should be retired.

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US shows too much politics is bad for democracy

By CLIVE CROOK
Bloomberg News

The most striking thing about the U.S. midterm elections is how little most of our voters seem to care. It isn't as though nothing will change: If the Republican Party wins control of the Senate, and the prognosticators are saying, that will have consequences. Yet, according to one recent poll, voters are even less engaged than usual and turnout this month is likely to be less than 40 percent.

Here's a thought: Could the reason for America's democratic discontent be too much democracy? Francis Fukuyama discusses this possibility in his new book, "Political Order and Political Decay" from the "National Review" to the "Globalization of Democracy." (I recommend it, but if you're pressed for time his essay for Foreign Affairs gives the flavor of his argument.) The idea is plausible, and it connects to a point I've made before about the hyper-political character of the U.S. system of government.

Fukuyama emphasizes what he calls "veto points" — the endlessly proliferating opportunities (far more than in other democratic systems) to block action. He calls the result "vetocracy." Add polarization, a judiciary keen to insert itself in policymaking, and well-funded, highly energetic

interest groups, and the result is stasis. "In fact," he writes, "these days there is too much law and too much democracy relative to American state capacity."

I agree on the substance but I'd put it a bit differently. The problem isn't too much democracy, it's too much politics. You don't measure the quality of democracy just by asking whether the politically engaged have a voice, or by counting their opportunities to influence outcomes (for good or ill), important as those metrics may be. Democracy is also supposed to work for the disengaged. In that respect, this democracy is plainly failing.

America's political class — candidates, interest groups, activists and their respective groups in the media — can't be faulted for lack of engagement. Boy, are they engaged. That's fine, of course. (It would be even better if they were as interested in public policy as they are in the political contest as blood sport, but that's another matter.) Outside that bubble, however, views of politics run the range from boredom to despair. And a main cause, I'd submit, is popular disgust with that very political class. More politics doesn't necessarily get you more democracy, much less better democracy.

I suspect this idea that the views of the disengaged should count may be a bit un-American. This country makes demands

on its citizens. It's one of the things I like best about it. If you can't be bothered to stand up and be counted, why expect your opinion, if you can only be bothered to form one, to matter?

This zeal for political engagement is woven into the American character and system of government. Compare with Britain — with its independent civil service, apolitical judges, and numerous public yet politically non-aligned bodies. It would never occur to you to wonder whether a prosecutor in Britain leaned left or right, and asking would be seen as improper. Prosecutors in the United States are, in many cases, actual or would-be politicians. In Britain, you might say, party politics isn't mandatory for the fully functioning citizen. In the U.S., it is.

Yet is Britain that much less democratic than the U.S.? The answer isn't obvious. It has vastly fewer veto points, as Fukuyama would say, and a much smaller domain of party-political action. Oh yes, and no written constitution. By American lights, it's a tyrannical system. On the other hand, stuff that most of the country wants to see happen actually gets done now and then, and every four or five years roughly two-thirds of the people care enough about politics to turn out and vote. So you tell me.

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OPINION

What newspapers are saying at home

The following editorial excerpts are selected from a cross section of newspapers throughout the United States. The editors are provided by The Associated Press and other statewide syndicates.

Shouldn't need to have a czar

Orange County (Calif.) Register

Conservatives have been in a justifiable snit during the past few days over the appointment of Ron Klain, former chief of staff to Vice President Joe Biden and Al Gore, to be the Obama administration's "Ebola czar." All of the Right's critics — that Klain is a political operative rather than a medical professional, that he's already missed key meetings about the disease; and that this approach shows the White House treating the Ebola threat as a crisis of public relations rather than public health — strike us as justified.

That said, we have a bigger issue: that Klain's position even exists.

The very use of the word "czar" in regard to American government ought to give conscientious citizens pause. The word, which, like its German equivalent "Kaiser," derives from the Latin "Caesar," is not one with which a constitutional republic should trifle. It ought to be an anathema in a free society to adopt the stylistic trappings of absolute power. We suspect that most Americans would be unsettled if the White House were to announce the appointment of a "Ebola emperor." The "czar" formulation should be regarded with equal contempt.

On a substantive level, however, the real problem with a White House czar does not lie to do with any potential threat to the public's liberty. If anything, Klain appears to be little more than a figurehead intended to placate a segment of the public. The issue is the underlying idea that the government, when faced with a serious problem, has to create new positions to effectively respond to it.

As of 2012 (the most recent year for which data are available), the Office of Personnel Management reported that the executive branch of the federal government had nearly 2.7 million civilian employees. If those workers and their leaders are consistently unable to meet the most pressing challenges facing the nation — the sorts of problems for which government actually exists — then creating supplementary positions is, at best, an exercise in triage. What's required is wholesale reform of the federal workforce that allows it to respond effectively in moments of such gravity. What use, after all, is government that can't be relied on in a lurch?

Military key to stopping Ebola

The Arizona Republic

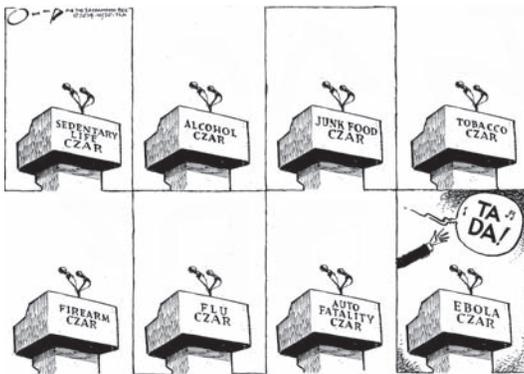
President Barack Obama is sending more than 3,000 active-duty troops to West Africa. He signed an executive order authorizing the Pentagon to call up reserves and the National Guard to help fight the Ebola virus.

At first glance, this appears to be a head scratching. How are men and women who fight with guns supposed to fight a microscopic bug?

But this may be one of the smartest actions the federal government has taken. The best way to keep the story of Ebola in the United States to a single incident at a Dallas hospital is to stop the virus at its source. The first task is to build a little fire hydrant if the epidemic explodes in Africa.

Troops are not doctors, and they won't be treating people. Their purpose is to create a health care infrastructure in three countries that essentially have none. That's why infections have spread so quickly.

The military's first task is to build a 25-bed field hospital for infected health care



workers. Navy Seabees will also build 17 treatment centers with 100 beds each. Specialists are training local professionals on how to handle Ebola patients and testing blood samples to confirm infections.

When this crisis began, Liberia's only lab, housed in a collection of World War II-era buildings, could barely test 40 specimens a day. U.S. workers have upgraded that lab and added three more.

Reserves would fill any gaps active-duty personnel cannot in such areas as technical engineering and communications systems, according to USA Today. Logisticians, comptrollers and religious specialists may also be needed.

Sending in the troops is the humanitarian thing to do and part of our nation's long tradition. More than 4,400 people have died already. Children have been orphaned. Without U.S. involvement, it will only get worse.

But sending troops is also self-defense. Consider the hysteria in this country after one man died and two nurses who treated him were infected... If Ebola were actually to establish a foothold, our economy and lives would come to a standstill.

No one wants that. But a czar can't stop it. Nor can a flight ban. The only way to prevent that is to quell the virus where it began...

Putin's antics affect base plan

The (Memphis, Tenn.) Commercial Appeal

When George W. Bush proposed pulling U.S. bases out of Germany and moving them farther east to Poland and Romania, the plan got a chilly reception with the U.S. public and Congress.

The move was meant as a cost-saver, and a welcoming and less crowded Eastern Europe offered plenty of room for maneuvers. Bush also intended the bases as a shield against the bombing attack by Iranian missiles. But Bush's credibility was at low ebb. Russia was in economic shambles and posed little immediate threat. Now large, permanent NATO bases in Eastern Europe don't seem such a bad idea, particularly now that Russian President Vladimir Putin has annexed Crimea, seems bent on reducing Eastern Ukraine to vassal status and cowing Poland into weakening its commitment to NATO.

As Russia's economy sinks deeper into recession, more because of falling oil prices than Western sanctions, Putin reflexively blames Russia's woes on the West. That's the problem of Putin himself. His behavior is increasingly erratic and, although this might be a tactic to keep the West off balance, his actions have surely started to worry his acolytes in the Kremlin. He kept, for example, German Chancellor Angela Merkel waiting for a meeting in Italy. As a former KGB agent in East Germany, he must have been aware

that this was a horrendous breach of protocol. The New York Times commented that "Mr. Putin's showmanship appears to be wearing thin with Europe's leaders."

Poland's current leadership is formally opposed to a permanent NATO base on its soil, preferring a quick reaction force based somewhere else. That will change in a hurry if Russia, as it surely will to distract from domestic problems, begins to meddle in Polish affairs.

Token effort won't help Kobani

The Wall Street Journal

Islamic State's siege of Kobani in Syria has become a microcosm of the choices facing the United States in the war with this terrorist army.

On Sunday, three C-130 cargo planes dropped relief shipments into the Syrian Kurdish forces attempting to beat back Islamic State's offensive against Kobani. The details of these airdrops are instructive.

The materials that the American cargo planes are delivering to the Syrian Kurds do not come from the U.S. Instead, the U.S. is delivering supplies sent by the Kurds in Iraq. Moreover, the weapons included in the cargo drop are small arms and ammunition. The Kurds defending Kobani have said for a week they need more significant weaponry to prevail in city fighting against Islamic State's tanks and heavy artillery.

They did not get that. A senior Obama administration official said, "This is really meant to provide relief."

The limited nature of the air drops is also meant to provide political credibility for President Barack Obama's repeated assertion that the U.S. will not be "engaged into" a war in the Middle East. The likelihood, however, is that the U.S.'s current stand-off strategy — airstrikes from above and small arms — will allow conditions on the ground to erode over time in favor of Islamic State.

The politics of the battle for Kobani are complicated. Turkey doesn't want to help Syrian Kurds who it says have supported their enemies in the Kurdistan Workers Party, the PKK. The Syrian Kurds have long been divided into factions. There is the matter of who has supported or opposed the Assad regime in Damascus. Add that the Kurds in Iraq supplying the small arms have their own set of interests.

We get that. But the Obama White House appears to be using the region's complexities — which existed before Islamic State seized one-third of Iraq — as an excuse for an overly cautious engagement with the new realities on the ground.

The small-arms drop is welcome; it lifted the spirits of the city's defenders. But Kobani likely will join most of Iraq's Anbar province in falling to Islamic State if the U.S. doesn't soon provide fighters on the ground with anti-tank weapons and the like. That commitment will require the

U.S. to participate in some accommodations with the region's near-term alliances. It isn't easy. Some of the military's reality check to people before they seek the U.S. presidency.

GAO debunks Medicaid claim

The Oklahoman

One argument for expanding Medicaid under Obamacare is that Oklahoma could "save" money by shifting costs to the federal government, including payment for the care of inmates in prisons. A new report by the U.S. Government Accountability Office indicates this claim is overstated.

Under Obamacare's Medicaid expansion, the federal government will supposedly cover at least 90 percent of costs for those added to the program (although less for those currently eligible). This expansion group would include most prison inmates. Currently, state government pays all the costs of medical care for inmates. This is one reason a Leavitt Partners study predicted that the Oklahoma Department of Corrections would save \$118 million through Medicaid expansion.

The GAO's findings undermine that cost-shifting claim. Responding to congressional inquiries, the GAO examined Medicaid-expansion coverage of inmates. The report bluntly notes, "Federal law prohibits states from obtaining federal Medicaid funds for health care services provided to inmates," with only limited exceptions.

Medicaid pays for care only when inmates are placed in a hospital outside the prison system for more than 24 hours. "The intent of the federal prohibition is to ensure that federal Medicaid funds are not used to finance care that is the responsibility of state and local authorities," the report states.

The GAO examined four states that expanded Medicaid (California, Colorado, New York and Washington) and two that did not (Georgia and Missouri). The GAO found between 72 percent and 90 percent of inmates were Medicaid-eligible in New York, Colorado and California, compared with just 2 percent in non-expansion North Carolina. Yet, despite eligibility, the GAO found 5 percent or less of inmate care actually qualified for Medicaid payment in expansion states.

The GAO found federal matching funds obtained for inmate medical care in 2013 ranged from \$1.3 million in Washington to \$38.5 million in California. That's far less than the \$118 million predicted for Oklahoma, even though California's prison population is roughly five times larger.

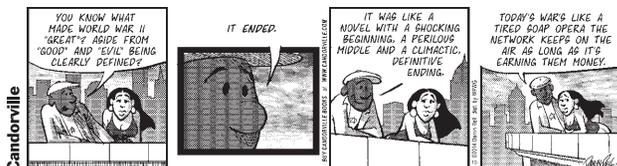
Those amounts are expected to increase, slightly, in future years...

In Colorado, the GAO reports many county jails don't bother enrolling inmates in Medicaid because "the federal matching funds obtained can be less than the administrative costs associated with enrolling inmates and claiming funds." Thus, the GAO concludes that "increases in federal spending on inmate care due to Medicaid expansion are likely to be limited."

Still, states may want to look to boost those Medicaid reimbursements. Such strategies could impact public safety. To qualify for more federal matching funds, officials could place more inmates in public hospitals for longer stays, regardless of need. They could also increase the number of efforts to boost Medicaid rolls and associated reimbursement.

At the same time, officials would have greater financial incentive to enroll ex-convicts than to enroll many law-abiding citizens. Under Obamacare's Medicaid expansion, the federal government will pay 90 percent of costs for inmates and ex-convicts, but just 60.99 percent of costs for a low-income pregnant woman who is currently Medicaid-eligible in Oklahoma.

The GAO's report indicates Medicaid "savings" for the state prison system are mostly illusory. And unyielding pursuit of those savings may generate outcomes far worse than a lack of insurance.



Eugene Sheffer Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 Piglet's parent
- 4 General on a Chinese menu
- 7 Harassed
- 12 Part of N.A.
- 13—Claire, Wis.
- 14 Upper crust
- 15 Sermon subject
- 16 Solving procedure
- 18 Coop occupant
- 19 Artist Frida
- 20 Midwest nation
- 22 1959 Kingston Trio hit
- 23 Characteristic carrier
- 27 Sea urchin, re 1-Down
- 29 Man
- 31 Japanese-American
- 34 Greedy one's call
- 35 Censors, in a way
- 37 Youngster
- 38 Family
- 39 Lemieux milieu
- 41 Region
- 45 Knee support
- 47 Treasure seeker's aid
- 48 Math exponent
- 52—out (supplement)
- 53 Locale for sweaters?
- 54 Allen or Tebow
- 55 "Gosh!"
- 56 Wood nymph

DOWN

- 1 See 27-Across
- 2 Wicker-pattern willow
- 3 Would like to, in kid-speak
- 4 Shipbuilding wood
- 5 7-Down's make-up, maybe
- 6 —to (should)
- 7 Long lunch
- 8 Muhammad or Laila
- 9 Pimple
- 10 Biblical verb suffix
- 11 Rep.'s rival
- 17 Scandinavian man's name
- 21 Hive head
- 23 Showiness
- 24 Shade provider
- 25 Pierre, e.g.
- 26 Ram's mate
- 28 Chill in the air
- 30 Id counterpart
- 31 Peacock's home?
- 32 Under the weather
- 33 Red or Black
- 36 iPhone voice
- 37 Computer nerd
- 40 Slyly spiteful
- 42 Last letter
- 43 Un-draped
- 44 Tools for duels
- 45 Actor Pitt
- 46 Austen heroine
- 48 "Acid"
- 49 Scull need
- 50 Lorry Like the Cable
- 51 Literary collection

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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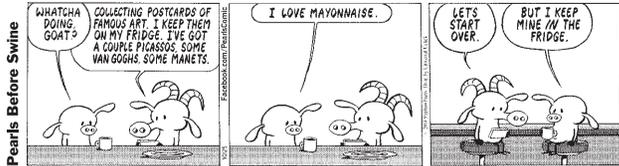
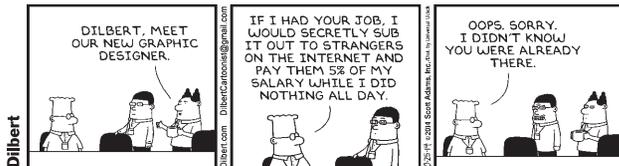
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Yesterday's Cryptquip: THAT MAN INSTINCTIVELY UNDERSTANDS MANY ARCTIC NATIVES. YOU COULD SAY HE INTUITS INUITS.

Today's Cryptquip Clue: A equals H



Eugene Sheffer Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 URL ending
- 4 United nations
- 8 Get wind of
- 12 Gorilla
- 13 Tramp's love
- 14 Sans siblings
- 15 Skeddaddled
- 16 Molecule part 17 — fix
- 18 Old guns
- 21 Eterne
- 22 Picnic intruder
- 23 Dog pests
- 26 "Alice" waitress
- 27 Favorable vote
- 30 Harvest
- 31 Owns
- 32 Cobra feature
- 33 Feedbag tidbit
- 34 Carton
- 35 Tied
- 36 Family
- 37 "That feels so good!"

DOWN

- 1 Atkins Diet no-no
- 2 October stone
- 3 Carte
- 4 Gas units
- 5 Procrastinator's reply
- 6 Stench
- 7 Drum-set components
- 8 Jack
- 9 Tackles' team-mates
- 10 Out of harm's way, maybe
- 11 Deli loaves
- 19 Tide type
- 20 Popular card game
- 23 To and —
- 24 Meadow
- 25 Chow down
- 26 Send electronically
- 27 Second person
- 28 Many millennia
- 29 Toss in
- 31 Lincoln's quality
- 32 Hostess snack cake
- 34 Auction action
- 35 Wax-and-dye designs
- 36 Prepare to propose
- 37 Distorted
- 38 Abound
- 39 Take on
- 40 — Major
- 41 Exceptional
- 42 Street
- 43 Long dress
- 44 — Ball

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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CRYPTOQUIP

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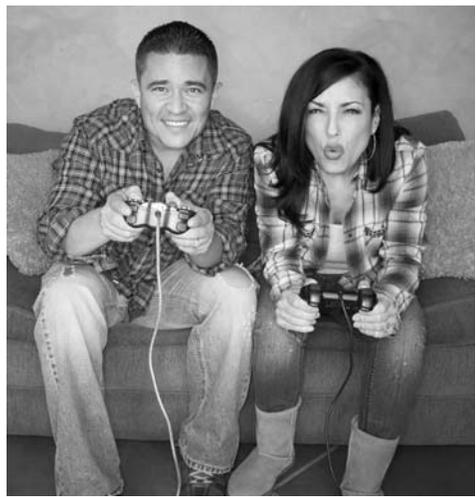
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Wednesday's transactions

BASEBALL
MINNESOTA TWINS — Declined their 2015 contract option for 2015 on RHP J.P. Borom (3-1) who is optioned.
National League
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Fired hitting coach Phil Matherly.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES — Waived F Earl Clark and C Hassan Whiteside.

National Football League
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Released LB Erik Wofford (5-2) after being ejected for making contact with an official during an undisciplined draft choice. Released LB CLEVELAND BROWNS — Re-signed DJ Jacoby McManis to the practice squad. Signed WR Damian Washington to the practice squad.

IONS — Signed S Jerome Couplin to the practice squad. Released RB Brandon Powell.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Acquired LB Alexey Ayers from Tennessee for an undrafted draft choice. Released LB Ja'Corey Davis.

IONS — Signed TE Richard Gordon. Agreed to terms with LB Tate Asakew and WR Derek Mayo on practice squad contracts.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
CAROLINA HURRICANES — Recalled F Erik Cole from Charlotte (AHL). Placed C Eric Staal on injured reserve, effective Oct. 23.

MINNESOTA WILD — Agreed to terms with RW Charlie Coyle on a one-year contract.

MONTREAL CANADIENS — Assigned D Niklas Elmqvist to AHL's Bismarck Bouvier to Hamilton (AHL).

FOOTBALL
Major League Soccer
LA GALAXY — Signed D A.J. DeLaGarza to a multi-year contract extension.
The National Women's Soccer League
WASHINGTON SPIRIT — Signed MF Jojo Lohman.

Pro soccer

MLS
Eastern Conference

Team	W	L	T	GF	GA
y-D.C.	17	9	7	58	51
N.Y. Red Bulls	16	13	4	49	46
Chivas USA	15	11	9	48	48
x-Columbus	13	10	10	50	41
San Jose	12	11	11	47	50
Philadelphia	10	11	12	42	50
Toronto FC	9	14	11	47	50
Houston	11	16	6	38	56
Chicago	6	18	12	37	59
Montreal	6	18	12	37	59

Western Conference

Team	W	L	T	GF	GA
x-Seattle	19	0	4	61	30
San Diego	15	10	5	50	39
LA Galaxy	14	10	5	50	39
x-Real Salt Lake	15	8	5	56	39
x-FC Dallas	16	11	6	54	43
Portland	11	11	8	47	50
Colorado	9	13	4	46	52
Chicago	11	13	6	46	52
Chivas USA	8	19	6	30	61
San Jose	8	19	6	30	61

Notes: Three points for victory, one point for a draw.

Western Conference playoff berth y-clinched conference.

Friday's game
 Real Salt Lake, Chivas USA 2

Saturday's games
 Los Angeles at Seattle
 D.C. United at Montreal
 Toronto FC at Vancouver
 Portland at FC Dallas
 Dallas at New York

Sunday's games
 Philadelphia at Columbus
 San Jose at Chivas USA
 New York at Sporting Kansas City

Wednesday
 Real Salt Lake 2, Chivas USA 0

Chivas USA 0 0-2
Real Salt Lake 2 1-1
 (penalty kick) 36th minute.
Second half — Real Salt Lake, Beckerman 3 (Penalty), 74th minute.

Yellow Cards — Toia, Chivas USA, 31st; Ben, Chivas USA, 31st; Becerra, Real Salt Lake, 59th; Red Cards — Chavez, Chivas USA, 56th. A-2,665 (20,008)

College football

Schedule
Friday, Oct. 24
SOUTH
 Troy (1-6) at Southeast (4-2)

MIDWEST
 South Florida (3-4) at Cincinnati (3-3)
 BYU (4-3) at Boise St. (5-2)
 Oregon (2-4) vs. California (4-3) at Santa Clara, Calif.

Saturday, Oct. 25
EAST
 Alderson-Broaddus (0-1) at Duquesne (4-3)
 Campbell (4-3) at Marist (6-1)
 Maine (2-3) at Rhode Island (0-7)
 Cornell (0-5) at Brown (2-3)
 Furman (6-1) at Lehigh (5-2)
 Robert Morris (1-6) at Bryant (5-1)
 St. Francis (Pa.) (2-2) at Sacred Heart (3-3)
 San Jose St. (3-3) at Navy (3-4)
 Harvard (5-0) at Princeton (3-2)
 St. Francis (Pa.) (2-2) at Sacred Heart (3-3)
 Dartmouth (4-1) at Columbia (0-5)
 Stony Brook (4-4) at Yale (4-1)
 Bucknell (5-1) at Georgetown (2-5)
 Penn State (1-1) at New Hampshire (5-1)

COLLEGE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION
 Cent. Michigan (4-4) at Buffalo (3-4)
 Georgia Tech (5-2) at Pittsburgh (4-4)
 Morgan State (1-7) at Wake Forest (4-1)
 Ohio St. (1-5) at Penn State (4-2)

CONFERENCE
 James Madison (4-3) at Charlotte (4-3)
 Mercer (5-3) at Chattanooga (4-3)
 North Carolina (3-4) at Virginia (4-3)
 Virginia Tech (5-2) at Wake Forest (4-3)
 Stetson (2-5) at Davidson (1-7)
 Jacksonville (6-1) at Limestone (2-5)
 Valparaiso (2-5) at Morehead St. (2-5)
 Western Carolina (4-3) at UNC-W. (4-3)
 Samford (3-3) at Furman (2-5)
 Middle Tennessee (4-3) at SC State (4-3)

CONFERENCE
 Hampton (1-17) at Wofford (4-3)
 Hampton (1-6) at Delaware St. (2-6)
 Georgia Southern (6-2) at Georgia St. (1-7)
 Savannah St. (0-7) at NC Central (3-4)
 North Carolina (0-7) at Presbyterian (3-4)
 The Citadel (5-2) at W. Carolina (3-4)
 SE Missouri (4-4) at E. Kentucky (6-1)
 Richmond (5-2) at E. Kentucky (6-1)
 Austin Peay (5-2) at UT Martin (3-1)
 Alabama St. (4-3) vs. Alabama A&M (1-6)
 Charleston Southern (5-2) at Coastal Carolina (5-2)
 Mississippi St. (6-0) at Kentucky (5-2)
 North Carolina A&T (5-2) at E. Kentucky (4-3)
 LA Tech (4-4) at Marshall (0-7)
 Louisiana Tech (4-3) at Southern Miss. (2-3)

CONFERENCE
 Boston College (4-3) at Wake Forest (3-4)
 Tennessee Tech (4-3) at Jacksonville St. (3-4)
 Kentucky Wesleyan (4-3) at Murray St. (2-4)
 Old Dominion (3-4) at W. Kentucky (2-4)
 Temple (4-2) at UCF (4-2)
 Syracuse (3-4) at Clemson (5-2)
 Virginia Tech (4-3) at Virginia (4-3)
 Texas St. (3-3) at Louisiana-Monroe (3-3)

CONFERENCE
 Mississippi (7-0) at LSU (6-2)
 South Carolina (3-4) at Auburn (5-1)
 Auburn (5-1) at Tennessee (3-4)
 Minnesota (6-1) at Nebraska (6-1)
 Texas (3-4) at Kansas St. (3-4)
 Oklahoma (5-2) at Nebraska (6-1)
 Maryland (5-2) at Wisconsin (4-2)
 N. Illinois (5-2) at Michigan (2-5)
 Iowa (4-3) at Iowa St. (3-4)
 Brainerd (3-4) at Drake (4-3)
 Iowa St. (4-3) at Toledo (3-4)
 N. Iowa (3-4) at W. Illinois (3-5)
 Illinois (4-4) at W. Illinois (3-5)
 Tennessee St. (4-4) at Illinois (2-5)
 Kent St. (1-6) at Miami (Ohio) (3-4)
 Bowling Green (5-2) at Ohio St. (1-7)
 Dakota St. (7-0) at South Dakota (2-4)

CONFERENCE
 Michigan (3-4) at Michigan (6-1)
 Vanderbilt (2-5) at Missouri (5-2)
 Mississippi St. (6-1) at Arkansas (4-0)
 McNeese St. (4-2) at Incarnate Word (1-6)
 Indiana St. (4-3) at S. Illinois (5-3)

SOUTHWEST
 UAB (4-3) at Texas Tech (3-4)
 North Texas (2-5) at Rice (3-3)
 Texas Tech (3-4) at Oklahoma St. (4-3)
 Alcorn St. (6-2) at Prairie View (3-4)
 Ark.-Pine Bluff (1-5) at Texas Southern (5-2)
 West Virginia (1-5) at Oklahoma St. (4-3)
 Texas Tech (3-4) at TU (5-1)
 Christian (4-3) at Houston (4-3)
 Texas St. (3-4)
 Louisiana (6-2) at Stephen F. Austin (5-2)
 Northwestern St. (4-3) at Cent. Arkansas (1-6)
 UTEP (3-3) at UTSA (5-2)
 North S. Dallas (0-8) at Houston Baptist (1-6)

FAR WEST
 UCLA (5-2) at Weber St. (0-7)
 Portland St. (2-5) at Colorado (2-5)
 Idaho St. (4-3) at Weber St. (0-7)
 Idaho St. (4-3) at N. Colorado (2-5)
 Washington St. (4-2) at Stanford (3-4)
 E. Washington (7-1) at N. Arizona (4-3)
 Washington St. (4-2) at Stanford (3-4)
 Wyoming (5-1) at Washington St. (5-2)
 Arizona (3-4) at Colorado St. (6-1)
 Idaho St. (4-3) at San Diego St. (5-1)
 Montana St. (5-1) at Cal Poly (4-3)
 Nevada (4-3) at Cal St. (5-2)
 Montana (5-1) at Washington St. (5-2)
 Nevada (4-3) at Hawaii (2-5)

Pro football

NFL injury report
NEW YORK — The updated National Football League injury report, as provided by NFL.com.

DETROIT LIONS AT ATLANTA FALCONS — **LIONS:** DNP: De Zeekian Alsan (toe). **FALCONS:** DNP: DT Jonathan Stankovic (ankle). TE Brandon Pettigrew (toe). TE Chris Taylor (ankle). TE Joseph B. Thomas III (ankle). TE Brandon Thomas (ankle). WR Calvin Johnson (ankle). RB Todd Roldan (hamstring). **FALCONS:** DNP: DT Jonathan Stankovic (toe). WR Harry Douglas (toe). LIMITED: DT Brandon Meeks (ankle). LB James Jones (ankle). LB Prince Shembo (knee).

ANNE ARBOR PATRIOTS — **ANNE ARBOR PATRIOTS:** — **BEARS:** DNP: TE Martellus Bennett (hamstring). CB Kyle Fuller (hip). LB Jonathan Bullard (ankle). LB James Jones (ankle). LB Jonathan Bostic (back). LB Lance Briggs (back). LB James Jones (ankle). **PATRIOTS:** DNP: DE Chandler Jones (hip). LIMITED: G Dan Conroy (concussion). DT Dominique Eschey (shoulder). S Nate Ebner (finger). T Cameron Fleming (finger). WR Matthew Slater (knee). C Bryan Stortz (concussion). FULL: QB Tom Brady (ankle). CB Brandon Browner (ankle). LB Jamie Collins (thigh). LB Dont'a Hightower (knee). S Devin McCourty (toe).

BUFFALO BILLS AT NEW YORK JETS — **BILLS:** DNP: WR Marquise Goodwin (hamstring). RB Fred Jackson (toe). LB Ty Powell (ankle). LIMITED: WR Marcus Cayley (knee). S Aaron Williams (neck). FULL: LB Brandon Spikes (ribs). WR Sammy Watkins (groin). DE Mario Williams (thigh). **JETS:** DNP: LB Trevor Reilly (knee). LIMITED: G Odysseus Hightower (ankle). LB Adam Adams (back). G Willie Colon (knee). WR Eric Decker (ankle). WR Darrius Stewart (ankle). WR Greg Salas (wrist, ankle). FULL: LB Antwan Barnes (knee). RB Chris Johnson (ankle). RB Derrick Morgan (ankle). RB Bilal Powell (toe). RB Darin Lasnik (ankle).

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES AT ARIZONA CARDINALS — **EAGLES:** DNP: Brad Smith (groin). LIMITED: C Jason Keeler (rib). LB Mychal Kendricks (calf). RB LeSean McCoy (knee). DE Chris Polk (hamstring). LB DeMeco Ryus (ankle). DE Jason Babin (ankle). DE Calais Campbell (knee). TE Troy Niklas (ankle). LIMITED: WR John Brown (ankle). RB Andre Johnson (ankle). RB Rashad Johnson (knee). FULL: DE Froestee Rucker (calf).

MINNESOTA WIKING AT TAMPA BAY BUCCANERS — **MINNESOTA:** DNP: D.J. Rodgers (hamstring). TE Kyle Rudolph (caldem). groin). C John Sullivan (concussion). TE Adam Thielen (concussion). (knee). S Antonio Exum Jr. (ankle). DT Newell Power (shoulder). **TITANS:** DNP: Hodges (hamstring). TE Kyle Rudolph (caldem). groin). C John Sullivan (concussion). TE Adam Thielen (concussion). (knee). S Antonio Exum Jr. (ankle). DT Newell Power (shoulder). **BUCCANERS:** LIMITED: LB Jonathan Cannon (hamstring). T Anthony Collins (ankle). WR Mike Williams (ankle). Vincent Jackson (ankle). QB Josh McCown (concussion). LB Andre Williams (hip). FULL: CB Johnathan Banks (neck).

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS AT CAROLINA PANTHERS — **PANTHERS:** DNP: CB Bene Benbow (ankle). WR Phillip Brunell (ankle). WR Phillip Brunell (concussion). LB Thomas Davis (not injury related). TE Taylor Thomas (not injury related). G Amiri Silatolu (calf). G Tral Turner (knee). WR Willie Young (not injury related). WR Mike Williams (ankle). LB Jason Williams (hip). LB Willie Young (not injury related).

BALTIMORE RAVENS AT CINCINNATI BENGALS — **RAVENS:** DNP: DT Chris Young (wrist). TE Steve Koy (ankle). FULL: TE Eugene Monroe (knee). G Kelechi Osemele (ankle). G Mike Pouncey (ankle). Mauluga (hamstring). DNP: DE Robert Geathers (toe). WR A.J. Green (toe). CB Jonathon Stewart (ankle). LB Mike Polk (ankle). LIMITED: RB Giovanni Bernard (ribs). TE Taylor Stewart (ankle). LB Andre Smith (shoulder). DE Wallace Gilberry (eye). LB Emmanuel Lamur (shoulder). T Marshall Newhouse (back). T Andre Smith (shoulder). DT Brandon Thompson (neck). LB Willie Young (not injury related).

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS AT PITTSBURGH STEELERS — **COLTS:** DNP: Gander Cherilus (not injury related). TE Jack Doyle (wrist). RB Trent Richardson (hamstring). WR Reggie Wayne (elbow). LIMITED: CB Darus Butler (ankle). FULL: DE Arthur Brown (ankle). **STEELERS:** DNP: T Marcus Gilbert (concussion). DE Brett Keisel (ankle). WR Mike Mitchell (not injury related). WR Mike Mitchell (not injury related). LIMITED: LB Ryan Shazier (knee). CB Ike Taylor (forearm). S Shamarko Perine (ankle).

GREEN BAY PACKERS AT NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — **PACKERS:** DNP: Morgan Bryan (neck). DE Datone Jones (ankle). CB Sam Shields (knee). RB James Starks (wrist). WR Jordane Lewis (ankle). WR James Jones (ankle). LB Kyle Kirk (ankle). RB James Jones (ankle). RB Pierre Thomas (rib, shoulder). LIMITED: NT Brock Drunkey (concussion). TE Jimmy Graham (shoulder). RB Ramon Hunter (ankle). CB Keenan Lewis (knee, shoulder). FULL: RB Patrick Robinson (ankle, hip).

WASHINGTON REDSKINS AT DALLAS COWBOYS — No Data Reported.

Wednesday's games
 Philadelphia vs. Pittsburgh
 Tampa Bay vs. New York
 Edmondson vs. Dallas
 Anaheim 4, Buffalo 1

N.Y. Islanders' games
 Thursday's games
 Pittsburgh at Detroit
 Vancouver at St. Louis
 Chicago at New York
 Arizona at Minnesota
 Philadelphia at Los Angeles
 Buffalo at Los Angeles
 Columbus at San Jose

Friday's games
 Dallas at New York
 Tampa Bay at Winnipeg
 Vancouver at Colorado
 Pittsburgh at Nashville
 Columbus at Anaheim

Saturday's games
 Buffalo at Montreal
 Boston at Toronto
 New Jersey at Ottawa
 Dallas at N.Y. Islanders
 Detroit at Philadelphia
 Chicago at St. Louis
 Pittsburgh at Nashville
 Tampa Bay at Minnesota
 Washington at Calgary

Sunday's games
 Colorado at Dallas
 Columbus at Los Angeles
 Chicago at Calgary
 San Jose at Anaheim
 Washington at Vancouver
 Philadelphia at St. Louis
 Minnesota at N.Y. Rangers
 Montreal at Edmonton

Eastern Conference
Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	7	6	1	10	12	22
Toronto	6	7	1	10	12	22
Ottawa	5	4	1	10	18	10
Detroit	4	8	4	10	16	10
Toronto	7	3	3	1	20	21
Florida	6	6	6	2	14	14
Buffalo	6	6	6	2	9	26

Metropolitan Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Islanders	6	4	2	10	8	20
Washington	6	4	2	10	8	20
New York Rangers	6	4	2	10	8	20
New Jersey	6	4	2	10	7	20
Philadelphia	5	3	2	10	6	15
Columbus	5	3	2	10	6	15
Pittsburgh	5	3	2	10	6	15
Carolina	4	2	2	11	18	18

Western Conference
Central Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	5	4	1	10	16	20
Chicago	5	4	1	10	16	20
St. Louis	5	2	2	11	12	9
Minnesota	5	2	2	11	12	9
Winnipeg	6	2	2	10	4	11
Colorado	6	2	2	10	12	24

Pacific Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	7	1	1	10	12	14
Los Angeles	6	4	2	10	8	20
San Jose	7	4	2	11	9	23
Calgary	6	4	2	10	9	20
Edmonton	6	4	2	10	9	20
Arizona	7	2	2	11	5	16
Vancouver	7	2	2	11	5	16
Carolina	4	2	2	11	18	18

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

Tennis

Swiss Indoors
AT St. Jakobshalle
Basel
Surface: \$1.56 million (W7500)
Purse: Hard-Indoor

First Round
 Borna Coric (Croatia, def. Ernests Gulbis (Latvia, 7-6 (2), 6-3).
 Denis Istomin (Uzbekistan, def. Jerzy Janowicz (Poland, 6-3, 6-4).
 Igor Federer (1), Switzerland, def. Gilles Muller (Luxembourg, 6-3, 6-4).
 Grigor Dimitrov (5), Bulgaria, def. Alexander Zverev (Germany, 2-6, 6-4, 6-2).

Second Round
 Rafael Nadal (2), Spain, def. Pierre-Hugues Herbert (France, 6-1, 6-1).
 David Goffin (7), Belgium, def. Ivan Dodig (Croatia, 6-0, 6-0).

Doubles
First Round
 Dominic Inglot (Britain, and Florin Mergea (Romania), def. Scott Lipsky (United States, and Phillip Oswald, Austria, 7-6 (3), 6-4).
 Branko Panjan (Croatia, and Henri Kontinen (Finland), def. Rohan Bopanna (India, and Daniel Nestor (3), Canada, 6-7 (6), 6-4).

Second Round
 Andre Begemann (Germany, and Julian Kohler (Germany), def. Marco Chiudinelli and Michael Lammer (Switzerland, 6-4, 6-1).

Quarterfinals
 Vasek Pospisil (Canada, and Nenad Zimonjic (Serbia), def. Ivan Dodig (1), Matko Pajic (Poland, and Leander Paes (India, and), 6-0).

Valencia Open
Wednesday
At Ciudad de Valencia y las Ciencas
Valencia
Surface: \$2.06 million (W7500)
Purse: Hard-Indoor

First Round
 David Ferrer (1), Spain, def. Andreas Sepp (Austria, 6-3, 7-5).
 Berdych (2), Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-2.
 Andy Murray (3), Britain, def. Jürgen Melzer (Austria, 6-3, 6-4).
 Roberto Bautista Agut (6), Spain, def. Nicolas Pietrangeli (Italy, 6-3, 6-4).
 Thomas Bellucci (Brazil, def. Mikhail Kukushin (Russia, 6-3, 6-4).

Second Round
 Pablo Carrero Busta (Spain, def. Feliciano Lopez (Spain, 6-3, 6-4).
 Tommy Robredo (Spain, def. Yen-Hsun Lu (Taiwan, 6-3, 6-4).

Doubles
First Round
 Austin Krajicek and Nicholas Monroe (United States, and), def. Eric Buterac, United States, and Raven Klaassen (Netherlands, 6-3, 6-4).
 Fabio Fognini and Andreas Seppi (Italy, def. Treat Huey (Philippines, and Jürgen Melzer (Austria, 6-3, 6-4).

Second Round
 Pablo Carrero Busta and Guillermo Garcia-Lopez (Spain, John Isner and Nicolas Pietrangeli (Italy, 6-3, 6-4).
 Kevin Anderson (South Africa, and Jeremy Chardy (France, def. David Marrero (Spain, and Fernando Verdasco (3), Spain, 6-2, 6-4).

WTA Championships
At Singapore Indoor Stadium
Surface: Hard-Indoor
Round
Group A
 Simona Halep (1), Romania, def. Serena Williams (1), United States, 6-0, 6-2.
 China, 6-0, 6-2.
 Eugenie Bouchard (5), Canada, 6-1, 6-3.

Standings: Halep 2-0 (4-0), Williams 1-2 (1-2),

HIGH SCHOOL: DODDS EUROPE

Certain players are key to team's chances

Football semifinalists' success hinges on these guys

BY GREGORY BROOME
Stars and Stripes

This weekend's slate of DODDS Europe football semifinal games will determine the participants in the Nov. 1 final four, the pair of championship games that will crown Division I and II champions. Here, however, are the sweet 16, the players that will have a lot to say about whether their teams advance to next weekend's championship games.

Division I



Kaiserslautern at Wiesbaden

The undefeated defending champions are loaded with playmakers on either side of the ball, including a handful who qualify as both. Count **CJ Pridgen** among that versatile group. Among DODDS Europe's most gifted athletes, Pridgen deploys his speed, length and jumping ability for game-changing receptions on offense and game-saving interceptions and deflections on defense. Teammate **Deshon Barrow** ranks as an equally explosive presence with his breakaway speed on runs and kick returns.

The underdog Raiders will need to perform at their best in all facets to compete. Quarterback **Bridger Hawkins** will have to form the team's occasional flashes of offensive excellence into a cohesive, game-long attack; senior linebacker **Bradly Lemon** will lead the defensive resistance.



Patch at Ramstein

The allegedly rebuilding Royals got an immediate boost from the arrival of **Ben Ciero**, a proven standout running back at Lakenheath who flourished even more after transferring behind Ramstein's sizeable line. The senior is far from the only runner to find success in Ramstein's system this year, but he's among the team's most consistent and will likely see plenty of handoffs this weekend. **Antonio Ortiz**, another senior bent on leaving school on a winning note, should also take a few carries and do damage from his linebacker spot.

The Panthers don't find any traction in a 45-0 September loss to the Royals, but their passing game has matured in the interim. Quarterback **Holten Sparling**, of course, is the key to that effort, and a big game from him is Patch's best and possibly only path to an upset. Linebacker **Jay Deal** will headline the defensive unit tasked with slowing the Royals and keeping the offense in range.

Division II



Vicenza at Ansbach

The undefeated, top-seeded Cougars didn't reach the level

they're at now standing on just a few sets of shoulder pads. But even a machine like Ansbach's has key cogs. **Roger Brownell** is among DODDS Europe's most versatile performers, capable of shoving in a short-yardage touchdown run, corralling a deep pass, picking off an errant throw and wrenching loose a fumble from a ball carrier's grasp. **Dorian Jones**, meanwhile, doubles as the team's workhorse running back and defensive stalwart.

As with Patch's Sparling, Vicenza's passing game will have to be on point to stand up to the expected Ansbach onslaught.

Quarterback **Mario Molina** has emerged this season as one of DODDS Europe's most accomplished offensive players, and he'll have an opportunity to prove it all over again against a top-flight defense. Defensive linchpin **Dillon Williams**, fresh off a dominant effort in last weekend's quarterfinal defeat of Bitburg, will need to duplicate that effort against Ansbach's corps of runners.



Naples at Hohenfels

The reigning Stars and Stripes football Athlete of the Year has only grown stronger as a senior. Tigers running back **David Vidovic** remains the most intimidating offensive force in DODDS Europe football, a constant threat to run over, around and through even the stoutest defense for a highlight-reel touchdown.

But Naples will likely have a



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Wiesbaden's **Deshon Barrow**, left, is one of the quickest players in DODDS Europe and is a key player for the Warriors as they try to defend their Division I championship.

plan to at least attempt to limit Vidovic's impact on the game; if it works, skill-position peers like quarterback **Clayton Pinheiro** will need to step in and produce points.

The task for Naples is to contain Vidovic while conserving enough energy to launch an offensive response. Wildcat sophomore quarterback **Ty'Rick Riggins** features a Naples offense that initiates a half-dozen big-play threats in its rotating backfield while teaming with many of those same players on the other side of the ball. Defensive leader and skilled tackler **Turon Palmer** gives the Wildcats a chance to hold their own against the defending Division II champs.

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Schedule

Cross country

Saturday
European championships at Baumholder

Tennis

Thursday-Saturday
European championships at Wiesbaden

Football

Friday
Division I semifinal
Kaiserslautern at Wiesbaden
Saturday
Division I semifinal
Patch at Ramstein
Division II semifinals
Vicenza at Ansbach
Naples at Hohenfels

Volleyball

Saturday
Menwith Hill, Lakenheath, Brussels at Alconbury
Kaiserslautern at Ramstein
Baumholder, BFA at Bitburg
Patch at Wiesbaden
Hohenfels, Wilsack at Ansbach
Marymount, Aviano at Vicenza (boys and girls)
AOSR at Naples (boys and girls)
Florence at Sigonella

Oct. 30-Nov. 1

European championships: Girls at Kaiserslautern Military Community; Boys at Aviano

Games of the week

Volleyball Patch at Wiesbaden

Saturday

Every team in DODDS-Europe volleyball has an identity. The Ramstein Royals are the defending champions. The Lakenheath Lancers are the spirited runner-up. The Wilsack Falcons are the scrappy upset specialist. The Naples Wildcats are the championship-tested interlopers.

So where does that leave the Wiesbaden Warriors?
According to the standings, they're the best team in Division I.

Wiesbaden is the last unbeaten team standing in a newly robust division that now includes a full 10 teams. Though geography has prevented them from playing at of their divisional foes, they've beaten the above-mentioned Royals and Falcons in convincing fashion.

Only one team, in fact, has given the Warriors a hard time: the Patch Panthers.

Patch lost a lot of talent from the team that was squeezed out of a title shot by a quirky three-way tiebreaker last fall. But the new and returning Panthers have been up to the challenge. Patch enters the weekend at 10-1. Its only loss? To Wiesbaden on Oct. 4, in five sets: 25-23, 24-26, 19-25, 25-15, 15-12.

It's safe to say this weekend's rematch will be worth paying attention to. And if things hold, so will next weekends.

Volleyball Marymount, Aviano at Vicenza

Saturday

The destinies of the Aviano Saints and Vicenza Cougars are almost always intertwined. That's been the case again this year; the two teams have already met four times this fall. But after Saturday, their paths will diverge.

Aviano will enter the Division II European tournament next week as one of its primary contenders. The Saints are 9-5 entering the weekend, a mark that includes two season-opening wins over Vicenza and another over Naples.

Vicenza, meanwhile, was promoted to Division I early this fall and will enter the large-school tournament as a decided underdog. Though rival Naples will join them at the higher level, Vicenza's frequent encounters with neighbor Aviano will no longer carry divisional ramifications.

But that doesn't mean they're meaningless. Aviano's momentum was stalled by two losses to Vicenza; winning the season series against Vicenza would help the Saints' confidence entering the postseason. A loss to lower-division Aviano, or Marymount for that matter, would be equally damaging to the Cougars' psyche as they take their first steps into the Division I fray.



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HIGH SCHOOL: DODDS PACIFIC/COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Weekend peek

Perry looks to claim share of Japan title

By DAVE ORNAUER
Stars and Stripes

All Far East title-game berths have been determined, and those teams are busily preparing. Most league titles have been decided. Some teams have already put their equipment on the racks until next August.

But one team still has something to play for — a share of the DODDS Japan title, which Perry can secure with a win Saturday in its homecoming game against Zama.

It would be another achievement by a program returning to the varsity level for the first time since 2003. The Samurai play Zama at 11 a.m. Saturday; Perry's next game is Nov. 8 against defending D-II champion Daegu for the Far East title.

Should the Samurai win, they would improve to 4-0 in DODDS Japan, a half-game ahead of 3-0 Kinnick, the defending champion. Since the two teams play an uneven number of games, by virtue of their unbeaten records, they would share the DODDS Japan title.

Cosach Frank Macias says he's not looking ahead to Daegu. He, his coaches and players want to take care of business against the Trojans, whom Macias called

more dangerous than their 0-6 ledger looks.

"They do a lot of good things," Macias said, noting the play of brother backs Jaelon and Jaedon Baker and big man Gabriel Brumage. "A lot of times, they shoot themselves in the foot. I'm hoping they don't pull it all together again."

"Our record is not reflective of what we are really capable of doing," Trojans coach Steven Merrell said. "Missed opportunities certainly come back to haunt us. We might have a nice gain, then lose yards to a penalty or unsuccessful play. We're not able to sustain drives like we want to."

As for the rest of the Pacific, a pair of homecoming games dot the DODDS Korea slate, with Seoul American traveling to Osan and Daegu entertaining Humphreys.

Yokota and Edgren play their DODDS Japan season finale on Friday. Okinawa features a Friday doubleheader with Singapore All-Star Falcons at Kadena at 3 p.m. and American School In Japan at Kubasaki at 6 p.m.

The Guam Interscholastic Football League season wraps up Friday with the third-place game, Okkodo at John F. Kennedy, followed Saturday by Father Duenas at George Washington.

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Game of the week

Cross country: Kanto finals

When — 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, 2014.

Where — Tama Hills Recreation Center, Tokyo.

What — Final tune-up for DODDS Japan and international-school runners for the Far East meet next month at Camp Fuji and Ikego Heights Naval Housing Facility. Runners compete on a 2.9-mile course for boys and a 2.1-mile girls course.

Runners to watch — The meet is significant for who will not compete — Daniel Galvin, a Yokota sophomore sidelined for the season by a stress fracture in his lower-right shin. While Connor Brown, Erin Stonebarger and Kinnick won the DODDS Japan team titles last week on the same Tama course, international-school runners figure to rule the day. Evan Yukevich and American School In Japan's boys and Britanni Shappell and Seisen International's girls. Minus Galvin, Yukevich has the Pacific's fastest 2.9-mile and 3.1-mile times, as does Shappell on the girls side.

Other key events

Football

American School In Japan at Kubasaki, 6 p.m. Friday

School-first meeting between these teams, the Mustangs powered by through the air by Brandon Rogers and on the ground by Ryan Murphy, defending Far East Division I champion Kubasaki by DeCurtis Davis (65-for-112, 827 yards, 12 touchdowns) and Winston Maxwell (621 yards, 92 carries).

Volleyball

DODDS Japan girls volleyball tournament through Saturday at Yokota

Audri Salter and seven-time champion Nile C. Kinnick and Kalean Middleton and Robert D. Edgren expected to contend for the title.

Tennis

Korean-American Interscholastic Activities Conference
Red Division Tournament at Humphreys

First KAIAC postseason tournament for the host Blackhawks, Osan and Daegu as members of the league's second tier.

Schedule

Cross country

Saturday, Oct. 25

M.C. Perry at E.J. King
Kanto finals at Tama Hills Recreation Center

KAIAC finals at Korea International

Boys volleyball

Friday, Oct. 24

Seoul American at Daegu

Saturday, Oct. 25

Humphreys at Daegu

Girls volleyball

Thursday, Oct. 23-Saturday, Oct. 25

DODDS Japan tournament at Yokota

Friday, Oct. 24

Seoul American at Daegu

Saturday, Oct. 25

Humphreys at Daegu

Tuesday, Oct. 28

Kinnick at Seisen, ASUJ at CAJ, Zama at Sacred Heart

Thursday, Oct. 30

Yokota at Kinnick, Sacred Heart at ASUJ

Tennis

Thursday, Oct. 23-Saturday, Oct. 25

DODDS Japan tournament at Zama

Friday, Oct. 24

Seoul International at Seoul American

Friday, Oct. 24-Saturday, Oct. 25

KAIAC finals at Humphreys

Saturday, Oct. 25

KIS at Seoul American

Tuesday, Oct. 28

Kanto finals at Shirako Tennis Complex, Chiba Prefecture

Thursday, Oct. 30

Okinawa doubles finals at Kubasaki

Baseball

Saturday, Oct. 25

George Washington at Guam, John F. Kennedy at Okkodo, Southern vs. Father Duenas at Paseo, Simon Sanchez vs. Tiyam at Paseo

Monday, Oct. 27

Tiyam at Okkodo, Simon Sanchez vs. Father Duenas at Paseo, Guam vs. Southern at Chalan Pago, JFK at George Washington

Thursday, Oct. 30

Tiyam at Guam, Father Duenas at George Washington, Southern at JFK, Simon Sanchez at Okkodo



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TONY GUTERREZ/AP

TCU quarterback Trevone Boykin drops back to pass during the second half against Oklahoma State. Boykin threw for a career-high 410 yards with three touchdowns, two on long plays to Josh Doctson in the first quarter, in last weekend's 42-9 victory.

TCU reaping rewards of revamped offense

By SCHUYLER DIXON
The Associated Press

FORT WORTH, Texas — TCU coach Gary Patterson isn't afraid to say that the revamped offense he ordered after last season didn't look great in spring practice.

Yet, he's not sure where to start on how the 10th-ranked Horned Frogs turned into the nation's most improved offense in points scored and yards.

"People play better, your quarterback plays better," Patterson said this week. "Honestly, I think the guys have done a great job of calling it game-plan-wise. And there's a belief. I've always told them, as a defensive person, you're not just a coordinator, you're also a marketing major. You've got to make people believe what you do is the best that's out there."

Quarterback Trevone Boykin and his crew are playing like they're sold on what offensive coordinators Doug Meacham and Sonny Cumbie brought in after Patterson decided it was time to try to keep up with the fast-paced Big 12 teams.

Coming off the gut punch of a loss to Baylor — blowing a 21-point lead in the last 11 minutes and losing on a last-play field goal — the Frogs made school history last week with having the first 400-yard passer, 200-yard receiver and 100-yard rusher in the same game, a 42-9 rout of then-No. 15 Oklahoma State.

Boykin threw for 410 yards, while Josh Doctson had touchdowns of 77 and 84 yards among his 225 yards receiving and B.J. Catalon finished with 102 on the ground and a pair of scores.

In other words, TCU (5-1, 2-1

Big 12) now looks a lot like Saturday's opponent, Texas Tech (3-4, 1-3), did when Cumbie was quarterback in 2004 and the Red Raiders beat the Frogs 70-35. That's the most points Patterson allowed in his 14 years as coach.

"It's exciting to see the guys scoring and having fun because last year I feel like we weren't having this much fun on the offensive side," said safety Sam Carter, who was a high school quarterback in the Houston area.

For years, the Frogs measured their national prowess in the defensive standings — only Alabama has more No. 1 finishes since 1937 with six, and all five of

'I tell anyone, as long as they're scoring, I don't care about going back out there.'

Sam Carter
TCU safety

TCU's have been since 2000 under Patterson. But now it's the offense's turn.

Boykin leads the Big 12 and is fourth nationally in total offense at 370 yards per game. He's the first quarterback under Patterson to throw for at least 250 yards in six consecutive games, and he ranks No. 5 nationally in scoring and seventh in total yards.

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That defense is living with the fact that it gave up 782 total yards to Baylor — including 510 passing to Bryce Petty. And the proud unit always has to be ready to hop back on the field. TCU scored three touchdowns in a span of four offensive plays against the Cowboys.

"I tell anyone," Carter said, "as long as they're scoring, I don't care about going back out there."

It's easy to forget that Boykin wasn't established as the starter when preseason workouts started in August, as Matt Joeckel came aboard looking for a place to play one more season after graduating from Texas A&M.

But Joeckel has played sparingly, mostly getting mop-up duty in blowouts, while Boykin is learning how to be more of a passer in the new spread offense.

"I'm excited for him," Patterson said of Boykin. "For as much criticism as he's taken over his younger years here — only a junior, seems like he's been here forever.

"The way coach Cumbie and coach Meacham have handled him, the way it's turned out, has been awesome."

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Player to watch

Connor Cook QB|Michigan State

The junior threw three touchdowns and finished with 332 yards last week in a 56-17 win over Indiana. This week, the Paul Bunyan Trophy will be at stake for Cook and the No. 8 Spartans against archrival Michigan. Michigan State has won five straight games overall, and 13 consecutive over conference opponents. Cook has thrown a TD pass in 14 straight games (the school record is 16 by Kirk Cousins and Drew Stanton) and is 12-0 against Big Ten teams.

Michigan at Michigan State
9:30 p.m. Saturday, CDT; 4:30 a.m. Sunday, Japan/Korea, AFN-Atlantic



ROCELIO V. SOLIS/AP

Mississippi defensive back Senquez Golson runs after intercepting a Tennessee pass last week. The No. 3 Rebels have relied heavily on their defense this season to vault to the top of the SEC West. Their 15 interceptions are tied for the national lead, and they've scored almost as many defensive touchdowns (4) as the six they've allowed. They'll face No. 24 LSU's improved offense on Saturday.

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Air Force
does not play
Last week: Beat
New Mexico, 35-31
Next game: at
Army, Nov. 1



Army
does not play
Last week: Lost 39-17 at Kent State
Next game: vs. Air Force, Nov. 1



Navy
vs. San Jose State
Last week: Did not play
Next game: vs. Notre Dame, Nov. 1 at Landover, Md.

AP TOP 25 SCHEDULE

Thursday

No. 18 East Carolina vs. UConn

Friday

No. 6 Oregon vs. California at Santa Clara, Calif.

Saturday

- No. 1 Mississippi State at Kentucky
- No. 3 Missouri at No. 24 LSU
- No. 6 Alabama at Tennessee
- No. 5 Auburn vs. South Carolina
- No. 8 Michigan State vs. Michigan
- No. 10 TCU vs. Texas Tech
- No. 11 Kansas State vs. Texas
- No. 13 Ohio State at Penn State
- No. 14 Arizona State at Washington
- No. 15 Nebraska vs. Rutgers
- No. 19 Utah vs. No. 20 Southern Cal
- No. 21 Clemson vs. Syracuse
- No. 22 West Virginia at Oklahoma State
- No. 23 Marshall vs. FAU
- No. 25 UCLA at Colorado

THE POWER CONFERENCES

ACC				
Atlantic Division				
Conf.	W	L	All W	
Florida St.	4	0	7	0
Clemson	4	1	5	2
Virginia	4	2	6	3
Boston College	1	2	4	3
Syracuse	2	3	3	4
Wake Forest	0	4	2	5
NC State	0	3	2	4

Coastal Division				
Conf.	W	L	All W	
Duke	2	1	6	1
Pittsburgh	2	1	4	3
Georgia Tech	2	2	5	2
Miami	1	2	4	3
Virginia Tech	1	2	4	3
North Carolina	1	2	3	4

Game of the week: Georgia Tech at Pittsburgh. This Coastal Division matchup — the only one in the league Saturday between teams with winning records — shapes up as the best of a light lineup. A Panthers' loss to a Yellow Jackets team that has dropped two straight would give control of the race to the Blue Devils.

Inside the numbers: The average margin of victory in games matching two Coastal teams has been 7.9 points, with six of the nine meetings having been decided by no more than a touchdown.

Player to watch: Boston College QB Tyler Murphy. Murphy could have a big day at Wake Forest's expense. The transfer has three 100-yard rushing performances, is the nation's leading runner among QBs and is on pace to break Woody Dantzler's ACC single-season record for rushing yards by a QB

Big Ten				
East				
Conf.	W	L	All W	
Michigan St.	3	0	6	1
Ohio St.	2	0	5	1
Maryland	2	1	5	2
Rutgers	1	2	3	4
Michigan	1	2	4	2
Penn St.	1	2	4	2
Indiana	0	3	3	4

West				
Conf.	W	L	All W	
Minnesota	3	0	6	1
Iowa	2	1	5	2
Northwestern	2	2	4	2
Wisconsin	1	1	4	2
Purdue	1	3	3	5
Illinois	0	3	3	4

Game of the week: Michigan at Michigan State. Aside from the usual bragging rights, the No. 8 Spartans (6-1, 3-0) are hoping to continue their march toward a potential spot in the college football playoff. Michigan (3-4, 1-2), which has lost five of six in this series, would like to play spoiler and perhaps set the stage for a strong finish after a dismal start to the season.

Inside the numbers: Big Ten backfields have four of the top five rushers in the nation in average yards per game. Wisconsin's Melvin Gordon (1st, 174.3 yards), Indiana's Tevin Coleman (2nd, 170.3), Nebraska's Ameer Abdullah (4th, 146.3), and Minnesota's David Cobb (5th, 144.7).

Player to watch: WR Devin Funchess. The 6-foot-5 junior has 36 receptions for 461 yards despite being hobbled for a decent part of it. The Wolverines could use a big game from Funchess against Michigan State's talented defense.

Big 12				
Conf.	W	L	All W	
Kansas St.	3	0	6	0
West Virginia	3	1	1	2
Baylor	3	1	1	2
Oklahoma St.	3	1	1	2
TCU	2	2	2	2
Oklahoma	2	2	2	2
Texas	2	2	2	2
Texas Tech	1	3	4	0
Iowa St.	1	3	4	0
Kansas	0	4	2	5

Game of the week: No. 22 West Virginia at Oklahoma State. The Mountaineers (5-2, 3-1) entered the Top 25 with a convincing win over then-unbeaten Baylor last weekend. Oklahoma State (5-2, 3-1) was embarrassed by TCU 42-9, ending a 58-game streak of scoring at least 20 points. Oklahoma State can't let this one get away, considering that it still has to make trips to Kansas State, Baylor and Oklahoma.

Inside the numbers: Seven Big 12 teams are averaging at least 30 points, led by Baylor at 49.

Player to watch: K-State quarterback Jake Waters. He's three for 225 yards and pair of touchdowns and scored on a 53-yard run last week against Oklahoma. Waters might not have gaudy numbers like Boykin or Baylor's Bryce Petty, but the Wildcats are the only Big 12 team still undefeated in conference play.

Pac-12				
North				
Conf.	W	L	All W	
Oregon	3	1	6	1
Stanford	2	3	4	3
California	2	3	4	3
Washington	1	2	5	2
Oregon St.	1	2	4	2
Washington St.	1	3	2	5

South				
Conf.	W	L	All W	
Southern Cal	4	1	5	2
Arizona St.	3	1	5	1
Arizona	2	1	5	1
Utah	2	1	5	1
UCLA	2	2	5	2
Colorado	0	4	2	5

Game of the week: No. 19 Utah vs. No. 20 Southern Cal. USC (5-2, 4-1) is making just its second trek to Salt Lake City to face Utah (5-1, 2-1) since 1917 in a showdown between two top-20 teams contending for the South Division title. Cody Kessler is coming off a game against Colorado in which he threw a school-record seven TD passes. Travis Wilson reclaims his starting job at QB from Kendall Thompson.

Inside the numbers: Two FBS quarterbacks have attempted at least 100 passes this season without an interception — Oregon's Marcus Mariota (188 attempts) and Utah's Travis Wilson (111 attempts).

Player to watch: USC RB Javoris Allen. Allen leads the conference in rushing and all-purpose yards. He's the only player in the country who has at least 900 yards rushing and 250 yards receiving.

SEC				
East				
Conf.	W	L	All W	
Georgia	3	1	6	1
Missouri	2	1	5	2
Kentucky	2	2	4	2
South Carolina	2	3	4	3
Florida	2	2	4	2
Tennessee	0	3	3	4
Vanderbilt	0	4	2	5

West				
Conf.	W	L	All W	
Mississippi	4	0	7	0
Mississippi St.	3	3	3	0
Alabama	1	1	6	1
Auburn	2	1	5	2
LSU	2	2	4	2
Texas A&M	2	3	5	3
Arkansas	0	4	3	4

Game of the week: No. 3 Mississippi at No. 24 LSU. Ole Miss is off to its best start in more than 50 years, but now must face what appears to be an improved LSU team at night in Death Valley. The Rebels are leaning on a fantastic defense that's giving up just 10.6 points per game. The Tigers will counter with a rejuvenated running game that rushed for more than 300 yards in last week's 41-3 win over Kentucky.

Inside the numbers: Alabama's 59-0 victory last week over Texas A&M — ranked 21st at the time — was Alabama's most one-sided victory ever against a ranked opponent.

Player to watch: Missouri tailback Marcus Murphy. The senior scored on a 96-yard kickoff return, an 82-yard punt return and a 5-yard run from scrimmage last week in a 42-13 win over Florida. He became the first Missouri player since 1976 to score three different ways in a single game.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL



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Michigan State's Denicos Allen celebrates his sack of Michigan quarterback Devin Gardner during the third quarter on Nov. 2, 2013 in East Lansing, Michigan. Michigan State won 29-6.

SEC teams remain own worst enemies

By JOHN ZENOR
The Associated Press

Key SEC games

All the hand-wringing over the SEC's near-monopoly of the top five might well prove a moot point.

The Southeastern Conference will take care of the matter internally since nobody heaps more abuse on league teams than the SEC itself.

In the SEC West, No. 1 Mississippi State, No. 3 Mississippi, No. 4 Alabama and No. 5 Auburn are jockeying to win the nation's toughest division. But four more head-to-head matchups among them remain to shake things out.

No. 9 Georgia (4-1 in SEC games) sits in the East driver's seat but Missouri (2-1) and surprising Kentucky (2-2) also are in the mix going into the second half of the season.

Alabama safety Landon Collins doesn't shy from peeking at the competition in a league that's the first to have four teams in the top five and has won seven of the last eight national titles.

"We look at it all the time," Collins said. "We've got so many big teams in our conference. Every given Saturday, you don't know who's going to win. Because I mean, everybody's coming with their A-game and everybody's trying to get to those top four spots, you know?"

That would be the four-team College Football Playoff. But first things first.

The West could come down to the Egg Bowl since the Bulldogs (3-0) and Rebels (4-0) are the only remaining unbeaten teams. They've each still got at least one huge challenge from their division brethren before they even get to that point. Mississippi State has beaten Auburn (2-1), but still must face the Crimson Tide (3-1) at Bryant-Denny Stadium on Nov. 15. Ole Miss topped Bama but hosts Auburn next Saturday.

The Tigers also face Georgia,

Nov. 1
Auburn at Mississippi

Nov. 15
Mississippi State at Alabama
Auburn at Georgia

Nov. 29
Auburn at Alabama
Mississippi State at Mississippi

their traditional rival from the East. Not to mention the Iron Bowl, which featured two teams in national title contention last season and one of college football's most fantastic finishes.

So all that speculation — or disgust, in some circles — that the West could have multiple teams in the first playoff is premature, though certainly not outlandish. After all, Alabama won the 2011 national title after losing to LSU and finishing second in the division before claiming the rematch with Les Miles' Tigers.

"It's the best conference in college football, probably by a long shot, so whoever wins the West will have a big advantage," predicts Auburn coach Gus Malzahn.

Plenty of time to beat up on each other, though. The Saturday-to-Saturday grind of the SEC will continue to take its toll. It's what Mississippi State coach Dan Mullen calls "the cumulative effect of this conference."

"Can the champion of any conference beat any one of those four teams?" Mullen said. "You know what, there's probably a couple teams in every conference that in one game could beat any of those four teams. But what our league is about, and what our guys have to understand, is it's not one week, it's every single week."

AP Sports Writers David Brandt, Gary B. Graves, Charles Odum contributed.

Change in fortunes

Michigan State has taken over rivalry with Michigan

By NOAH TRISTER
The Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Brady Hoke's arrival at Michigan was supposed to signal a return to the program's roots of power football and physicality.

Now in their fourth season under Hoke, the Wolverines have had a hard time recapturing that identity. That was never more apparent than when they lined up against Michigan State last year.

For 60 overpowering minutes, Michigan State demonstrated just how drastically the rivalry has shifted, gleefully bullying the Wolverines. Michigan lost 29-6 and the underlying stats were more alarming: The Wolverines allowed seven sacks, finished with minus-48 yards rushing and were shut out in the second half.

"Last year, I think as an offensive line, we went out there and just kind of let go of techniques and fundamentals and things like that, and just kind of played chaotic," Michigan offensive lineman Jack Miller said. "It was a great team Michigan State had last year, just like they do this year. I think it was a perfect storm of probably a bunch of different

things."

Hoke was hired in 2011, a sharp change for the Wolverines after three seasons of Rich Rodriguez's spread offense. Michigan was too porous defensively to win consistently under Rodriguez, but in Hoke's first season the Wolverines went 11-2 and won the Sugar Bowl.

One of those two losses — at Michigan State, where Michigan allowed seven sacks and was out-rushed 213-82.

Perhaps that was a sign the Wolverines were still having trouble matching up with the Spartans, who after years of playing second fiddle had become one of the Big Ten's top teams under coach Mark Dantonio.

Hoke said this week his offensive linemen may have been "shocked a little bit" last year, and struggled with their technique as a result.

"You've got some guys who were young," Hoke said. "That's a different environment."

The No. 8 Spartans host Michigan again this weekend, and as of noon Wednesday, Michigan State was a 17-point favorite.

"I think it starts with the coaches — we buy into what they



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do," Spartans quarterback Connor Cook said. "I think we're all pretty tough physically ... I think we have a lot of guys that are mentally strong as well, and I think mental toughness overrides physical toughness at times."

The numbers are sobering for Michigan. Since beating Michigan State 45-37 in 2004, the Wolverines have scored fewer and fewer points in each of their last nine meetings — the longest streak of its kind in college football since at least 1980, according to STATS.

One Michigan touchdown this weekend would be enough to end that trend, but to win the game, the Wolverines will probably need to reverse another.

Michigan State holds a rushing edge of 1,080-471 — an average of 101.5 yards per game — in its last six meetings with Michigan. In this series, the team with more yards rushing has won 41 of the last 44 games.



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Quarterback Bo Wallace and Mississippi are ranked No. 3 in the latest Associated Press Top 25, one of four Southeastern Conference West Division teams that clog the top five.

AUTO RACING



RAINIER EHRHARDT/AP

Brad Keselowski prepares for the start of last week's Sprint Cup Series race in Talladega, Ala.

Popularity with drivers not Keselowski's worry

BY JENNA FRYER
The Associated Press

BCHARLOTTE, N.C. — Brad Keselowski's refusal to be pushed around on the race track has earned him a few comparisons to the late Dale Earnhardt.

It's a conversation Keselowski will not participate in out of deference to the Hall of Fame seven-time champion.

"Racing in some ways is like music — you can be influenced as a band by another band," he said. "Certainly there is some influence there. But I'm not that band. It's flattering with all the success that (Earnhardt) has had. But I'm not (that) band. I'm just trying to do things my own way, the best way I know how."

Keselowski had a roller-coaster eight days last week after he tangled on and off the track at Charlotte with Denny Hamlin and Matt Kenseth. It earned him a \$50,000 fine from NASCAR, and dropped him into a must-win situation Sunday at Talladega.

He then pulled off a stunning rally by winning at the Alabama track to avoid elimination in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship. Keselowski now goes this weekend to Martinsville Speedway seeking to strengthen his bid for a second Cup title in three years.

Team owner Roger Penske surmised that it's Keselowski's success — the driver has a series-best six wins this season and five poles — that has caused jealousy among his peers. It's that alleged animosity that flared at Charlotte, Penske believes, and he encour-



RAINIER EHRHARDT/AP

Brad Keselowski drinks champagne after winning at Talladega.

aged Keselowski to just move on. Kenseth, who jumped Keselowski from behind in the garage at Charlotte, insisted he's not jealous of Keselowski.

'There's no part of me that's sitting here saying, 'Man, I hope everybody hates me.''

Brad Keselowski
NASCAR driver

got here the old-fashioned way, working hard," said Kenseth, noting he used to see Keselowski working on his own cars in the garage as other drivers retreated to their motorhomes. "He works harder than most people work at it and tries harder, and that's a lot

of the reason for his success. I'm certainly not jealous of that. I actually admire that part of him."

Keselowski understands there are mixed feelings about him throughout NASCAR. But he said being the most popular driver was never his goal, and he's always carried himself with the determination and drive to simply make it to NASCAR's top level.

It's meant being outspoken, not giving an inch on the race track and not backing down to a veteran. He makes no apologies for refusing to follow any code, real or imagined.

"Sometimes, with this current setting, you're going to have to ruffle some feathers and not everybody's going to like you," Keselowski said. "I'm comfortable with that, or as comfortable with that as you can be. There's no part of me that's sitting here saying, 'Man, I hope everybody hates me.'"

Around the tracks

NASCAR SPRINT CUP

This week: Goody's Headache Relief Shot 500 at Martinsville, Va. **Track:** Martinsville Speedway (oval, 0.526 miles).

Race distance: 263 miles, 500 laps. **TV:** AFN-Xtra, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Central European Time; 2:30 a.m. Monday, Japan and Korea Time.

Last year: Jeff Gordon raced to his eighth Martinsville victory.

Last week: Brad Keselowski won at Talladega to earn a spot in the third round of the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship. He has a series-high six victories.

Next race: AAA Texas 500, Nov. 2, Texas Motor Speedway, Fort Worth, Texas.

Online: nascar.com

POINTS STANDINGS

1. Joey Logano	4,000
2. Kevin Harvick	4,000
3. Ryan Newman	4,000
4. Denny Hamlin	4,000
5. Matt Kenseth	4,000
6. Carl Edwards	4,000
7. Jeff Gordon	4,000
8. Brad Keselowski	4,000
9. Kyle Busch	2,197
10. Jimmie Johnson	2,174
11. Kasey Kahne	2,169
12. AJ Allmendinger	2,163
13. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	2,149
14. Greg Biffle	2,146
15. Kurt Busch	2,146
16. Aric Almirola	2,101
17. Kyle Larson	967
18. Clint Bowyer	885
19. Austin Dillon	878
20. Jamie McMurray	877

DRIVER TO WATCH

Although he's only won once this season, **Denny Hamlin** has four victories at Martinsville. He also has nine top-five and 13 top-10 finishes as well as three pole positions. He won from the pole in 2010.

In 17 races at Martinsville, Hamlin has an average finish of 8.8, one of only three active drivers with an average finish in the top 10, and his driver rating of 109.6 is third-best.

Since the latest round of cuts in the Chase for the championship, all eight remaining drivers are even in the standings, meaning it's anyone's championship.



NATIONWIDE SERIES

Next race: O'Reilly Auto Parts Challenge, Nov. 1, Texas Motor Speedway, Fort Worth, Texas.

Last race: Brad Keselowski won at Charlotte on Oct. 10 for his fourth victory in nine starts this year.

Online: nascar.com

CAMPING WORLD TRUCK SERIES

This week: Kroger 200 at Martinsville, Va.

Track: Martinsville Speedway (oval, 0.526 miles). **Race distance:** 105.2 miles, 200 laps.

Last year: Darrell Wallace Jr. became the second black driver to win on NASCAR's national level. Wendell Scott won in 1963 in Jacksonville, Florida, in what is now known as the Sprint Cup Series.

Last week: Timothy Peters won at Talladega in a two-lap sprint to the finish.

Fast facts: Wallace has two victories this year. Kyle Busch Motorsports teammate Erik Jones is making his 11th start of the season.

Next race: Kroger 200, Oct. 25, Martinsville Speedway, Martinsville, Va.

Online: nascar.com

FORMULA ONE

Next race: U.S. Grand Prix, Nov. 2, Circuit of the Americas, Austin, Texas.

Last race: Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton won the Russian Grand Prix on Oct. 12 for his fourth straight victory and ninth of the season. Teammate Nico Rosberg was second and Mercedes wrapped up the constructors title. Hamilton has a 17-point lead over Rosberg with three races left.

Online: formula1.com

NHRA MELLO YELLO DRAG RACING

Next event: NHRA Toyota Nationals, Oct. 30-Nov. 2, The Strip at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Las Vegas.

Last event: Matt Hagan won the NHRA Nationals on Oct. 5 in Mohnton, Pa., to take the Funny Car points lead. Hagan raced to his third victory of the season and second in the Countdown to the Championship playoffs. Tony Schumacher won in Top Fuel, Roger Dodson in Pro Stock, and Eddie Krawiec in Pro Stock Motorcycle.

Online: nhra.com

OTHER RACES

WORLD OF OUTLAWS: Sprint Car: Saturday, Port Royal Speedway, Port Royal, Pa. Super DirtCar: Sunday, Orange County Fair Speedway, Middletown, N.Y.

Online: worldofoutlaws.com
— The Associated Press



JOHN BAZEMORE/AP

Timothy Peters holds up the trophy in Victory Lane last weekend after winning the NASCAR Truck Series race at Talladega Superspeedway.

WORLD SERIES

Even: Royals' dynamic bullpen comes through again

Scoreboard

FROM BACK PAGE

"With their pitching and our pitching, and the way both teams play, we're going to have a fight, I think, every game," Giants manager Bruce Bochy said.

So much talk of fighting after the two teams nearly came to blows Wednesday.

The Royals had surged ahead on Butler's single when Perez followed with a double off Strickland into the left-field gap. Omar Infante then scorched a pitch into the bullpen in left, the fifth homer that Strickland had allowed to 23 postseason batters.

Boiling over with anger, Strickland yelled into his glove then got into a shouting match with Perez as the big, burly catcher headed for home. Players spilled out of both dugouts, and several Royals streamed in from the outfield bullpen before the umpires finally restorer order.

"He started to look at me, so I asked him like, 'Hey, you look at me?'" Perez said. "So he was telling me, 'Get out of here, whatever.' So I don't know. You don't have to treat me like that. Look at Omar. Omar hit a bomb. I didn't hit a bomb. I hit a double."

Strickland said he simply let his frustration get to him.

"I let the team down," he said. "My emotions got to me."

With his 100 mph fastball singeing the Giants' batters, Royals flamethrower Yorlano Ventura allowed two runs while pitching into the sixth inning. The 23-year-old protégé of Pedro Martinez hardly looked like the first rookie to make a World Series start for the Royals, calmly handling a lineup that had ravaged staff ace James Shields.

The dynamic trio of Kelvin Herrera, Wade Davis and Greg Holland did the rest.

Herrera got the final two outs of the sixth to escape a jam, his first three pitches clocking at least 100 mph. He also survived a shaky seventh before Davis breezed through the eighth.

Greg Holland, who saved each game in the Royals' sweep of Baltimore in the AL Championship Series, allowed a two-out single to Brandon Crawford before fanning Gregor Blanco to end the game.

The Giants' only runs came on a homer by Blanco and a double by Brandon Belt, their streak of seven straight World Series wins ending on a crisp, breezy night.

"For us to leave here with a split, you like to get greedy," Bochy said, "but we know it's going to be a tough series."



MATT SLOCUM/AP

San Francisco Giants pitcher Hunter Strickland watches as Kansas City's Omar Infante rounds the bases after hitting a two-run home run during the third inning of Game 2 of the World Series on Wednesday in Kansas City, Mo.

Early on, it looked as if the Giants could have a big lead heading back to the Bay Area.

The fleet-footed Blanco silenced a rollicking sea of blue, becoming the 10th player to open a World Series game with a home run. He deposited Ventura's 98 mph fastball in the bullpen in right field, just his 17th home run in more than 2,300 at-bats.

The crowd, energized from the moment that Hall of Famer Gregor Brett delivered the ceremonial first pitch, was left waiting for something good to happen for the second straight night.

This time, the scrappy Royals gave it to them.

ALCS MVP Lorenzo Cain stretched a two-out double later in the first, and Eric Hosmer walked on four pitches. Butler, Giants starter Jake Peavy's long-time nemesis, then bounced a single past the outstretched glove

of Crawford at shortstop to knot the game 1-1.

The Royals kept the pressure on in second. Infante doubled over the head of Travis Ishikawa in left field, and Escobar sliced a two-out double down the right-field line to give Kansas City a 2-1 lead, its first in the World Series since Game 7 in 1985.

The Giants, so accustomed to October baseball, refused to back down.

Belt tied it in the fourth with a double that bounced off Nori Aoki's glove in right field.

The game was still knotted at 2 when the Royals got their first two batters aboard in the sixth. Bochy pulled the fiery Peavy. Buter promptly hit a go-ahead single off Jean Machi, and Strickland came in two batters later.

From there, well, the Royals showed they still had plenty of fight left.

World Series
(Best-of-seven; x-if necessary)
San Francisco 1, Kansas City 1
San Francisco 7, Kansas City 1
Wednesday: Kansas City 7, San Francisco 2
Friday: Kansas City (Guthrie 13-11) at San Francisco (Hudson 9-13)
Saturday: Kansas City (Vargas 11-10) at San Francisco (Vogelsong 8-13)
Sunday: Kansas City at San Francisco
x-Tuesday, Oct. 28: San Francisco at Kansas City
x-Wednesday, Oct. 29: San Francisco at Kansas City

Wednesday
Game 2
Royals 7, Giants 2

San Francisco	AB	R	H	BI	BSSO	Avg.
G.Blanco rf	4	1	1	1	1	.286
Panik 2b	4	0	1	0	0	.222
Posley cf	4	0	1	0	0	.222
Sandoval 3b	4	1	0	1	0	.444
Pence rf	4	1	0	1	0	.429
Belt 1b	4	1	1	0	1	.250
Morse dh	3	1	0	0	0	.250
W.Suarez ph	1	0	1	0	0	.000
Ishikawa lf	4	0	1	0	0	.200
B.Crawford ss	4	0	1	0	0	.333
Totals	35	0	7	2	8	

Kansas City	AB	R	H	BI	BSSO	Avg.
A.Escobar ss	3	0	0	0	0	.000
Aoki rf	3	0	0	0	0	.000
J.Dyson cf	4	0	0	0	0	.000
L.Cain 1b	4	0	0	0	0	.333
Hosmer 1b	2	1	0	2	1	.000
B.Butler dh	3	0	2	0	0	.500
I.Gore pr dh	0	1	0	0	0	.000
J.Willingham ph-dh	1	0	0	0	0	1.000
A.Gordon lf	4	0	0	0	0	.000
S.Perez c	4	2	2	2	1	.286
Infante 2b	3	2	2	2	1	.333
Moustakas 3b	3	0	1	0	0	.333
Totals	32	10	2	7	9	

San Francisco 100 100 000 - 2 7 9 0
Kansas City 110 005 00x - 7 10 0 0
1-run for B.Butler in the 6th.
E—B.Crawford (1), Moustakas (1).
LOB—San Francisco 8, Kansas City 3.
2B—Sandoval (2), Belt (1), A.Escobar (1), B.Butler (2), S.Perez (1).
HR—G.Blanco (1), off Ventura; Infante (1), off Strickland.
RBI—B.Crawford (1), B.Crawford (1), B.Butler (2), S.Perez (2), Infante (2).
Runners left in scoring position—San Francisco 3 (Morse 1, Sandoval 1, Pence 1); Kansas City 2 (A.Gordon, Aoki).
RISP—San Francisco 1-for-8; Kansas City 2-for-5.
GDP—A.Escobar.
SB—San Francisco 1 (B.Crawford, Panik, Belt).
IP H R ER BBSO NP ERA
Peavy, L-G 1 5 6 4 4 2 2 1 66 7.00
Machi 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0.00
G.Aoki 1/2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0.00
Strickland 0 2 2 2 0 0 0 0 61.80
Hosmer 1/2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0.00
Linceseum 1/2 0 0 0 0 2 2 0 0.00
C.Blanco 1/2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0.00
Kansas City IP H R ER BBSO NP ERA
Ventura 5/8 8 2 2 0 2 87 3.38
Hudson 1/0 1/2 0 0 0 0 0 0.00
W.Davis 1 0 0 0 0 2 14 0.00
L.Jones 2 0 0 0 0 2 2 0.00
Peavy pitched to 2 batters in the 6th. Machi pitched to 1 batter in the 6th. Strickland pitched to 2 batters in the 6th.
Inherited runners scored—Machi 2-1, L.Jones 2-1, Strickland 2-2, K.Herrera 2-0.
WP—Strickland.
T—40,446 (37,903).



DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

After 16 years, 214 regular-season wins and seven failed trips to the postseason, San Francisco pitcher Tim Hudson has finally made it to baseball's biggest stage at age 39. Hudson, seen here celebrating after the Giants' Game 5 win over the Cardinals in the NLCS, will start Game 3 of the World Series when the Fall Classic continues on Friday in San Francisco.

Giants' Hudson set to face Royals' Guthrie in game 3

By JOSH DUOH
The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — In the middle of a champagne-and-beer-soaked clubhouse after the San Francisco Giants won the NL Championship Series, Tim Hudson was given the chance to speak to his team.

The message was as simple as Hudson's approach on the mound: "World Series, baby!"

After 16 years, 214 regular-season wins and seven failed trips to the postseason, Hudson has finally made it to baseball's biggest stage at age 39.

Hudson is set to take the mound Friday night for the Giants when they return home to face Jeremy Guthrie and the Royals in Game

3 of the World Series after a two-game split in Kansas City.

"I think everybody thinks about it every year they play," Hudson said. "Obviously when you go 16 years without having been able to experience something like this, you wonder if it's going to happen. I'm no different than anybody."

Hudson's brilliant career began on the other side of San Francisco Bay as he helped Oakland make four straight trips to the postseason that ended with Game 5 losses in the division series.

Hudson got back to the playoffs with Atlanta, losing in the division series in 2005 to Houston and 2010 to San Francisco. The Braves made it again last year when Hudson was hurt but lost

again in the division series.

After signing a \$23 million, two-year contract this offseason with San Francisco, Hudson finally got to experience postseason success.

"Coming off my injury last year, I knew that I probably don't have a lot of years left," Hudson said. "That was a huge reason I came here to San Francisco. It's unfolding just how I figured it would."

Guthrie had a long wait just to get to the playoffs. He made his first postseason appearance at age 35 when he allowed one run in five innings of a no-decision against Baltimore in Game 3 of the ALCS.

That start is Guthrie's only outing against the past four weeks; he did not pitch in the division series sweep against the Angels.

NFL

WR Hilton crucial to Colts offense

Chemistry with QB Luck reaping big dividends for Indianapolis offense

By MICHAEL MAROT
The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Andrew Luck and T.Y. Hilton communicate on the field in an unspoken language.

With a look and a nod, each player knows exactly where to go and what to do. It's taken 2½ years for Indianapolis' new big-play tandem to develop this rapport, which is becoming an increasingly essential component for today's quarterbacks and receivers.

"I know when he's going to come to me," Hilton said. "We've got that."

The Colts aren't surprised with this turn of events. They knew what they were getting.

From the moment Hilton went to Florida International, he's been proving people wrong. Everyone knew the 5-foot-9, 178-pound receiver could run. Few expected him to stay healthy enough to become the school's career leader in receptions (229), yards (3,351) and touchdown catches (24).

The 2012 draft scouting report said Hilton had breakout speed and could be a dynamic return specialist.

Colts general manager Ryan Grigson always believed Hilton would be equally valuable stretching the field, complementing an aging but still productive Reggie Wayne and possibly emerging as Luck's favorite target. So, after taking Luck with the top overall pick, Grigson didn't hesitate to trade two draft picks to San Fran-

“He was already doing everything he was supposed to do. There was very little I had to do to look out after him. He knew what direction he wanted to go.”

Reggie Wayne
Colts veteran WR

cisco to move up in the third round and nab the small speedster.

“It didn't take long for Hilton to make an impression. “We got into meetings and he was always taking notes. He was already paying attention,” Wayne said. “He was already doing everything he was supposed to do. There was very little I had to do to look out after him. He knew what direction he wanted to go.”

Ever since, it's been a steady ascension.

In 2012, Hilton had 50 catches, 861 yards and led all NFL rookie receivers with seven TD catches. Last year, when Wayne tore his right ACL, Hilton became Indy's top receiver with 82 catches, 1,083 yards and five TD receptions. In January's remarkable playoff comeback against Kansas City, he played an even big-



AJ Mast/AP

Colts receiver T.Y. Hilton runs out of the tackle of Bengals cornerback Leon Hall in last week's game. Hilton's dedication in the offseason has helped him become third in the NFL in yards receiving (711).

ger role — 13 receptions and 224 yards including the decisive 64-yard score.

But Hilton and Luck still wanted more. Hilton committed himself to perfecting comeback routes during the offseason. Luck focused on becoming more accurate and a better situational player. Together, they refined those communication skills that have come in so handy.

The results have been impressive. As Luck leads the league in yards passing and is tied for the lead in TD passes, Hilton is third in the NFL in yards receiving (711).

Hilton is on pace to finish with more than 100 receptions and the third-highest single-season yardage total in franchise history. And if he tops the 100-yard mark for

the third straight game, he also will break Bill Brooks' franchise record for yards receiving (2,720) in his first three seasons — with eight games to play.

Steelers receiver Antonio Brown will be reunited with his youth-league teammate Sunday and it'll be all business on the field.

"It's always iron on iron, friend to friend bettering each other," Steelers receiver Antonio Brown said of his longtime friendship with Hilton. "He's a big-play guy. He's always capable of flipping the chains."

The Colts (5-2) are chasing their sixth straight win and trying to put more distance between themselves and second-place Houston in the AFC South. The Steelers (4-3), meanwhile, are trying to fight their way back to

the top of the AFC North.

Plus, Hilton could be back at center stage if Wayne, who missed practice Wednesday, can't play because of a left elbow injury.

Luck isn't worried if Wayne isn't in the lineup.

"I think if you focus too much on Reg, you focus too much on the tight ends, Hakeem (Nicks), T.Y.'s going to bite you," Luck said. "If you focus on T.Y., then the other guys are going to get you. That's the beauty of the offense, and T.Y.'s showing you he's a big playmaker."

He might be an even better student of the game.

"We've got that chemistry where he gives me a nod and I give him a nod," Hilton said. "And we just both know."

Baldwin ready to move forward after Harvin deal

By TIM BOOTH
The Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. — Doug Baldwin was about to board the charter bus last Friday when he got word Seattle had traded Percy Harvin.

Two days later, he sat in a St. Louis locker room after one of the best games in his career answering questions about whether he was involved in a preseason scuffle with Harvin. He wasn't getting many questions about his seven receptions and the touchdown he scored against the Rams.

Baldwin and the Seahawks were clearly ready on Wednesday to put the conversation regarding Harvin's surprising trade to the New York Jets in the past. But the trade, the subsequent stories about locker room dustups involving Harvin and two straight losses for the first time since 2011 have clearly impacted the Super Bowl champs' image of stability.

"We're in the locker room where you spend 12 to 14 hours with these guys every day, of course there are going to be issues. You're not all going to get along about ev-



TOM GANNAN/AP

Seahawks wide receiver Doug Baldwin says the team is eager to move forward following Percy Harvin's abrupt trade to the Jets last week.

everything. So you're going to have issues," Baldwin said.

"However, I think the biggest problem that we have in the media is when you lose, everything is magnified, and when you win, everything is covered up. That's just the nature of the business. To us in this locker room, we know what needs to be

corrected, we know what positives come out of everything and we're going to move forward with that."

Baldwin has become a de facto spokesman for the team since the Harvin trade went down, first following the 28-26 loss to St. Louis on Sunday and again as the Seahawks began preparations for this week's key game at Carolina. Seattle coach Pete Carroll barely addressed Harvin on Wednesday, saying "we're moving on."

Baldwin said that despite the commotion about Harvin's trade and the subsequent loss, the mood in the locker room is good.

"I think we're a little more positive because we felt like there was some growth in our offense," Baldwin said. "Like I said, Marshawn (Lynch), without a couple of penalties, would have rushed for 100 yards and we threw for over 300 yards. I think we're in the right direction so the mood is optimistic."

Offensive coordinator Darrell Bevell coached Harvin in Minnesota and again in Seattle. He was disappointed that Harvin couldn't fully work with the Seahawks.

"I did have a history with him and I

thought it would be a different outcome but I guess it's just the way it went," Bevell said. "I think we have a phenomenal atmosphere here led by coach Carroll. He gives the guys great freedom to be who they want to be and I think he kind of sets the tone for the whole program. It's an upbeat program, obviously we're very positive here, so it's just disappointing."

Baldwin was at the center of the improved offensive efficacy against St. Louis. After Seattle had only 206 total yards against Dallas, the Seahawks rebounded with 463 against the Rams.

Baldwin's seven receptions were his most since the 2013 season opener at Carolina and his 123 yards receiving marked the third time he topped the century mark in his career. The easy correlation to make is that Baldwin got more chances with Harvin out. Baldwin said it all started with Lynch and the running game.

"I felt like that was the identity of our offense, get him the ball, allow him to go over 100 yards and set everything up in the passing game," Baldwin said.

NFL

Lions won't let jet lag slow No. 1 defense

Detroit has specialists helping players prepare for early start time in London vs. Falcons

By CHRIS LEHOURTES
The Associated Press

BAGSHOT, England — Heading into this weekend's game, the Detroit Lions have the No. 1 defense in the NFL.

Make that the world. Already overseas and practicing, the Lions (5-2) will face the Atlanta Falcons (2-5) on Sunday in the second of three regular-season games this year at Wembley Stadium in London.

"We're not afraid to go anywhere, anyplace and not to there and play and execute what we need to get done," Lions defensive lineman Ndamukong Suh said Wednesday. "It comes from our coach. The attitude that he brings with us, understanding that it doesn't make a difference whether we're in London, or at home, or have to go to Atlanta."

Detroit leads the league in total defense, ranking second in stopping the rush and seventh in pass defense.

The Lions arrived in London on Tuesday, a day after the Falcons landed in Britain and two days after Detroit's come-from-behind 24-23 win over the New Orleans Saints.

Sunday's game is a first for both the Lions and Falcons in London but the 10th NFL game at the home stadium of England's



**Detroit Lions (5-2)
vs. Atlanta Falcons (2-5)**
at London
AFN-Sports
2:30 p.m. Sunday CET
10:30 p.m. Sunday JKT

national soccer team. It will make for an early start back home — the 1:30 p.m. kickoff in London translates to 9:30 a.m. on the East Coast.

The fans might find the starting time to be a bit out of the ordinary, but the Lions made sure they were prepared for the cross-Atlantic flight, bringing in specialists to advise the players on how to get over the jet lag. Obvious things like sleeping on the plane were mentioned, but players were also told to wear sunglasses indoors on the first day.

"I tried to sleep on the plane, wasn't the most comfortable plane ride," receiver Golden Tate said. "Especially after just playing on Sunday, a lot of the guys were still sore. Especially on Monday, that's when the soreness



DUANE BURLESON/AP

Lions cornerback Darius Slay, center, and outside linebacker DeAndre Levy tackle Saints wide receiver Kenny Stills during the second half on Sunday. Detroit has the top-ranked defense in the league.

really kicks in.

"But we were told to stay up until 11 o'clock, once we got here, keep our shades on, take melatonin after 5, make sure we hydrate on the plane. And then once we got here not to sleep until we went to bed that night, which I didn't do, so might be why I'm struggling right now."

Before getting to Wembley for the game, the Lions are spending the week practicing south of the city at the facility used by England's national rugby team.

And the players and coaches are pretty impressed by it all — the two-story rooms, the practice fields, and even the spa with its

sauna and hot tubs.

"The spa is amazing," running back Reggie Bush said. "I spent a lot of time over there yesterday, and I'll probably do the same today."

Seems like Pennyhill Park is the perfect place to recover, something Bush has been saying he could certainly use.

"It's just life as a running back. I haven't been 100 percent in I don't know how long," Bush said. "This game is going to keep moving with or without us, so you've got to find a way to play through that injury."

Lions coach Jim Caldwell, perhaps still feeling the effects of

jet lag or possibly still struggling to adapt to the Queen's English, even managed to inadvertently create the word "sackle."

While speaking about the secondary and praising its ability to make plays all over the field, Caldwell meant to say safety James Ihedigbo was valuable because he could sack opposing quarterbacks. But he mashed the word sack with tackle.

"[Ihedigbo] had an effect on our team in terms of getting a couple of sacks, excuse me, sacks, already," Caldwell said. "Did I put those two together, sacks? Caldwell joked. "New word."



DUANE BURLESON/AP

Lions safety Glover Quin, right, is mobbed by teammates after intercepting a pass against the Saints on Sunday.

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GAMEDAY

WEEK 8

TELEVISED GAMES

Marquee matchup

Philadelphia Eagles (5-1) at Arizona Cardinals (5-1)

AFN-Sports, 9 p.m. Sunday CET, 5 a.m. Monday JKT

SERIES RECORD: Cardinals lead 55-54-5, and have won two of the past three.

LAST MEETING: Eagles beat Cardinals 24-21 on Sept. 23, 2012, at Philadelphia.

EAGLES OFFENSE: OVERALL (9), RUSH (14), PASS (7).

EAGLES DEFENSE: OVERALL (24), RUSH (23), PASS (23).

CARDINALS OFFENSE: OVERALL (28), RUSH (26), PASS (21).

CARDINALS DEFENSE: OVERALL (18), RUSH (1) PASS (31).

STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES: Eagles QB Nick Foles won his only start against Arizona, completing 21 of 34 passes for 237 yards with 3 TDs. In his last 10 on the road (eight starts), he has completed 196 of 311 for 2,774 yards with 24 TDs and 4 interceptions. ... RB LeSean McCoy has 286 yards from scrimmage in three

meetings with the Cardinals. Since 2011, Darren Sproles leads the NFL RBs with 248 receptions, 2,179 receiving yards and 16 receiving TDs ... WR Jeremy Maclin has a TD catch in three of the past four road games. In the last meeting, TE Zach Ertz had a career-best 2 TDs. ... LB Connor Barwin has 6 sacks in the past three games. ... The Cardinals have won seven of the past eight at home ... QB Carson Palmer passed for 302 yards and 3 TDs in the last meeting ... RB Andre Ellington had 160 yards from scrimmage (88 rushing, 72 receiving) last week. RB Stepan Taylor had a rushing and receiving TD last week ... WR Larry Fitzgerald has a TD in each of his six games against Philadelphia (including playoffs). He has a catch in 155 consecutive games, the longest active streak in the league. In his past three home games, WR Michael Floyd has 14 catches for 280 yards and a TD. Since 2011, CB Patrick Peterson is the only player in the NFL with 10-plus interceptions (12) and 3-plus punt-return TDs (4).



Seattle Seahawks (3-3) at Carolina Panthers (3-3)

AFN-Sports
6 p.m. Sunday CET
2 a.m. Monday JKT
Series: Seahawks lead 4-2.

Last meeting: Seattle won 12-7 on Sept. 8, 2013, at Carolina.

Notes: Seahawks QB Russell Wilson last week became the first quarterback to pass for 300 yards and rush for 100 yards in a game (320, 106) ... RB Marshawn Lynch has rushed for a TD in eight of his past 10 games, including playoffs. ... Panthers QB Cam Newton has won nine of his past 10 starts at home.



Indianapolis Colts (5-2) at Pittsburgh Steelers (4-3)

AFN-Atlantic
9:25 p.m. Sunday CET
5:25 a.m. Monday JKT
Series: Steelers lead 14-6 and have won eight of the past 10.

Last meeting: The Steelers won 23-20 on Sept. 25, 2011, at Indianapolis.

Notes: Colts QB Andrew Luck has passed for 300-plus yards in five consecutive games, tying him with Peyton Manning (2009) for the longest streak in team history. ... Steelers RB Le'Veon Bell leads the AFC and ranks No. 2 in the NFL with 938 yards from scrimmage.



Baltimore Ravens (5-2) at Cincinnati Bengals (3-2-1)

AFN-Atlantic
6 p.m. Sunday CET
2 a.m. Monday JKT

Series: Ravens lead 20-17; Bengals have won three of past four.

Last meeting: The visiting Bengals beat the Ravens 23-16 on Sept. 7.

Notes: Ravens QB Joe Flacco has 7 TD passes in his past two games ... Justin Forsett leads NFL RBs with a 5.8 yards/carry average. ... In his past 12 at home, Bengals QB Andy Dalton has passed for 2,886 yards with 24 TDs.

Arizona Cardinals running back Andre Ellington

RICK SCUTER/AP



Game capsules compiled from nflmedia.com

Also on AFN:

Detroit Lions (5-2) vs. Atlanta Falcons (2-5) at London, AFN-Sports, 2:30 p.m. Sunday CET, 10:30 p.m. Sunday JKT.
Oakland Raiders (0-6) at Cleveland Browns (3-3), AFN-Xtra, 10:30 p.m. Sunday CET, 6:30 a.m. Monday JKT (joined in progress).

EXPANDED STANDINGS

American Conference

	W	L	T	East			Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
				Pct	PF	PA					
New England	5	2	0	.714	187	154	3-0-0	2-2-0	4-2-0	1-0-0	2-1-0
Buffalo	4	3	0	.571	135	142	2-2-0	2-1-0	1-3-0	3-0-0	1-1-0
Miami	3	3	0	.500	147	138	1-2-0	2-1-0	2-2-0	1-1-0	1-1-0
N.Y. Jets	1	6	0	.143	121	185	1-3-0	0-3-0	1-3-0	0-3-0	0-1-0
South											
Indianapolis	5	2	0	.714	216	136	3-1-0	2-1-0	5-1-0	0-1-0	3-0-0
Houston	3	4	0	.429	155	150	2-1-0	1-3-0	2-2-0	1-2-0	0-1-0
Tennessee	2	5	0	.286	121	172	1-2-0	1-3-0	2-3-0	0-2-0	1-1-0
Jacksonville	1	6	0	.143	106	191	1-2-0	0-4-0	1-4-0	0-2-0	0-2-0
North											
Baltimore	5	2	0	.714	193	104	3-1-0	2-1-0	2-2-0	3-0-0	2-1-0
Cincinnati	3	2	1	.583	134	140	2-0-1	1-2-0	2-2-0	1-0-1	1-0-0
Pittsburgh	4	3	0	.571	154	152	2-1-0	2-2-0	3-2-0	1-1-0	1-2-0
Cleveland	3	3	0	.500	140	139	2-1-0	1-2-0	2-3-0	1-1-0	1-2-0
West											
Denver	5	1	0	.833	189	121	4-0-0	1-1-0	3-0-0	2-1-0	1-0-0
San Diego	5	2	0	.714	184	114	3-1-0	2-1-0	4-1-0	1-1-0	1-1-0
Kansas City	3	3	0	.500	142	121	1-1-0	2-2-0	3-2-0	0-1-0	1-1-0
Oakland	0	6	0	.000	92	158	0-4-0	0-2-0	0-5-0	0-1-0	0-1-0

National Conference

	W	L	T	East			Home	Away	NFC	AFC	Div
				Pct	PF	PA					
Dallas	6	1	0	.857	196	147	3-1-0	3-0-0	4-1-0	2-0-0	1-0-0
Philadelphia	5	1	0	.833	183	132	4-0-0	1-1-0	3-1-0	2-0-0	2-0-0
N.Y. Giants	3	0	4	.429	154	169	2-1-0	1-3-0	2-4-0	1-0-0	1-2-0
Washington	2	5	0	.286	151	183	2-2-0	0-3-0	0-4-0	2-1-0	0-2-0
South											
Carolina	3	3	1	.500	158	195	2-1-0	1-2-1	3-0-0	0-1-1	1-0-0
New Orleans	2	4	0	.333	155	165	2-0-0	0-4-0	2-3-0	0-1-0	2-0-0
Atlanta	2	5	0	.286	171	199	2-1-0	0-4-0	2-3-0	0-1-0	2-0-0
Tampa Bay	1	5	0	.167	120	204	0-3-0	1-2-0	0-4-0	1-1-0	0-3-0
North											
Detroit	5	2	0	.714	140	105	3-1-0	2-1-0	4-1-0	1-1-0	2-0-0
Green Bay	5	2	0	.714	199	147	3-0-0	2-2-0	3-2-0	2-0-0	2-1-0
Chicago	3	4	0	.429	157	171	0-3-0	3-1-0	2-2-0	1-2-0	0-1-0
Minnesota	2	5	0	.286	120	160	1-2-0	1-3-0	2-3-0	0-2-0	0-2-0
West											
Arizona	5	1	0	.833	147	119	3-0-0	2-1-0	3-0-0	2-1-0	1-0-0
San Francisco	4	3	0	.571	158	165	2-1-0	2-2-0	3-2-0	1-1-0	1-1-0
Seattle	3	3	0	.500	159	141	2-1-0	2-2-0	2-2-0	1-1-0	0-1-0
St. Louis	2	4	0	.333	129	176	1-3-0	1-1-0	2-4-0	0-0-0	1-1-0

REST OF THE SCHEDULE

St. Louis at Kansas City
Houston at Tennessee
Minnesota at Tampa Bay
Miami at Jacksonville
Chicago at New England
Buffalo at N.Y. Jets
Open: N.Y. Giants, San Francisco
Monday
Washington at Dallas

NEXT WEEK

Thursday, Oct. 30
New Orleans at Carolina
San Diego at Tennessee
Tampa Bay at Cleveland
Sunday, Nov. 2
Arizona at Dallas
Philadelphia at Houston
N.Y. Jets at Kansas City
Jacksonville at Cincinnati
San Diego at Miami
Washington at Minnesota
St. Louis at San Francisco
Denver at New England
Buffalo at Pittsburgh
Open: Atlanta, Buffalo, Chicago, Detroit, Green Bay, Tennessee
Monday, Nov. 3
Indianapolis at N.Y. Giants

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WORLD SERIES

Leveling the field

Royals clobber Giants to even series at 1-1

By DAVE SKRETTA
The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Salvador Perez shouted at Hunter Strickland, who shouted right back. The Kansas City Royals streamed from their dugout, the San Francisco Giants from their own. And for a tense moment in the sixth inning Wednesday night, Kauffman Stadium was

consumed by chaos.

The one thing that was clear? The World Series suddenly had some life.

Perez broke open Game 2 with a two-run double in a five-run sixth, and the Royals' cast of clutch relievers kept the Giants in check

for a 7-2 victory that leveled the Series and spiced things up as it shifts to San Francisco for three games.

"We showed them that we have fight in us, and I think they knew that already," said Billy Butler, whose RBI single in the sixth inning gave the Royals a 3-

2 lead. "But we stepped up big there as a team, and that gave us some confidence."

Jeremy Guthrie will be on the mound Friday night for the Royals, who had won eight straight playoff games before a 7-1 loss in the opener. Tim Hudson will start for San Francisco.

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Kansas City starting pitcher Yordano Ventura walks off the field during the sixth inning of Game 2 of the World Series against the San Francisco Giants on Wednesday in Kansas City, Mo. The 23-year-old fireballer had his fastball hitting 100 mph as he allowed just two runs before handing the ball to the Royals' dynamite bullpen trio of Kelvin Herrera, Wade Davis and Greg Holland.

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