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Navy plans for Arctic future hampered by other needs

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Members of the Applied Physics Laboratory Ice Station clear ice from the hatch of the Los Angeles-class submarine USS Annapolis after the sub broke through the ice while participating in Ice Exercise 2009 in the Arctic Ocean. A U.S. Navy Arctic Roadmap looks at what's needed in anticipation of increased traffic as Arctic ice melts, opening up trade routes and access to natural resources.

France honors 14 US vets for actions in WWII

By Chris Carroll
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — They were willing to fight and risk death in France's time of need, and last week in Washington, a grateful ally gave thanks.

Thirteen U.S. veterans of the second world war were pinned with the Legion of Honor, France's highest decoration, in a ceremony at the French Embassy. Relatives of a 14th veteran who died days before the ceremony received the award in his name.

"In the darkest hours of our history, if you had not been by our side, France would not have been liberated," Olivier Sérot-Alméras, French consul general in Washington, told the men. "We know, and we will always remember what the price was — 60,000 American soldiers were laid to rest on French soil."

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> **Olivier Sérot-Alméras**
> French consul general in Washington

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Commission on military pay, pension hears woes

By Jennifer Hlad
Stars and Stripes

SAN DIEGO — The last time the military pay and retirement system saw a significant reform, Truman was president and gas cost a quarter per gallon.

Since then, the demographics and culture of the military have changed dramatically, and many have proposed changes to the compensation and benefits system, but none has taken hold. Yet.

> **'[The VA system] seems to be where we're not keeping faith with the troops.'**
> **Christopher Carney**
> Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission

Now, an independent commission appointed by Congress is examining everything from recruitment to retirement, paychecks and housing allowance to health care, and will make recommendations on how best to bring those systems into the 21st century early next year.

First, though, the nine-member Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission is traveling the country, and talking to troops, veterans and spouses about what they want and what they don't.

The commission was not responsible for rolling back the cost-of-living adjustment cap for retirees younger than 62 or any of the other pay-and-benefits-related proposals in the fiscal 2015 budget, said commission Chairman Alphonso Maldon Jr., a former assistant secretary of defense for force management and policy. That didn't stop several veterans from taking the commission to task about some of Congress' recent actions.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Whether you're a Marine stateside or working for the State Department, we expect nothing less than total professionalism — on and off duty."

— Marine Capt. Eric Flanagan, on an investigation into the conduct of a Marine on assignment for President Barack Obama's trip to the Netherlands last week

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Afghan leader steps up claims against Pakistan

By Kathy Gannon
The Associated Press

KABUL — In a phone call with Secretary of State John Kerry, Afghan President Hamid Karzai accused Pakistan of being behind a recent series of attacks and of blocking his government from striking a peace deal with the Taliban, Karzai's office said Sunday.

Karzai routinely makes such accusations against Islamabad, but his tone in recent days has been particularly pointed and direct. They come after a run of three attacks in five days in the capital, Kabul, the latest a Saturday machine-gun and rocket-propelled grenade barrage of the country's electoral commission ahead of general elections set for next week.

Karzai told Kerry on Saturday the attacks were complex in nature and stage-managed by "foreign intelligence agencies," a reference to Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence. He also told Kerry that he did not accept U.S. arguments that it had no influence "over countries that support terrorism," and said U.S. refusal to go after the Pakistani intelligence agency could further hurt U.S. relations with Afghanistan.

The Taliban have claimed responsibility for the recent violence in Kabul. Islamabad has a long and complicated relationship with the group, but few analysts accept Karzai's allegations that Pakistani intelligence agencies and not the Taliban are staging attacks. Pakistan denies that it is assisting the Taliban.

Karzai is not allowed to run for re-election in the April 5 ballot, as he is barred by the constitution from seeking a third term in office. He is seen as positioning himself for life after the presidency, depicting himself as a tough-speaking nationalist.

Karzai also has refused to sign a Bilateral Security Agreement with the United States that would allow for the U.S. and NATO to leave behind a residual force of about 12,000 soldiers after the final withdrawal of international combat troops takes place at the end of this year. Despite widespread support for the agreement, Karzai said he first wants the U.S. to move forward with a peace pact with the Taliban, presumably by putting pressure on neighbor Pakistan.

During the telephone conversation, according to the Afghan presidency, Karzai told Kerry that the Taliban were willing to talk to his High Peace Council, an 80-member body tasked by the president to spearhead reconciliation with his armed opposition, but Pakistan was preventing them.

The presidency did not provide further details.

The Taliban has denied any talks with Karzai and says it does not want to speak with the Afghan president. However, several Taliban leaders have met with members of Karzai's High Peace Council in the United Arab Emirates, according to both Taliban and high peace council members, who previously have spoken to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity so as not to disrupt the delicate diplomacy.

Jay Price/MCT

Afghan President Hamid Karzai has made allegations that Pakistan is behind recent attacks and is seeking to block Afghanistan from achieving a peace deal with the Taliban, charges Pakistan denies.

Bomb kills coalition member

The Associated Press

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — The international military coalition in Afghanistan said a roadside bomb killed one service-member in a southeastern province.

Coalition spokesman Capt. Patrick Simmons confirmed the death. The bomb was set off by remote control Sunday as a convoy reached the outskirts of Qalat, capital of Zabul province, said district governor Abdul Khaliq Ayubi. He said another three troops were wounded.

NATO usually waits for member countries to announce the nationalities of casualties.

Most of Afghanistan's security is now in the hands of the Afghan National Security Forces ahead of the withdrawal of international combat troops at the end of December. Still, international service personnel occasionally patrol troubled areas and assist Afghan troops when requested.

A stubborn insurgency still rages in Afghanistan's south and east.

MILITARY

Marine guard's conduct under investigation

By Carol D. Leonnig, Michael Birnbaum and David Nakamura
The Washington Post

Military officials said they are investigating the conduct of a U.S. Marine who was on assignment for President Barack Obama's trip to the Netherlands last week, after witnesses said he was talking in detail about his job and passing around his government security badge during a night of drinking at a bar.

The Marine, Korey Nathan Pritchett, was first identified by a Dutch newspaper based on witness accounts and smartphone photos taken during the partying, which happened two nights before Obama arrived at The Hague for a nuclear security summit. The Washington Post confirmed and expanded on that reporting through interviews, social media postings and public records.

The Marine Corps began investigating the suspected behavior after The Washington Post inquired about Pritchett. The Marines did not confirm whether he is the person in the photos.

Pritchett is a security guard at the U.S. Embassy in Montenegro and reports to the State Department, according to department and military officials. He was on temporary assignment for the Netherlands summit, officials said.

Circulating an official pass that would allow someone to gain entry to the summit would be a serious security breach, according to officials and experts. Marine Corps Capt. Eric Flanagan also said that flashing a badge, drinking heavily and calling attention to your mission could jeopardize an employee's security clearance.

"Whether you're a Marine stateside or working for the State Department, we expect nothing less than total professionalism — on and off duty," Flanagan said. "When you are on jobs of a sensitive nature, and this is one of them, that's definitely frowned upon. We take this very seriously."

Flanagan said that the Marine Corps inquiry is in its early stages and that authorities do not know whether any military rules were violated. He said Pritchett was not available to comment.

Pritchett did not respond to a detailed request for comment sent to his Facebook account. A reporter was blocked from further access after the inquiry.

The incident follows a case last week in which three Secret Service agents were placed on administrative leave and sent home from the Netherlands after a night of heavy drinking, which ended with one of them passed out in a hallway of his hotel hours before being scheduled to go on duty.

The Secret Service and other agencies responsible for providing presidential protection have struggled with behavioral problems during overseas trips. In 2012, a dozen Secret Service employees, 10 members of the military and one Drug Enforcement Administration agent were sanctioned for misconduct for heavy drinking and hiring prostitutes before a regional summit in Cartagena, Colombia.

The latest case came to light in the coastal town of Noordwijk, Netherlands, where Obama stayed overnight last Monday. De Telegraaf, the nation's largest newspaper, found local residents who said an American had been bragging about his role in protecting Obama and passing around his security badge while drinking at a club. The publication also found a witness who had smartphone photos of the American. De Telegraaf shared its initial findings with The Washington Post.

According to witnesses interviewed by The Washington Post, Pritchett and two colleagues began drinking at Club 19 in Noordwijk just after 12 a.m. on March 22, less than 48 hours before Obama was scheduled to arrive in the area. The trio said they were partying before reporting for duty for the summit and became progressively more intoxicated, patrons and a bartender said.

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MILITARY

Long-term Arctic mission poses challenge

BY STEVEN BEARDSLEY
Stars and Stripes

The Navy has published a thorough breakdown of what it needs for future surface operations in the Arctic, from new doctrine to platform assessments and an updated cold weather handbook for sailors.

The next step? Getting buy-in from the rest of the fleet.

With shrinking budgets and growing mission requirements elsewhere, particularly the Pacific, the service has little appetite for new tasks, experts say, especially ones that are decades away and where threats remain speculative.

"We know there is no immediate threat in the Arctic, and there are elsewhere," said Robert Freeman, a meteorologist and the spokesman for the Navy's Task Force Climate Change, which released the report last month.

Meteorologists say shrinking ice coverage in the Arctic Ocean over the coming decades will open international sea routes and offer access to untapped oil reserves, driving more traffic and potentially sparking territorial disputes. The Navy study, the Arctic Roadmap 2014-2030, estimates traffic going through the Bering Strait will double by 2025.

Critics say the U.S. military isn't preparing fast enough for a presence in the international waters gradually opening, particularly as other nations including Russia, Norway and Canada establish regional commands or send more warships to train in the Arctic. U.S. nuclear submarines have operated under Arctic ice for decades, but few, if any, surface ships are hardened for the region.

The U.S. started to close its planning gap in the past year. The Obama administration released a national security strategy for the region in May, which the Pentagon followed with a national defense strategy. Earlier this year, the administration established an Arctic ambassador position for work with other Arctic nations.

The Navy study projects sea traffic in the Arctic over the coming decades, and it lays out milestones for preparing to operate in the Arctic, as well as a few general timelines. The Navy wants more sailors trained in Arctic operations by 2020. It wants to be able to respond to a national security threat in the region by 2030.

Focus elsewhere

Yet as meteorologists move forward with Arctic planning, the Navy's operational side is focused on other parts of the globe.

The service is already manning more ships with fewer sailors than in past years, its top officers say. Combatant commanders across the globe, meanwhile, request more ships than the Navy can give them, Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Jonathan Greenert told the House Armed Services Committee earlier this month.

Arctic planning is likely to take a backseat at a time of tight budgets and the possibility of further cuts in the years ahead, Freeman and others said. Even sending surface ships to future Arctic exercises with other countries, which the Navy did in 2010 and 2012, could be difficult as the service considers other needs, they say.

Under the study, Navy leaders aren't required to meet the timelines but must produce regular progress reports, which Freeman considers a step forward.

"It's drawing in the operational community more than they were before," he said. "It's making the operational fleet look at this. They could come back and say, 'It's too hard. We have to table this until later.' And that's fine."

The trouble with waiting is that the development of Arctic technologies, infrastructure and training take time. The region is vast and inhospitable — the Arctic Ocean is 5.4 million square miles, or about 1.5 times the size of the U.S. — and it has little of the support infrastructure that warships rely on for refueling and replenishing.

Meteorologists don't know how to forecast weather in the region. Broadband communication is virtually nonexistent. Few ships are hardened for prolonged operations in the Arctic.

The two combatant commands responsible for the region — Northern Command and European Command — have yet to outline plans for Arctic operations, and there are questions of which of the Navy's numbered fleets should cover the region.

Unratified treaty

On a higher level, the U.S. has yet to ratify the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Seas, an agreement that creates the framework for nations to map and claim sovereignty over their submerged continental shelves, widely seen as important for avoiding territorial disputes.

Russia underlined international interest in the Arctic in 2007 when it planted a flag on the seabed beneath the North Pole. Russian territory accounts for roughly half of all Arctic land, and the country is making its case for including wide swaths of seabed as part of its continental shelf.

Norway moved its operational command above the Arctic Circle in 2009. Canada, meanwhile, is spending $33 billion to build 28 Arctic vessels in the next 30 years, while Denmark, which has access to the region through Greenland, is establishing an Arctic Command.

The Navy study and most experts agree open conflict is unlikely in the region. More likely scenarios involve emergency responses, from search and rescue to cleaning up after an oil spill or recovering a downed plane. The U.S. signed a search-and-rescue agreement with other Arctic nations in 2011.

Others say an increased military and Coast Guard presence in the region will encourage U.S. energy companies to invest in the Arctic. The U.S. is currently mapping its continental shelf in the region, despite not being a party to the UNCLOS agreement that recognizes shelf claims.

The Coast Guard is fighting its own battles for Arctic equipment. Two of its three icebreakers are functional, and one has been in service for longer than 30 years. A 2010 study by the service concluded it needed a total of three heavy and three medium icebreakers to meet its statutory requirements, an expansion it projected would cost $2.8 billion.

An amendment to last year's defense authorization bill by congressmen from Alaska and Washington called for the Navy to build as many as four icebreakers for the Coast Guard but it was stripped from the final bill.

Walter Berbrick, a professor at the Naval War College and director of its Arctic Studies Group, said that absent funding, the Navy needs to begin reaching for the "low-hanging fruit" of preparation. Sailors should "cross-deck" with foreign navies such as Norway or Denmark and report back with their experiences. Officers need to attend seminars and symposiums on the region.

"There's so much uncertainty now around the region," Berbrick said. "Our people have to get smarter."

A full capabilities assessment by the Navy — which the roadmap suggested be finished this fiscal year — would be another positive step forward, Berbrick said. When the services and Congress are ready to allocate money for the Arctic, they'll know what they need, he said.

"We're saying this is something we have to do," Freeman said. "Now we have to decide when we want to do it and how much money we have to invest."

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JOSHUA DAVIES/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

Sailors aboard the Virginia-class attack submarine USS New Mexico tie mooring lines after the submarine surfaces through the arctic ice at Ice Camp Nautilus, north of Alaska, on March 22. Cracks in polar sea ice are prompting the Navy to break down the camp that provided support for an exercise involving submarines.

Cracks in polar ice force Navy's closing of Alaska exercise camp

BY DAN JOLING
The Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Cracks in polar sea ice north of Alaska will force the closing of an ice camp supporting a Navy submarine exercise, the Navy announced Monday.

Ice Exercise 2014 will continue but temporary structures erected as Camp Nautilus about 150 miles north of Prudhoe Bay began to come down Sunday, the Navy said in the announcement issued from Norfolk., Va.

All personnel are safe, the Navy said.

The Virginia-class attack submarine USS New Mexico and the Los Angeles-class attack submarine USS Hampton were taking part and will continue collecting data and conducting drills until they exit the Arctic for open water, the Navy said.

The exercise began March 17 and was scheduled to conclude March 30.

The weather, however, did not cooperate.

A change in wind directions created instabilities in the ice floes on which the camp was erected, the Navy said. The wind changes led to multiple cracks in ice near the camp, which included a handful of buildings.

The cracks prevented the Navy from using airfields used to bring in people and equipment.

Problems were made worse by low temperatures and poor visibility that affected helicopter trips and the decision was made to break down the camp.

The USS Nautilus made the first transit to the North Pole under sea ice in 1958. The Navy has conducted operations under the ice for 50 years and has completed more than 120 Arctic exercises, the announcement said.

The last ice camp was erected in 2011.

Among the weekend visitors to the camp was U.S. Sen. Angus King, I-Maine. He landed Saturday in a single-engine airplane and toured the USS New Mexico, which had burst through polar ice.

King stayed onboard the submarine for 20 hours, observing as it dove to 500 feet and broke back through the ice.

MILITARY

Cyberwarriors wanted, no experience needed

By Jon Harper
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — To meet manning requirements for cyberwarfare that will skyrocket in the coming years, the Pentagon will focus on recruiting and training people already in uniform, even those without any cybertechnology background or knowledge, defense officials said Friday.

"Our nation's reliance on cyberspace outpaces our cybersecurity," Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel said Friday at Fort Meade, Md., during the retirement ceremony for Gen. Keith Alexander, the outgoing commander of U.S. Cyber Command.

The Defense Department currently has about 1,800 people in its Cyber Mission Force. That number is scheduled to jump to 6,000 by the end of 2016, according to the DOD. There are currently 17 cybertechnology teams engaged in operations, and the Pentagon wants to field 133 of those teams by the end of fiscal 2016, Alexander said in written testimony to a House Armed Services subcommittee earlier this month.

'To continue recruiting and retaining talent ... we must build rewarding, long-term cyber career paths. Our military must enable our [people] to reinvent themselves for life in and beyond their service..'

Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel

To meet those ambitious goals, the DOD wants to recruit people who are already in the military to fill these new positions.

"We spent a lot of time in the last two years in particular figuring out what that [recruiting] model would be," a senior defense official told reporters Friday. "Initially, sometimes people will think about recruiting highly skilled people from the outside, and that is one option ... But quite honestly, the way we're going to be most successful is using people within the force and giving them the training."

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak on the record, noted that many cybertechnology experts in Silicon Valley would have to give up jobs that pay hundreds of thousands of dollars per year to work for CYBERCOM.

The official said the DOD has already had success in building its cyberforce from the inside.

"There's no question that you can train people up to be elite cyberoperators," the official said. "And we now — driven by the services — have processes in place in the department where they will identify people who have the right mix of aptitude, fire in the belly and desire to kind of reinvent themselves, and put them through a training pipeline that ends up resulting in us having highly trained operators. ...

"We've already seen, you know, hundreds of cases in which there were people who didn't know anything about cyber at all; we've reinvented them and reformed them into something where they're part of the elite force," according to the official.

Hagel cited the case of Petty Officer 1st Class Chase Hardison as an example of this phenomenon. Four years ago, Hardison was a machinist's mate serving on the USS Theodore Roosevelt aircraft carrier. After talking with his wife about his future career path, Hardison signed up for a cybertechnology course in Pensacola, Fla., and he's now an "interactive operator" at CYBERCOM, Hagel told the audience at the retirement ceremony.

"[Hardison] was a machinist, which is not one of the most highly skilled people in the workforce. But [he] had the aptitude and, more importantly, he had the desire to reinvent himself, and he's now one of the most elite cyberoperators within CYBERCOM," the anonymous official told reporters while previewing Hagel's speech.

Hagel emphasized the financial benefits that cybertechnology training can bring for servicemembers after they leave the military, and said it should be used as an inducement to get more troops into the cybertechnology ranks.

"[Harrison] knows he'll have great options and opportunities when he's ready to leave the Navy," Hagel said. "To continue recruiting and retaining talent ... we must build rewarding, long-term cyber career paths.

"Our military must enable our [people] to reinvent themselves for life in and beyond their service."

Hagel said building the cyberforce will remain one of the DOD's top priorities going forward.

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Navy says goodbye to sub damaged by worker's arson

By David Sharp
The Associated Press

KITTERY, Maine — The Navy said farewell Friday to the USS Miami, the nuclear-powered submarine whose service was cut short when a shipyard employee trying to get out of work set it on fire, causing $700 million in damage.

The somber deactivation ceremony at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard marked the beginning of an inglorious end: Next year, the submarine will be towed to the West Coast to be cut up for scrap metal.

Rear Adm. Ken Perry, commander of the submarine Group Two in Groton, Conn., where the sub was based, acknowledged the disappointment over its premature retirement but told the crowd they were there to celebrate Miami and its crewmembers for nearly 24 years of service.

"This is a tribute," he said. "This is a celebration of the ship's performance and the superb contributions to the nation's defense, and this is how we're going to treat it. So I expect to see some smiles out there."

Perry praised the ship's performance during more than a dozen deployments that included clandestine, undersea-warfare missions and back-to-back deployments in which it fired cruise missiles in Iraq and in Serbia, earning the nickname "Big Gun."

The audience included crewmembers and their families and seven former Miami commanding officers, including retired Capt. Tom Mader, the sub's first skipper.

At the end of the ceremony, the crew filed out of the auditorium after its top enlisted sailor, Chief Petty Officer Tyrus Rock, led them in a cheer, shouting out the first part of the ship's motto, "No free rides!" The crew finished by responding, "Everybody rows!"

Robert F. Bukaty/AP

A sailor rings a bell Friday at the conclusion of the decommissioning ceremony for the fire-damaged nuclear submarine USS Miami at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery, Maine.

Kevin K. Langford/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

The Los Angeles class attack submarine USS Miami sits moored to a pier in Port Everglades, Fla., in 2004.

Cmdr. Rolf Spelker, the Miami crew's current leader, said he came to Portsmouth thinking his assignment was to return the ship for service.

"They are no doubt disappointed and saddened that they can't take the ship out to sea," he said of his crew. "They have gone through the tidal wave of emotion."

After the fire, the Navy originally intended to return the ship to the fleet next year after extensive repairs. It decided to scrap the submarine when estimated repair costs grew substantially above a $450 million estimate.

Instead, shipyard workers will remove nuclear fuel and ship it to a federal repository in Idaho. They will make enough repairs so that the submarine can be towed to Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Washington state, where it will be cut up for scrap. The estimated cost of the sub's inactivation is $54 million.

The Los Angeles-class submarine was damaged at the hands of a shipyard worker who set a fire in May 2012 while the submarine was undergoing a 20-month overhaul.

Seeking an excuse to leave work early, Casey James Fury set fire to a box of rags on a bunk, and the blaze quickly spread throughout the forward compartments. Fury pleaded guilty and is serving a 17-year sentence in federal prison.

It took 12 hours and the efforts of more than 100 firefighters to save the vessel. The fire severely damaged living quarters, the command and control center and a torpedo room, but it did not reach the nuclear propulsion components at the sub's rear.

Seven people were hurt dousing the flames.

Grissom Air Reserve commander removed

PERU, Ind. — Military officials said the commander at northern Indiana's Grissom Air Reserve Base has been removed from that position and is under investigation.

An Air Force spokesman said Col. Donald Buckley's superiors lost confidence in his ability to command the 434th Air Refueling Wing at the base and are reviewing his performance.

Buckley

Col. Rob Palmer told the Kokomo (Ind.) Tribune that Buckley is now working as a technician at the base.

Palmer declined to give any details about the investigation.

Grissom's vice commander is temporarily leading the base.

Buckley has spent less than two years as the Grissom commander overseeing about 2,200 Air Force reservists and its 16 KC-135 Stratotanker refueling planes.

The Associated Press left a message seeking comment from Buckley with Grissom's public affairs office.

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MILITARY

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Thirteen of the 14 U.S. World War II veterans honored by France with the Legion of Honor are shown at the French embassy on Wednesday after receiving their medals. The 14th veteran, William Wright, died a few days before the event.

Honors: Veterans share vivid memories of war's horrors, triumphs

FROM FRONT PAGE

France has long given the Legion of Honor to U.S. veterans who made particular contributions to freeing the country from German occupation, but there is a special resonance to the ceremonies this year.

With the 70th anniversary of D-Day fast approaching, the number of living U.S. veterans who fought in France is in sharp decline, and many fewer are likely to see the next major anniversary of the invasion. Of those honored Wednesday, the youngest was 88, while most were in their 90s.

Despite the intervening years, their memories of war — of both horrors and triumphs — remain incredibly vivid for several of the veterans who spoke to Stars and Stripes at the ceremony.

William E. Gast, 89, was a 19-year-old Army tech corporal when he drove a Sherman tank up Omaha Beach 10 minutes before the invasion was set to begin.

Some of the men in his 743rd Tank Battalion never even made it to land, sinking into the surf while sealed inside vehicles that would become coffins. After a moment of suspense, Gast felt his tank tracks grab, and the vehicle pulled out of the water.

Unable to open his hatch for a better view, he relied on his commander for directions — with kicks on either shoulder telling him which way to turn.

"I'm sitting in this tank, down in it with this little periscope, and I can see practically nothing," he said. "I can hear the machine-gun bullets hitting the side of the tank like throwing marbles at the side of a car — that's what it sounded like inside the tank. And there were shells that exploded right beside me. You could feel the tank shake. Fortunately, none of them hit us."

Gast said he remains haunted by the possibility that while driving blind, he ran over some of his fellow soldiers.

Left: Joseph Julian, shown receiving his medal, was responsible for sending allies urgent and secret messages both in Normandy in June 1944 and in the South of France in August 1944, according to the French embassy. Right: Frank Emanuel landed on the beaches of the South of France and participated in the battles at Vosges, Metz and the Colmar Pocket.

Later, while under heavy fire, he rescued several men whose car had been rocketed, and he was awarded the Silver Star as well as a Purple Heart.

Memories of a fatal scouting mission haunt another veteran honored by France for his heroism.

Several months after D-Day, Pfc. Edwin H. Stulb III was on point for a group of soldiers probing the German front lines around the major port of Cherbourg when they came under fire. Soon, the Germans began bracketing mortar rounds around them while they took cover atop a hill.

"They landed one in there, and it knocked everyone out but me and two other men," said Stulb, 91.

One of the men was badly wounded and begged Stulb to end his suffering.

"He wanted me to shoot him right in the head because he thought his whole body was just in shreds," he said. "He said he was sure he wasn't going to survive, but I said, 'Yes, you're going to survive. Just get the hell back down where you were. That's a good ditch, well below where any mortar shell can hit you.'"

A subsequent round badly wounded Stulb, who would later receive a Purple Heart. Both were soon carried away by medics, and Stulb has tried in the decades since to find out what happened to the other soldier.

Before the ceremony, he admitted the trauma of that day remains fresh.

"Telling it now is upsetting for me," he said. "I don't tell that story freely."

Several of those present came to fully understand what they were fighting against when they helped liberate German concentration camps.

Saburo A. Kitagawa, 93, participated in the liberation of Rome and later fought in France, earning a Purple Heart along the way.

In the interim, he and other members of the 100th Infantry Battalion, made up of Japanese-American troops, helped free prisoners at the Dachau concentration camp near Munich.

The irony of the situation was not lost on Kitagawa, who had joined the Army out of a Nevada internment camp for Japanese-Americans.

The German camp's prisoners, he said, "were surprised to see us — Japanese-Americans. We were also in concentration camps in the United States. President Roosevelt decreed that."

When Albert J. Zimmerman, a sergeant in charge of a machine-gun squad, arrived at Dachau, he was bewildered to find boxcars stacked with emaciated bodies.

"We had no idea there was such a thing as Dachau," he said. "We knew something was wrong because of the odor. From miles away, we could smell the place, but no one told us what it was, and then we came upon it. Terrible. Terrible."

Zimmerman remained a non-commissioned officer at the end of the war in Europe by his own choice. Earlier, on Christmas Day 1944, the 2nd lieutenant who led his platoon had been shot, and a commander offered the sergeant a battlefield commission.

He just laughed off the proposal. "I said, 'I tried to go to West Point, I tried to go to officers candidate school, I tried to be a pilot.'"

But he said he was told by the Army, "No, no, Mr. Zimmerman, you're colorblind. You can't be an officer.

"So I said, 'No, I'm going to stay with my machine-gun squad, and that's where I want to be.'"

Zimmerman, 90, later received a Bronze Star but said his greatest distinction in the war came from his decision to stay with the squad.

"And I took those five boys into combat and sent five men home to their mamas," he said. "That's the thing I'm most proud of in my service, taking care of those five young men."

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MILITARY

Commission: Servicemembers call for more transition support, 401(k) changes

FROM FRONT PAGE

As a moderator passed a microphone around to some of the three dozen people in a Carlsbad hotel conference center Tuesday evening, a retired Army veteran stood to say he takes exception to statements by Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wisc., that younger military retirees don't live off of their military pensions.

The man said he had a very difficult time finding a job after he retired, and he bused tables while he went to night school to support himself.

Infantrymen "live a hard life, a dirty life," he said. But they look forward to the fact that they will have a retirement plan and health care guaranteed for life, he said, and if Congress "messes with retirement," troops will leave.

The wife of a man who has served 39 years in the military said she also believes Congress must keep its promises to troops and their families. Young military spouses should not have to stand in line at the food bank to keep their families fed, she said, and families should be better compensated for the high costs of moving every few years.

Other active-duty and retired troops also offered suggestions for the commission to consider, including a 401(k) plan or guaranteed retirement account with matching funds, which could be used by troops who leave the military before the 20-year mark.

Still, the commission stressed, any changes in the retirement system will not affect current troops; active-duty and already retired veterans are grandfathered into the current system.

On Wednesday, the commission hosted three Congressional hearing-style panel discussions at a hotel in San Diego.

One spirited discussion started with questions from commissioner and retired general Peter Chiarelli, the former vice chief of the Army.

Chiarelli said he went through a very extensive retirement physical at Walter Reed as he was leaving the Army, but when he arrived at his first VA appointment — in a city 50 miles from the city he lives in — he was told that the doctors there could not access the records of the physical and would need him to reschedule his appointment and bring in the paper copy.

"The medical records don't talk to each other," he said. "If you're going to have a seamless transition, it needs to be truly seamless."

Local VA and Navy medical representatives said the VA and military medical systems work together well in San Diego, but commissioner Christopher Carney, a former congressman, said that is not the case in other areas.

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Laura Paquian, left, a retired sailor and veteran student coordinator at University of San Diego, and Senior Chief Navy Counselor Michael Hill, region career counselor, Navy Region Southwest, speak to the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission during a public hearing Wednesday in San Diego.

The system should just work without requiring ad hoc fixes like those here, he said.

The VA system "seems to be where we're not keeping faith with the troops," Carney said. "But the problem is so insidious that troops don't even know it's a problem."

In another panel, military leaders agreed that retirement plans are not high on the list of concerns for recruits and young servicemembers, though they appreciate it later in their careers.

"I don't think most people start thinking about retirement until they're past the halfway point," said Vice Adm. Thomas Copeman III, commander of the Navy's surface forces. What keeps sailors in the service, he said, are job satisfaction, engaged leadership, opportunities for advancement and being able to get the training and equipment they need to do their jobs well.

However, he said, the commission should consider a retirement system that rewards troops extra pay for the time they served deployed. Right now, troops who have deployed six and seven times get the same retirement pay as those who never left the United States. An increase for time served away would reward what the military values, Copeman said.

The commission also should consider fixes to smoothe the transition from the military world to the civilian sector — for retirees and for those who leave before retirement, retirees and active-duty career counselors said.

Patricia Reily, director of the Troops to Engineers program at San Diego State University and a retired Navy officer, said she has been able to place every one of her students in paid internships and jobs after they graduate. But, she said, most are not able to get any college credit for military training in their fields because of the way the military courses are designed.

Veterans and servicemembers in other fields echoed that sentiment, saying that certifications earned in the military rarely transfer for civilian jobs.

Additionally, Reily said, the way the promotion and education system is set up now actually discourages some troops from following their passions. Servicemembers know they have a better chance at promotion if they earn a degree, so they are apt to seek out the fastest and easiest programs, rather than those that might be more useful in the long term, she said.

Many servicemembers don't want to stay in the same field when they leave the military, but aren't sure what path to take, said Maurice Wilson, president of National Veterans Transition Services, which offers three-week workshops for troops transitioning out of the military.

Senior Chief Petty Officer Michael Hill, the region career counselor for Navy Region Southwest, said the military system should take a life-cycle approach, perhaps making changes at the recruiting and retaining stages so that troops are better prepared when they leave the military, whether it's after four years or 40. Additionally, he said, troops need more transition support, even after they leave the service.

Throughout the hearings, commission members said they are driven by a desire to improve the compensation and retirement programs, not simply to pinch pennies.

"The purpose of this commission is not driven by cost-cutting," Maldon said. "We know how important this is to our military members and their families … we're looking at this in the long term."

The commission was appointed by Congress last year and held its first town hall meeting in November. Commissioners also have met with active-duty troops, spouses and servicemembers getting ready to transition out of the military, and are conducting a worldwide survey of troops and their families. The commission will submit an interim report next month and a final report by Feb. 1, 2015.

Dov Zakheim, a commissioner who served as DOD comptroller during the George W. Bush administration, said he hopes the group can find ways to update outdated programs and improve what needs improving.

"The parts that aren't broken, we won't mess with," he said.

Once the report is complete, he said, "we're going to make sure that this thing gets seen and heard" and actually considered.

The commission will hold its next public hearings at Fort Benning, Ga., in April. The public can leave comments for the commission at http://www.mcrmc.gov.

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Midshipman dies after skateboarding accident

The Associated Press

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — The U.S. Naval Academy said a midshipman died after a skateboarding accident last weekend.

Academy officials said Hans Loewen, 20, of Hampstead, N.C., died Saturday while in a coma at the University of Maryland Shock Trauma Center in Baltimore with his family by his side.

Loewen was injured in a skateboarding accident March 22 while on a camping trip with other midshipmen at Assateague State Park.

He was treated at the scene and then taken to the Baltimore trauma center.

In a statement, Naval Academy Superintendent Michael Miller said Loewen was a vibrant midshipman who lived life to the fullest.

Loewen was a midshipman third class and oceanography major at the academy.

NATION

JULIE JACOBSON/AP

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie speaks at the Republican Jewish Coalition on Saturday in Las Vegas.

Governors court donors

GOP executives vie for financial support at Las Vegas forum

BY STEVE PEOPLES
The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Two of the highest-profile Republican governors on Saturday called for more aggressive leadership on America's challenges abroad, emphasizing their support for Israel as they courted powerful Jewish donors.

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie and Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker also stoked speculation about their own presidential ambitions as they gave frustrated Republicans advice on how to reclaim the White House in 2016 after losing two straight elections.

The Republican speakers at the Republican Jewish Coalition's annual spring gathering largely avoided criticizing President Barack Obama by name in remarks that were thick with rhetoric faulting Obama's foreign policy while offering few specifics. The comments came as Obama grapples with the Ukraine crisis.

"We cannot have a world where our friends are unsure of whether we will be with them and our enemies are unsure of whether we will be against them," Christie said.

Walker declared that the nation needs a "swift and decisive" foreign policy, while insisting that Republicans must find a presidential nominee from "outside Washington."

The Republican governors appeared at the Venetian resort casino, which is owned by Republican super donor Sheldon Adelson.

Two years before the 2016 presidential contest officially begins, the lesser-known competition for the party's most influential donors is well underway.

No donor is more sought after than Adelson, who is among the 10 richest people in the world. He did not attend Walker's speech, but he was seated in front of the podium as Christie spoke.

Adelson almost single-handedly bankrolled the group behind former House Speaker Newt Gingrich's unsuccessful 2012 presidential bid and later put his money behind Republican nominee Mitt Romney. Now, he's casting for a presidential candidate on whom to shower what could amount to millions of dollars in campaign cash.

Calif. quakes leave properties damaged, residents shaken

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — When the first jolt hit, Fullerton Mayor Pro Tem Greg Sebourn was on the couch getting his 4- and 8-year-old daughters ready for bed.

As Sebourn rushed his screaming girls toward the door, another violent lurch knocked the mayor and one of his daughters to the floor. Sebourn skinned his knee and his daughter bumped her head on a door jamb.

On Saturday, the mayor was thankful their injuries weren't worse. "It's the strongest jolt I've ever felt, and I've been in the same town for 41 years," he said.

A series of temblors, punctuated by a magnitude-5.1 earthquake Friday night near La Habra, did more than rattle nerves. Residents in some areas of the hardest-hit communities of La Habra, Brea and Fullerton spent Saturday dealing with no water service, spotty power, crumbled brick walls and other damage.

They were the lucky ones.

Authorities estimated more than 100 people were displaced by the quake at least for a night and some may not be able to return home for days.

In Fullerton, 83 people were displaced after firefighters deemed six residences and 20 apartment units too damaged to occupy. City building officials must survey the structures one by one and clear them before residents can return, said Tom Schultz, deputy chief of operations for the Fullerton Fire Department.

All of those displaced in Fullerton chose to stay with family and friends instead of going to an emergency shelter, Schultz said. In La Habra, authorities said 38 people, including seven children, spent the night at a Red Cross shelter.

"We were told many of them were living in a building that was uninhabitable," Red Cross spokeswoman Meredith Mills said.

In Buena Park, a 60-year-old man was transported to an area hospital with minor injuries after a TV toppled on him, Schultz said.

For most, the biggest headache was clearing away the aftermath of the quake, which was preceded and followed by a series of smaller nerve-rattling temblors that continued into Saturday. About 2:30 p.m., a shallow magnitude-4.1 earthquake hit the nearby Rowland Heights area but no damage or major injuries were reported.

Friday night's shaking left scattered damage across the La Habra area, near the quake's epicenter, hitting houses, apartments and businesses as well as street lights that were left dangling precariously.

"From 20 to 30 businesses suffered broken plate-glass windows, many of them along Whittier Boulevard," La Habra Police Sgt. David Crivelli said. "There were also some apartments with stucco damage and leaking water."

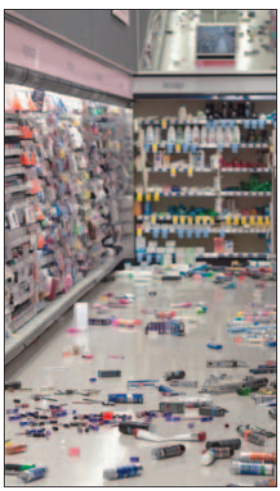
By 10:30 p.m. Friday, residents had been evacuated from apartment units in the 2500 block of West Whittier Boulevard, the 400 block of North Idaho Street and the 700 block of West 1st Avenue. An L.A. Fitness center near Imperial Highway and Beach Boulevard had water running off the roof.

In Brea, officials were working to repair a broken water main.

The quake also left its mark at dozens of homes in the vicinity of El Rancho Vista and Calle Candela in Fullerton: cracked stucco, collapsed brick walls and toppled mailboxes. The shaking even felled two life-size statues.

Standing next to a barrel filled to the brim with broken porcelain dishes, Denis Lesemme — a neighborhood resident since 1963 — sighed and said, "Last night, after it happened, I wasn't nervous or scared.

"But look at me now," he said, extending his arms to display his trembling hands. "I've never shaken like this before in my life."



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Merchandise is strewn across the floor at a La Habra Walgreens after an earthquake centered near La Habra, Calif., on Friday.

Shooter said to have wanted victims evicted

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — An 86-year-old man shot his grandson in the head, killed the grandson's girlfriend and then took his own life because he believed the couple was taking advantage of his ailing daughter and living in her home, the grandson said in an interview published Sunday.

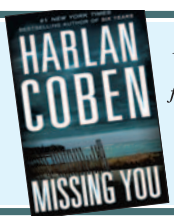
Michael Feliciano told the Daily News that his girlfriend, Claritle Huerta, called him on his way home Friday evening to tell him that his grandfather was there and wanted to talk to him. He got to the house minutes later.

"I opened the door, and that was it," he told the newspaper.

Police said the grandfather, Heriberto Pagan, shot Feliciano, killed Huerta inside the house with a gunshot to the head, got in his car, drove a few blocks and turned the gun on himself. He was found lying outside his car with a bullet wound in his head.

Feliciano, Huerta and their 4-month-old son were living in a Staten Island home owned by Feliciano's ailing mother, who has moved elsewhere. Pagan felt the couple was taking advantage of her and encouraged his daughter to evict them, his grandson said.

The couple's son , who was found unharmed in the home, is in city Administration for Children's Services custody.



NYPD Detective Kat Donovan is consumed by an investigation that challenges her feelings about everyone she ever loved—even her father, whose long-ago murder has never been fully explained. With lives on the line, Kat must venture deeper into darkness than ever before.

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WORLD

Attacks in Iraq kill 16, destroy bridge

By Sameer N. Yacoub
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A series of attacks in Iraq, including a shooting at a security checkpoint and a suicide car bomb, killed 16 people and destroyed a bridge Sunday, said officials.

Police officials said the deadliest attack took place when attackers sprayed with bullets a group of troops manning a checkpoint early Sunday near the city of Mosul, 225 miles northwest of Baghdad. Police said seven soldiers were killed in the attack.

Hours later, a suicide bomber set off his explosive-laden car on the main al-Houz bridge near Ramadi city, killing five people and wounding seven. Police said parts of the bridge fell into the Euphrates river.

Ramadi is 70 miles west of Baghdad.

Fierce clashes pitting government security forces and allied Sunni tribal militias against a coalition of insurgents have been raging in Anbar province since late December.

Also, a bomb explosion at the entrance of an outdoor market killed four shoppers and wounded nine others in Baghdad's southern suburb of Youssifiyah, according to the police.

Medics confirmed the casualties for both attacks. All officials spoke anonymously because they were not authorized to talk to the media.

The Iraq security forces have been a favorite target for Sunni insurgents who want to undermine the Shiite-led government in Baghdad.

Violence has escalated in Iraq during the past year, with 2013 seeing the country's highest death toll since the worst of the country's sectarian bloodletting began to subside in 2007, according to the United Nations figures.

UN report: Warming worsens security woes

By Seth Borenstein
The Associated Press

YOKOHAMA, Japan — In an authoritative report due out Monday a United Nations climate panel for the first time is connecting hotter global temperatures to hotter global tempers. Top scientists are saying that climate change will complicate and worsen existing global security problems, such as civil wars, strife between nations and refugees.

They're not saying it will cause violence, but that it will be an added factor making things even more dangerous. Fights over resources like water and energy, hunger and extreme weather all will go into the mix to destabilize the world a bit more, says the report by the Nobel Prize-winning Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. The summary of the report is being finalized this weekend by the panel in Yokohama.

That's a big change from seven years ago, the last time the IPCC addressed how warming affected Earth, said report lead author Chris Field, of the Carnegie Institution of Science in California. The summary that political leaders read in early 2007 didn't mention security issues but the new report will, he said, because of advances in research.

"There's enough smoke there that we really need to pay attention to this," said Ohio University security and environment professor Geoff Dabelko, one of the lead authors of the report's chapter on security and climate change.

For the past seven years, research in social science has found more links between climate and conflict, study authors say, with the full report referencing hundreds of studies on climate change and conflict.

The U.S. Defense Department earlier this month in its once-every-four-years strategic review called climate change a "threat multiplier" to go with poverty, political instability and social tensions worldwide. Warming will trigger new problems but also will provide countries new opportunities for resources and shipping routes in places such as the melting Arctic, the Pentagon report says.

Photos by Rob Griffith/AP

From left, U.S. Navy chief of the Vice Adm. Ray Griggs, Royal Australian Navy Commodore Peter Leavy and U.S. Navy Capt. Mark Matthews stand on the dock before a press conference at naval base HMAS Stirling in Perth, Australia, on Sunday.

Black box detector joining search for Malaysian jet

By Rob Griffith and Gillian Wong
The Associated Press

PERTH, Australia — A warship with an aircraft black box detector was set to depart Australia on Sunday to join the search for the missing Malaysian jetliner, a day after ships plucked objects from the Indian Ocean to determine whether they were related to the missing plane. None was confirmed to be from the plane, leaving searchers with no sign of the jet more than three weeks after it disappeared.

Twenty-nine Chinese family members, seeking answers from Malaysia's government as to what happened to their loved ones, arrived in Kuala Lumpur on Sunday, Malaysia Airlines commercial director Hugh Dunleavy said. Two-thirds of the 227 passengers aboard Flight 370 were Chinese, and their relatives have expressed deep frustration with Malaysian authorities since the plane went missing.

It will still take three to four days for the Australian navy ship, the Ocean Shield, to reach the search zone — an area roughly the size of Poland about 1,150 miles west of Australia.

The Australian Maritime Safety Authority, which oversees the search, said the ship will be equipped with a black box detector — the U.S. Navy's towed pinger locator — and an unmanned underwater vehicle, as well as other acoustic detection equipment.

Australian navy ship the Ocean Shield is fitted with a towed pinger locator on Sunday.

Ships from China and Australia on Saturday scooped up items described only as "objects from the ocean," but none was "confirmed to be related" to Flight 370, AMSA said.

In Sydney, Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott described the latest search as positive because objects are now being examined.

"We haven't yet been able to ascertain what those objects are, but nevertheless, for the first time yesterday, objects have been recovered from the ocean," he said.

A Chinese Ilyushin IL-76 plane spotted three floating objects, including two bearing colors of the missing jet, China's official Xinhua News Agency said a day after several planes and ships combing the newly targeted area, which is closer to Australia than a previous search zone, saw several other objects.

The three objects spotted by the Chinese plane were white, red and orange, the Xinhua report said. The missing Boeing 777's exterior was red, white, blue and gray.

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UKRAINE UNREST

McCain: Forcing firms out of Russia an option

By Margaret Talev
Bloomberg News

WASHINGTON — The U.S. should consider forcing major American companies such as General Electric and Exxon Mobil to suspend business in or pull out of Russia if President Vladimir Putin attempts to take more territory from Ukraine or other neighboring nations, said Sen. John McCain of Arizona.

"I know that that's a tough call and I know that we don't want to hurt our own economy, but what are the consequences of Vladimir Putin just being able to act?" McCain, a Republican from Arizona who advocates military assistance for the Ukraine, said in an interview for Bloomberg Television's "Political Capital with Al Hunt" airing this weekend.

Such a move likely would come through formal sanctions rather than political pressure on individual corporations, McCain said, and "would only be considered" if Putin "went much further."

In addition to GE and Exxon-Mobil, the companies with the largest business interest in Russia include Ford, General Motors, Citigroup, JPMorgan Chase and PepsiCo.

Putin, who annexed Crimea from Ukraine earlier this month, has amassed tens of thousands of troops along the border, which McCain says indicates Russia may strike soon.

"If you'd asked me three or four days ago, I'd have said I believe not — now I'm not sure," he said. "You don't keep troops massed on the border of a country for no reason."

President Barack Obama and Putin had an hourlong telephone conversation on Friday on the crisis, and the leaders dispatched their top diplomats to conduct further discussions.

Obama told Putin that a diplomatic solution "remains possible only if Russia pulls back its troops and does not take any steps to further violate Ukraine's territorial integrity and sovereignty," the White House said.

Putin highlighted a "rampage of extremists" intimidating officials and residents "in various regions," according to a statement from his office.

The Russian leader may be considering moving into Moldova to cut off Ukrainian access to the Black Sea, McCain said.

Because Moldova is not a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, a U.S.-led NATO force response there would be "very questionable," he said.

"I doubt if the Europeans frankly would agree to it," McCain said.

The NATO-member Baltic states are a different matter, said the lawmaker who was his party's nominee for president in 2008. If Putin moved on to Estonia, Latvia or Lithuania, he said, "I just can't believe we wouldn't have some kind of military response."

McCain reiterated his call for the U.S. to provide the Ukrainians with weapons to defend themselves. "Symbolically it means so much," he said, and a lack of military assistance may encourage Putin "to exercise further adventurism."

The U.S. and its European allies have warned Russia it may face further sanctions, including in the banking and energy sectors, if Putin doesn't heed Obama's calls to pull back.

The U.S. and European Union already have imposed asset freezes and travel bans on individual Russians and Ukrainians, including businessmen associated with Putin. One Russian bank also has been sanctioned by the U.S.

Sergei Chuzavkov/AP

A crowd displays Ukrainian, Crimean and Crimean Tatar flags during a rally in support of Ukraine's territorial integrity in Kiev, Ukraine.

Conflict with Russia galvanizes Ukraine's identity

By Maria Danilova
The Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine — He's one of Russia's favorite doctors, the author of books read by parents from Moscow to Siberia. And he lives in eastern Ukraine where the Russian language is dominant and ties to Russia strong.

But when Russia seized control of Crimea, Yevgeny Komarovsky sent this blunt message to the Russian people: We Ukrainians are a nation of our own.

"Don't impose peace on us," Komarovsky told his fans in Russia in a video that received nearly 1.2 million views on YouTube.

The appeal for an independent and united Ukraine by the Russian-speaking Komarovsky underscored Ukraine's distinct national identity, and belied Russian President Vladimir Putin's claim that Ukraine is part of the Russian family. In fact, Russia's invasion — which Putin justifies by saying he needs to protect Russian speakers — has fueled a surge of patriotism among a great many Ukrainians, whatever their language.

Those feelings of unity are underpinned by a sense of fragility stemming from being a country that has for centuries been dominated by great empires to the east and west. From folklore to ancestral traditions, Ukraine has shown itself to possess a distinct identity.

The Ukrainian national consciousness is steeped in love of one's land and the quest for survival. The challenge simply to stay whole is as acute as ever today after Russia annexed Ukraine's strategic Crimean Peninsula, stoking fears that the Kremlin is planning to invade more Russian-speaking eastern territories.

Ukraine has historically been a massive prize in the heart of Europe. The site of the ancient Slavic state, the Kievan Rus, it was the regional cradle of Orthodox Christianity. Over centuries, parts of Ukraine have belonged to Poland, the Austro-Hungarian Empire, Russia and the Soviet Union.

Ukraine became independent in the 1991 collapse of the Soviet Union. It has since struggled to define its relationship to the world as well its ideology, shifting between aspirations to be a Western state that belongs in the European Union and a post-Soviet republic that tilts toward Russia.

Ethnic, cultural, linguistic and religious similarities between Ukrainians and Russians — as well as centuries of shared history — have prompted Russian President Vladimir Putin to claim that the two nations are in fact one.

To most Ukrainians, as well as scholars and historians, that is simply not true.

Komarovsky said Putin in fact woke some Ukrainians up to the reality of who they are as a people.

"Nobody has done as much for the country's unity as Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin," Komarovsky said.

In the Russia-friendly eastern city of Donetsk, sales clerk Tetyana Ryabchenko, 58, said she was deeply hurt by Russia. "A lot of Ukrainians have changed their attitude toward Russia," Ryabchenko said. "One should look at the Russians' deeds, not words. And the deeds are horrible."

Pollsters support the view that Russia's invasion has fostered Ukrainian unity and identity.

Mykhailo Mishchenko, of the Razumkov Center in Kiev, said that Russia's takeover of Crimea and the threat of further incursion have fueled patriotism throughout the country.

"Views have changed, pro-Ukrainian sentiment has risen," Mishchenko said. "In this conflict between Ukraine and Russia, the predominant position is in support of Ukraine. Negative views toward the actions of the Russian leadership are clearly pronounced."

Ukrainians are also largely united by a strong independence streak that makes them suspicious of authoritarian rulers — especially rulers from afar.

"Ukraine is one big country in defiance," said Andriy Bondar, a modern Ukrainian writer. "Ukrainians are the most stubborn people in the world."

Kerry and Russian to hold talks on Ukraine

By Anne Gearan
The Washington Post

SHANNON, Ireland — Hoping to defuse the diplomatic crisis with Russia over its annexation of Crimea from Ukraine, Secretary of State John Kerry was to meet with his Russian counterpart Sunday, State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki said Saturday.

Kerry canceled plans to return to the United States from Saudi Arabia on Saturday and instead was headed to Paris for a meeting with Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov on Sunday evening, Psaki said. The goal is to reach agreement on what happens next over Ukraine, following up on a phone call Friday between Russian President Vladimir Putin and President Barack Obama.

The meeting was set to take place ahead of a gathering of NATO foreign ministers in Brussels on Tuesday and Wednesday that is expected to be dominated by questions about Ukraine and the Russian intervention.

Putin and Obama agreed that Kerry and Lavrov should meet as a step toward resolving an increasingly bitter war of words and economic sanctions.

Although the United States refuses to recognize Crimea's inclusion in Russia, the diplomatic efforts are aimed primarily at preventing future conflict. U.S. officials have tacitly acknowledged that the Crimea move will not be reversed anytime soon and have focused instead on warning Russia not to move farther into Ukraine.

The United States hopes that an agreement with Russia could set the stage for better relations between Moscow and the Ukrainian government in Kiev. Ukraine has shifted strongly toward Europe and away from Russia since the Russian incursion and the vote in Crimea to leave Ukraine, followed by Russian annexation.

BUSINESS/WEATHER

Commissary-exchange merger eyed

MILITARY UPDATE

Tom Philpott

Crowds that shop daily in base commissaries and exchanges perhaps are oblivious to a confluence of forces threatening to dismantle their multibillion-dollar resale systems.

Thomas C. Shull, chief executive officer of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, is not, which helps to explain his March 17 memo proposing a merger of commissaries with exchanges to try to save both.

While Department of Defense civilian and military leaders testify that base grocery stores can survive 20 percent higher prices and that base department stores can weather falling sales, behind the scenes, the systems' top managers are sounding alarms.

At risk are the prized discounts on groceries and merchandise the military has enjoyed for decades. Industry sources contend the threats have never been more real, more numerous or potentially more destructive.

Automatic defense spending cuts from the sequestration scheme in the 2011 Budget Control Act is the greatest threat. However, the Obama administration's plan to cope with some of the cuts by slashing taxpayer support of commissaries, from $1.4 billion per year down to $400 million by fiscal 2017, is viewed as reckless if the real goal is to save the stores.

If the plan is enacted, Shull wrote, so many patrons would leave as "to render the commissary system unsustainable," forcing store closures across the continental United State with "devastating" effects on exchanges.

Where commissaries close, customer traffic into exchanges would drop 20 percent to 30 percent, threatening the viability of AAFES, Shull predicted.

"A conservative estimate of the financial impact … is a loss of over $1 billion in sales, which translates into about a loss of $200 million in earnings," Shull wrote. That drop, in turn, would force cut to dividends used to support base-run qualify-of-life programs. In fiscal 2012, roughly $330 million in exchange profits helped fund recreation centers, youth services, arts and crafts, aquatic centers, golf courses and more.

To save commissaries and to protect exchanges, Shull proposed to Frederick E. Vollrath, assistant secretary of defense for readiness and force management, a plan to merge commissary operations with exchanges and to use resulting efficiencies to stabilize grocery prices to keep patrons.

That would be far better, Shull wrote, than turning the Defense Commissary Agency into a new and separate "non-appropriated fund instrumentality" like AAFES and Navy and Marine Corps exchange systems.

"Using the best of exchange and DeCA leadership to lead a transition of the commissary from a cost-plus-reimbursement environment into one based on profit and loss principles is a much better solution than the one proposed," Shull said. "The exchanges have a core competency of controlling costs while delivering value to our servicemembers and families."

Resale industry sources said Shull correctly warns of the catastrophe awaiting base stores if $1 billion per year in commissary funding is cut.

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EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates

Euro costs (March 31)	$1.4116
Dollar buys (March 31)	€0.7084
British pound (March 31)	$1.71
Japanese yen (March 31)	100.00
South Korean won (March 31)	1,041.00

Commercial rates

Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3771
British pound	$1.6645/0.6008
Canada (Dollar)	1.1055
China (Yuan)	6.2122
Denmark (Krone)	5.4295
Egypt (Pound)	6.9700
Euro	$1.3751/0.7272
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7584
Hungary (Forint)	224.43
Israel (Shekel)	3.5012
Japan (Yen)	102.79
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2821
Norway (Krone)	6.0086
Philippines (Peso)	44.80
Poland (Zloty)	3.03
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7505
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2587
South Korea (Won)	1,067.21
Switzerland (Franc)	0.8868
Thailand (Baht)	32.49
Turkey (New Lira)	2.1902

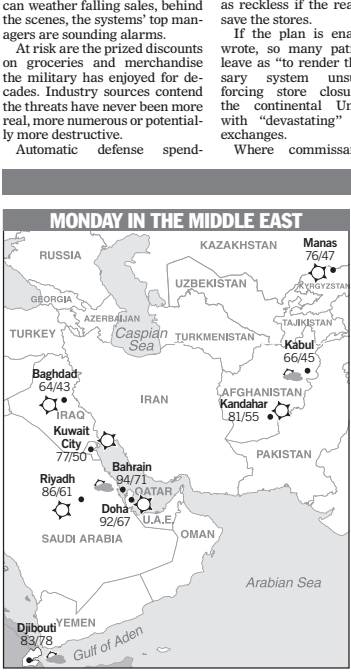
(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military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

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	0.75
Federal funds market rate	0.08
3-month bill	0.05
30-year bond	3.55

WEATHER OUTLOOK

MONDAY IN THE MIDDLE EAST



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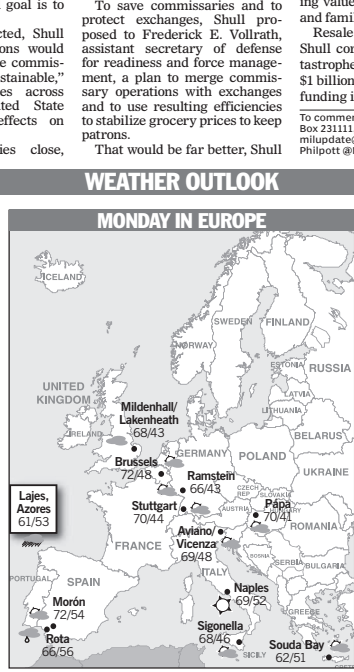

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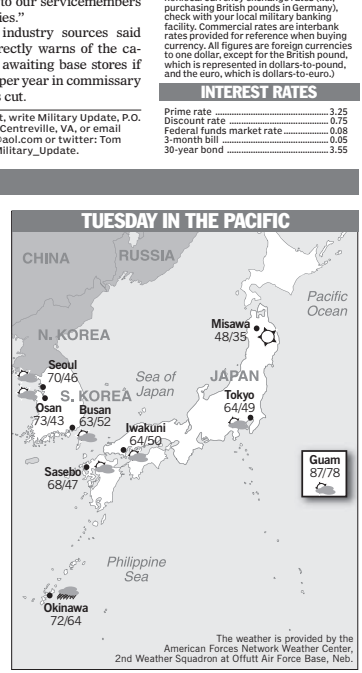

The weather is provided by the American Forces Network Weather Center, 2nd Weather Squadron at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

Monday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	Chattanooga	72	36	Clr	Fort Wayne	65	36	PCldy	Louisville	69	37	Clr	Pocatello	50	26	Cldy	Sioux City	53	49	Cldy
Abilene, Tex	86	62	Cldy	Cheyenne	43	33	Clr	Fresno	64	47	Cldy	Lubbock	81	52	Clr	Portland,Maine	39	33	Snow	Sioux Falls	43	41	Snow
Akron, Ohio	56	26	Clr	Chicago	65	43	Cldy	Goodland	54	41	Clr	Macon	76	35	Clr	Portland,Ore.	56	41	Cldy	South Bend	65	39	PCldy
Albany,N.Y.	42	33	Snow	Cincinnati	68	35	PCldy	Grand Junction	53	29	Cldy	Madison	65	45	Clr	Providence	41	34	Rain	Spokane	54	32	PCldy
Albuquerque	67	41	PCldy	Cleveland	54	29	Clr	Grand Rapids	61	33	PCldy	Medford	55	39	Cldy	Pueblo	61	37	Clr	Springfield,Ill	70	45	Clr
Allentown, Pa.	54	35	Cldy	Colorado Springs	56	37	PCldy	Great Falls	40	23	Cldy	Memphis	75	47	Clr	Raleigh-Durham	70	36	Clr	Springfield,Mo	72	46	Clr
Amarillo	72	48	Clr	Columbia,S.C.	77	37	Clr	Green Bay	54	35	Cldy	Miami Beach	78	62	Clr	Rapid City	30	24	Snow	Syracuse	43	30	PCldy
Anchorage	38	20	Clr	Columbus,Ga.	75	41	Clr	Greensboro,N.C.	71	34	Clr	Midland-Odessa	86	55	PCldy	Reno	45	33	Cldy	Tallahassee	79	39	Clr
Asheville	71	31	Clr	Columbus,Ohio	63	31	Clr	Harrisburg	57	34	PCldy	Milwaukee	60	42	Cldy	Richmond	64	35	PCldy	Tampa	77	52	Clr
Atlanta	73	42	Clr	Concord,N.H.	39	34	Snow	Hartford Spgfld	43	34	Rain	Mpls-St Paul	54	43	Rain	Roanoke	69	37	Clr	Toledo	60	29	Clr
Atlantic City	56	39	Cldy	Corpus Christi	80	63	Cldy	Helena	46	28	Cldy	Missoula	51	28	Cldy	Rochester	45	26	Clr	Topeka	75	54	Clr
Austin	80	55	Cldy	Dallas-Ft Worth	80	56	Cldy	Honolulu	84	73	PCldy	Mobile	76	44	Clr	Rockford	66	45	Clr	Tucson	81	50	Clr
Baltimore	62	36	PCldy	Dayton	64	34	PCldy	Houston	79	53	Cldy	Montgomery	77	38	Clr	Sacramento	62	47	Rain	Tulsa	76	55	Cldy
Baton Rouge	77	46	Clr	Daytona Beach	74	50	Clr	Huntsville	76	39	Clr	Nashville	72	40	Clr	St Louis	74	48	Cldy	Tupelo	75	40	Clr
Billings	39	30	Cldy	Denver	55	37	PCldy	Indianapolis	68	39	PCldy	New Orleans	74	52	Clr	St Petersburg	75	58	Clr	Waco	80	53	Cldy
Birmingham	75	39	Clr	Des Moines	67	54	Clr	Jackson,Miss.	78	43	Clr	New York City	49	36	Rain	St Thomas	84	75	Clr	Washington	63	36	PCldy
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Boise	55	33	Cldy	Duluth	34	33	Snow	Juneau	43	24	Clr	Norfolk,Va.	55	40	PCldy	Salt Lake City	54	34	Cldy	Wichita	72	53	PCldy
Boston	39	34	Rain	El Paso	80	61	PCldy	Kansas City	73	54	Clr	North Platte	47	40	Clr	San Angelo	87	61	Cldy	Wichita Falls	83	56	Cldy
Bridgeport	45	35	Rain	Elkins	59	26	Clr	Key West	79	68	Clr	Oklahoma City	77	54	Cldy	San Antonio	83	56	Cldy	Wilkes-Barre	48	33	Cldy
Brownsville	82	65	PCldy	Erie	45	29	Clr	Knoxville	70	34	Clr	Omaha	60	49	Clr	San Diego	65	57	Cldy	Wilmington,Del.	56	37	Cldy
Buffalo	45	27	Clr	Eugene	54	38	Rain	Lake Charles	74	51	PCldy	Orlando	79	52	Clr	San Francisco	60	50	Rain	Yakima	56	31	Cldy
Burlington,Vt.	40	30	Cldy	Evansville	67	38	Clr	Lansing	60	32	PCldy	Paducah	68	40	Clr	San Jose	61	47	Rain	Youngstown	55	26	Clr
Caribou,Maine	34	28	Snow	Fairbanks	35	6	PCldy	Las Vegas	73	50	Cldy	Pendleton	59	34	Cldy	Santa Fe	63	32	PCldy				
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OPINION

Dirt-dishers disrespectful to first lady

By Kathleen Parker

WASHINGTON

The past couple of weeks have marked a turning point in American ugliness as the mob has turned its full fury on first lady Michelle Obama.

From criticism of her trip to China to a recent "tell-all" by former White House assistant press secretary Reid Cherlin writing for The New Republic about Mrs. Obama's allegedly tyrannical behavior, the gloves have been removed.

As described, she was a perfectionist — super-attentive to detail and laser-focused on advance planning. And this is bad because? Worse, according to a former (anonymous) staffer, there was no barometer for meeting Mrs. Obama's high standards.

"The first lady having the wrong pencil skirt on Monday is just as big of a [mess-up] as someone speaking on the record when they didn't mean to or a policy initiative that completely failed," said the former aide. "It just made you super anxious."

Yes, high-pressure jobs are often like that. And the wrong skirt isn't nothing when every scarf, sweater or sneaker is analyzed as though Vladimir Putin's next move hinged on a hemline.

Other criticism sliming the Internet has been leveled at Michelle's China trip, which to some seemed like just another vacation for the first lady, her two daughters and her mother, Marian Robinson, who was described by a single disgruntled Chinese hotel staffer as "barking at the staff." All other staff commented on how nice everyone was, but a British reporter managed to find one ticked-off person.

Brilliant.

As for vacations, Hawaii may be an enviable destination, but China? (Please don't feel compelled to share your China vacation. I'm sure it was great.) Moreover, goodwill exchanges are among our most effective instruments in diplomacy, soft or otherwise. What is more humanizing than a mother, her daughters and their grandmother?

As for the conduct abroad, a snapshot doesn't tell the story. Mrs. Obama's no-press stipulation is problematic, to be sure, but I can confidently report that the Obamas are recognized for their superior attention to protocol. Witness Mrs. Obama when she met Pope Benedict XVI in 2009 and national security adviser Susan Rice during the president's recent visit with Pope Francis. Both ladies wore black attire, including mantillas.

This is proper dress for women at the Vatican and I'm told they were observed appreciatively. Aren't proper conduct and decorum what we really want from our presidential spouse?

Andy Wong/AP

First lady Michelle Obama practices tai chi with students at Chengdu No. 7 High School in China's Sichuan province Tuesday.

Instead, the haters prefer to focus on a frame here and there in which Michelle Obama is either not wearing the happy-wife smile or dressed too casually for their taste. Those in the public eye for any period of time will fail to present their best face in every instance — or they'll have perfectionist minders micromanaging any potential downside.

Or backside.

When I traveled with then-first lady Laura Bush to the Middle East in 2007, members of the media were asked to turn their backs (and cameras) as Mrs. Bush climbed into a dug-out area in Petra, Jordan. At all times, we were told to position ourselves well ahead of the first lady. This was mostly for security but also ensured the most flattering camera angles.

Who besides Kim Kardashian wants a photographer snapping one's hind quarters as you climb a hill or hoist yourself into a camel saddle, as Mrs. Bush gamely did.

Is this contrived and, therefore, dishonest? Who cares? Honesty is about capturing the subject as she is — a lady with dignity who holds one of the most important positions in the world. Wouldn't we want our first lady seen at her best?

Every first lady faces trials, and Hillary Rodham Clinton's years in the White House were certainly no picnic. Even Laura Bush felt the sting now and then. But the harsh barrage against Mrs. Obama, often in the most personal terms, is in a class of its own.

To what do we owe this fresh venom?

Some might say it's all about race — and though surely true in some cases, this seems too facile an explanation. Perhaps with President Barack Obama's approval ratings in the low 40s, it is our animal nature to pile on the weakened leader. How better to hurt Obama than to attack his family? Perhaps there is a kernel of truth to the East Wing as the "worst wing," as Cherlin called it.

Alternatively, maybe some staffers weren't up to the job and, lacking the maturity or self-awareness (not to mention loyalty), to accept their own responsibility, they turned to the dubious consolation of dishing dirt.

The thing about dirt, however, is that it's dirty. And the used-to-be-somebody holding the shovel usually gets dirtiest of all.

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Secret Service's work too important for slip-ups

Washington Post editorial

The U.S. Secret Service has a tough job — protecting the president and other top federal officials — which, by and large, it performs capably and professionally. Indeed, for many years its reputation for bravery and effectiveness has been right up there with the Navy SEALs and other elite American fighting forces.

Lately, though, you are more likely to hear late-night comics making jokes at the Secret Service's expense. The reason is obvious: embarrassing episodes of frat-boy behavior, both overseas and in the United States, culminating in last week's report of an agent getting drunk and passing out in a Netherlands hotel corridor. These have cast the agency, fairly or not, in a deeply unflattering light. Given the importance of the Secret Service's task, this is no laughing matter.

In a way, the latest incident is the most troubling precisely because it happened after the Secret Service was supposed to have cleaned up its act. In 2012, several agents were fired or disciplined for getting drunk and hiring prostitutes while in Cartagena, Colombia, doing advance work for a pending visit by President Barack Obama. Among the new policies instituted after that disaster was a directive barring the consumption of alcohol within 10 hours of going on duty. That rule appears to have been violated by the passed-out agent and two others in the Netherlands — notwithstanding that they had been fully briefed on the policy and specifically warned by their supervisor before going out on the town.

Several men who behaved inappropriately in Colombia and the Netherlands were members of a paramilitary unit within the Secret Service known as the Counter Assault Team, or CAT, whose dangerous job it is to repel ambushes on the presidential motorcade. The type of individual attracted to such work does not necessarily heed behavioral lectures from the boss; and there are roughly 100 of them in the Secret Service now, roughly twice as many as before Sept. 11, 2001, according to Secret Service officials.

Still, there's no excuse for misconduct that puts the president at greater risk, even by a small margin, which is exactly what getting falling-down drunk the night before you're supposed to go on duty can do. There's no excuse for damaging the reputation of your country and disgracing your agency. To drum home that message, yet again, the Secret Service sent three agents home from the Netherlands and placed them on administrative leave; we assume tougher discipline is to follow.

Yes, the agency has taken steps since Cartagena to prevent misconduct. Obviously, it's going to have to do more.

Looking at the news

A weekly sampling of U.S. editorial cartoons

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AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Court bars odor-based warrantless search

KS TOPEKA — The Kansas Supreme Court has ruled that a strong odor of alcohol from inside a motor vehicle isn't enough to justify a search by law enforcement officers without a warrant.

The court ruled for a Sedgwick County man convicted of possessing methamphetamine discovered by officers who searched his SUV after smelling alcohol they suspected had spilled inside. A leaking bottle of wine was found in the back seat, out of the driver's reach.

Kansas law allows open alcohol containers to be carried inside vehicles under some conditions, including placement in the back seat of vehicles like SUVs that don't have trunks.

The Supreme Court ruled Friday that the warrantless search was illegal. It reversed the man's meth conviction and sent the case back for trial without the drug evidence.

Ex-mother-in-law arrested in '92 deaths

OK SAPULPA — An Oklahoma woman who was the last person to have seen two women and a girl who disappeared in 1992 has been charged in their deaths.

Court records show Beverly Noe faces three counts of first-degree murder. The State Bureau of Investigation says the 67-year-old Bristow woman was arrested Friday.

The bodies of Noe's former daughter-in-law Wendy Camp, Camp's 6-year-old daughter and a sister-in-law were found last year in a makeshift grave on property near Jennings that once belonged to Noe's brother and mother.

Investigators say Noe's brother told them he dug the hole for a septic tank and that after the women and girl disappeared, his mother asked him to fill it in and sprinkle the ground with pepper to cover up any odor. The mother died in 2011.

University preparing for guns on campus

IA MOSCOW — The University of Idaho is taking steps to comply with a new state law that allows people with an enhanced concealed-carry permit to bring a concealed weapon on campus.

The law takes effect July 1.

New University of Idaho President Chuck Staben sent a letter to the school community Thursday. It announced the formation of a task force to recommend what policy changes the school should make to ensure campus safety while adhering to state law.

The Moscow-Pullman Daily News reported the university currently does not allow guns on campus and that policy will remain in effect until July 1.

Suspect says deputies tried to intimidate jury

WI ELKHORN — The lawyer for an Elkhorn man accused of resisting an officer says his client's trial was unfair because deputies tried to intimidate jurors.

A Janesville Gazette report quotes witnesses as saying Walworth County deputies stood outside the courthouse and watched jurors and defense attorneys leave the building during a September trial.

Defense attorney Anthony Cotton said Thursday it was an effort to intimidate the jury.

Donna Kuchler was representing Daniel White at that trial, which ended in a hung jury. She said deputies packed the courtroom, giving "grim" expressions to her and jurors.

Prosecutor Joshua Grube said the deputies were either working or supporting a fellow deputy, and that White's trial was fair.

A new trial starts in September. Cotton wants the case tossed or tried in a different county.

Army Corps to begin killing birds to save fish

WA CLARKSTON — The Army Corps of Engineers this spring will begin killing birds at some Snake and Columbia river dams to help protect juvenile salmon and steelhead.

The agency unveiled a plan Thursday that will allow as many as 1,200 California gulls, 650 ring-billed gulls and 150 double-crested cormorants to be killed.

The Lewiston Tribune said the action will occur at McNary Dam on the Columbia River and Ice Harbor, Lower Monumental, Little Goose and Lower Granite dams on the Snake River.

The corps said birds are typically the single largest cause of juvenile salmon and steelhead mortality. A 2009 study estimated that between 4 percent and 21 percent of smolts passing through the dams are eaten by birds.

Zoo evacuated when bear cub escapes

NM ROSWELL — The zoo in Roswell was evacuated for an hour until a bear cub could be coaxed back into its cage.

Spring River Zoo Director Elaine Mayfield told KOB-TV the cub got out of its cage when keepers filling up a moat accidentally left water running all day Thursday.

The higher water level allowed the bear to make its escape by swimming across the moat and then climbing up the front of the exhibit's cage to get onto the roof.

While the cub was running around on the roof, zoo officials called New Mexico Game and Fish. Officers got the bear back into its cage, and the zoo reopened.

Body odor prompts complaint to police

MO HANNIBAL — It wasn't loud noise or an argument that led to a peace disturbance call at Hannibal City Hall — it was a person's unpleasant odor.

The Hannibal Courier-Post reported that several city hall workers on Tuesday called police to complain that a person who came into the building smelled so bad they wanted him removed. The northeast Missouri town's municipal code allows people to be cited for peace disturbance because of a "noxious and offensive" odor.

The man agreed to leave the building. A short time later, workers at a neighboring business called police — the same person had gone there, the smell following with him.

The person left that building, too, at the urging of police. No arrest was made.

Bill deleting 'retarded' from laws is signed

MI LANSING — Lt. Gov. Brian Calley has signed legislation removing the terms "mental retardation" and "mentally retarded" from state laws.

The new laws reflect a recent recommendation from a mental health commission appointed by Hannibal City Hall. They strike outdated language from various statutes and replace them with terms such as "developmentally disabled" or "intellectually disabled."

The mental health commission recommended the wording changes in December with the aim of reducing stigmas associated with mental illness and developmental disabilities. Special Olympics Michigan has said Michigan was among just a handful of states to not have already passed such legislation.

Calley said the changes encourage "everybody else to do a check on the types of words that we're using" and to be "as inclusive and respectful" as possible.

From wire reports

THE CENSUS

29 **The percentage the federal government could save each year in ink costs by switching to a thinner typeface,** according to Pennsylvania student Suvir Mirchandani, 14. In his paper, "A Simple Printing Solution to Aid Deficit Reduction," Suvir, of O'Hara Township, just outside Pittsburgh, analyzed five documents produced by five U.S. government agencies and estimated how much ink would be used with three typefaces: Garamond, Times New Roman and Century Gothic. The analysis estimated that using 12-point Garamond would save about 29 percent in ink costs.

Switching to a thinner typeface like Garamond can add up to big savings for the government.

STAN CARROLL, THE (MEMPHIS, TENN.) COMMERCIAL APPEAL/AP

Why so blue?

From left, students Kaylan Craigen, Dewayne Walker and Kenneth Polk perform as the Blue Man Group, helping rally support and raise awareness for autism at Hernando High School's annual "Light It Up Blue" kickoff rally on Friday in Hernando, Miss. Of the famed Blue Man troupe, freshman Kenneth said: "They're unpredictable and they show their own way of expressing themselves. Its like with kids with autism — they are unpredictable and they get excited and do special things."

Big Bang's BIG BOOST

Evidence shows universe was created in split second

By Joel Achenbach
The Washington Post

In the beginning, the universe got very big very fast, transforming itself in a fraction of an instant from something almost infinitesimally small to something imponderably vast, a cosmos so huge that no one will ever be able to see it all.

This is the premise of an idea called cosmic inflation — a powerful twist on the Big Bang theory — and recently it received a major boost from an experiment at the South Pole called BICEP2. A team of astronomers led by John Kovac, of the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, announced that it had detected ripples from gravitational waves created in a violent inflationary event at the dawn of time.

"We're very excited to present our results because they seem to match the prediction of the theory so closely," Kovac said in an interview. "But it's the case that science can never actually prove a theory to be true. There could always be an alternative explanation that we haven't been clever enough to think of."

The reaction in the scientific community was cautiously exultant. The new result was hailed as potentially one of the biggest discoveries of the past two decades.

A stunning look back

Cosmology, the study of the universe on the largest scales, has already been roiled by the 1998 discovery that the cosmos is not merely expanding but doing so at an accelerating rate because of what has been called "dark energy." Just as that discovery has implications for the ultimate fate of the universe, this new one provides a stunning look back at the moment the universe was born.

"If real, it's magnificent," said Harvard astrophysicist Lisa Randall.

Lawrence Krauss, an Arizona State University theoretical physicist, said of the new result, "It gives us a new window on the universe that takes us back to almost the very beginning of time, allowing us to turn previously metaphysical questions about our origins into scientific ones."

The measurement, however, is a difficult one. The astronomers chose the South Pole for BICEP2 and earlier experiments because the air is exceedingly dry, almost devoid of water vapor and ideal for observing subtle quirks in the ancient light pouring in from the night sky. They spent four years building the telescope and then three years observing and analyzing the data. Kovac, 43, who has been to the South Pole 23 times, said of the conditions there, "It's almost like being in space."

The BICEP2 instrument sorts through the cosmic microwave background, or CMB, looking for polarization of the light in a pattern that reveals the ripples of gravitational waves. The gravitational waves distort space itself, squishing and tugging the fabric of the universe. This is the first time that anyone has announced the detection of gravitational waves from the early universe.

There are other experiments by rival groups trying to detect those waves, and those efforts will continue in an attempt to confirm these results.

"I would say it's very likely to be correct that we are seeing a signal from inflation," said Adrian Lee, a University of California at Berkeley cosmologist who is a leader of PolarBear, an experiment based on a mountaintop in Chile that is also searching for evidence of inflation. "But it's such a hard measurement that we really would like to see it measured with different experiments, with different techniques, looking at different parts of the sky to have confidence that this is really a signal from the beginning of the universe."

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The fact that the universe is dynamic at the grandest scale, and not static as it appears to be when we gaze at the "fixed stars" in the night sky, has been known since the late 1920s when astronomer Edwin Hubble revealed that the light from galaxies showed that they were moving away from one another.

That led to the theory that the universe, once compact, is expanding. Scientists in recent years have been able to narrow down the age of the universe to about 13.8 billion years. Multiple lines of evidence, including the detection of the CMB exactly 50 years ago, have bolstered the consensus model of modern cosmology, which shows that the universe was initially infinitely hot and dense, literally dimensionless. There was no space, no time.

The birth of a theory

Then something happened. The universe began to expand and cool. This was the Big Bang.

Cosmic inflation throws gasoline on that fire. It makes the Big Bang even bangier right at the start. Instead of a linear expansion, the universe would have undergone an exponential growth.

In 1979, theorist Alan Guth, then at Stanford University, seized on a potential explanation for some of the lingering mysteries of the universe, such as the remarkable homogeneity of the whole place — the way distantly removed parts of the universe had the same temperature and texture even though they had never been in contact with each other. Perhaps the universe did not merely expand in a stately manner but went through a much more dramatic, exponential expansion, essentially going from microscopic in scale to cosmically huge in a tiny fraction of a second.

It is unclear how long this inflationary epoch lasted. Kovac calculated that in that first fraction of a second, the volume of the universe increased by a factor of 10 to the 26th power, going from subatomic to cosmic.

This is obviously difficult terrain for theorists, and the question of why there is something rather than nothing creeps into realms traditionally governed by theologians. But theoretical physicists say that empty space is not empty, that the vacuum crackles with energy and that quantum physics permits such mind-boggling events as a universe popping up seemingly out of nowhere.

"Inflation — the idea of a very big burst of inflation very early on — is the most important idea in cosmology since the Big Bang itself," said Michael Turner, a University of Chicago cosmologist. "If correct, this burst is the dynamite behind our Big Bang."

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By Joel Rubin
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES

Before they hit the streets as new cops, the recruits took a final run together.

It was a fitting end, given all the miles they had logged over the last six months. In a few days, they would graduate from the Los Angeles Police Department's training academy and scatter to stations throughout the city for their rookie years.

On this misty morning in November 2010, they sang like soldiers do as they jogged from a training facility near LAX to the beach. "Everywhere we go, people want to know who we are. So we tell them, 'We are the LAPD! Best department in the world!'"

In the front was Clay Bell, a young former Marine from Texas who had emerged early as the class leader. In the pack behind him, Ed Anderson sang the loudest. At 46, Anderson was the oldest in the class and the most unlikely cop among them. Vanessa Lopez lagged in the back. Lopez hated running. Barely cracking 5 feet, she had come to the LAPD after the Army told her she was too short to be a helicopter pilot. The LAPD had helicopters.

"Up early with the California sun. Pride run! Last run! Oh, yeah! Almost done!"

They arrived at a bluff overlooking the Pacific and scrambled down to the beach. They stared out onto the water, each of them lost for a moment in their own thoughts. The quiet was broken when a few charged into the water. Others who held back were tossed in. Anderson walked up to Lopez. Still dry, she crossed her arms and shook her head.

"It feels like we're just getting started. Like the hard part is only about to begin."

They had come to the academy from different worlds — she was a Mexican-American from Compton, Anderson a father of two from a wealthy Bay Area town.

They had forged a tight bond over the one thing they had in common: They wanted to be LAPD cops.

"It feels like we're just getting started," Anderson said. "Like the hard part is only about to begin."

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The physical and mental pressure in the academy is intense. Days typically begin at 6 a.m. and run late into the day. At night, recruits are expected to do several hours of studying for the next day's classes.

Looming over each day is the constant threat of getting booted out: When a recruit fails a written exam or one of the frequent simulation exercises they are put through, he or she is allowed some time to study and then given the exam again. A second failure means immediate expulsion. There are no exceptions.

Bell almost didn't get in. He had bombed the written exam because of his poor writing skills. During the several months he was forced to wait before being allowed to try again, Bell enrolled in English classes at a local community college and passed the exam on the next try.

When the call finally came, Bell was in math class and had poor reception on his phone. He asked if he could call back.

The officer on the other end was blunt. "Son, you don't want to hang up on this call."

Once he was in the academy, things came easy to Bell. The place is run like the military — recruits don't do anything without orders from a drill instructor, mistakes are often punished with push-ups. Bell, who served two combat tours in Iraq as a squad leader, was well suited to it. During the first few weeks, when drill instructors went particularly rough on the class to weed out weak-willed recruits, he quietly became the one others looked to for guidance.

Anderson handled the physical demands of the academy and certainly was smart enough. But he seemed to want to succeed so badly that he often became flustered.

Lopez handled much of the work in the academy capably, but struggled on the firing range with the Glock .40-caliber handgun all recruits are issued. During one shooting lesson, she stood on the firing line and took aim at a paper target 10 yards away. She whispered to herself as she clenched and unclenched her hand around the grip of the gun, "Smooth, baby, smooth" — a mantra she used to calm her nerves.

Afterward, she sat on a bench dabbing blood from a spot on her thumb that she had rubbed raw from gripping the gun so tightly.

Lopez was called into a meeting with the head of the academy, who threatened her with expulsion if she didn't improve at marksmanship. "I left there with my tail between my legs," she recalled later. When it came time for the handgun shooting tests, she was far from the best in the class but managed to pass.

Along with Bell, Anderson and Lopez, 42 other recruits were in the class at the start — a diverse group of 30 men and 15 women. By the end, more than a quarter of them had either quit or been kicked out. For the ones who made it through, it would be one of the most physically and mentally exhausting periods of their lives.

But the academy was just practice. They hadn't yet faced the realities of being a Los Angeles cop — the violence, the low pay and the constant scrutiny from within. Could they make it?

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A midlife crisis had delivered Anderson to the LAPD's doorstep.

He owned a market research firm and was living an idyllic life with his wife and two daughters a few minutes from the beach in Half Moon Bay. When he went with a client to a demonstration by a local department's SWAT officers, Anderson was enthralled, but he dismissed it as a job for someone 20 years younger.

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A few years later, Anderson had become disillusioned with his work and the sense that it didn't amount to anything meaningful. He thought back to the day with the SWAT officers and decided to shut down his

Officer Brown, left, makes his point with recruits on their first day at the Los Angeles Police Department Elysian Park training academy in Los Angeles.

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"I wanted to have a job that in a tangible, hands-on way helps people," he said. "I know that sounds naive or idealistic, but I decided I couldn't ignore it."

Departments closer to home weren't hiring, and Anderson was drawn to the LAPD by its reputation in law enforcement circles as a highly trained force where cops get the excitement — and danger — that comes with policing in a big city. Leaving his family at home, Anderson moved in with his father, who lived in a condo in the South Bay.

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At the academy, Anderson managed to calm down as the months passed and graduated filled with a sense of excitement and relief. A career change that had seemed absurd six months earlier had become a reality.

The excitement, however, faded quickly. LAPD patrol officers typically work three 12-hour shifts each week. Anderson figured he would work his shifts in a row and then make the six-hour drive for a few days at home. In reality, though, the routine was grueling. He would get off work as the sun was coming up and then hit the road. At home, he was torn between catching up on sleep or seeing his wife and children.

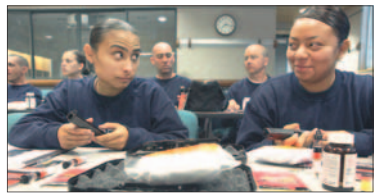
At work, the exhaustion led to mistakes. He struggled to add up minutes and hours on the log every officer must use to account for what he did throughout a shift. He worried that it was a matter of time before he made a mistake on something bigger.

Despite all he had sacrificed, Anderson began to think about quitting. Classmates and officers at his station tried to persuade him to stay, but he was gone by June, seven months into his new career.

After finishing their rookie years, Lopez and Bell did mandatory stints in the department's jails and then were sent to new assignments as full-fledged cops. Bell went to the 77th Street Division, one of the city's roughest, as a patrol officer. Lopez joined the department's South Bureau Traffic Division, where officers deal mostly with car accidents and driving violations.

They realized early on that the academy had prepared them only to a point.

No amount of role-playing with paint-pellet guns could have taught Lopez how to control the adrenaline that coursed through her as she chased a man with a gun into the courtyard of a housing project on her first foot pursuit.



Los Angeles Police Department recruits Vanessa Lopez, left, and Gabriela Gomez, right, take apart their service pistols for instruction on how to clean it.

And nothing the drill instructors said could have readied Bell for the day he responded to the scene of a stabbing and found a woman had taken a knife to her sister's face because they were from rival gangs.

"I stopped asking 'Why?' a while ago," Bell said in an interview recently. "You can't if you want to do this job. There is no way to understand why and how people do the things that they do. You just have to accept that it is happening and that it will keep happening."

Bell and Lopez graduated from the academy with an idealism rooted in a desire to help people in need. With three years now behind them, that sense of purpose has been tested. Bell, who is black, patrols in South Los Angeles, where distrust among black Angelenos toward the LAPD runs deep. He has been called a traitor and been spit on by black people on the street.

"I'm only 27 years old," he said. "You go back 30 years and people have legitimate reasons not to like the department as an establishment. And we still feel that, because those people taught their kids about it and they carried it on."

"There is no way to understand why and how people do the things they do."

As a young cop, Lopez has run up against what she and others describe as a divide between the old and new guards of the LAPD. On a scorching afternoon in August, she and her partner were flagged down by a 25-year veteran officer who had pulled over a Latina for a minor traffic violation. The woman, who had her toddler daughter in the car, didn't have a driver's license — a strong indication that she was in the country illegally. The motorcycle officer needed Lopez to translate for him.

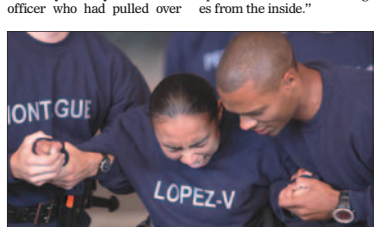
"Tell her I'd be taking her to jail if it weren't for the little kid," he said harshly. He made the crying woman take her child out of the car and stand on the sidewalk in the 90-degree heat as he called for a tow truck after impounding the car.

Lopez, 29, translated dutifully, but inside she was seething. She didn't feel any kinship with the woman because they were both Latina. Instead, she saw the officer as a product of a different era in the LAPD, when cops were taught to take more of an "us vs. them" approach to policing.

The encounter brought back memories of how she was taught to think of cops growing up in Compton, where gangs tried to recruit young teenagers at school and her bathroom window looked out onto the alley where a neighborhood drug dealer did deals.

"Growing up, cops were frowned upon," she said.

She thought about the officer and said: "He didn't have to handle it like that. That's not the person I am, not the type of cop I want to be. I've realized that if I want to make things better, I have to climb up the ranks and make changes from the inside."



Los Angeles Police recruits Chris Montague, left, and Clay Bell, right, hold Vanessa Lopez as her body is charged with Taser voltage at the LAPD training academy in Los Angeles.

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Crowe: Criticism of 'Noah' 'irrational'

By Gina Abdy
The Associated Press

Russell Crowe calls the criticism that the film "Noah" has received "irrational" and says he's happy audiences can finally see it for themselves.

Crowe spoke to The Associated Press on March 26 at the New York premiere of the biblical epic, directed by Darren Aronofsky and featuring Emma Watson and Jennifer Connelly, who were also at the event.

"Noah" has been the subject of controversy with some religious groups claiming the story has been inaccurately portrayed. That has prompted Paramount Pictures to add a disclaimer to its marketing material saying "artistic license has been taken" in telling the story. The film has also been banned in many Islamic countries where it's taboo to depict a prophet.

"We have endured 12 to 14 months of irrational criticism and now people are starting to see it and to realize how respectful it is, and how true to the source material it is and how intense of an experience it is in the movie theater, you know, so that's cool," he said.

Emma Watson, who plays Ila, the wife of Noah's son Shem, says she wasn't surprised by the response to the film. "To be honest, I expected there to be controversy, I think all Biblical adaptations carry the weight of that because it is something that is so personal to people," she said. "Everyone interprets it differently, but so far, the response has been really positive, and I think the film, when people see it, (they) will realize that it is very sensitive and inclusive ... I'm really proud of the movie."

Crowe said his decision to play the title role was in part swayed by the desire to work with Aronofsky. "(It was) kind of a longstanding desire to work with Darren, and having watched him develop as a filmmaker, having sat around and getting close, but never actually working together," he said.

He added: "When he first came to talk to me about it, he brought a 40-page booklet of renderings of all the various sequences, sort of how he wanted the movie to look. And it was a combination of what he was going for and what was actually on the page that I felt would have a connection to people and that would resonate for me."

Russell Crowe stars as the title character in the movie "Noah."
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Cameron Diaz talks about her new film and a celebrity breakup

By Nicole Evatt
The Associated Press

If you count yourself among those who have never been cheated on, Cameron Diaz has these words of wisdom: It will happen, or it's already happened and you just don't know it.

The actress gave her perspective on relationships as she and Leslie Mann promoted their new comedy, "The Other Woman," at CinemaCon, the annual convention of movie exhibitors.

The two ladies joked around with each other as they talked about the film, in which Diaz's character discovers her boyfriend is actually married to Mann's character and the pair team up to seek revenge.

In real life, Diaz insists that everyone has been the victim of a cheating partner. "At some point in your life, everybody has been cheated on," she said, laughing. "I'm not saying that the relationship you're in currently, you're going to get cheated on, but eventually or maybe in the past it's happened."

And if you think you're the exception to the rule, Diaz has news for you: "You've never been cheated on? You've never been cheated on ever? Really? Really, nothing? Oh good. Well, guess what? You may not know that you've been cheated on."

The 41-year-old actress also weighed in on the "conscious uncoupling" of her friends Gwyneth Paltrow and Chris Martin. Diaz says they're handling divorce the right way "because everybody is interested and they are giving them the truth."

She added: "They're being very honest about their relationship which is that they are really great friends, they're amazing parents and they're just consciously deciding that a part of their life is not going to be spent the way it's been for the last 11 years, which I think is ..."

"Eleven years is a long time. That's a long time. It makes sense," added Mann.

'X-Men' preview shows abilities of new mutants

In the first few minutes of a new "X-Men: Days of Future Past" clip, some X-Men attempt to battle ruthless metal monsters using their special abilities.

It's the first appearance for some of the mutants — Blink, Sunspot, Warpath and Bishop. A few don't make it out alive.

The clip was unveiled March 27 at CinemaCon in Las Vegas and introduced by Jim Gianopulos, chairman and CEO of 20th Century Fox, to theater owners.

The seventh installment of the Marvel franchise, due May 23, brings back two-time "X-Men" director Bryan Singer, as the younger selves of X-Men Professor Charles Xavier (played by James McAvoy) and Magneto (Michael Fassbender) join forces with their older selves (Patrick Stewart and Ian McKellen) to fight species across two time periods. Mystique (Jennifer Lawrence) and many of the other X-Men also appear.

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Cameron Diaz, right, with "The Other Woman" co-star Leslie Mann in Las Vegas on March 27, says "At some point in your life, everybody has been cheated on."

Fleetwood Mac to launch tour

The McVies are going back on the road with Fleetwood Mac. The band announced a 33-city North American tour March 27. It's the first set of shows since they canceled performances last year as bassist John McVie was being treated for cancer. The tour also marks Christine McVie officially rejoining the band since 1998's "The Dance" tour. The "On With the Show" tour will kick off Sept. 30 in Minneapolis. Tickets go on sale April 7.

Paltrow thanks supporters

Gwyneth Paltrow took to Goop and the lifestyle site's regular weekly email March 28 to offer thanks to supporters standing by her and her "consciously uncoupled" husband, Chris Martin, in their freshly announced separation. But first there was chicken. Three ways to prepare it, in fact. The thanks came in the form of a postscript below her usual introduction: "P.S. CM and I in deep gratitude for the support of so many."

Lambert, Strait to salute Haggard

Country music's biggest stars are turning out for a salute to Merle Haggard. Miranda Lambert and George Strait will team up to perform a tribute medley of Haggard's hits during the Academy of Country Music Awards on April 6, and Garth Brooks will present the singer-songwriter with the academy's Crystal Milestone Award. Songs Lambert and Strait will perform include "Tonight the Bottle Let Me Down" and "I'm a Lonesome Fugitive."

Other news

■ **Cynthia McFadden** is jumping to NBC News, while **Juju Chang** will replace her as co-anchor of ABC News' "Nightline." The networks announced the changes on March 27.

■ The wife of country singer **Trace Adkins** has filed for divorce March 24 and is asking for custody of their three children. Adkins and his wife, Rhonda, have been married nearly 17 years.

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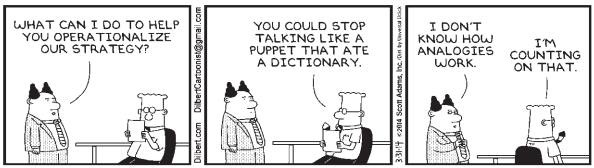

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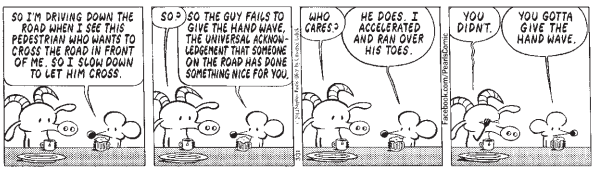

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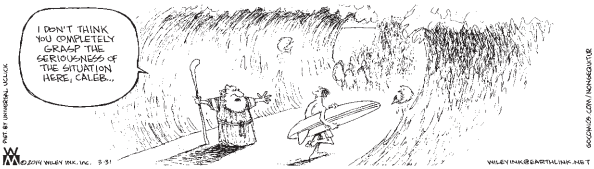

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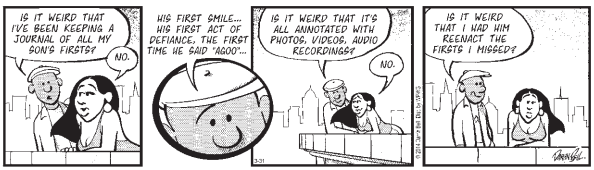

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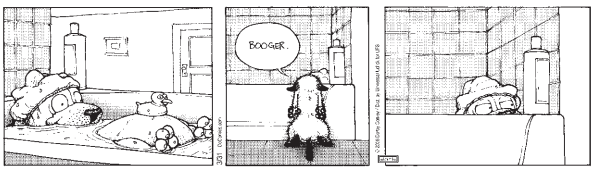

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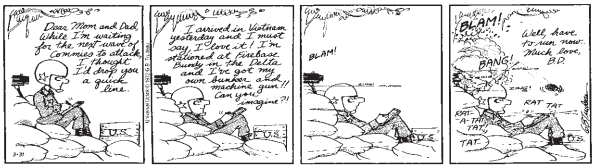

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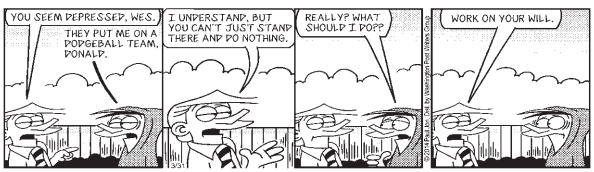

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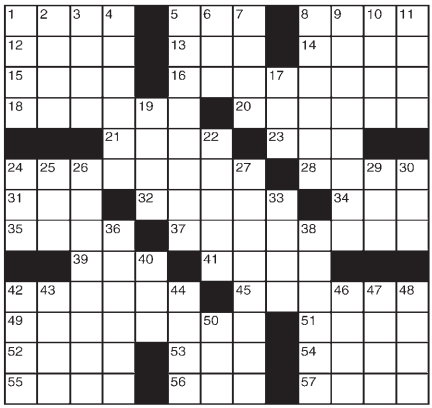

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57 Hot dog holder

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3 Acronym meaning "Hurry!"
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7 "Stop it!"
8 Tar
9 Ardent desire for fame
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11 Chopping tools
17 U-boat, for one
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25 First lady
26 Countrywide
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BMW, X5 , 2010 $1000.00 Bolt Pattern: 5 X 120 Stud Size: 14 X 1.5b Hub Center bore: 74.1 Purchased tires and rims from BMW a month before the winter season. So they are actually still new. Tires come with TPM monitor also billyblanks257@gmail.com

Chevrolet, Camaro, 1996 $2200.00 350 LT1 from a 96 Z28. This was going to go into my 92 RS, but I no longer have the car so selling my stockpile. I have everything for the fuel injection setup (intake, wiring harness, PCM, etc.), but I also have everything to convert it to carburated which is what I was planning to do. Will sell in stock trim for 1500, or with everything to go carburated for 2200, this will also include EFI stuff. 016091505042 mcgarnicle@hotmail.com

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BUERSTER, TRAILER 530TL CITY, 1983 $500.00 German camper that is currently registered in the U.S. USAREUR System. Registration is good until July 2014. Please contact me if you would like more pictures or more information. Camper is located in Pfungstadt. jgershen@hotmail.com 01622717145

Chevrolet, Camaro, 1989 $11000.00 350 TPI motor, has about 15,000 miles since lower-end rebuild. Transmission is a T-56 from a 95 Z28, shifts great! The rear end is from a 2000 Trans am with 4.10 gears. Full exhaust work from the headers back with 3 inch cutout, 2 summers ago I did an exterior refresh with new paint, new decal and stripes, had the original rims stripped and polished, new windshield, all new weatherstipping. 12" rotors all around, (LS1 car brake set-up). Aluminum driveshaft. autometer gauges, pwr- wind,mirr,seat 016091505042

Chevrolet, Camaro, 2011 $21500.00 Black Camaro with Green Stripes, 425 HP, brand new wheels, great condition. Car was purchased in U.S. Must sell due to move. jkountz16@hotmail.com

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Chrysler, 200 Limited, 2011 $16500.00 3.6 l, 6 speed automatic transmission, Color: black with clear coat, black leather seats, dealer maintained, low mileage, all weather tires w rims, extra set of winter tires with rims included, in very good condition. 0171-76995 Timothyjlane@live.com

Chrysler, Crossfire Limited Coupe, 2005 $8500.00 This is a beautiful gray metallic limited edition coupe. It has power windows, power steering, power seats, ac, and heated seats. The car is in beautiful condition. Best offers will be considered. rralix@gmail.com

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Fiat, Doblo, 2004 $3600.00 (VAN) 172,000KM, Blue Metalic. 1 Set of Summer and Winter Tires. AC, Central Lock, Electric Windows. German Inspection Until June 2015 $3600 OBO. Call 06122-7034551 or email johncaparco@gmail.com

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Chrysler, Dodge Grand Caravan SE, 2009 $13490.00, A GREAT FAMILY CAR - 7 seats - Stow and Go feature - DVD player with Rear Entertainment Center - Dual Sliding Doors - Navigation System - Automatic Transmission - Cloth Seats - Keyless entry - Power Windows, locks, mirrors - ABS Brakes - Cruise control - Front, Side and Curtain Airbags - AM FM Radio with CD Player with MP3 and AUX - Hard Drive (HDD) for storing music - 16 " Alloy Wheels - Steering Wheel with touch controls - Dual zone Climate Control - Luggage Rack - Engine 3.3L V6 0151-2606-7460 onassisromero@yahoo.com

Dodge, Grand Caravan ES, 2001 $3900.00 Great family vehicle. Selling due to conus pcs. Tan Leather, Heated Seats, Tri-Zone AC, Power Seats, Power Mirrors, 2 Captains Chairs in 2nd row, Seats 7, Newer Tires & Brakes, USAREUR Inspection good until March 2015, 2nd owner (1st owner was my wife's grandmother), 111,000 miles. 0160-9708-0613 n8_wells@yahoo.com

Fiat 5 speed, 500, 2011 $10500.00 Fun, Red , 63kw(85ps). Wet Okole seat covers, all season tires and extra summer tires. Sun roof, CD player, air conditioning. Full service and warranty records, European specs. Hate to sell but heading back to states. It has been a great car. +49 160 94908450

Ford, Fusion Sport, 2010 $16000.00 Excellent condition, Sport Blue, 3.5l V6, Completely new brakes replaced on 14 March with 10,000 mile Ford warranty, brand new high performance summer tires on OZ rims, winter tires mounted on Alu rims, Ford racing suspension, leather, Sync, non smoking first and only owner, dealer maintained, well cared for. 0151-22346825 mineralgrey@yahoo.com

Ford, Ranger, 2011 $20500.00 Ford Ranger XLT SuperCab 4X4. US Spec, Black, 4.0L v-6, 5-speed manual, Power Steering, Power Brakes, Air, 4-doors, runs great. Paint has minor scratches in bed and on bed rails but then it is a truck. Asking $20,500 OBO (below NADA and blue book). A great truck for a reasonable price. Call +49 160-9024-8715 or email joe **joes-bugs.com, for** more info or pictures.

Harley Davidson, FLHX Street Glide, 2009 $17000.00 This is a beautiful Black Pearl Street Glide with many extras including 4 point docking station with detachable sissy bar and Luggage rack inspection good until Aug 2015. So much fun to ride especially on long trips very comfortable. Very powerful Screaming Eagle 103. Received an oil change and a Harley Dealership inspection every spring. Call 061457098 Wiesbaden area Clear Title. prefer ID Card Holder 015738439984

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Honda, Odyssey, 2006 $6000.00 Comfortable, reliable, automatic sliding doors, heated seats, room for 8 plus LOTS of space in the back, includes set of winter tires. Perfect family car for your time in Europe. 015140018534 wellmankeri@yahoo.com

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Jeep, Grand Cherokee Limited, 2007 $17900.00 Steel blue, gray leather, sun roof, heated power seats, front and rear fog lights. All maintenance completed by Jeep paperwork available. Excellent car. Negotiable. 01727105195 tom.lorenzini@hotmail.com

Land rover , 110 Defender, 2009 $27500.00, German spec with Ford common rail diesel 2.4 engine with 6spd manual. This is a seven seater and for a Defender is speced out with AC and heated seats. It has been near bullet proof in reliability with 67,000Km. I bought the Defender new in Dec 20008. All service up to date and performed by Fuhrmeister in Mainz. FWIW, the Defender will end civilian production in 2015. Email for more info jlwolff911 **hotmail.com**

Land Rover, Range Rover Evoque, 2013 $41000.00 in maritus blue with black leather interior. Bought new in July 2013 has about 7000KM and it in excellent condition. This has the 190 hp diesel engine mated to a 6spd manual. Why this combination is not imported in to the US is beyond me. Gets about 40mpg on the Bahn. Email for more details at jlwolff911@hotmail.com

Mercedes Elegance 320CLK convertible 2001, German specs- one owner- loaded-excellent condition--garage kept-serviced by Mercedes-$12,500 or best offer--original cost 45k--four summer and winter tires with rims,heated seats, parktronic and more--65,000 miles 07031280681, email fritz_32@hotmail.com

NISSAN, ARMADA, 2008 $21500.00 2008 Immaculate Family SUV, Exceptional Condition with low miles.Charcoal Grey,Every Available Option(except nav)leather,DVD Entertainment,Moonroof,Heated Seats,Priced below KBB & includes 4 X Blizzak Snow Tires ($800). Must be seen to be appreciated. Must Sell, Owner Retiring, Hohenfels Area. Serious Enquiries only please! 015111545427 liamolongbow@hotmail.com

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Opel, Zafira, 2005 $8500.00 2005 Opel Zafira 2.2 liter direct injection. Automatic, AC, 7 seats, top box included, 1 year old summer and winter tires with rims.German specs 015164197159

Pontiac Fiero, Sport Coupe SE, 1985 $6000.00 V6 Engine, 2.8 liters, 4 speed transaxle, 111,605 miles. New brakes, clutch, electrical (alternator, distributor, headlights and motor, computer) - Car has been garaged since purchase,(14 years) worked on as a hobby. Runs great! 01712078784 kyoungcox@aol.com

Volvo, S60 T5, 2012 $22000.00 US spec. a very clean car, full loadet sunroof leather mirrow camera Graf area pics please car123@t-online.de 01728616505, sreinhold@freenet.de

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Steel blue, gray leather, sun roof, heated power seats, front and rear fog lights. All maintenance completed by Jeep paperwork available. Excellent car. Negotiable.email: tom.lorenzini@hotmail.com, cell 01727105195

Toyota, Sienna XLE, 2000 $3200.00 Make an offer. Recently passed inspection; Engine: 6-Cyl 3.0L, Automatic Transmission, Mileage: 165K, U.S. Specs, 4 Brand New TIRES! Front Wheel Drive, Cruise Control, AC, Moon Roof, Tilt Wheel, Leather Seats, Power Steering, Power Windows & Seat, AM FM Stereo, 6 CD Changer, ABS, Tow Package, Roof Rack, Alloy Wheels, Dual Air Bags. KBB value is $3720 for 'fair condition'. Absolutely mechanically sound and in excellent running condition. Phone: 01703¼60446

Volkswagen VW, Passat, 2007, Great running US Specs, 71735 miles, 2.0 T 4-cylinder engine, 200 HP, manual transmission, 6 CD changer, automatic AC-climate control, leather interior, seat heat, power seats, power windows, sunroof, brand new brakes, comes with set of winter tires, alloy wheels, all maintenance services done and up to date, registration current! $9,400 OBO Please contact me by email perry.k.doegah@us.army.mil or cell phone 0162-2566765

VOLVO, V40, 2001 $2000.00, wagon. Second owner. Summer and winter tires. LJIGGY1977@YAHOO.COM

VOLVO, XC70 AWD, 2007 $15000.00 2007 Crosscountry AWD Automatic millage 87K leather, pwr heated front seats,AC, DVD wireless headphones, park assist, tow package, sun roof, electric windos, geartronic transmission,dealer maintained, or 017661266595 w.ssims@yahoo.com

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Volvo, XC70 (US specification), 2007 $14500.00 For Sale by original owner 5 cylinder turbo-injection, standard fuel (not diesel),208 HP Lots of extras! Meticulous maintenance record No lien, buyer pays all applicable taxes, title, and licensing fees. Sold as is. Please contact: 0176-47267302

VW, Golf GTI, 2012 $19900.00 very clean car with sunroof 4 doors US spec Graf area pics. at car123@t-online.de 01728616505, sreinhold@freenet.de

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Alfa Romeo, MiTo, 2009 $7750.00 Great car for Italy and Europe: low miles, great fuel economy, Blaupunkt radio with CD, sport package, sport seats, leather steering wheel, 18" alloy rims, very clean, no damage, Euro specs alfa.mito@yahoo.com

Fiat, 500, 2011 $9500.00 Metallic red Fiat, air conditioning, CD player, Bluetooth, USB, custom seat covers,sun roof panel. Great car, we have all service and warranty records. Heading back to States or we would not be selling.Looking for good home.Janet **Ramstein +49** 16094908450

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BMW, F650GS, 2012 $8500.00 798cc. Heated grips, comp, luggage, compft seat, center stand, cruise control, Warranty, clean, Inc extras. e-mail: for pics and details $8500 OBO jbean114@gmail.com

BMW, R65, 1981 $2500.00 US specs, Blue, Boxer motor, electronic ignition, saddlebags +2 seats,16438 miles; clean and excellent condition. hasenbuhlerh@yahoo.com

Harley Davidson, Road Glide Ultra (FLTRU), 2012 $22000.00 US spec; Big Blue Pearl color; cross-spoke wheels; 9,500mi. Excellent condition, always garaged, no issues whatsoever. $6K in parts and upgrades to this bike (full exhaust, dynojet, 12" apes, monotubes, seat with driver backrest). Too much to list here; if interested in additional details or photos send me a request. Private sale and I have the Title in hand. Serious inquiries only. Bike located in Wiesbaden. 0151 275 18471

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Honda, Nighthawk S 700 CB700SC, 1984 $2650.00 US Spec One of the best bikes ever built. This is a rare 30 year old classic in great condition. Nearly impossible to find in Europe. Shaft driven and hydraulically adjusted valves make this Nighthawk S virtually maintenance free. Only 24,560 miles. Honda service manual included. Inspection good until September. I hate to give this bike up, but I just don't have the time to ride. Cell & text 0175-251-7575 (only checked after duty hours..I don't take my cell phone in the office) redleg89@me.com 0175-251-6957

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Suzuki, GSXR1000, 2007 $9500.00 US Specs; great condition; comes with tons of extras: ASV levers; Ohlins TTX shock, fork cartridge kit with extended caps; and steering damper; Galfer wave rotors and steel braided brake lines (plus extra set of new brake pads); stock and gel seats; Kenny Roberts Carbon exhaust with db killers; IDM Suzuki ECU custom tune; BMC air filter; 520 Chain upgrade with 1+2- sprockets plus stock size; speedo healer; tail delete and lots more. onebas3@yahoo.com

Suzuki, Hayabusa, 2011 $10498.00 A red, black and chrome American spec Busa with only 3,600 miles. NADA (average) retail $12,674. Only mods are incredible sounding dual Yoshimura 011 49 9662 420 695 lamonte.r.chatman.mil@mail.mil

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Yamaha, Fazer 600, 2003 $2250.00 pcs back to states and need to sell my Yamaha Fazer. 35700 kilometers. This bike has a naked headlight conversion. Has minor damage on right roll bar from being dropped. otherwise, it is in really great shape. Has a brand new front michelin pilot 3 tire. Includes outdoor cover. Location- Garmisch. Message for more details. 015226072206

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BMW, X5 - 35i, 2011 $31000.00 Only selling to make room for an upgrade before we PCS - we love the X5 that much! Fully loaded - Alpine white with cocoa brown interior and dark walnut trim. The amenities go on and on for this vehicle...too long to list in the limited space here. Contact me for full list. Car is available on Clay Kaserne M-F or can meet you after work & weekends. $31,000 o.b.o. - want to see this car go to loving owners rather than trade it in - hurry, don't delay will trade in o & a 31Mar14 0160 946 28 435 cjm_1206@yahoo.com

Jeep, Grand Cherokee, 1995 $2500.00 They don't make them like this anymore. This time-tested tank of solid steel and sex appeal could turn heads on and off the autobahn with you in the driver's seat! With a mileage of 165,000, she sports a new engine with just over 50,000 miles. Also has new brakes, automatic transmission, and 4-wheel drive components. Passed inspection just last week. US specs? Yep. Steady roar like a lion? You betcha. Need to worry about pesky little nicks? No way. Intermittently working tape player? Included! 49-951-5191291

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Chrysler, Town & Country Touring Plus, 2010 $16500.00 Outstanding touring van just in time for Spring Break! Fits 7 passengers plus luggage with stow & go and roof rack. 70K mile Bumper to Bumper warranty and remainder of 5yr⅛00K powertrain warranty. Seller guarantees inspection. Has 4 snow tires (mounted) and 4 additional rims for summer tires. Great vehicle for Europe, has fit in all parking garages, even with roof rack. 65,000 miles, US specs. Email me at: Chrysler.4sale@yahoo.com for more details. 01511-6502218

Dodge, Grand Caravan, 2001 $3800.00 2001 Dodge Grand Caravan.120K miles, power steering, power brakes, power windows, power doors, AC, AMFM CD Player. New tires and brakes. Runs well drives great! Vehicle located in Stuttgart, Germany. Passed Inspection SEP 13. Hail Damage. Contact Bob, timelost@gmail.com or +33 626 593 885 (temp number in France). 004915151617599

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Apple Macbook Pro 15" $650.00, Late 2009-Early 2010 Core 2 Duo 2.8Gh (BTO) Built to Order. 8Gb Memory, 500 Gb SATA Hard Disk Drive. Owners personel Computer and has been cleaned and Restored to original condition. Has nearly new Battery and a new Charger. Mac OS 10.7.5. Cell 01622710793 - email pmr.pacgmail, Pictures available.

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Hamilton leads Mercedes' 1-2 finish in Malaysia

By Chris Lines
The Associated Press

SEPANG, Malaysia — Lewis Hamilton broke his drought at Formula One's Malaysian Grand Prix and led a one-two finish for the Mercedes team on Sunday.

Hamilton beat teammate Nico Rosberg by 17.3 seconds at the Sepang International Circuit, with defending world champion Sebastian Vettel of Red Bull third.

It was the first one-two by the Mercedes factory team since 1955, when it was a dominant force in the embryonic days of F1.

Hamilton got away well from pole position and led throughout, making up for his retirement in the season-opening race in Australia and belatedly winning in Malaysia for the first time, at his eighth attempt.

"Incredibly happy, my first win here in my eighth year, so finally got that," Hamilton said. "To get a one-two is quite special, I haven't had many in my career."

The Briton was also quick to mention the ill-fated Malaysian Airlines flight MH370, which took off from the Kuala Lumpur airport adjacent to the Sepang track earlier this month and is thought to have crashed, killing all 239 people aboard.

"After such a tragedy three weeks ago, I would like to dedicate this win to those people and their families," Hamilton said.

Ferrari's Fernando Alonso finished fourth, ahead of Force India's Nico Hulkenberg and McLaren's Jenson Button, while Felipe Massa held on for seventh ahead of Williams teammate Valtteri Bottas despite being told by his team to let Bottas through.

After the race, Massa insisted he had done the right thing in ignoring team orders, though there were likely to be internal repercussions as Bottas was adamant he could have passed Button.

Two rookies took the final two points positions, with McLaren's Kevin Magnussen ninth and Toro Rosso's Daniil Kvyat tenth.

On a day when the threatened tropical rain held off, Red Bull's Daniel Ricciardo and Ferrari's Kimi Raikkonen were the leading cars that suffered the worst luck.

Lai Seng Sin/AP

Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton of Britain celebrates while crossing the finish line to win the Malaysian Formula One Grand Prix at Sepang International Circuit in Sepang, Malaysia on Sunday.

Ricciardo was in fourth place with 15 laps to go when the team failed to properly attach a wheel during a pitstop, forcing him to stop halfway down the pitlane and be pushed back to have it replaced. Soon after, the Australian lost his front wing, got a stop-go penalty for an unsafe release from the pitstop and then retired.

To make matters worse, the unsafe release means he will also get a 10-place grid penalty at next weekend's race in Bahrain.

It was another tough day for Ricciardo, who finished second in his home race in Melbourne, only to be disqualified after the team was deemed to have exceeded the fuel-flow limit on his car.

Raikkonen was hit from behind by Magnussen on the opening lap, causing a puncture, dropping him to the back of the field. He finished 12th, behind Lotus' Romain Grosjean who did well to make it to the finish in his Lotus, which has been beset by engine failures in the early part of the season.

Truck race rained out

MARTINSVILLE, Va. — The NASCAR Truck Series race at Martinsville Speedway was rained out Saturday and was made up as part of a rare double-header at the track Sunday.

The Sprint Cup race was to start at 1:13 p.m. and NASCAR and track officials hoped to start the nightcap as quickly as possible afterward, hopefully by 5:30, officials said.

The tricky part will not only be cooperation from the weather, — the forecast is good — but a smooth Cup series race because Martinsville Speedway, the oldest in the premier series, does not have lights.

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College basketball

NCAA women's tournament

Lincoln Regional
Regional Semifinals
At Lincoln, Neb.
Saturday, March 29
Connecticut 70, BYU 51
Texas A&M 84, DePaul 65
Monday, March 31
Regional Championship
UConn (37-0) vs. Texas A&M (27-8)
Stanford Regional
Regional Semifinals
At Stanford, Calif.
Saturday, March 30
Stanford (30-3) vs. Penn State (24-7)
S. Carolina (29-4) vs. N. Carolina (26-9)
Regional Championship
Tuesday, April 1
Semifinal winners
Notre Dame Regional
Regional Semifinals
At Notre Dame, Ind.
Saturday, March 29
Baylor 90, Kentucky 72
Notre Dame 89, Oklahoma State 72
Regional Championship
Monday, March 31
Baylor (32-4) vs. Notre Dame (35-0)
Louisville Regional
Regional Semifinals
At Louisville, Ky.
Sunday, March 30
Tennessee (28-5) vs. Maryland (26-6)
Louisville (32-4) vs. LSU (21-12)
Regional Championship
Tuesday, April 1
Semifinal winners
FINAL FOUR
At Nashville, Tenn.
National Semifinals
Tuesday, April 1
Lincoln regional champion vs. Stanford regional champion
Notre Dame regional champion vs. Louisville regional champion

Men's NIT

At Madison Square Garden
New York
Semifinals
Tuesday, April 1
Minnesota (23-13) vs. Florida State (22-13)
Clemson (23-13) vs. SMU (26-9)
Championship
Thursday, April 3
Semifinal winners

CBI

Championship Series
(Best-of-three)
(x-if necessary)
Monday, March 31
Siena (18-17) at Fresno State (20-16)
Wednesday, April 2
Fresno State at Siena
Saturday, April 5
x-Fresno State at Siena

CIT

Semifinals
Tuesday, April 1
Yale (22-12) at Va. Military (22-12)
Pacific (18-15) at Murray State (21-11)
Championship
Thursday, April 3
Semifinal winners

NCAA Men's Division II tournament

Saturday, March 29
At Evansville, Ind.
Championship
Central Missouri 84, West Liberty 77

Women's NIT

Quarterfinals
Sunday, March 30
Indiana (21-12) at S. Dakota St. (25-9)
South Florida (22-12) at Mississipi State (22-13)
Monday, March 31
Rutgers (25-9) at Bowling Green (30-4)
Washington (20-13) at Texas-El Paso (27-7)

Tennis

Sony Open

Saturday
At Key Biscayne, Fla.
Purse: Men, $5.65 million (Masters 1000); Women, $5.43 million (Premier)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
Women
Championship
Serena Williams (1), United States, def. Li Na (2), China, 7-5, 6-1.
Doubles
Men
Championship
Bob and Mike Bryan (1), United States, def. Juan Sebastian Cabal and Robert Farah, Colombia, 7-6 (8), 6-4.

Auto racing

Malaysia Grand Prix

Formula One
Sunday
At Sepang International circuit
Sepang, Malaysia
Lap length: 3.44 miles
1. Lewis Hamilton, England, Mercedes, 56 laps, 1:40:25.974, 115.228 mph.
2. Nico Rosberg, Germany, Mercedes, 56, 1:40:43.287.
3. Sebastian Vettel, Germany, Red Bull, 56, 1:40:50.508.
4. Fernando Alonso, Spain, Ferrari, 56, 1:41:01.966.
5. Nico Hulkenberg, Germany, Force India, 56, 1:41:13.172.
6. Jenson Button, England, McLaren, 56, 1:41:49.665.
7. Felipe Massa, Brazil, Williams, 56, 1:41:51.050.
8. Valtteri Bottas, Finland, Williams, 56, 1:41:51.511.
9. Kevin Magnussen, Denmark, McLaren, 55, +1 lap.
10. Daniil Kvyat, Russia, Toro Rosso, 55, +1 lap.
11. Romain Grosjean, France, Lotus, 55, +1 lap.
12. Kimi Raikkonen, Finland, Ferrari, 55, +1 lap.
13. Kamui Kobayashi, Japan, Caterham, 55, +1 lap.
14. Marcus Ericsson, Sweden, Caterham, 54, +2 laps.
15. Max Chilton, England, Marussia, 54, +2 laps.
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16. Daniel Ricciardo, Australia, Red Bull, 49, Retired.
17. Esteban Gutierrez, Mexico, Sauber, 35, Retired.
18. Adrian Sutil, Germany, Sauber, 32, Retired.
19. Jean-Eric Vergne, France, Toro Rosso, 18, Retired.
20. Julien Bianchi, France, Marussia, 8, Retired.
21. Pastor Maldonado, Venezuela, Lotus, 7, Retired.
22. Sergio Perez, Mexico, Force India, 0, Retired.
Drivers Standings
(After 2 of 19 races)
1. Nico Rosberg, Germany, Mercedes, 43 points.
2. Lewis Hamilton, England, Mercedes, 25.
3. Fernando Alonso, Spain, Ferrari, 24.
4. Jenson Button, England, McLaren, 23.
5. Kevin Magnussen, Denmark, McLaren, 20.
6. Nico Hulkenberg, Germany, Force India, 18.
7. Sebastian Vettel, Germany, Red Bull, 15.
8. Valtteri Bottas, Finland, Williams, 14.
9. Kimi Raikkonen, Finland, Ferrari, 6.
10. Felipe Massa, Brazil, Williams, 6.
Constructors Standings
1. Mercedes, 68 points.
2. McLaren, 43.
3. Ferrari, 30.

College hockey

NCAA Division I championship glance

NORTHEAST REGIONAL
At DCU Center
Worcester, Mass.
First Round
Saturday, March 29
Boston College 6, Denver 2
Massachusetts-Lowell 2, Minnesota State-Mankato 1
Championship
Sunday, March 30
Boston College (27-7-4) vs. UMass-Lowell (26-10-4)
EAST REGIONAL
At Webster Bank Arena
Bridgeport, Conn.
First Round
Friday, March 28
Union (N.Y.) 5, Vermont 2
Providence 4, Quinnipiac 0
Championship
Saturday, March 29
Union (N.Y.) 3, Providence 1
MIDWEST REGIONAL
At U.S. Bank Arena
Cincinnati
First Round
Friday, March 28
Ferris State 1, Colgate 0
North Dakota 5, Wisconsin 2
Championship
Saturday, March 29
North Dakota 2, Ferris State 1, 2OT
WEST REGIONAL
At Xcel Energy Center
St. Paul, Minn.
First Round
Saturday, March 29
Minnesota 7, Robert Morris 3
St. Cloud State 4, Notre Dame 3, OT
Championship
Sunday, March 30
Minnesota (26-6-6) vs. St. Cloud State (22-10-5)
FROZEN FOUR
At Wells Fargo Center
Philadelphia
Semifinals
Thursday, April 10
Northeast champion vs. Union (N.Y.) (30-6-4)
North Dakota (25-13-3) vs. West champion
Championship
Saturday, April 12
Semifinal winners

Golf

Texas Open

Saturday
At TPC San Antonio
San Antonio
Purse: $6.2 million
Yardage: 7,435; Par: 72
Third Round

Steven Bowditch	69-67-68—204	-12
Matt Kuchar	70-72-65—207	-9
Andrew Loupe	67-70-70—207	-9
Pat Perez	68-71-69—208	-8
Kevin Na	70-70-69—209	-7
Daniel Summerhays	72-68-70—210	-6
Chad Collins	71-66-73—210	-6
Ryan Palmer	72-71-68—211	-5
Zach Johnson	70-71-70—211	-5
Will MacKenzie	69-72-70—211	-5
Jim Furyk	70-74-68—212	-4
Geoff Ogilvy	74-69-69—212	-4
Jerry Kelly	71-71-70—212	-4
Stephen Ames	74-71-68—213	-3
Jordan Spieth	75-70-68—213	-3
Bo Van Pelt	69-73-71—213	-3
Andrew Svoboda	73-73-67—213	-3
Chesson Hadley	69-73-71—213	-3
Wes Roach	75-66-72—213	-3
Freddie Jacobson	70-70-73—213	-3
Carl Pettersson	70-73-71—214	-2
Brice Garnett	70-73-71—214	-2
Justin Hicks	69-73-72—214	-2
Russell Knox	74-70-71—215	-1
Charley Hoffman	70-75-70—215	-1
William McGirt	72-71-72—215	-1
Martin Flores	71-71-73—215	-1
Trevor Immelman	70-71-74—215	-1
Brendon Todd	71-76-68—215	-1
Briny Baird	72-72-72—216	E
Brendon de Jonge	73-72-71—216	E
Justin Leonard	76-69-71—216	E
Michael Thompson	70-75-71—216	E
Seung-Yul Noh	69-76-71—216	E
Michael Putnam	72-71-73—216	E
Cameron Beckman	69-70-77—216	E
Cameron Tringale	71-74-72—217	+1
Scott Brown	70-74-73—217	+1
Brian Gay	73-74-70—217	+1
Jamie Lovemark	73-72-72—217	+1
Ben Curtis	70-75-72—217	+1
Johnson Wagner	73-73-71—217	+1
Brian Harman	70-72-75—217	+1
Kevin Foley	74-70-73—217	+1
James Hahn	71-70-76—217	+1
John Mallinger	74-73-70—217	+1
Bronson La'Cassie	74-71-72—217	+1
Andres Romero	71-74-72—218	+2
Tim Wilkinson	74-70-74—218	+2
John Senden	72-73-73—218	+2
Brooks Koepka	71-74-73—218	+2
Jeff Maggert	72-74-72—218	+2
Jimmy Walker	76-71-71—218	+2
Joe Ogilvie	74-73-71—218	+2
Josh Teater	71-70-77—218	+2
Miguel Angel Carballo	69-76-73—218	+2
Troy Merritt	73-72-74—219	+3
Troy Matteson	72-73-74—219	+3
Brian Davis	71-73-75—219	+3
Fred Funk	70-72-77—219	+3
Jason Kokrak	71-71-77—219	+3
J.B. Holmes	72-75-72—219	+3
Mike Weir	76-71-72—219	+3
Alex Aragon	70-74-76—220	+4
Scott Gardiner	74-69-77—220	+4
Luke Guthrie	74-72-74—220	+4
John Peterson	74-72-74—220	+4
Charlie Beljan	70-76-74—220	+4
Greg Chalmers	73-73-74—220	+4
Aaron Baddeley	70-71-79—220	+4
Richard H. Lee	72-75-73—220	+4

Kia Classic

LPGA
Saturday
At Aviara Golf Club
Carlsbad, Calif.
Purse: $1.7 million
Yardage: 6,522; Par: 72
Third Round

Lizette Salas	69-68-69—206	-10
Cristie Kerr	68-68-70—206	-10
Anna Nordqvist	73-68-67—208	-8
Ayako Uehara	70-71-67—208	-8
Shanshan Feng	68-71-69—208	-8
Dori Carter	70-64-74—208	-8
Eun-Hee Ji	71-73-65—209	-7
Chella Choi	74-65-70—209	-7
Lexi Thompson	69-70-70—209	-7
Stacy Lewis	70-66-73—209	-7
P.K. Kongkraphan	72-73-64—209	-7
Karrie Webb	75-68-67—210	-6
Azahara Munoz	69-72-69—210	-6
Julieta Granada	70-70-70—210	-6
Ashleigh Simon	71-69-70—210	-6
Mo Martin	70-74-67—211	-5
Se Ri Pak	70-70-71—211	-5
Paula Creamer	67-72-72—211	-5
Mariajo Uribe	67-71-73—211	-5
Paz Echeverria	74-72-66—212	-4
Haeji Kang	75-70-67—212	-4
Gerina Piller	71-73-68—212	-4
Meena Lee	73-70-69—212	-4
Brooke Pancake	70-73-69—212	-4
Jenny Shin	73-69-70—212	-4
Inbee Park	69-71-72—212	-4
Tiffany Joh	69-69-74—212	-4
Hee Young Park	77-68-68—213	-3
Michelle Wie	70-73-70—213	-3
Lydia Ko	74-68-71—213	-3
Ji Young Oh	72-70-71—213	-3
Catriona Matthew	74-72-68—214	-2
Hee-Won Han	74-71-69—214	-2
Jennifer Song	76-69-69—214	-2
Katherine Kirk	71-73-70—214	-2
Katie M. Burnett	70-73-71—214	-2
Katie Futcher	71-72-71—214	-2
Giulia Sergas	75-68-71—214	-2
Yani Tseng	71-71-72—214	-2
Mi Hyang Lee	68-73-73—214	-2
Ai Miyazato	70-71-73—214	-2
So Yeon Ryu	70-71-73—214	-2
Jenny Suh	72-69-73—214	-2
Maria Hernandez	75-71-69—215	-1
Brittany Lang	76-70-69—215	-1
Morgan Pressel	76-70-69—215	-1
Mina Harigae	76-69-70—215	-1
Haru Nomura	74-71-70—215	-1
Hee Kyung Seo	74-71-70—215	-1
Kelly Tan	70-75-70—215	-1
Carlota Ciganda	73-70-72—215	-1
Jodi Ewart Shadoff	68-75-72—215	-1

Deals

Saturday's transactions

BASEBALL
Major League Baseball
MLB — Suspended Chicago White Sox minor league LHP Feny Arias (DSL-White Sox), Arizona minor league RHP Geremia Espinosa (DSL-Diamondbacks), and free agent minor league RHP Elou Jean 50 games apiece following their violations of the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program.
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Optioned RHP Kevin Gausman, LHP TJ McFarland and INF Jemile Weeks to Norfolk (IL).
BOSTON RED SOX — Reassigned LHP Tommy Layne, RHP Brayan Villarreal, OF Corey Brown, and INF Mike McCoy to their minor league camp. Released RHP Francisco Cordero.
MINNESOTA TWINS — Selected the contracts of INF/OF Jason Bartlett and OF Jason Kubel. Reassigned C Dan Rohlfing to their minor league camp.
NEW YORK YANKEES — Optioned INF Eduardo Nunez, LHP Cesar Cabral and RHP Shane Greene to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL). Reassigned INF Zelous Wheeler, OF Antoan Richardson, OF Adonis Garcia, RHP Matt Daley and C Jose Gil to their minor league camp.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Optioned LHP Joe Savery, C Stephen Vogt, 3B Hiroki Nakajima and INF Jake Elmore to Sacramento (PCL). Selected the contract of OF Sam Fuld from Sacramento. Designated OF Michael Taylor for assignment. Placed RHP Ryan Cook, RHP A.J. Griffin, RHP Fernando Rodriguez and OF Craig Gentry on the 15-day DL, retroactive to March 21. Reassigned OF Billy Burns to their minor league camp.
SEATTLE MARINERS — Placed RHP Hisashi Iwakuma, RHP Taijuan Walker and RHP Stephen Pryor on the 15-day DL, retroactive to March 21.
TEXAS RANGERS — Assigned LHP Ryan Feierabend, RHP Justin Germano, RHP Colby Lewis, RHP Daniel McCutchen, C Chris Snyder, INF Adrian Kouzmanoff and INF Kensuke Tanaka to Round Rock (PCL), and RHP Nick Martinez to Frisco (Texas).
National League
ATLANTA BRAVES — Purchased the contracts of RHP Gus Schlosser and LHP Ian Thomas from Gwinnett (IL). Recalled LHP Ryan Buchter from Gwinnett. Optioned RHP Ervin Santana to Gwinnett. Placed RHP Cory Gearrin on the 15-day DL, retroactive to March 26th. Transferred RHP Brandon Beachy and LHP Jonny Venters to the 60-day DL.
CHICAGO CUBS — Designated RHP Alberto Cabrera for assignment.
COLORADO ROCKIES — Placed RHP Jhoulys Chacin and LHP Boone Logan on the 15-day DL.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Selected the contracts of OF Tony Gwynn Jr., LHP Mario Hollands and RHP Jeff Manship. Transferred RHP Miguel Alfredo Gonzalez from the 15- to the 60-day DL. Reassigned INF Reid Brignac and RHP Shawn Camp to Lehigh Valley (IL).
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Placed C Chris Stewart and LHP Jeff Locke on 15-day DL, retroactive to March 21. Selected the contract of INF Travis Ishikawa from Indianapolis (IL). Assigned LHP Andy Oliver outright to Indianapolis. Designated RHP Vin Mazzaro for assignment.
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Selected the contract of INF-OF Xavier Nady. Placed OF Carlos Quentin, RHP Josh Johnson, RHP Casey Kelly, OF Cameron Maybin and RHP Joe Wieland on the 15-day DL. Optioned INF-OF Kyle Blanks to El Paso (PCL).
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Purchased the contract of RHP Juan Gutierrez and INF Brandon Hicks from Fresno (PCL). Reassigned OF Tyler Colvin to Fresno and RHP Derek Law to Richmond (SL). Placed LHP Jeremy Affeldt on the 15-day DL, retroactive to March 23 and INF Marco Scutaro on the 15-day DL, retroactive to March 21. Designated OF Roger Kieschnick for assignment.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Placed RHP Doug Fister on the 15-day DL, retroactive to March 23.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
DALLAS STARS — Recalled and reassigned F Chris Mueller from/to Texas (AHL).
FLORIDA PANTHERS — Recalled G Scott Clemmensen from San Antonio (AHL).
SOCCER
National Women's Soccer League
WASHINGTON SPIRIT — Waived D Candace Chapman.
COLLEGE
LOUISVILLE — Announced junior men's basketball G Kevin Ware is transferring.
NC STATE — Announced men's sophomore basketball G Tyler Lewis is transferring.
OHIO STATE — Announced senior men's basketball F Anthony Lee is transferring to the school from Temple.

AP spotlight

March 31
1968 — The American League's new franchise in Seattle chooses Pilots as its nickname.
1973 — The Philadelphia Flyers tie an NHL record for most goals in one period, scoring eight goals in the second period of a 10-2 win over the New York Islanders.
1973 — Ken Norton scores a stunning upset by winning a 12-round split decision over Muhammad Ali to win the NABF heavyweight title. Norton, a 5-1 underdog, breaks Ali's jaw in the fourth round.

Pro baseball

MLB

	W	L	Pct	GB
AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
Baltimore	0	0	.000	—
Boston	0	0	.000	—
New York	0	0	.000	—
Tampa Bay	0	0	.000	—
Toronto	0	0	.000	—
Central Division				
Chicago	0	0	.000	—
Cleveland	0	0	.000	—
Detroit	0	0	.000	—
Kansas City	0	0	.000	—
Minnesota	0	0	.000	—
West Division				
Houston	0	0	.000	—
Los Angeles	0	0	.000	—
Oakland	0	0	.000	—
Seattle	0	0	.000	—
Texas	0	0	.000	—
Monday's games				
Kansas City (Shields 0-0) at Detroit (Verlander 0-0)				
Philadelphia (Lee 0-0) at Texas (Schepers 0-0)				
Boston (Lester 0-0) at Baltimore (Tillman 0-0)				
Minnesota (Nolasco 0-0) at Chicago White Sox (Sale 0-0)				
Toronto (Dickey 0-0) at Tampa Bay (Price 0-0)				
Cleveland (Masterson 0-0) at Oakland (Gray 0-0)				
Seattle (Hernandez 0-0) at L.A. Angels (Weaver 0-0)				
NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
Atlanta	0	0	.000	—
Miami	0	0	.000	—
New York	0	0	.000	—
Philadelphia	0	0	.000	—
Washington	0	0	.000	—
Central Division				
Chicago	0	0	.000	—
Cincinnati	0	0	.000	—
Milwaukee	0	0	.000	—
Pittsburgh	0	0	.000	—
St. Louis	0	0	.000	—
West Division				
Los Angeles	2	0	1.000	—
Colorado	0	0	.000	1
San Diego	0	0	.000	1
San Francisco	0	0	.000	1
Arizona	0	2	.000	2
Sunday's games				
L.A. Dodgers 3, San Diego 2				
Monday's games				
Chicago Cubs (Samardzija 0-0) at Pittsburgh (Liriano 0-0)				
Washington (Strasburg 0-0) at N.Y. Mets (Gee 0-0)				
Philadelphia (Lee 0-0) at Texas (Schepers 0-0)				
Atlanta (Teheran 0-0) at Milwaukee (Gallardo 0-0)				
St. Louis (Wainwright 0-0) at Cincinnati (Cueto 0-0)				
Colorado (De La Rosa 0-0) at Miami (Fernandez 0-0)				
San Francisco (Bumgarner 0-0) at Arizona (McCarthy 0-0)				

College baseball

Saturday's scores

EAST
Bentley 3-2, S. New Hampshire 1-1
Gordon 3-7, Wentworth Tech 1-4
Old Westbury 8, St. Joseph's (LI) 0
Hartford 1-0, Stony Brook 0-1
Mount St. Vincent 4, Farmingdale 1
Sacred Heart 10, St. John's 2
W. New England 5, Salve Regina 4
SOUTH
Asbury at Alice Lloyd, ppd.
Belmont 1, Morehead St. 0, susp., 2 innings
Berry 2-6, Millsaps 1-4
Bethel (Tenn.) 6, Martin Methodist 1
Castleton 8-5-6, Husson 4-1-2
Cedarville at Kentucky Wesleyan, ppd.
Clemson at Maryland, ppd.
Cumberlands at Pikeville, ccd.
Doane 10-9, Dordt 0-0
Duke 9, North Carolina 8, 11 innings
East Tennessee St. 6, N. Kentucky 3
Eureka 7, Spalding 5
Florida St. 10, Boston College 1
Georgia College at Carson-Newman, ccd.
Georgia Southern 7, Davidson 5
Indiana-Southeast at Brescia, ppd.
Le Moyne-Owen at Kentucky St., ppd.
Limestone 17-4, North Greenville 5-1
Lincoln (Pa.) at Chowan, ppd.
Louisville 15, Butler 1
Miami 2-2, NC State 1-1
Missouri Baptist at Mid-Continent, ppd.
Murray St. 7, Austin Peay 2
Newberry 8-0, Lenoir-Rhyne 7-3
Oglethorpe at Centre, ccd.
Old Dominion 6, Charlotte 2
Pittsburgh 5, Georgia Tech 0
Reinhardt at Bryan, ppd.
Rhodes 16-1, Sewanee 0-0
Roanoke at Randolph-Macon, ppd.
SE Missouri 9, UT-Martin 3
Shawnee St. at Campbellsville, ppd.
Spring Hill 4-3, Belhaven 1-0
Trevecca Nazarene 10-14, Salem International 5-4
Tusculum 9, Coker 6, 10 innings
Vanderbilt 9, Kentucky 3
Virginia 9, Virginia Tech 2
Virginia St. at St. Augustine's, ppd.
Wake Forest at Notre Dame, ppd.
West Alabama 8, Christian Brothers 6
West Florida 11-3, Lee 0-0
William Carey 2-1, Loyola (NO) 0-5
Young Harris 12, GRU Augusta 2
SOUTHWEST
LeTourneau 2-0, Concordia-Austin 1-1
FAR WEST
Air Force 5, New Mexico 0

NHL

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Detroit Red Wings center Darren Helm (43) completes his hat trick with a goal past Toronto Maple Leafs goaltender Jonathan Bernier and defenseman Cody Franson on Saturday in Toronto.

Roundup

Helm's hat trick lifts Red Wings past Leafs

Detroit sends Toronto to eighth straight loss

The Associated Press

TORONTO — Darren Helm had a hat trick and the Detroit Red Wings sent the Toronto Maple Leafs to their eighth consecutive loss with a 4-2 victory on Saturday night.

"It was the first hat trick I ever had, which is pretty special," Helm said. "Big game to win, too. I was happy to win the game, first off, but the hat trick is a nice thing to take home."

This is Toronto's first such streak of eight straight regulation defeats since 1985. The Leafs have 80 points with just six games remaining and might have to run the table to give themselves a legitimate shot at a second straight playoff appearance.

They have two fewer games left than the Red Wings (82 points), the Columbus Blue Jackets (82 points) and the Washington Capitals (80 points) in the Eastern Conference.

"I can't describe it right now," winger Joffrey Lupul said. "This was as close to a do-or-die as you can get. But obviously we're not going to throw out hope until it's mathematically set in stone. But we pretty much had to have this game."

Cody Franson and Joffrey Lupul scored for Toronto. Gustav Nyquist also had a goal for Detroit.

Bruins 4, Capitals 2: Carl Soderberg and Jarome Iginla scored 41 seconds apart in the second period to break open a close game as visiting Boston clinched the Atlantic Division title with a win over Washington. Iginla scored twice to reach the 30-goal mark and Patrice Bergeron added a goal as the Bruins won for the 14th time in 15 games.

Wild 3, Coyotes 1: Zach Parise scored two of Minnesota's three third-period goals as the Wild rallied to beat host Phoenix in a game with playoff implications. The Wild pulled three points ahead of Phoenix for the No. 7 spot in the Western Conference. The Coyotes are just a point ahead of Dallas for the No. 8 spot.

Avalanche 3, Sharks 2: Semyon Varlamov had a season-high 47 saves as host Colorado clinched its first playoff berth in four years by beating San Jose.

Ducks 5, Canucks 1: Corey Perry and Saku Koivu each had a goal and an assist, and Frederik Andersen made 31 saves to help Anaheim defeat host Vancouver.

Kings 4, Jets 2: Anze Kopitar scored two goals in the first period, Jonathan Quick made 24 saves, and Los Angeles kept rolling toward the playoffs, beating visiting Winnipeg for its sixth straight victory.

Blue Jackets 3, Hurricanes 2 (OT): Ryan Johansen scored a power-play goal at 2:40 of overtime as Columbus beat host Carolina to earn two points in its push for the second playoff berth in club history and first since 2009.

Stars 4, Blues 2: Colton Sceviour got the first two goals for Dallas and Antoine Roussel scored on a breakaway in the third period to beat host St. Louis.

Islanders 2, Devils 1 (SO): Ne Frans Nielsen scored in the second period and then added a goal in the shootout to lift host New York over playoff-hopeful New Jersey.

Canadiens 4, Panthers 1: Max Pacioretty had two goals and an assist to help visiting Montreal extend its winning streak to five games with the win over Florida.

Lightning 4, Sabres 3 (OT): Steven Stamkos scored two goals, including the winner in overtime, and visiting Tampa Bay beat Buffalo to remain two points behind Montreal for second place in the Atlantic Division.

Scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
y-Boston	74	51	17	6	108	237	155
Montreal	76	43	26	7	93	199	189
Tampa Bay	74	41	24	9	91	221	198
Metropolitan Division							
x-Pittsburgh	74	47	22	5	99	228	184
N.Y. Rangers	75	41	30	4	86	200	183
Philadelphia	73	39	27	7	85	210	206
Wild Card							
Columbus	74	38	30	6	82	208	200
Detroit	74	34	26	14	82	199	211
Washington	74	34	28	12	80	214	222
Toronto	76	36	32	8	80	220	239
New Jersey	74	31	28	15	77	178	192
Ottawa	73	30	29	14	74	210	246
Carolina	74	32	32	10	74	186	208
N.Y. Islanders	74	29	35	10	68	206	247
Florida	75	27	40	8	62	179	244
Buffalo	74	20	45	9	49	142	222

Western Conference

Central Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-St. Louis	74	50	17	7	107	240	168
x-Colorado	74	47	21	6	100	227	202
x-Chicago	75	42	18	15	99	247	196
Pacific Division							
x-Anaheim	74	48	18	8	104	239	187
x-San Jose	76	47	20	9	103	232	184
Los Angeles	75	44	25	6	94	189	159
Wild Card							
Minnesota	75	38	26	11	87	186	189
Phoenix	75	36	27	12	84	206	212
Dallas	74	36	27	11	83	214	212
Vancouver	76	34	31	11	79	184	206
Winnipeg	75	33	33	9	75	208	220
Nashville	75	32	32	11	75	186	226
Calgary	74	31	36	7	69	189	217
Edmonton	74	26	39	9	61	184	244

Note: Top three teams in each division and two wild-card teams with the most points in either division qualify for the playoffs. Two points awarded for a win, one point for overtime loss.
x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Friday's games
Philadelphia 4, Toronto 2
Pittsburgh 2, Columbus 1
Ottawa 5, Chicago 3
Dallas 7, Nashville 3
Calgary 4, N.Y. Rangers 3
Edmonton 4, Anaheim 3, OT

Saturday's games
N.Y. Islanders 2, New Jersey 1, SO
Boston 4, Washington 2
Colorado 3, San Jose 2
Tampa Bay 4, Buffalo 3, OT
Detroit 4, Toronto 2
Montreal 4, Florida 1
Columbus 3, Carolina 2, OT
Dallas 4, St. Louis 2
Minnesota 3, Phoenix 1
Anaheim 5, Vancouver 1
Los Angeles 4, Winnipeg 2

Sunday's games
Boston at Philadelphia
Calgary at Ottawa
Tampa Bay at Detroit
Chicago at Pittsburgh
Washington at Nashville
N.Y. Rangers at Edmonton

Monday's games
Carolina at Ottawa
Florida at New Jersey
Winnipeg at Anaheim
Minnesota at Los Angeles

Tuesday's Games
Calgary at Toronto
Florida at N.Y. Islanders
Carolina at Pittsburgh
Dallas at Washington
Colorado at Columbus
Montreal at Tampa Bay
Philadelphia at St. Louis
N.Y. Rangers at Vancouver
Winnipeg at Phoenix
Edmonton at San Jose

Saturday

Islanders 2, Devils 1 (SO)

New Jersey	0	1	0	0—1
N.Y. Islanders	0	1	0	0—2

N.Y. Islanders won shootout 2-0

Second Period—1, N.Y. Islanders, Nielsen 23 (Bailey), 2:12. 2, New Jersey, Henrique 25 (Brunner, Elias), 10:20.

Shootout—New Jersey 0 (Henrique NG, Elias NG), N.Y. Islanders 2 (Nielsen G, Nelson G).

Shots on Goal—New Jersey 2-11-7-4—24. N.Y. Islanders 9-7-3-1—20.

Power-play opportunities—New Jersey 0 of 3; N.Y. Islanders 0 of 2.

Goalies—New Jersey, Schneider 14-14-10 (20 shots-19 saves). N.Y. Islanders, Nilsson 5-5-2 (24-23).

A—15,108 (16,170). **T**—2:37.

Kings 4, Jets 2

Winnipeg	0	0	2	0—2
Los Angeles	3	0	1	0—4

First Period—1, Los Angeles, Lewis 6 (Clifford, Muzzin), 2:42. 2, Los Angeles, Kopitar 23 (Gaborik), 7:53. 3, Los Angeles, Kopitar 24 (Gaborik, Mitchell), 17:37.

Third Period—4, Winnipeg, Halischuk 4 (Kane, O'Dell), 1:54. 5, Los Angeles, Toffoli 12 (Pearson, Mitchell), 4:59. 6, Winnipeg, Wheeler 26 (Little, Byfuglien), 8:56 (pp).

Shots on Goal—Winnipeg 11-4-11—26. Los Angeles 16-7-6—29.

Power-play opportunities—Winnipeg 1 of 3; Los Angeles 0 of 2.

Goalies—Winnipeg, Pavelec 20-25-6 (16 shots-13 saves), Montoya (0:00 second, 13-12). Los Angeles, Quick 26-15-2 (26-24).

A—18,118 (18,118). **T**—2:18.

Wild 3, Coyotes 1

Minnesota	0	0	3	3—3
Phoenix	1	0	0	1—1

First Period—1, Phoenix, Boedker 19 (Doan, Ekman-Larsson), 3:16 (pp).

Third Period—2, Minnesota, Parise 26 (Koivu), 8:03. 3, Minnesota, Spurgeon 5 (Pominville, Granlund), 12:57. 4, Minnesota, Parise 27 (Koivu), 19:15 (en).

Shots on Goal—Minnesota 8-8-14—30. Phoenix 12-9-3—24.

Power-play opportunities—Minnesota 0 of 1; Phoenix 1 of 4.

Goalies—Minnesota, Bryzgalov 8-8-7 (24 shots-23 saves). Phoenix, Greiss 9-6-2 (29-27).

A—16,691 (17,125). **T**—2:28.

Ducks 5, Canucks 1

Anaheim	2	1	2	5
Vancouver	1	0	0	1

First Period—1, Anaheim, Sbisa 1 (Vatanen, Maroon), 7:36. 2, Anaheim, Beleskey 6 (Rakell, Winnik), 8:45. 3, Vancouver, Richardson 10 (Stanton, Kassian), 11:12.

Second Period—4, Anaheim, Koivu 10 (Winnik, Cogliano), 11:02.

Third Period—5, Anaheim, Perry 38 (Koivu, Cogliano), 6:45. 6, Anaheim, Perreault 18 (Perry, Getzlaf), 14:03 (pp).

Shots on Goal—Anaheim 8-6-7—21. Vancouver 7-15-10—32.

Power-play opportunities—Anaheim 1 of 5; Vancouver 0 of 3.

Goalies—Anaheim, Andersen 17-5-0 (32 shots-31 saves). Vancouver, Lack 15-15-5 (21-16).

A—18,910 (18,910). **T**—2:36.

Stars 4, Blues 2

Dallas	1	2	1	4
St. Louis	0	1	1	2

First Period—1, Dallas, Sceviour 6 (Horcoff), 3:53.

Second Period—2, Dallas, Sceviour 7 (Horcoff, Fiddler), 7:21. 3, St. Louis, Steen 32 (Pietrangelo, Shattenkirk), 14:16 (pp). 4, Dallas, Eakin 16 (Jo.Benn, Roussel), 14:41.

Third Period—5, St. Louis, Steen 33 (Backes, Shattenkirk), :49 (pp). 6, Dallas, Roussel 13 (Jo.Benn, Eakin), 7:56.

Shots on Goal—Dallas 12-9-6—27. St. Louis 9-16-10—35.

Power-play opportunities—Dallas 0 of 3; St. Louis 2 of 4.

Goalies—Dallas, Lehtonen 29-18-10 (35 shots-33 saves). St. Louis, Miller 24-25-4 (27-23).

A—19,703 (19,150). **T**—2:36.

Avalanche 3, Sharks 2

San Jose	1	1	0	2
Colorado	2	1	0	3

First Period—1, Colorado, Stastny 21 (Landeskog, MacKinnon), 1:33. 2, San Jose, Pavelski 38 (Thornton, Burns), 3:07 (pp). 3, Colorado, McLeod 5 (Holden, Mitchell), 10:34 (sh).

Second Period—4, Colorado, Mitchell 10 (McGinn, Johnson), 6:32 (pp). 5, San Jose, Boyle 10 (Sheppard), 8:35.

Shots on Goal—San Jose 18-11-20—49. Colorado 11-3-8—22.

Power-play opportunities—San Jose 1 of 4; Colorado 1 of 4.

Goalies—San Jose, Stalock 11-5-2 (22 shots-19 saves). Colorado, Varlamov 37-14-5 (49-47).

A—18,077 (18,007). **T**—2:29.

Blue Jackets 3, Hurricanes 2 (OT)

Columbus	0	1	1	1	3
Carolina	0	1	1	0	2

Second Period—1, Carolina, Skinner 29 (Lindholm, Nash), 16:29. 2, Columbus, Calvert 9, 18:40.

Third Period—3, Carolina, Loktionov 7 (Nash, Harrison), 6:38 (pp). 4, Columbus, Anisimov 20 (Horton, Foligno), 7:28.

Overtime—5, Columbus, Johansen 30 (Anisimov, Wisniewski), 2:40 (pp).

Shots on Goal—Columbus 11-8-11-2—32. Carolina 7-11-7-2—27.

Power-play opportunities—Columbus 1 of 1; Carolina 1 of 3.

Goalies—Columbus, McElhinney 10-10-1 (27 shots-25 saves). Carolina, Khudobin 16-12-1 (32-29).

A—16,714 (18,680). **T**—2:26.

Red Wings 4, Maple Leafs 2

Detroit	0	3	1	4
Toronto	1	1	0	2

First Period—1, Toronto, Franson 5 (Gardiner, McClement), 10:57.

Second Period—2, Detroit, Helm 8 (Andersson), 3:05 (sh). 3, Detroit, Nyquist 26 (Franzen, Kindl), 4:37. 4, Detroit, Helm 9 (Kindl, Alfredsson), 7:57. 5, Toronto, Lupul 22 (Rielly, Gardiner), 18:57.

Third Period—6, Detroit, Helm 10 (DeKeyser), 8:38.

Shots on Goal—Detroit 7-10-11—28. Toronto 11-8-8—27.

Power-play opportunities—Detroit 0 of 3; Toronto 0 of 2.

Goalies—Detroit, Howard 18-18-11 (27 shots-25 saves). Toronto, Bernier 25-19-7 (28-24).

A—20,270 (18,819). **T**—2:30.

Canadiens 4, Panthers 1

Montreal	2	1	1	4
Florida	0	1	0	1

First Period—1, Montreal, Vanek 27 (Subban), 10:47. 2, Montreal, Pacioretty 34 (Emelin, Briere), 17:03.

Second Period—3, Montreal, Pacioretty 35 (Desharnais, Vanek), 14:00. 4, Florida, Boyes 19 (Bergenheim, Campbell), 16:09.

Third Period—5, Montreal, Desharnais 15 (Pacioretty, Weaver), 19:36 (en).

Shots on Goal—Montreal 11-5-3—19. Florida 10-12-15—37.

Power-play opportunities—Montreal 0 of 5; Florida 0 of 4.

Goalies—Montreal, Price 32-18-5 (37 shots-36 saves). Florida, D.Ellis 5-9-0 (18-15).

A—17,119 (17,040). **T**—2:27.

Bruins 4, Capitals 2

Boston	0	3	1	4
Washington	0	1	1	2

Second Period—1, Boston, Iginla 29 (Soderberg, Krejci), 2:48. 2, Boston, Soderberg 15 (Bergeron, Eriksson), 7:35 (pp). 3, Boston, Iginla 30 (Lucic, Krejci), 8:16. 4, Washington, Chimera 14 (Green, Wardl), 19:50.

Third Period—5, Boston, Bergeron 26 (Soderberg, Hamilton), 13:17 (pp). 6, Washington, Kuznetsov 2 (Brouwer, Erskine), 19:05.

Shots on Goal—Boston 15-10-11—36. Washington 9-12-12—33.

Power-play opportunities—Boston 2 of 4; Washington 0 of 3.

Goalies—Boston, C.Johnson 17-3-1 (33 shots-31 saves). Washington, Holtby 20-15-3 (36-32).

A—18,506 (18,506). **T**—2:27.

Lightning 4, Sabres 3 (OT)

Tampa Bay	2	0	1	1—4
Buffalo	2	0	1	0—3

First Period—1, Buffalo, D'Agostini 5 (Ristolainen, Larsson), 12:20. 2, Buffalo, Hodgson 17 (Ehrhoff), 14:07. 3, Tampa Bay, Killorn 16 (Kucherov, Carle), 17:52. 4, Tampa Bay, Stamkos 22 (Brown, Gudas), 19:46.

Third Period—5, Buffalo, Conacher 7, 8:14 (en). 6, Tampa Bay, Callahan 16 (Purcell, Stamkos), 19:07.

Overtime—7, Tampa Bay, Stamkos 23 (Filppula, Purcell), 1:53 (pp).

Shots on Goal—Tampa Bay 9-13-10-1—33. Buffalo 8-12-8-0—28.

Power-play opportunities—Tampa Bay 2 of 4; Buffalo 0 of 3.

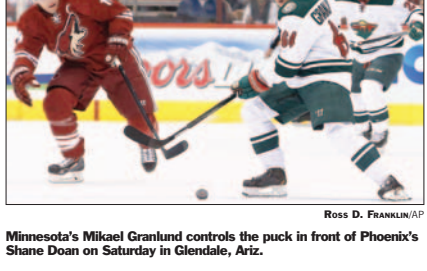
Goalies—Tampa Bay, Bishop 36-11-7 (28 shots-26 saves). Buffalo, Hackett 1-2-1 (33-29).

A—19,070 (19,070). **T**—2:33.

Leaders

Scoring
Through March 29

	GP	G	A	PTS
Sidney Crosby, Pit	74	34	63	97
Ryan Getzlaf, Anh	70	30	51	81
Claude Giroux, Phi	73	25	53	78
Phil Kessel, Tor	76	36	41	77
Tyler Seguin, Dal	72	32	44	76
Corey Perry, Anh	74	38	36	74
Joe Pavelski, SJ	76	38	35	73
Alex Ovechkin, Was	70	48	24	72
Patrick Sharp, Chi	75	31	41	72



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Minnesota's Mikael Granlund controls the puck in front of Phoenix's Shane Doan on Saturday in Glendale, Ariz.

MLS/SPORTS BRIEFS

MLS roundup

Crew beat Sounders in final minute

The Associated Press

SEATTLE — Justin Meram scored in the final minute of second-half stoppage time, lifting the Columbus Crew to a 2-1 victory over the Seattle Sounders on Saturday night.

Meram's winning score was set up by Federico Higuain's corner kick. The ball went beyond the top of the penalty area to Meram, who drilled a 25-yarder into the back right corner past Sounders goalkeeper Stefan Frei.

The Crew (3-0-0) have won their first three games for the first time in the club's 19-year history.

Higuain converted a penalty kick late in the 59th minute to tie it at 1. Higuain has two of his three goals this season on PKs. Last year, he scored a team-record six times in eight opportunities from the spot.

Kenny Cooper scored early in the 23rd minute for the Sounders (2-2-0).

Whitecaps 2, Dynamo 1: Kenny Miller scored on a penalty kick in the 58th minute, leading unbeaten Vancouver (2-0-2) to a victory over Houston (2-1-0). Jordan Harvey had Vancouver's first goal in the 14th minute in front of a sellout crowd of 21,000 at B.C. Place Stadium.

FC Dallas 2, Timbers 1: Mauro Diaz scored in the 84th minute for unbeaten host FC Dallas (3-0-1) in a win over Portland (0-1-3), off to its worst start in its young history.

Real Salt Lake 3, Toronto FC 0: Alvaro Saborio scored in each half as Real Salt Lake (2-0-2) won at home for the first time this season, beating Toronto (2-1-0).

Revolution 2, Earthquakes 1: Lee Nguyen scored in the 93rd minute as visiting New England (1-2-1) snapped San Jose's (0-2-1) 21-game home win streak.

Sporting KC 3, Rapids 2: Dom Dovale scored in stoppage time to help Sporting Kansas City (2-1-1) rally for the win over host Colorado (1-1-1). Vincente Sanchez had two goals for Colorado, both on penalty kicks.

Fire 2, D.C. United 2: Quincy Amarikwa's goal in the 82nd minute lifted Chicago (0-1-3) into a draw against host D.C. United (0-2-1). Playing through a steady rain at RFK Stadium, United extended its club-record winless streak in league play to 15 games.

Impact 1, Union 1: Marco Di Vaio scored in the 80th minute, helping Montreal (0-3-1) rally for a draw against host Philadelphia (1-1-2. Vincent Nogueira scored his first career goal for the Union.

MLS scoreboard

Eastern Conference

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Columbus	3	0	0	9	7	2
Sporting KC	2	1	1	7	5	4
Houston	2	1	0	6	6	2
Toronto FC	2	1	0	6	3	4
Philadelphia	1	1	2	5	4	4
New England	1	2	1	4	2	6
Chicago	0	1	3	3	6	7
New York	0	1	2	2	3	6
Montreal	0	3	1	1	3	7
D.C.	0	2	1	1	2	6

Western Conference

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
FC Dallas	3	0	1	10	9	5
Real Salt Lake	2	0	2	8	8	4
Vancouver	2	0	2	8	7	3
Seattle	2	2	0	6	5	4
Colorado	1	1	1	4	5	4
Chivas USA	1	1	1	4	5	6
Portland	0	2	2	2	3	6
San Jose	0	2	1	1	4	6
Los Angeles	0	1	1	1	1	2

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

Saturday's games

Philadelphia 1, Montreal 1, tie
D.C. United 2, Chicago 2, tie
Sporting Kansas City 3, Colorado 2
Vancouver 2, Houston 1
FC Dallas 2, Portland 1
Real Salt Lake 3, Toronto FC 0
Columbus 2, Seattle FC 1
New England 2, San Jose 1

Sunday's game

Chivas USA at New York

Saturday, April 5

Seattle FC at Portland
New York at Montreal
Philadelphia at Chicago
Toronto FC at Columbus
Colorado at Vancouver
New England at D.C. United
FC Dallas at Houston
Real Salt Lake at Sporting Kansas City

Sunday, April 6

Los Angeles at Chivas USA

Imact 1, Union 1

Montreal	0	1—1
Philadelphia	1	0—1

First half—1, Philadelphia, Nogueira 1 (McInerney, Carroll), 35th minute.
Second half—2, Montreal, Di Vaio 1 (Mapp), 80th.
Goalies—Montreal, Troy Perkins; Philadelphia, Zac MacMath.
Yellow Cards—Camara, Montreal, 26th; Alves, Philadelphia, 48th.
Red Cards—Wenger, Montreal, 76th.
A—15,691 (18,500).

Fire 2, United 2

Chicago	1	1—2
D.C. United	1	1—2

First half—1, Chicago, Hurtado 1 (Shipp), 27th minute. 2, D.C. United, Espindola 1 (DeLeon), 35th.
Second half—3, D.C. United, Kitchen 1 (Boswell), 73rd. 4, Chicago, Amarikwa 2 (Nyarko), 82nd.
Goalies—Chicago, Sean Johnson; D.C. United, Bill Hamid.
Yellow Cards—DeLeon, D.C. United, 22nd; Parke, D.C. United, 56th; Cochrane, Chicago, 58th.
A—9,445 (45,596).

FC Dallas 2, Timbers 1

Portland	0	1—1
FC Dallas	1	1—2

First half—1, FC Dallas, Perez 2 (Acosta, Benitez), 45th+ minute.
Second half—2, Portland, Hedges (own goal), 66th. 3, FC Dallas, Diaz 2, 84th.
Goalies—Portland, Andrew Weber; FC Dallas, Chris Seitz.
Yellow Cards—Paparatto, Portland, 3rd; Castillo, FC Dallas, 10th; Perez, FC Dallas, 17th; Alhassan, Portland, 67th; Acosta, FC Dallas, 88th; Kah, Portland, 90th+.
Red Cards—Harrington, Portland, 39th; Watson, FC Dallas, 40th.
A—16,045 (21,193).

Real Salt Lake 3, Toronto FC 0

Toronto FC	0	0—0
Real Salt Lake	2	1—3

First half—1, Real Salt Lake, Saborio 2 (penalty kick), 11th minute. 2, Real Salt Lake, Gil 1, 28th.
Second half—3, Real Salt Lake, Saborio 3 (Morales, Beckerman), 55th.
Goalies—Toronto FC, Julio Cesar; Real Salt Lake, Nick Rimando.
Yellow Cards—Defoe, Toronto FC, 29th; Henry, Toronto FC, 31st; Caldwell, Toronto FC, 35th; Schuler, Real Salt Lake, 38th.
A—18,881 (20,008).

Whitecaps 2, Dynamo 0

Houston	0	1—1
Vancouver	1	1—2

First half—1, Vancouver, Harvey 1 (O'Brien, Morales), 14th minute.
Second half—2, Vancouver, Miller 3 (penalty kick), 58th. 3, Houston, Clark 1 (Davis), 75th.
Goalies—Houston, Tally Hall; Vancouver, David Ousted.
A—21,000.

Crew 2, Sounders 1

Columbus	0	2—2
Seattle FC	1	0—1

First half—1, Seattle FC, Cooper 1 (Martins), 22nd minute.
Second half—2, Columbus, Higuain 3 (penalty kick), 59th. 3, Columbus, Meram 1 (Higuain), 90th+.
Goalies—Columbus, Steve Clark; Seattle FC, Stefan Frei.
Yellow Cards—Jimenez, Columbus, 8th; Trapp, Columbus, 68th; Azira, Seattle FC, 87th.
Red Cards—Traore, Seattle FC, 58th.
A—38,469 (32,400).

Sporting KC 3, Rapids 0

Sporting Kansas City	0	3—3
Colorado	0	2—2

Second half—1, Sporting Kansas City, Zusi 1 (Zizzo, Nagamura), 50th minute. 2, Colorado, Sanchez 3 (penalty kick), 60th. 3, Colorado, Sanchez 4 (penalty kick), 78th. 4, Sporting Kansas City, Feilhaber 1 (Zizzo, Zusi), 79th. 5, Sporting Kansas City, Dwyer 2 (Zusi), 90th+.
Goalies—Sporting Kansas City, Eric Kronberg; Colorado, John Berner.
Yellow Cards—Kronberg, Sporting Kansas City, 29th; Wynne, Colorado, 43rd; Nagamura, Sporting Kansas City, 72nd; LaBrocca, Colorado, 89th; Sturgis, Colorado, 90th+.
Red Cards—Wynne, Colorado, 85th.
A—12,203 (17,424).

Revolution 2, Earthquakes 1

New England	1	1—2
San Jose	0	1—1

First half—1, New England, Bernardez (own goal), 35th minute.
Second half—2, San Jose, Wondolowski 2, 69th. 3, New England, Nguyen 1 (Caldwell), 90th+.
Goalies—New England, Bobby Shuttleworth; San Jose, Jon Busch.
Yellow Cards—Kobayashi, New England, 51st; Tierney, New England, 63rd.
A—10,525 (10,526).

Leaders

Goals Through March 30

	GP	G
Vicente Sanchez, COL	3	4
Federico Higuain, CLB	3	3
Will Bruin, HOU	3	3
Jermain Defoe, TOR	3	3
Erick Torres, CHV	3	3
Kenny Miller, VAN	4	3
Alvaro Saborio, RSL	4	3

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A swollen muscle in his upper left back has put Los Angeles' two-time Cy Young Award winner Clayton Kershaw on the disabled list.

Briefly

Dodgers' P Kershaw on DL for first time

The Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Los Angeles Dodgers ace Clayton Kershaw is headed to the 15-day disabled list for the first time in his seven-year career because of a swollen muscle in his left upper back.

The 26-year-old left-hander, coming off his second Cy Young Award in three years, already had been scratched from his scheduled start in San Diego on Sunday after an MRI revealed the problem.

Kershaw (1-0) won the Dodgers' season opener 3-1 against the Arizona Diamondbacks in Australia last weekend.

The three-time All-Star was hoping to get back in the rotation for Friday's home opener against San Francisco, but instead it will be Hyun-Jin Ryu, who also got the assignment Sunday in San Diego against Andrew Cashner.

Bowditch leads Texas Open; Mickelson out

SAN ANTONIO — Steven Bowditch of Australia opened a three-stroke lead Saturday in the Texas Open, while Phil Mickelson withdrew after 10 holes because of a pulled muscle in his right side.

Bowditch, the 30-year-old seeking his first PGA Tour title, shot a 4-under 68 to reach 12 under at TPC San Antonio. Matt Kuchar and Andrew Loupe were tied for second. Kuchar shot 65, and Loupe had a 70.

Mickelson withdrew after pulling a muscle teeing off on No. 1 — his 10th hole of the round. He hopes to play next week in the Houston Open, the last event before the Masters. Lefty was 1-over par in the round and 4 over overall when he pulled out.

In other golf news:

■ Cristie Kerr made a 55-foot par-saving putt after hitting her final approach into the water, giving her a share of the lead with Lizette Salas 10-under 206 after the third round of the Kia Classic in Carlsbad, Calif.

Serena Williams beats Na for Sony Open title

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. — Serena Williams won a record seventh Key Biscayne title Saturday when she overcame a slow start and a set point to beat Li Na 7-5, 6-1 at the Sony Open.

The No. 1-ranked Williams surpassed the tournament record of six titles she shared with Andre Agassi. By beating the No. 2-ranked Li, Williams extended her winning streak against top-10 opponents to 15 matches.

49ers' Culliver jailed on suspicion of hit and run

SAN JOSE, Calif. — San Francisco 49ers cornerback Chris Culliver has been arrested on suspicion of felony hit and run and reckless driving after he drove a car into a bicyclist and fled the scene, police said.

Culliver was driving a white Ford Mustang just before 10:30 a.m. Friday when he hit the cyclist Friday morning near downtown San Jose, city police spokesman Albert Morales said. The bicyclist wasn't seriously hurt, he said.

■ The Pittsburgh Steelers and free agent running back LeGarrette Blount have agreed on a two-year contract.

■ The Washington Redskins have signed free agent offensive lineman Mike McGlynn, a five-year NFL veteran.

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HIGH SCHOOL: DODDS EUROPE

NEWS AND NOTES FROM THE WEEKEND IN EUROPE

Spring-loaded: Naples teams start strong

It's only a few weeks into the spring sports season, but so far the Naples Wildcats can do almost no wrong.

Start on the soccer pitch, where the Wildcat boys and girls are a combined 6-0 on the season.

The boys have won all three of their games by at least three goals, including a 4-1 win March 22 over last year's Division II runner-up American Overseas School of Rome. The team continued its momentum Saturday with a 7-2 rout of Sigonella, fueled by a three-goal, one-assist performance from Luke Ross.

The school's reigning European champion girls soccer team has been similarly dominant, winning each of its games by at least a three-goal margin. Desirae Carpenter and Tyler Treat scored twice each and Isabella Lucy tossed in three assists from the wing in a 5-2 win over Sigonella on Saturday.

The diamond is equally fertile ground for Wildcat excellence this spring.

The defending champion Naples baseball team survived a 6-5 scare from Vicenza on Saturday, but emerged from its busy four-game weekend with its unbeaten record intact. George Shaffer has swung a heavy stick at the plate while pitchers Zane Zimmerman and Jonny Bray hold things down on the mound.

The Naples softball team looks like it will be joining the baseball squad in the European title hunt in May. The Wildcats had their own brush with defeat against pesky Vicenza on Friday before escaping with a 10-9 win. They too enjoyed an undefeated weekend behind the all-around outstanding play of senior catcher Vicky Krause and a formidable lineup featuring Shanice Alexander and Erin Dromerhauser.

Only a season-opening loss to Sigonella keeps the softball team from joining the school's three other spring squads among the undefeated ranks.

AFNORTH: The Lions are among the busiest soccer teams early on this season, with four games apiece in the books for each of the school's squads.

The boys are 3-1 and have yielded just two goals on the season, both to Division I Lakenheath. The girls are 2-2. The Lions' steady schedule continues Saturday when International School of Brussels visits.

Alconbury: The Dragons caught an arguably unlucky break when they were boosted to Division II, denying the team a chance to defend its 2013 Division III softball title. But Alconbury's response is to simply contend for a championship anyway.

The Dragons announced themselves as D-II contenders Saturday with a pair of wins over AFNORTH, one of the division's established powers, by scores of 18-3 and 22-20.

American Overseas School of Rome: The AOSR boys soccer team evened its season record Saturday with a 5-2 defeat of Vicenza. The Falcons opened their season with a March 22 loss to Naples. Their tour of Italy continues Saturday with a trip to Florence.

Ansbach: It was far from the cleanest set of baseball games, but the end result left the Cougars looking shiny Saturday. Ansbach beat Wiesbaden 18-4 in the first game of a doubleheader defined by numerous fielding errors and unearned runs. The Warriors allowed 14 unearned runs in the opener, the Cougars returned the favor by granting 12 unearned runs in a 13-10 Wiesbaden win in the second game.

JOSHUA L. DEMOTTS/Stars and Stripes

Kaiserslautern's Tia Hall makes contact in the first game of a doubleheader with Baumholder on Saturday. The Red Raiders opened their season with hot bats in a 19-2, 25-0 sweep.

Aviano: The Saints struggled against Italy's toughest competition over the weekend, taking losses to baseball and softball powerhouse Naples and a boys soccer loss to reigning Division II champion Marymount. More tough games await, however, including an April 3 soccer date with Vicenza and an April 25 set of rematches on the diamonds against Naples.

Baumholder: The rapidly-improving Bucs girls soccer team again turned in the school's strongest effort of the weekend. The team, still buzzing from the 4-4 tie it forced a week ago with Division I Kaiserslautern, gave solid Division II foe Black Forest Academy a rigorous test on Saturday. The Bucs trailed just 1-0 at halftime, but couldn't summon the prior weekend's magic in a 2-0 loss.

Bitburg: The Barons slogged through a classic character-building weekend on all fields, taking humbling losses to Ramstein on the diamonds and to Wiesbaden on the pitches. But more equitable competition awaits, happily: Bitburg soccer hosts Baumholder on Thursday, while the baseball and softball teams are bound for Rota, Spain, on April 26.

Black Forest Academy: The Falcons built confidence in the season's opening weekend by flirting with soccer victories over Division I Wiesbaden. On Saturday, that confidence turned into real wins. The BFA squads swept a pair from visiting Baumholder by a combined score of 11-0.

Brussels: A week's delay should make the annual intracity showdown between the Brigands and neighbor International School of Brussels all the more compelling. The teams meet on Wednesday after the game was rescheduled from its original March 26 date.

Hohenfels: The first half of Saturday's boys soccer game at Vilseck couldn't have gone better. Tiger star Jacob Nantz scored a pair of goals and the visitors sank their claws into a 2-0 halftime lead. But Vilseck stormed back for a 3-2 comeback win, making the game a learning experience for Hohenfels rather than a triumphant upper-division upset.

International School of Brussels: Wednesday's date with Brussels represents a chance for the Raiders boys soccer team to improve to 2-0 while offering the ISB girls another shot at their first win of the year.

Kaiserslautern: They won't swing this freely all spring, but Saturday's season-opening diamond doubleheaders against Baumholder certainly served to get the Raiders' bats warm. Killian Knight, Lukas Amrhein, and Elijah Martin all posted triples among their multi-hit baseball exploits, while Megann Schultz, Tori Liggins, Nina Knight and Sydney Brown each scored at least five runs apiece in a pair of softball routs.

Lakenheath: The Lancers girls soccer team jumped straight into hard-fought competition in its season-opening weekend. Lakenheath fought off AFNORTH for a 3-1 win Friday, then battled SHAPE to a 2-2 tie the next day. Goalkeeper Yesim Miller proved a formidable presence as the last line of Lancer defense, making a combined 10 saves.

Marymount: The Lions lost plenty of boys soccer talent to graduation. But the reigning Division II European soccer dynasty has spent the opening weeks of this season proving they have plenty more where it came from. Raffaele Bevilacqua and Diego Piorico scored three goals apiece Saturday as MMI blasted Aviano 9-2.

Menwith Hill: Coming from one of DODDS Europe smallest schools, the Mustangs launched what figures to be a challenging soccer season Saturday with boys and girls shutout losses to AFNORTH. The Menwith Hill schedule includes upper-division opposition in Lakenheath, SHAPE and Alconbury after spring break. It ends with a Division III matchup, but even that is imposing: it's against one of the division's elite programs, Brussels, and on the Brigands' home turf.

Patch: The Panthers have designs on reclaiming the Division I European baseball title they lost to Ramstein last spring, and Saturday's season-opening doubleheader was a positive first step. Patch handed its Division I rival losses of 6-3 and 11-3, getting the expected strong pitching efforts from incumbent hurlers Andrew Buxkemper and Garrett Becker and some offensive firepower from Buxkemper, Thomas Schweighardt and Ryan Marshall.

Ramstein: The Royals, reigning large-school champions on both DODDS Europe diamonds, played the role of conquering juggernaut to perfection on Saturday with a combined four demolitions of overwhelmed Bitburg.

Robert Navarro scored three runs in the opener and Brennan Granger did the same in the late game of Ramstein's baseball sweep, while Brooke Strasburger returned from an early-season injury with four first-game hits, packing another stick of dynamite into Ramstein's already-explosive batting order.

SHAPE: If she wasn't on it already, Spartan star Begona Rodriguez Bravo has played her way onto the short list of DODDS Europe soccer stars with some early-season brilliance this spring.

Bravo scored two more goals in a 2-2 tie with Lakenheath on Saturday. She's played a role in all seven of her team's goals this season; she scored three times and recorded two assists in a 5-0 win over ISB on March 22.

Sigonella: The Jaguars are the only Division III baseball and softball program in Italy, and therefore the only one partaking in the four-team diamond festivities at Naples over the weekend. But they spent the weekend proving again that they belonged among their larger rivals.

Sigonella made an early statement Friday with a sweep of Aviano. Mason Youberg hurled a complete game in an 8-4 baseball victory, and Payton Buss struck out 12 Saints in a 12-10 softball win.

Vicenza: The game ended in frustration as the Cougars took a 10-9 softball loss to Naples on Friday, but the efforts of Vicenza pitcher Megan Buffington shone through even in defeat.

A breakout star of the Cougars' Division II championship team as a sophomore last year, Buffington has seemingly only upped her game in the interim. She struck out a staggering 22 Wildcats on Friday, pitching all 10 innings of an epic 3½-hour duel with rival Naples.

Vilseck: A pair of key late-game goals rescued the Falcons from a boys soccer upset at the hands of Hohenfels on Saturday.

Malachi Alston found the corner of the net for the game-tying score with just minutes left in the second half. Moments later, teammate Ben Miser lofted the game-winner over an aggressive Tigers' goalkeeper.

"They got tired and started making mistakes and we were able to take advantage of that," Miser said.

Wiesbaden: A trio of prodigious offensive stars fueled the Warriors to runaway soccer wins Saturday.

John Arnold scored three goals and assisted on another in a 5-0 defeat of Bitburg; Janice Teschner and Rachel Braun scored three each in the Warriors' 9-0 rout of the Barons.

— **Gregory Broome**

HIGH SCHOOLS: DODDS PACIFIC

NEWS AND NOTES FROM THE WEEKEND IN THE PACIFIC

Kubasaki boys break 400 relay mark

How low can they go?

That was the question being asked Saturday after Kubasaki's boys 400-meter relay team broke the Pacific record. Senior sprinter Rahman Farnell anchored the team to a time of 42.9 seconds, 0.44 seconds better than the old mark set by Kubasaki in 2011.

But Farnell has set his sights lower — under 40 seconds, in fact.

"Our goal is to get 39," he said during Saturday's meet at Kadena High School. "I know that sounds crazy, but we've got this. … We couldn't do it last year; we're going to try to do it this year."

The other question is, if Kubasaki does breach 40 seconds, who will be the runners doing it? Coach Jon Fick says he has a stable of five sprinters who are capable of running a fast 100: Farnell, Jarrett Mitchell, DeQuan Alderman, Winston Maxwell and Johan Wright.

"That gives us options and stems competition within the ranks," Fick said.

On the pitch, the Dragons girls soccer team scored a 12-2 win over Okinawa Christian International and also learned that Kubasaki's coach from 2001-10, Terry Chumley, will take over the team from Rob Loyd, who stepped down Monday.

Players were joyous at the news. "Her spirit," captain Sydney Johnson said of Chumley, who accompanied then-head coach Annie Mudd to Far East as an assistant last year.

Kadena: Multiple winners among boys in Saturday's meet included distance specialists Hunter Ficenec and Wren Renquist, thrower Jazmin Sharper in the shot and discus, jumper and 400 specialist Jasmine Rhodes. … The Panthers' boys and girls each prevailed against Japanese teams. A'kanai Mustaafa and Yuji Callahan scored twice in the Panthers' 8-3 win over Gushikawa Shogyo. Kristin Howard returned from an illness to record a goal and an assist as Kadena's girls blanked Kaiho 3-0.

Humphreys: Humphreys, with an eight-lane track and automated timing, hosted the first track meet staged at a DODDS high school:. The Blackhawks, making their debut in the four-school league, made a winner of coach Mitch Moellendick, posting the highest girls team total behind distance specialist Nicole Castro and hurdler Timi Ward.

Anju Yamanaka/Special to Stars and Stripes

Perry's Jon Cadavos' route to the ball blocked by Kinnick's' Ali Osman in Saturday's DODDS Japan match at Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan. The Samurai won 2-1 to split the weekend series.

Seoul American: The Falcons boys won the team title in Saturday's track meet at Humphreys, helped by Kevin Harris' discus throw of 40.46 meters, the region's second-best this season. … HoKyung Adkins' scored four goals in the DODDS Korea boys soccer jamboree, as the Falcons beat Humphreys and Osan 2-0 and 9-0.

Osan: Andrea Carandang scored four goals and the Cougars won the DODDS Korea girls soccer jamboree, beating Seoul American 3-1 and Daegu 3-0 at home. The wins extended the defending Far East Division II champ Cougars' winning streak to three matches after opening with four losses.

Daegu: Christina Henry pitched and batted the Warriors' way to a 15-9 win over Humphreys, improving the reigning Far East Division II softball champions to 3-2 on the season. They almost came away from a weekend series at Seoul American with a sweep, falling just short of the Falcons 14-10, but gaining plaudits from Seoul's coach Julian Harden: "DODDS small schools in Korea look really good," he said.

Edgren: Friday was a red-letter evening for Eagles soccer in what otherwise was a gloomy weekend for Edgren sports in the Kanto Plain. Vanessa Black scored on a penalty kick to boost the Eagles girls past Zama 1-0, while Michael Roberts netted four goals in Edgren's boys 7-5 win over the Trojans' junior varsity side.

Zama: Heather Hurley and Alli Chiarenza got things done on the mound and Sheina Staley and Kiarrys Oquendo each belted two home runs as the Trojans swept a three-game set from the Eagles, 13-12, 8-7 and 20-1. … Ariel Hicks' goal helped Zama girls soccer turn the tables on Edgren 1-0, while JoJo Byrnes' five goals and Ben Cook's four boosted Zama's varsity boys past Edgren 13-0.

Kinnick: Daniel Ross outdid Leo Austin in Saturday's DODDS Japan baseball game at Yokota, striking out 16 Panthers, while Chris McDonald plated two runs with a double in the Red Devils' 3-2 win. It was the last game at Yokota Park until next year; it closes Monday for renovation. … Kaile Johnson and Haley Mitchell combined for 11 goals in Kinnick's 10-0 and 7-0 sweep of Perry in girls soccer.

Yokota: Panthers boys and girls soccer teams took a combined three of four matches from E.J. King in a neutral-site DODDS Japan series at Matthew C. Perry. Sarah Claypool, Alicia Trask, Kaeleigh Williams and Rachael Phillips each scored to lift Yokota over the Cobras 2-0 and 2-0. Zach Esteron's two goals rallied the Panthers boys over King 3-2.

E.J. King: Following a 4-3 loss in a doubleheader opener at Perry on Friday, Cobras softball bats erupted in a 20-2, four-inning win over the Samurai in the nightcap. Deanna Austin got the win and helped herself with two hits. … Steven Ball scored twice and King boys soccer got its first win, 4-2 over Yokota on Saturday.

Perry: Gaku Lange netted his 21st and 22nd goals of the season to help the Samurai boys soccer team salvage a split of a DODDS Japan weekend series at Kinnick. Perry edged the Red Devils 2-1 in that match, hours after losing the opener 3-1 and seeing their six-match winning streak snapped.

— Dave Ornauer

Scoreboard

Track and field

Boys

Seoul American 99, Humphreys 53, Daegu 26, Osan 10

Kubasaki 92, Kadena 90, Zion Christian 26, Okinawa Christian 17

Kinnick, 74, Yokota 74, Zama 52, Edgren 16

Girls

Humphreys 110, Seoul American 71½; Daegu 20, Osan 16½

Boys

Kadena 94, Kubasaki 88, Zion Christian 31, Okinawa Christian 5

Kinnick 139, Zama 37, Yokota 31, Edgren 6

Baseball

Seoul American 22, Daegu 0
Seoul American 10, Osan 2
Kubasaki 14, Urasoe Braves 9
Kubasaki 12, Urasoe Braves 6
Kinnick 3, Yokota 2
Matthew C. Perry 11, E.J. King 1
Perry 11, King 5

Softball

Daegu 15, Humphreys 9
Seoul American 14, Daegu 10
Seoul American 10, Osan 5
Zama 20, Edgren 1
Zama 8, Edgren 7
Zama 13, Edgren 12
Kinnick 22, Yokota 15
Perry 4, King 3
King 20, Perry 2

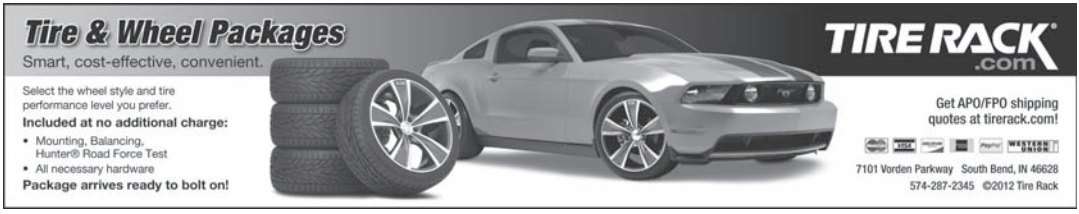
Soccer

Boys

Seoul American 2, Humphreys 0
Daegu 3, Osan 1
Humphreys 3, Daegu 1
Seoul American 9, Osan 0
Kadena 8, Gushikawa Shogyo 3
Perry 2, Kinnick 1
Zama 13, Edgren 0
King 4, Yokota 2
Yokota 3, King 2
Kinnick 3, Perry 1
Edgren 7, Zama JV 5

Girls

Osan 3, Seoul American 1
Humphreys 1, Daegu 1
Seoul American 7, Humphreys 0
Osan 3, Daegu 0
Kadena 3, Kaiho 0
Kubasaki 12, Okinawa Christian 2
Zama 1, Edgren 0
Yokota 2, King 0
Kinnick 7, Perry 0
Edgren 1, Zama 0
Yokota 2, King 0
Kinnick 10, Perry 0



The Biogenesis Bunch

A-Rod is gone, but Braun is back with other PED offenders

By Genaro C. Armas
The Associated Press

MILWAUKEE

When it comes to the "Biogenesis Bunch," there's Alex Rodriguez, Ryan Braun, and then everybody else.

Fourteen players were suspended last summer by Major League Baseball as part of the Biogenesis drug scandal, ranging from All-Stars to also-rans.

As a new season starts up, time to check on how they're doing.

Rodriguez is out for the year. So the A-Rod media circus will have to wait until 2015, assuming he returns.

That leaves Braun as the next most notable name on the list. He said he's sorry for getting into the mess and eager to compile the kind of stats that made him the 2011 NL MVP.

"I embrace the challenge that lies ahead," the Milwaukee slugger said upon reporting to spring training. "I know it won't be easy, but I intend to do everything in my power to continue to be the best person and player I can be."

After apologizing several times in the offseason, Braun returned to a corner locker customary for a top player. He has the strong support of manager Ron Roenicke.

Braun got off to a good start at the plate. He went into this week hitting .440 with two homers and five RBIs in 25 spring at-bats.

'It pays to cheat. ... Thanks, owners, for encouraging PED use.'

Brad Ziegler
Tweet from Arizona Diamondbacks pitcher

Even had a homer in his first spring at-bat.

"Not surprising. He's one of those guys, just a special athlete," Roenicke said after the Feb. 27 shot.

With Braun back to bolster a lineup that had Carlos Gomez, Jean Segura and Jonathan Lucroy emerge last season, the Brewers hope to contend again in the NL Central.

St. Louis is the reigning division champ, and a 50-game suspension for shortstop Jhonny Peralta didn't prevent the team from signing him to a four-year, $53 million deal in the offseason. The discipline stemmed from an investigation into Biogenesis of America, a Florida anti-aging clinic accused of distributing banned performance-enhancing substances.

A couple big leaguers were miffed.

"It pays to cheat... Thanks, owners, for encouraging PED use," Arizona pitcher Brad Ziegler tweeted after the deal was announced in November.

Not a bad start in Cardinal red: Peralta was hitting over .300 with three homers this spring as of the beginning of the week.

"I know a lot of fans, they are going to talk," Peralta said when he reported to camp last month. "They are going to say a lot of things. It's baseball. You need to forget about it and try to play baseball."

Nelson Cruz's potent bat was enticing enough for the Orioles to bring the outfielder in as a free agent after his suspension while with Texas last year. Cruz is destined for the middle of Baltimore's lineup after hitting 26 homers last year.

In San Diego, shortstop Everth Cabrera has said his apologies to teammates. He was leading the National League with 37 stolen bases when his suspension started last August.

"He knew that he let his teammates down," Padres manager Bud Black said. "I can't speak for everybody, but from what I've heard from some players, that was enough."

Back at short and hitting .264 this spring with three steals as of Tuesday, Cabrera is set lead off again for Black.

Reliever Antonio Bastardo (Phillies) and backup catcher Francisco Cervelli (Yankees) are also back with their former teams, each signing one-year deals in the offseason.

Seattle's Jesus Montero isn't as lucky. Once a top catching prospect, he was moved to first, then demoted to minor league camp. He hit .310 but had reported to spring training overweight.

Among less notable players, outfield prospect Cesar Puello had also been optioned to minor league camp by the Mets and ex-Met Jordany Valdespin had signed a minor league deal in December with the Marlins.

At last check, lefty reliever Jordan Norberto had signed a minor league deal with the Rays.

Once-promising outfield prospect Fernando Martinez, who was traded from Houston to the Yankees last year, and relievers Fautino De Los Santos and Sergio Escalona are still waiting.

They apparently won't have a chance to immediately prove themselves, unlike Braun.

AP freelance writer Mike Cranston in Phoenix contributed to this story.

Ryan Braun
Penalty: 50-game suspension
Aftermath: Brewers' OF returns to Milwaukee for seventh season of an 8-year, $45 million contract signed in 2008. Braun's salary in 2014 will be $10 million with a raise to $12 million for the the 2015 season, the final year of the deal.

Ross D. Franklin/AP

Where are they now?

Noteable players involved from suspensions as a result of the Biogenesis investigation:

Alex Rodriguez
Penalty: 2014 season suspension
Aftermath: After months of protests, the New York Yankees' 3B accepted an arbitrator's ruling of season-long suspension.

Jhonny Peralta

Penalty: 50-game suspension
Aftermath: Detroit SS returned to Tigers' lineup for playoffs. Signed a 4-year, $53 million free-agent contract with the St. Louis Cardinals.

Nelson Cruz

Penalty: 50-game suspension
Aftermath: Texas OF turned down Rangers' qualifying offer of $14.1 million for one year. Signed 1-year $8 deal with the Baltimore Orioles.

Everth Cabrera

Penalty: 50-game suspension
Aftermath: San Diego SS re-signed with Padres for 1 year and $2.45 million. Expected to be team's leadoff hitter.

Francisco Cervelli

Penalty: 50-game suspension
Aftermath: New York C re-signed 1-year, non-guaranteed contract with Yankees for $700,000.

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MLB PREVIEW

Impact players

Promising prospects poised to shake up playoff chases

By Jay Cohen
The Associated Press

Some of the young arms have arrived, and a few more will make it to the majors this summer. Either way, there are a lot of promising pitching prospects poised to impact the playoff races in 2014.

Check out these rookie pitchers, along with a couple up-and-coming position players.

■ **RHP Masahiro Tanaka, New York Yankees:** The 25-year-old Tanaka went 24-0 with a 1.27 ERA last year, helping Rakuten to a Japan Series title. It was enough to convince the Yankees to hand over a $155 million, seven-year contract in January, plus another $20 million posting fee to his Japanese club team.

Tanaka looked good in spring training, displaying a terrific split-fingered fastball. He is slotted to make his debut April 4 against Toronto.

■ **SS Xander Bogaerts, Boston:** Bogaerts made his major league debut in August, and then went on to help the Red Sox win the World Series. He hit .296 with two RBIs in 12 postseason games while spending most of his time at third base.

Now Stephen Drew is gone, and the 21-year-old Bogaerts gets to move back to his natural position of shortstop. He also joins a deep Boston lineup, making for ideal conditions for the Aruba native to shine.

■ **RHP Yordano Ventura, Kansas City:** Ventura will begin the season as the Royals' third starter after a dazzling spring training. The 22-year-old righty has one of baseball's best fastballs, consistently 97-99 mph and touching 100 occasionally. He made his major league debut last year, going 0-1 with a 3.52 ERA in three starts.

■ **OF Billy Hamilton, Cincinnati:** The time is now for Hamilton, who was handed the job in center after Shin-Soo Choo signed a big free-agent deal with Texas. There are concerns about Hamilton's ability to get on base, but his speed makes him one of most exciting players in the game. He had 13 steals in 14 attempts over 13 games last year with the Reds.

■ **OF George Springer, Houston:** The New Britain, Conn., native was sent down to Triple-A Oklahoma City toward the end of spring training, but his major league debut is coming soon. He hit .303 with 37 homers and 108 RBIs over two minor league stops last season.

The Astros traded for center fielder Dexter Fowler over the winter, so Springer will make the transition to right field with the RedHawks. Should be no problem for the athletic Springer, who also had 45 steals last year.

■ **3B Nick Castellanos, Detroit:** When the Tigers traded Prince Fielder to Texas in November, it created an opening in the lineup for Castellanos, who hit .276 with 18 homers at Triple-A Toledo last year. The 22-year-old Castellanos, who was selected with the 44th pick in 2010 draft, takes over at third base while Miguel Cabrera moves to first.

■ **RHP Archie Bradley and SS Chris Owings, Arizona:** The elbow injury for Diamondbacks ace Patrick Corbin could accelerate the timetable for Bradley, who went 12-5 with a 1.97 ERA at Double-A last season. The 21-year-old right-hander, who has a mid-90s fastball and a big curveball, was competing for a spot in Arizona's rotation this spring.

Owings, 22, hit .330 with 12 home runs and 81 RBIs at Triple-A Reno last season. The Pacific Coast League player of the year was pushing Didi Gregorius for the starting shortstop job in camp.

■ **RHP Jameson Taillon, Pittsburgh:** The second overall pick in the 2010 draft will begin the season in the minors after he was shut down for two weeks in late March with elbow soreness. The 6-foot-5 Taillon could make his major league debut this summer, giving the Pirates a boost as they try for a second straight playoff appearance.

■ **OF Oscar Taveras, St. Louis:** Taveras missed most of last season after ankle surgery and had hamstring trouble this spring. He will begin the year at Triple-A Memphis, but remains the top prospect in one of baseball's most talent-rich franchises.

■ **INF Javier Baez, Chicago Cubs:** It looks as if Baez could be on that first wave of prospects coming through Chicago's highly regarded minor league system. The shortstop drew attention for his bat speed during spring training and could get promoted to the foundering Cubs this summer.

■ **RHP Taijuan Walker, Seattle:** Walker, who was slowed by a tender right shoulder in spring training, could give the Mariners one of the top rotation tandems in the majors when he's finally paired with Felix Hernandez. Walker was 5-3 with a 3.61 ERA for Triple-A Tacoma last year.

25-year-old New York Yankees starting pitcher Masahiro Tanaka went 24-0 with a 1.27 ERA last season, helping Rkuten to a Japan Series title. Tanaka has looked good in spring training, lending hope that the Yankees could rebound from a disappointing 2013 campaign.

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Philadelphia's Tony Wroten, left, and Hollis Thompson celebrate after the 76ers beat the Detroit Pistons on Saturday to break a 26-game losing streak, tied for the longest in U.S. major pro sports.

Roundup

No record low for 76ers; rout of Pistons halts skid

The Assoicated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Desperate to see a victory again, Philadelphia fans wouldn't even wait for the end, standing to cheer as time was running out in the third quarter.

By then it was clear: The 76ers were going to win for the first time in two months, and they were going to do it with ease.

The 76ers snapped their NBA record-tying 26-game losing streak, routing the Detroit Pistons 123-98 on Saturday night to avoid establishing the longest skid in U.S. major pro sports history.

"It's not something I want to be a part of," 76ers guard Michael Carter-Williams said, "so it's great that we got this win."

Carter-Williams and Thaddeus Young each scored 21 points for the 76ers, who won for the first time since beating Boston exactly two months ago and did it impressively, leading by as many as 32 points. They also ended an 18-game home losing streak, which was one shy of an NBA record.

Beaten badly a number of times during their skid, the 76ers got to experience life on the other side, ringing up a season-high 70 points in the first half.

Their 26 straight losses equaled the 2010-11 Cleveland Cavaliers and also the NFL's Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

"We were just happy to get a win," Young said. "I don't think it was for the streak or anything like that, we just wanted to go out there and win a basketball game and continue to just play."

Henry Sims added 16 points for the Sixers, who hadn't won before their home crowd since beating Charlotte on Jan. 15. Fans in the crowd of 17,438 were into it from the start and grew louder throughout, standing and cheering in the final seconds of the third and then getting up again to deliver a standing ovation for the final 45 seconds of the game.

Greg Monroe had 20 points and 10 rebounds for the Pistons, who lost for the 11th time in 13 games. Blown out a night earlier by Miami, they made the 76ers look as good as the Heat with a sloppy effort that included 18 turnovers.

"They came out and competed tonight. They wanted it more than we did," Pistons guard Rodney Stuckey said.

Clippers 118, Rockets 107: Chris Paul had 30 points and 12 assists, Jamal Crawford added 22 points as visiting Los Angeles clinched its franchise-record third straight playoff appearance by stopping Houston's five game winning streak.

Houston was without injured starters Dwight Howard and Pat Beverley.

It wasn't all good for Los Angeles. Blake Griffin left in the first quarter with back spasms and didn't return, and Glen Davis missed the second half for disciplinary reasons after throwing a temper tantrum in the second quarter.

James Harden led the Rockets with 32 points, and Chandler Parsons had 28. DeAndre Jordan added 20 points with 12 rebounds for the Clippers, who are third in the Western Conference.

Spurs 96, Pelicans 80: Marco Belinelli scored 18 points and host San Antonio never trailed after its opening possession to extend its winning streak to 17 games with the win over New Orleans.

Kawhi Leonard and Manu Ginobili scored 15 points each as the Spurs (57-16) extended their lead to 3½ games over Oklahoma City (53-19) for the league's best record.

Reserve guard Brian Roberts had 18 points to lead New Orleans (32-41), which had its five-game winning streak snapped.

Wizards 101, Hawks 97: John Wall scored 25 points, Drew Gooden had 16 as host Washington inched closer to its first playoff spot since 2008 with a win over free-falling Atlanta.

The Wizards entered the game needing a win and a loss by the New York Knicks on Sunday to make the playoffs.

Wall scored 13 points in the last 7:16 of the third quarter and the Wizards finally escaped the pesky Hawks, who have lost six straight and 20 of 26.

Mavericks 103, Kings 100: Dirk Nowitzki scored 19 points and host Dallas avoided a potentially serious blow to its playoff hopes by rallying in the fourth quarter to beat Sacramento.

The Mavericks blew a 17-point lead and trailed by five in the fourth quarter before recovering.

Dallas (44-30) is in a virtual tie with Memphis (43-29) for eighth place in the Western Conference, a half-game behind Phoenix. The Mavericks have eight games left and finish the regular season at the Grizzlies.

Heat 88, Bucks 67: At Milwaukee, Chris Bosh scored 14 points, LeBron James had 13 as short-handed Miami wrapped up its three-game trip through the Midwest with a victory.

James Jones added 10 for Miami in place of Dwyane Wade, sidelined a second straight game with a sore hamstring. The Heat also played without Ray Allen and Mario Chalmers.

It didn't matter against the team with the NBA's worst record.

The Heat led 46-29 at halftime and held the Bucks to a season low for points in a half and in a game.

Scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Toronto	41	31	.569	—
Brooklyn	38	33	.535	2½
New York	30	43	.411	11½
Boston	23	49	.319	18
Philadelphia	16	57	.219	25½
Southeast Division				
y-Miami	50	22	.694	—
Washington	38	35	.521	12½
Charlotte	35	38	.479	15½
Atlanta	31	41	.431	19
Orlando	21	52	.288	29½
Central Division				
y-Indiana	52	21	.712	—
x-Chicago	40	32	.556	11½
Cleveland	29	45	.392	23½
Detroit	26	47	.356	26
Milwaukee	14	59	.192	38

Western Conference

Southwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-San Antonio	57	16	.781	—
Houston	49	23	.681	7½
Memphis	43	29	.597	13½
Dallas	44	30	.595	13½
New Orleans	32	41	.438	25
Northwest Division				
x-Oklahoma City	53	19	.736	—
Portland	47	27	.635	7
Minnesota	36	35	.507	16½
Denver	32	41	.438	21½
Utah	23	50	.315	30½
Pacific Division				
x-L.A. Clippers	52	22	.703	—
Golden State	45	27	.625	6
Phoenix	44	29	.603	7½
Sacramento	25	48	.342	26½
L.A. Lakers	24	48	.333	27

x-clinched playoff spot; y-clinched division

Friday's games

Orlando 110, Charlotte 105, OT
Washington 91, Indiana 78
Toronto 105, Boston 103
Brooklyn 108, Cleveland 97
Miami 110, Detroit 78
Portland 91, Chicago 74
Minnesota 143, L.A. Lakers 107
Oklahoma City 94, Sacramento 81
New Orleans 102, Utah 95
San Antonio 133, Denver 102
Phoenix 112, New York 88
Golden State 100, Memphis 93

Saturday's games

Philadelphia 123, Detroit 98
L.A. Clippers 118, Houston 107
Washington 101, Atlanta 97
Dallas 103, Sacramento 100
Miami 88, Milwaukee 67
San Antonio 96, New Orleans 80

Sunday's games

Utah at Oklahoma City
Indiana at Cleveland
Toronto at Orlando
Minnesota at Brooklyn
Chicago at Boston
New York at Golden State
Memphis at Portland
Phoenix at L.A. Lakers

Monday's games

San Antonio at Indiana
Washington at Charlotte
Toronto at Miami
Milwaukee at Detroit
Philadelphia at Atlanta
Boston at Chicago
L.A. Clippers at Minnesota
Sacramento at New Orleans
Memphis at Denver
New York at Utah

Saturday
76ers 123, Pistons 98

DETROIT — Smith 2-8 0-0 4, Monroe 7-16 6-8 20, Drummond 3-5 2-6 8, Jennings 1-5 0-0 2, Singler 3-6 2-2 10, Stuckey 3-11 11-11 17, Jerebko 3-4 2-2 10, Bynum 2-11 1-1 5, Caldwell-Pope 6-12 2-2 16, Siva 1-4 0-0 2, Mitchell 1-1 0-0 2, Datome 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 33-85 26-32 98.

PHILADELPHIA — Thompson 5-8 0-0 14, Young 9-17 3-4 21, Sims 8-14 0-0 16, Carter-Williams 6-14 8-10 21, Anderson 2-8 0-0 5, Varnado 4-8 1-1 9, Wroten 2-6 1-2 6, Williams 5-8 2-3 13, Davies 2-2 0-0 4, Ware 3-5 2-2 8, Nunnally 2-2 0-0 6. Totals 48-92 15-19 123.

Detroit	**23**	**28**	**17**	**30— 98**
Philadelphia	**33**	**37**	**28**	**25—123**

Three-point Goals—Detroit 6-21 (Jerebko 2-3, Singler 2-3, Caldwell-Pope 2-5, Siva 0-1, Stuckey 0-1, Datome 0-1, Bynum 0-2, Jennings 0-2, Smith 0-3), Philadelphia 12-21 (Thompson 4-4, Nunnally 2-2, Young 2-4, Carter-Williams 1-2, Williams 1-2, Anderson 1-3, Wroten 1-3, Ware 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Detroit 54 (Monroe 10), Philadelphia 52 (Sims, Carter-Williams 7). Assists—Detroit 20 (Siva, Stuckey 4), Philadelphia 29 (Wroten 9). Total Fouls—Detroit 20, Philadelphia 25. Technicals—Jennings 2, Smith. Ejected—Jennings. A—17,438 (20,328).

Longest NBA losing streaks

The longest losing streaks in NBA history (x-over two seasons):

26 — Philadelphia 76ers, Jan. 31, 2014-March 27, 2014.
26 — Cleveland Cavaliers, Dec. 20, 2010-Feb. 9, 2011.
24 — x-Cleveland Cavaliers, March 9-Nov. 5, 1982.
23 — Charlotte Bobcats, March 19-April 26, 2012
23 — Denver Nuggets, Dec. 9, 1997-Jan. 23, 1998.
23 — Vancouver Grizzlies, Feb. 16, 1996-April 3, 1996.
21 — x-Detroit Pistons, March 7-Oct. 22, 1980.

Heat 88, Bucks 67

MIAMI — James 5-10 2-4 13, Haslem 2-4 0-0 4, Bosh 4-10 6-6 14, Douglas 5-10 2-2 13, Jones 4-6 0-0 10, Andersen 3-8 2-4 8, Cole 2-8 0-0 4, Battier 1-3 0-0 3, Lewis 4-10 4-4 13, Hamilton 2-4 1-1 6, Beasley 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 32-74 17-21 88.

MILWAUKEE — Middleton 4-11 0-0 10, Adrien 1-5 2-2 4, Pachulia 2-6 0-0 4, Knight 6-18 0-0 13, Sessions 5-15 4-5 15, Henson 6-11 0-2 12, Antetokounmpo 0-5 1-2 1, Udoh 1-3 0-0 2, Stephens 2-5 1-1 5, Radulica 0-0 1-2 1. Totals 27-79 9-14 67.

Miami	**21**	**25**	**19**	**23—88**
Milwaukee	**12**	**17**	**17**	**21—67**

Three-point Goals—Miami 7-23 (Jones 2-3, Battier 1-1, Hamilton 1-2, Lewis 1-3, James 1-3, Douglas 1-4, Beasley 0-1, Bosh 0-2, Cole 0-4), Milwaukee 4-14 (Middleton 2-2, Sessions 1-4, Knight 1-7, Antetokounmpo 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Miami 51 (Andersen 14), Milwaukee 52 (Henson 10). Assists—Miami 18 (Douglas, Cole 4), Milwaukee 15 (Knight 5). Total Fouls—Miami 12, Milwaukee 16. A—17,986 (18,717).

Wizards 101, Hawks 97

ATLANTA — Martin 5-8 1-2 13, Millsap 5-13 5-8 17, Antic 5-10 2-2 13, Teague 8-17 1-1 19, Mack 2-6 0-0 5, Muscala 1-6 0-0 2, Williams 4-10 4-5 12, Scott 2-5 4-4 8, Schroder 2-5 3-6 8. Totals 34-80 20-28 97.

WASHINGTON — Ariza 4-6 4-4 13, Booker 0-4 0-0 0, Gortat 6-11 0-2 12, Wall 10-20 2-6 25, Beal 5-15 4-4 14, Gooden 5-5 5-7 16, Webster 3-7 0-0 6, Harrington 2-7 0-0 5, Miller 4-4 2-2 10, Temple 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 39-79 17-25 101.

Atlanta	**27**	**25**	**19**	**26— 97**
Washington	**28**	**22**	**25**	**26—101**

Three-point Goals—Atlanta 9-31 (Martin 2-5, Teague 2-5, Millsap 2-6, Schroder 1-2, Mack 1-3, Antic 1-4, Scott 0-2, Williams 0-4), Washington 6-14 (Wall 3-4, Gooden 1-1, Ariza 1-2, Harrington 1-3, Beal 0-1, Webster 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Atlanta 52 (Antic 12), Washington 50 (Gortat 11). Assists—Atlanta 20 (Mack 5), Washington 17 (Wall 6). Total Fouls—Atlanta 22, Washington 22. Technicals—Atlanta defensive three second. Flagrant Fouls—Miller. A—17,996 (20,308).

Spurs 96, Pelicans 80

NEW ORLEANS — Aminu 3-5 2-3 8, Ajinca 1-6 0-0 2, Stiemsma 1-3 0-0 2, Evans 4-13 3-4 11, Morrow 2-6 2-2 6, Babbitt 3-7 0-0 8, Rivers 8-18 0-0 16, Roberts 7-16 3-3 18, Miller 1-5 0-0 2, Withey 2-2 3-4 7. Totals 32-81 13-16 80.

SAN ANTONIO — Leonard 4-9 5-6 15, Duncan 5-9 2-5 12, Diaw 3-8 0-0 6, Parker 1-5 0-0 2, Belinelli 7-11 0-0 18, Ginobili 7-10 1-1 15, Ayres 4-6 1-2 9, Daye 0-2 0-0 0, Mills 4-11 2-2 13, Joseph 0-4 2-4 2, Baynes 2-3 0-0 4. Totals 37-78 13-20 96.

New Orleans	**15**	**20**	**24**	**21—80**
San Antonio	**28**	**24**	**18**	**26—96**

Three-point Goals—New Orleans 3-12 (Babbitt 2-2, Roberts 1-2, Morrow 0-1, Aminu 0-1, Miller 0-1, Evans 0-2, Rivers 0-3), San Antonio 9-21 (Belinelli 4-5, Mills 3-8, Leonard 2-4, Joseph 0-1, Diaw 0-1, Ginobili 0-1, Daye 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—New Orleans 49 (Aminu 10), San Antonio 51 (Duncan 8). Assists—New Orleans 16 (Roberts 3), San Antonio 24 (Duncan 6). Total Fouls—New Orleans 19, San Antonio 16. Technicals—San Antonio defensive three second. A—18,581 (18,797).

Clippers 118, Rockets 107

L.A. CLIPPERS — Barnes 6-15 0-0 15, Griffin 2-3 3-3 7, Jordan 7-10 6-14 20, Paul 10-16 5-5 30, Collison 4-14 2-4 11, Dudley 2-4 0-0 4, Crawford 7-15 5-8 22, Bullock 0-2 0-0 0, Davis 0-2 0-0 0, Turkoglu 1-2 1-1 3, Hollins 2-5 0-0 4, Green 1-4 0-0 2. Totals 42-89 22-36 118.

HOUSTON — Parsons 9-19 9-11 28, Jones 1-4 0-2, Asik 5-9 2-12, Lin 4-19 8-8 10, Harden 9-22 11-13 32, Motiejunas 3-8 0-1 6, Casspi 0-1 0-0 0, Canaan 3-5 6-8 14, Garcia 1-2 0-0 3. Totals 32-79 36-45 107.

L.A. Clippers	**23**	**38**	**27**	**30—118**
Houston	**33**	**25**	**26**	**23—107**

Three-point Goals—L.A. Clippers 12-41 (Paul 5-9, Crawford 3-9, Barnes 3-10, Collison 1-7, Dudley 0-1, Bullock 0-2, Green 0-3), Houston 7-25 (Harden 3-11, Canaan 2-4, Garcia 1-2, Parsons 1-5, Lin 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—L.A. Clippers 59 (Jordan 12), Houston 58 (Asik 11). Assists—L.A. Clippers 26 (Paul 12), Houston 14 (Harden 6). Total Fouls—L.A. Clippers 29, Houston 25. Technicals—Paul, L.A. Clippers defensive three second. A—18,337 (18,023).

Mavericks 103, Kings 100

SACRAMENTO — Gay 11-19 8-10 30, Evans 3-5 0-1 6, Cousins 8-15 1-3 17, McCallum 7-17 0-0 16, McLemore 4-9 1-1 10, Williams 1-2 2-2 4, Outlaw 3-7 0-0 6, Thompson 5-7 2 11, Acy 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 42-81 13-19 100.

DALLAS — Marion 5-7 3-4 14, Nowitzki 5-10 9-10 19, Dalembert 7-8 1-2 15, Calderon 4-11 0-0 11, Ellis 5-12 6-8 17, Carter 4-10 0-0 10, Blair 0-2 2, Harris 0-4 3-6 3, Crowder 1-4 2-2 6, Wright 2-2 2-2 6. Totals 34-70 28-35 103.

Sacramento	**19**	**23**	**28**	**30—100**
Dallas	**25**	**28**	**18**	**31—103**

Three-point Goals—Sacramento 3-10 (McCallum 2-4, McLemore 1-2, Gay 0-1, Williams 0-1, Outlaw 0-2), Dallas 7-23 (Calderon 3-8, Carter 2-6, Marion 1-1, Ellis 1-3, Harris 0-1, Nowitzki 0-2, Crowder 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Sacramento 50 (Evans 18), Dallas 38 (Nowitzki 7). Assists—Sacramento 17 (McCallum 8), Dallas 28 (Nowitzki, Calderon 7). Total Fouls—Sacramento 29, Dallas 18. Technicals—Sacramento Coach Malone, Thompson. A—20,210 (19,200).

NCAA TOURNAMENT

Wisconsin defeats Arizona in OT to advance

Kaminsky leads Badgers, named West Regional's most outstanding player

By Beth Harris
The Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Frank Kaminsky carried Wisconsin to the Final Four with 28 points, including six in overtime, as the Badgers defeated Arizona 64-63 in a physical West Region final Saturday night.

Kaminsky had 11 rebounds and scored from all over, including three three-pointers, for the No. 2 seed Badgers (30-7). It's Wisconsin's first Final Four appearance since 2000, and first for 69-year-old coach Bo Ryan, who earned his 704th career victory.

Nick Johnson had the ball with a chance to win, but he missed a shot that came just after the buzzer for Arizona (33-5), the top-seeded team that has yet to win a West Region final in Anaheim in four tries. Johnson led the Wildcats with 16 points, and Aaron Gordon had 18 rebounds in the relentlessly physical game.

Johnson stood with his hands on his hips, staring straight ahead, while Kaminsky and the rest of the Badgers rushed to celebrate.

Traevon Jackson added 10 points for the Badgers, and Kaminsky was chosen as most outstanding player of the West Region.

Kaleb Tarczewski scored 12 points and Rondae Hollis-Jefferson had 10 points for the Wildcats, who were trying to get coach Sean Miller to the Final Four for his first time. Instead, Miller was sent to the sidelines on the same day his younger brother Archie's Dayton Flyers lost to Florida in the South Region final.

The first 40 minutes were a back-and-forth struggle between the only 1-2 seeds remaining in the regionals, with neither team leading by more than three points over the final 12:09 of regulation.

Overtime was even more dramatic, with Arizona having an answer for just about everything Wisconsin did.

Ben Brust hit a three-pointer to put the Badgers up at the start of the extra session; Gordon answered with a three to tie it up again at 57. Kaminsky scored inside and Gordon dunked at the other end for another tie.

Kaminsky's jumper and a free throw by Josh Gasser gave Wisconsin a 62-59 lead. Tarczewski's two free throws and Jordin Mayes' tip-in drew the Wildcats to 64-63 with 58 seconds left.

T. J. McConnell's jumper missed, but Arizona got the offensive rebound and found Johnson, who missed and got called for the push-off on Gasser with 3 seconds left.

Wisconsin inbounded on the baseline, but turned the ball over in a play reviewed by the referees.

That set up the final play, with Pac-12 player of the year Johnson unable to bail out the Wildcats.

Jae C. Hong/AP

Wisconsin players lift head coach Bo Ryan after beating Arizona 64-63 in overtime of their regional final NCAA tournament game in Anaheim, Calif. The 69-year-old Ryan, who picked up his 704th career win, will be heading to the Final Four for the first time.

Scoreboard

East Region

Regional Semifinals
At New York
Friday, March 28
UConn 81, Iowa State 76
Michigan State 61, Virginia 59
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 30
UConn (29-8) vs. Mich. State (29-8)

South Region

Regional Semifinals
At Memphis, Tenn.
Thursday, March 27
Dayton 82, Stanford 72
Florida 79, UCLA 68
Regional Championship
Saturday, March 29
Florida 62, Dayton 52

Midwest Region

Regional Semifinals
At Indianapolis
Friday, March 28
Michigan 73, Tennessee 71
Kentucky 74, Louisville 69
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 30
Michigan (28-8) vs. Kentucky (27-10)

West Region

Regional Semifinals
At Anaheim, Calif.
Thursday, March 27
Wisconsin 69, Baylor 52
Arizona 70, San Diego State 64
Regional Championship
Saturday, March 29
Wisconsin 64, Arizona 63 (OT)
FINAL FOUR
At Arlington, Texas
National Semifinals
Saturday, April 5
East champion vs. Florida (36-2)
Midwest champion vs. Wisconsin (30-7)
National Championship
Monday, April 7
Semifinal winners

Top-seeded Florida on to Final Four

By Teresa M. Walker
The Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — First yet again this season, the Florida Gators want more. Much more.

Try a national championship.

Scottie Wilbekin scored 23 points and Florida became the first team to advance to the Final Four with a 62-52 win Saturday night over the 11th-seeded Dayton Flyers in the South Region final.

The Gators reached their fifth Final Four after losing at this point in each of the past three NCAA tournaments. This time, they came in as the country's top-ranked team and the overall No. 1 seed.

Florida won its 30th straight game and improved to 36-2, topping the 35 wins by the 2007 national championship squad.

"I couldn't be prouder and happier," Florida coach Billy Donovan said after being drenched with water in the Gators' locker room.

"In a lot of ways, outside the Michigan game, we were close to being in three out of four Final Fours right now, and that says a lot about these guys. But I think those experiences maybe helped us be a better team this year than maybe we would have if we'd have gotten to a couple of ones earlier."

Patric Young scored 12 points, and Michael Frazier II added 10 for Florida. The Gators will play either UConn or Michigan State in Arlington, Texas, in the national semifinal.

The celebration was a bit muted because a regional title isn't the Gators' end goal.

"There's more hunger within us, within this whole team to keep going," Young said.

Dyshawn Pierre led the Flyers with 18 points, including the final 11 for Dayton (26-11). Devin Oliver added 12 points.

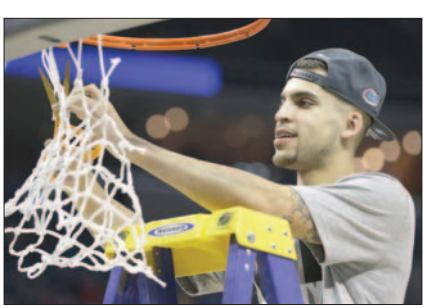
Dayton came in trying to become only the fourth 11 seed to advance to the Final Four. The Flyers had upset Ohio State and Syracuse in reaching their first regional final since 1984. They missed their second Final Four and first since 1967 as Florida held them to their lowest scoring game this season.

Coach Archie Miller complimented the Gators, saying that just being on the floor with Florida gave Dayton a "big-time feeling."

"It's always hard to lose the last game of the season, but in the back of my mind, I'm not sure a team in the nation captured more people's hearts than these guys did, and they did it the right way," Miller said.

Dayton took over the FedExForum so thoroughly that the Gators were booed when they came out for warm-ups and pre-game introductions. Miller tried to use his deep bench, using 11 Flyers at least 5 minutes trying to wear out the Gators with sheer numbers. Donovan nearly matched Dayton by going 10 deep himself.

The Flyers hit one more field goal than Florida (19-18), but the Gators outrebounded them 37-26. They also had a massive edge at the free-throw line (21-for-28) to (6-for-8).



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Florida's Scottie Wilbekin cuts part of the net after the Gators beat Dayton at the NCAA tournament on Saturday in Memphis, Tenn.

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Halfway there

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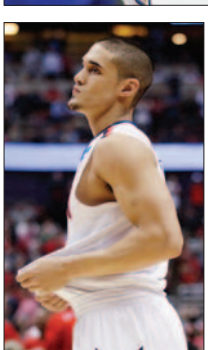

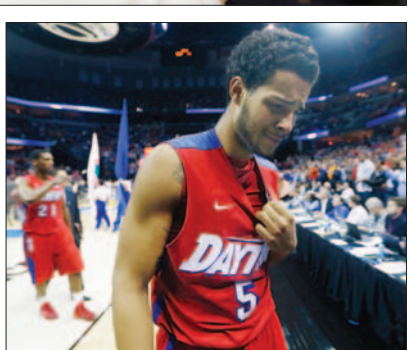

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Pictured, clockwise from above, Wisconsin's Frank Kaminsky, Florida's Patric Young, Dayton's Devin Oliver, and Arizona's Nick Johnson react after their teams' respective Elite Eight games.

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