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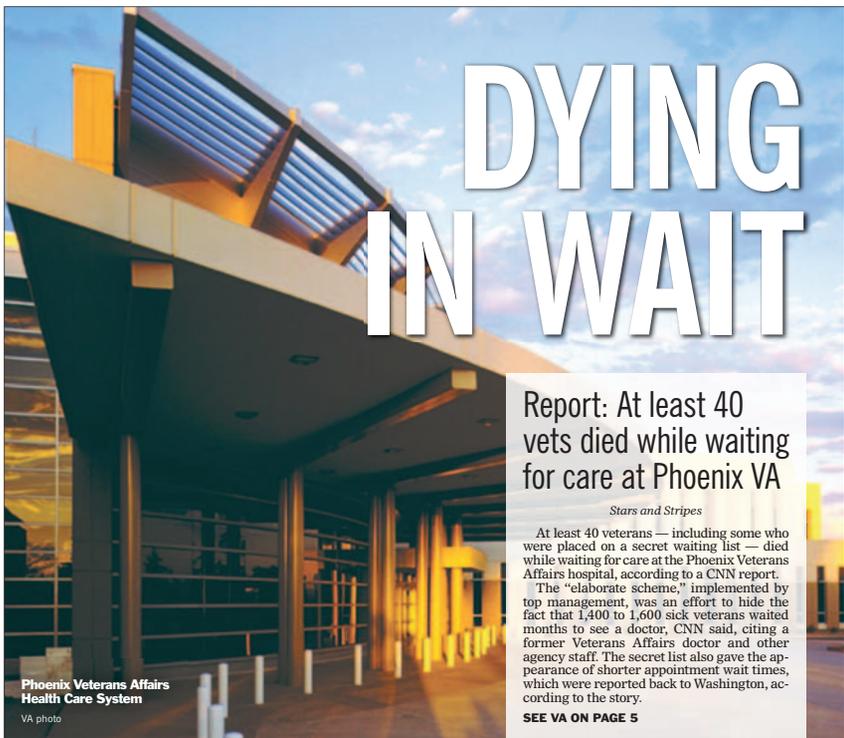
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# DYING IN WAIT

## Report: At least 40 vets died while waiting for care at Phoenix VA

Stars and Stripes

At least 40 veterans — including some who were placed on a secret waiting list — died while waiting for care at the Phoenix Veterans Affairs hospital, according to a CNN report.

The "elaborate scheme," implemented by top management, was an effort to hide the fact that 1,400 to 1,600 sick veterans waited months to see a doctor, CNN said, citing a former Veterans Affairs doctor and other agency staff. The secret list also gave the appearance of shorter appointment wait times, which were reported back to Washington, according to the story.

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Phoenix Veterans Affairs Health Care System

VA photo

## Probe of Army general calls into question insular military culture

By JENNIFER HLAD  
Stars and Stripes

An Army two-star general in Japan failed to properly investigate a sexual assault allegation against a colonel he had known for decades and referred the case to criminal investigators only after Stars and Stripes inquired about the charges, according to an Army Inspector General report released this week.

The handling of the case by Maj. Gen. Michael Harrison, then the commander of U.S. Army forces in Japan, is fueling complaints in Congress and among advocacy groups that the military is incapable of policing its ranks because commanders too often protect male colleagues at the expense of female victims.

The case, involving a Japanese civilian employee, unfolded days after Defense

Secretary Chuck Hagel sent a DOD-wide memo calling for "enduring culture change" where allegations of inappropriate behavior "are treated with the utmost seriousness." Concerns about the behavior of the colonel — whose name is redacted in the report — were first officially raised in a June 2012 memo and a complaint was filed two months later.

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US forces take lead in NATO's response to Ukrainian crisis

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# QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Why would anyone want to work for an employer that has become as toxic as DOD. It's been nothing but a big slap in the face."

— Dr. Jeff Wolff, who is among the nearly 700 civilian Defense Department employees who next month will have housing allowance benefits cut from their paychecks

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# MILITARY

# Report cites hostile work environment

## Former Blue Angels leader accused of tolerating hazing, sexual harassment

By CRAIG WHITLOCK  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Navy has reassigned a former commander of the Blue Angels, its aerobatic fighter squadron, and is investigating allegations that the elite team of pilots was a hotbed of hazing, sexual harassment and other forms of discrimination, documents show.

The Navy announced Friday that it had relieved Capt. Gregory McWherter, a two-time commander of the Blue Angels, of duty for suspected misconduct. At the time, the Navy did not describe the nature of the accusations or provide other details to say that the case remained under investigation.

An internal military document that a Navy official inadvertently emailed to a Washington Post editor states that a former member of the Blue Angels filed a complaint last month accusing McWherter of promoting a hostile work environment and tolerating sexual harassment. The complaint described an atmosphere rife with sexually explicit speech, the open display of pornography and jokes about sexual orientation.

The Navy officer is the latest in a string of senior military commanders to come under investigation for sexual misconduct or other misbehavior. Congress and the White House have grown especially frustrated at the Pentagon's struggles to police sex crimes and harassment in the ranks.

The Navy appeared to move swiftly after the former Blue Angels member filed the complaint



RON TRIVINO, COURTESY OF THE U.S. NAVY/AP

Capt. Gregory McWherter, left, commanding officer of the Blue Angels, and Lt. Jim Tomaszewski sign autographs after performing at an air show in Jacksonville, Fla., in October 2010.

March 24 with the Navy inspector general. The complaint alleged that McWherter encouraged or allowed sexual harassment and lewd activity to occur when he commanded the Blue Angels during two separate stints between 2008 and 2012.

McWherter did not respond to an email seeking comment. A Navy spokesman at the Pentagon did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

According to McWherter's biography, which the Navy has removed from a public website, he is an alumnus of the Citadel and graduated from the Navy's famous "Top Gun" fighter pilot school in 1995.

The Blue Angels are a flight demonstration team that performs daring maneuvers at air shows and before large crowds at other public events. It is a major honor for pilots selected to join; the Navy treats the squadron as a valuable recruitment tool and a vivid symbol of its aviation firepower.

The commander of the unit is chosen by a panel of admirals and serves as the Blue Angels' lead pilot.

Although the investigation has not been completed, Navy officials decided that the preliminary findings warranted taking action. McWherter was fired from his new job as executive officer of Naval Base Coronado in San

Diego. He has been temporarily reassigned to other duties.

Summaries of the complaint and investigation are contained in a five-page internal document, labeled "official use only," that was drafted by Navy public affairs officers in anticipation of media coverage.

The document included talking points and prepared quotes attributed to Navy admirals, expressing concern about the gravity of the case. The material was being assembled in the event that further details of the investigation became public.

McWherter was a commander highly regarded by many in the Navy. He was brought back to lead the Blue Angels for a second stint in 2011 after the unit was temporarily grounded that year for performing a dangerous barrel roll too close to the ground during a show in Lynchburg, Va.

Upon leaving the team in November 2012, he told the Pensacola (Fla.) News Journal that he had no regrets.

"If being with the Blue Angels was the last time I fly a Navy plane, that's a pretty good way to go out," he said.

On the face of several ethics scandals during the past 18 months, the Pentagon repeatedly has pledged to hold commanders accountable for their actions. At the same time, the military has

tried to suppress details about many embarrassing episodes.

For example, the Army announced in June, without elaboration, that it had suspended its top general in Japan for mishandling a sexual assault case. On Tuesday, after obtaining a copy of the investigative report under the Freedom of Information Act, The Washington Post disclosed that the general was given a plum job at the Pentagon even though he had violated regulations by failing to refer the sexual assault complaint to criminal investigators.

In January, after obtaining another batch of investigative documents, The Washington Post reported that the Pentagon had disciplined three other generals for personal misconduct.

One was found guilty of assaulting his mistress. A second joked in emails that he sexually gratified himself after meeting a member of Congress that he described as "smoking hot." The third kept a vodka bottle in his desk and was investigated for having an affair, according to the documents.

At the same time, it appears that some military leaders have become highly sensitive to the issue and are quick to launch investigations at any hint of sexual impropriety or ethical misbehavior in the ranks.

In February, the Army announced it had suspended a brigade commander at Fort Carson, Colo., and in a highly unusual move, would not allow him to deploy with his soldiers to Afghanistan. Once again, Army officials did not divulge what had prompted the decision.

A copy of the investigative report in that case shows that the commander was suspended after three female soldiers alleged that he had made insensitive comments during a meeting to discuss sexual assault policies.

The commander, Col. Brian Pearl, later was cleared of wrongdoing and was allowed to join his troops in Afghanistan.

A copy of the investigative report first was obtained and published Tuesday by The Gazette newspaper, of Colorado Springs.

# Correction

Due to an editing error, an April 21 story about the planned evacuation of thousands of city residents and U.S. servicemembers in the Italian city of Vicenza while a 4,000-pound World War II-era bomb is defused gave the wrong day for the evacuation. It takes place Friday, April 25.

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An Afghan police ambulance leaves the Cure International Hospital in Kabul on Thursday. The U.S. Embassy in Afghanistan said three American doctors were killed at an Afghan security guard who opened fire at a hospital.

# Afghan guard guns down 3 American physicians

The Associated Press

KABUL — An Afghan government security guard opened fire Thursday on a group of foreign doctors at a Kabul hospital, killing three American physicians and wounding a U.S. nurse, officials said.

The shooting at Cure International Hospital in western Kabul was the latest in a string of deadly attacks on foreign civilians in the Afghan capital.

Two of the dead Americans were a father and son, Health Minister Soraya Dalil said, adding that the third American was a Cure International doctor who had worked in Kabul for seven years.

Dalil said an American nurse was also wounded in the attack. Her colleagues at the hospital performed surgery on the shooter, who was wounded during the course of the attack, officials said.

The attacker served in the Afghan Public Protection Force and was assigned to guard the hospital, District Police Chief Hafiz Khan said. He said the man's motive was not yet clear. The APPF is an armed security force under Afghanistan's Ministry of Interior that was created to protect foreign organizations that hire them.

Later in the afternoon, Dalil said the shooter was recovering from the surgery before being questioned.

The U.S. Embassy in Kabul confirmed that three American citizens had been killed in the hospital attack, declining to elaborate. Bektash Tokrystani, an Afghan Health Ministry spokesman, identified the dead as foreign doctors.

## Second round of voting likely

By HEATH DRUZIN  
Stars and Stripes

KABUL — With more than 80 percent of the vote counted, the Afghan presidential election looks headed to a second round of voting, barring a last-minute deal.

The two frontrunners maintained their positions, with former foreign minister Abdullah Abdullah just shy of 44 percent and former finance minister Ashraf Ghani getting roughly 33 percent of the vote, according to numbers released Thursday by the Independent Election Commission.

The election would mark the first democratic transition of power in Afghanistan's history.

Tuesday was supposed to be the day the commission, the

country's main election body, released full preliminary results, but vote counters needed more time, said IEC Director Ahmad Yusuf Nuristani. Full results are now set to be announced Saturday.

"To have accurate and transparent results, we needed to take two more days," he said.

Despite Abdullah's confident predictions he would win in the first round, Nuristani said it looks unlikely anyone will win a majority of votes, a result that would trigger an automatic runoff between the two top vote-getters. No other candidate is within 20 percentage points of Ghani. Abdullah, a fierce critic of Afghan President Hamid Karzai, came in second to Karzai in the controversial, fraud-tainted 2009 election.

Afghanistan in 2005.

Cure International, Cure International's chief financial officer, told reporters outside the group's headquarters in Lemoyne, Pennsylvania, that it "remains committed to serve the people of Afghanistan."

The Afghan capital has seen a spate of attacks on foreign civilians in 2014, a worrying new trend as the U.S.-led military coalition prepares to withdraw most troops by the end of the year.

It was unclear whether the Taliban were behind Thursday's shooting, though the insurgents have claimed several major attacks that killed foreign civilians this year.

## Is Taliban ready to deal on captive GI?

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The captors of an American soldier held for nearly five years in Afghanistan have signaled a willingness to release him but are unclear which U.S. government officials have the authority to make a deal, according to two people in the military working for his release.

Critics of the release of poor flame disorganization and poor communication among the numerous federal agencies involved.

An ever-shrinking U.S. military presence in Afghanistan has refocused attention on efforts to bring home Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl, who has been held by the Taliban since June 30, 2009.

About two dozen officials at the State and Defense departments, the military's U.S. Central Command, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, U.S. Special Operations Command, the CIA and FBI are working the case — most of them doing it along with their other duties, a defense official said.

Bergdahl's captors are anxious to release him, according to a defense official and a military officer, who both spoke to The Associated Press only on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the case publicly.



Bergdahl

"Elements in all echelons — from the top of the Taliban down to the folks holding Bergdahl — are reaching out to make a deal," the defense official said.

The military officer, who said the effort was marred by distrust on both sides, said those holding Bergdahl had indicated what they would be willing to do to prove to the U.S. government that they want to deal, but that the U.S. has not formally responded to that outreach.

Bergdahl, 28, of Hailey, Idaho, was last seen in a "proof of life" video released in December.

He is thought to be held by members of the Haqqani network, which operates in the Afghanistan-Pakistan border region and has been one of the deadliest threats to U.S. troops in the war.

The Haqqani network, which the State Department designated as a foreign terrorist organization in 2012, claims allegiance to the Afghan Taliban, yet operates with some degree of autonomy.

Rep. Duncan Hunter, R-Calif., wrote earlier this year to Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel, saying it was critical that efforts to free Bergdahl are not overcome by bureaucracy.

"Given the significance and necessity for centralized com-

mand and control, which I have been informed is little to non-existent, I urge you to seriously consider the idea of directing an individual to organize, manage and coordinate activity that involves multiple elements of the federal government working toward Bergdahl's release," wrote Hunter, a Marine veteran of both Iraq and Afghanistan.

Days later, Hagel appointed Michael Lumpkin, assistant defense secretary for special operations and low-intensity conflict, as the point person for the Bergdahl case at the Pentagon. Hunter viewed that as a good step but noted that Lumpkin has jurisdiction only over the Pentagon work, not the other agencies.

"There is some reporting today about Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl, and that reporting included quotes by anonymous officials alleging a lack of coordination inside this department in the handling of a recent proof of life video," Pentagon spokesman Col. Steve Warren told reporters Thursday. "These allegations are completely false and they mischaracterize the ongoing close coordination and teamwork within this department and with other U.S. government agencies."

Warren suggested that the officials who spoke to the AP were putting Bergdahl's life in danger.

"Sgt. Bergdahl remains a captive because he's being held by terrorists, not because of a lack of effort or coordination by the United States government," he said. "Anyone who does leak this level of detail in my opinion does not have the interests or safety of Bowe Bergdahl in mind."

Warren did not elaborate on why the officials' comments might jeopardize Bergdahl's safety.

In August 2012, President Barack Obama contacted Bergdahl's parents weeks after they expressed frustration that the government wasn't doing enough to secure their son's freedom.

In May 2013, Bob Bergdahl told a POW/MIA gathering in Washington that he was pleased with the government's efforts to bring his son home.

Navy Cmdr. Amy Derrick-Frost, a Defense Department spokeswoman, also defended the effort, saying the Pentagon was committed to the safe and immediate release of Bergdahl and saying Lumpkin was spearheading the "comprehensive 'synchronization' of efforts throughout the department and with other agencies.

"Sgt. Bergdahl has been gone for too long, and there should be no doubt that we work hard every day using all the military, intelligence and diplomatic tools at our disposal to see Sgt. Bergdahl returned home safely," Warren said.

Stars and Stripes reporter Jon Harper contributed to this report.

MILITARY

# DODEA's new chief eager to get started

By CHRIS CARROLL  
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Collective lamentation over the falling defense budget has been part of the Washington soundtrack for several years, but it's not a tune you hear in the office of the new head of the Defense Department's elementary and secondary schools.

Thomas Brady, a retired Army colonel who took over last month as director of Department of Defense Education Activity schools, worked for years in leadership positions in struggling urban school districts beset by high poverty rates and deep fiscal problems.

In a recent interview with Stars and Stripes, he called the financial situation at DODEA, which serves 82,000 students, "a remarkable relief" by comparison. That's despite the threat of furloughs for all employees last year and the possibility that across-the-board budget cuts could be imposed again once a bipartisan budget deal expires in 2016.

"The Department of Defense has made a tremendous commitment to education, and we have to understand that the budget is getting reduced," he said. "But actually, in '14 and '15 it appears that

DODEA is getting sufficiently re-sourced, and we hope that continues in the out years."

Brady retired from the Army in 1997 after a 25-year career capped by the position of commander at Fort Belvoir, Va. With an undergraduate degree in teaching earned decades earlier, and with years of extensive involvement in parent-

teacher organizations at the schools his five children attended, he decided to refocus.

"When I got to the end of my military career, I said to myself, 'Maybe I can get into this education thing and keep the service ideal, but just do it in a different way,'" he said.

His first education job was as chief operating officer at Fairfax County Public Schools, a district serving one of the wealthiest counties in America. Ready for more of a challenge, he moved on to administrator jobs at District of Columbia and Philadelphia school districts.

Then in 2008, he was hired to run Providence, R.I., Public Schools, a district with crushing fiscal challenges — where nearly 90 percent of the students qualified for free and reduced price lunches, a federal measure of poverty.

Brady described a fiscal environment at Providence at the time where "every day is a budget battle, every day is a budget reduction, and there is

no money put into capital funding." That's unlike DODEA, which has said it would spend \$4.7 billion to repair and replace schools between 2011 and 2021.

Providence Mayor Angel Taveras in 2011 developed a crisis plan to reduce employee costs in the school district — by firing the entire teaching staff. The mass termination was planned because of rules requiring advance notification of firings, and a large majority of the teachers were later hired back.

Brady oversaw the process, but said he told the mayor to weigh the consequences, including putting at risk an innovative new agreement between the district and the teachers union to help fix failing schools.

"He thought the best approach was to do the maximum latitude" in terminating teachers, Brady said. "I pointed out the impact on the workforce and that perhaps there were other ways to approach this."

Brady resigned the following month, citing philosophical differences with the mayor.

"We are both passionate about educational reform but I realize it takes time to have a sustained, enduring reform," he said. "I wanted it to last, and short-term things don't necessarily last in the long term. We were well on the track of student improvement and student performance improvement, and so philosophically there was a difference in how to approach it."

After two years of consulting and other work, Brady found out about the DODEA director opening.

"I said, 'Wow, I can combine 25 years of military experience with 15 years of education experience in a well-resourced system and have an impact,'" he said. "My five children attended DODEA schools, my wife attended DODEA

schools and two of my grandchildren attended DOD schools, so it's sort of in the DNA."

In his first weeks on the job, Brady has been traveling in the United States and worldwide to speak with DODEA staff and parents and describe his vision for the organization. With no crises — budget-driven or otherwise — forcing radical changes, he said he would focus on a few long-term reforms rather than a host of programs and quick fixes, which he said can exhaust school staffs.

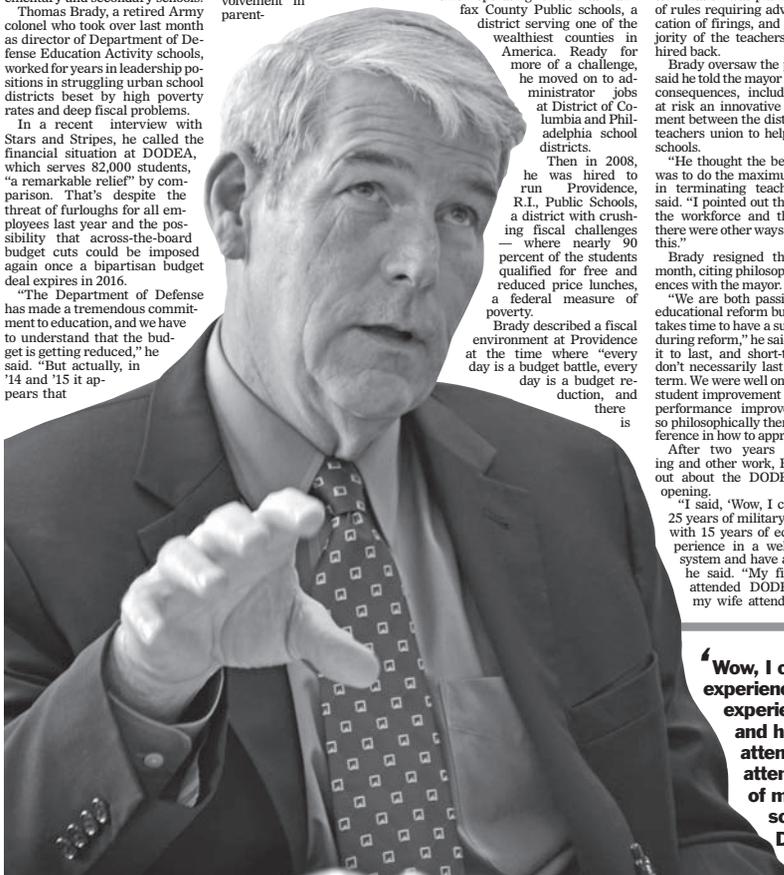
"I'm passionate about aligned curriculum with assessment, so that you know what you're taught, and the children are prepared," he said. "That's not to say that teachers have to do it by rote. I think there's a difference between, 'They make us teach it this way' and 'Here's your learning objective and you can teach it whatever way you'd like.'"

The move will be fully re-sourced, with plenty of professional development opportunities for teachers, he added.

Along with most states, DODEA signed on to the Common Core Standards for English/Literacy and math. Brady said the standards, which he plans to implement over the next 18 to 24 months, will help students, but he recognizes that the nationwide initiative has been controversial in its approach to testing.

"Common Core means many things to many people, and it's an emotive term," he said. "It's not a system, it's a set of standards and it's by grade, and I think it's a positive step. . . . But I'm not going to talk about the Common Core. I'm going to talk about college and career readiness, which is more encompassing and less confusing to the non-educators."

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## MILITARY

## VA: Retired doctor details appointment-request scheme

## FROM FRONT PAGE

The report quotes a recently retired doctor from the Phoenix Veterans Affairs Health Care System, Dr. Sam Foote, who explained the protocol for misreporting appointment requests.

According to Foote, when vets requested medical appointments, their information would be entered into hospital computers but not saved. A screen grab of the actual appointment data was printed, added to the secret electronic list, then shredded, erasing any public record that the actual appointment was made.

"So the only record that you have ever been there requesting care was on that secret list," Foote said in the CNN story. "And they wouldn't take you off that secret list until you had an appointment time that was less than 14 days so it would give the appearance that they were improving greatly the waiting times, when in fact they were not."

The article references the family of a 71-year-old Navy veteran who had difficulty getting a follow-up appointment after they rushed him to the Phoenix VA emergency room because of blood in his urine.

Despite a history of cancer and a chart identifying him as urgent, Thomas Breen's family could not get him in for an appointment.

Breen's wife said she called daily for appointments from late September 2013 through November. Breen died Nov. 30.

"They called me Dec. 6," his wife, Sally, told CNN.

The Phoenix VA Health Care System responded to the story, writing they would "welcome the results from the Office of Inspec-

tor General's review."

The statement went on: "We acknowledge Phoenix VA Health Care System has had longstanding issues with Veterans accessing care and have taken numerous actions to meet demand, while we continue to serve more Veterans and enhance our services." Lawmakers have since called for all records at the Phoenix VA to be preserved, according to CNN.

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## Sailor slain in shooting to be honored

Stars and Stripes

The security forces sailor killed in a shooting on a warship at Naval Station Norfolk last month will be awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Medal, the Navy announced Wednesday.

Family members of Petty Officer 2nd Class Mark A. Mayo will be presented the Navy and Marines' highest noncombat decoration for heroism during a private ceremony Friday at Arlington National Cemetery, where Mayo will be laid to rest.

Vice Adm. Mark Ferguson, chief of naval operations,

**'He gave his life for hers.'**

**Capt. Robert Clark**  
Naval Station Norfolk's  
commanding officer

Tyrone Savage, according to base officials.

"It was incredibly extraordinary. He gave his life for hers," Capt. Robert Clark, Naval Station Norfolk's commanding officer, said a few days later.

Two investigations are underway into the shooting — one by the Naval Criminal Investigative Service and another looking into how the felon made it past the base checkpoints.

Mayo, a Hagerstown, Md., native, enlisted in the Navy in October 2007 and reported to Naval Station Norfolk in May 2011.

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will present the award.

Mayo, 24, was shot dead March 24 by a felon who had passed through security checkpoints, boarded the USS Mahan and took a gun from a female sailor standing guard on the destroyer. Mayo came to help her and was shot by the civilian truck driver, Jeffrey

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## Prosecutors urge death penalty in slaying case

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Prosecutors urged a jury on Thursday to impose the death penalty on a former Marine who murdered a Navy sailor, arguing it's the only adequate punishment for a man they say has committed a series of violent, sexually motivated attacks on women and young girls during the past nine years.

Jurors at U.S. District Court in Alexandria heard closing arguments from prosecutors and begin deliberations on the fate of Jorge Torrez, 25, of Zion, Ill. The defense made no argument to the jury — Torrez has ordered his lawyers not to contest the government's case during the sentencing phase of the trial. On Thursday, Torrez sat impassively in front of the jury in his present jail jumpsuit, forgoing the civilian clothes he has worn all trial.

The jury already has found Torrez guilty of the murder of Petty Officer Amanda Snell, a Las Vegas native, in 2009 at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall in Arlington, in a barracks where both lived a few doors down from each other.

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## MILITARY

# Ex-DeCA chief decries commissary cuts

By TOM PHILPOTT

A retired Army sergeant first class living in Northeast El Paso, Texas, says he and his wife will stop shopping on Fort Bliss if the Department of Defense, as planned, allows commissary prices to climb within 10 percent of local grocers.

"I am not the only one here who thinks the same way," said Louis Lindemann. "By the time we pay for gas alone, we could go to the local Albertson's or the Walmart food store around the corner. The commissary already has a number of items we can purchase cheaper on the economy."

His email arrived moments after I had concluded a phone interview with retired Army Major Gen. Richard E. Beale Jr., former director of the Defense Commissary Agency, who believes Lindemann is correct.

So many retirees, Reserve and Guard members and even active-duty families would stop shopping on base if DoD is allowed to slash commissary budgets that the entire military retail system would be at risk, Beale said.

Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel, backed by the Joint Chiefs of Staff, wants DeCA's annual appropriation of \$1.4 billion cut to \$400 million by 2017. Average shopper savings of 30 percent would fall to 10 percent as commissaries become self-supporting like the military exchange systems.

Beale, who led the DeCA from

1992 to 1999 both as an officer and as the agency's first civilian director, said such a deep cut is enormously risky.

"The role of the dice is not just on whether the commissaries will survive; it's whether the entire system can survive," including exchanges and the on-base quality-of-life programs that exchange profits now support, he said.

"I certainly understand the predicament in which our civilian and military leaders find themselves," Beale said.

With defense budgets squeezed and automatic cuts threatened if Defense officials don't identify enough cuts on their own, "there are no good choices," he said.

However, Beale said, leaders are mistaken to assume commissaries can be converted into self-supporting stores and still offer discounts that attract enough customers to sustain a low-cost grocery benefit.

"What makes the commissary benefit are the appropriated dollars," Beale said. "And every dollar you take away from the appropriation is a dollar out of servicemembers' pockets."

Defense officials believe that by 2017 they will need only \$400 million a year for commissaries, to transport goods to stores overseas and to subsidize stores in remote stateside locations. Otherwise, stores can operate on their own if prices are raised and average savings lowered from 30 percent to 10 percent.

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What they overlook, Beale said, is how critical robust commissary savings are to exchange operations. Traditionally, 35 to 45 percent of exchange shoppers are enticed to shop on base by commissary savings, where food prices are set at cost plus a 5 percent surcharge.

If those prices climb 20 percent to be able to pay staff salaries and other costs, not only would the number of commissary patrons fall sharply but also exchanges would see their businesses plummet, Beale predicted.

"Can you put commissaries on a cost-recovery basis using a business model like the exchanges and J.C. Penny and Walmart? In theory yes," Beale said. "In reality the answer probably is no."

The big reason is patrons won't accept it.

"Every dollar you take away from the appropriation has to be paid by someone," Beale said. "That someone, in this case, is the patron because DeCA has no other way of raising revenue."

Without hefty savings, many retirees, Guard and Reserve families and even active-duty families living far from base have little incentive to drive past their local supercenters and grocery

stores to shop on base.

Another reason the idea is risky, Beale said, is that as food discounts narrow and sales drop, commissary suppliers will raise product prices to try to offset lost profits.

Beale recalled that while he was DeCA director, the agency also was under enormous pressure to reduce its appropriations. That's when it began using a nationwide estimate of average shopper savings to tout the benefit.

"The notion of 30 percent savings on groceries for the military community was a useful sound bite, slogan, bumper sticker and rally cry," he said. But "it has now created a perception of a standard which can be trimmed with minimum consequences."

The 30 percent savings estimate is derived by comparing DeCA's Basic Ordering Agreement price points, as offered by suppliers, with pricing strategies used by grocery chains. What commissary shoppers actually save varies widely by region based on local food prices, Beale said.

For example, in my last year at DeCA when the published national savings exceeded 29 percent, the Southern Region savings were in the low 20's whereas in the Northwest-Pacific region savings were in mid-30's," Beale said. "And so it went across the country."

More than half of active-duty forces and retired military live between Tidewater, Va., and

East Texas, he said, where actual commissary savings are "much lower than the published national average."

"I have maintained that position personally since I was the director," Beale said. "Publicly, I stuck with the party line. In retrospect, that may have been a mistake."

It means that if commissary prices are allowed to pop by 20 percent over the next three years, shoppers in the south and southeast are likely to see their discounts from shopping on base all but disappeared.

"Basing budget decisions for DeCA, and the welfare of service members, on an average national commissary savings figure is about as useless as trying to calculate an average supplement for basic housing allowances by relying upon a single nationwide figure for cost of housing," Beale said.

So a figure used for the last 15 to 20 years to help justify the commissary benefit is now used to justify reducing it, he said.

A better figure for leaders to weigh today might be "one quarter of 1 percent of the defense budget," Beale said.

That's all that's needed, he said, to preserve a benefit the U.S. military has enjoyed, in some form, for the past 189 years.

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## Manning name change may further request for treatment

The Washington Post

An Army soldier convicted of leaking classified military and diplomatic records persuaded a Kansas judge Wednesday to legally change her name from Bradley Manning to Chelsea Elizabeth Manning.

The judicial order in Leavenworth County District Court could be a key step in the transgender soldier's quest to get the military to devise a medical treatment plan commonly available to civilians diagnosed with gender identity disorder.

The Department of Defense bans transgender people from serving and routinely discharges servicemembers who start hormone therapy. Manning's case is forcing the Pentagon to grapple with complex legal and personnel questions because the soldier is serving a 35-year sentence in an Army prison.

In a statement attributed to Manning posted on the Chelsea Manning Support Network's website, the soldier says she has requested that the military provide her with "a treatment plan consistent with the recognized professional standards of care" for transgender individuals. Such plans can range from hormone

therapy to sex-change operations. Manning said she underwent a medical evaluation last year but has not heard whether the Army will support the type of treatment plan she seeks.

"I am optimistic that things can — and certainly will — change for the better," the statement says. "If I am successful in obtaining access to trans healthcare, it will not only be something I have wanted for a long time myself, but it will also open the door for many people, both inside and outside the military, to request the right to live more open, fulfilled lives."

Army spokesman George Wright said he could not comment on Manning's medical treatment plan. He said that Army records will henceforth refer to Manning by her new legal name but that the military continues to regard the soldier as a male.

"This court action is only a name change and will have no bearing on his current status other than the name change in his records," Wright said in an email.

A spokesman at Fort Leavenworth, where Manning is serving his sentence, added: "He's still 'imie' Manning here. His records will reflect the new first name. That's it."

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## Culture: Harrison transferred victim instead of referring her case to CID

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The name of the person who filed that complaint has been redacted in the investigation report.

In February 2013, the Japanese woman, a civilian administrative assistant, filed a complaint alleging the colonel had sexually harassed and assaulted her in July 2012.

Instead of referring the case to the Army Criminal Investigation Command, as required by regulations, Harrison ordered an internal investigation and transferred the woman, thinking this would resolve the problem.

According to the report, the woman eventually approached a Stars and Stripes reporter, feeling that everyone was "scared" of Harrison.

The next day — May 16, 2013 — Stars and Stripes made queries.

The report states that the woman "felt the Stars and Stripes pushed USAR-J to do the right thing. After she spoke to the media, the next day CID contacted her" — some 73 days after filing the complaint.

The Army IG received the complaint against the colonel about sexual assault and harassment on May 21, and three days later ordered an investigation of "senior leader actions" in the

handling of the case.

The Army suspended Harrison in June, and sent him to the Pentagon to be the director of program analysis and evaluation for an Army deputy chief of staff.

According to the investigation report, Harrison and another colonel discussed Stars and Stripes' query shortly after it was made and decided not to respond.

Instead, Harrison and the colonel decided to "slow roll their response because the Stars and Stripes was not always favorable to them."

The officers "hoped to finish their AR 15-6 investigation before the story came out," the report said.

Stars and Stripes continued to ask the Army about the results of the investigation against him.

On Jan. 30, 2014, a spokeswoman told Stars and Stripes that nothing had changed, however, the IG investigation was completed in August, and he was reprimanded in December.

On March 27, Lt. Col. Alayne Conway told Stripes she was "coordinating a response" and would send it as soon as possible.

But the Army kept the results under wraps until this week, when it released a heavily redacted version of the investigative report in response to Freedom of

**Our troops deserve a justice system that reflects the ideals they are charged with upholding — not second-rate justice guided more by politics and bias than evidence.**

**Greg Jacob**

former Marine and policy director for Service Women's Action Network

Information Act requests filed by The Washington Post.

The IG report found that Harrison:

- Failed to investigate allegations against a colonel he had known since the mid-1980s

- Failed to treat the victim with dignity and fairness

- Failed to flag the commander

- Directed a command investigation of the crime instead of referring it to Army criminal investigators

- Failed to remove the colonel from his position even after he was aware of a pattern of misconduct.

Advocacy groups for victims of military sexual assault said the case is simply the latest in a string of cases in which commanders have protected perpetrators at the expense of victims.

"How many times do we have to see that the military is incapable of self-policing?" said Nancy Parrish, president of Protect Our Defenders.

"Simply saying everyone is accountable does not make it so. Only when we remove the command bias and conflict of interest from the military justice system will we achieve transparency and accountability. ... Too often, those in power are not being held accountable without pressure from the outside."

Greg Jacob, a former Marine and policy director for Service Women's Action Network, said Harrison's decision "to bury or delay sexual assault investigations because of his personal relationship with the accused is yet another example of a system in which justice is subject to the whim of the commander.

"Our troops deserve a justice system that reflects the ideals they are charged with upholding — not second-rate justice guided more by politics and bias than evidence."

Army spokesman George Wright said there is "a lengthy administrative process for investigating and taking action on allegations of misconduct."

The Washington Post reported that Harrison was reprimanded in December and submitted retirement paperwork this month; Wright said Harrison chose to request retirement instead of being subject to possible involuntary separation from the Army.

"After the inspector general substantiated allegations that Maj. Gen. Harrison failed to act properly when allegations of sexual assault were made against a subordinate, he was relieved of his duties ... and administratively reprimanded, effectively ending his career with the United States Army," Wright said. "There should be no mistake that we will thoroughly investigate any allegations of impropriety, and take appropriate action when warranted."

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# 'A big slap in the face'

Civilians losing LQA vent anger as cutoff nears

By JOHN VANDIVER  
Stars and Stripes

STUTTGART, Germany — Dr. Jeff Wolff loves working with the patients at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center. So why leave suddenly after more than a decade?

Wolff is among the nearly 700 civilian Defense Department employees who next month will have housing allowance benefits cut from their paychecks. Wolff will be leaving Germany on Monday — just days before the cuts take effect — for a job with the Department of Veterans Affairs in Texas.

At issue are conflicting opinions over whether an obscure set of State Department regulations allow certain locally hired workers to receive housing allowance benefits. Affected employees contend that DOD is retroactively applying a new interpretation to a decades-old regulation governing who is eligible for Living Quarters Allowance. DOD counters that it is obliged to enforce regulations.

The DOD determined last year that 659 overseas civilian employees, mainly in Europe and the Pacific, were receiving housing allowances in error — a contention refuted by the workers themselves — as one year LQA extension was provided to help employees plan for a future without the subsidy. That extension expires in early May — the dates differ for individuals affected.

"I've been here 11 years and these are the greatest patients in the world," Wolff said of the troops wounded in war and aging veterans he has cared for and treated. Wolff said he leaves with a great deal of anger directed at the DOD.

"This last year has been a total fiasco," Wolff said. "Why would anyone want to work for an employer that has become as toxic as DOD. It's been nothing but a big slap in the face."

During the past year, DOD has urged workers to file special requests to be relieved of debts associated with past LQA payments. Workers who have not made such a request by the time LQA expires, will have their wages garnished in addition to having to cover their housing expenses out of pocket.

At least 556 of the 659 affected employees have requested waivers and 483 have been approved. Others continue to be processed. To date no one has been denied a request for debt relief, according to the Defense Finance and Accounting Services website.



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**Dr. Jeff Wolff, a civilian physician at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, is among the nearly 700 overseas civilians who the Defense Department says received a housing allowance in error. Without the benefit, Wolff says he is leaving DOD employment abroad and relocating to the U.S.**

However, the challenge of making ends meet in costly overseas locales without an allowance still remains, employees said.

Some, such as Wolff, have managed to find work stateside, but others say they are looking for ways to economize or planning to dip into savings to help cover the costs of rent and utilities.

The workers' dispute with DOD stems from a 2011 ruling by the Office of Personnel Management, which determined that locally hired employees are eligible for LQA only if they worked for no more than one non-government employer overseas before joining government service. For years, many personnel offices had interpreted the rule differently.

"I'm still trying to figure out how someone today can reinterpret what someone else wrote 30 years ago and absolutely no one of authority questions it," said Michael Taylor, an Air Force civilian at Ramstein Air Base. "It became the new law unchallenged and was retroactively applied."

DOD officials, however, say they are obligated to enforce regulations and point to the measures taken to ease the financial pain of employees, such as the debt waivers and one-year extension of housing benefits.

Taylor, who lives in a small village near Kaiserslautern, said he won't walk away from a job he loves with the Air Force, where he works as a foreign treaty analyst, but is holding out hope DOD will eventually restore the benefits he was promised when he was hired.

"We will probably make ends meet, but it certainly is a hardship," Taylor said.

Joni Thomas, another Air Force civilian at Ramstein whose debt was waived, said DOD should honor the original terms of her employment, which guaranteed a housing allowance.

"It feels like a betrayal," she said. "Most of us are veterans who have sacrificed to serve and elected to continue to lot as civilians. I think it is a tragedy the way they are treating people who have given so much. This could have been handled with a swipe of a pen."

Many of the affected civilians have banded together over the past year, trying to galvanize support for their argument and have garnered several high-level supporters, including European Command's Gen. Philip Breedlove and Africa Command's Gen. David Rodriguez, who have both issued letters urging DOD to restore the benefits.

In addition, several lawmakers have voiced concern, even calling on the Government Accountability Office to investigate DOD's management of housing allowances.

Karen Diks, an Air Force civilian at Aviano Air Base, Italy, said she and her family have been saving money all year to prepare for the loss of LQA. For now, Diks said, she needs to stay in Italy to be close to her terminally ill father-in-law in Europe. Even after housing benefits go away, the push to get a better resolution will press on, she said.

"I think what they (DOD) are doing is wrong and immoral," Diks said. "It's been a long year, but we are not giving up. It shouldn't have to be this way."

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# New locations open for shipping vehicles

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RAF MILDENHALL, England — Servicemembers planning to ship vehicles as part of a permanent change of station should check the location of pick up and drop off points, as some locations around the world are changing and a few are closing.

The location change is due to the hiring of a new contractor. U.S. Navy Capt. Aaron Stanley, a director with Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command, said most of the new locations will be in the same city as the old pick-up and drop-off point.

International Auto Logistics, the new provider, had to "identify locations where they could conduct operations," including securing lease or purchasing facilities, Stanley said.

The previous contractor, American Auto — which, according to a company spokesman, was outbid for the \$304.5 million contract — will continue to deliver vehicles it has already picked up to the old locations, Stanley said.

Locations owned by the government — mainly in Germany and Italy — will be closed on May 1 and 2 while the two contractors switch employees; they will, however, accept emergency vehicle drop-offs, according to officials. These sites will reopen for all business on May 5.

American will continue limited operations to deliver vehicles aloud shipped to these locations until Aug. 1, Stanley said.

Troop reductions have led the government to close eight locations, most in the U.S. and England, officials said. Seven of them will close on May 1, and one in Mannheim, Germany, has already closed.

International has established a website, pcsmpov.com, for customers to find information about shipping a vehicle and tracking its progress.

Besides the change in locations and new website, Stanley said,

## Vehicle processing

Here are new U.S. vehicle processing center addresses for International Auto Logistics effective May 1:  
**Atlanta:** 3025 Sylvian Road, Atlanta, Ga. 30354  
**Baltimore:** 1070 Midway Road, Odenton, Md. 21113  
**Charleston, S.C.:** 3601 N. Meeting St., North Charleston, S.C. 29405  
**Dallas:** 957 Heinz Way, Grand Prairie, Texas 75051  
**Los Angeles:** 14611 S. Broadway St., Gardena, Calif. 90248  
**Norfolk, Va.:** 1215 Executive Boulevard, Chesapeake, Va. 23320  
**Seattle, Wa.:** 840 Industry Way, North Chicago, Wa. 98001  
**St. Louis:** 13918 St. Charles Rock Road, Bridgeton, Mo. 63044  
**San Diego:** 1143 Woodside Ave., Santee, Calif. 92071

The following are new overseas vehicle processing center addresses for receiving vehicles effective May 1:  
**Anchorage, Alaska:** 300 LaTouche St., Anchorage, AK 99501  
**Fairbanks, Alaska:** 5250 Airport Industrial Road, Fairbanks, AK 99709  
**Bahrain:** Al Mussakir 960, Rifa Industrial Area, Bahrain  
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Eight of the 46 VPCs will permanently close on May 1 in the U.S. and overseas.  
 ■ VPCs slated for closure in the U.S. are located in Edison, N.J.; New Orleans, Oregon, Fla. and Oakland, Calif.  
 ■ VPCs overseas that have closed, or are slated for closure, include Mannheim, Germany (closed); RAF Croughton, England; RAF Mereworth Hill, England; and Seville, Spain.

there are virtually no other differences between shipping a vehicle with the old and new contractors.

The Defense Department previously used several contractors to ship vehicles, so different vendors could have been responsible for the ocean and land shipments of vehicles, according to DOD release. This changed in 1998, when American won the contract and became solely responsible for all aspects of transporting a vehicle, the release says.

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# USS Firebolt sailors remembered decade later

By HENDRICK SIMOES  
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MANAMA, Bahrain — Approximately 200 servicemembers from various nations gathered at Naval Support Activity Bahrain for a remembrance ceremony marking the 10th anniversary of a suicide bombing in the Persian Gulf that killed two sailors and a Coast Guardsman.

On April 24th, 2004, a seven-member team from the USS Firebolt, a coastal patrol ship, was dispatched in an inflatable boat to clear multiple fishing dhows that were operating in a restricted area around an Iraqi oil terminal.

As the team approached one of the dhows, it abruptly maneuvered toward the Firebolt crew and blew up, according to a declassified Navy report detailing the incident, kill-

ing Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Michael Pemaselli, Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Christopher Watts and Coast Guard Petty Officer 3rd Class Nathan Bruckenthal. The others on the boat were badly injured.

Two other boats exploded 16 minutes later in the vicinity of another oil terminal, leading analysts to believe it was part of a coordinated terrorist attack on Iraq's infrastructure, the report said.

U.S. 5th Fleet Commander Vice Adm. John Miller praised the crew of the USS Firebolt for thwarting the terrorist attack on Iraqi infrastructure and told sailors in attendance at the ceremony that they were the vanguard against current threats in the region.

"The potential threats to this infrastructure are as great today as they were in 2004," Miller said.

The current crewmembers of the USS Firebolt, now based in Bahrain, were present at the ceremony, which included a dedication of a memorial.

"It's great that we are here remembering our fallen brothers," said Petty Officer 1st Class Kyle Peterson, a Firebolt crewmember. He said the Firebolt's small crew is like a family.

"I couldn't imagine losing some of my friends, family members and brothers like they did 10 years ago," he said.

There are eight coastal patrol ships based in Bahrain where the 5th Fleet is headquartered, including the USS Firebolt. Two more coastal patrol ships are expected to be based here this summer.

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Servicemembers from around the world gathered at Naval Support Activity Bahrain on Thursday for a memorial ceremony marking the 10th anniversary of an attack on USS Firebolt personnel.

## Agreement signed on guidelines for unplanned maritime encounters

By CHRIS CARROLL  
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — More than 20 nations that operate in the Western Pacific have agreed to guidelines for unplanned maritime encounters that might prevent incidents like one last year in which a Chinese Navy ship nearly collided with a U.S. guided missile cruiser.

The Code for Unplanned Encounters at Sea was approved

Tuesday at a meeting of the Western Pacific Naval Symposium in Qingdao, China, by naval chiefs from countries including the United States, China, Japan, Russia, Australia, Vietnam and the Philippines.

A territorial dispute between China and Japan over the uninhabited Senkaku Islands has at times threatened to escalate, and China has separate disputes with other neighbors that have inflamed tensions in the region.

In December, a Chinese warship cut in front of the USS Cowpens with only 100 yards to spare, U.S. officials say, forcing the ship to make sharp maneuvers to avoid collision.

The new guidelines will provide common standards for different navies to follow, a Pentagon spokesman said Wednesday.

"It offers safety procedures, basic [communication] plans and basic maneuvering instructions

for naval ships and naval aircraft during unplanned encounters at sea," Col. Steve Warren told reporters. "We fully support efforts to standardize maritime conduct and improve operational safety at sea."

The measure has been in development since 1999, Warren said. The agreement is not legally binding, the Navy said.

Nevertheless it's a big step toward making operations in the

area safer, U.S. Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Jonathan Greenert said in a press release.

"We've agreed to increase the standards that we will set at sea," he said. "We've agreed to establish proficiency in communications. We've agreed to establish common behavior at sea. We've agreed to prevent misunderstanding and miscallulations."

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## UKRAINE UNREST

## US again takes lead in eastern Europe aid

By NANCY MONTGOMERY  
Stars and Stripes

VICENZA, Italy — The U.S. is so far providing more resources to shoring up eastern European allies made nervous by a newly assertive Russia than other NATO members, again testing the alliance that has struggled throughout the war in Afghanistan.

On Wednesday, a company from the Vicenza-based 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team arrived at an air base in northwestern Poland, part of a commitment the U.S. announced Tuesday to send about 600 troops to Poland and the Baltics for training exercises.

As a second company of some 150 U.S. paratroopers left Italy Thursday, it was clear that the U.S. has committed far more resources to bolstering NATO members in eastern Europe that border Russia than their closer allies in Western Europe.

The paratroop company that flew out on Thursday headed to Latvia, the unit's executive officer, Maj. James Downing, said, adding that by Monday two more companies will be on the ground in Lithuania and Estonia.

In addition to the troops, which are to train with Polish, Latvian, Estonian and Lithuanian soldiers, the U.S. has also sent a dozen F-16 fighter jets and their crews, roughly 300 people, to Poland; six additional F-15 fighters with about 60 servicemembers and two KC-135 refueling tankers to Lithuania; and the frigate USS Taylor to the Black Sea.

"The U.S. is the only country

which is answering the problem," said Witold Waszczykowski, a Polish diplomat and parliamentarian who previously served as the country's foreign minister.

He said the 600 U.S. paratroops sent from Vicenza to Poland and the Baltics was the result of bilateral decisions between the U.S. and those countries.

"It was not a NATO decision," he said. "I would expect NATO would soon explain its position. We hope they join with the U.S."

NATO is currently deploying a flotilla in the Baltic Sea consisting of the Norwegian flagship the HNoMs Valkyrien and four minehunters from the Netherlands, Belgium, Norway and Estonia. Its AWACS reconnaissance planes have been flying regular surveillance flights along the Soviet border to monitor the crisis in that country.

Meanwhile, several member nations have offered additional aircraft to boost NATO's Baltic air policing mission, in which warplanes from alliance nations take turns patrolling the skies over the three Baltic states that have no fighters of their own.

Polish air force MiG-29s are due to take over from the Americans in June. Plans call for them to be joined by Danish F-16s.

That rotation will be followed by Portuguese F-16s in September. Germany and Britain also have proposed sending Eurofighter Typhoon air superiority jets to reinforce the patrols, as has France with its Dassault Rafales.

That the U.S. sent assets into the region ahead of other NATO

countries wasn't surprising, said Nick Witney, a former head of the European Defense Agency. "America always takes the lead in NATO; that's the nature of the beast," he said. "The whole psychology of the alliance is to look to the Americans in any crisis like this, and then to fall in behind Washington."

NATO's European members still depend on the U.S. security guarantees, even though Russia is militarily weaker than the Europeans, he said.

"The conventional threat that Russia poses to Europe nowadays isn't particularly alarming," said Witney, now a senior fellow at the European Council of Foreign Relations.

But Russia remains a nuclear threat. "It's America's final guarantee, the nuclear guarantee," he said.

NATO, formed after World War II to contain the Soviet Union and guarantee the security of Western Europe, began expanding into eastern Europe a decade after the fall of the Berlin Wall, dissolution of the Soviet-led Warsaw Pact alliance and the breakup of the USSR. It is supposed to be the primary responder to increased tensions with Russia.

Both the U.S. and Western Europe are wary of confronting Russia militarily or through tough economic sanctions, seeking to avoid an escalation of tensions and, in Western Europe, a crisis, disrupting significant business and energy flows.

The deployment of military assets along the edges of the all-

iance as a deterrent to Russia has been hailed by NATO as a demonstration of alliance solidarity.

The officers by the U.S. and others to enhance readiness in eastern European nations "reflects Alliance solidarity and our core task to protect and defend our Allies," NATO deputy spokesperson Carmen Romero said in an email. "We are taking legitimate steps to deal with the instability created by Russia's reckless actions."

Troops with the 173rd training in eastern Europe are aware of that role, said Maj. Mike Weisman, a 173rd spokesman.

"We know we're here to bolster our NATO allies, but for the paratroopers, they're just really excited about doing airborne ops and live-fire exercises with the 6th Polish Airborne Brigade," Weisman said.

Weisman said he expected the company in Poland — Company C, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment — would be training for about a month with the Polish brigade before another unit rotated in.

The Pentagon announced the 173rd deployment Tuesday, a few days after the unit's soldiers got the word, according to Weisman.

"This came together very fast," he said. "What we're going to do is something that would usually take months to plan. But we are the Army's contingency force. That's kind of what we do."

About 40,000 Russian troops are massed on Ukraine's eastern border and U.S. officials say Russia has sent special operatives into eastern Ukraine to destabi-

lize the country, which is not a member of NATO.

Russian President Vladimir Putin has asserted the right to intervene in Ukraine to protect the rights of ethnic Russians and Russian speakers. His defense minister on Thursday announced new military exercises along the Ukrainian border — just hours after Ukrainian troops killed at least two pro-Russia insurgents in eastern Ukraine.

"The fundamental understanding of security in Europe has now collapsed," Estonian President Toomas Hendrik Ilves told The New York Times. "Everything that has happened since 1989 has been predicated on the fundamental assumption that you don't change borders by force, and that's now out the window."

"It's an extremely dangerous situation," Waszczykowski said.

"NATO is supposed to react to this. If we don't react, this is an encouragement to other countries — Iran, Syria, North Korea, Venezuela. We'll go back to the law of the jungle."

Waszczykowski said that Russia should be isolated, disinvented from all cultural, sporting and educational events and exchanges.

"Russian society supports the imperial designs of Putin," he said, pointing to Putin's 80 percent approval rating.

"They're enjoying this. They think they're coming back to the glorious time of the Soviet Union."

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## Obama: More sanctions imminent

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TOKYO, Japan — The United States is prepared to impose additional sanctions within days if Russia continues its aggression in Ukraine, President Barack Obama said Thursday.

Russia is not abiding by an agreement it negotiated with the U.S., Ukraine and the European Union in Geneva this month that calls for the dissolution of outlaw military groups, the return of occupied buildings and public spaces and amnesty for anti-government protesters in Ukraine, Obama told reporters after a meeting with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in Tokyo.

"So far, we have not seen them (the Russians) abide by the spirit or the letter of the agreement in Geneva," Obama said.

The government in Kiev has offered constitutional reforms consistent with what was agreed, but militias and armed men continue to take over buildings and harass people who don't agree with them, he said.

"If Russia continues on the path it is on, there will be further sanctions," Obama said.

"This is a matter of days and not weeks," he said. "If they don't follow through, we will follow through on what we said, which is, there will be additional consequences on the Russians."

The U.S. has been preparing for the possibility that the Geneva agreement might not pan out, Obama said.

"We have been preparing for the prospect that we are going to have to engage in further sanctions," he said. "Those are teed up. ... The fact that I haven't announced them yet doesn't mean they haven't been prepared."

Sanctions hurt Russia more than anybody else, but they are disruptive to the global economy, Obama said.

"What we have got to do is make sure that we are very clear about what we stand for and believe in and we are willing to take action on behalf of those values," he said.

However, additional sanctions might not change Russian President Vladimir Putin's calculus, he said. "That's why there has got to be a lot of diplomatic spade work done in each phase of this process."

Russia can reverse course,

Obama said, back the Geneva agreement and call on those occupying buildings in Ukraine to vacate them, allow monitors access and support free elections.

"So I think they are going to do that? Do it, the evidence doesn't make me hopeful," he said.

Obama said there isn't going to be a military solution to the problems in Ukraine but said the U.S. needn't go to war or stand prepared to engage militarily to show that it is serious about international norms.

He cited Syria as an example of how diplomats can work with out military involvement, saying 87 percent of Syria's chemical weapons had been removed.

"The fact that we didn't have to fire a missile to get that accomplished is not a failure ... it's a success. It's not a complete success until we have the last 13 percent out," Obama said.

The United States' position is that countries should abide by international law, he said.

"Those norms are violated when you gas children or when you invade the territory of another country."

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## Tension in Ukraine

A pro-Russian armed man guards a checkpoint near Krasny Linam village outside Sloviansk, Ukraine, on Thursday. Ukrainian forces on Thursday killed at least two pro-Russian insurgents in the country's tumultuous east, an escalation that prompted Russian President Vladimir Putin to threaten unspecified consequences.

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ERIC GUZMAN/Stars and Stripes

President Barack Obama reviews troops from the Japan Self-Defense Force at the Imperial Palace in Tokyo on Thursday. Obama, who met with Emperor Akihito at the palace, also discussed the Japan-U.S. security alliance with Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

# Obama: Japan pact covers islands

## Statement on disputed Senkakus draws strong reply from China

By SETH ROBSON  
Stars and Stripes

TOKYO — The disputed Senkaku Islands fall under the scope of the Japan-U.S. security alliance, President Barack Obama said Thursday, a statement that provoked a sharp critique from Beijing.

Standing beside Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe at Tokyo's Akasaka Palace, Obama told a news conference that the defense treaty covers all areas administered by Japan, including the Senkakus.

The islands and the waters surrounding them — which encompass valuable fisheries and natural gas fields — are claimed by both Japan and China, and both countries have repeatedly scrambled fighter jets there in recent years. China has also established an air defense identification zone over the islands, which Japan and several other nations reject.

Maritime incidents in nearby waters have also increased since Japan nationalized the islands in 2012.

"We don't take a position on final sovereignty determinations with respect to the Senkakus, but historically they have been administered by Japan, and we don't believe that they should be subject to change unilaterally," Obama said.

He reaffirmed an article of the U.S.-Japan security treaty that calls on the United States to defend Japan if any of its territories are attacked.

"Article Five covers all territories under Japan's administration, including the Senkaku Islands," Obama said, adding later, "The treaty between the U.S. and Japan preceded my birth, so obviously this isn't a red line that I'm drawing."

Disputes in the region should be resolved peacefully and nations should respect international law and freedom of navigation, he said.

"In our discussions I emphasized with Prime Minister Abe the importance of

resolving this issue peacefully ... not escalating the situation ... keeping the rhetoric low ... not taking provocative actions," he said.

On Wednesday, China Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang criticized the U.S. position on the islands, which China calls the Diaoyutai.

"China firmly opposes the inclusion of the Diaoyu Islands into the U.S.-Japan security treaty," Qin said.

"The U.S. should respect facts, act responsibly, stick to its commitment of taking no sides in relevant territorial disputes, think twice before saying or doing anything and truly play a constructive role in ensuring regional peace and stability."

Obama said the U.S. has strong relations with China.

"They are a critical country not just to the region but the world. We want to continue to encourage the peaceful rise of China," he said.

"But what we have also emphasized ... is that all of us have responsibilities to help maintain the basic rules of the road and international order."

The alternative would be a world where large countries feel they can take actions which would disadvantage smaller nations, Obama said.

"That's not the type of world that's going to be stable and prosperous and secure for long," he said. "My hope is that China will continue to engage with us and other countries in the region."

Obama said he and Abe discussed a range of other issues during their meeting.

"I have said many times the United States is and always will be a Pacific nation. America's security and prosperity are inseparable from the future of this region," he said at the start of a trip that also will take him to South Korea, Malaysia and the Philippines.

That position is built on a foundation of America's historic treaties, including the one with Japan, he said.

"We agreed to continue deepening our security cooperation," Obama said. "As we modernize our defense posture in the region, our forces in Japan will include our most advanced military capabilities."

Examples of U.S.-Japan cooperation cited by Obama included delivering relief supplies together in the Philippines following last year's typhoon and a unified response to Russian aggression in Ukraine.

Abe reaffirmed his commitment to "steady progress" in replacing Marine Corps Air Station Futenma with a permanent facility on Okinawa. The move is supported by both governments but faces opposition from Okinawa civic groups and from the mayor where the new facility is ready to be built.

The U.S. and Japan are moving closer to agreement on issues such as trade in agriculture and vehicles as part of the Trans Pacific Partnership trade talks, Obama said.

"American manufacturers and farmers need meaningful access to markets ... that's my bottom line," he said.

Japan has an opportunity to play a leadership role in the Asia-Pacific region in the 21st century, he said.

"Now is the time for bold steps," Obama said.

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# China seen dominating Obama trip

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WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama's trip to Asia this week will be dominated by a country he's not even visiting: China.

Each of the four nations on the president's itinerary is involved in territorial disputes with an increasingly assertive China. Years of military spending gains have boosted the capabilities of the People's Liberation Army faster than many defense analysts expected, casting a shadow over relations between China and its neighbors and sparking doubts about long-term prospects for the U.S. presence in the Pacific.

"There are growing concerns about what China is up to in the maritime space," said Bonnie Glaser, a China expert at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

"There's a widely held view in the region that the U.S.-China relationship is tipping toward being much more confrontational."

Obama arrived Wednesday in Japan, the start of a weeklong journey that also will take him to South Korea, Malaysia and the Philippines. On display throughout will be the challenge of managing the uneasy relationship with China, the United States' No. 2 trading partner and an emerging rival for global influence.

For almost three years, Obama has sought to reorient U.S. foreign policy toward the Asia-Pacific region after more than a decade consumed by war in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Though the president says the change isn't aimed at containing China, a Sino-U.S. trade last year topped \$562 billion, a 38 percent jump from five years earlier — administration officials recently toughened their response to China's muscular foreign policy.

Danny Russel, assistant secretary of state for East Asia, in February labeled China's claim to almost all of the South China Sea, hundreds of miles from its shoreline, as "inconsistent with international law."

Adm. Harry Harris, commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, told an Australian audience on April 9, "I am concerned by the aggressiveness of the Chinese military, their lack of transparency, and a pattern of increasingly assertive behavior in the region."

The statements signaled mounting U.S. alarm following China's establishment in November of an "air defense identification zone" in the East China Sea, which overlapped with Japanese and South Korean airspace.

China's growing strength in recent years has spawned a welter of territorial conflicts. The most serious involve uninhabited islands in the East China Sea, which Japan claims as the Senkakus and China calls Diaoyu.

Vietnam, Singapore and Malaysia are among the countries disputing China's expansive claim to the South China Sea and its energy resources, while the Philippines last month filed a complaint against China with an international arbitration panel.

China and the U.S. have tussled over rights to a submerged formation that China calls the Suyan Rock and South Korea knows as the Ledge.

Even as tensions in East Asia remain high, U.S. officials insist they can toggle between cooperation and confrontation in their dealings with the world's second-largest economy.

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South Korean protesters hold photos of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un during a rally against recent missile launches and provocative acts, in Seoul, South Korea, on April 15.

LEE JIN-MAH/AP

## S. Korean strategy: Engage, pressure

### President Park Geun-hye aims for changing a neighbor that doesn't want to change

By Ashley Rowland  
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SEOUL, South Korea — After weathering a number of North Korean provocations during her first year on the job, South Korea's president may be learning the same lesson as her predecessors: Her influence with North Korea is limited because so much depends on Pyongyang's willingness to change and cooperate.

Recent weeks have epitomized the peninsula's volatility — a swing from hope as the two Koreas held emotional reunions of elderly family members separated for decades by the Demilitarized Zone to confrontation as both sides lobbed hundreds of shells across their maritime border.

That was followed by the discovery of two rudimentary drones believed to belong to North Korea, one of which may have flown over and photographed the Blue House, the presidential residence and office.

"One of the givens is that North Korea will pull your chain once in a while, and you're going to have your will tested every once in a while," said Bruce Bechtol, a North Korea expert at Angelo State University in Texas.

The next test could come as soon as this week, with President Barack Obama planning a two-day visit to South Korea starting Friday.

On its government-run website, North Korea called Obama's visit dangerous, saying it was "aimed to escalate confrontation and bring dark clouds of a nuclear arms race to have over this unstable region."

On Tuesday, South Korea's defense ministry said there are signs that North Korea could be preparing to carry out a fourth nuclear test.

"A lot of activity is currently being seen, so our forces are keeping in mind the possibility that North Korea may suddenly conduct a nuclear test in a short period of time, or as in previous cases, deceive us

with what appears to be a nuclear test," said Kim Min-seok, the spokesman for Seoul's Defense Ministry, according to a Yonhap News agency report.

Unless North Korea launches an attack that inflicts casualties, as it did against the South's warship Cheonan in 2010, President Park Geun-hye will likely maintain her dual strategy of engagement and pressure, Bechtol said.

"I think her hands would be tied then," he said. "She would have no choice but to take very stern measures."

Park, who took office in February 2013, will maintain her signature "trustpolitik" strategy — described by administration watchers as a tit-for-tat mix of confidence-building initiatives combined with the threat of a strong response to military provocations, Blue House spokeswoman Yoo Myung-hee said earlier this month.

"But right now, in the face of North Korea's recent provocative actions, there will be greater emphasis toward taking a firm position against the North," Yoo said, adding that such an approach would "include consequences for provocative actions but flexibility."

In an apparent show of muscle, South Korean defense officials have announced that the country test-fired a new ballistic missile capable of striking anywhere within the North and plan to deploy the weapon next year. Officials denied that the announcement's timing was related to the exchange of artillery fire along the Northern Limit Line.

A congressional assessment of U.S.-South Korea relations released earlier this year said the Obama administration has supported Park's policy, though "it is not clear how the Park government will resolve the seeming contradiction between the impulses of toughness and flexibility."

Analysts say a number of events could have triggered the North's recent actions, from anger over last month's trilateral

summit between the U.S., South Korea and Japan to a need to shore up internal support for Kim Jong Un. Pyongyang may have even wanted to wrap up an ongoing period of military training in time for troops to help with the spring planting season.

But almost certainly, it was showing defiance against U.S.-South Korea spring military drills, which wrapped up recently. Some 12,700 U.S. troops and 200,000 South Korean troops took part in the annual Foal Eagle exercise, which included their largest joint amphibious landing drill and the Navy's P-8A Poseidon maritime patrol aircraft's first training missions on the peninsula.

"North Korea wanted to show that it would not be quiet, it will not be calm. It wanted to say, 'We will not lose.'"

Go Myong-Hyun, a research fellow at the Asan Institute for Policy Studies in Seoul, said Pyongyang was reacting to a March 28 speech by Park in Dresden, Germany, in which she offered humanitarian aid and development assistance while urging the North to denuclearize. In essence, Park was trying to set up a firewall between the political and non-political issues that face the two Koreas — something the North, which has repeatedly used brinkmanship to wring aid from the West, strongly opposes, he said.

"It wants South Korea to understand that the only way to solve the North Korea issue is the way North Korea wants," he said. "North Korea wants economic aid on its own terms. There will be no deal."

Park likely expected the North to respond with some show of force to her speech and will "stick to her guns" despite the shelling.

Go said her "trustpolitik" approach,

which he described as a "work in progress that didn't have all the details thought out clearly," combines elements of one president's policy of engagement and another's stance against yielding anything to the North.

"She's trying to come up with a carrot that's not going to be misused by North Korea," Go said.

The North's attack appeared to be intentional given the number of shells it fired, and the fact that so many crossed the maritime border into South Korean territory, Bechtol said.

"They were trying to raise the stakes a little bit and see how the South reacted," he said, adding that the South's response, which included scrambling F-15 fighter jets, was both immediate and efficient. "What they may have been doing was gauging the South Koreans to see how fast they were able to react, given that there are now new rules of engagement and new weapons on these islands."

Ohm Tae-am, of the Korea Institute for Defense Analyses, said he believed Pyongyang was trying to force greater support from China, its key ally and economic benefactor, by ratcheting up tensions on the peninsula.

Daniel Pinkston, of the International Crisis Group, said there is little pressure in the South, where domestic issues often trump concerns about North Korea, for Park to alter her approach.

But the North has shown no signs of changing its underlying ideology no matter what the South does.

"The problem is that if the other party is unwilling to cooperate, it doesn't matter what you do," he said. "Park can do all kinds of things, but if North Korea is unwilling to cooperate, it's not going anywhere."

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## NATION

# FDA proposes first rules for e-cigarettes

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WASHINGTON — The U.S. government wants to ban sales of electronic cigarettes to minors and to require approval for new products and health warning labels under regulations being proposed by the federal Food and Drug Administration.

While the proposal being issued Thursday won't immediately mean changes for the popular devices, the move is aimed at eventually taming the fast-growing

e-cigarette industry.

The industry started on the Internet and at shopping mall kiosks and has rocketed from thousands of users in 2006 to several million worldwide who can choose from more than 200 brands. Sales are estimated to have reached nearly \$2 billion in 2013. Tobacco company executives have noted that they are eating into traditional cigarette sales, and their companies have jumped into the business.

The agency said the proposal

sets a foundation for regulating the products but the rules don't immediately ban the wide array of flavors of e-cigarettes, curb marketing on places like TV or set product standards.

Any further rules "will have to be grounded in our growing body of knowledge and understanding about the use of e-cigarettes and their potential health risks or public health benefits," Commissioner Dr. Margaret Hamburg said.

Once rules are finalized, the agency could propose more re-

strictions on e-cigarettes. Officials didn't provide a timetable for that action.

Members of Congress and public health groups have raised concerns over e-cigarettes and questioned their marketing tactics.

"When finalized (the proposal) would result in significant public health benefits, including through reducing sales to youth, helping to correct consumer misperceptions, preventing misleading health claims and preventing

new products from entering the market without scientific review by FDA," said Mitch Zeller, the director of the FDA's Center for Tobacco Products.

The FDA said the public members of the industry and others will have 75 days to comment on the proposal. The agency will evaluate those comments before issuing a final rule, but there's no timetable. The regulations will be a step in a long process that many believe will ultimately end up being challenged in court.

## Fetal tissue may have been used for electricity

By STEVEN DUBOIS  
The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — An Oregon county commission has ordered an incinerator to stop accepting boxed medical waste to generate electricity after learning the waste it's been burning may include tissue from aborted fetuses from British Columbia.

Sam Brentano, chairman of the Marion County board of commissioners, said late Wednesday the board is taking immediate action to prohibit human tissue from future deliveries at the plant that has been turning waste into energy since 1987.

"We provide an important service to the people of this state and it would be a travesty if this program is jeopardized due to this finding," he said in a statement. "We thought our ordinance excluded this type of material at the waste-to-energy facility. We will take immediate action to ensure a process is developed to prohibit human tissue from future deliveries."

Kristy Anderson, a British Columbia Health Ministry spokeswoman, told The Associated Press

that regional health authorities there have a contract with a company that sends biomedical waste, such as fetal tissue, cancerous tissue and amputated limbs, to Oregon, where it's incinerated in the waste-energy plant.

The B.C. Catholic, a Vancouver-based newspaper, identified the plant as Covanta Marion, based in Brooks, Ore. When contacted by The Associated Press on Wednesday, a Covanta Marion representative said he did not know whether fetal tissue was included in shipments from Canada or elsewhere.

The facility is owned and operated by Covanta in a partnership with Marion County. According to its website, it processes 550 tons per day of municipal solid waste, generating up to 13 megawatts of energy sold to Portland General Electric.

Marion County estimates that the facility processes about 700 tons of in-county medical waste each year and about 1,200 tons from elsewhere, making it a small percentage of the total waste burned.

## Stowaway on jet said to be homesick for Africa

The Associated Press

HONOLULU — A security video shows the California boy who survived stowing away on a jetliner dangling his feet from the aircraft's wheel well after arriving in Hawaii, before jumping 8 to 10 feet to the ground and collapsing, an airport official says.

The boy, 15, who defied the odds by living through the freezing, low-pressure conditions in the jetliner's wheel well as it flew from California to Hawaii, was disoriented and thirsty after Sunday's ordeal, Maui District Airport Manager Marvin Moniz said.

Staggering toward the nose of the plane, the soft-spoken boy in a San Francisco Giants hoodie asked a ramp agent for a drink of water,

setting in motion federal and local law enforcement investigations, national calls for better airport security and a flurry of speculation about how anyone could survive such a perilous trip.

Abdullah Yusuf Abdi, who said he is the boy's father, told Voice of America Wednesday that his son — who is still hospitalized in Honolulu — missed Africa, where they used to live, and had been struggling in school.

Abdi said he learned of the perilous journey Sunday when he got a call from police in Hawaii.

"When I watched the analysis about the extraordinary and dangerous trip of my son on local TVs and that Allah had saved him, I thanked God and I was very happy," Abdi said.

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Here the #NYPD engages with its community members, changing hearts and minds one baton at a time. #myNYPD pic.twitter.com/GErbiFFDvY



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This frame grab from a Twitter post from @OccupayWallStNYC shows a news photo of a New York City police officer wielding a baton during an Occupy Wall Street action in New York. The photo was posted in response to a Twitter request by the NYPD to offer up feel-good photos of people posing with police officers.

## 'Bash-tag': NYPD's Twitter effort draws harsh response

By TOM HAYS  
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NEW YORK — To put it in social media terms, the New York Police Department got trolled.

The nation's largest police force learned the hard way that there are legions online devoted to short-circuiting even the best-intentioned public relations campaign — in this case, the NYPD's Twitter invitation to people to post feel-good photos of themselves posing with New York's Finest.

What #myNYPD got instead was a montage of hundreds of news images of baton-wielding officers arresting protesters, pulling suspects by the hair, unleashing pepper spray and taking down a bloodied, 84-year-old man for jaywalking.

It was a fail of epic proportions,

with the hashtag among the most-trafficked in the world Tuesday, creating a public relations nightmare for a new NYPD leadership intent on creating a more community-friendly force.

"We've seen instances before where a hashtag can become a bash-tag," said Glen Gilmore, who teaches social media marketing at Rutgers University. "When you're in the social space, it's tough to predict what's going to happen."

A similar meltdown came last November when investment giant JP Morgan Chase, which had been paying billions of dollars in fines stemming from the financial crisis, asked followers on Twitter to post career advice questions. Among them: "Did you have a specific number of people's lives you needed to ruin before you considered your business model a success?"

McDonald's inadvertently ordered up some bad publicity in 2012 with its #McDStories campaign. Sample response: "I walked into a McDonald's and could smell the Type II diabetes."

The #myNYPD misfire comes at a time when New Police Commissioner William Bratton is trying to re-brand the department to counter criticism that it has been trampling on people's civil rights. Last week, it disbanded an intelligence unit that spied on Muslim neighborhoods, and it has promised reforms to the crime-fighting tactic known as stop and frisk.

Bratton acknowledged Wednesday that the Twitter campaign may not have been fully thought through.

"Was that particular reaction from some of the police adversaries anticipated? To be quite frank, it was not," Bratton said.

FAITH



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The Rev. Arcadio Munoz gives absolution to a parishioner at St. Mary's Church in Dumont, N.J., where confession can be heard out in the open.

# Is confession a religious relic?

## Fewer Catholics feel compelled to take part in the sacrament

By HANNAN ADELY

The (Hackensack, N.J.) Record

HACKENSACK, N.J. — One of loneliest places in church these days is the confession line. The act of confessing one's sins, a requirement for Catholics, has sharply fallen over several decades with evolving views on sin, penance and the stature of the priesthood.

Now Pope Francis and church leaders, in a push to draw people back to confession, are highlighting what clergy say are the healing, uplifting aspects of the sacrament and focusing less on themes like punishment and condemnation.

Some churches are using websites, newspaper ads and highway billboards to get the message out.

Under diocesan guidance, churches also added one extra day a week to hear confession during Lent, the period before Easter when penance is considered a Catholic duty.

And the pope, in an image seen and talked about around the world, confessed to a priest last month in public view.

But will these efforts change attitudes among Catholics, many of whom believe confession no longer is a necessary part of the faith?

"It's not something I look at as something I need to do to be a good Catholic, but I always know it's there if I feel a need to go," said Keith Ahearn, a churchgoer who lives in Oakland, N.J.

Ahearn said seeing Francis' example of confession did cause him to think twice.

"I have to admit," he said, "seeing the pope going to confession was a pretty powerful thing."

Under church doctrine, Catholics should go to confession at least once a year, preferably dur-

ing the Easter season.

Those who commit mortal, or serious, sins like adultery and murder should not receive Communion without first going to confession. The point of confession, according to the church, is to bring about a "spiritual resurrection" and to have people reconcile with the church community.

Church leaders are trying to lure people back by putting out positive messages that confession is about peace and joy and not fear or shame. Some dioceses are adding an extra day of confession during the Lenten season.

For church members like Patricia Demarest, of the Haskell section of Wanaque, N.J., who recalled long lines for confession in her younger days, the extra day is a welcome change.

Demarest has continued to go to confession and said she goes at least four times a year and sometimes monthly. It helps her to "get straight with God," she said.

"When you walk out, particularly when you have something serious on your mind, it really is better than any trip to a psychologist," she said. "You feel forgiven and that you've reconciled yourself with God."

Still, local members of the clergy acknowledge they have a long way to go to revive interest in reconciliation.

Decades ago, most Catholics

confessed their sins regularly to a priest at church. Now, just 2 percent of Catholics do so once a month or more often, according to a 2008 survey by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate at Georgetown University.

About 26 percent of Catholics say they participate at least once a year; 30 percent say they go less than once a year; and 45 percent say they never go at all.

Confession became a lower priority in the Catholic Church after the Second Vatican Council in 1962. The church put more emphasis on forgiveness over punishment, and societal attitudes on sin changed.

The church has also allowed face-to-face confessions in "reconciliation rooms," a setting that is brighter and less formal than the traditional confession box, where the confessor kneels anonymously before a screen with a priest on the other side.

"The church has downplayed it a little," said the Very Rev. Dominic Ciriaco, of St. Mary's Church in Dumont, N.J. "There is not as much emphasis on Hell and things of that nature. We want to embrace the God who is all loving and not condemning."

The sex abuse scandals that erupted in the church during the 1980s and '90s made it less appealing to confess sins to priests, whose own sins and flaws were being exposed, especially amid reports that confession was used in some cases to groom victims.

The Rev. Paul Prevosto, of Holy Trinity Church in Hackensack, N.J., said the decline in participation had already happened by the time abuse cases became public. Like other clergy, he believes the drop in confession has to do with the change in the perception of sin.

"Catholics are not aware that



The pope and other church leaders are putting a focus on confession in an attempt to draw more Catholics back to the practice.

the sins that they have committed are sins," he said. "In today's culture, look at it, everything goes."

Prevosto gave the example of couples living together before marriage as a situation that many people viewed as acceptable, even though the church considers it a sin.

The Rev. Paul A. Cannariato, of St. Mary's Church in Closter, N.J., also pointed to the secularization of society as a reason.

"In society, we have become desensitized to the reality of sin," he said. "If you don't believe something is sinful, you don't think of forgiveness."

# NATION



IAN NICHOLSON/AP

The Duchess of Cornwall looks at an elephant sculpture with her brother, Mark Shand, at Chelsea Hospital Gardens in London in June 2010. Shand has died following a fall.

# Brother-in-law of Prince Charles is killed in NYC fall

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Prince of Wales and his wife, Camilla, are “utterly devastated” by the death of her brother, who fell outside a hotel bar and suffered a head injury, British royal officials said.

Mark Shand, chairman of an elephant conservation charity, was in New York for a charity auction at Sotheby’s.

The New York Police Department said Shand had arrived at the Gramercy Park Hotel’s Rose Bar just before 1 a.m. Wednesday accompanied by a relative. He went out to smoke a cigarette about 2:30 a.m. and fell backward as he tried to re-enter through a revolving door, police said.

He was taken to a hospital, where he was pronounced dead at 11:25 a.m., police said. The cause of his death will be determined

by the medical examiner’s office. Shand, 62, was known for his work as a travel writer and conservationist. He was the author of several books including “Elephant Tales” and “River Dog: A Journey Down the Brahmaputra.”

British royal officials at Clarence House said in a statement that Camilla, Prince Charles and all of her family members are “utterly devastated by this sudden and tragic loss.”

“Mark Shand was a man of extraordinary vitality, a tireless campaigner and conservationist whose incredible work through The Elephant Family and beyond remained his focus right up until his death,” the statement said.

Police detectives were at the Manhattan hotel Wednesday afternoon, taking a look at the locations of security cameras.

## Vermont moves toward labeling of GMO foods

MONTPELIER, Vt. — Vermont lawmakers have passed the country’s first state bill to require the labeling of genetically modified foods, underscoring a division between powerful lobbyists for the U.S. food industry and an American public that overwhelmingly says it approves of the idea.

The Vermont House approved the measure Wednesday evening, about a week after the Senate, and Gov. Peter Shumlin said he plans to sign it. The requirements would take effect July 1, 2016, giving food producers time to comply.

Shumlin praised the vote. “I am proud for Vermont for being the first state in the nation

to ensure that Vermonters will know what is in their food,” he said in a statement.

Genetically modified organisms — often used in crop plants — have been changed at their genetic roots to be resistant to insects, germs or herbicides. The development in Vermont is important because it now puts the U.S. on the map of governments taking a stance against a practice that has led to bountiful crops and food production but has stirred concerns about the dominance of big agribusiness and the potential for unforeseen effects on the natural environment.

Some scientists and activists worry about potential effects on soil health and pollination of neighboring crops.

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# Next challenge is keeping ACA enrollment up

By Jason Millman  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Millions have signed up for new health care plans under the Affordable Care Act. The next trick: keeping them enrolled.

With the health care law's first enrollment period closed, health insurers, policymakers and advocates are pushing to make sure the newly insured become reliable customers for the health plans. That will be crucial to keeping down the uninsured rate and will help determine how insurers will view the individual market under the sweeping changes made by the health care law.

According to early independent estimates, one-fourth to one-third of the 8 million people who signed up for coverage on the ACA exchanges had been uninsured. Millions more, including some previously uninsured, got individual and family coverage outside the insurance marketplace.

So far, 80 to 90 percent of people signing up through the exchanges have paid their first month's premium and completed enrollment, according to accounts from insurers and the state-run exchanges. How the payment rate holds up during the year will be closely watched.

"It's certainly more of a challenge when it's an individual as opposed to an entire employee group," said Ceci Connolly, managing director of PricewaterhouseCoopers' Health Research Institute. "It's always more challenging with newcomers who [insurers] haven't had a chance to develop a relationship with or any kind of track record."

Advocates say they're concerned that many of the newly insured don't completely understand how their coverage works. About

two in three adults who were likely candidates for exchange coverage said they had gaps in their understanding of basic insurance terms, according to an Urban Institute survey. Advocates fear that as people use the insurance they might face out-of-pocket costs they hadn't anticipated and could decide to drop coverage if they find it too expensive.

"We're thinking about that a lot more here," said Elizabeth Carpenter, a director at the Avalere Health consulting firm who is closely tracking insurers. "People need to pay their premiums the first month, and they need to keep paying the premiums."

Exchange enrollees are allowed a 90-day grace period to keep their insurance without payment before they're dropped from coverage. Insurers are required to pay for the first 30 days, but not the last 60 days — a policy that is already making doctors worried they could be left on the hook for uncompensated care. If the grace period ends without payment, the enrollee is cut off from coverage and won't have another chance to obtain marketplace coverage again until the next open enrollment period, scheduled to start Nov. 15.

"Health plans are going to help with this," said Sonya Schwartz, a researcher at Georgetown University's Center for Children and Families. "They know how to follow up with people and send them the bill. They want to keep them enrolled."

CVS Caremark, joining the effort to keep people continuously enrolled, announced this week that people can pay their premiums at its locations for no extra cost. A company spokesman said it expects newly insured consumers who don't have bank accounts to be most likely to use the service.



## Gas plant explosion

Officials gather at the site of an explosion and fire at a natural gas processing facility and major national pipeline hub Wednesday in Opal, Wyo. Officials said there are no reports of injuries and the residents of Opal have been evacuated.

RACHEL ANDERSON/AP

## IG report singles out IRS bonuses

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service provided millions of dollars in bonuses to agency employees with "substantiated" conduct issues, including nonpayment of taxes, according to a watchdog report released Tuesday.

The Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration said the IRS between October 2010 and December 2012 paid more than \$2.8 million to about 2,800 workers with recent conduct issues. That included more than \$1 million in cash awards for roughly 1,100 employees with federal tax compliance problems.

Inspector General Russell George noted that the government does not prohibit bonuses

for workers who fail to pay taxes, but he said the practice creates a "conflict with the IRS's charge of ensuring the integrity of the system of tax administration."

Republican lawmakers have expressed growing frustration with federal employees who don't pay their taxes. In 2011, about 3.6 percent of the government's 3 million civilian employees owed back taxes totaling more than \$1 billion, according to IRS data.

Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., on Wednesday sent a letter to IRS Commissioner John Koskinen demanding that the agency rescind the bonuses for employees with tax issues and hold the funds in escrow until the workers have addressed their compliance issues.

"How can we expect the American people — many of whom are

struggling to make ends meet — to trust their government when they learn that the very agency charged with collecting their taxes is rewarding employees who haven't paid theirs?" Manchin said.

Koskinen was sworn in as head of the IRS in December, before the agency handed out the bonuses in question. Manchin acknowledged that in his letter, but he said the commissioner must still take "swift action" to revoke the cash awards now that he is in charge.

Opponents argue that the bills unfairly target civil servants among the many Americans who owe back-taxes. Rep. Elijah Cummings, D-Md., said of the Chaffetz measure last year that the government would have a harder time collecting taxes from individuals who lose their jobs.

## FCC due to propose 'net-neutrality' rules

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Federal Communications Commission is set to propose new open Internet rules that would allow content companies to pay for faster delivery over the so-called "last mile" connection to people's homes, but enhance scrutiny of such deals so they don't harm competition or limit free speech.

That's according to a senior FCC official familiar with the matter who wasn't authorized to speak publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity. FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler was to present the

proposed rules to the other four commissioners Thursday.

So-called "net neutrality" rules are hotly debated because without them, consumers' ability to freely access certain types of content could be constrained by giant conglomerates for business, political or other reasons.

The new rules are meant to replace the FCC's open Internet order from 2010, which was struck down by a federal appeals court in January. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit affirmed that the FCC had the authority to create open-access rules but said

it failed to establish that its 2010 regulations didn't overreach.

While the older rules technically allowed for paid priority treatment, it was discouraged. The new rules spell out standards that such deals would have to meet to be considered "commercially reasonable" and are designed to survive a court challenge in the future.

Under proposed rules, if such a deal for priority access were challenged, the commission would look at its impact on competition, consumers, free speech and civic engagement and whether a provider was acting in good faith.

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Iraqi policemen stand guard at the site of a car bomb explosion Thursday in Hillah, Iraq. A suicide bomber rammed his explosives-laden car into a police checkpoint Thursday, killing several people.

# Iraqi police targeted

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A suicide bomber rammed his explosives-laden car into a police checkpoint south of Baghdad on Thursday morning, killing at least 11 people, officials said, the latest episode in an uptick in violence in the run-up to next week's parliamentary elections.

The attack struck during the morning rush hour, when the checkpoint at one of the entrances to the city of Hillah, about 60 miles south of Baghdad, was crowded with commuters.

Among the 11 killed were seven civilians and four policemen while 27 people were wounded in the bombing, a police officer said. The blast also damaged about 15 cars nearby. A medical official confirmed the casualty figures.

Both officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media.

The Shiite-dominated city of Hillah has seen sporadic violence recently. Last month, a suicide car bomber hit another checkpoint in same area, killing 36 people.

Iraq has seen a spike in violence since last year, with the death toll climbing to its highest levels since the worst of the country's sectarian bloodletting between 2006 and 2008.

The U.N. says 8,868 people were killed in 2013, and more than 1,400 people were killed in the first two months of this year.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack, which bore the hallmarks of an al-Qaida spin-off group known as the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant.

Next Wednesday, Iraq is to hold its first parliamentary elections since the U.S. troops' withdrawal in late 2011. More than 9,000 candidates will compete for 328 seats.

## Material on shore not from missing jet, officials say

The Associated Press

CANBERRA, Australia — The material that washed ashore in southwest Australia appears to not be from the missing Malaysian plane, officials said Thursday.

The Australian Transport Safety Bureau examined detailed photographs of the material, apparently sheet metal with rivets, and is satisfied it is not related to the plane, the search coordinator said.

The Malaysia Airlines flight from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing veered off course and disappeared March 8 in a still-baffling mystery and is believed to have crashed in

the remote southern Indian Ocean. It had 239 passengers and crew.

The Joint Agency Coordination Centre also said Thursday a robotic submarine had scanned more than 90 percent of a 120-square-mile search area but has found nothing of interest. The sub is creating a three-dimensional sonar map of the ocean floor near where signals consistent with airplane black boxes were heard.

The next phase of the search is likely to be decided in a week and likely would involve using more powerful towed side-scan commercial sonar equipment, similar to what found the Titanic wreck in 1985.

## Sanctions may follow violence in South Sudan

UNITED NATIONS — The U.N. Security Council is expressing rare "horror" at the recent massacre of civilians in South Sudan and threatens sanctions.

The strongly worded press statement released Thursday deplores the killings last week in Bentiu, the capital of oil-producing Unity state, as well as the use of radio broadcasts to "foment

hate and sexual violence."

The council statement also expresses "grave concern" over the more than 23,000 displaced people who are seeking shelter at the U.N. camp in Bentiu as the risk of a humanitarian crisis grows.

It also says council members "indicated their willingness to take additional measures," meaning sanctions, if attacks on civilians continue amid growing ethnic tensions.

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WORLD

# North Korea's pop music queens stage comeback

By ERIC TALMADGE  
The Associated Press

PYONGYANG, North Korea — Step aside, Sea of Blood Opera. North Korean leader Kim Jong Un's favorite guitar-slinging, miniskirt-sporting girl group, the Moranbong Band, is back. And these ladies know how to shimmy. After a six-month hiatus, the queens of North Korea's pop scene are once again playing to standing-room-only crowds and rave reviews in the state media. They're the darlings of prime-time TV, such as it is. Even athletes at this month's Pyongyang marathon were treated to one of the band's livelier tunes — blared at them from a sound truck.

More than merely a pop sensation, since its stage debut in 2012, the Moranbong Band, said to have been hand-picked by Kim, has captured the hearts of the more humble fans of the new Kim regime, despite speculation at least one of its members had fallen out of favor in connection with the purge of Kim's once-powerful uncle earlier this year.

The last big concert by the band, comprising more than a dozen members who play everything from electric violins and cellos to keyboards and drums, was in October.

Kim was on hand this month for one of the band's comeback concerts when, according to state media, he was treated to "colorful

numbers" including "O My Motherland Full of Hope," "Our Father," "We Think of the Marshal Day and Night" and other "light" arrangements.

"The supreme commander spared time to watch the performance, though he was very busy with the work to protect the destiny of the country and its people from the arrogant and reckless moves of the U.S. imperialists and other hostile forces to stifle the DPRK," the concert host reportedly told the audience. "Kim Jong Un waved back to the cheering performers and audience and congratulated the artistes on their successful performance."

Performances are peppered with solos, fast-paced drumming and mildly suggestive choreography that give the appearance of an almost-current, Western-style, pop-rock show. In one of their early concerts, they played the theme song to the movie "Rocky."

Led by violinist Sonu Hyang Hui, band members wear their hair clipped short — which has become all the rage among trend-

conscious young women. They dress in a manner best called conservative sexy, with skirts cut well above the knee. That's generally a no-no for your average North Korean woman, but hemlines on the streets of Pyongyang do appear to be rising, which also could be partly because of the band's impact.

Still, this is North Korea, where the national motto is "Military First."

For their latest performances, the band mostly went back to military-style dress, with white or olive uniforms featuring epaulets, knee-high boots and pleated skirts just a tad shorter than regulation.

"An all-female band that showcases both instrumental virtuosity and a more alluring femininity is pretty interesting," said ethnomusicologist Donna Kwon, of the University of Kentucky. "They are incredibly well-coordinated and obviously good musicians. I can't say that I like their music, per se, but they do seem to represent an effort to update North Korea's popular" music practices



Jon Chol Jin/AP

Singers of the Moranbong Band perform in March in Pyongyang, North Korea.

in many ways."

North Korea's top performing groups tend to be symphonies or operatic troupes, such as the Unhasu Orchestra and the State Symphony of the DPRK, which are as highly trained and technically skilled as they are stodgy and frozen in the amber of an era long gone to all but the most tenaciously nostalgic of Socialist cadres. Case in point: the Sea of Blood Opera Company, which has toured China and also recently was back on tour to entertain farmers and factory workers.

The Moranbong Band appears to have hit a more resonant chord with both the regime it promotes — and which tirelessly promotes

them — and the listening public.

But in a country where all forms of art serve political ends, what exactly is behind this pop sensation? Could it be that Kim, who spent some of his childhood in Europe, harbors a promising openness to Western culture? Or are they just another repackaging of the old guard — this time in sequins?

On that score, foreign reviews are mixed.

"I guess the question is whether control from above can ever be relaxed sufficiently, and I see no signs of that happening," said Keith Howard, a professor at the department of music and center of Korean studies at the University of London.

## Last appeal bid rejected in 'Milkshake Murder'

HONG KONG — Hong Kong's top court rejected a final bid on Thursday for an appeal by an American convicted of drugging her wealthy banker husband and bashing him to death.

A three-judge panel at the Court of Final Appeal dismissed Nancy Kissel's application.

Kissel was convicted twice of the 2003 murder of her husband, Robert Kissel, who worked for Merrill Lynch and Goldman Sachs. Kissel's case, dubbed the "Milkshake Murder" grabbed world headlines with its lurid tale of the breakdown of a wealthy expatriate marriage in the southern China financial hub.

She was sentenced to life in prison in 2012, matching the result of an earlier trial that was overturned.

Prosecutors said Kissel, a housewife and native of Adrian, Mich., gave her husband a sedative-laced milkshake and then bludgeoned him with a metal ornament before wrapping his body in a carpet.

The defense had argued she was suffering from clinical depression and was acting under diminished responsibility.

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## Extra crispy: French fry truck burns at Wal-Mart

**ME** WATERVILLE — Bring on the ketchup: A tractor-trailer carrying 40,000 pounds of french fries caught fire in a Wal-Mart parking lot in the Maine city of Waterville.

The city's fire chief said overheated brakes were the suspected cause of the night blaze in the middle of the busy parking lot. The driver said he pulled over when he smelled smoke from the back of the truck.

The Portland Press Herald reported that nobody was injured in the fire.

The driver was on his way from the Canadian province of Prince Edward Island to New Jersey to deliver the fries. Waterville is about 15 miles north of Maine's capital, Augusta.

## Woman has dog, TV snatched on 1st date

**NJ** DOVER — A woman has been reunited with her Yorkshire Terrier and flat-screen TV that were snatched during her first date with a man she met online.

The woman called police early Saturday to say that her dog, Violet, had been tied by its leash to the TV, and both were left in the front yard of her Dover home, the Daily Record of Parsippany reported. Violet appeared to be in good health.

Authorities said the pair met on a dating site and went out for the first time Thursday night. After returning home, the woman said she became occupied in another room, leaving the man alone. When she returned, he was gone — and so were her dog, valued at \$4,000, and her TV, worth about \$3,000.

## Man 'armed' with potato in robbery attempt

**RI** PROVIDENCE — Police said a man used a potato to pretend he had a gun while trying to rob a Rhode Island business.

WPRI-TV reported that the man entered a convenience store Monday with a potato and shouted, "Give me the money." A police report said the store manager chased him off with a baseball bat.

Police provided a description of the suspect. They said officers later went to a laundromat where an employee told them a man fitting the description came in carrying a potato and yelled, "I need the money."

The TV station reported that the employee gave the man a \$20 bill from a decoy cash register, and he left.

## Postal Service to issue Harvey Milk stamp

**CA** HARVEY MILK, the slain politician who became an icon of equal rights not just for the gay community in San Francisco but across the nation, will be commemorated in a forever stamp next month, the U.S. Postal Service announced Tuesday.

The stamp's issue will coin-



BERETO MATTHEWS/AP

## Festival preview

Members of the Japanese Folk Dance Institute perform during a preview of the Sakura Matsuri festival at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden in New York on Tuesday.

side with Milk's birthday on May 22. The stamps will be available in sheets of 20 and may be pre-ordered.

The image on the stamp comes from a circa-1977 photo taken by Daniel Nicoletta of Milk in front of Castro Street Camera in San Francisco.

The stamp comes a little more than 35 years after Milk's assassination in San Francisco City Hall alongside then-Mayor George Moscone on Nov. 27, 1978. Milk had won a seat on the Board of Supervisors in 1977.

## Airport police lose track of explosives

**AK** ANCHORAGE — Police at the Anchorage

airport lost track of a small quantity of explosives used for training bomb-sniffing dogs.

The explosives were attached to a rental car that a customer drove away Monday at Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport.

Airport Police and Fire Chief Jesse Davis told KTUU the explosive was recovered Monday afternoon in the Anchorage area.

He said the amount of explosives in the vehicle was small and didn't pose a threat to the driver or the public.

## Police: Teens borrow, flee with cellphones

**NH** MANCHESTER — New Hampshire police are warning pedestrians to

think twice before lending their cellphones to strangers.

Manchester police said they responded to two incidents Monday in which a teenage boy asked a bystander to borrow her cellphone, then fled with the phone. The victims were women.

Police are urging pedestrians to hold onto their cellphones.

## Hospital reinforces e-cig ban following fire, injury

**NY** SYRACUSE — A New York hospital is reinforcing its ban on electronic cigarettes after a patient on oxygen was burned by a fire that erupted while she was puffing on one of the devices. Syracuse Fire Department in-

## THE CENSUS

**24** The number of restaurants visited by Mayor Ed Foley in a single day — every one in his town of Jenkintown, Pa. in a gut-busting campaign to draw attention to the tiny borough's varied restaurant scene, Foley started Saturday with a pre-dawn visit to IHOP. He said several restaurants have opened in Jenkintown in recent years, but he was surprised to count them and see 24 restaurants now populate a town of less than a single square mile. About 20 years ago, he said, Jenkintown had only one place to eat. "I really am having fun with it," he said shortly before his 16th stop of the day.



vestigator Joe Galloway told The Post-Standard the exact cause of last month's fire at St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center has not been determined. He said the patient had a battery-powered e-cigarette, which uses a heating element to vaporize nicotine.

Hospital officials have not identified the patient. They said she burned first- and second-degree burns across her face, but is home and doing well.

Since the fire, St. Joseph's officials have reminded patients they aren't allowed to use e-cigarettes. The hospital also prohibits tobacco use on its campus.

## Court: Pot compound not subject to DUI law

**AZ** PHOENIX — The state Supreme Court has ruled that the presence of non-impairing marijuana compounds detected in a person's body does not give authorities the right to prosecute under Arizona's driving under the influence laws.

Last year, the state Court of Appeals upheld the right of authorities to prosecute pot smokers for DUI even when there is no evidence of impairment.

The Supreme Court opinion released Tuesday notes that while Arizona statute makes it illegal for a driver to be impaired by marijuana use, the presence of a non-psychoactive compound does not constitute impairment under the law.

The opinion focuses on two chemical compounds in marijuana that show up in blood and urine tests — one that causes impairment and one that stays in the consumer's system for weeks but doesn't cause impairment.

From wire reports

# BUSINESS/WEATHER

# Apple to split stock; boosts buyback

The Associated Press

**SAN FRANCISCO** — Apple is doling out more of its cash to shareholders and is preparing to split its stock for the first time in nine years in an attempt to win back investors fretting about the iPhone maker's slowing sales growth and pace of innovation.

The moves announced Wednesday as part of Apple's fiscal second-quarter earnings report are aimed at boosting the compa-

ny's stock price, which has been hovering about 25 percent below the peak it reached in September 2012. The bellwether Standard & Poor's 500 has climbed by 28 percent during the same period.

Apple Inc. earmarked an additional \$30 billion for buying back its stock through next year, bringing the total to \$90 billion during that time frame.

The Cupertino, Calif., company also is raising its quarterly dividend 8 percent to \$3.29 per share,

up from \$3.05 per share.

The moves came amid worries investors have about the future of Apple since Steve Jobs, its co-founder and chief visionary, died in October 2011. Those worries have been compounded by the fierce competition that Apple faces in mobile devices, particularly from Samsung Electronics Co., which has been widening its lead in the smartphone market.

Although many analysts had been expecting Apple to distrib-

ute more money to shareholders, the stock split came as a surprise. After the seven-for-one split is completed June 9, the trading price of Apple's shares will fall dramatically. Had the split occurred at Wednesday's closing price of \$524.75, the stock likely would begin trading at about \$75.

At that level, more people should be able to afford to buy shares — a factor that could, in theory, fuel more demand for Apple's stock and eventually lift the price.

## EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (April 25)	\$1.4184
Dollar buys (April 25)	€0.7050
British pound (April 25)	\$1.72
Japanese yen (April 25)	100.00
South Korean won (April 25)	1,011.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3771
British pound	\$1.6791/1.5956
Canada (dollar)	1.1029
China (Yuan)	6.2378
Denmark (Krone)	5.4032
Egypt (Pound)	6.9975
Euro	\$1.3819/1.7237
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7533
Hungary (Forint)	223.83
Israel (Shekel)	3.4777
Japan (Yen)	102.21
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2813
Norway (Krone)	5.9974
Philippines (Peso)	44.74
Poland (Zloty)	3.4072
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7505
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2587
South Korea (Won)	1,041.67
Switzerland (Franc)	0.8288
Thailand (Bath)	32.39
Turkey (New Lira)	1,1361

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

## INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	0.10
Federal funds market rate	0.10
3-month bill	0.04
30-year bond	3.48

## EUROPE GAS PRICES

Country	Super E10	Super unleaded	Super plus	Diesel
Germany	\$3.520	\$4.094	\$4.251	\$4.200
Change in price	+3.2cents	+3.4cents	+3.8cents	+1.9cents
Netherlands	--	\$4.590	\$5.249	\$5.084
Change in price	--	+7.2cents	+7.7cents	+3.0cents
U.K.	--	\$4.029	\$4.186	\$4.140
Change in price	--	+3.4cents	+3.8cents	+1.9cents
Azores	--	--	\$4.482	--
Change in price	--	--	no change	--
U.K.	--	\$3.851	\$4.164	\$4.100
Change in price	--	no change	no change	no change
Turkey	--	--	\$4.445	\$4.076*
Change in price	--	--	no change	+1.9cents
U.K.	\$3.936	--	--	\$4.239
Change in price	no change	--	--	no change

## PACIFIC GAS PRICES

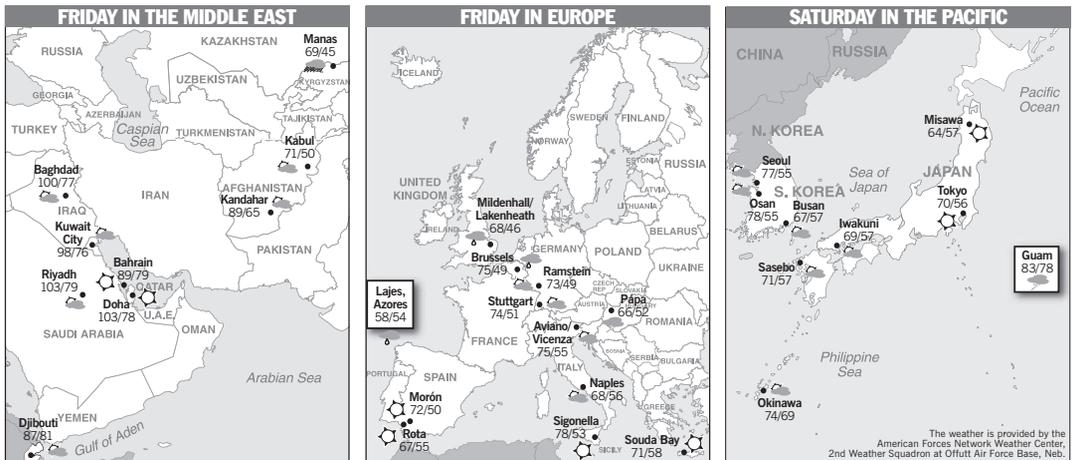
Country	Unleaded	Super unleaded	Super plus	Diesel
Japan	--	\$3.340	--	\$4.969
Change in price	--	+3.0cents	--	+2.0cents
Okinawa	\$3.679	--	--	\$4.969
Change in price	+3.0cents	--	--	+2.0cents
South Korea	\$3.939	--	\$4.249	\$4.229
Change in price	+3.8cents	--	+2.0cents	+2.0cents
Guam	\$3.929**	\$4.109	\$4.259	--
Change in price	+3.0cents*	+4.0cents	+3.0cents	--

\* Diesel EFD \*\* Mildgrade  
For the week of April 25-May 2

## MARKET WATCH

	April 23, 2014
<b>Dow Jones Industrials</b>	-12.72 16,501.65
<b>Nasdaq composite</b>	-34.491 4,126.97
<b>Standard &amp; Poor's 500</b>	-4.16 1,875.39
<b>Russell 2000</b>	-8.53 1,147.09

## WEATHER OUTLOOK



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

## Friday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	Chatanooga	77	60	Cldy	Fort Wayne	69	47	Pcldy	Louisville	77	57	Pcldy	Pocatello	57	39	Rain	Sioux City	76	40	Pcldy
Arlene, Tex	92	58	Pcldy	Cheyenne	67	37	Pcldy	Fresno	68	54	Rain	Madison	70	53	Pcldy	Portland, Maine	56	34	Pcldy	Sioux Falls	71	40	Pcldy
Albany, N.Y.	69	46	Rain	Chicago	70	46	Pcldy	Goodland	77	39	Cir	Macon	83	59	Pcldy	Portland, Ore.	58	43	Rain	South Bend	67	46	Pcldy
Albuquerque	79	50	Pcldy	Cincinnati	72	54	Pcldy	Grand Junction	74	42	Pcldy	Madison	65	41	Pcldy	Pueblo	80	40	Cir	Springfield, Ill.	76	44	Cir
Allentown, Pa.	62	35	Cldy	Cleveland	70	50	Rain	Grand Rapids	62	42	Cir	Medford	56	42	Cir	Reno	54	45	Cldy	Springfield, Mo.	74	44	Cir
Amarillo	85	45	Pcldy	Colorado Springs	74	40	Pcldy	Great Falls	58	36	Cldy	Memphis	78	55	Cldy	Raleigh-Durham	79	49	Rain	Tampa	82	68	Cir
Anchorage	50	34	Cldy	Columbia, S.C.	82	58	Cldy	Green Bay	56	39	Cldy	Miami Beach	84	73	Cir	Rapid City	68	36	Pcldy	Tucson	88	58	Cldy
Ashville	74	50	Rain	Columbus, Ga.	81	60	Pcldy	Greensboro, N.C.	76	51	Rain	Midland-Odessa	91	55	Cir	Richmond	76	47	Cldy	Waco	85	60	Pcldy
Atlanta	78	40	Rain	Columbus, Ohio	71	52	Rain	Hartford	68	40	Pcldy	Milwaukee	63	42	Pcldy	Rochester	71	50	Rain	Washington	75	50	Rain
Atlantic City	61	39	Cldy	Concord, N.H.	60	29	Pcldy	Hartford Spg	68	40	Pcldy	Minneapolis	60	38	Cldy	Rockford	69	42	Pcldy	Wichita	83	48	Cir
Austin	81	39	Cldy	Corpus Christi	86	68	Cir	Helena	58	36	Cldy	Missoula	57	34	Rain	Salt Lake City	71	49	Pcldy	Wichita Falls	86	54	Cir
Baltimore	71	44	Rain	Dallas-Ft. Worth	85	61	Cir	Honolulu	85	72	Pcldy	Mobile	62	42	Pcldy	San Angelo	60	37	Pcldy	Wiley-Barre	62	34	Cldy
Baton Rouge	84	46	Cldy	Dayton	70	52	Pcldy	Houston	84	65	Cldy	Montgomery	81	60	Cldy	Sacramento	62	52	Rain	Yonkers	83	49	Cir
Birmingham	64	40	Pcldy	Daytona Beach	84	64	Pcldy	Huntsville	79	57	Pcldy	Nashville	77	58	Pcldy	St. Louis	81	45	Cir	Youngstown	68	41	Rain
Bismarck	60	34	Pcldy	Denver	74	41	Pcldy	Indianapolis	72	53	Pcldy	New Orleans	82	66	Cldy	St. Petersburg	80	69	Pcldy				
Boise	57	45	Rain	Des Moines	76	41	Pcldy	Jacksonville, Miss.	81	61	Cir	New York City	65	42	Cldy	St. Thomas	85	78	Cir				
Boston	59	39	Pcldy	Detroit	64	45	Rain	Jacksonville, Fla.	85	61	Pcldy	Newark	75	49	Cir	Salem, Ore.	57	49	Rain	W. Palm Beach	84	71	Pcldy
Bridgport	61	36	Pcldy	Duluth	62	31	Pcldy	Juneau	54	32	Cldy	Norfolk, Va.	75	49	Cir	Salt Lake City	71	49	Pcldy	Wilmington, Del.	65	35	Cir
Brownsville	86	71	Pcldy	El Paso	88	59	Pcldy	Kansas City	76	49	Rain	North Platte	73	38	Cir	San Angelo	62	59	Pcldy	Wilmington, N.C.	83	48	Cir
Buffalo	61	40	Rain	Elkins	70	40	Rain	Key West	84	74	Cir	Omaha	78	41	Pcldy	San Antonio	60	37	Pcldy	Wilmington, Va.	83	49	Cir
Burlington, Vt.	50	31	Cldy	Erie	62	44	Rain	Knoxville	75	57	Cldy	Orlando	88	65	Pcldy	San Diego	67	60	Cir	Wilmington, Del.	65	35	Cir
Caribou, Maine	58	33	Cldy	Eugene	56	40	Rain	Lake Charles	82	64	Cldy	Orlando	88	65	Pcldy	San Francisco	60	53	Rain	Wilmington, N.C.	83	48	Cir
Casper, Wyo.	68	33	Pcldy	Fairbanks	53	32	Cldy	Lansing	64	43	Cir	Paducah	76	52	Cir	San Jose	61	53	Rain	Wilmington, Va.	83	49	Cir
Charleston, S.C.	83	59	Rain	Fargo	63	32	Pcldy	Las Vegas	81	63	Cir	Pendleton	57	39	Rain	Santa Fe	74	37	Pcldy	Wilmington, Va.	83	49	Cir
Charleston, W.Va.	74	50	Rain	Flagstaff	63	32	Cldy	Lexington	75	57	Pcldy	Peoria	73	44	Cir	St. Marie	74	37	Pcldy	Wilmington, Va.	83	49	Cir
Charlotte, N.C.	77	55	Cldy	Fort Smith	81	49	Cir	Lincoln	78	43	Pcldy	Philadelphia	64	44	Cir	Savannah	84	61	Pcldy	Wilmington, Va.	83	49	Cir
							Little Rock	82	64	Cir	Phoenix	91	64	Pcldy	Seattle	56	43	Cir	Wilmington, Va.	83	49	Cir	
							Los Angeles	66	58	Cldy	Pittsburgh	69	43	Rain	Shreveport	84	58	Pcldy	Wilmington, Va.	83	49	Cir	

National temperature extremes  
Hi: Wed., 99, Dryden, Texas  
Lo: Wed., 14, Stanley, Idaho

# WEEKEND



## Multiplayer medieval mayhem

Just try to play all the way through 'Elder Scrolls Online' — and bring your friends

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## WEEKEND: GADGETS &amp; CHARTS



STEVE RINGMAN, SEATTLE TIMES/MCT

Neuroscientist Robijanto Soetedjo won \$25,000 in a toy contest to inspire future scientists. See the toy in action at [tinyurl.com/k473wgg](http://tinyurl.com/k473wgg)

## Neuroscientist's toy wins award, praise

BY KATHERINE LONG  
The Seattle Times

When he was a child, Robijanto Soetedjo used to play with his electrically powered toys for a while and, when he got bored, take them apart — much to the consternation of his parents.

That curiosity about how things worked led him to a career in medicine and neurophysiology, where he explores how the brain processes electrical signals.

The University of Washington neuroscientist can now call himself a budding toy designer, after taking second place in a national competition this month to create a toy that could inspire a future generation of scientists.

Soetedjo's bioelectricity toy set allows children to measure the electrical signals created by a working muscle, and use that energy to power a light, a fan, a robotic claw or other small motor.

"The judges were really impressed with the creativity of his

entry," said Janet Coffey, program officer for the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation, which sponsors the competition. "You could imagine kids playing with it — it was very accessible."

Soetedjo's prototype toy uses off-the-shelf components that allow children (and adults) to visualize the effects of electrical signals produced by muscles. The kit uses electrodes taped to the body to pick up a muscle's electrical signal, then runs that signal through a filter to isolate it from interference, and amplifies it to make it stronger.

A child using the kit can make certain things — like a robotic claw or a light — move or turn on and off just by squeezing and relaxing a muscle. A meter measures the amount of electricity, and a speaker attached to the kit crackles to make it audible.

Coffey said all of the winning entries are early prototypes and have a long way to go before they can hit the market.

ON THE COVER: "The Elder Scrolls Online" is faithful to previous "Elder Scrolls" titles and offers seemingly limitless challenges.

Bethesda Softworks

## GADGET WATCH

## Grove Dock gives modern devices a natural look

BY GREGG ELLMAN  
McClatchy-Tribune Services

I recently received a package in the mail that, if I hadn't known better, I would have mistaken for a brick.

Actually, it was the three-pound solid steel Grove Dock for iPhone, which works with lightning cables for iPhones 4, 5 and 5s.

Built into the base is a cable management system to run your cable up to the device. Once it's there, it wedges in place (and stays there) to let you dock your phone for charging.

The steel base comes in black or plated silver, but actually what makes this an attractive piece is the wood covering available in bamboo (my review unit), walnut or maple.

All your phone functions are accessible when docked, and there are rubber bumpers on the bottom to prevent any surfaces from being scratched.

The dock costs more than the average, but it's really a great item and even works with most iPhone cases.

It's also 100 percent USA made in Portland, Ore. Personalized engraving is available with orders of 10 or more.

Online: [grovedock.com](http://grovedock.com), \$79 for Bamboo, \$99, maple or walnut



Grove/MCT

vice will charge without worrying about a short circuit or overheating and will work with more than 10,000 current USB-charging gadgets.

Online: [myinergie.com](http://myinergie.com), \$54.99

Mobile Home is a small but very useful device for truly keeping your hands on the wheel and eyes on the road.

The 3-inch device clips onto your sun visor and connects Siri from your iPhone to your car's sound system via Bluetooth.

Once your connection is made you have a simple way to make calls, get directions or even have a text or email read to you.

With the device positioned in a convenient and reachable position, just hit the home button, which activates Siri on your iPhone.

The home button is the only control on the gadget, which is display-less. The internal lithium button cell battery should last about six months before a replacement is needed.

There

is no microphone on the Mobile Home so

you'll have to use the one built into your car or the iPhone. Cars without a hands-free Bluetooth system already built into the cars won't be able to use Mobile Home.

Online: [beancotech.com](http://beancotech.com), \$79



BEANCO TECH/MCT

Innergie's Lifehub USB charging hub has something many similar devices do not have: a cord to reach more than nine feet from its power source.

When you add in the reach of the included AC power adapter, you get another 4.9 feet, giving you a total of more than 14 feet of extended power. This enables those needing a boost of power to avoid being confined to sitting next to an AC plug.

A cable management system is built into the hub for easy tangle-free storage.

You get three high-powered (2.1 amp) USB ports to charge a variety of portable electronic gadgets simultaneously.

Innergie has built this with smart technology for high performance and energy efficiency. Your de-



INNERGIE/MCT

Innergie's Lifehub USB charging hub has something many similar devices do not have: a cord to reach more than nine feet from its power source.

## ITUNES MUSIC

Top 10 albums on the iTunes Store for April 23:

1. "The New Classic" (Deluxe Version), Iggy Azalea
2. "Frozen" (Original Motion Picture Soundtrack), Various Artists
3. "Honest" (Deluxe), Future
4. "You Make Me Brave" (Live), Bethel Music
5. "Pop Psychology," Neon Trees
6. "Crash My Party," Luke Bryan
7. "Ghost Stories," Goldplay
8. "From Here To Now To You Live — EP," Jack Johnson
9. "American Beauty — EP," Bruce Springsteen
10. "Pure Heroine," Lorde

— Compiled by MCT

## SPOTIFY MUSIC

The top streamed tracks on Spotify for April 14-20:

1. John Legend, "All of Me"
2. Katy Perry, "Dark Horse"
3. Jason Derulo, "Talk Dirty — feat. 2 Chainz"
4. Bastille, "Pompeii"
5. Idina Menzel, "Let It Go"
6. Aloe Blacc, "The Man"
7. Lorde, "Team"
8. Coldplay, "Magic"
9. DJ Snake & Lil Jon, "Turn Down for What"
10. Pharrell Williams, "Happy (from Despicable Me 2)"

— Compiled by The Associated Press

## ITUNES MOVIES

Top 10 movies downloaded from the iTunes Store for April 23:

1. "The Godfather Trilogy: The Capopala Restoration"
2. "The Wolf of Wall Street"
3. "Don Jon"
4. "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty"
5. "American Hustle"
6. "Frozen"
7. "Ride Along"
8. "Gravity"
9. "12 Years a Slave"
10. "Philomena"

— Compiled by MCT

## VIDEO GAMES

Game Informer ranks the Top 10 PC Games for April:

1. "Dark Souls II," Namco Bandai
2. "Diablo III: Reaper of Souls," Blizzard
3. "Smite," Hi-Rez Studios
4. "Total War: Endless Arts
5. "Hearthstone," Blizzard
6. "TowerFall: UbbiZard," Matt Makes Games Inc.
7. "The Elder Scrolls Online," Bethesda
8. "Luftrousers," Devolver Digital
9. "Mercenary Kings," Tribute Games
10. "Trials Fusion," Ubisoft

— Compiled by MCT

## APPS

Top 5 new paid apps for April 23:

- ANDROID
1. The Amazing Spider-Man 2
  2. Polar Bowler
  3. God of Light HD
  4. Baldur's Gate Enhanced Edition
  5. Impossible Road

Top 5 paid apps for April 23:

- APPLE
1. The Amazing Spider-Man 2
  2. Minecraft — Pocket Edition
  3. Heads Up!
  4. The Survival Game: Mini Game With Worldwide Multiplayer
  5. Wallykazam! Letter and Word Magic HD

— Compiled by MCT

## WEEKEND

# CHECK IT OUT

## Events, entertainment and other ways to fill your free time



### 'Parks and Recreation' brings on Michelle Obama

It's spring, and that means an avalanche of season finales on TV. Next week, it's "Parks and Recreation's" turn to entertain and surprise us with its Season 6 finale, "Moving Up." Show star Amy Poehler promises lots of surprises and twists that change the direction of the show. Poehler also promised some cameo appearances, one of which will be the First Lady. Michelle Obama will appear as herself, and she will plug her Let's Move initiative.

- The episode airs April 28 on AFN-Prime.

Michelle Obama, far left, makes a guest appearance on the Season 6 finale of "Parks and Recreation." The show's stars include Brady Smith and Amy Poehler.

NBC

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### Movies for all

This week's new releases once again run the gamut. Johnny Depp becomes a sentient computer (don't worry, Depp fans — his face still appears onscreen) in "Transcendence"; an adorable little boy travels to heaven and comes back to tell his family about it in "Heaven Is for Real"; and Disney gives us a live-action bear family to love in "Bears."

- Movie reviews on Pages 36-37.



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### 'Tonight Show' makes Brian Williams rap again

Jimmy Fallon and the "Late Night" crew are up to their old viral video tricks, this time splicing together bits of newscaster Brian Williams from "NBC Nightly News" clips that makes it look as if he's rapping Snoop Dogg's "Gin and Juice." Snoo himself tweeted approval. This isn't Fallon's first trip to the Williams well; he's previously presented Williams rapping "Bust a Move," "Rapper's Delight" and "Straight Outta Compton."

- Watch it at [tinyurl.com/m5lvf8s](http://tinyurl.com/m5lvf8s)



Williams

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### Watch kids puzzle over '80s technology

Remember portable cassette players, such as the Sony Walkman? If the answer is no, you can learn all about them along with the kids in this video, another "Kids React" special (there's an online series). If you do remember cassette players, here's yet something else to make you feel old.



- Watch it at [tinyurl.com/qae9r9r](http://tinyurl.com/qae9r9r)

## WEEKEND: VIDEO GAMES



Bethesda Softworks

“Elder Scrolls Online” takes the popular franchise to the MMO masses. Its worlds are vast and diverse enough to have gamers exploring for days on end.

# Never-ending glory

‘Elder Scrolls Online’ offers all the multiplayer medieval mayhem you can take

By BRIAN BOWERS  
Stars and Stripes

For years, fans of the “Elder Scrolls” franchise have dreamed of fighting side by side with friends in the fantasy land of Tamriel. With the release of “The Elder Scrolls Online,” they get their chance.

The new online game is remarkably faithful to its predecessors. From the role to the gameplay to the graphics — and even the glitches — it definitely feels like a familiar foray into the medieval world created by Bethesda Softworks.

Of course, the mechanics and dynamics of cooperative and competitive play have been added in the transition from a single-player title to a massive multiplayer online game. And the minor tweaks are countless. However, it seems that Bethesda really didn’t make any major changes to its basic formula. And that should make fans happy.

What hasn’t made many of them happy is the \$15-per-month subscription fee.

For the past year, gamers have been eager to point out that practically every other online multiplayer game is now “free to play,” relying on advertising or on fees that unlock special items and experiences. Of course the MMO king, “World of Warcraft,” still gets away with charging a monthly subscription fee, so the fee-haters’ argument will fall flat if “ESO” manages to reach similar status. While that might be a tough dragon to slay, I believe it is possible.

Gamers want enthralling stories and enjoyable gameplay. Fortunately, “ESO”

has both covered — though it doesn’t actually break any new ground in the second category.

“ESO” starts off with a much richer heritage than “World of Warcraft.” Bethesda can draw upon the lore developed for five deep role-playing games filled with fascinating people, nations and creatures. “WoW” had only three strategy games that were fun, but comparatively light on myths. In addition, the folks at Bethesda are skilled at developing games that offer more than 100 hours of captivating gameplay. Because of this, I don’t think providing interesting content should be a major concern.

That was evident during the first weeks of availability. Despite playing the game for almost 100 hours since its beta phase, I feel like I’ve only dented the surface. I’ve played extensively in only one of the three warring alliances and have just dabbled in the others. Each has a unique set of missions and environments, so there’s plenty more for me to explore as I create new characters and join other alliances. And Bethesda is already advertising that more adventures are on the way.

Players start the game by creating a character, which involves coming up with a name, choosing gender, race, alliance and career path and determining physical characteristics. The races are the usual suspects for Tamriel — several nationalities of humans and elves, feline Khajiit, reptilian Argonians and rugged orcs. The career possibilities consist of dragon knights, warrior-monks known as Templars, stealthy Nightblades and magic users. The character-creation mechanics

Overall grade: **B+**

give you an excellent amount of control over your avatar’s physical characteristics. My only gripe concerns the relatively limited number of hairstyles and beards.

Upon creating a warrior or wizard, you are cast into a prison in another dimension known as Coldharbor, which serves as a tutorial level. After learning the ropes and escaping your incarceration, you are transported to a location that’s determined by the alliance you selected.

Since I have the “Imperial Edition,” I was able to create a high-elf dragon knight who was part of the Ebonheart Pact — an unusual combination because high elves are normally part of the Aldmeri Dominion. Since I was part of Ebonheart, I started in the town of Davon’s Watch. There, my goal was to circumvent the nefarious schemes of the rival Daggerfall Covenant.

The war among these three alliances is the primary motivator behind the game’s action. Each of the three aims to take control of the imperial city of Cyrodiil. Many of the single-player and small-group missions touch on this theme. And the player vs. player mode hinges on this conflict.

Combat is handled like that in most PC role-playing games — mouse clicks and hot keys initiating different kinds of attacks. As long as your connection isn’t lagging, the attacks unfold smoothly and efficiently.

Although you select a character class at

the beginning, you aren’t prevented from using weapons and certain skills associated with other career fields. For example, my dragon knight has joined the mages guild, so I have a few magical tricks up my sleeve. This sort of diversity is similar to the system that Bethesda used in “Oblivion” and “Skyrim,” though it’s not quite as versatile. As a dragon knight, I’ll never have access to Nightblade, mage or Templar’s most distinctive abilities.

As in most role-playing games, you gain strength and abilities as you acquire experience and increase in level. So, you can learn to breathe fire, forge better swords or be more persuasive when talking to nonplayer characters, depending on which career path and guilds you choose. New levels come at a pretty steady pace if you keep on top of your missions. Simply wandering through the countryside and killing zombies and demonic Daedra isn’t enough — though it is fun.

Nonplayer enemies tend to be relatively well balanced as long as your character is at the right level for a particular area. For example, if you’re level 4 and face off against two or three level 4 or level 5 bandits, you should do well. If you’re level 15 and stumble into an area geared toward level 20, you’re going to die. One of the problems is that it’s way too easy to bumble. From experience, I know that there’s a level-appropriate set of adventures somewhere, but it sometimes can take an hour of repeatedly dying and respawning to find it.

Many of the major missions have some

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connection to the wider conflict among the alliances. Spies might be poisoning a town's water or an army might be attacking a city. Others focus on local problems, like giant bugs infesting local mines or an elf who thinks a ghostlike creature is his reincarnated wife. Some are very complex and challenging, involving multiple mini-quests. Others are more mundane, like gathering ingredients so the local apothecary can mix up some medicine or finding a hungover warrior's missing pants. Quests are scattered all over the map so there's always a reason to explore — one of the elements of previous games that helps make "ESO" so fun.

Most missions unfold in public areas. This means that other avatars are always nearby, completing their own quests. This can be helpful, but sometimes can get a bit odd. For example, if I'm trying to knock down a big boss, I'm usually quite happy to receive a helping hand from another wandering warrior. Everyone gets his own batch of loot after the battle, so there's no fear of losing goodies to interlopers. However, since the battle unfolds in a public area, the boss needs to reappear to combat the next batch of adventurers. The result is that Mr. Baddy is sometimes resurrected beside me before I can even loot his treasure chest. Although there's no need to fight him again, it doesn't seem quite right.

And those hovering adventurers can present some irritating problems of their own. For example, if you're gathering certain items as part of a quest, you will need to be quick or others might grab the goodies from under your nose. Or, they might unintentionally interfere with a puzzle.

In addition to the missions in public areas, you can team up with friends and tackle private areas. These usually present tougher enemies and better loot. They can be very fun and very lucrative.

The third option is the player vs. player mode. In this, the three alliances struggle for control of resources, fortresses and magical Elder Scrolls, with the ultimate winner of the campaign crowning a new emperor, aka its highest-ranking player.

The battles occur on an immense map that's dotted with castles, lumber mills, mines and farms. Action can pop up at almost any point since each location holds strategic value. Fighting ranges from small-time bushwhacking to full-blown sieges, complete with catapults and dozens of warriors. It's a mix that will be familiar to fans of "Guild Wars 2," but it's still enjoyable.

You can join the struggle for Cyrodiil after reaching level 10. Your level will be boosted temporarily to the maximum — level 50 — so you'll be somewhat competitive. However, you'll keep your regular abilities, weapons and armor, so don't expect to live long if the action gets hot. Even though it's fun to jump into the middle of a castle siege, it's best to start off by taking easier missions, such as scouting out enemy territory.

It's also wise to travel with a friend, because solo trips can easily turn deadly. Twice, I died in heavy action and tried to rejoin the fray by galloping across the center. Even though it's fun to jump into groups of enemies waiting for unwary travelers.

Aside from the fun of participating in large-scale battles, the big benefit of this mode is that the experience and gear you acquire can be carried back to the regular campaign.

## Graphics and glitches

The graphic presentation is similar to that of "Skyrim," realistic rather than surrealistic or cartoony. The environ-



Photos by Bethesda Softworks

**Most missions unfold in public areas, so you can enlist other avatars to help.**

ments are well designed and attractive, though they lack the feeling of grandeur that's conveyed by the expansive vistas of "Skyrim." And it's hard to avoid a feeling of déjà vu when exploring buildings, because there is a very limited number of floor plans for houses, inns and castles.

If you have a computer that can handle the "ultra-high" graphics setting, you're likely to be impressed with the detail and textures — at least by MMO standards. However, since I'm "the console guy," I don't have a computer that can handle that setting for anything other than quiet strolls around town. Combat requires quick action and that's not going to happen unless I knock the settings for my computer — new but very average — down to "medium." But even in that setting, the graphics are respectable.

However, visual glitches are relatively common. Don't be surprised to see a riderless horse scoot across the ground without moving its legs, or watch your avatar lean over and be absorbed by a nearby rock, or see an enemy back up and go inside a wall, or run through an open area only to have a tree suddenly materialize right in front of him. Some of these issues are caused by graphics bugs but others are undoubtedly caused by laggy connections and my "medium" settings.

Other bugs have more serious implications for gameplay. In several cases, I've encountered quests that couldn't be completed because certain elements wouldn't activate. These are easy to spot because you'll see four or five other avatars circling the item in question or jumping up and down on top of it. In most cases, Bethesda has eventually corrected the problem — once about an hour after



**The graphics in "Elder Scrolls Online" are well-designed and attractive, especially if your computer can handle the "ultra-high" graphics setting.**

I discovered it. I've also fallen through the ground and into the game's digital "basement" and gotten firmly stuck in a glitched part of the landscape. Both problems require using the fast-travel function to escape. I love Bethesda's role-playing games, but I have to admit that I've come to expect these sorts of glitches.

The game carries a mature rating for violence, blood, drinking and sexual themes, though they are very low key compared to most M-rated games.

**Bottom line:** B+ "The Elder Scrolls Online" is fun, deep and satisfying. It doesn't break a lot of new ground, but it does almost everything well.

**Platform:** PC. Coming to Xbox One and PlayStation 4 in June.

**Online:** elderscrollsonline.com

## Beyond the battles

Of course, there's more to the game than fighting and questing. You'll probably spend just as much time crafting new items, picking up locks, dealing with merchants and managing your inventory of arms, potions and ingredients. These functions haven't changed dramatically from "Oblivion" and "Skyrim," but each has been tweaked.

Crafting retains its significance. You can usually create and enchant better weapons and armor than those you will discover in your travels. It just requires obtaining the right materials and gaining enough proficiency to master the skills involved. The biggest change is the addition of the ability to research special characteristics that you can add to your creations. For example, you can increase the penetration of a sword and that's in addition to adding magical properties, such as electrical or flame damage through enchantment.

Lock-picking has been revised to make it more like the system used in "Oblivion" instead of the one used in "Skyrim." It now involves poking at sliding pins rather than twirling a pick around the front of a lock. There's also a time limit, so you can't linger at the task.

The inventory system and other menus are accessed through hot keys or clicking on icons — one of the benefits of moving from a console format to the PC. As a result, the process of leveling up or managing your inventory is much less cumbersome.

— Brian Bowers

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## WEEKEND: MUSIC

## NEW ALBUMS

**Carleene Carter**

Carter Girl (Rounder)

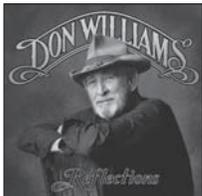
Carleene Carter proves just how personal, and powerful, a tribute album can be with "Carter Girl."

The album focuses solely on songs with family ties as she retools classics by country music pioneers the Carter Family ("Gold Watch And Chain," "Little Black Train"), the Carter Sisters ("Poor Old Heartsick Me"), her mother June Carter Cash ("Tall Lover Man") and her stepfather Johnny Cash ("Troublesome Waters," performed as a duet with Willie Nelson). The one original, "Me And The Wildwood Rose," is a song Carleene wrote about her late sister, Rosie, and first recorded in 1990.

The material gains poignancy because Carter is the sole survivor of all those she looks to for material. She has recorded Carter Family material in the past, but "Carter Girl" has a rare power, drawn from memories, tears and years of finding strength in these songs of blood and legacy.

Produced by Don Was, Carter transforms each song to increase its emotional and musical heft. Standouts include a duet with Vince Gill on "Lonesome Valley 2003," on which Carleene adds personal verses to a Carter Family classic, and a stark duet with Kris Kristofferson on "Black Jack David." Like the songs she's recorded, this is an album for the ages.

— Michael McCall  
The Associated Press

**Don Williams**

Reflections (Sugar Hill)

Don Williams is on a roll once again. After talk of retirement — he embarked on a farewell tour in 2006 — the Country Music Hall of Famer is busy again, releasing his second album in as many years with "Reflections." If anything, the new collection is an even better reminder of Williams' special gifts than 2012's comeback, "And So It Goes."

— Michael McCall  
The Associated Press



Courtesy of Shore Fire Media

**Martina McBride turns to songs made famous by the likes of Aretha Franklin, Etta James, Otis Redding, Elvis Presley and Van Morrison, among others, on "Everlasting."**

## On familiar ground

### McBride returns with set of soulful covers

By KRISTIN M. HALL  
The Associated Press

**W**hen Martina McBride started looking for material for her next album, she turned to the great soul singers Aretha Franklin and Etta James for inspiration. The country singer, known for her huge soprano voice, has self-released "Everlasting," an album of classic soul and R&B songs made famous by the likes of Franklin and James, and Elvis and Van Morrison.

"It seemed interesting," she said. "And as a singer, really challenging and fun, too, to push my boundaries a little bit and tackle some of these classic songs and performances."

McBride often performs cover songs, everything from traditional country standards to 1980s rock. But she found that the soul songs her parents listened to at home aren't that different from the songs she made her career on.

"In a way this music is so similar to country music in that it just has emotion and soul," McBride said. "That's what I look for when I look for my own songs, something I can sing with a lot of emotion. There's a heartbeat to this music."

She recorded with Don Was, the prolific Detroit producer who has worked with The Rolling Stones and Bob Dylan, at

Blackbird Studio in Nashville.

"We didn't necessarily have every song buttoned up before we went into the studio, which I love, because I love the spontaneity of recording something kind of spur of the moment," said McBride, who recorded with a very small band.

On some of the songs, Motown-style horn sections and background vocals were added as tribute to the original recordings. On others, she puts her own mark on the songs. On her version of "I've Been Loving You Too Long," McBride sings along to a simple guitar track instead of the swelling horns in Otis Redding's song. "Like the song is so intimate, I picture the song as two people alone in a bedroom, you know, talking about a pivotal moment in their relationship," she said. "And so my instinct told me that it should be kind of quiet and intimate, like you're listening in on a conversation."

McBride also knows how to make a covers album successful. "Timeless," her 2005 country cover songs album, went platinum and was one of the fastest-selling albums of her career.

"It's an instinct thing," she said. "You don't want to make a karaoke record. You don't want it to sound exactly like the original, and then you don't also want to make it so different that it's unrecognizable because these songs are sacred to a lot of people."

**Martina McBride**

Everlasting (Vinyl Recordings)

Of all contemporary country singers, Martina McBride seems the most well-suited to interpret classic soul tunes. The four-time Country Music Association female vocalist of the year has shown repeatedly that she can wait with sass and find the depth in emotionally complex material.

Still, on her new album, "Everlasting," McBride begs comparison with such giants as Aretha Franklin and Sam Cooke by taking on their most potent performances and material. Working with producer Don Was, who brings an understated R&B pulse to the songs, McBride leans on vulnerability and purity of tone rather than the growling, rapturous release of the originals.

McBride presents several impressive performances, turning Little Walter's "My Babe" into a funky, sexy love song and Fred Neil's "Little Bit Of Rain" into a tender treatise on separation that lightens the dark tones of versions by Linda Ronstadt and Karen Dalton.

That said, these tracks lack the fierceness of Otis Redding's "I've Been Loving You Too Long" and Elvis Presley's "Suspicious Minds" or the ecstatic joy of Van Morrison's "Wild Night" and Diana Ross on The Supremes' "Come See About Me."

McBride offers up pleasantly listenable versions of baby boomer standards on "Everlasting," an album that will please her fans and spice up her concerts but won't replace any of the originals on the mixtapes of R&B fans.

— Michael McCall  
The Associated Press

WEEKEND

Europe

# THE EUROPE EXPERIENCE



Photos courtesy of the Ribe VikingsCenter

**Viking re-enactors ride galloping Icelandic horses at a past Viking Market in Ribe, Denmark. Each year the spectacle re-enacts the market held by the Ribe River 1,300 years ago, where Vikings and others gathered to buy and sell crafts and wares.**

**Shop this: Ribe Viking market**

The international Viking Market in Ribe, Denmark, brings re-enactors dressed as Vikings, craftsmen, warriors, archers, riders, jesters and many others for seven days of authentic medieval atmosphere. The Ribe VikingsCenter hosts the spectacle, which re-enacts the event held 1,300 years ago by Ribe River where Vikings came to trade and exchange their wares. The market was known for its ability to attract the most skilled craftsmen from around the world.

Today's market, the largest Viking market in Europe, puts visitors in the middle of Viking-age Ribe, with its smell of smoke, food and horses and the sounds of many languages. Strike a bargain at the stalls and witness how Viking craftsmen ply their trades. Try some Viking food and watch the wild battle shows.

There are hands-on activities for kids. Find details at [ribevikingscenter.dk/en/explore/the-viking-market.aspx](http://ribevikingscenter.dk/en/explore/the-viking-market.aspx)

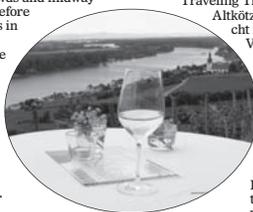


**Viking re-enactors shop for wares at the Ribe Viking Market. In its time, it was known for its ability to attract the most skilled craftsmen in the world.**

**Find a top-rated wine festival**

With hundreds of wine fests throughout Germany, finding the right one depends on personal preferences. Do you seek crowds and midway attractions, vigorous hiking before imbibing or intimate evenings in candle-lit courtyards? An important component of the wine fest experience is, of course, meeting with friends and seeing familiar faces year after year, so the resident of a wine village is bound to assure you that the fest held in his or her town is the best.

Last year, the German newspaper Welt am Sonntag asked readers to vote for their favorite wine fest. The first part of the contest allowed visitors to go online to nominate their favorite event; the top 15 fests were voted on once again



**White wine beckons to visitors at a wine fest in Nierstein, Germany.**

KAREN BRADBURY/Stars and Stripes

through email.

The top finishers in 2013 included, in this order starting with No. 1: the Besigheim Vintners' Fest, the Autumn and Wine Fest with the International

Traveling Theater Festival in Radebeul; Altkathschchenbroda; the Schnecke-Pescht in Pfaffenweiler; the Umstädter Vintner's fest in Gross-Umstadt; the Hohenlohe Wine Village; the Sasbachwalden Vintners Fest; the wine fest in Erpel am Rhein; the Dürkheimer Wurstmarkt in Bad Dürkheim; the Erlentbach wine fest; the Castle and Wine Fest of Neuleiningen/Pfalz; Burkheim's Wine Days; Boppard's Wine Fest in the Upper Middle Rhine; the vinters fest in Dernau/Ahr; the red wine fest in Wallhausen; and the Durbach wine fest.

See all of the results at [weinfest-des-jahres.de](http://weinfest-des-jahres.de)

TOP TRAVEL PICKS

**Frog racing in Italy**

We've all heard of horse, dog or donkey races, but frog races? The town of Ferrignano, in Italy's Marche region, hosts one annually on the weekend following Easter, a tradition dating back four centuries and revived in 1966.

The race is odd indeed. The frogs' job is not to hop at warp speed, but rather to stay put on a plank atop wheelbarrow-like contraptions being pushed toward the finish line by men dressed in medieval garb.

In addition to the frog races, the town's four-day celebrations feature parades, pageantry and historical figures roaming the streets. Highlights on the program, which runs through Sunday, include a storming of the medieval tower on Friday, archers' camps, boys' races, traditional craft demonstrations on Saturday and a historical parade on Sunday. The final race with frogs is set for 6:15 p.m. Sunday. Learn more at [tinyurl.com/loz6b4d](http://tinyurl.com/loz6b4d)

**New theme park rides**

Roller coaster fans, rejoice. On April 12, Holiday Park in Hassloch, Germany, kicked off its summer season with a new ride you're going to love.

The "Sky Scream" catapults thrill-seekers almost vertically upward, allows them to roll backward and shoots them up once again along a nearly 165-foot-high track offering an inverted twist, an almost-straight downward plunge, a loop and yet more twists. Reaching speeds of 60 miles per hour, it's all over in less than a minute, but what a minute it is.

The across-the-board verdict of riders on the day of our recent visit? Fantastic.

See [plopsa.be/holiday-park/en/attraction/sky-scream](http://plopsa.be/holiday-park/en/attraction/sky-scream).

Other theme parks in Germany are open for the season, just in time to welcome kids enjoying Easter break. Here's what's new for 2014 at some of the country's other parks:

• **Europa Park in Rust** plans a spring opening for its biggest indoor attraction to date, "ARTHUR — at the Minimoys Kingdom." The ride will take visitors on a journey through seven kingdoms in search of the Minimoys treasure. "Arthur," a 4-D movie based on the same theme, is playing at the park's Magic Cinema. Learn more at [tinyurl.com/n6mlnuv](http://tinyurl.com/n6mlnuv)



Karen Bradbury

See the Europe Traveler blog at [stripes.com/travel/europe-travel](http://stripes.com/travel/europe-travel)

• **Freizeit-Land in Geiselwind** hopes to give visitors a good scare with its "Black Hole," a roller coaster ride through the darkness of a dragon's eye. See it at [tinyurl.com/od9htq6](http://tinyurl.com/od9htq6)

• **Legoland Deutschland in Günzburg** has a supersized new attraction: the world's biggest LEGO model, made out of 5 million bricks. The LEGO Star Wars X-Wing is a 1:1 scale model display weighing 45,980 pounds, standing 11 feet tall and stretching 43 feet. It will be on display through Nov. 2. Take a look at [tinyurl.com/ouluv9b](http://tinyurl.com/ouluv9b)

• **Movie Park Germany in Bottrop** plans to launch a family attraction taking visitors to a long-ago era filled with dinosaurs, prehistoric animals, temples and more on a date soon to be announced. Get more info at [tinyurl.com/n19n2n](http://tinyurl.com/n19n2n)

• **Phantasialand in Brühl** has opened what it bills as the world's most modern water coaster. "Clapas" is a six-minute ride that features a 53-degree slope, the steepest water descent for any log flume-style ride.

Learn more at [tinyurl.com/ofobyuj](http://tinyurl.com/ofobyuj)



Courtesy of Holiday Park

**Reaching speeds of 60 miles per hour, the new "Sky Scream" at Holiday Park in Hassloch, Germany, is one minute of adrenaline-pumping fun.**

## WEEKEND: TRAVEL

## Europe

# Mysterious mounds

Mounds such as this one mark the Sutton Hoo burial site near Woodbridge, England. Experts have uncovered artifacts at the site as well as ancient remains buried there.

PHOTOS BY ADAM L. MATHIS/Stars and Stripes

People died violently and a king might rest at English burial grounds of Sutton Hoo

BY ADAM L. MATHIS  
*Stars and Stripes*

**T**here is little at Sutton Hoo to mark the spot where a horde of treasure was discovered.

The spot lies just outside a grove and next to a pig farm.

Small mounds of earth, some little more than folds in the land, mark the spot where almost 1,500 years ago a king might have been buried. Visitors are kept away from the mounds but are directed to a viewing area where modern signs give expert analysis of what happened here.

Sutton Hoo made the news in the 1930s, when a boat was discovered in the soil along with gold and a rare helmet. It has been speculated that this might be the burial site of an Anglo-Saxon king, Raedwald. Regardless, this ancient burial site sheds light on a group of people who defined the future of England.

Anglo-Saxon is the modern name given to tribes from Europe that settled in England after the Roman Empire began to dissolve in the early 400s. These tribes established the dominant culture in the land and eventually gave their name to England (or the land of the Angles).

The site also has a more grim history. After the burial of the rich treasures, some people were violently killed at Sutton Hoo. Bodies were found with broken

necks and behead-

ed. Visitors can see some of the people who were buried at Sutton Hoo. Though the ground dissolved the human remains, archaeologists have used the cavities left in the ground by their bodies to re-create people left who were buried there, and one is on display in the museum.

Sadly, that body is one of the few pieces of history Sutton Hoo retains. The treasures were personal property and donated to the British Museum in London, not the National Trust, which currently runs the site. The trust fills the gaps with replicas.

The replicas, along with a few authentic

A reproduction of the Sutton Hoo helmet on display at the park.

artifacts, are displayed in a museum at the site.

The museum describes the story of how the site was uncovered and has a re-creation of what the inside of a mound could have looked like when

it was first made.

While Sutton Hoo would be far better with the original artifacts on site, it does offer guided tours and miles of walking trails. The nearby, moderately sized town of Woodbridge lies across Deben River from Sutton Hoo. Here one can find plenty of restaurants, and the town is near a riverside walking trail.

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An authentic iron sword lies in a display case at Sutton Hoo. Some of what the museum displays are reproductions, with the British Museum in London holding other artifacts from the site.



This deer sculpture is the top of what is believed to be a scepter found at Sutton Hoo. The museum now displays a reproduction of the scepter.

## ON THE QT

### DIRECTIONS

The address for the Sutton Hoo burial site is: Tranner House, Sutton Hoo, Woodbridge, Suffolk, IP12 3DJ.

### TIMES

Sutton Hoo is open year round, but hours vary by month; check "Opening Times" on the website for monthly calendars.

### COSTS

Entry costs 7.50 British pounds (about \$11) for adults, 3.70 pounds

for children. Family tickets are available.

### FOOD

The site has a cafe with drinks and food.

### INFORMATION

The town of Woodbridge is not far from Sutton Hoo and offers shopping and more restaurants. Sutton Hoo's website: nationaltrust.org.uk/sutton-hoo; phone: 01394 389700; email: suttonhoo@nationaltrust.org.uk.

— Adam L. Mathis



BY SCHELMING/Stars and Stripes

## WEEKEND: FOOD &amp; DINING

## Europe



This classic "steak au poivre" dish is one of the highlights of the savory menu offered by Rossini Restaurant and Eiscafe in Amberg, Germany.



The scampi shrimp skewers atop a fresh salad is one of the lighter items on Rossini's menu.



PHOTOS BY MICHAEL S. DARNELL/Stars and Stripes

The "Nutcracker" parfait is one of many ice cream concoctions on the five-page-long ice cream creation menu at Rossini.

# After Hours: Germany

By MICHAEL S. DARNELL

Stars and Stripes

Springtime is here in Germany, bringing with it the showers and warmer weather that herald the end of the gloomy winter season. As temperatures tick upward, ice cream cafes across Bavaria have begun competing in earnest for the attention of both walkabout tourists and locals emerging from hibernation.

One such parlor, tucked away near the theater district in the city of Amberg, has set itself apart from others by offering more than just a scoop of Rocky Road.

Rossini Restaurant and Eiscafe has a full-fledged menu alongside its ice cream selection. While other ice cream parlors in Bavaria offer up a token menu of savory fare, Rossini's chef Daniel Fritz and his staff have put together an Italian-influenced menu that rivals other restaurants in scope and creativity.

Besides the typical pasta dishes and *bruschetta*, there is a wide variety of steak options and a rotating menu of specials to keep things interesting for return guests. Rossini's menu also offers a fairly unique baked-potato selection and some unusual choices for vegetarians outside the usual salad fare.

On the night my party and I visited Rossini, we sampled a steak, poultry, seafood and baked-potato dishes before diving into the lengthy ice cream menu. The highlight of the savory side of things was easily the *steak au poivre* — prepared correctly with green peppercorns rather than black.

That might be a small thing to get right, but a collection of



The eatery has plenty of indoor and outdoor seating and a walk-up window for ice cream on the go.

small things often separates a great dining experience from a poor one. Rossini did all of the small things right. The steak was cooked exactly as ordered, the baked potato was fluffy, seasoned and moist, and the caraway potato side dish managed to avoid the mushiness that affects many a *Bratkartoffeln*. In short, the dinner was nearly perfect. The only real complaint was that the turkey dish was a bit underseasoned.

Of course, as this is first and foremost an ice cream parlor, my party sampled a variety of in-house ice cream creations. Rossini's menu features five full pages of ice creams, with everything from a funny-face children's cone to alcohol-infused desserts for adults.

There are milkshakes, sweetened drinks, the classic banana split and the exotic "El Goucho," made with coconut and a sweet tequila sauce.



My favorite was the sour cherry compote with a variety of ice creams on the side. It included what has to be the best-tasting vanilla I've ever had.

We sat inside on the evening we visited, but Rossini has ample outdoor seating and the usual walk-up window where patrons can grab an ice cream cone to go. It's a perfect place for an after-movie treat or a quick dessert. If you choose to have a full sit-down meal, you can round out the evening with a beer from the nearby Bruckmüller brewery.

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A rotating selection of specials along with a full regular menu keeps things interesting for repeat visitors at the restaurant.

## ROSSINI RESTAURANT AND EISCAFE

Address: Mühlgasse/Englischer Garten 1 D-92224 Amberg.

Hours: 10 a.m. to midnight daily March to October. The kitchen is open for hot meals from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5-10 p.m. daily. From October to March, it's open 5-midnight Mondays through Saturdays. The kitchen is open from 5-10 p.m. Closed Sundays during the October to March season.

Pricing: We bought a few of the more expensive dishes that evening, but the menu is varied enough that the frugal diner can get a meal, drink

and ice cream for under 13 euros. Steaks can be pricey, and the more complex ice cream dishes hover around the 6-euro mark.

Dress: The restaurant setting is extremely casual, so basic tourist attire is fine.

Clientele: Mostly German.

Menu: English-language menus are available upon request.

More information: Phone: (+49) (0) 9621788-513; website: rossini-amberg.de/html/english.html.

— Michael S. Darnell

## WEEKEND: TRAVEL

## Europe

## Vintage VROOM

Driving a classic car in Scotland can be both thrilling and challenging

BY DAVID CAWLEY

Special to Stars and Stripes

“There’s no pussy-footing around with this one. You can’t be coy. Take firm control, show her who’s boss and you’ll get the best experience.”

Alex Stewart, owner, along with his wife, Tanya, of Caledonian Classic Car Hire, is introducing my wife and me to one of his lusty, head-turning vintage cars. We’d been immediately seduced by his straight six, 4.2 E-Type Jaguar. But before letting us loose among the traffic and pedestrians of eastern Scotland, we needed some familiarization and a short test drive.

“There’s no power steering, the brakes are a bit snatchy and she’ll shudder and judder when stopped,” Stewart said. “She doesn’t play well going slow, but get her into top gear, open her up and you’ll have a ball. It’s what the E-Type is all about.”

Folded into aromatic leather seats, we are confronted with a row of dials and chunky black switches covering the full length of the dash. Stewart removes the original manual from the glove compartment, “bedtime reading for those who get their kicks out of knowing fuel tank capacities and the like.” Stuck to the windshield near the driver is a diagram explaining how to negotiate roundabouts.

“All happy? Right, you’re good to go... Have fun.”

In front of a seemingly endless stretch of primrose-yellow hood, the Kingdom of Fife and its coastline beckon.

As we set off, a cloudburst presents us with our first challenge. Which, among all these unmarked switches, works the windshield wipers?

Wife And finally identifies the right one and sets off three

chrome blades. She takes control of everything beyond my reach and comprehension—which, in this car, is pretty much all of it.

First to a place that could almost be fictional but isn’t. Looming over nearby Dollar Glen and nestled between the Burn of Sorrow and the Burn of Care stand the brooding remains of 15th-century Grouse Castle. Then east through fertile flatland.

Among rows of potato and strawberry greenery, hunched, rain-sodden seasonal pickers take a chance to stretch their backs at our growling approach. At the handsome town of Cupar, the rain stops, the sun emerges and we roll the windows down.

As Stewart warned, at slow speed, the car was difficult to handle. The big, heavy Jag needed a great deal of effort to turn corners. Its 43-year-old gearbox also took some getting used to—it tended to shift into second, rather than the intended fourth, gear, which, needless to say, caused a jolt and over-revved engine. And if you’re tall like me, banging your head on the low-slung roof is a regular occurrence.

Less than hour later, we’re on the North Sea coast, slowly edging through the throngs of students, golfers and tourists clogging the narrow streets of St. Andrews. Passersby stare and audibly coo as the deep purr

of the Jag’s engine echoes from somber, grit stone buildings.

No time to bask in loving glances; I’m focused on not leaving scrapings of vintage-yellow paintwork on the corners of ancient royal colleges and knitwear stores.

I search for a place to park—ideally, an empty parking lot where other traffic doesn’t get in the way of a car with the turning circle of an oil tanker.

Following a sea wall picnic of warm Scotch pies from traditional local bakers, Fisher and Donaldson, I turn our chrome nose and bulbous headlights south, past St. Andrews’ broody 12th-century castle and along the A917 highway.

After the tight confines of town, both Jag and driver strain to let loose. Shifting into fourth gear, we’re away with a throaty roar. Steering is light and responsive—the big, and up to now difficult, yellow cat has finally commuted with its passengers, and we’re now all having a blast.

This is a side of Scotland that doesn’t get much tourist attention. Here on the Fife coast, apart from golf, it’s the string of pretty fishing villages along the East Neuk that lure a small number of visitors.

Craig is one such village. It’s a maze of twisting narrow streets, lined with colorfully cute cottages perched above a stone harbor. Similarly, sleepy Pittenweem relies on its historical harbor full of jostling fishing boats and enchanting quaintness to pull in tourists.

For a diversion from all the seaside charm, we visited Scotland’s Secret Bunker. Now a tourist attraction, it lies deep beneath vegetable and fruit crops, a sprawling clandestine labyrinth of tunnels and control rooms full of dials, switches and post-apocalypse domestic arrangements.

Returning to the car hire’s open courtyard, we’re surrounded by radiant, chrome loveles, the oldest being a 1961 MKII Jaguar 3.4.

Skulking and unloved in the corner, my 2005 plastic, point-and-go beige car slumps a little more forlornly among the Stewart’s gorgeous stable.

Softened as we are by 21st century driving com-

fort and technology, it’s not always relaxing to drive a vintage car. There’s extra pressure not to damage it. In Scotland, you drive on the left, there’s not always power steering and most of these vintage cars are stick shifts.

Still, taking control of an

iconic, classic design with its fragrant, aged leather and growly thoroughbred engine, combined with some admiring double-takes from passersby, adds panache to any road trip.

David Cawley is a U.K. freelance journalist who specializes in travel and history.

Photos by David Cawley

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Lights dominate the classic front end of an Austin Healey at Caledonian Classic Car Hire in Scotland.



Driving a classic car in Scotland’s villages can be a challenge, since many of the cars don’t have power steering and need a lot of room to turn around. Here, our Jaguar rental sits at the harbor in the fishing village of Anstruther.

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# Europe



From back to front, an E-Type Jaguar, a Morgan and an Austin Healey dress up the countryside setting outside Caledonian Classic Car Hire, about a 50-minute drive from Edinburgh, Scotland.

## KNOW & GO: VINTAGE RENTALS

### Getting there

Address: Caledonian Classic Car Hire, Kennels Cottage & B&B, Dollarbeg, Scotland FK14 7PA, about a 50-minute drive from Edinburgh. Budget as well as major airlines fly into Edinburgh from various points in Europe. EasyJet (easyjet.com) offers direct flights from Berlin, Hamburg and Munich. Germanwings (germanwings.com) flies from Cologne, while Lufthansa (lufthansa.com) flies from Frankfurt. Budget airline Ryanair also has direct flights from Frankfurt Hahn airport. Alex Stewart, owner of Caledonian Classic Car Hire, can pick you up at the airport if given advance notice.

### Costs

Rental of the E-Type Jaguar we drove starts at 267 euros (about \$378) a day. Other car rentals start at 194 euros.

### Accommodations

Caledonian Classic Car hire offers its own guest house in a former gamekeeper's cottage (+44) (0) 1259 742476. Alternatively, there's a small, traditional hotel, Castle Campbell hotel, in the nearby town of Dollar, Clackmannanshire FK14 7DE. Phone: (+44) (0) 1259 742519, web: castle-campbell.co.uk.

### More information

- Caledonian Classic Car Hire: Phone: (+44) (0) 1259 742476, web: caledonianclassics.co.uk. Drivers must be older than 25 and younger than 79. A valid U.S. driver's license or international license is required.
- Tourism board websites: visitscotland.com, visitandrews.com

—David Cawley



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The harbor town of Crail, in Scotland's Kingdom of Fife, offers a picturesque setting for a seafood meal.

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**GET SPICY: Yokosuka Curry Festival, Japan**

This annual event celebrating the introduction of curry to Japan features curry buffets, music, street performances and more at Mikasa Koren in Kanagawa prefecture on May 10 and 11. For more: 046-822-8301.

**Okinawa beach openings**

**NISHIHARA MARINE PARK KIRA KIRA BEACH:** April 26, 10:30 a.m.; beach opening ceremony, shell hunting and more; free.

**YAGAJI BEACH OPENING:** April 26, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; swim in the ocean, fishing, camping and more; 500 yen adults, 300 yen children.

**UKEN BEACH OPENING:** April 27; swim with your pets, marine sports and more.



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**Take a hike on Okinawa**

Visit Hiji Falls, above, and have lunch after in Okuma with Camp Foster Tours on April 26 and May 24. For more: mccsokinawa.com/tours.

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ART EXHIBITS

**OCCUPATION-ERA YOKOHAMA PHOTOGRAPHED BY A MEMBER OF THE U.S. WOMEN'S ARMY CORPS - THE COLLECTION OF MARY A. RUGGIERI (Kanagawa prefecture):** Through May 6, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., closed Mon.; open May 5; featuring 70 photographs taken in Yokohama during the U.S. Allied occupation (1946-1948) with 4,000 photos; Yokohama Archives of History; tinyurl.com/lpx6869

**MOONIN EXHIBITION (Tokyo):** Through May 6, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; 200 original pictures of Moonin books created by Tove Jansson, along with Moonin characters, sketches and more at 8th Floor Event Square of Matsuya Ginza.

**ANDY WARHOL EXHIBITION: 15 MINUTES ETERNAL (Tokyo):** Through May 6, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

daily, until 5 p.m. Tue.; 700 artworks, including paintings, sketches, videos, sculptures and photos at Mori Art Museum; 1,500 adults, 1,400 yen students; tinyurl.com/lyhtoy4u

**ROBERT CAPA PHOTO EXHIBITION (Tokyo):** Through May 11, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., until 8 p.m. Thu. & Fri., closed Mon.; featuring 160 of Capa's photos, Tokyo Metropolitan Museum of Photography; 1,100 yen adults, ages 11 & younger free; tinyurl.com/dyjc8eb

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WEEKEND: TRAVEL

Pacific

# Tight squeeze

## Airlines aim to cut weight and fit in more seats

By HUGO MARTIN  
Los Angeles Times

If you thought airlines could find no new ways to squeeze more passengers into each plane, you are underestimating the resolve of the airline industry.

At this month's Aircraft Interiors Expo in Hamburg, Germany, many of the 500 exhibitors were promoting new ideas to cut down on weight — to save fuel — and innovative layouts to fit more seats per cabin.

Among the concepts offered at the expo was a set of seats that put passengers face to face, seats that are installed in a staggered, diagonal layout, and lavatories designed to wedge in a few extra passengers in the back of the cabin. One company has even introduced a lightweight lap belt.

Airlines may eventually pack in so many seats per cabin that carriers will reach the maximum passenger total

allowed by federal regulators. But U.S. carriers have not reached that point yet.

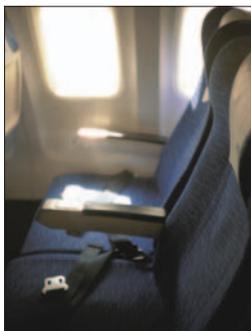
"There is no question that densification — adding more seats to each aircraft — is an ongoing trend, and there is no sign of it letting up any time soon," said Seth Kaplan, managing partner at the trade publication Airline Weekly.

One of the world's largest airline interior manufacturers, France-based Zodiac Aerospace, unveiled a set of three seats with one passenger facing forward, one facing backward and another facing forward. The seat bottoms flip up, like the seats at a ballpark, to let passengers board and exit faster.

It's a concept strictly for short-haul flights. The response from airlines at the expo? "Very interested," said Pierre-Antony Vastra, an executive vice president at Zodiac.

The drawbacks: no armrests, and the seat bottom cushions are pretty thin.

Another aircraft interior manufacturer,



er, Thompson Aero Seating of Northern Ireland, was promoting the "Cozy Suite." It's an idea that installs economy seats at an angle, with one slightly behind and to the left of the other, to maximize cabin space. The Cozy Suite also has tilt-up seat bottoms.

But the biggest buzz at the expo was over a small French company called Expleseat, which has developed a seat made of lightweight titanium and composite materials. It weighs about 8.8 pounds, whereas newer economy seats weigh about 24 pounds. The company promises to save airlines up to \$500,000 a year in fuel costs for the average Airbus 320 or Boeing 737 planes. On April 1, the seat won approval by the European Aviation Safety Agency for use on European aircraft.

## Dealscoop.com tracks deals at your favorite destinations

Here's a website that can help you keep tabs on travel deals for your favorite destinations around the globe.

Name: Dealscoop.com

What it does: It's a search tool for discovering travel deals, including airfare and hotels.

What's hot: The site remembers your home airport, so even if you don't like what you see on your



main dashboard of "favorite" destinations, additional travel inspiration is just a click away. On the left nav bar you'll find topic lists such as "most amazing beaches," "top honeymoon destinations," "foodie cities," "family & kid friendly cities" and more. When you select a list, up pop flight deals from your home airport to a dozen locations. I found the flexible search bar particularly useful when trying to nab travel deals. Dealscoop lets you select the departing month, then choose from a variety of start dates (such as traveling on a Thursday, Friday or Saturday, or leaving on any Wednesday in the month) and the approximate trip duration.

What's not: It's terrific to have a stable of favorite destinations always shown on your deals page, but I also wanted to be able to save and compare individual trips. I tried, but couldn't see an option for that. However, according to Dealscoop, users soon will be able to save and track individual flights.

— Jen Leo/Los Angeles Times

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# After Hours: South Korea

BY ASHLEY ROWLAND  
Stars and Stripes

**Y**ou know a restaurant is good when you show up at 3 p.m. on a Saturday and, in a neighborhood packed with hundreds of bars and eateries of almost every possible cuisine, you have to wait 30 minutes.

Not that the wait was a surprise. I had tried for months to go to Vatos Urban Tacos in Itaewon after hearing raves about its Korean-influenced Tex-Mex menu, only to walk away each time when I saw the crowds milling around on the outdoor deck and lines stretching out the door.

Since opening a few years ago, Vatos, which could pass for a hip restaurant in any major U.S. city, has been popular with both expats and Koreans.

The menu includes starters, tacos, burritos and a handful of desserts like Nutella nachos (about \$8). Like any respectable Mexican restaurant, Vatos has an extensive drinks menu that includes a wide selection of beers, generously sized margaritas and cocktails.

We started our meal with the Vatos Cowboy Queso (about \$10) appetizer, a four-cheese blend with black beans and pico de gallo, accompanied by tortilla chips, that was hands-down the best thing we ordered. We also tried the baja fish tacos with apple slaw (\$9) and chili lime shrimp tacos (\$10). Both were delicious and perfectly crispy. The shrimp tacos, with their tangy soy vinaigrette and lime-cilantro sour cream, were sigh-

## VATOS URBAN TACOS

**Location:** In Itaewon, roughly between Itaewon and Noksapyeong stations. Take exit 1 from Itaewon station, walk about five minutes toward U.S. Army Garrison Yongsan. Vatos Urban Tacos will be on your right, a short walk up a small hill easily visible from the main road and across the street cat-corner from McDonald's.

**Hours:** Sunday-Thursday, 11:30 a.m.-11 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 11:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

**Prices:** Starters, 2,500-12,000 won (between \$2.50 and \$12); main dishes, 7,000-13,000 won (\$7 to \$13); desserts, 8,000 won (\$8).

**Dress:** Casual.

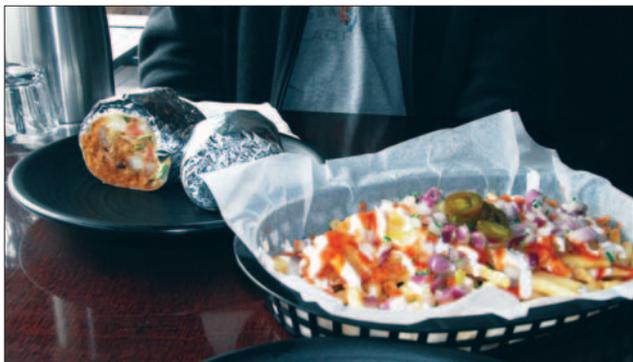
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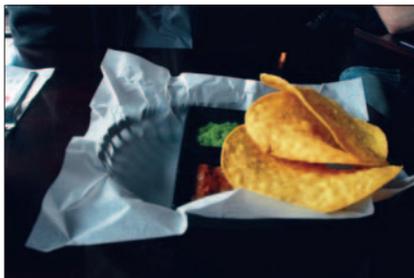
The menu also includes several quirky Korean-inspired dishes, from the galbi short rib tacos to the kimchi carnitas fries, a platter of pork, cheese and sautéed kimchi-smothered fries that friends have raved about. There is also the Makgeolita, a drink made with a traditional Korean rice wine.

If you have a big appetite, be forewarned that some portions



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A chili lime shrimp burrito, left, and kimchi fries covered with onions, sour cream, sautéed kimchi and cheese at Vatos Urban Tacos in Itaewon. The fries normally are also topped with braised pork.



Chips are served with tomato salsa verde and roasted onion chipotle salsa with each meal at Vatos Urban Tacos.

are Korean-sized, meaning small. After inhaling half a bowl of cheese dip, my three tacos were enough to fill me up, but a hefty soldier type could easily down double that amount.

In true Korean style, the tables

are jammed together so closely that it almost feels as if you are eating in a noisy high school cafeteria — a complaint easily overridden by the quality of the food.

The only real negative was

the service. Wait staff were alternately pushy or oblivious, something we noticed as we walked to our table and nearly crashed into two servers who stopped in the middle of a busy aisle to talk, causing a pile-up of other customers and servers behind them.

Then, when we sat down, our server showed up within seconds demanding our order. We asked for time to look at the menu, and when she returned a few minutes later with note pad in hand, she belatedly asked if we wanted to see the menu listing the restaurant's specials. Halfway through our meal, she picked up my half-empty soda can and waved it at me so I would pour the remainder in my glass and she could clear the offending aluminum can from the table.

Despite those snafus, I'll still be heading back to Vatos, where my first order of business will be to order a Makgeolita to make the wait a little more interesting. rowland.ashley@stripes.com

# Chicken Adobo offers tangy flavors of the Philippines



CARL JUSTZ/Miami Herald

BY LINDA GASSENHEIMER  
The Miami Herald

**M**ild, tangy Chicken Adobo is one of the national dishes of the Philippines. The meat stews in a vinegar sauce cooked slowly over low heat. When University of Miami author and creative writing professor Evelina Galang asked me "Why aren't there more Filipino restaurants?" I decided to create this quick dinner.

This shortened version has the flavors without the hours. The chicken is cooked in the sauce, removed and sautéed a few minutes. Use a small saucpan so the sauce will cover the chicken.

Saute the chicken on a low flame so that it browns and does not burn.

This meal contains 553 calories per serving with 29 percent of calories from fat.

## FILIPINO CHICKEN ADOBO

**Ingredients:**  
¾ pound boneless, skinless chicken legs  
½ cup sliced onion  
2 tablespoons white vinegar  
2 tablespoons low-sodium soy sauce

2 tablespoons honey  
2 teaspoons minced garlic  
2 teaspoons olive oil  
**Directions:**  
Add chicken, onion, vinegar, soy sauce, honey and garlic to a small saucpan. Bring to a simmer; do not boil, and cook covered 10 minutes. Turn chicken over and cook covered another 5 minutes. Meanwhile, make the microwave rice. Remove chicken from the saucpan. Raise heat to high and reduce the sauce. Meanwhile, pat chicken dry. Heat olive oil over medium-low heat in a nonstick skillet and add chicken. Brown on one side 1 minute, brown on sec-

ond side 1 minute. Divide between two dinner plates and serve sauce on top.

Makes 2 servings, 339 calories per serving.

## MICROWAVE RICE WITH RED BELL PEPPER

**Ingredients:**  
1 package microwaveable brown rice to make 1½ cups cooked rice  
½ cup diced red bell pepper  
2 scallions, sliced  
2 teaspoons olive oil  
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

**Directions:**  
Cook rice according to package instructions. Measure 1½ cups and set aside the remaining rice for another dinner. Add the red bell pepper, scallions, olive oil, and salt and pepper to taste.

Makes 2 servings, 214 calories per serving.

Chicken Adobo is a popular dish in the Philippines that takes time to simmer. This version shortens the cooking time.

WEEKEND: QUICK TRIPS

Pacific



Left: A monkey named Big performs with a trainer at the Kawaguchiko Monkey Performance Theater near the foot of Mount Fuji in Japan. Above: No photography is allowed while the monkeys are performing, but youngsters can have their photos taken with one of the stars of the show afterward.

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ON THE QT

DIRECTIONS

**By train:** Go to Kawaguchiko Station, take the Retro bus Kawaguchiko line to Kawaguchiko Sarumawashi Gekijyo Mae.  
**By car:** Take the Chuo Expressway to the Kawaguchiko exit, take R139 toward Lake Motosu and turn right at Higashikoji intersection. Cross the Kawaguchiko Ohashi Bridge and turn left at the Kawaguchiko Kitachuu Iriguchi intersection. Go straight 800 meters. The theater is on the right.

TIMES

The monkeys perform daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with a 40-minute show every hour.

COSTS

Adults, 1,500 yen; teens, 1,000 yen; 3 years old to elementary school age, 750 yen; babies are admitted free.

FOOD

Vendors sell various snacks on the lakefront near the theater.

INFORMATION

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— Seth Robson

# Monkeys shine

Primates perform 1,000-year-old art at Mount Fuji

By SETH ROBSON  
Stars and Stripes

Performing monkeys were once a staple of live entertainment in the western world.

It wasn't long ago that zoo visitors could enjoy watching a "Chimpanzees' Tea Party" featuring primates dressed up like humans.

In recent years, however, there's been criticism from animal rights groups who see it as cruel to put animals in unnatural situations for people's entertainment.

In Japan — where it's rare to see a dog or a cat that's not wearing clothes — that doesn't appear to be an issue.

At the Kawaguchiko Monkey Performance Theater at the foot of Mount Fuji in Yamanashi Prefecture, visitors can see the Suou Monkey Show, which, according to one local tourist guide, is "a traditional stage performance with 1,000 years' history."

A show this month featured two monkeys — Big and Banana — who followed trainers' commands, jumping over various obstacles, walking on stilts and

even acting out the tale of an ancient samurai and pretending to commit seppuku (ritual suicide) with a toy sword.

The trainers gave a running commentary during the show that was translated, very roughly, into English on a screen for foreigners.

It was hard to gauge the monkeys' feelings as they prowled the stage; they didn't appear to be giving the sort of dross signals that prisoners of war are trained to display when forced to appear in propaganda. However, the trainers — perhaps fearing

an escape attempt — held ropes attached to the monkeys' necks throughout the performance.

Photographs weren't allowed during most of the show but afterwards there was a chance to get close to the monkeys and even take a picture with them and their trainers.

Those hoping for great theater will likely be disappointed by the monkey's acting skills, but if you are looking to entertain grandma and a couple of children for an afternoon, this might be the ticket.

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WEEKEND: MOVIES

# Power tripping

## High-tech horror story 'Transcendence' entertains while losing sight of logic

By MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN  
The Washington Post

The dystopian future envisioned by last year's critical darling "Her" reappears in "Transcendence," albeit with a lot more testosterone. You could even call this new thriller — in which a godlike artificial intelligence, played by Johnny Depp, starts building an army of cyborg zombies — "Him."

Unlike that earlier film about a man who falls in love with a computer operating system, which was a poetic, melancholic meditation on the failure to connect, "Transcendence" is a kind of high-tech horror story. In this case, the bogeyman is the Internet. The extent to which it succeeds in frightening depends on your philosophical alignment with, say, Ted Kaczynski.

People living in cabins without running water or WiFi, in other words, will probably love it, because it confirms their deepest, darkest fears. All others, proceed with caution.

The story gets underway when Will Caster (Depp), a scientist specializing in artificial intelligence, narrowly survives a shooting by a member of a radical anti-technology group. When it becomes clear that Will has been poisoned by a polonium-tipped bullet, his wife, Evelyn (Rebecca Hall), and his best friend, Max (Paul Bettany), hit upon the idea of uploading Will's fading consciousness to a supercomputer.

Will, who is now merely a collection of ones and zeros, decides to surf the Web, vacuuming up all human knowledge and power — including WebMD, cat videos and access to the global financial system — into his electronic brain. In short order,

he has morphed from a mild-mannered computer nerd into a sexier version of Oz the Great and Powerful, reigning, via video screen, over a fortified bunker in the desert, where his arms and legs have been replaced by a cadre of humanoid automata created, through robotic nanosurgery, in his futuristic subterranean lab.

And how, exactly, is all of this accomplished?

Considering that the setting of the film is the present day — based on the look of the cars people are driving — it's a mystery. A perfunctory shot of a dying Will reciting, in alphabetical order, the contents of the Oxford English Dictionary while his bald head is hooked up to electrodes is meant to aid in our willing suspension of disbelief.

Any other questions? Look people, we've got a movie to get through here.

Directed by cinematographer-turned-filmmaker Wally Pfister, from a script by first-timer Jack Paglen, "Transcendence" wastes no time with such details as logic or credibility. It's the kind of movie in which people shout stuff like, "The incoming queries have all been anonymized!" — hoping, presumably, that most people will be so surprised to learn that "anonymize" is a word that they won't stop to wonder what that sentence means.

Never mind that artificial intelligence of this level, by even the most optimistic estimates, is still decades away. The concept of a mighty cyber-brain being able to transcend our puny human ones — what some futurists call the "singularity" — isn't due before 2045, at the earliest, according to many prognosticators.

The problem with "Transcendence" isn't that it's an utter crock. At times, the tale, like "Her," betrays flashes of genuine insight into our love-hate relationship with



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Johnny Depp is a man whose brain is uploaded into a computer in "Transcendence."

technology. And the acting, while wooden on the part of Depp — who appears throughout most of the film on a monitor, like a high-def Max Headroom — is decent enough.

The real trouble with "Transcendence" is that it just isn't all that scary — at least not in the way that it wants to be.

The movie opens with a prologue, set five years in the future, in which there is no more Internet, no more Facebook, no more Google. This post-apocalyptic vision of an unplugged tomorrow is supposed to be horrifying, but in truth, the thought of a world that has hit the restart button, however reluctantly, is actually kind of refreshing.

"Transcendence" is rated PG-13 for violent and bloody images, obscenity and sensuality. Running time: 119 minutes.

### New on base

"Transcendence" is playing at the following military facilities:

#### Europe

Mildenhall, Ansbach, Baumholder, Grafenwöhr, Hohenfels, Ramstein, Spangdahlem, Stuttgart, Vilseck, Wiesbaden, Aviano, Sigonella, Vicenza and Brunnsum.

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Online: transcendencemovie.com

# Survival a bare necessity in 'Bears'

By SANDIE ANGULO CHEN  
Special to The Washington Post

For the past several years, Disney-nature has marked Earth Day by releasing a documentary celebrating Mother Nature. "Bears" is the studio's latest nature doc with a twist. It's more reality show than peer-reviewed research, and like any reality show, the creators have endowed their subjects with moxie, personality and drama.

Wildlife documentary pros Alastair Fothergill and Keith Scholey follow their well-established format ("Chimpanzee," "African Cats") of anthropomorphizing animals with human names, motivations and emotions, while still providing educational information and visuals so stunning, you'll wonder how they were shot.

"Bears" opens with narrator John C. Reilly introducing a mama bear, named Sky, and her two newborn cubs, Scout and Amber. Soon after, Reilly sets the film's central source of tension: odds are that only one of the two cubs will reach its first birthday. With that grim statistic, the film follows Sky and her cubs on a perilous trek through Alaska in search of spawning salmon.

But what's a reality show without drama? Whenever Sky and her twin cubs survive one threat — an avalanche, angry male bears, a



DISNEY/AP

A mama bear named Sky shares a moment with one of her cubs, Scout, in "Bears."

hungry gray wolf — another danger appears.

Reilly lightens these sequences by cheerfully narrating the cubs' antics. There's plenty of imagined dialogue between the cubs and their mama, but Reilly's charming attempts to pull off the balance between educational tidbits and talking-animal shtick. The humor, it turns out, is necessary consid-

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#### Pacific

Yokota, Zama, Foster, Kadena, Kinser, Courtney, Yongsan South Post No. 1, Henry, Kunsan and Osan.

Online: nature.disney.com/bears

ering the number of tense moments.

"Bears" doesn't focus on every aspect of a brown bear's life cycle, as did "March of the Penguins" and "Winged Migration." For that, you should check out the film's extensive interactive guides and activity sheets online.

Parents, take note: The movie is rated G, but there could be tears, protests and loud questions from sensitive young animal lovers. Don't be surprised if older kids, on the other hand, want to Google "filial cannibalism" the moment the credits roll.

"Bears" is rated G and contains some tense and potentially scary sequences and references to animal cannibalism. Running time: 78 minutes.

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## WEEKEND: MOVIES



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Greg Kinnear, left, is a pastor whose son, played by Connor Corum, has visions while undergoing surgery in "Heaven Is for Real."

# Lofty questions

## 'Heaven Is for Real' doesn't avoid tricky aspects of faith

BY ANN HORNADAY  
The Washington Post

In "Heaven Is for Real," Colton Burpo, the angelic 4-year-old son of a Nebraska pastor, undergoes emergency surgery and while under anesthesia experiences a series of visions, including watching his own operation, observing the prayers of his anguished parents and meeting Jesus.

At first, Todd Burpo (Greg Kinnear) listens to Colton's stories with the amused forbearance of a mildly skeptical but proud parent: He and his wife, Sonja (Kelly Reilly), chalk up Colton's detailed visions to the stories and hymns he's been steeped in all his life. But when Colton mentions encountering people he never met or even knew existed, Todd becomes convinced that his son really has glimpsed the afterlife, a revelation that sends the preacher on a journey that will ultimately threaten his parish and his family.

Viewers expecting "Heaven Is for Real," adapted from Todd Burpo's best-selling memoir by the director Randall Wallace, to be an anodyne allegory of reassurance and unconditional faith are in for something a little bit edgier, and that turns out to be a good thing. Thanks to a sensitive performance from Kinnear, as well as from a terrific cast of supporting actors, what could have been merely a feel-good exercise in Eschatology Lite instead becomes a wholesome but also surprisingly tough-minded portrait of a man wrestling with his faith.

Gentle, well-meaning and suffused with the easygoing tolerance that largely characterizes the small Midwestern community where the Burpos live, "Heaven

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Online: [sonypictures.com/movies/heavenisforreal](http://sonypictures.com/movies/heavenisforreal)

Is for Real" undoubtedly supports Colton's contention that he visited heaven — where, he tells his father in the movie, Jesus rides a multicolored horse and bands of singing angels apparently don't take requests (at least for "We Will Rock You"). But the movie doesn't succumb entirely to credulity.

Most of the film has to do with the painful questions Todd, his wife and his parishioners grapple with as they contemplate the implications of Colton's startling disclosures, first trying to fit them into scriptural understanding and then, when that fails, their own personal theology — or something in between, and unnamed.

"Why can't it just be a mystery?" Todd's wife asks at one point, echoing the very thoughts of audience members who might

not accept Colton's words as literally true but don't reflexively dismiss them, either.

As a sympathetic, morally centered voice of reason, Sonja Burpo joins Jennifer Connelly's character in "Noah" as the wife of a man increasingly consumed by holy visions, only to lose track of what he cares about most.

In "Heaven Is for Real," Todd Burpo is introduced as a nice guy, a modest garage-door installer whose conversational sermons appeal to his small, middle-of-the-road congregation. When he appears to be more interested in preaching the Gospel of the Son of Todd than the Son of God, parishioners begin to recoil: In one testily effective church meeting, a woman played by Margo Martindale confronts Todd with the germane observation that the concepts of heaven and hell have been used for centuries to frighten and manipulate people. (Martindale is also at the center of one of the film's most wrenching and pivotal scenes.)

This push-and-pull represents the best of "Heaven Is for Real," which also has some humorous moments, many coming from Thomas Haden Church as the town banker who can always be relied on for a deadpan remark or two. Wallace sets up enough events leading to the youngster's experience that alternative explanations are readily available. Once or twice the director succumbs to facile logic and on-the-nose sentimentality, especially in Colton's childish cotton-cloud recollections. But then again, he is a child, and the kitschy staging serves to reinforce the essential tensions that propel the film.

"Heaven Is for Real" is rated PG for thematic material, including medical situations. Running time: 100 minutes.

## 'Heaven' has family story at its heart

BY RICK BENTLEY  
The Fresno Bee

Greg Kinnear says it's impossible for an actor to be part of a movie like "Heaven Is for Real" and not start thinking about his or her own personal convictions. The film, based on the book of the same name, recounts 4-year-old Colton Burpo's story of visiting heaven.

"I guess this could have been just another role. But to be in a movie that brings up the fundamental question of whether you believe or don't believe, it's impossible not to have some of that resonate within you," Kinnear says. "We had some very thoughtful conversations about it."

Kinnear plays Pastor Todd Burpo, the head of a small church in rural Nebraska who deals with a revelation by his son while trying to hold his family together despite financial hardships and personal tragedies. Kinnear likes that while the film deals with the huge question about heaven and hell, the real core is the family story.

Kinnear says he appreciated that the character was flawed and dealing with doubts.

"It's a pastor who's not walking around in a robe, a man of the cloth. I have seen that guy, but I really haven't seen this guy," Kinnear says. "He's a wrestling coach, a volunteer firefighter and repairs garage doors. He's a dad and father. That felt honest and real to me, coming from a small town myself. I had an instant connection because this wasn't that one-note character I had seen before."

Co-star Thomas Haden Church hadn't heard of the book when he was sent the script. After making movies like "Sideways" and "Spider-Man 3," Church wasn't certain if being part of a faith-based movie was the right career choice. His mind was changed when he visited the widow of his longtime cattle partner and saw the book on her table.

A big part of the movie deals with the crisis of faith the pastor has after his son begins to reveal things to him that he shouldn't be able to know.

The real Todd Burpo says it best: "To say you believe in heaven is a totally different thing than to say what you believe about near-death experiences. We know in the Bible it says you get a better body, but here's my son saying he knows what that looks like. But how can I prove that?" Burpo says. "I think as a pastor, one of my biggest fears is to stand in the pulpit and not be able to preach something I don't know for sure. I want to make sure when I preach and I teach that I know the answers."

"I don't want to stand up and say 'I could be right.' That's a real heavy burden for me."

More than a million copies of the book have been sold in printed or e-book versions. Despite the popularity, there are plenty who dispute the claims because Colton's trip didn't come during a near-death experience. No matter the detractors, Colton knows what he saw.

"Just because I had my experience doesn't mean I'm special. I still get tested every day," says Colton, who is now 15. "It may mean I know what to expect, but there's still some stuff I never see coming."

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WEEKEND: BOOKS

# 'Eyes' looks at SEALs' bravery, controversy

By WAMARA MWINE

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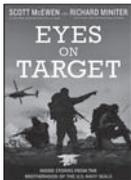
The Navy SEALs are widely regarded as the men who get the job done at all costs. To others, the SEALs represent unimaginable courage. "Eyes on Target," Inside Stories from the Brotherhood of the U.S. Navy SEALs, examines the murky intersection between these extraordinary soldiers, their military leaders and politics, which overshadow the SEALs' accomplishments. The book also questions President Barack Obama's response to military scenarios.

The Sea, Air and Land (SEAL) program began during the Kennedy administration in 1962. There is a history of missions in which SEALs accomplished the "perfect op," capturing enemy targets without firing a shot. According to "Eyes on Target," SEALs train with 3,500 rounds of ammunition a week. For context, a city police department uses 50 rounds per officer in a year.

SEALs are described in the book as very prepared for dangerous missions and extremely loyal to their fellow soldiers. "Eyes on Target" brings up some

important questions about these unique fighters: They are trained to be impervious to pain; to float underwater for long periods of time; to not just dodge bullets, but to take them. So is the Navy SEAL training as a Superman to his advantage in a combat scenario? This can be debated. The robust SEAL training, devout brotherhood and hazing of new recruits are examined.

In the book, Richard Minter and Scott McEwen, both New York Times best-selling authors, retell the story of Operation Red Wings from June and July of 2005 in Chapter 5. (This story is also covered in the recent movie "Lone Survivor.") Could four SEALs initially take on a large group of dangerous Taliban fighters in a mountainous terrain? From all accounts, they were outnumbered. Letting the Afghan goat herders go promptly revealed the SEAL's location to the larger group of Taliban fighters.



This was a debatable decision by Operation Red Wings SEAL Mike Murphy. It is called, in military terms, the rules of engagement. However, with no else on the battleground, it was Murphy's call, and he could have taken the Afghan spotters out. Murphy is highly regarded in all accounts for his heroic efforts that day, which allowed his superiors to locate his fellow SEALs under heavy fire. With the recon information on their location, how could the rescue mission have gone so wrong?

Years later in Benghazi, Libya, there was a similar gunfight with two former SEALs defending a CIA location. In this case, the authors take the discussion a step further, offering timelines of when and how the information might have reached Washington and what the State Department, CIA and White House could have done differently. There is no doubt that "Eyes on Target" conveys a sense of criticism of the Obama administration.

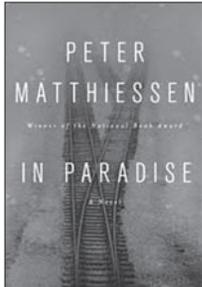
"Eyes on Target" poses five theoretical rescue scenarios in which troops, not just SEALs, could have saved Tyrone Woods and Glen Doherty, who died in the gun battle at CIA headquarters in Libya on Sept. 11, 2012. A drone option seemed to present a compelling case that might have

saved lives.

The book suggests grave political distance between SEALs on the ground, military leaders and former State Department Secretary Hillary Clinton, CIA Director Leon Panetta and President Obama. "Eyes on Target" seems to suggest that Panetta and Obama did not communicate enough during the crisis. Having been in the room with President Obama as a White House reporter during his first term, I can only imagine the amount of information that reached his desk.

More information about the authors: Richard Minter is a moderate conservative who has traveled extensively and has developed an appreciation for other cultures. Scott McEwen's connection with the SEALs began when he co-authored the book "American Sniper." He is active with several SEAL charities, including the Red Circle Foundation.

Wamara Mwine covered the White House for Politics in Color and the National Examiner. He has appeared as guest on XM Radio POTUS 124 to discuss his White House observations. Mwine has also written for the National Alzheimers Foundation, which hosts the Friday Night Dinners. This is a free dinner hosted four times a month for injured U.S. soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.



**In Paradise**

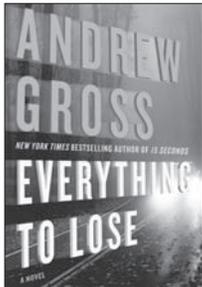
Peter Matthiessen

Toward the end of "In Paradise," Clement Olin, a 55-year-old American academic, takes one last look around the grounds of Auschwitz-Birkenau, where he has been on a two-week retreat with a group of 140, including descendants of both perpetrators and survivors. He imagines the not-too-distant day when the land is reclaimed by commerce and time:

"The last barracks, the last guard post, all that barbed wire and broken brick, will be stripped off and scavenged ... the weather will transform the ash pits into lily ponds, and fresh meadows will be suitable once more for butterfies, wildflowers, children's voices, Sunday strolling, picnics, trysts. ... What will happen to its strange power?"

To capture that "strange power" was the last literary task undertaken by this three-time National Book Award winner. (Matthiessen died at 86 on April 5.)

— By Marion Winik, Newsday



**Everything to Lose**

Andrew Gross

How far would you go to protect your loved ones? What if keeping your special needs child in an expensive, properly caring environment meant having to break the law? Would you do it?

Author Andrew Gross forces readers to grapple with the extremes one must go through to survive in such a situation in his new novel, "Everything to Lose." Hilary Cantor is divorced, and her deadbeat husband doesn't pay his child support. Their son, Brandon, is autistic, and the school he attends is very expensive. Hilary becomes desperate after she loses her job. How will she pay for her child's schooling? She witnesses a car crash while driving home one afternoon. The car slides down a ravine. Hilary climbs and scratches her way to the car, where she discovers a dead man and a satchel filled with money.

Hilary begins to use just enough to pay her bills. What she doesn't realize is that some money was expecting the money — and will do anything to find it.

— Jeff Ayers/AP



**The Furies**

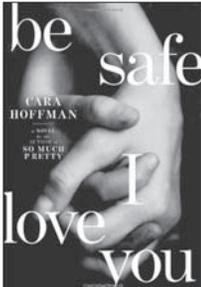
Mark Alpert

Alpert, known for his science-driven thrillers, takes readers on an unexpected journey into dark fantasy with "The Furies." Imagine a world that co-exists with our own but remains hidden to outsiders. Those who inhabit this realm appear as Amish to people living nearby, but they are beings with a rare genetic disorder. Hundreds of years ago, their abilities terrified others, and they were deemed witches. Rather than face persecution, they hid themselves away.

In present day, John Rogers meets a beautiful woman in a bar and strikes up a conversation. They end up in a hotel room together. When they are about to become romantically involved, the door to their room flies open and shots are fired. Ariel is hurt. When John offers to take her to a hospital, Ariel tells him about her hidden life.

Alpert has a knack for taking complex theories and making them relatable. This time, the science, while intriguing, takes a back seat to the story.

— Jeff Ayers/AP



**Be Safe I Love You**

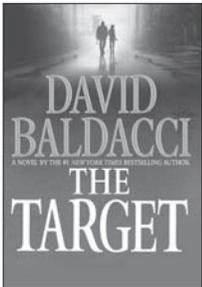
Cara Hoffman

Beautifully written and unflinching in its honesty, Hoffman's provocative second novel offers a window into events we'd prefer to see less clearly. A soldier, Lauren Clay, returns from her tour of duty in Iraq. She struggles to adjust to civilian life. Her family and friends strive for jovial fakery because they cannot bear to consider what she has experienced.

"(T)hey were supposed to pretend, even as they lived in the shadow of the base, and heard reports from places like Fallujah, or read about disastrous brutal homecomings ... that what she did was some angel's work in hell."

Hoffman's haunting first novel "So Much Pretty" — about a young woman who goes missing in a rural town — is a devastating look at violence against women. Disguised as a crime story, it presents the sort of rigorous moral questions that have no easy answers and sear themselves in your memory.

— By Connie Ogle The Miami Herald



**The Target**

David Baldacci

In Baldacci's latest thriller, master assassins Will Robie and his partner, Jessica Reel, are supposedly given a clean slate by the government on the condition that they take an assignment that is essentially a suicide mission.

Evan Tucker, the head of the CIA, doubts they can follow orders and would prefer to see them die before they take the assignment. He throws them into the Burner Box, a high-tech training facility that is notorious for breaking agents, both physically and mentally.

Robie and Reel are complex characters, and anything they do is a pleasure to follow. However, the adventures are extremely short and somewhat disjointed from the rest of the story, making it appear that the missions were short stories that Baldacci shoved in with the rest of the story and characters. That aside, Baldacci knows how to get readers to turn the pages, and he's in top form here.

— Jeff Ayers/AP

## WEEKEND: ENTERTAINMENT

## NEW ON DVD

**“The Pawnbroker”:** The film directed by Academy Award-winner Sidney Lumet features one of the greatest performances in the career of Rod Steiger. He earned a 1965 Best Actor Oscar nomination for his portrayal of the survivor of a World War II Nazi death camp who lives a life of misery and hatred. Sol Nazerman (Steiger) has not been the same since he saw his parents, wife and children murdered in a concentration camp. His decision to open a pawnshop in Harlem — where the clients are mostly thieves and prostitutes — reflects the emptiness that he’s living with on a daily basis. As if Steiger’s performance weren’t enough, “The Pawnbroker” features a jazz-influenced score by Quincy Jones and a supporting cast of Geraldine Fitzgerald, Brock Peters, Raymond St. Jacques and a very young Morgan Freeman. The black-and-white film — which was selected in 2008 for preservation in the United States National Film Registry by the Library of Congress — has been restored to high fidelity.

**“The Address”:** Filmmaker Ken Burns takes a look at the students at the Green-wood School — a tiny Vermont learning institute for boys ages 11-17 who face a range of personal, academic and social challenges — and their annual task of learning Abraham Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address. It’s a moving story of how a speech given more than 150 years ago is helping heal these students. The documentary features a jazz-influenced score as they dig into the history, context and importance of President Lincoln’s most powerful address.

**“Stan Lee’s Mighty 7: Beginnings”:** Marvel Comics guru Stan Lee has had a cameo role in the big-budget movies based on the characters he helped create. This animated film takes Lee from cameo to star. The first person seven aliens meet when their spaceship crashes on Earth is Lee. After years of creating fictional costumed heroes, Lee realizes he can now write about real people who have special powers. Lee invites the aliens to live with him where he turns them into media stars while they deal with a great evil. This different look at the superhero genre is fun, and introduces a group of new and interesting heroes. This is the first of a trio of films featuring Lee and company. Along with Lee, the cast includes Cedric the Entertainer, Hammer, Christian Slater, Mayim Bialik, Teri Hatcher, Flea, Darren Criss, Sean Astin, Jim Belushi and Michael Ironside. The movie comes with a \$6.25 e-Movie Cash, extended scenes and a Stan Lee trivia game.

Also available on DVD:

**“Doctor Who: The Web of Fear”:** A 1968 six-part adventure featuring Doctor Who.

**“Nikita: The Complete Fourth and Final Season”:** Last six episodes from the TV series.

**“Seven Warriors”:** A modern take on Akira Kurosawa’s “Seven Samurai.”

**“Big Bad Wolves”:** Lives of three men go on a collision course after a series of brutal murders.

**“Scream Park”:** Amusement park owner has a murderous idea to sell tickets.

**“Corazon Indomable”:** Young woman reinvents herself to avenge those who cruelly mistreated her.

**“Barefoot”:** Paths of trusting hospital patient and wayward employee cross.

**“The Hooping Life”:** A look at the origins and rise of modern day hula-hooping.

**“The Suspect”:** A small-town bank robbery leads to showdown between a sheriff and a mysterious stranger.

—Rick Bantley/The Fresno Bee



# THE MAN IS RIGHT

## Drew Carey makes morning game show his own

By DAVID BAUDER  
The Associated Press

There’s so much noise during an episode of “The Price Is Right” that producers of the soap opera “The Bold and the Beautiful,” which is taping nearby, need to be aware of the game show’s schedule so the rowdiness doesn’t disrupt the filming of a love scene.

It’s a party in the hands of host Drew Carey, even as the concept hasn’t changed through the years — make the best guess on how much that new car, entertainment center or trip to Paris costs and you just might win it. On April 7, the game show’s 8,000th episode since its CBS debut in 1972 aired. Nearly 70,000 people have “come on down.”

The game has a blue-collar sensibility that the Cleveland-bred Carey reflects. That car or patio set, just the chance someone will take it home, creates a palpable excitement.

“All through my 20s I was broke,” Carey said backstage before a recent taping. “I didn’t start making money until I was in my 30s doing stand-up. I really don’t take money for granted. I have a lot of empathy for people on the show, that’s what I mean. I know what it must mean for them to win \$5,000, which doesn’t seem like a lot of money to give away on a game show nowadays. But it’s a lot of money.”

As he approaches his seventh year on “The Price Is Right,” Carey has made the show his own. That wasn’t always the case, since he had the daunting task of replacing 35-year host Bob Barker.

“At the time, nobody could conceive of the show without Bob Barker,” said executive producer Mike Richards, “including me.”

Richards unsuccessfully auditioned to replace Barker. A year into Carey’s tenure, he was brought in as producer with a mandate: change it from Carey doing Barker’s show to Carey doing Carey’s show.

Carey wasn’t trying to imitate. But it was a little like moving into someone else’s house, with all the furniture left behind. Under Richards’ direction, the set and prizes gradually changed. While Barker looked natural offering a grandfather clock as a prize, it seemed silly for Carey. Similarly, it’s hard to imagine Barker mustering enthusiasm for a smartphone or iPod. The show now uses video to introduce a trip instead of static set pieces. Carey also seems comfortable with contestants who are excessive in their enthusiasm. Loud music keeps the energy up during breaks, when Carey

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isn’t telling jokes or talking to audience members.

“Everyone was worried when Bob left,” Carey said. “A lot of people on the show thought they were going to lose their jobs and the show was going to be off the air. They had trouble finding a host. He was ‘The Price Is Right.’

“What they found out, I think, was that ‘The Price Is Right’ is bigger than whoever is hosting the show. The host is an important part of the show, don’t get that mistaken,” he said, laughing. “But you’ve got a whole group of people who put together the show.”

Carey, who is 55, isn’t under the impression he has a lifetime appointment.

“I have to constantly think of new things to keep the show fresh,” he said. “I have to constantly be witty and funny with the audience. I have to consistently be on. ... What I have to do is I have to make sure the way I do the job is they can’t imagine anybody else coming in here and doing it better — not without having a couple of years to do better.”

He is doing well by television’s traditional report card. The show is up 14 percent in viewers over last season, and its average of 5.54 million viewers each day compares favorably to 5.42 million during Barker’s final season. “Drew has exceeded expectations,” said Angelica McDaniel, the CBS executive in charge of daytime programming.

“The brilliant thing with picking Drew is that Drew is Drew,” Richards said. “There is a reason Drew Carey is so successful. He is him all the time.”



Drew Carey, 55, has been the host of “The Price Is Right” for nearly seven years. The show averages 5.5 million viewers daily.

CBS/AP

WEEKEND: HEALTH & FITNESS

# Skin-deep solutions

Treat your winter-weary self to these techniques

By SARA BAUKNECHT  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

**J**ust because you're ready for spring doesn't mean your skin is. Shedding the armor of bulky winter clothes we've hibernated in for months could reveal dry, patchy, flaky skin — side effects of winter's icy breath (and the heaters and hot showers used to fight it).  
With age, the sting of cold weather on skin can be worse as cell turnover rates decline and skin doesn't maintain as much moisture and elasticity it once did in its early 20s.  
But there's good news: There are remedies you can follow at home to rejuvenate winter-weary skin.

**At-home treatments**

"Prevention is key," says Dr. Suzan Obagi, director of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Cosmetic Surgery and Skin Health Center.

Try placing a steam or mist humidifier in the bedroom to put moisture back into the air as you sleep or invest in a whole-house humidifier that can be installed near the furnace. Cutting back on lengthy hot showers is another option to keep skin from getting dried out.  
Removing the dead layer of dry, excess skin also is essential to enabling the face and body to reclaim a youthful glow.

"The first thing that people need to do is consider their own skin," says Nicki Zevola, founder and CEO of Pittsburgh-based FutureDerm Inc., a line of skin care and beauty products. "You have to consider a number of factors" such as age, race and skin sensitivity.

People — especially those with sensitive skin — should avoid granular body scrubs and washes, which can create small tears in skin and lead to irritation and blotchiness. Instead, opt for products with non-bead exfoliants or ones that have ingredients like papain, an enzyme from papaya and pineapple that naturally dissolves old skin cells. (Zevola's picks: AmorePacific treatment enzyme mask and Jani Martin's Zyme green papaya mask.)

Gentle acids in lower strengths are other exfoliating options. Dr. Dominic Brandy, a board-certified cosmetic surgeon and founding medical director of The Skin Center Medical Spa & Cosmetic Surgery Center, recommends products containing low concentrations of alpha hydroxy acid, beta hydroxy acid (salicylic acid) or glycolic acid applied with a cotton pad.

To help boost cell turnover, gradually incorporate an over-the-counter retinol cream



Skin-revitalizing products such as Pedi-in-a-box by Simple Sugars can help you get ready to enjoy moderate spring weather.

(or the more potent, prescription-required Retin-A) to your skincare routine. Decades of clinical use back these products' effectiveness at building collagen, peeling away flakiness, dulling early signs of aging and brightening complexions, Brandy says.  
And don't forget old shower standbys such as a luffa sponge or glove or even a washcloth. They, too, can target dry patches.

Daily moisturizing is a must to add back to skin some of the softness winter stole. It's best to apply lotions and moisturizers immediately following a shower while the skin still is damp. (Lotion on dry skin has minimal benefits, Obagi says.)

**You are what you eat**

How your skin looks on the outside is greatly affected by what goes inside. Drinking "lots and lots of water" is one way to hydrate the skin from the inside out, Obagi says.  
Zevola starts each day with a green juice consisting of kale, spinach, cucumber, half a lemon and apple from the Pittsburgh Juice Co. to support skin health. But stay away from juices that have been pasteurized and go for freshly squeezed and pressed ones, she says.

"At such high heats (of pasteurization), the enzymes often die, and the enzymes are great for skin."

Antioxidants can neutralize free radicals that damage skin, so eating a high-antioxidant diet (meaning lots of fruits and vegetables or even a multivitamin) is another way to make skin more resistant to environmental elements and signs of aging.

**Barre skin**

Spring and summer bring with them their own threats to skin, particularly when it comes to potential harm from the sun.

Removing the layer of dry, dead skin cells, which can help reflect the sun's damaging rays, can make skin more sensitive to the sun, Brandy says. Therefore, applying sunscreen amply and regularly is imperative to protect skin while outdoors or look for an SPF makeup.

But beware: Not all sunscreens are created equally, Zevola says. Physical sunblocks that contain zinc oxide or titanium dioxide perform better than other compounds because they don't let ultraviolet rays reach the skin.

"I don't think you can ever pay too much attention" to your skin, she says, but skincare is best when done with balance. If exfoliation, a sunscreen or a professional treatment leads to prolonged, extreme itchiness, redness or pain, listen to your body and make adjustments.

**Products to try**

Give your toes some TLC before slipping on your first pair of sandals. **Pedi-in-a-Box** (\$20.95; simplesugars.myloggly.com) by Simple Sugars smooths dry skin with its Happy Feet peppermint foot scrub. Use the pumice stone foot brush to eliminate excess skin on your heels.

Combat calluses quickly — and painlessly — with the **Emjet Micro-Pedi battery-operated callus remover** (\$30; qvc.com). Its micro-mineral roller rotates 30 times per second to buff away dead skin, calluses and roughing up hair in minutes. No blades means zero risk of cutting or slicing skin.

Want skin that feels like velvet to the touch? Josie Maran's pure organic **Argan oil** (\$48 for 1.7 fluid ounces; josiemarancosmetics.com) is extracted from the nuts of Argan trees in Morocco and is rich in Vitamin E and essential fatty acids that can help reduce the appearance of fine lines and add moisture to the skin. Put a few drops on your fingers and run it through your hair for extra softness and shine. It's also suitable for people with sensitive skin conditions such as eczema and rosacea.

The best body washes exfoliate and moisturize. The **microdelivery exfoliating body wash** by philosophy (\$24 for 16 fluid ounces; www.philosophy.com) is designed to evenly exfoliate skin while soothing it with natural oils and botanicals, including Vitamin E. Not intended for use on the face.

Rid skin of unwanted oils, perspiration, makeup and other pollutants and debris with the **Clarisonic cleansing brush** (available at clarisonic.com).

Created for skincare professionals to use in the office, it's easy (and gentle) enough for at-home use. Sonic technology causes the brush head to oscillate 200-350 times per second. The Clarisonic brush does not vibrate or spin, which can tear and irritate skin.

Salon treatments not your thing? Mimic some procedures with at-home microdermabrasion or radio frequency gadgets. The **DermaWand** (three monthly payments of \$39.95, plus shipping and handling; dermawand.com) employs radio frequency technology to warm tissue and stimulate skin, which can promote the shedding of dry skin and improve circulation by bringing fresh blood and oxygen to the skin's surface.

**A long, harsh winter can create dry, thirsty skin. Skin revitalizing products such as the Clarisonic brush at right can help. Pictured above: Josie Maran 100 percent pure Argan Oil, and Philosophy microdelivery exfoliating body wash.**



## WEEKEND: FAMILY

# Obsessing about dressing

## More school dress codes target leggings

By MARTHA IRVINE  
The Associated Press

**T**hey're called leggings — popular fashion items that are tight-fitting pants to some, and glorified tights to others.

Younger girls often wear them as pants with little fuss. But as those same girls approach middle school, leggings have become a clothing accessory that's increasingly controversial — and seemingly, the favorite new target of the school dress code.

Some schools have banned leggings outright. Others have set limits. Haven Middle School in Evanston, just north of Chicago, took what turned out to be a contentious stand: If you wear leggings, you need to have a shirt or skirt over them that reaches at least down to your fingertips.

In other words, girls need to cover their behinds.

It might seem a reasonable enough request at a time when school dress codes and even school uniforms are common and often supported by teachers and administrators who frequently complain about students who push the limits of good taste, and the parents who let them.

But how far is too far? And do schools sometimes go too far in pushing back?

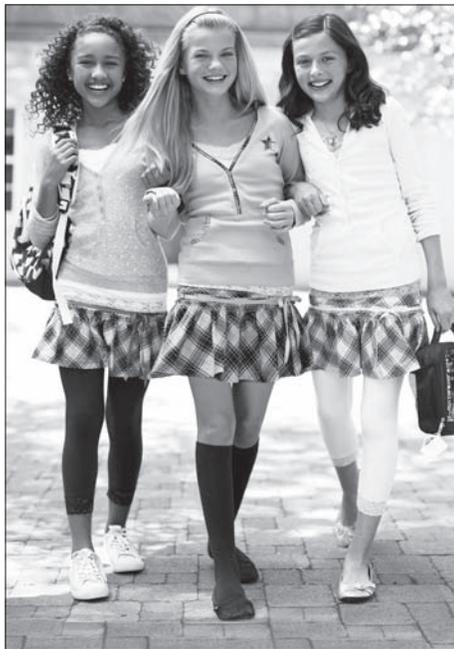
Judges have tended to side with schools when safety is a concern. For example, a federal court agreed with a school district in Morgan Hill, Calif., after some high school students were told not to wear American flag T-shirts on the Mexican holiday of Cinco de Mayo in 2010. The worry was that the shirts would incite conflict with the school's many Hispanic students.

When safety isn't at issue, says Perry Zirkel, a professor of education and law at Lehigh University in Pennsylvania, the courts tend to throw the cases back to the schools and parents, so they can come up with solutions together.

It's not always easy, since many people have a different notion of what's appropriate and what's not.

At Haven Middle School, there has been a lot of confusion. A few weeks ago, the school's own website said leggings were banned, when they were not, school officials now say. Then there was the matter of yoga pants, which are tight like leggings but flared at the bottom. Did the fingertip rule also apply to those types of pants, especially when no one could tell the difference if they were tucked into boots, which is also a popular style among teens?

The discussions at school meet-



TWEEN BRANDS/AP

**Leggings are increasingly controversial at many schools; some have banned them and some require that girls wear something over them.**

ings have sometimes bordered on silly. But few disagree that there are serious issues at hand — among them, whether girls are being shamed and unnecessarily embarrassed at a time when they're already starting to feel more aware of their changing bodies.

Frustrated with the debate, Haven Middle School teachers posted this statement on the school's website to explain the leggings policy: "We believe, through years of experience and professionalism, that it is essential to our school's climate that we set a standard of expectation and decorum."

They denied that they acted because leggings distract boys, as has been alleged by some parents.

"The notion that girls' clothing affects the way boys learn is not, and never will be, our message," the statement said.

However, parents who've attended school meetings, and students who dislike the policy, seem most troubled by an inconsistency in enforcement. They claim that some girls are "dress-coded" more than others, perhaps because they are more physically developed. They say, for example, that they have heard comments like, "If you were smaller, you could wear this and it would be fine."

Parents Kevin and Juliet Bond wrote an open letter to the district after their 13-year-old daughter Lilly sensed unfairness and asked them to address it.

"It's not like these girls are dressing up like street corner gals, right?" asks Juliet Bond, an author and professor of women's studies at a Chicago liberal arts college. "I mean, it's sweatshirts and comfy pants."

## SPOUSE CALLS

### Racing caregivers make special DC stop

**B**eing invited to the White House was "mind blowing," said 12-year-old Briley Rossiter. She enjoyed seeing the beautiful rooms, artwork and chandeliers, but she wasn't there just to sightsee. Briley and her Marine Corps family received a special invitation from Jill Biden, wife Vice President Joe Biden, to attend the unveiling of the National Coalition of Military Caregivers, initiated by the Elizabeth Dole Foundation, at the White House this month.

April is both the Month of the Military Child and Military Caregivers Month. This conjunction was especially meaningful for the Rossiters because of the special care this Marine Corps family gives to one of its members, 10-year-old Ainsley.

Ainsley has a rare disease, infantile neuroaxonal dystrophy, which progressively destroys her muscles, leaving her unable to move or communicate on her own, but her family didn't want that to keep her on the sidelines.

A few years ago, Kim Rossiter began participating in road races while pushing his daughter in a specially fitted running wheelchair. Before long, Briley wanted to join in and began racing with Ainsley as well.

Enjoying these events as a family despite Ainsley's condition, the Rossiters wanted to share the experience. They founded Ainsley's Angels of America, which now has a dozen chapters nationwide. The charity and its partners purchase jogger chairs, bike trailers and rafts to allow disabled children, adults and veterans to experience endurance events like road races and triathlons, teamed with an able-bodied partner.

Jill Biden heard about the family's efforts and subsequently invited them to the caregivers event. Biden also learned that she and Briley have something in common. Each has written a book for children, and the two authors have now exchanged autographed books. Jill Biden's book about military children is "Don't Forget God Bless Our Troops."

Briley's book, "Born an Angel," shares a message of inclusion, telling the story of how running races keeps their whole family connected. All the funds for Briley's book are pledged to Ainsley's Angels.

Briley said Dr. Biden, in a private conversation before the caregivers event, asked what she wanted to do when she grows up.

"I told her I wanted to work with special needs children probably being a physical or occupational therapist or a special education teacher," Briley said. "She told me I would make an amazing teacher. She encouraged me to follow my dreams."

The family also met and had brief conversations with Sen. Elizabeth Dole and former First Lady Rosalynn Carter, who attended the event. They left a copy of Briley's book for Sasha and Malia Obama.

"I hope they get the message I have to share," Briley said. "They can probably relate to Ainsley and I, since they have a sister relationship."

First Lady Michelle Obama also spoke to the gathering of military families and press about new initiatives sponsored by businesses and foundations to support military caregivers.

Briley's goal is to have her book in every school in the nation, to share the message of including disabled people, said her mom, Lori Rossiter.

Lori said that although Briley is normally shy and reserved, she has embraced her role as ambassador for her cause and her sister.

Younger brother Camden, 8, said the "military guys" were his favorite part of the White House visit.

Lori said that although Ainsley shows minimal awareness of her surroundings, she was wide-eyed at the colorful rooms in the presidential home.

"Ainsley can't show her emotions," Briley said. "We don't know how much she is aware of things like this — but if she was aware, she would have thought it was really cool, just like all of us do."

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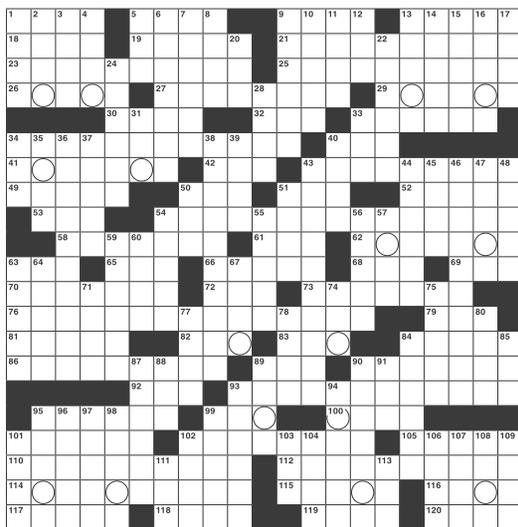
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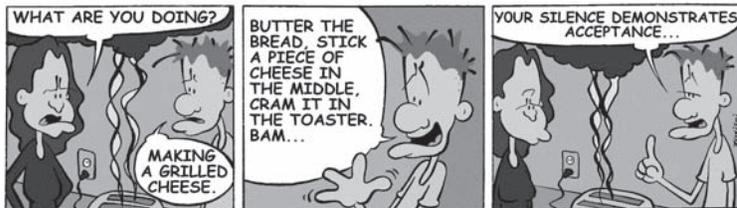
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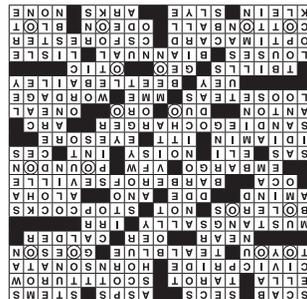
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## FACES

### Wilde, Sudeikis are new parents

It's a boy for Olivia Wilde and Jason Sudeikis.

A spokeswoman for the "Tron: Legacy" actress confirms the couple welcomed son Otis Alexander on Sunday.

Wilde posted a message on Twitter Wednesday with a photo of her cuddling the newborn. It says, "Ladies and gentlemen, Otis Alexander Sudeikis has LEFT the building!" and then notes in parentheses that she's the building.

The 30-year-old "Rush" and "House" actress is engaged to the 38-year-old "We're the Millers" actor and former star of "Saturday Night Live."

It's the couple's first child.



Wilde

### Sony developing live-action Barbie flick

Barbie is coming alive.

Sony Pictures, Mattel and Parkes+MacDonald/Image Nation have partnered to create a live-action movie focused on the iconic doll.

The companies said Wednesday the comedy will be written by Jenny Bicks ("What a Girl Wants") and produced by husband-and-wife team Walter F. Parkes and Laurie MacDonald ("Men in Black 3").

Sony sees the film as a global franchise and plans to go into production by the end of the year.

It's the second collaboration for Mattel and Sony. The companies are developing the film adaptation of "Masters of the Universe," based on Mattel action figures.

### Other news

■ Marc Anthony's latest Spanish-language album "3.0" is a hit, and his single "Vivir mi vida" topped the charts for 18 weeks. But Anthony isn't satisfied. He wants to reconquer a broader market with a new project in English. Anthony announced at the 25th Billboard Latin Music Conference in Miami on Wednesday that he is working on a pop album.

■ Lawyers for a theater producer on Wednesday denied sexual abuse claims made against their client in a lawsuit by a man who has leveled similar allegations against other entertainment industry figures. Attorneys Alan Grodin and Paul Gaspari issued a statement on behalf of producer Gary Goddard, saying he was not in Hawaii when the alleged acts occurred more than a decade ago.

■ The California Supreme Court refused to review the involuntary manslaughter conviction of Michael Jackson's doctor, rejecting his lawyer's petition without comment. The decision Wednesday by the state's highest court was the latest stop on Dr. Conrad Murray's legal odyssey. A state appeals court upheld his conviction earlier this year and then refused to reconsider its decision. Attorney Valerie Wass said Murray will take his fight to federal court.



## Deeley ditches her fun side for series role

By ALICIA RANCILIO  
The Associated Press

The U.K.-born and bred Cat Deeley has found a place in Hollywood, thanks to hosting the dance competition show "So You Think You Can Dance," which will launch its 11th season next month.

The Emmy-nominated TV personality also has a role in the Hulu original comedy series "Deadbeat." A 10-episode first season is posted on the website. "Deadbeat" stars Tyler Labine as a pot-smoking slacker named Kevin who also happens to be psychic. He finds a nemesis in Camomile, played by Deeley, a psychic who has built an empire out of faking her ability to communicate with the dead.

"My character is a real baddie," said Deeley, 37, in a recent interview. "She is rotten to the core. She's vile, she's manipulative but she plays America's sweetheart, giving people closure."

**You've done guest spots on TV shows, but not everyone knew you could act.**

I don't think I knew I could act in all honesty! (Laughs.) I'm normally on live TV. If you make a mistake, you just kind of ride with the punches and have a sense of humor about it. It was very different for me, but I did really enjoy it.

**I feel like your character on "Deadbeat" is like a nightmare version of Oprah Winfrey.**

(Laughs.) Doing a life class! But a life-after-death class on OWN!

**"So You Think You Can Dance" is about to start its eleventh season. What do you say about that?**

Crazy. We're getting 18-year-olds that are turning up that have been waiting to audition for the show. It means that we're still relevant within a dancer's career, which means that we'll still manage to find people. Our audience who watches the show tends to stick with us. You either don't know that the dance show even exists and it's not on your radar and you've never seen an episode, or you are a member of our audience that watches our show religiously and you know it's coming on in the summertime. It will not have been the juggernaut that "American Idol" has been in the past because it doesn't appeal to everybody, but there's a core audience that watches the show, and that's why we're still going.

**Actress, singer and model Cat Deeley is the host of the series "So You Think You Can Dance."**

AMY SUSSMAN, INVISION/AP

## Jodie Foster ties the knot with photographer girlfriend

The Associated Press

Jodie Foster is a married woman.

The 51-year-old Oscar winner wed girlfriend Alexandra Hedison over the weekend, Foster's publicist confirmed Wednesday. Jennifer Allen offered no other details.

It was the first to report that Foster tied the knot with Hedison, a 44-year-old photographer based in Los Angeles.

It's the first marriage for Foster, who came out publicly in a rambling, heartfelt speech at

the 2013 Golden Globe Awards, where she accepted lifetime achievement honors.

After saying she planned to make a big announcement that would make her publicist nervous, Foster jokingly revealed that she was single.

"I hope that you're not disappointed that there won't be a big coming-out speech tonight," she said, "because I already did my coming-out about a thousand years ago back in the Stone Age."

She said celebrities are now expected to re-

veal they're gay "with a press conference, a fragrance and a prime-time reality show," but her approach had been more personal.

Foster acknowledged longtime partner Cydney Bernard, with whom she has two sons. The couple ended their 20-year relationship in 2008.

It says Foster and Hedison have been dating since last summer.

Hedison, who was previously linked to Ellen DeGeneres, is also an actress with TV credits.

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OPINION

Solving the problems of payday loans

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**A** new study from the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and a related field hearing in Nashville have put payday lending in the national spotlight, demonstrating most loans are made to borrowers who pay more in fees than they originally received in credit. As the federal regulator develops guidelines for this market, our experience in Colorado shows how the CFPB can address the problems with payday loans nationwide.

In 1992, Colorado became an early adopter of the payday loan, a new type of small loan sold as a quick fix for emergencies or unexpected expenses. While payday loans are marketed as two-week products due in full on the borrower's next payday, the reality is most borrowers end up struggling for months to repay them.

Research shows a majority of borrowers are already behind on bills, and most use the loans to cover regular expenses such as rent, credit card payments and utilities. The lump-sum payment on the loan means that people cannot afford to repay and still meet basic expenses like rent, so three-quarters of loans are taken out soon after a previous one is paid off.

Policy makers in Colorado eventually acknowledged that the lump-sum payday loan was a failure, but they also wanted to maintain access to safer credit. So in 2010, they replaced the two-week payday loan with a six-month installment loan. In addition to requiring more time to repay in affordable installments, the law ensures that costs are spread evenly over the life of the loan, protects borrowers' checking accounts, and guards against excessive costs.

Colorado's new law is better for borrowers and viable for lenders, as described in a report from The Pew Charitable Trusts. Almost four years after the law took effect, access to payday credit remains widely available. Lenders still do not compete on price, but we lowered the maximum interest rate to half what it was before.

Whereas the loans previously took up 38 percent of an average borrower's paycheck, now they take up 4 percent. Borrowers are



ILLUSTRATION BY RICK NEASE/Detroit Free Press

spending \$42 million less each year, and bounced-check fees from lenders are down by more than half.

But the same abuses that are undermining laws in every state are affecting us in Colorado as well, with unscrupulous lenders using the Internet to make unaffordable loans. Those lenders do not abide by our laws, and they ignore the sensible protections we enacted. Scams and theft of personal information online are a danger for our residents and have led to numerous complaints here and in states with and without payday loan stores.

Online lenders spend millions to lure new business, and some now offer installment loans that are anything but consumer friendly. Lacking Colorado-type protections, they have payments that exceed borrowers' ability to repay, carry new origination fees when loans are flipped, and lack safeguards to protect checking accounts from fraud and abuse.

States need more help combating abusive

and illegal online lending, and everyone will benefit when the CFPB sets comprehensive, firm rules for payday and small installment loans alike.

With clear guidelines in place, lenders and banks will compete to develop better ways to serve people in need, profitably. Any lender that violates the rules will face swift enforcement actions.

To make it happen, the CFPB should look to Colorado's example and implement the changes needed to restore sanity to the small-loan market. Millions of people in our communities need relief from loans that are decimating their paychecks and making difficult financial situations even worse. In Colorado, we set strong, clear rules that have made payday loans far safer. The CFPB can and should do the same.

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Use of drones will heighten privacy issues

San Jose (Calif.) Mercury News editorial

**I**t's simple to explain Google's and Facebook's sudden, intense interest in drone technology. An estimated 65 percent of the world's population today lacks Internet access, and flying robots probably can connect those 4.5 billion potential users to the rest of us.

Talk about expanding markets. Even the Silicon Valley mind boggles.

Engineers think they can mount lightweight broadband equipment on drones and keep them aloft for days, weeks or months to make connections from the remotest and least advanced regions of the world.

It's exciting. It's also another reminder that privacy concerns are reaching new highs, and drones can only drive them higher. Valley already is struggling with worldwide consumer confidence. The National Security Agency is hacking into systems wily-nilly, while tech companies themselves resist telling consumers how their personal information is being used. Now come drones, which the Obama administration uses to kill people.

Silicon Valley's future hinges largely on whether it can rebuild trust that smartphone, laptop and tablet users have in the

Silicon Valley needs to formulate privacy principles that reassure a legitimately worried public and keep the focus on the positive aspects of technology.

privacy of tech products.

If it can't, then the potential of the Internet will be limited.

Drones just up the ante. People won't want them buzzing their once-private backyards, cameras rolling, or tracking their movements based on smartphone signals.

President Barack Obama's use of drones to spy on and kill military targets doesn't make the job any easier. The sinister element goes beyond privacy concerns to physical safety — and setting limits will be difficult.

Google elevated snooping concerns in 2013 when it admitted intercepting data transmitted over household Wi-Fi networks while its car-mounted cameras were

snapping street-view photos. If Google's cars were acquiring hundreds of gigabytes of information from users, imagine what drones equipped with transmission gear can do, flying 50,000 feet above cities around the clock.

Google needs to abandon its assertion that data transmitted over unencrypted Wi-Fi networks is fair game. Instead it should be leading the charge to make emails, photos and data more secure as the age of drones approaches.

In 2012, Obama set a 2015 deadline for the Federal Aviation Administration to come up with regulations for domestic use of drones. It will be none too soon; drones are expected to emerge as a \$6 billion market in the next 10 years.

But the FAA's purview is safety. It is not likely to deal with privacy.

So we're back to our recurring theme: To protect its own industry, Silicon Valley needs to formulate privacy principles that reassure a legitimately worried public and keep the focus on the positive aspects of technology, including the latest drone advancements.

If it doesn't, consumers around the world may begin bailing on digital connections and commerce, trading convenience and connectivity to regain their privacy.

## 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' or authors' views do not necessarily reflect those of the associated Press and other stateside syndicates.

### More Keystone pipeline delays The Oklahoman

The Obama administration has found yet another way to keep from deciding the fate of the Keystone XL pipeline's northern leg, from Canada to Cushing. This time, to hear the administration tell it (with a straight face, no less), a court case stands in the way.

The State Department said last week that because of a Nebraska court decision in February that invalidated part of the pipeline's route, a final decision must be delayed. Conveniently, this means a final thumbs-up or thumbs-down almost certainly won't come until after November's midterm elections, because no resolution to the court fight is expected until late this year.

It's interesting that after the court ruling in February, the administration said the case wouldn't have a bearing on its decision-making. But now State has decided that federal agencies wouldn't be able to measure the impact of the pipeline until the "uncertainty" resulting from the litigation was resolved.

So a project that's been studied and dissected and debated for more than five years, and shown repeatedly to merit approval — in January, a State Department review cited no major environmental objections to the pipeline — must wait even longer, just so President Barack Obama can score political points with environmentalists.

### 'Justice' at Gitmo? Miami Herald

Another week of hearings at Guantanamo, another series of jaw-dropping revelations and rulings that underline the futility of the whole enterprise. That the system isn't working has long been obvious. Now the tragedy is turning into farce.

Exhibit A: The disclosure that the FBI allegedly tried to turn a member of the defense team for 9/11 defendants into a confidential informant, spying on colleagues on behalf of the U.S. government.

Did the FBI not realize that by doing so the agency was damaging the trial procedure at Guantanamo (such as it is)? Did it really believe it could flip a member of the defense team to keep its secrets? No wonder some skeptical former military members of 9/11 victims believe the whole thing was a deliberate effort to derail the hearings. What else are they to think?

Army Col. James L. Pohl did the only thing he could, issuing a bench order to anyone who ever served on the defense team in the "Secret 1" case find out if any of them indeed were approached and asked to sign a nondisclosure agreement about the contact. The notion that you can commit an illegal act and get away with it by making the other party sign a nondisclosure agreement is itself farcical. Inspector Clouseau would approve.

The upshot is another delay in an absurdly long process. This is the 10th round of hearings for the 9/11 defendants since the five accused were formally charged (finally) two years ago. If a violation occurred, it could require reappointment of a new defense team, setting the process back yet again for who knows how long.

Proceeding in person without formal charges, evidence withheld, limited access by the public, defendants subjected to torture after their capture, severely limited rights to object by the defense, hunder



ELISE AMENDOLA/AP

Cynthia Cirri, of Hamilton, N.J., crosses the finish line of the Boston Marathon Monday.

strikes, etc. Now government spying on the defense. All this and more is what passes for justice at Guantanamo, and it is only thanks to a series of U.S. Supreme Court rulings for the defendants that matters aren't even worse.

### Putin still stirring the pot Albany (Ga.) Herald

As much as the world would like for it to settle into a resolution, the face-off between Ukraine and Russia shows no signs of tapering off.

On Tuesday, the stakes escalated when Ukrainian officials sent troops into the eastern part of the nation to reclaim a military base from pro-Russian separatists. Officials in Kiev described the retaking of the airfield as a "special operation."

Meanwhile, Russian President Vladimir Putin again proved he has no sense of irony — or, more likely, he simply loves to stir the pot more — when he called U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki-moon Tuesday and demanded that the United Nations and the international community condemn what he described as "anti-constitutional actions" by the government in Kiev.

This demand from the man who sent Russian troops without insignia into sovereign Ukrainian territory to slice off the Crimea region by force so that Russia could orchestrate a vote that was decided long before anyone went to a ballot box and annex the region, all of which was done in clear violation of international law.

The burr in Putin's saddle was the February order of pro-Russian President Viktor Yanukovich by Ukrainians who want stronger ties with the West. Fueled by hardliners in Russia who long for the so-called glory days of the Soviet Union, Putin has gotten bolder and more boisterous seemingly by the day.

The fact is, the government change in Kiev was made by Ukrainians who want a different, more productive direction for their country, which is mired in debt to Russia. The fear is that Putin will continue to ignore the nation's right to sovereignty and reclaim it, piece by piece.

### Boston Marathon Sacramento (Calif.) Bee

Monday's 118th running of the Boston Marathon displayed in full measure the resolve and unity meant by "Boston strong."

A year after explosions at the finish line killed three people and injured 264 others, an expanded field of more than 35,000 runners included victims and their relatives, first responders, others "personally and profoundly impacted" by the tragedy and nearly 5,000 runners who didn't get to finish in 2013.

Unprecedented security — more than 3,500 police officers and 800 National

Guard troops — made sure that the race went off without incident, even with an estimated 1 million spectators lining the 26.2 miles from Hopkinton to Back Bay.

And in what can only be called a storybook ending, Meb Keflezighi of San Diego — defying the odds at 38 — became the first American to win the iconic race since 1985. He wore red, white and blue, had names of bombing victims on his runner's bib and broke down in tears at the finish line. "At the end, I just kept thinking, 'Boston strong, Boston strong,'" he told reporters afterward.

It seems fitting that the one to break the Kenyan stranglehold was Keflezighi, who emigrated from Eritrea when he was 12 and made his own American dream come true. "God bless America and God bless Boston for this special day," he said.

It was just another day in federal prison for accused Boston bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, 20, awaiting his trial scheduled for November that could result in the death penalty. It also shows America's values — including a bedrock belief in the rule of law — that he will have his day in court, afforded all the protections of the justice system. The Obama administration wisely resisted calls to take a quicker path and put Tsarnaev before a military tribunal. A marathon is a good metaphor for the hard work of our democracy.

### Reassuring allies in the Pacific Chicago Tribune

When President Barack Obama scrubbed an October trip to Asia to attend to the government shutdown in Washington, Asian leaders worried that it meant the United States lacked sufficient interest in the region to remain a powerful presence. This week, Obama finally made the trip, but it may not be enough to reassure allies and others.

Why not? Two obvious reasons. One is Russia's annexation of Crimea and its aggressive activities in eastern Ukraine, which have focused Washington's attention on how to assure the security of Europe. The fear is that this new threat will divert American attention and resources to the task of bolstering NATO and containing Russia, at the expense of its Pacific role.

Another is that the administration trumpeted its intent to make Asia a higher priority — the Asia pivot — but has repeatedly disappointed. In 2011, reported Peter Nicholas and Christy Parsons in the Tribune, "U.S. foreign policy revolves around a single idea: With U.S. involvement in Iraq and Afghanistan coming to a close, Washington is focusing on the fast-growing Pacific region to curb the influence of China." But the world has had a way of preventing any "single idea" from enjoying a monopoly on the U.S. global agenda.

Afghanistan, Iran, Syria and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict have all demanded their share of the spotlight. Ukraine is the latest crisis to preoccupy the president and his advisers. Cuts in the defense budget mean the U.S. will have fewer military assets to bring to bear in the world. So Asian allies figure they're bound to get shortchanged.

That doesn't have to be the case. The U.S. has proven in the past that it's capable of addressing dangers in both places. The Pacific alliances were established in the same era that NATO came into being. We fought wars in Korea and Vietnam while facing down the Soviet threat in Europe. We're a global power, with the means to act in more than one place at a time.

None of the administration's alternatives to act in more than one place at a time are anything but a sure thing. Countering a stronger and more assertive China will be tricky. North Korea remains the wildest of wild cards. There are limits to the time and energy of American policymakers, who are obliged to respond to immediate emergencies even when they have equally vital long-term work elsewhere.

But those realities are just part of life in a turbulent and perilous world. The United States didn't become the world's only superpower without developing a capacity for coping with multiple challenges at once. It's Obama's task to convince Asians that our capacity and resolve are undiminished.

### Chemical reprise in Syria Wall Street Journal

Chemical weapons are again being used in Syria. Israeli defense officials, citing senior U.S. officials, have reported that U.S. intelligence has used American special agents at least twice on March 27 in the Harasta neighborhood of Damascus. Then the rebel-controlled village of Kfar Zeita was attacked April 11 by what seems to have been chlorine gas dropped from the air. Some 150 people are reported injured. Three are dead.

Both sides in the conflict agree that chemicals were used, but as is its habit the Assad regime blames Syrian rebels. And as is the Obama Administration's habit, it's, well, studying the matter. "We are trying to run this down," U.N. Ambassador Samantha Power said on ABC's "This Week" on Sunday. "So far, it's unsubstantiated, but we've seen, I think, in the past that we do everything in our power to establish what has happened and then consider possible steps in response."

A year ago, the Administration was also saying it couldn't say for sure whether the Assad regime was behind a series of small-scale chemical attacks. Then, 1,000 people were gassed in Damascus. The Administration stopped denying any knowledge, then threatened the use of force, then agreed to do nothing in return for Assad's promise to get rid of his chemical arsenal.

The latest attacks are taking place amid claims that Syria has relinquished more than half of its declared chemical stockpile and promises to hand over the rest by the end of the month. This is supposed to be a triumph of Administration diplomacy. But note the use of the word "supposed." What the terms or elements of its military have failed to declare or turnover is another matter. In the meantime, Assad has turned the tide of war and is routing his enemies a victory for him and his patrons in Tehran and Moscow.

All of which illustrates the perils of costly arms-control deals with rogue regimes. They inevitably cheat, but the temptation of the West is to overlook the cheating lest it expose the arms agreement as a mistake. The Russians are supposed to lean on Assad to honor the terms, but Vladimir Putin has every incentive now to let him cheat and further bedevil the U.S. (see above). As for President Obama, his legacy may include an Assad triumph using chemical weapons.

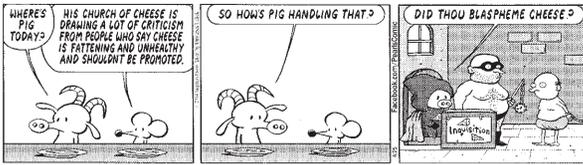
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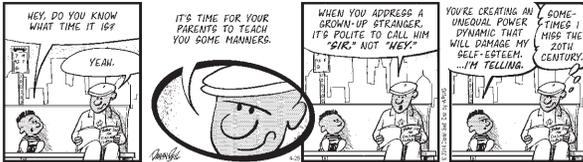
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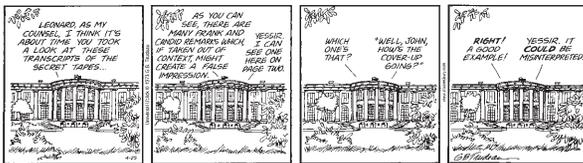
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- 18 Related
- 19 Fresh
- 21 "Monty Python" opener
- 22 Nativity display
- 26 Secluded valleys
- 29 Command to Fido
- 30 Started
- 31 Oxidation
- 32 Mongrel
- 33 Shakespeare, e.g.
- 34 — budget
- 35 "How come?"
- 36 "Peter Pan" role
- 37 Socially awkward
- 39 Tokyo-based carrier
- 40 Mauna —
- 41 Sign up
- 45 Long-popular TV clown
- 48 Hodgepodge
- 50 Pizzeria fixture
- 51 Gaelic
- 52 Cartoon
- 53 Author Grey

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- 3 Erato or Clio
- 4 Explosions
- 5 Makes stringy potatoes
- 6 Bonfire residue
- 7 Princess Diana's family name
- 8 "Gladiator" star
- 9 Whammy
- 10 A number ...
- 11 ... and its homophone
- 16 Acute/rate
- 20 Work measure
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- 28 Birthright barterer
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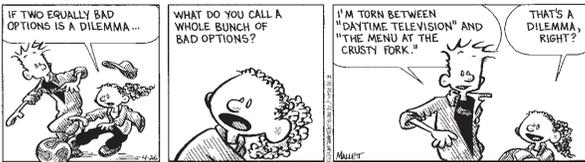
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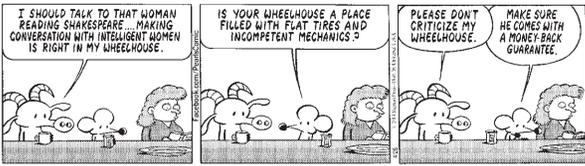
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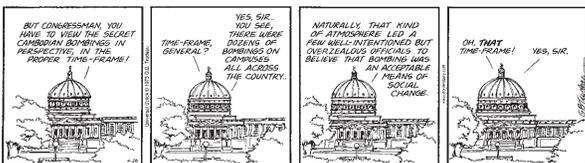
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- 22 Abbot's first baseman
- 24 Sternward
- 27 Unruffled "Alas"
- 29 Jason's ship
- 32 "Sesame Street" figure
- 35 Cube maker Rukib
- 36 Sample
- 37 Attention-getting call
- 40 Information
- 42 "The Simpsons" storekeeper
- 44 Gospels' follow-up
- 46 Rhythmic tributes
- 50 Illusion
- 52 Pressed sandwich
- 54 Unwrapped
- 55 Togetherness
- 56 Dwell
- 57 Arrow grooves

DOWN

- 1 Succumbed to quicksand
- 2 Sculpture medium
- 3 Stormed
- 4 Time of your life?
- 5 Spoofed
- 6 Sock part
- 7 Let
- 8 Masseur's workplace
- 9 Rita who played Gilda
- 10 A slave to crosswords?
- 11 Accomplishes
- 12 Calendar pp., often
- 18 Piece
- 21 "— Lay Dying"
- 23 Owns
- 24 Expert
- 25 Supporting
- 26 Monks' shaven crowns
- 28 Folksy
- 30 "Holy cow!"
- 31 Suffix with audit
- 33 "Kitchy- —!"
- 34 Present
- 39 Carried on
- 41 Video game hedgehog
- 42 Cupid's specialty
- 43 Meerschaum, for one
- 45 Reinquish
- 47 Frisbee, e.g.
- 48 Grandson of Eve
- 49 Sermon subject
- 51 Blackbird
- 53 Year, in Uruguay

Answer to Previous Puzzle

A	R	M	B	R	A	S	C	H	O	W
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M	U	S	T	A	C	H	E	O	X	E
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G	L	E	N	S	B	E	G	L	E	D
R	U	S	T	C	U	R	B	A	R	D
O	N	A	W	H	Y	W	E	N	D	Y
G	A	U	C	H	E	J	A	L		
			L	O	A	E	N	L	I	S
B	O	Z	O	P	A	S	T	I	C	H
O	V	E	N	E	R	S	E	B	O	X
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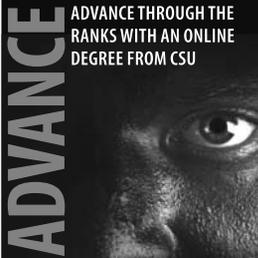
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Portland	2	2	2	8	10	12	11	12	11
Seattle	2	2	2	8	10	12	11	12	11
San Jose	2	2	2	8	10	12	11	12	11
San Jose	2	2	2	8	10	12	11	12	11
San Jose	2	2	2	8	10	12	11	12	11
San Jose	2	2	2	8	10	12	11	12	11
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San Jose	2	2	2	8	10	12	11	12	11

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

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Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	Net	GD	GD
Portland	3	1	2	11	9	4	11	14	11
Seattle	2	2	2	8	10	12	11	12	11
San Jose	2	2	2	8	10	12	11	12	11
San Jose	2	2	2	8	10	12	11	12	11
San Jose	2	2	2	8	10	12	11	12	11
San Jose	2	2	2	8	10	12	11	12	11
San Jose	2	2	2	8	10	12	11	12	11
San Jose	2	2	2	8	10	12	11	12	11
San Jose	2	2	2	8	10	12	11	12	11
San Jose	2	2	2	8	10	12	11	12	11

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

Wednesday									
Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	Net	GD	GD
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Portland	1	0	0	3	2	0	2	2	2
San Jose	1	0	0	3	2	0	2	2	2
San Jose	1	0	0	3	2	0	2	2	2
San Jose	1	0	0	3	2	0	2	2	2
San Jose	1	0	0	3	2	0	2	2	2
San Jose	1	0	0	3	2	0	2	2	2
San Jose	1	0	0	3	2	0	2	2	2
San Jose	1	0	0	3	2	0	2	2	2
San Jose	1	0	0	3	2	0	2	2	2

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

Thursday									
Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	Net	GD	GD
Seattle	1	0	0	3	2	0	2	2	2
Portland	1	0	0	3	2	0	2	2	2
San Jose	1	0	0	3	2	0	2	2	2
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Note: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Friday									
Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	Net	GD	GD
Seattle	1	0	0	3	2	0	2	2	2
Portland	1	0	0	3	2	0	2	2	2
San Jose	1	0	0	3	2	0	2	2	2
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San Jose	1	0	0	3	2	0	2	2	2
San Jose	1	0	0	3	2	0	2	2	2

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

Saturday									
Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	Net	GD	GD
Seattle	1	0	0	3	2	0	2	2	2
Portland	1	0	0	3	2	0	2	2	2
San Jose	1	0	0	3	2	0	2	2	2
San Jose	1	0	0	3	2	0	2	2	2
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San Jose	1	0	0	3	2	0	2	2	2
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San Jose	1	0	0	3	2	0	2	2	2
San Jose	1	0	0	3	2	0	2	2	2
San Jose	1	0	0	3	2	0	2	2	2

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

Sunday									
Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	Net	GD	GD
Seattle	1	0	0	3	2	0	2	2	2
Portland	1	0	0	3	2	0	2	2	2
San Jose	1	0	0	3	2	0	2	2	2
San Jose	1	0	0	3	2	0	2	2	2
San Jose	1	0	0	3	2	0	2	2	2
San Jose	1	0	0	3	2	0	2	2	2
San Jose	1	0	0	3	2	0	2	2	2
San Jose	1	0	0	3	2	0	2	2	2
San Jose	1	0	0	3	2	0	2	2	2
San Jose	1	0	0	3	2	0	2	2	2

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## Tennis

### Barcelona Open

Wednesday  
At Real Club de Tenis Barcelona  
Barcelona, Spain  
Purse: \$2.34 million (W750)  
Surface: Clay-Outdoor

**Second Round**  
Nicolas Pietrangeli (Spain, def. Martin Klizan, Slovakia, 7-5, 7-6 (4))  
Albert Ramos (Spain, def. Alexander Dolgoplos (Ukraine, 7-6 (5), 6-3)  
Ivan Dodig, Croatia, def. Feliciano Lopez (Spain, 6-1, 6-4)  
Teymuraz Gabashvili, Russia, def. Fabio Fognini (2), Spain, 6-4, 6-4, retired

Santiago Giraldo, Colombia, def. David Ferrer (2), Spain, 6-4, 6-4, retired  
Rafael Nadal (1), Spain, def. Albert Ramos, Spain, 7-6 (2), 6-4

**First Round**  
Fernando Verdasco (1), Spain, def. Jerzy Janowicz (7), Poland, 6-4, 7-6 (1)  
Marin Cilic (12), Croatia, def. Andrey Kuznetsov, Russia, 6-1, 7-6 (2)

**Doubles**  
Daniel Nestor, Canada, and Nenad Zimonjic, def. Juan Sebastian Cabal and Robert Farah, Colombia, 6-3, 7-6 (3), 10-8

Lukasz Kubot, Poland, and Robert Lindstedt, Sweden, def. Marcel Granollers and Nicolas Pietrangeli, retired  
Somdev Devvarman, India, and Ante Pajic, def. Daniel Bracciali and Albert Montanes, Spain, 6-4, 6-4

**First Round**  
Nicola Pietrangeli (Spain, def. Feliciano Lopez (Spain, 6-4, 6-4, 16-14)  
Max Mirnyi, Belarus, 6-4, 6-4, 16-14

### Nastase Tiriac Trophy

Wednesday  
At Pucosu, Romania  
Bucharest, Romania  
Purse: \$670,500 (W750)  
Surface: Surface: Outdoor

**Second Round**  
Lukas Rosol, Czech Republic, def. Jan Hájek, Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-3  
Gilles Simon (4), France, def. Victor Hanescu, Romania, 2-6, 6-3, 6-3

**First Round**  
Stanislav Stakhovych, Ukraine, def. Carlos Berlocq, Argentina, 6-4, 7-6 (5), 6-2  
Dimitry Pavlov, Bulgaria, def. Jiri Vesely, Czech Republic, 7-6 (5), 6-2

**First Round**  
Marinus Fyrstenberg and Marcin Matkowski (2), Poland, def. Nikolay Pietrangeli, Romania, and Scott Lipsky, United States, 6-4, 7-6 (4)

Collin Fleming and Ross Hutchings, England, def. Martin Kližan and Christopher O'Neil, Germany, 7-6, 6-3

Jean-Julien Royer, Netherlands, and Horie Tetsu, Japan, def. Nick Pietrangeli, Romania, and Adrian Panarita, Romania, 6-0, 6-4

Adrian Panarita, Romania, def. Marcin Matkowski (2), Poland, and Christopher O'Neil, Germany, 7-6, 6-3

## Boxing

### Fight schedule

April 25  
At Moscow, Richard Abrill vs. Eduard Troyanovskiy, 12, for AIBA's World lightweight title; Denis Ledebev vs. Rogel Veloz, 12, for Ledebev's WBA World cruiserweight title.

April 26  
At Oberhausen, Germany, Vladimir Kilbaso vs. Alexander Usyk, 12, for the IBF-WBO-IBO-Super World heavyweight title; Joseph Parker vs. Sherman Williams, 10, heavyweight.

At Sonora, Mexico, Juan Francisco Estrada vs. RICHARD ABRILL, 12, for Estrada's WBA Super WBO flyweight title.

At Stubbs-Cent, Carson, Calif., Keith Thurman vs. Julio Diaz, 12, for Thurman's interim WBA World welterweight title; Omar Figueroa vs. Jerry Belmonte, 12, for Figueroa's WBA World flyweight title; Lucas Mattheos vs. John Molina, 12, for Mattheos' WBA World featherweight title; Martin Hurn, 10, junior welterweight; Jermall Charlo vs. James Winchester, 10, light middleweight.

April 28  
At Bayamon, Puerto Rico, Michael Perez vs. Jorge Romero, 10, junior welterweight; Miguel Veloz vs. Miguel Soto, 10, featherweights.

At Hialeah (Fla.), Park Race Track, Robert Garcia vs. Victor Cayo, 10, welterweight; Jonathan Gonzalez vs. Rogelio Medina, 10, middleweights.

At the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, Jesus Cuellar vs. Rico Ramos, 12, for Cuellar's interim WBA World welterweight title; Mickey Bay vs. Alan Heron, 10, light welterweight; Ryan Davis vs. ishe Smith, 10, light middleweights.

At Cebu City, Philippines, Johnell Casimero vs. Mauricio Fuentes, 12, for Casimero's IBF junior flyweight title; Haromonta Dela Torre vs. Gadin Tubang, 12, superfeatherweight.

At the MGM Grand Garden Arena, Las Vegas, Tony Yip vs. Marco Antonio Maidana, 12, for Mayweather's WBC-WBA Super World welterweight title; Amir Khan vs. Amir Khan, 12, superfeatherweight; Adrian Broner vs. Carlos Molina, 12, superfeatherweight; Marco Antonio Peribon, 10, super middleweights.

### Porsche Grand Prix

Wednesday  
At Porsche-Arena  
Stuttgart, Germany  
Purse: \$710,000 (Premier)  
Surface: Clay-Indoor

**First Round**  
Cristina Gherghel, def. Sorana Cirstea, Romania, 6-3, 6-2  
Ana Ivanovic (9), Serbia, def. Sabine Lisicki, Germany, 6-3, 6-2

Flavia Pennetta, Italy, def. Andrea Petkovic, Germany, 7-5, 6-3, 6-1

Sara Errani (8), Italy, def. Kaia Kanepi, Estonia, 6-3, 6-2

Alisa Kleybanova, Russia, def. Petra Kvitová, Czech Republic, 6-2, 7-6 (3)

**First Round**  
Liesel Huber, United States, and Janette Husárová, Slovakia, def. Klaudia Jans-Ignacik, Poland, and Ajla Tomljanovic, Croatia, 6-4, 6-4, 10-8

Antonia Lötner and Anna Zaja, Germany, def. Mona Barthel, Germany, and Eva Birnerová, Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-4, 10-8

Sara Errani and Roberta Vinci (1), Italy, def. Julia Georges and Anna-Lena Groenewald, Germany, 6-3, 6-2

Teodora Miric, Serbia, and Laura Thorpe, France, def. Gabriela Dobrowolska, Canada, and Alicia Rosal, Poland, 5-7, 6-3, 10-8

## Grand Prix SAR

Wednesday  
At Le Royal Tennis Club de Marrakech  
Marrakech, Morocco  
Purse: \$520,000 (Premier)  
Surface: Clay-Outdoor

**First Round**  
Polona Hercigonja, Slovenia, def. Zhang Shuai (C), China, 6-3, 6-2

Shahar Pe'er, def. Patricia Mayr-Achleitner, Austria, 7-6 (4), 4-6, 7-6 (3)

Peng Shuai (6), China, def. Marina Zvereva, Ukraine, 6-3, 6-2

Daniela Hantuchová (1), Slovakia, def. Lucretia Glushko, Bulgaria, 7-5, 6-2

Garbine Mutjers (5), Spain, def. Stefanie Vogli, Switzerland, 6-3, 6-2

**First Round**  
Julia Glushko, def. Patricia Mayr-Achleitner, Austria, 7-6 (4), 4-6, 7-6 (3)

Lara Arruabarrena and Ines Ferrer Suarez, Spain, 6-3, 6-4

Trina Park and Irina-Camelia Begu, Romania, def. Rita Atik and Lina Kostol, Romania, 6-3, 6-2

**Quarterfinals**  
Darja Jurak, Croatia, and Daniela Segul, Moldova, def. Rita Atik and Lina Kostol, Romania, 6-3, 6-2

Tatiana Bua, Argentina, and Megan Melnik, Czech, 7-6 (5), 10-5

## College baseball

### Wednesday's scores

**EAST**  
CNCV 6, NY Marist 5  
Drew 11, FDU-Florham 8  
E. Connecticut 4, W. New England 2  
Hofstra 11, LIU Brooklyn 3  
Catholic 10, Caldwell 0

**MIDWEST**  
Cincinnati 12, Ohio 1  
Campbell 14, Virginia Tech 9, 10 in innings  
Cent. Michigan 4, Notre Dame 3  
Hofstra 11, LIU Brooklyn 3  
Chestnut Hill 13, Philadelphia 6-1  
North Carolina 3, Wake Forest 6

**SOUTHWEST**  
Xavier 6, N. Kentucky 3  
Oklahoma 10, West Virginia 10  
Texas St. 2, Baylor 0

**TOURNAMENT KICKOFF**  
Florida St. 13, Stetson 3  
High Point 25, NC 3 & 4  
Maryland 14, Georgia 10  
Mercer 4, Georgia Tech 3, 10 innings

**TOURNAMENT KICKOFF**  
Middle Tennessee 12, Austin Peay 7, 10 in innings  
New Orleans 4, Loyola 10  
North Carolina 3, Wake Forest 6  
NC State 10, UNC-Wilmington 2  
Cincinnati 12, Ohio 1  
Spaulding 4, Transylvania 1  
Virginia Tech 9, Lee 4  
Virginia 13, Richmond 0

**MIDWEST**  
Xavier 6, N. Kentucky 3  
Oklahoma 10, West Virginia 10  
Texas St. 2, Baylor 0

**SOUTHWEST**  
Xavier 6, N. Kentucky 3  
Oklahoma 10, West Virginia 10  
Texas St. 2, Baylor 0

## Deals

### Wednesday's transactions

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL LEAGUES**  
Amber Kukulya manager of human resources.

**American League**  
BOSTON RED SOX - Options Of Daniel Nava to Pawtucket, recalled RHP Alex Meyer from Pawtucket.

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# 2014 SCHEDULE

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**Week 1**

**Thursday, Sept. 4**  
Green Bay at Seattle  
**Sunday, Sept. 7**  
New Orleans at Atlanta  
Cincinnati at Baltimore  
Buffalo at Chicago  
Washington at Houston  
Tennessee at Kansas City  
New England at Miami  
Oakland at N.Y. Jets  
Jacksonville at Philadelphia  
Cleveland at Pittsburgh  
Minnesota at St. Louis  
San Francisco at Dallas  
Carolina at Tampa Bay  
Indianapolis at Denver  
**Monday, Sept. 8**  
N.Y. Giants at Detroit  
San Diego at Arizona

**Week 2**

**Thursday, Sept. 11**  
Pittsburgh at Baltimore  
**Sunday, Sept. 14**  
Miami at Buffalo  
Detroit at Carolina  
Atlanta at Cincinnati  
New Orleans at Cleveland  
New England at Minnesota  
Arizona at N.Y. Giants  
Dallas at Tennessee  
Jacksonville at Washington  
Seattle at San Diego  
St. Louis at Tampa Bay  
Kansas City at Denver  
N.Y. Jets at Green Bay  
Houston at Oakland  
Chicago at San Francisco  
**Monday, Sept. 15**  
Philadelphia at Indianapolis

**Week 3**

**Thursday, Sept. 18**  
Tampa Bay at Atlanta  
**Sunday, Sept. 21**  
San Diego at Buffalo  
Tennessee at Cincinnati  
Baltimore at Cleveland  
Green Bay at Benet  
Indianapolis at Jacksonville  
Oakland at New England  
Minnesota at New Orleans  
Houston at N.Y. Giants  
Washington at Philadelphia  
Dallas at St. Louis  
San Francisco at Arizona  
Kansas City at Miami  
Denver at Seattle  
Pittsburgh at Carolina  
**Monday, Sept. 22**  
Chicago at N.Y. Jets

**Week 4**

**Byes:** Arizona, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Seattle, St. Louis  
**Thursday, Sept. 25**  
N.Y. Giants at Washington  
**Sunday, Sept. 28**  
Carolina at Baltimore  
Green Bay at Chicago  
Buffalo at Houston  
Tennessee at Indianapolis  
Detroit at N.Y. Jets  
Miami vs. Oakland at London  
Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh  
Jacksonville at San Diego  
Atlanta at Minnesota  
Philadelphia at San Francisco  
New Orleans at Dallas  
**Monday, Sept. 29**  
New England at Kansas City

**Week 5**

**Byes:** Miami, Oakland  
**Thursday, Oct. 2**  
Minnesota at Green Bay  
**Sunday, Oct. 5**  
Chicago at Carolina  
Houston at Dallas  
Buffalo at Detroit  
Baltimore at Indianapolis  
Pittsburgh at Jacksonville  
Tampa Bay at New Orleans  
Atlanta at N.Y. Jets  
St. Louis at Philadelphia  
Cleveland at Tennessee  
Arizona at Denver  
N.Y. Jets at San Diego  
Kansas City at San Francisco  
Cincinnati at New England-x  
**Monday, Oct. 6**  
Seattle at Washington

**Week 6**

**Byes:** Kansas City, New Orleans  
**Thursday, Oct. 9**  
Indianapolis at Houston  
**Sunday, Oct. 12**  
Chicago at Atlanta  
New England at Buffalo  
Carolina at Cincinnati  
Pittsburgh at Cleveland  
Green Bay at Miami  
Detroit at Minnesota  
Denver at N.Y. Jets  
Baltimore at Tampa Bay  
Jacksonville at Tennessee  
San Diego at Oakland  
Washington at Arizona  
Dallas at Seattle  
Philadelphia at Philadelphia-x  
**Monday, Oct. 13**  
San Francisco at St. Louis

**Week 7**

**Byes:** Philadelphia, Tampa Bay  
**Thursday, Oct. 16**  
N.Y. Jets at New England  
**Sunday, Oct. 19**  
Atlanta at Baltimore  
Minnesota at Buffalo  
Miami at Chicago  
New Orleans at Detroit  
Carolina at Green Bay  
Cincinnati at Indianapolis  
Cleveland at Jacksonville  
Seattle at St. Louis  
Tennessee at Washington  
Kansas City at San Diego  
N.Y. Giants at Dallas  
Arizona at Oakland  
San Francisco at Denver-x  
**Monday, Oct. 20**  
Houston at Pittsburgh

**Week 8**

**Byes:** N.Y. Giants, San Francisco  
**Thursday, Oct. 23**  
San Diego at Denver  
**Sunday, Oct. 26**  
Detroit vs. Atlanta, at London  
Seattle at Carolina  
Baltimore at Cincinnati  
Miami at Jacksonville  
St. Louis at Kansas City  
Chicago at New England  
Buffalo at N.Y. Jets  
Minnesota at Tampa Bay  
Houston at Tennessee  
Philadelphia at Arizona  
Oakland at Cleveland  
Indianapolis at Pittsburgh  
Green Bay at New Orleans-x  
**Monday, Oct. 27**  
Washington at Dallas

**Week 9**

**Byes:** Atlanta, Buffalo, Chicago, Detroit, Green Bay, Tennessee  
**Thursday, Oct. 30**  
New Orleans at Carolina  
**Sunday, Nov. 2**  
Jacksonville at Cincinnati  
Tampa Bay at Cleveland  
Arizona at Dallas  
Philadelphia at Houston  
N.Y. Jets at Kansas City  
San Diego at Miami  
Washington at Minnesota  
St. Louis at San Francisco  
Denver at New England  
Oakland at Seattle  
Baltimore at Pittsburgh-x  
**Monday, Nov. 3**  
Indianapolis at N.Y. Giants

**Week 10**

**Byes:** Houston, Indianapolis, Minnesota, New England, San Diego, Washington  
**Thursday, Nov. 6**  
Cleveland at Cincinnati  
**Sunday, Nov. 9**  
Tennessee at Baltimore  
Kansas City at Buffalo  
Miami at Detroit  
Dallas vs. Jacksonville, at London  
San Francisco at New Orleans  
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Jets  
Atlanta at Tampa Bay  
Denver at Oakland  
St. Louis at Arizona  
N.Y. Giants at Seattle  
Chicago at Green Bay-x  
**Monday, Nov. 10**  
Carolina at Philadelphia

**Week 11**

**Byes:** Baltimore, Dallas, Jacksonville, N.Y. Jets  
**Thursday, Nov. 13**  
Buffalo at Miami  
**Sunday, Nov. 16**  
Atlanta at Carolina  
Minnesota at Chicago  
Houston at Cleveland  
Philadelphia at Green Bay  
Seattle at Kansas City  
Cincinnati at New Orleans  
San Francisco at N.Y. Giants  
Denver at St. Louis  
Tampa Bay at Washington  
Oakland at San Diego  
Detroit at Arizona  
New England at indianapolis-x  
**Monday, Nov. 17**  
Pittsburgh at Tennessee

**Week 12**

**Byes:** Carolina, Pittsburgh  
**Thursday, Nov. 20**  
Kansas City at Oakland  
**Sunday, Nov. 23**  
Cleveland at Atlanta  
N.Y. Jets at Buffalo  
Tampa Bay at Chicago  
Cincinnati at Houston  
Jacksonville at Indianapolis  
Green Bay at Minnesota  
Detroit at New England  
Tennessee at Philadelphia  
St. Louis at San Diego  
Arizona at Seattle  
Miami at Denver  
Washington at San Francisco  
Dallas at Philadelphia-x  
**Monday, Nov. 24**  
Baltimore at New Orleans

**Week 13**

**Thursday, Nov. 27**  
Chicago at Detroit  
Philadelphia at Dallas  
Seattle at San Francisco  
Cleveland at Miami  
San Diego at Baltimore  
Cleveland at Buffalo  
Tennessee at Houston  
Washington at Indianapolis  
N.Y. Giants at Jacksonville  
Carolina at Minnesota  
New Orleans at Pittsburgh  
Washington at Indianapolis  
Oakland at St. Louis  
Cincinnati at Tampa Bay  
Arizona at Atlanta  
New England at Green Bay  
Denver at Kansas City-x  
**Monday, Dec. 1**  
Miami at N.Y. Jets

**Week 14**

**Thursday, Dec. 4**  
Dallas at Chicago  
**Sunday, Dec. 7**  
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati  
Indianapolis at Cleveland  
Tampa Bay at Detroit  
Houston at Jacksonville  
Baltimore at Miami  
N.Y. Jets at Minnesota  
Carolina at New Orleans  
N.Y. Giants at Tennessee  
St. Louis at Washington  
Kansas City at Arizona  
Buffalo at Denver  
San Francisco at Oakland  
Seattle at Philadelphia  
New England at San Diego-x  
**Monday, Dec. 8**  
Atlanta at Green Bay

**Week 15**

**Thursday, Dec. 11**  
Arizona at St. Louis  
**Sunday, Dec. 14**  
Pittsburgh at Atlanta  
Jacksonville at Baltimore  
Green Bay at Buffalo  
Tampa Bay at Carolina  
Cincinnati at Cleveland  
Minnesota at Detroit  
Houston at Indianapolis  
Oakland at Kansas City  
Miami at New England  
Washington at N.Y. Giants  
Denver at San Diego  
N.Y. Jets at Tennessee  
San Francisco at Seattle  
Dallas at Philadelphia-x  
**Monday, Dec. 15**  
New Orleans at Chicago

**Week 16**

**Thursday, Dec. 18**  
Tennessee at Jacksonville  
**Saturday, Dec. 20**  
San Diego at San Francisco  
Philadelphia at Washington  
**Sunday, Dec. 21**  
Cleveland at Carolina  
Detroit at Chicago  
Baltimore at Houston  
Minnesota at Miami  
Atlanta at New Orleans  
New England at N.Y. Jets  
Kansas City at Pittsburgh  
Green Bay at Tampa Bay  
N.Y. Giants at St. Louis  
Indianapolis at Dallas  
Buffalo at Oakland  
Seattle at Arizona-x  
**Monday, Dec. 22**  
Denver at Cincinnati

**Week 17**

**Sunday, Dec. 28**  
Carolina at Atlanta  
Cleveland at Baltimore  
Detroit at Green Bay  
Jacksonville at Houston  
San Diego at Kansas City  
N.Y. Jets at Miami  
Chicago at Minnesota  
Buffalo at New England  
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Oakland at Denver  
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St. Louis at Seattle

**Postseason**

**Saturday, Jan. 3**  
Wild card games  
**Sunday, Jan. 4**  
Wild card games  
**Saturday, Jan. 10**  
AFC divisional playoff  
**Sunday, Jan. 11**  
AFC divisional playoff  
**Sunday, Jan. 18**  
AFC championship  
**Sunday, Jan. 25**  
Pro Bowl at Glendale, Ariz.  
**Sunday, Feb. 1**  
Super Bowl at Glendale, Ariz.

# 5 GAMES TO WATCH

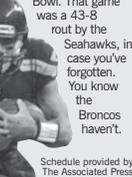
**Green Bay Packers at Seattle Seahawks**

**Thursday, Sept. 4**  
Green Bay opens at the defending Super Bowl champion for the third consecutive season. The last time the Packers visited CenturyLink Field was in Week 3 of the 2012 season, a 14-12 Seahawks victory clinched on what is often dubbed the "Fat Mary." A desperation pass by Russell Wilson, right on the final play was called a TD reception for Golden Tate by replacement officials. A few days later, the lockout of the regular officials ended.



**Denver Broncos at Seattle Seahawks**

**Sunday, Sept. 21**  
Denver opens the season against three 2013 playoff teams. Indianapolis and Kansas City at home, then at the Seahawks in a rematch of the Super Bowl. That game was a 43-8 rout by the Seahawks, in case you've forgotten. You know the Broncos haven't.



**Washington Redskins at Philadelphia Eagles**

**Sunday, Sept. 21**  
Receiver DeSean Jackson, below, returns to Philadelphia in the NFC East opener for both teams and gets a chance to get revenge on the team that released him during the offseason.



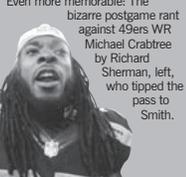
**Denver Broncos at New England Patriots**

**Sunday, Nov. 2**  
Always a highly anticipated matchup between two of the best quarterbacks to play the game, Manning-Brady IC should generate the requisite hype.



**Seattle Seahawks at San Francisco 49ers**

**Thursday, Nov. 27**  
A rematch of the memorable NFC title game last January, clinched by the Seahawks on Malcolm Smith's interception in the end zone with 22 seconds remaining. Even more memorable: The bizarre postgame rant against 49ers WR Michael Crabtree by Richard Sherman, left, who tipped the pass to Smith.



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# Broncos' pass-rush duo on comeback trail

## Ware, Miller looking to bounce back from injuries, play together

BY ARNIE STAPLETON  
The Associated Press

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — Denver Broncos pass-rushers DeMarcus Ware and Von Miller are a lot alike. Both collect lots of sacks, hefty paychecks and plenty of accolades. The two are also on the comeback trail after offseason surgeries following a disappointing season.

Ware had his right elbow repaired in February, a few weeks before the Dallas Cowboys released him in a salary cap move after the worst season of the star pass-rusher's career.

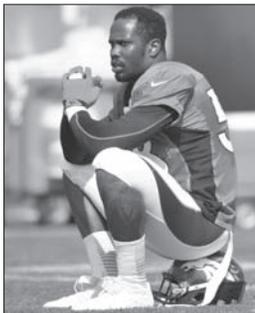
Ware amassed a franchise-best 117 sacks for the Cowboys since getting drafted in the first round in 2005, but he got to the quarterback a career-low six times last season and missed games for the first time in his nine-year career with a thigh injury.

He was due to collect \$16 million against the Cowboys' cap, and when negotiations on a reduced salary failed, he was released. He quickly signed a three-year, \$30 million deal in Denver, where he'll play alongside Miller, a native of Dallas who modeled his game after Ware's and who's trying to bounce back from a rough year himself.

Miller's season began with a six-game drug suspension and ended with a torn right ACL on Dec. 22. He finished with a career-low five sacks after collecting 30 in his first two seasons combined.

If both men can regain their health and their previous form, the Broncos should have one of the NFL's top tandems to go with that prolific offense that carried them to the Super Bowl last year before they got destroyed 43-8 by Seattle.

For now, Denver's new tandem is teaming up in the weight room during organized offseason workouts, critiquing each other's moves and dreaming of pestering passers this fall.



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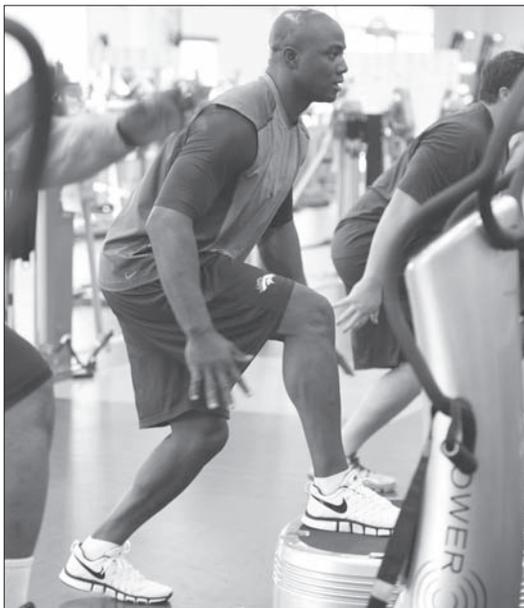
**Linebacker Von Miller's last season for the Denver Broncos ended on Dec. 22 with a torn right ACL and a career-low five sacks. He is eager to line up with newly acquired DeMarcus Ware, whom Miller emulated while growing up in Dallas.**

"I'm excited about it," Ware said. "You can't double-team both of us, especially with the big guys in the middle (Terrance Knighton, Kevin Vickerson, Derek Wolfe and Sylvester Williams). Those guys are good and they're holding it down, getting the pressure in the middle of the pocket."

Ware said he's not yet back to 100 percent — No. 94 said he's at "about 94 percent" — but that didn't prevent him from getting right to work with his new pass-rushing partner when the team's voluntary offseason conditioning program began this week.

He and Miller did some "ball-throws, abs and a little bit of biceps and triceps" in the weight room and watched tape together in the film room, Ware said.

"Some of the moves that he was doing on tape were some of the moves that I have been doing," Ware said. "I was critiquing him, he was critiquing me and it's just a good thing to know that there are guys out there that look up to you. Now I have an op-



ERIC LARS BAKER/Courtesy of Denver Broncos

**Defensive end DeMarcus Ware works out during the first phase of the offseason training program at the Broncos training facility in Englewood, Colo., on Monday.**

portunity to shed some advice onto him. He is a great player and I look forward to playing with him this season."

Miller can't wait to play alongside the man he emulated on the football field while growing up in Dallas and attending Texas A&M.

"It's incredible. I was a huge Dallas Cowboys fan," Miller said. "I patterned my game after him. I always said to myself, 'Man, I hope I get to play with DeMarcus one of these days.' You know, it's here. So, it's a true blessing. I think it'll be great."

Miller won't venture a guess, however, as to how many sacks the duo could muster in 2014.

"I don't even want to think about that," Miller said. "I just want to go out there

and grind as hard as we can. If we do that, Broncos fans, the Broncos organization, everybody will be pleased with what we do."

He also isn't stressing over his financial future.

The Broncos have until May 3 to exercise a fifth-year option on Miller's rookie deal that would put him under contract for 2015 at \$9.754 million. They could decline that option and still keep him in 2015 by placing the franchise tag on him at a slightly higher cost.

"That's why I've got an agent, so I can just focus on football," said Miller, who will make \$3.24 million this season. "I know if I just go out there and do everything I'm supposed to do, everything will work out all right."



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# AUTO RACING



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Kevin Harvick's pit crew races to change tires and refuel their car during the Nationwide Series race at Texas Motor Speedway on April 4.

## Chasing consistency

### Harvick looking for balance after two early victories

By Randy Covitz  
The Kansas City Star

He may be 22nd in the NASCAR Sprint Cup points standings, but no one is in better shape than Kevin Harvick.

In the new, win-and-you're-in format for the Chase for the Sprint Cup, Harvick is the only driver with two victories this season, one of them in the most recent race, the Southern 500 at Darlington, S.C.

But Harvick, in his first season with Stewart-Haas Racing, and crew chief Rodney Childers are looking for consistency when the season resumes Saturday night at Richmond International Raceway in Virginia.

In Harvick's two wins this year, he dominated. At Phoenix, he led 224 of the 312 laps, and at Darlington, he led 238 of the 374 laps. But mechanical issues have contributed to four finishes of 36th or worse.

That's why Childers isn't satisfied, even though the No. 4 Chevrolet team is all but assured of a spot in the Chase.

"Anybody that knows me, if we're not the fastest car in practice, I'm not happy," Childers said. "And if we don't sit on the pole, I'm not happy. And if we don't win the race, I'm not happy."

"We've just got to keep working to make our team better, and I think the way we've got to make our team better is to keep bringing good cars and keeping trying to win races."

NASCAR Hall of Famer and Fox analyst Darrell Waltrip has been impressed with Harvick's start to the season.

"They're almost in a league of their own," Waltrip said. "Any



JEFF SNER, CHARLOTTE OBSERVER/MCT

**NASCAR driver Kevin Harvick has won two Sprint Cup races this season, but mechanical issues have contributed to four finishes of 36th or worse.**

team will tell you how fast that No. 4 car is, whether in a race or a test. Although they've had mechanical issues, they've shown incredible speed. Harvick and Rodney Childers are the perfect couple right now. I think Harvick is on a mission to prove he made the right move by leaving Richard Childress Racing, and his team is focused and committed."

Harvick, 38, has as good a chance as anyone to win his third race of the season on Saturday. He has won two of the last five races at Richmond, including last spring's event.

"I grew up racing on a lot of really flat racetracks, and Richmond is one of those tracks where the tires wear out a lot and it's very line-sensitive," said Harvick, who took part in a Good-

**'Although they've had mechanical issues, they've shown incredible speed.'**

Darrell Waltrip  
NASCAR Hall of Famer

year tire test last week at Kansas Speedway and won last fall's race at the track. "It's just a track that really fits my driving style."

"I always feel, going back to Richmond, that we should run well all night and have a chance to win the race. So, my expectations aren't anything less than that."

In last year's spring race, it appeared Juan Pablo Montoya was on his way to earning his first win on an oval until a caution came with four laps remaining. Harvick decided to pit for fresh tires with Montoya and the other leaders, while three others elected to stay out.

When the race went green for the final restart, Harvick was able to plow through traffic, driving from seventh to Victory Lane ahead of Clint Bowyer for his third career win at Richmond.

"There were a lot of guys gambling. Tires were everything at the end... It looked like we were in two different ZIP codes as far as speed, just for the fact that when my four tires took off... it looked like I was shot out of a cannon. The biggest thing I learned was that if it comes down to that situation again, I'm coming to pit road to put four tires on it."

## Around the track

### SPRINT CUP

**This week:** Toyota Owners 400 at Richmond, Va.

**TV:** Delayed, AFN-Xtra, noon Sunday CET; 7 p.m. Sunday JKT.

**Track:** Richmond International Raceway (oval, 0.75 miles).

**Race distance:** 300 miles, 400 laps.

**Last year:** Kevin Harvick drove from seventh to first in a two-lap overtime sprint to the finish. Clint Bowyer was second.

**Last race:** Harvick won the Southern 500 on April 12 at Darlington to become the first repeat winner this season. Dale Earnhardt Jr. was second.

**Fact:** Richard Petty won a record 13 times at the track.

**Next race:** Aaron's 499, May 4, Talladega Superspeedway, Talladega, Ala.

**Online:** nascar.com  
The Associated Press

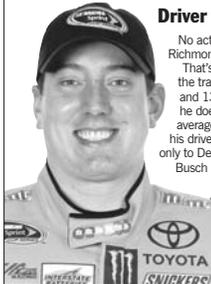
### Driver standings

1. Jeff Gordon	297
2. Matt Kenseth	296
3. Carl Edwards	278
4. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	271
5. Jimmie Johnson	270
6. Kyle Busch	269
7. Brad Keselowski	246
8. Joey Logano	245
9. Ryan Newman	236
10. Austin Dillon	235
11. Greg Biffle	227
12. Tony Stewart	224
13. Brian Vickers	224
14. Kyle Larson	223
15. Denny Hamlin	223
16. Clint Bowyer	219
17. Marcos Ambrose	216
18. Paul Menard	206
19. AJ Allmendinger	202
20. Jamie McMurray	195

### Driver to watch

No active driver has had quite the success at Richmond that **Kyle Busch** has enjoyed. That's because Busch has won four times at the track. He's also had 12 top-five finishes and 13 top-10 finishes, which means when he doesn't win he's usually not far behind. His average running position grades out to 7.8, and his driver rating of 111.9 at Richmond is second only to Denny Hamlin.

Busch has already won a race this year, which means he's automatically qualified for the Chase for the Championship and can turn it loose.



### NATIONWIDE SERIES

**This week:** ToyotaCare 250 at Richmond, Va.

**TV:** Delayed, AFN-Xtra, 9 a.m. Saturday CET; 4 p.m. Saturday JKT.

**Track:** Richmond International Raceway (oval, 0.75 miles).

**Race distance:** 300 miles, 400 laps.

**Last year:** Brad Keselowski took the lead from Kyle Busch with 10 laps to go and held off Kevin Harvick.

**Last race:** Chase Elliott won at Darlington on April 11.

**Online:** nascar.com

### CAMPING WORLD TRUCK

**This week:** SFP 250, May 9, Kansas Speedway, Kansas City, Mo.

**Last race:** Matt Crafton won at Martinsville on March 30.

**Online:** nascar.com

### NHRA MELLO YELLO DRAG RACING

**This week:** NHRA Spring Nationals at Baytown, Texas.

**TV:** Delayed, AFN-Sports, 9 a.m. Tuesday CET; 4 p.m. Tuesday JKT.

**Track:** Royal Purple Raceway.

**Last year:** Cruz Pedregon won in Funny Car, Bob Vandergriff Jr. won in Top Fuel, Jason Line topped the Pro Stock field, and Hector Arana Jr. won in Pro Stock Motorcycle.

**Last event:** Robert Hight won the Four-Wide Nationals in Concord, N.C., on April 13 in Funny Car. Other winners were Antron Brown (Top Fuel), Jimmy Alund (Pro Stock) and Andrew Hines (Pro Stock Motorcycle).

**Online:** nhra.com

### VERIZON INDYCAR

**This week:** Grand Prix of Alabama at Birmingham, Ala.

**TV:** Delayed, AFN-Xtra, 9 a.m. Monday CET; 4 p.m. Monday JKT.

**Track:** Barber Motorsports Park (road course, 2.38 miles).

**Race distance:** 214.2 miles, 90 laps.

**Last year:** Andretti Autosport's Ryan Hunter-Reay raced to the first of his two 2013 victories.

**Last race:** Ed Carpenter Racing's Mike Conway won at Long Beach on April 13, taking the lead when Dixon stopped for fuel two laps from the finish.

**Online:** indycar.com

### FORMULA ONE

**Next race:** Spanish Grand Prix, May 11, Circuit de Catalunya, Barcelona, Spain.

**Last week:** Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton won the Chinese Grand Prix for his third straight victory.

**Online:** formula1.com

### OTHER RACES

**WORLD OF OUTLAWS Sprint Car:** Friday, Salina Highbanks Speedway, Salina, Okla.; Saturday, Federated Auto Parts Raceway at 1-55, Pevely, Mo. Late Model: Saturday, Farmer City Raceway, Farmer City, Ill. Super Dirt Car: Saturday, Fulton Speedway, Fulton, N.Y. **Online:** worldofoutlaws.com

**ARCA RACING SERIES Sprint Car:** Federated Auto Parts 200, Sunday, Salem Speedway, Salem, Ind. **Online:** arcaracing.com

# NHL PLAYOFFS

## Scoreboard

**First round**  
(Best-of-seven; x-if necessary)  
**EASTERN CONFERENCE**  
Boston 2, Detroit 1  
Detroit 1, Boston 0  
Boston 4, Detroit 1  
Boston 3, Detroit 0  
**Thursday:** at Detroit  
**Saturday:** at Boston  
**x-Monday:** at Detroit  
**x-Wednesday:** Detroit at Boston  
**Montreal 4, Tampa Bay 0**  
Montreal 4, Tampa Bay 4, OT  
Montreal 3, Tampa Bay 1  
Montreal 3, Tampa Bay 2  
Montreal 4, Tampa Bay 3  
**Pittsburgh 2, Columbus 2**  
Pittsburgh 4, Columbus 3  
Columbus 4, Pittsburgh 3, 2OT  
Pittsburgh 4, Columbus 3  
Columbus 4, Pittsburgh 3, OT  
**Saturday:** at Pittsburgh  
**Sunday:** at Columbus  
**x-Wednesday:** at Pittsburgh  
**N.Y. Rangers 2, Philadelphia 1**  
N.Y. Rangers 4, Philadelphia 1  
Philadelphia 4, N.Y. Rangers 2  
N.Y. Rangers 4, Philadelphia 1  
**Friday:** at Philadelphia  
**Sunday:** at N.Y. Rangers  
**x-Tuesday:** at Philadelphia  
**x-Wednesday:** at N.Y. Rangers  
**WESTERN CONFERENCE**  
Colorado 2, Minnesota 1  
Colorado 5, Minnesota 4, OT  
Colorado 4, Minnesota 2  
Minnesota 4, Colorado 0, OT  
**Thursday:** at Minnesota  
**Saturday:** at Colorado  
**x-Monday:** at Minnesota  
**x-Wednesday:** at Colorado  
**St. Louis 2, Chicago 2**  
St. Louis 4, Chicago 3, 3OT  
St. Louis 4, Chicago 1  
Chicago 2, St. Louis 0  
Chicago 4, St. Louis 3, OT  
**Friday:** Chicago at St. Louis  
**Sunday:** at Chicago  
**x-April 28:** at St. Louis  
**Anaheim 2, Dallas 2**  
Anaheim 3, Dallas 2  
Dallas 3, Anaheim 0  
Dallas 4, Anaheim 2  
**Friday:** at Anaheim  
**Sunday:** at Dallas  
**x-Tuesday:** at Anaheim  
**San Jose 3, Los Angeles 0**  
San Jose 6, Los Angeles 3  
San Jose 7, Los Angeles 2  
San Jose 4, Los Angeles 3, OT  
**Thursday:** at Los Angeles  
**x-Saturday:** at San Jose  
**x-Monday:** at Los Angeles  
**x-Wednesday:** at San Jose



CHRIS SZAGOLA/AP

New York Rangers goalie Henrik Lundqvist, right, reaches for his stick next to teammate Ryan McDonagh, center left, and Philadelphia Flyers' Wayne Simmonds, center, who is sliding into Lundqvist on a Flyers' power play on Tuesday in Philadelphia during Game 3 of their Eastern Conference first-round playoff series. The Flyers went 0-to-5 on the power play in the 4-1 loss and were 25th in the NHL in their power-play efficiency at home during the regular season, scoring on 15.1 percent of their chances.

# Flyers lack power-play punch at home

## Missed opportunities hurt as Philly trails 2-1 in series with New York

### Playoff leaders

Scoring Leaders  
Through April 23

Player	GP	G	A	PTS
Paul Martin, Pit	4	0	8	3
Paul Stastny, Col	3	3	4	7
Nathan MacKinnon, Col	3	1	6	7

Goaltending

Player	SV	GA	GAA
Darcy Kuemper, Min	2	36	0.00
Tuukka Rask, Bos	3	22	0.67
Henrik Lundqvist, NYR	71	5	1.68



JACK DEMPSEY/AP

Minnesota Wild's Darcy Kuemper leads all goalies in the playoffs with a goals-against average of 0.00.

By ROB MADDI  
The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Back on their home ice, the Philadelphia Flyers fizzled on the power play.

No surprise there. The Flyers ranked 25th in the NHL in power-play efficiency at home during the regular season, scoring on 15.1 percent of their chances. On the road, they were No. 1 with 34 goals in 135 opportunities (25.2 percent).

In Tuesday's 4-1 loss to the New York Rangers in Game 3 of their first-round playoff series, the Flyers had more power-play opportunities than shots during the man-advantage. They went 0 for 5 and managed just four shots on Henrik Lundqvist.

The unit is the same: Claude

Giroux, Jakob Voracek, Scott Hartnell, Wayne Simmonds and Kimmo Timonen. But the results are much different at home.

"On the power play, I think we've got to move the puck quicker than we are," Flyers coach Craig Berube said. "I think it's too predictable with what we're doing with Giroux and Timonen. We have to move it around more and get it in Voracek's hands more. You can't just one-time it all the time. I think you have to fake it, get it moving a little bit and get them through. You have Simmonds and Hartnell at the net, big guys, they're good with their sticks, so it's important just to get it there. All year they've done a good job around the net with finding the pucks and putting them in."

Game 4 is Friday night at the Wells Fargo Center. The Rangers lead the best-of-seven series 2-1 and will have a chance to wrap it up at home Sunday if they win

this next one.

The Flyers scored two power-play goals in four chances in the first two games of the series at Madison Square Garden. But fans in New York are merely screaming insults at them. In Philadelphia, an impatient, sellout crowd puts extra pressure on the team.

"It's a little harder when 18,000 people yell, 'Shoot!' after 20 seconds on the power play," Voracek joked before Game 3. "No, just kidding."

Maybe. Maybe not.

The Rangers' staunch defense deserves credit for killing off the penalties and not allowing the Flyers to get in any offensive rhythm. The Rangers blocked five shots on one of Philadelphia's power-play chances and had 28 blocks in the game.

"They do a good job there," Timonen said. "We have to do it better. They blocked way too many shots and we have to find a way to do it quicker, and better.

Everything has to happen quicker and not let them settle. We have to get the puck through somehow. If that means moving the puck sideways, or whatever. I have to give them a lot of credit. It's not just the defense, it's the forwards, it's everybody."

Rookie Jason Akeson had a power-play goal in Game 2 and Simmonds scored another into an empty net. Giroux, who was third in the NHL in scoring this season, has a pair of assists but no goals in the series. He didn't even manage a shot on Lundqvist until the second period of Game 3 after getting shut out on shots in the first two.

That didn't stop Giroux from sort of guaranteeing a win.

"We'll be ready for Game 4. We're going to tie up this series and go back to New York," he said. "We just have to stay confident. That's why it's the playoffs. It's exciting. We're going to come off even better in Game 4."

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# Errors add up to losses, extra field work

## Nationals do more drills in attempt to improve defense

By **HOWARD FENDRICH**  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As part of rookie manager Matt Williams' emphasis on defense, the Washington Nationals regularly schedule extra infield practice for their backups.

On Wednesday, starters Ian Desmond, Danny Espinosa and Anthony Rendon took part.

That's because the Nationals' errors — and, not coincidentally, losses — have been mounting.

Entering its game against the Los Angeles Angels on Wednesday, Washington already had accumulated a majors-high 23 errors, more than one per game, and its .970 fielding percentage also was the worst in the big leagues.

"It's never too late to right the ship, and that's something we're going to do. Simple as that," said shortstop Desmond, whose eight errors through Tuesday were more than three clubs had.

Desmond said he "was more than happy" to take part in the additional drills.

"There's nothing you can do in practice, either offensively or defensively, that can relate to what you're doing in the game. But more repetition never hurts. You might find something in BP or in fielding practice that clicks," he said.

"That's what we're all searching for — that one thing that clicks. We can't force it. It's going to come. And hopefully it comes sooner than later."

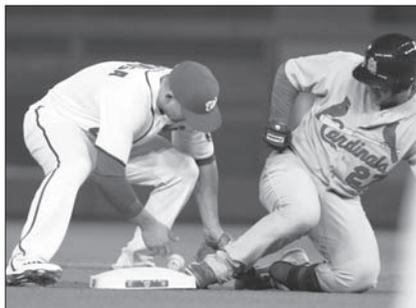
Second baseman Espinosa and third baseman Rendon also showed up without being told,



**Nationals shortstop Ian Desmond gets the out on the Cardinals' Mark Ellis, but his throw in time to complete a double play last Saturday in Washington. Desmond has eight of Washington's league-high 23 errors this season.**

according to Williams. "They came on their own free will today, which is good, which

shows me something — they care about it," the manager said. Under previous skipper Dave



**Nationals second baseman Danny Espinosa can't hold on to the ball, allowing the Cardinals' Johnny Peralta to be safe last Thursday. Espinosa showed up for extra infield practice on Wednesday.**

Johnson, the Nationals tied for the seventh-most errors in 2013 with 107.

"We pride ourselves on our defense and athleticism and that type of thing, so it's a little surprising that we've made this amount of errors," general manager Mike Rizzo said.

"It's not lack of effort or work ethic," he added. "That's there."

When Rizzo gave Williams his first managing job after three seasons as Arizona's third-base coach, Williams brought along Mark Weidemaier from the Diamondbacks as a coach in charge of defensive positioning and made clear that improving that aspect of the game was a priority.

Williams insisted Wednesday that he can't imagine the recent trend of errors continuing. But why have his players made

so many?

"I can't tell you a reason for it. That's baffling. There's no real reason, that I can see, because everything is the same as it has been," Williams said. "They work hard. Nobody's sitting around doing nothing. So that's why I think that it will turn. And we'll do everything we can to make it turn."

His club entered the series finale against the Angels with an 11-10 record, having lost four of its previous six games.

"I don't think we've played well — yet. That's what I see. There's been spots of good. There's been spots of great. We've seen big comebacks and things like that.

But over the course of a number of games, I don't think we've put it together. Yet," Williams said. "I do believe we will."

# Indians don't think Salazar is tipping pitches



MARK DUNCAN/AP

**Indians starting pitcher Danny Salazar delivers against the Royals in the first inning on Tuesday, in Cleveland. Salazar is 0-3 this season.**

By **TOM WITHERS**  
The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — The Indians believe the only tipping Danny Salazar is doing is to cab drivers and waitresses. He's giving away runs.

One night after Cleveland's struggling right-hander said he might be tipping his pitches, Indians manager Terry Francona said Salazar is just leaving too many over the plate.

Francona was surprised Salazar would say he was giving hitters clues.

"He's not," Francona said. "There were some instances last year in spring training that we kind of addressed with him. But, no, we really keep an eye on that. Believe me we do."

Francona said pitching coach Mickey Callaway planned to speak with Salazar about his concerns.

Salazar dropped to 0-3 on Tuesday night, when he was chased in the fifth inning by the Royals, who didn't get a hit off him until the fourth.

With the loss, Salazar fell to 1-7 since winning a spectacular major league debut in July. Francona said Salazar's biggest problem has been his inability to stay away from the middle of the plate,

but he doesn't believe the 24-year-old is letting hitters know what's coming.

Still, the Indians are being careful. If Salazar is tipping pitches, they want to stop it.

"There are some teams in this league that are so good at picking up stuff, whether it's signs from second," Francona said. "There are some smart batters. He ball people out there, and then with the technology in place, you really have to keep an eye on things like that, which we do."

Francona said he might think differently if the Royals were hitting some of Salazar's better pitches.

"They weren't doing that," he said. "When he made pitches, he got 'em."

Salazar coasted through the first three innings without allowing a hit. However, in the fourth he gave up consecutive singles, and then a two-out homer to Mike Moustakas, who crushed a change-up into Kansas City's bullpen.

Following the game, Salazar said he thought he was tipping his off-speed pitch.

"With my change-up, sometimes I open up my glove too much," he said.

"That's the only thing I've noticed."

Francona could be protecting Salazar by saying he's not tipping his pitches. He also could be trying to knock the Royals off the scent.

Whatever the case, the Indians have no plans to demote Salazar, who had a similarly good-one-minute-bad-the-next start last week in Detroit. He began last season at Double-A Akron, but soared through Cleveland's system and wound up starting the AL wildcard game against Tampa Bay.

Francona thought Salazar threw some "unhittable" pitches against the Royals, but a couple that were costly.

"He nursed it," he said of the change-up to Moustakas, "and it hurt us."

Francona has chalked up some of Salazar's early season issues to the normal growing pains of a young pitcher trying to adjust to major league hitters. Francona has been asked numerous times about a small drop in Salazar's speed, but said it's on par with where it was last season.

"His velocity is identical to what it was last April," Francona said. "That probably means as the season progresses he'll build into more."

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Scoreboard

**American League**

**East Division**

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	12	9	.571	—
Toronto	11	10	.524	1
Baltimore	10	10	.500	1½
Tampa Bay	10	11	.476	2
Boston	10	12	.455	2½

**Central Division**

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	10	8	.556	—
Chicago	11	11	.500	1
Kansas City	10	10	.500	1
Minnesota	10	10	.500	1
Cleveland	10	11	.476	1½

**West Division**

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	14	8	.636	—
Oakland	13	8	.619	½
Los Angeles	10	11	.476	3½
Seattle	8	13	.381	5½
Houston	7	15	.318	7

**National League**

**East Division**

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	14	7	.667	—
Washington	12	10	.545	2½
New York	11	10	.524	3
Philadelphia	10	11	.476	4
Miami	10	12	.455	4½

**Central Division**

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	16	6	.727	—
St. Louis	12	10	.545	4
Cincinnati	10	11	.476	5½
Pittsburgh	9	13	.409	7
Chicago	7	13	.350	8

**West Division**

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	13	8	.619	—
San Francisco	12	10	.545	1
Colorado	12	11	.522	1½
San Diego	10	12	.455	3
Arizona	6	18	.250	8

**Wednesday's games**

Texas 3, Oakland 0  
 Seattle 5, Houston 3  
 Cleveland 5, Kansas City 4  
 Baltimore 10, Toronto 8  
 Chicago White Sox 6, Detroit 4  
 Minnesota 6, Tampa Bay 4, 12 innings  
 Boston 5, N.Y. Yankees 1  
 Atlanta 3, Miami 1  
 Arizona 7, Chicago Cubs 5  
 San Francisco 12, Colorado 10, 11 innings

**Thursday's games**

Cincinnati 5, Pittsburgh 2  
 Washington 5, L.A. Angels 4  
 N.Y. Mets 3, St. Louis 2  
 Milwaukee 5, San Diego 2  
 L.A. Dodgers 5, Philadelphia 2

**Friday's games**

Kansas City (Ventura 1-1) at Baltimore (Jimenez 0-3)  
 L.A. Angels (C. Wilson 2-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Kuroda 2-1)  
 Boston (Peavy 0-1) at Toronto (Buehrle 4-0)  
 Detroit (Porcello 2-1) at Minnesota (Kane 0-2)  
 Oakland (J.Chavez 1-0) at Houston (Peacock 0-2)  
 Tampa Bay (Archer 2-1) at Chicago White Sox (Erjotson 1-1)  
 Texas (Ross Jr. 1-1) at Seattle (Elias 1-2)  
 Cleveland (Carrasco 0-2) at San Francisco (Hudson 2-1)  
 San Diego (Ervin 1-2) at Washington (Gardner 1-2)  
 Miami (Alvarez 1-2) at N.Y. Mets (Wheeler 2-2)  
 Cincinnati (Bailey 1-1) at Atlanta (E.Santana 2-0)  
 Chicago Cubs (Villanueva 1-4) at Milwaukee (Garza 0-2)  
 Pittsburgh (Cole 2-1) at St. Louis (S.Miller 1-2)  
 Philadelphia (R.Hernandez 1-0) at Arizona (Colletenter 0-2)  
 Colorado (Lyles 3-0) at L.A. Dodgers (Beckett 0-0)

**Saturday's games**

San Diego at Washington  
 Pittsburgh at St. Louis  
 Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee  
 Cincinnati at Atlanta  
 Miami at N.Y. Mets  
 Philadelphia at Arizona  
 Colorado at L.A. Dodgers  
 Oakland at Houston  
 Tampa Bay at Chicago White Sox  
 Texas at Seattle

**Sunday's games**

Miami at N.Y. Mets  
 Cincinnati at Atlanta  
 Philadelphia at Washington  
 Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee  
 Pittsburgh at St. Louis  
 Colorado at L.A. Dodgers  
 Philadelphia at Arizona  
 Oakland at Toronto  
 Kansas City at Baltimore  
 Detroit at Minnesota  
 Oakland at Houston  
 Tampa Bay at Chicago White Sox  
 Chicago at San Francisco  
 Texas at Seattle  
 L.A. Angels at N.Y. Yankees



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Baseball fans wait to enter Wrigley Field on the 100th anniversary of the first baseball game at the ballpark on Wednesday in Chicago.

# Wrigley celebrates centennial

## Chicago throws party a century in the making

By ANDREW SELIGMAN  
 The Associated Press

CHICAGO — There was a giant replica cake right next to the Ernie Banks statue and an old-time band played as fans made their way through the main entrance.

The famed marquee had a message, too. “Happy Birthday, Wrigley Field,” it read. Exactly 100 years after the Chicago Federals beat the Kansas City Packers in the first game at the famed ballpark, Wrigley was the scene of a joyous birthday bash on Wednesday afternoon. Banks and other Hall of Famers such as Billy Williams, Fergie Jenkins and Andre Dawson were on hand, and so were Bears great Dick Butkus and Gale Sayers.

The Cubs and Diamondbacks went retro, wearing throwback 1914 jerseys, and the famed scoreboard listed Kansas City and Chiefs in their place. It was a day of celebration, a day of reflection. And a day that ended with another loss, the Cubs falling 7-5 after blowing a ninth-inning lead.

But before that, the memories, the stories, flowed like runs in a big rally. “It just gives me goose bumps because I had a chance to play here,” Williams said. “I often said this was my playground during the summer for so many years. So I have enjoyed it and I still enjoy it.”

The celebration was held as Cubs ownership and the neighboring rooftop owners remain in a standoff over proposed renovations. The \$500 million project, which includes a giant Jumbotron, is on hold because the Ricketts family wants assurances that it won't be sued over obstructed views.

The rooftop owners, who charge fans to sit in bleachers atop their buildings, have a contract under which they share 17 percent of

their revenues with the Cubs. The Tribune Co., the previous owner, signed the deal and “this ownership didn’t,” baseball Commissioner Bud Selig said.

He also said the Rickettses have not approached him about moving, that they're committed to renovating Wrigley and staying there.

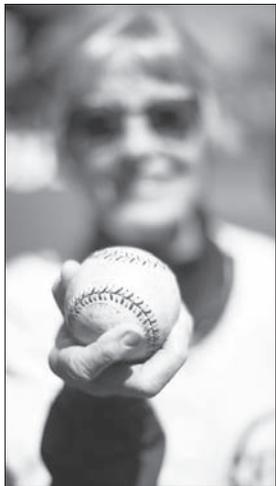
“They know the right thing to do for this franchise and this sport is to preserve this, just like the Red Sox preserved Fenway,” said Selig, who made his first trip to the ballpark in May 1944.

Assuming they eventually go ahead with the renovations, it'll be up to the Ricketts family to preserve that charm while bringing the stadium into the 21st century. Wednesday was a day to turn back the clock, a day to celebrate the century that was at the neighborhood park on Chicago's North Side.

Users wore party hats, and fans received birthday cupcakes and throwback jerseys. There was a replica Wrigley Field cake from Carlo's Bakery, setting of the hit TLC show “Cake Boss,” just outside the ballpark.

On his way in from suburban Glen Ellyn, Illinois, Williams thought about all the events besides baseball games that have taken place at Wrigley Field over the years. The ballpark has hosted everything from boxing to soccer to pro wrestling to the circus to the rodeo to concerts to a Chicago Blackhawks game. There was even this: On back-to-back weekends in January 1944, ski jumps leapt from scaffolding covered in snow and ice and landed behind second base.

Wrigley Field, it seems, has seen everything but a World Series championship. The Cubs haven't won one since 1908 — eight years before they started playing at what was then known as Weeghman Park.



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Sue Quigg, grandniece of former Chicago Cubs owner Charles Weeghman, poses with a 100-year-old ball her grandmother Dessa Weeghman threw at a Chicago Federals game a century ago before the 100th anniversary of the first baseball game at Wrigley Field between the Arizona Diamondbacks and Cubs on Wednesday in Chicago.

# HIGH SCHOOL: DODDS PACIFIC

## Schedule

**Japan**  
 Boys soccer  
**Friday, April 25-Saturday, April 26**  
 DODDS Japan tournament at Yokota

Girls soccer  
**Friday, April 25-Saturday, April 26**  
 DODDS Japan tournament at Zama American

**Saturday, April 26**  
 ASIJ tournament

**Baseball**  
**Friday, April 25-Saturday, April 26**  
 Yokota vs. Kinnick at Edglen, King at Daegu (Korea)

**Softball**  
**Friday, April 25-Saturday, April 26**  
 Yokota vs. Kinnick at Edglen, King at Daegu (Korea), Kadena at ASIJ

**Monday, April 28**  
 ASIJ at Yokota

**Track and field**  
**Saturday, April 26**  
 DODDS at Edglen

**South Korea**  
**Soccer Blue Division Postseason**  
**Friday, April 25-Saturday, April 26**  
 KIAIC Blue Division Soccer Tournaments, boys at TCIS, girls at SAHS

**Baseball**  
**Softball**  
**Friday, April 25**  
 SAHS at Osan, King at Daegu

**Saturday, April 26**  
 Humphreys vs. King, Osan vs. King at Camp Henry, Humphreys at Daegu, Osan at Daegu

**Track and field**  
**Saturday, April 26**  
 DODDS Korea and international schools at Humphreys

**Okinawa**  
 Boys soccer  
**Saturday, April 26**  
 Misato Tech at Kadena, 10 a.m.

Girls soccer  
**Saturday, April 26**  
 Shuri Higashi at Kadena, 3 p.m.

**Golf**  
**Postseason**  
**District finals**  
**Friday, April 25**  
 Kadena vs. Kubasaki at Taiyo

**Baseball**  
**Saturday, April 26**  
 Haeburu at Kadena

**Guam**  
**Track and field**  
**Friday, April 25**  
 George Washington vs. Simon Sanchez, Father Duenas/Academy of Our Lady vs. Southern and Guam, JFK vs. Okkodo

Boys volleyball  
**Friday, April 25**  
 St. Paul at JFK, Southern at FOMS, Guam at GW, St. John's at Okkodo

**Saturday, April 26**  
 SSHS at St. Paul, JFK at Guam, Harvest Christian at Okkodo, GW at FOMS

**Monday, April 28**  
**Okkodo at SSHS**  
**Tuesday, April 29**  
 Notre Dame at St. Paul, JFK at SSHS, Guam at HCA, FOMS at St. John's, Okkodo at GW

Girls soccer  
**Saturday, April 26**  
 SSHS at HCA, JFK at Okkodo, GW at St. Thomas, Guam at Southern, AOLG at St. Paul

## Weekend peek

# Falcons want another shot

By DAVE ORNAUER  
*Stars and Stripes*

Most of the teams might refer to it as their league's postseason tournament. Seoul American's boys soccer team likely views it in a much different light: Unfinished business.

They've come up just short the last two years in the Korean-American Interscholastic Activities Conference tournaments, losing the 2012 final 2-0 to Yong-sang International-Seoul and last year's 1-0 to Taejon Christian International.

Especially after the Falcons rallied to edge regular-season champion Seoul Foreign 3-2 on Wednesday, coach Steve Boyd feels his team has a good shot at its third KAIAC tournament title in 13 years or at the very least meet Seoul Foreign again in Saturday's final.

"I would think so. If not, there's an upset somewhere," Boyd said following Wednesday's match. Jason Lee tied it in the 74th minute assisted by David Neaverth, who in stoppage time netted the match winner on a penalty kick.

But to stop a Crusaders team that had beaten the Falcons 3-1 the first time they met, Seoul American will have to buckle down better on defense. Both of Seoul Foreign's goals came in the first half off set pieces, and each finished on a header.

"Our defense played much better" than the first time the teams met, but "we're going to have to shore that up," Boyd said, referring to the set-piece goals. "Seoul Foreign is a quality team."

Though both teams finished 11-1 and shared the regular-season championship, the Crusaders earned the top seed in the tournament via goal differential. Seoul American faces winless Osan in its opening match at 12:30 p.m. Friday at Taejon Christian.

Any one of four teams, the Falcons, Crusaders, the host Dragons and Yongsan, is capable of winning the tournament, Boyd



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**Seoul American's HoKyung Adkins heads the ball in front of Seoul Foreign's Eugene Bang during Wednesday's match at Yongsan Garrison, South Korea. The Falcons won 3-2 and split the season series with the Crusaders.**

said. "TCIS has improved. YIS-Seoul got five goals on us the last time we played," he said.

"The kids are excited. I'm excited. But we have to be careful."

While the boys are playing in Daejeon, the girls tournament kicks off Friday at Seoul American's Sims Field, with Seoul Foreign also the top seed there. The Crusaders are seeking their third straight title.

Championship soccer tournaments are also on the docket in Japan, the boys at Yokota and the

girls at Zama, with M.C. Perry a slight favorite in the boys and Kinnick favored in the girls.

The latter is the first event to be held at Zama's Huitema Memorial Field since field-turf installation was complete earlier this month.

Interdistrict baseball and softball play is on tap at Daegu, which welcomes E.J. King's diamond squads for a weekend series of games with the Warriors, Osan and Humphreys, the latter which fields only a softball team.

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## Three more key matchups

### Soccer DODDS Japan tournaments at Yokata and Zama

The girls tournament is the first event to be held at newly turfed Huitema Memorial Field at Zama. Nite C. Kinnick (8-0-1), led by Kalle Johnson (22 goals) is the favorite to win the girls.

Gaku Lange (26 goals) and Matthew C. Perry are a slight favorite in what figures to be a wide-open boys tournament at Yokota.

### Track and field DODDS Japan meet at Edglen

DODDS Japan track and field meet, 9 a.m. Saturday at Robert D. Edglen High School's six-lane track. It's the first meet for the four schools that field track teams since sophomore Daniel

Galvin of Yokota broke the Pacific 800-meter record in 1 minute, 56.89 seconds. It's also the first meet hosted by Edglen since the school resumed track after a three-season hiatus.

### Baseball, Softball Interdistrict series at Daegu

Baseball and softball, E.J. King visits Daegu on Friday and Saturday for an interdistrict weekend series of games, the Cobras facing the host Warriors, Osan and Humphreys.



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## Game of the week

### Soccer: KAIAC Blue Division Tournaments

**Where:** Boys at Taejon Christian International School, Daejeon; girls at Seoul American High School.

**When:** Friday, April 25-Saturday, April 26.

**What:** KAIAC Blue Division postseason tournament for four DODDS and three international schools, and final Far East Tournament preparation for Seoul American, Osan, Daegu and Humphreys. Host TCIS is the defending boys tournament champion; the Dragons beat Seoul American 1-0 in the final last year on the Falcons' home turf. Seoul Foreign's girls edged Osan in a penalty-kick shootout on the Crusaders' pitch. Seoul Foreign's boys and girls each have the top seeds entering this weekend's tournaments. The Crusaders and Falcons boys shared the regular-season title at 11-1, while Seoul

Foreign ran the table at 12-0 in the girls season.

**Players to watch:** HoKyung Adkins (23 goals, seven assists) headlines a balanced Falcons boys attack, with four players having scored six or more goals. Jessie Gamez (14 goals, four assists) is the top scorer on a Falcons girls team known more for defense. Osan's boys are still looking for their first win; the defending Far East Division II girls champion Cougars get their firepower from Andrea Carandang (10 goals, three assists) and Evie Garrido (five, four). Henry Faivre (nine goals) and Rose O'Houlihan (three) are the Warriors' main weapons; same holds for the Blackwachs with Manasseh Narty (nine goals) and freshman Kaylee Spielman (four).

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# HIGH SCHOOL: DODDS EUROPE

## Game of the week

### Softball SHAPE at Alconbury, Saturday

Alconbury's softball season has been an up-and-down affair to date.

The Dragons are unable to defend their Division III European title due to a move up to Division II and a far deeper pool of competition.

Undeterred, the Dragons opened their season by knocking off one of the toughest teams on their new block.

Alconbury blasted AFNORTH 18-5 to open the season on March 29, and followed up later that day with a nail-biting 22-20 win for the sweep of the Lions.

But Alconbury's upward mobility proved to have its limits. Division I Kaiserslautern stopped by the island April 18 and roughed up the Dragons with

two double-digit wins. Now Alconbury can return to establishing itself on the Division II level.

First up is unbeaten SHAPE, followed by Bitburg and Baumholder next weekend.

A winning streak would set the Dragons up as major players in the Division II tournament.



Joshua L. DeMorris/Stars and Stripes

Kaiserslautern's Montana Stabb makes a diving save in the first half of play against Ramstein in early April. The Red Raiders fell to the Warriors, but try to bounce back against Wiesbaden on Saturday.

## Other key matchups

### Boys and girls soccer Wiesbaden at Kaiserslautern, Saturday

Often overshadowed by the exploits of Ramstein and Patch, the Warriors and Raiders have been making strides in multiple DODDS Europe sports, from football to basketball to track and field. That hasn't translated to the soccer pitch yet this spring.

The Wiesbaden boys fell to Patch 1-0 on Saturday on a last-minute Panther penalty kick. The Kaiserslautern boys

couldn't sustain any offense April 3 against Ramstein in a 4-0 loss.

The girls have suffered similar fates. Ramstein edged the Raiders 1-0 on April 3, while defending champion Patch handed Wiesbaden a frustrating 6-0 loss on Saturday.

Redemption for the Warriors and Raiders, then, will have to come at each other's expense this weekend.

### Track Kaiserslautern, Schweinfurt, Bamberg and Patch at Ramstein Saturday

One of five meets on the docket for this second week of the DODDS Europe track season, this five-team gathering in Ramstein is a study in contrasts.

Ramstein, Kaiserslautern and Patch are DODDS Europe's three largest high schools by student population. The student bodies at Schweinfurt and Bamberg are a fraction of that size and ticking down steadily towards zero, as both schools are slated to close at school year's end.

The numbers simply aren't there for the Razorbacks and

Barons to have a chance of competing in Saturday's team race. But the two tiny schools have at least one athlete each who can hold his or her own with the big schools.

Bamberg's Damonique Lamons is the reigning European champion in the discus throw and is a clear favorite to win another this spring.

Schweinfurt athlete Timo Togafu, meanwhile, beat his closest competitors in the long jump by over a foot in Saturday's six-team season-opening meet.

## Weekend peek

# Five baseball teams perfect at midseason

By GREGORY BROOME

Stars and Stripes

DODDS Europe has reached the midpoint of its baseball season. Here's a look at the five teams that survived the first month of the season undefeated and their chances of staying that way.

**Ramstein:** The defending Division I champion Royals (4-0) have scored in double digits in three of their four victories and plated nine runs in the other. The defense has been equally effective, yielding a combined 10 runs over two games to a solid Vileseck club.

This weekend brings another Division I test from visiting Lakenheath. Though an even 2-2 on the season, the Lancers gave Kaiserslautern a hard time last weekend and shouldn't be overlooked.

**Kaiserslautern:** The Raiders (6-0) are tied with Naples for the most wins in DODDS Europe entering the weekend. The first four wins came easily as Kaiserslautern whipped lower-division opponents Baumholder and Alconbury, but the Raiders showed some grit with 7-5 and 9-3 wins over Lakenheath last weekend. Kaiserslautern will be rewarded for its strong start with an idle weekend ahead of a busy schedule May 2-3, which includes doubleheaders against SHAPE and AFNORTH.

**Naples:** The reigning Division II/III champions have been seriously tested only once in their 6-0 start. The team that gave them that trouble will get another shot at the upset on Saturday.

The Wildcats edged Vicenza 6-0 on March 29, salvaging a win

when Josh Wieder sprinted home from third on a passed ball in the bottom of the sixth inning.

Naples travels to the Cougars' den on Saturday for the next round of the rivalry. Long geographical-ly-based foes, the two teams escalated their feud last year in to the European championship game, which Naples won decisively. With burgeoning confidence, Vicenza should be ready to build on their March near-upset and chart a course toward another Division II title shot. It will be up to Naples to reassess the status quo.

**SHAPE:** The 2012 Division II/III champions are sitting at 2-0, technically undefeated but also untested after two routs of Baumholder. That's about to change.

The Spartans face divisional rival Alconbury on Saturday in their first DODDS Europe action since March 22, the season's opening day. But their schedule heats up after that. SHAPE departs for a road trip to Germany to open May, playing doubleheaders against above-mentioned unbeaten Kaiserslautern and Ramstein and then Lakenheath awaits the following weekend. The Spartans could come out the other side if not undefeated, at least well-seasoned for a postseason run.

**Hohenfels:** Like SHAPE, these Tigers look great on paper with two wins. But those wins were narrow ones (8-7 and 11-6) over winless Baumholder and the level of competition is about to spike. Hohenfels plays Wiesbaden on Saturday and Patch on May 3.

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## Schedule

### Soccer

#### Friday

Brussels at Alconbury  
SHAPE at Menwith Hill  
Signonella at Aviano

#### Saturday

Brussels at Lakenheath  
SHAPE at Alconbury  
Bitburg at BFA  
Ramstein at Baumholder  
Wiesbaden at Kaiserslautern  
Patch at Hohenfels  
Schweinfurt at Vileseck  
Signonella at Vicenza

### Baseball/softball

#### Friday

Naples at Aviano  
Signonella at Vicenza

#### Saturday

Lakenheath at Ramstein  
SHAPE at Alconbury  
Ansbach at Patch  
Hohenfels at Wiesbaden  
Signonella at Aviano  
Naples at Vicenza

### Track

#### Saturday

Baumholder, Black Forest Academy, Frankfurt International, AFNORTH at Bitburg  
Kaiserslautern, Schweinfurt, Bamberg, Patch at Ramstein  
Wiesbaden, Hohenfels, Vileseck at Ansbach  
Aviano, Vicenza, Signonella, AOSR, Marymount at Naples  
Lakenheath, Alconbury, Brussels, SHAPE at Menwith Hill



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## NBA PLAYOFFS



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Miami's Chris Bosh, left, shoots over Charlotte's Josh McRoberts during the first half in Game 2 of their opening-round playoff series on Wednesday in Miami.

# When Bosh steps up, Heat reap benefits

## Off-overlooked of trio seems back in offensive groove

By TIM REYNOLDS

The Associated Press

MIAMI — In Miami, it's called the Big Three for a reason.

LeBron James was stellar for the Heat in Game 2 of their Eastern Conference first-round series against Charlotte, and Dwyane Wade helped save the game with a steal to deny the Bobcats a chance at tying the game in the final seconds.

And perhaps best for Miami, Chris Bosh might have found his offensive groove again.

It's a simple formula: When Bosh — the oft-overlooked member in Miami's trio of stars — is scoring at playoff time, the Heat are usually winning. He had 20 points Wednesday night in Miami's 101-97 win over the Bobcats, and the Heat are now 12-2 in postseason games when Bosh reaches that number.

Going back to the regular season, it was just the second time Bosh had scored at least 20 in his last 17 games.

"I was just in the rhythm of the game," said Bosh, who was 8-for-11 from the floor and made a playoff career-best four three-pointers. "I was open and just wanted to be aggressive and take my shots and make sure I pick my spots correctly."

He did and picked those spots in bunches.

Bosh was scoreless in the first quarter before four mini-streaks paid big dividends for Miami. He had five points to get rolling early in the second quarter and five more in a span of less than a minute later in the half. Then a pair of three-pointers on back-to-back possessions in the third quarter and two quick baskets late in the fourth helped stave off a big rally by the Bobcats.

"We don't want people to notice," said James, who finished with 32 points, eight

assists, six rebounds and four steals — his first game with at least that many in all those categories in more than two years. "We want people to just continue to let him get his shots. He's one of the best shooters we have in our league. He's on time and on target. He's a big part of our success."

Those last two baskets from Bosh were timely: Charlotte was on a 10-0 run and had sliced a 14-point Miami lead down to four in the final minutes before Bosh stepped up and gave the Heat a cushion.

The Heat — who are off Thursday — now lead the best-of-seven series 2-0, with Game 3 in Charlotte on Saturday night. Even with a 2-0 lead, and after the Heat were the lone higher-seeded team to escape the first two games of a series in this year's playoffs uncashed, Bosh was among the first in the Miami locker room afterward to say the two-time defending champions have to play better.

"If I have a double-digit lead, we're going to have to do a better job of not giving up those double-digit leads," Bosh said. "We can't do that come Saturday. We've got to play a complete game."

"They're going to be ready for us. They're going to be re-energized in front of their home crowd, so it'll be a good test for us."

Bosh's scoring and three-pointers got attention. But Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said his complete game mattered the most.

"This is the tough thing about Chris," Spoelstra said. "The only time people notice his value is if he is knocking down shots. And he does so many other things. The radar goes up. He knocked down some threes, but look on the other end. ... He has to do all those things for us — facilitate, space the floor, find ways to be aggressive and attack. I think he struck that balance."

# Wizards being Bullish toward Chicago

By JOSEPH WHITE

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Chicago Bulls failed to score for more than seven minutes.

Not just any of 7:38. Not some stretch in the second quarter that people might vaguely remember. This was the final 3:55 of regulation and the first 3:45 of overtime in Game 2 of a playoff series.

Chicago got to the postseason by being stingy. Yet, so far at least, the Washington Wizards have out-defended the defense-minded Bulls. And Randy Wittman, who carries an anvil of a win-loss record, has more than held his own in what might have looked like a coaching mismatch against Tom Thibodeau.

"The way they're starting games off the right way, the way they're finishing up with defense, getting loose balls and playing the rugged style — that's the kind of our style, when you think about it," Bulls forward Taj Gibson said Wednesday.

The Wizards have come home with a 2-0 lead, with Game 3 set for Friday in Washington. They are the 19th NBA team to win the first two on the road in a seven-game series, and all but three (1969 Warriors, 1994 Suns, 2005 Rockets) went on to advance.

"I wanted them to be greedy," Wittman said after Tuesday night's overtime win. "Nothing

is guaranteed. We've got two wins; you've got to get to four. We have to continue to understand why we won these games."

This is rare territory for Washington. Only once before, in 1975, has the franchise won the first pair in a seven-game series. For that matter, it hadn't won the opening game of any postseason series since 1928.

Of course, this is also a franchise that has won only two playoff series since the 1970s. Wittman has the worst regular-season record among NBA coaches with at least 400 games, but, for what it's worth, he's No. 1 all-time in the playoffs for now with a 2-0 mark.

"I'm an old-school coach. I come from Bobby Knight," said Wittman, who played for Knight at Indiana. "I believe you have to play defense."

Playoff neophytes John Wall and Bradley Beal have come through at crucial times. Wall scored the final seven Wizards points of the first half in Game 2 after the Bulls were threatening to take control, and Beal scored the final six of regulation to send the game to overtime.

Then Nene, the invaluable but oft-injured Game 1 star who is held together with everything but duct tape, scored the first six points of the extra period. Game over.

"We get a lot of attention, me and Brad,"

Wall said. "Everybody says we're probably one of the best young backcourts, but we know Nene's the X factor to our team. He's the reason why we go."

But the most underrated Wizards player all season has been Trevor Ariza, the team's best defender, and his move might have decided the game.

Chicago's D.J. Augustin had taken over, scoring practically at will. Washington didn't have an answer — until Ariza spoke up in the fourth quarter.

"I wanted to guard him," Ariza said. "He got it going early, and if we wanted to win, we've got to slow him down. He was leading their team, and I thought my length would bother him a little bit."

Sure did. Augustin scored 25 points — but not a single one in the final eight minutes of regulation or in overtime. He was 8-for-14 from the field after three quarters and 2-for-8 the rest of the way.

Naturally, the series isn't over. Not much would need to be different for the Bulls to be leading 2-0.

"It's a make-or-miss league," Thibodeau said. "Beal made two big scramble threes in the fourth quarter that were basically off loose balls. That's the difference between winning and losing right there."



Miami vs. Charlotte  
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8 a.m. Sunday JKT



Washington vs. Chicago  
Game 3

AFN-Sports  
2 a.m. Saturday CET  
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# On the road

## Home-court advantage nonexistent as visitors get off to hot starts in playoffs

BY TIM REYNOLDS  
The Associated Press

MIAMI  
Here's the list of teams that had home-court advantage entering the opening round of these NBA playoffs: Indiana, Miami, Toronto, Chicago, San Antonio, Oklahoma City, Houston and the Los Angeles Clippers. Here's the list of teams that still held that advantage after Wednesday night: Miami.  
That's it.

Road teams are off to a ridiculously hot start in the NBA playoffs, with seven of the eight lower seeds either leading or tied after the first two games of their respective series. Home teams are only 7-9 through the first 16 games of the postseason, the worst record — by far — that clubs with the supposed edge have had at this point in the playoffs since the NBA went to the best-of-seven format for every round.

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From left, Washington's John Wall, Portland's LaMarcus Aldridge, Dallas' Dirk Nowitzki and Atlanta's Paul Millsap.

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