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"Anyone in Congress who thinks they've done enough for the VA is simply deluding themselves"

—Democratic Sen. Jay Rockefeller, of West Virginia, in response to Eric Shinseki's resignation as Veterans Affairs secretary

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MIDEAST

IG roots out corruption in Afghanistan

By RICHARD LEIBY
The Washington Post

ARLINGTON, Va. — "I still get upset about this," said John Sopko, a normally good-natured government investigator now simmering with indignation in his Virginia office. "You're talking 600 million dollars."

His meaty hands clasp a model of an Italian-made military aircraft, known as the G222, that the United States bought for the Afghan air force. "It's notorious. It falls apart," he says, jostling the replica.

Wings and propellers shed on cue. "Basically, it was described to me by pilots as a death trap."

Sixteen of the planes sit uselessly at Kabul's airport. Sopko has seen a lot of inexplicable waste in his two years as special inspector general for Afghanistan reconstruction, but his eyes expand with incredulity over this example.

"Why did we buy \$600 million worth of aircraft that doesn't fly?"

His job is to find out. To that end, the former mob prosecutor and congressional oversight sleuth says he has launched a criminal investigation into the airplane purchase. It's just one of 340 ongoing probes by his office into corruption, fraud and waste.

Washington has more than 70 inspectors general for its agencies, independent watchdogs mandated by law and ideally immune from political pressure. But none of them make as much noise on a regular basis as Sopko.

He constantly rattles the Pentagon, defense contractors and U.S. assistance agencies, blasting out reports and media releases at the rate of roughly one a week, putting eye-popping dollar figures in the headers: "Afghan Ministries Unable to Manage & Account for \$1 Billion in US Funds," blared an email this year. Another: "Weaknesses in \$223 Million Justice Sector Program."



Bill O'Leary/The Washington Post

John Sopko, special inspector general for Afghanistan reconstruction, is shown in his Arlington, Va., office.

Most investigations spring from informants' tips and auditors' hunches about high-dollar programs. But Sopko spends time on the ground in Afghanistan sniffing for malfeasance: The airplane investigation began last year, when he noticed the G222s rusting on the runway in Kabul. It turned out they had been contracted for in 2008.

Acquaintances describe him as relentless, irreverent and remarkably candid for a Washington type.

"He is not worried about his image," said Marc Smolonsky, a former Health and Human Services official and oversight committee investigator in the House and Senate. "He is not worried about offending anyone."

In well-worn khakis and a faded blue shirt, Sopko, 61, looks out of place in his spacious corner office on the same floor of a building that houses Northrop Grumman. But he fits the image of a hardworking guy from Ohio whose forebears were coal miners.

Sopko oversees one of the most difficult and dangerous civilian assignments left in Afghanistan as Uncle Sam extracts himself from that 13-year slog, the longest U.S. war. He commands an agency with a staff of 200 people — 55 of them in Afghanistan, where only 20 percent of the country is considered secure.

The stocky half-Italian, half-Pole, with his pocket full of subpoenas, has taken on the biggest wartime rebuilding mess in U.S. history.

Since 2002, U.S. taxpayers have spent \$103 billion to reconstruct Afghanistan — more than we've spent on any other single country for that purpose, Sopko said — more than on postwar Germany, the United Kingdom or Japan.

"When you consider what this guy is up against," said Dan Moldea, an author and organized crime expert who's known Sopko for more than 30 years, "he better be a gonzo."

"You have Sopko going after the war profiteers in Afghanistan and even in the United States," Moldea said. "It's John against the world right now. ... To hell with the consequences."

As IG, Sopko can demand documents, take depositions and refer cases to the Justice Department for prosecution. (He also may carry a gun but declines to do so.) In his tenure so far, he has scored 42 convictions and recouped or saved \$256 million, his office says.

It's impossible to calculate how much was squandered or stolen in Afghanistan at this point, but Sopko said he knows why it happened.

"To some extent, we just came in and threw the money in and thought we were in Kansas," said the IG. "Sometimes I feel like Dorothy and Toto; you know, I walk out there: 'This sure isn't Kansas, guys.'"

NATO servicemember killed in Afghan attack

KABUL — The international military coalition in Afghanistan said one of its servicemembers died in an attack Monday in the country's east. The NATO force gave no other details as coalition

policy is for home countries to identify their military dead. Casualty rates have been falling in the U.S.-led military coalition as its forces pull back to allow the Afghan army and police to fight the Taliban insurgency.

Also Monday, a motorcycle bomber targeted a minibus with

workers from a Turkish construction company in eastern Afghanistan, killing three Turkish engineers and wounding a fourth, officials said.

The Turkish Foreign Ministry condemned the attack and called on Afghan authorities to bring the assailants to justice while reiterating Ankara's commitment to help-

ing Afghanistan.

Another attack Monday occurred in southern Helmand province, where a group of Taliban suicide bombers attacked a government compound killing three Afghans — two police officers and a civilian.

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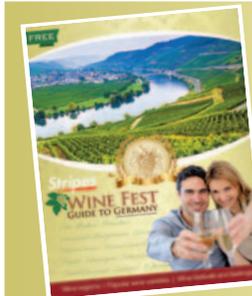
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VA SCANDAL



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Rep. Jeff Miller, R-Fla., chairman of the House Committee on Veterans Affairs, right, welcomes Dr. Thomas Lynch, left, assistant deputy undersecretary for health for clinical operations at the Veterans Health Administration, to testify on Capitol Hill last week.

Warnings on 'gaming' patient wait times go back many years

By KEVIN FREKING
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The report last week confirming that 1,700 veterans were “at risk of being lost or forgotten” at a Phoenix hospital was hardly the first independent review that documented long wait times for some patients seeking health care from the Department of Veterans Affairs and inaccurate records that understated the depth of the problem.

Eleven years ago, a task force established by President George W. Bush determined that at least 236,000 veterans were waiting six months or more for a first appointment or an initial follow-up. The task force warned that more veterans were expected to enter the system and that the delays threatened the quality of care the VA provided.

Two years ago, a former hospital administrator told senators during an oversight hearing that VA hospitals were “gaming the system” and manipulating records to make it appear that wait time standards, the criteria for awarding manager and executive bonuses, were being met.

Since 2005, the department’s inspector general has issued 19 reports on how long veterans have to wait before getting appointments and treatment at VA medical facilities, concluding that for many, sufficient controls don’t exist to ensure that those needing care get it.

For example, in October 2007, the VA inspector general told the Senate Committee on Aging that “schedulers at some facilities were interpreting the guidance from their managers to reduce waiting times as instruction to never put patients on the elec-

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Rep. Jeff Miller
chairman of the House Committee on Veterans Affairs

tronic waiting list. This seems to have resulted in some ‘gaming’ of the scheduling process.”

That’s virtually identical to language in a 2010 VA memorandum, and again in the latest inspector general’s report that led dozens of members of Congress to call for VA Secretary Eric Shinseki to resign. He abided by those wishes Friday.

The series of reports over the years also raises questions about whether Congress should have done more to solve the problems that have so grabbed the nation’s attention in recent weeks.

“Anyone in Congress who thinks they’ve done enough for the VA is simply deluding themselves,” Democratic Sen. Jay Rockefeller, of West Virginia, said in response to Shinseki’s resignation. “Year after year, when members of Congress have had the opportunity to provide legitimate funding increases for the VA, they’ve done just enough to skirt by.”

Pointing to the Bush task force report from 2003, Joseph Violante, legislative director for Disabled American Veterans, said the problem of access to health care has been known for a decade.

“In our mind, a lot of the problem that is taking place on the health care side is due to a lack of sufficient funding, and that’s

Congress’ jurisdiction. We think they’ve fallen short over the years,” Violante said.

Rep. Jeff Miller, the chairman of the House Committee on Veterans Affairs, said money is not the problem at the VA. He notes that the president has traveled the country touting the spending increases that have occurred in VA’s budget during his presidency.

Spending for VA medical care has nearly doubled in less than a decade, from \$2.8 billion in 2006 to \$5.6 billion last year.

“They can’t even spend the money that we appropriated to them. If money could have solved this problem, it would have been solved a long time ago,” Miller said. “It is manipulation and mismanagement that has created the crisis that exists today.”

Miller, who became chairman of the House Committee on Veterans Affairs in 2011, makes the case that the investigations that have been undertaken by the VA’s inspector general and the Government Accountability Office were generally conducted at the request of members of Congress. When he has sought to follow up on what whether the VA was meeting investigators’ recommendations, Miller said he has been stonewalled.

Senate to take up new VA bill

By DINA CAPIELLO
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Details of a refurbished bill to address the long delays for veterans’ care. The long-simmering issue erupted into a scandal in April and led to last week’s resignation of VA Secretary Eric Shinseki after a federal investigation into the troubled Phoenix VA Health Care System found that about 1,700 veterans in need of care were “at risk of being lost or forgotten” after being kept off an official waiting list.

The investigation also found broad and deep-seated problems throughout the sprawling Veterans Health Administration system, which provides medical care to about 6.5 million veterans annually.

Sanders said in a statement issued Sunday that while the people who have lied or manipulated data must be punished, “we also need to get to the root causes of the problems that have been exposed.”

The bill would allow veterans facing long delays to seek care outside the VA, at private doctors’ offices, military bases or community health centers. It also authorizes emergency funding to hire new doctors and nurses and would provide scholarships or forgive college loans for doctors and nurses who go to work at the VA. In addition, it would give the department authority to fire poor-performing executives, but not as broadly as a bill passed in the House and defeated in the Senate last month.

An earlier version of Sanders’ bill did not have enough support to pass in February.

Experts: Cultural change vital to reforming agency

The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

PITTSBURGH — The country’s largest hospital system lost its top two leaders in two weeks, is under fire from powerful politicians and interest groups, and awaits an internal overhaul in the glare of an election-year political spotlight.

And the man at the helm — acting Veterans Affairs Secretary Sloan Gibson — just joined the department in February.

“I don’t envy him,” Hershel Gober, who twice served as acting VA secretary during President Bill Clinton’s second term, told the Tribune-Review.

“He’s going to have to spend about 20 hours a day there. There is so much he’s got to read, so much he’s got to understand,” Gober said.

As the Department of Veterans Affairs tries to find its way through one of the worst crises in its history, critics inside and outside are warning less than a cultural change will rescue the embattled agency.

Secretary Eric Shinseki resigned on Friday, two weeks to the day after Undersecretary for Health Robert T. Petzel retired. Shinseki was forced out by the growing scandal of secret waiting lists at VA hospitals across the country.

“Having a different secretary is not going to be enough,” said Sen. Bob Casey Jr., D-Pa. “There are probably others who have to be removed, and even when you remove them and make changes,

the key is going to be the result. Can you reduce — substantially — the backlog? Can you restore confidence?”

Most agree medical care is not generally the problem in VA hospitals.

“When the VA gets to it, it generally provides a high standard of medical care. I don’t think the issue is all that often with the actual doctors or health care providers. It’s with these insular bureaucrats who are responsible for the logistics of how the veterans get in front of the medical providers,” said W. Robb Graham, a malpractice attorney in Medford, N.J., who specializes in VA cases.

The VA’s budget increased dramatically in recent years: from nearly \$98 billion in 2009 to more than \$150 billion this year. During that time, 2 million veterans registered for care with the VA, many of them bearing the scars of more than 10 years of war in Iraq and Afghanistan.

J. David Cox Sr., national president of the American Federation of Government Employees, which represents more than 205,000 VA workers, said securing the must break a pattern of retaliation and condemnation of employees who raise concerns about problems.

“You have to have an environment where people are not afraid to tell the truth,” Cox said. “I’m afraid we have an environment where everyone is programmed to say everything is OK when it isn’t.”

MILITARY

Afghan officials say they were duped on exchange

Leaders say prisoner deal violated agreement

By HEATH DRUZIN
Stars and Stripes

KABUL — The Afghan government Monday sharply criticized the prisoner swap in which five former Taliban leaders were released from U.S. detention in return for the only American prisoner of war in Afghanistan, saying it violated an agreement with Washington.

"Recently, five Afghan nationals were released in an exchange for Mr. Bowe Bergdahl, and have been transferred to Qatar, which was against a prior understanding with the Afghan government," said a statement released by the office of President Hamid Karzai.

According to Foreign Ministry spokesman Ahmad Shakaib Moustaghni, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry had assured Karzai in a recent phone conversation that the Taliban detainees exchanged for U.S. Army Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl would be released to Afghan custody. Instead, they were sent to the Gulf nation of Qatar, where their movements will be restricted for years under an agreement between Washington and the Taliban. This restriction, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs statement said, "is completely against all accepted international laws on human rights."

A Karzai spokesman backed up the former military's claims. An Karzai's administration in the past has released prisoners considered dangerous by its U.S. allies. In February, 65 such inmates were freed from Bagram prison despite protests by NATO and the U.S. embassy in Kabul.

There was no immediate response from the State Department to the Afghan claim.

It's the latest in a long list of grievances that has badly damaged relations between Kabul and Washington. That may change soon, however, because Karzai's term is ending and both of the two candidates seeking to replace him in the coming second round of presidential elections have said mending ties with Washington will be a priority.

"I think (Karzai's government is) the way that the way that it has happened, in that they haven't been consulted," said Borhan Osman, an analyst with the Afghanistan Analysts Network.

Bergdahl was captured by the Taliban five years ago and was the only U.S. prisoner of war from the nearly 13-year-old American military mission in Afghanistan. Such a prisoner swap had been discussed for years, often as part of long-sought peace negotiations with the Taliban.

What effect the deal may have on crumbling efforts to start the negotiations between Afghanistan, Kabul and the Taliban is

yet to be seen. The release of the five Guantanamo prisoners once was seen as a key demand of the Taliban to enter into talks, but serious negotiations have yet to happen despite years of efforts by the Washington.

Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel on Sunday expressed hope that the prisoner swap may lead to renewed peace talks with the Taliban.

"Our primary focus ... was getting Sgt. Bergdahl back," Hagel told reporters accompanying him on a visit to Afghanistan. "Whether that could lead to possible new breakthroughs with the Taliban, I don't know. Hopefully, it might."

National Security Adviser Susan Rice echoed that statement. "If this exchange opens that door a little bit (to an Afghan-led reconciliation) then we would welcome it," Rice told ABC's George Stephanopoulos on Sunday.

The U.S. had been hoping to make such a prisoner exchange the beginning of a process that would lead to reconciliation between the Taliban and Kabul and the negotiated end to the war in Afghanistan, but in the end, it appears Washington ran out of time, said Osman, the Afghanistan Analysts Network analyst.

"The Taliban got it the way they wanted it, not the way the United States wanted it," he said.

The prisoner swap is "highly unlikely" to lead to any larger political settlement, agreed Ahmad Majidyar, a U.S.-based researcher with the American Enterprise Institute.

"The Taliban's aim of opening the Qatar office and starting dialogue with the U.S. was primarily to get their senior leaders released from Guantanamo and gain international legitimacy, rather than to end violence in Afghanistan," he said.

Mullah Mohammad Omar, the Taliban leader who has been in hiding since the U.S. invasion, issued a rare statement online in which he called the deal a "colossal victory" that portends the "liberation of the whole country and reassures us that our aspirations are on the verge of fulfillment."

Afghan political analyst Moeen Mrastyal said he still thinks the exchange eventually can be positive for peace efforts, but that sidelining Kabul in the deal was a mistake.

"If Afghanistan was aware of this deal and would have taken part in it, the result and the effect would have been much better," he said.

The news of Bergdahl's release was not met with unanimous celebration in the U.S., either. Besides some lawmakers who questioned

the legality and the wisdom of the prisoner swap, confusion over how Bergdahl came to be separated from his unit has led to ambivalence among many servicemembers.

The military has yet to formally confirm the details of his disappearance, leading to a mixed reaction to his release.

On Facebook, several pages have popped up calling the freed soldier a "traitor" whose actions may have put others in danger. Other former and current servicemembers took to social media to argue that it is important to leave no one behind, even if their actions are controversial.

Some Republicans have blasted President Barack Obama for releasing those whom they see as dangerous Taliban leaders and for setting a bad precedent by negotiating with the insurgent group. Rep. Buck McKeon, R-Calif., chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, and Sen. James Inhofe, R-Okla., ranking member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, released a statement criticizing the deal.

"Our terrorist adversaries now have a strong incentive to capture Americans," the statement reads. "That incentive will put our forces in Afghanistan and around the world at even greater risk."

The timing of the deal, just days after Obama announced the timeline for withdrawing all U.S. troops, may complicate efforts by the next president of Afghanistan to repair ties to Washington by adding to the perception that America is more interested in leaving now than in helping the country, observed Majidyar, the American Enterprise Institute researcher. "This gives credence to conspiracy theories in Afghanistan that Washington is not committed to bringing peace in Afghanistan."

Though the U.S. has a long-standing position of refraining from prisoner swaps, some countries, including Israel, periodically employ the tactic. For example, in 2011 Israel gave up 100 Palestinian prisoners for one of its soldiers.

Afghan Member of Parliament Ramadan Bashaardost said the released prisoners undoubtedly will return to some military role, but questioned how much that matters to the war.

"(Taliban leader) Mullah Omar continued this war without these (five) leaders for 10 years, and I don't think it will have a major impact on the military activities of the Taliban," he said.

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Reporters set up outside the emergency department Monday at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany, where Army Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl was recovering after five years spent in Taliban captivity. Bergdahl arrived at the hospital on Sunday.

Military: Bergdahl being treated, needs to remain in hospital

By JENNIFER H. SVAN
Stars and Stripes

LANDSTUHL, Germany — Army Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl is in stable condition but will require further medical treatment and hospitalization, the military said on Monday. No date has been set for his return to the United States.

When Bergdahl might make the next leg of his journey home after five years in Taliban captivity will depend on how his recovery at Landstuhl goes, officials said. Bergdahl went missing in June 2009 in Pakтика province of southeastern Afghanistan while serving with a unit of the 25th Infantry Division from Fort Richardson, Alaska.

"The current focus is attending to his medical needs," said a news release from the medical center. It noted that Bergdahl, 28, is in stable condition and is receiving treatment "for conditions requiring hospitalization."

"Part of that treatment process includes attention to dietary and nutrition needs after almost five years in captivity."

No specific information on Bergdahl's medical condition was released.

"Trained and highly capable military health care providers will evaluate his condition, begin any necessary medical care and assist in his recovery process," the statement said.

"The Landstuhl staff is sensitive to what Sgt. Bergdahl has been through and will proceed with his reintegration at a pace with which he is comfortable," the statement said.

Bergdahl arrived at the medical center about 9 a.m. Sunday morning, a day after the Taliban released him in exchange for five Guantanamo Bay detainees. The largest American hospital outside the United States, the center has treated more than 70,000 troops injured in Iraq and Afghanistan and last cared for former POWs

from the Iraq war in 2003. Those soldiers spent between five and eight days or more recovering at LRMCC. But their time in captivity — 22 days at most — pales in comparison to Bergdahl's years in Taliban custody.

Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel has said the deal to swap Bergdahl with the five prisoners was necessary because the U.S. soldier's "health was deteriorating." However, in a statement released after Bergdahl was handed over to U.S. special operations forces, U.S. officials said Bergdahl was in good condition and was able to walk.

Once he's cleared to return to the States, the soldier from rural Idaho is expected to continue reintegration and to reunite with his family at the San Antonio Military Medical Center.

On Monday, reporters given limited access to the gated community at Landstuhl parked outside the emergency room entrance to LRMCC with TV cameras and news vans, filing periodic updates about Bergdahl.

But there wasn't much to report. Bergdahl was nowhere to be seen and hospital officials released little new information about him by late Monday afternoon.

The last time former prisoners of war recovered at the medical center, in 2003, they were photographed waving from a hospital balcony five days into their stay.

The seven soldiers served in the same unit as then-Army Pfc. Jessica Lynch.

Lynch and the others were taken hostage in the spring of 2003 after their unit was ambushed in Iraq. After spending eight days in Iraqi captivity, Lynch, who was rescued first, spent about an equal amount of time recuperating at LRMCC, according to a Pentagon news report at the time. The other soldiers were rescued after 22 days in captivity.

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MILITARY

Bergdahl's recovery draws mixed reaction

Effort chafes military peers who consider him a deserter

BY DAN LAMOTHE
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The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Army Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl's recovery after five years in captivity has re-kindled anger among some of his military peers over how he came to fall into enemy hands and the price the United States has paid to get him back.

Bergdahl, 28, is believed to have slipped away from his platoon's small outpost in Afghanistan's Paktika province on June 30, 2009, after growing disillusioned with the U.S. military's war effort. He was captured shortly afterward by enemy forces and was held captive in Pakistan by insurgents affiliated with the Taliban. At the time, an entire U.S. military division and thousands of Afghan soldiers and police devoted weeks to searching for him, and some soldiers resented risking their lives for someone they considered a deserter.

Bergdahl was recovered Saturday by a U.S. Special Operations team in Afghanistan after weeks of intense negotiations in which U.S. officials, working through the government of Qatar, negotiated a prisoner swap with the Taliban. In exchange for his release, the United States agreed to free five Taliban commanders from captivity at the military detention center at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

The news was hailed by President Barack Obama on Saturday as a sign of Washington's "iron-



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A frame grab from a video released by the Taliban in 2010 shows U.S. soldier Bowe Bergdahl, left.

clad commitment to bring our prisoners of war home." But the reaction from current and former U.S. servicemembers was decidedly more mixed. Some said that although they were glad to see Bergdahl freed, he needs to be held accountable for his choices.

Disappearing from a military post in a war zone without authorization commonly results in one of two criminal charges in the Army: desertion or going absent without leave, or AWOL. Desertion is the more serious one, and usually arises in cases in which an individual intends to remain away from the military or to "shirk important duty," including a combat deployment such as Bergdahl's.

Javier Ortiz, a former combat medic in the Army, said he is frustrated with Bergdahl's actions and thinks he should be tried for desertion, even after five years in captivity in Pakistan. Many U.S.

troops had misgivings about the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan while they were deployed but did not act on them as Bergdahl did, said Ortiz, of Lawton, Okla.

"I had a responsibility while I was there to the guys I was with, and that's why this hits the hardest," said Ortiz, who was in Iraq from March 2003 to March 2004 with the 101st Airborne Division. "Regardless of what you learned while being there, we still have a responsibility to the men to our left and right. It's terrible, what he did."

After he went missing, the military conducted an extensive search for Bergdahl. The plan was to create a blockade that would prevent his captors from taking him far from Paktika province, especially into Pakistan. The bulk of other operations were halted to focus on finding Bergdahl.

One Afghan special operations commander in eastern

Afghanistan remembers being dispatched.

"Along with the American Special Forces, we set up checkpoints everywhere. For 14 days, we were outside of our base trying to find him," he told The Washington Post, speaking on the condition of anonymity because he is a member of a secretive military unit.

But U.S. troops said they were aware of the circumstances of Bergdahl's disappearance — that he left the base of his own volition — and with that awareness, many grew angry.

"The unit completely changed its operational posture because of something that was selfish, not because a soldier was captured in combat," said one U.S. soldier formerly based in eastern Afghanistan who spoke on the condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the search. "There were military assets required... but the problem came of his own accord."

The search in Paktika eventually was called off after U.S. officials acknowledged that Bergdahl had been taken to Pakistan.

The details of the search for Bergdahl were explored in a long online comment that was posted a year ago beneath a 2012 Rolling Stone magazine profile of the missing soldier by the late journalist Michael Hastings. The text of the comment was distributed widely on social media after news about Bergdahl's rescue broke. The comment attributed the deaths and woundings of several U.S. soldiers to the search for Bergdahl and asserted that the frequency of enemy ambushes and improvised explosive devices increased after he was gone.

"The Taliban knew that we were looking for him in high numbers and our movements were predictable," said the comment, written by an anonymous poster who used frequent military jargon and claimed to have been there.

"Because of Bergdahl, more men were out in danger, and more attacks on friendly camps and positions were conducted while we were out looking for him," it continued. "His actions impacted the region more than anyone wants to admit."

Those sentiments were underscored in a long series of tweets that were posted Saturday night and went viral online. Using the Twitter handle @CodyFNfootball, the writer said he was on base at the time and believes that Bergdahl planned his escape for days, leaving between 3 and 4:30 a.m., when there was the least amount of light. The following day, the troops there questioned Afghan children nearby, who said they had seen an American crawling through weeds.

"While searching for him, ambushes and IEDs picked up tremendously," one of the tweets said. "Enemy knew we would be coming."

Freed soldier's parents say they're proud of son

BY REBECCA BOONE
The Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho — The father of an American soldier who was just released after spending five years in the hands of the Taliban says his family is starting on the next step of a long mission: Helping Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl recover from his ordeal.

"We're still in recovery mode ourselves, let alone our concern about how Bowe is going to come back, and what we need to work on," Bob Bergdahl told dozens of journalists and supporters during a news conference in Boise on Sunday.

"Someday there will be a time for interviews and books and whatever. I have a lot to say about this. I know Bowe is going to have a lot to say about this. But that's the Afghan, future thing, and I won't let things get in the way of

Bowe's recovery," he said.

Bowe Bergdahl was captured in 2009, and questions remain about the circumstances of his capture and the U.S. government's decision to release five Guantanamo terrorism detainees in exchange for his freedom.

Bob and Jani Bergdahl declined to answer questions about that and other matters on Sunday, but they both expressed joy and gratitude for Bergdahl's safety, at times choking back tears.

Bob Bergdahl said he admired his son's patience, perseverance and ability to adapt during nearly five years as a prisoner of the Taliban. Bowe Bergdahl was freed Saturday in exchange for five Guantanamo terrorism detainees.

"But most of all, I'm proud of how much you wanted to help the Afghan people, and what you were willing to do to go to that

length," Bob Bergdahl said, fighting back tears.

"And I think you have succeeded," he added.

Bob Bergdahl didn't elaborate.

In 2012, Rolling Stone magazine quoted emails Bergdahl is said to have sent to his parents that suggest he was disillusioned with America's mission in Afghanistan, had lost faith in the U.S. Army's mission there and was considering desertion. Bergdahl told his parents he was "ashamed to even be American." The Associated Press could not independently authenticate the emails.

Bergdahl's parents spoke about what they anticipate will be a long healing process as their son reintegrates into American society.

"We're talking like this because we haven't talked to Bowe yet," Bob Bergdahl told the crowd of about three dozen journalists

and nearly as many supporters of prisoners of war and those missing in action at the Idaho National Guard's Gowen Field. "That's because Bowe has been gone so long that it's going to be very difficult to come back."

Bowe Bergdahl will begin the reintegration process at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany, where he will be given time to tell his story, to decompress and to reconnect with his family through telephone calls and video conferences, a U.S. defense official said Saturday. Eventually, he is expected to be taken to a military base in Texas to reunite with his family.

Bob Bergdahl urged Bowe to trust his military reintegration team, and Jani Bergdahl told her son to take all the time he needs to heal and decompress. They said they were grateful for the work that the U.S. government

and other countries — including Qatar, which served as a go-between in the negotiations — did to bring their son home.

"You are from a strong tribe, you are even stronger now," Jani Bergdahl said. "Five years is a seemingly endless long time, but you've made it. You are free. Freedom is yours. I will see you soon, my beloved son."

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Amid US tilt to Asia, Hagel finds his comfort zone

By KAREN DeYOUNG
The Washington Post

SINGAPORE — While much of the Obama administration's foreign policy remains focused on what the president this week called emerging threats "from South Asia to the Sahel," Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel has laid claim to this corner of the world.

Hagel, who has made five trips to the Far East in the past year, has sustained President Barack Obama's long-touted tilt toward Asia, even as he has been a nearly invisible player in the unending crises elsewhere that have eclipsed it.

By interest, history and temperament, Hagel appears to feel a sense of ownership in Asia.

Despite the stalling of the Pacific trade agreement that is another cornerstone of Obama's Asia "rebalance," Hagel can claim steady progress in the military's role of building regional alliances and partnerships. But those gains have been overtaken by China's rapidly worsening relations with its neighbors and escalating belligerence from North Korea.

In a speech Saturday morning to the annual Shangri-La Dialogue, a regional defense conference he first attended as a senator more than a decade ago, Hagel criticized China's "destabilizing, unilateral actions" in asserting its maritime claims against other countries in the region. Aides said he purposely used language sharper than in previous public statements on the subject.

"We take no position on competing territorial claims," Hagel said, repeating U.S. insistence that its interests are rooted in a desire to balance alliances with Asia's smaller partners and a smooth relationship with China. "But we firmly oppose any nation's use of intimidation, coercion or the threat of force to

assert these claims."

New air skirmishes have erupted in recent weeks in the East China Sea with Japan and in contested South China Sea waters with Vietnam.

In questions following Hagel's remarks, a Chinese general testily asked the defense secretary to explain what she called his own "subtle threat of force" in restating the U.S. defense commitment to Japan even as he called for a negotiated settlement of competing claims to East China Sea islands.

"America's position is clear," Hagel said. "These territorial disputes should be resolved through international law." But at the same time, he said, the United States has treaty commitments to several countries in the region, including Japan, the Philippines and South Korea.

Returning to familiar themes, Hagel nudged South Korea and Japan toward greater defense cooperation that will allow a unified missile defense system against North Korea, which is suspected of preparing a fourth nuclear test. He called on China to play "a more active role" in using its influence on Pyongyang, urged Thailand's military to restore democracy and praised Burma for ending military dictatorship.

If anything, Hagel indicated, "the Asia-Pacific's shifting security landscape makes America's partnerships and alliances indispensable as anchors for regional stability."

Restating the administration's commitment to Asia, he emphasized that the regional policy Obama unveiled in 2011 had borne fruit: from ships, aircraft and troops newly deployed to the Pacific, to new basing and cooperation agreements, and "as many as 130 exercises and engagements, and approximately 700 port visits annually."

record of Bales' court-martial and any requests that might be submitted to grant him clemency, said JBLM spokesman Col. Dave Johnson.

As a result, the Army won't disclose its reports on Bales until September at the earliest — 13 months after the married father of two from Lake



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Sgt. Stephen G. Thomas, a team leader with the 182nd Military Police Company, Michigan Army National Guard, hoses down a dust-laden sidewalk in August 2005 at Camp Victory, Iraq.

Research connects Iraq dust to lung ailments in soldiers

By KELLY KENNEDY
USA Today

WASHINGTON — Titanium and other metals found in dust at a base in Iraq have been linked to the dust found in six sick soldiers' lungs, according to a study set to be released Monday.

"We biopsied several patients and found titanium in every single one of them," said Anthony Szema, an assistant professor at Stony Brook School of Medicine who specializes in pulmonology and allergies. "It matched dust that we have collected from Camp Victory" in Iraq.

The dust is different from dust found elsewhere in that human lungs are unable to dispel it through natural immune-system processes. The Iraq dust comes attached to iron and copper, and it forms polarizable crystals in the lungs, Szema said. The particles — each bit one-thirtieth the size of a human hair — have sharp edges.

"They've inhaled metal," Szema said. "It's not a little; it's a lot."

All of the veterans came in

for help because they were short of breath, said Szema, who also heads the allergy clinic at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Northport, N.Y. Dozens have been diagnosed with constrictive bronchiolitis, a narrowing of the lung's smallest passageways that occurs only after exposure to an environmental toxin or in lung-transplant patients.

There are several theories as to why the dust is different, said Szema, who will release his study at the Symposium on Lung Health after Deployment to Iraq and Afghanistan.

It may have been created by burn pits used to eliminate everything from Styrofoam to vehicles to computers to unexploded ordnance in both Iraq and Afghanistan. At Balad Air Base in Iraq, workers burned 240 tons of trash per day in an open pit a mile from servicemen's sleeping quarters.

It may be naturally occurring.

Or it may have been produced in the 1991 Persian Gulf war when Iraqi missiles and U.S. bombs melted dust to metal, said Antonietta Gatti, a member of the

Italian Scientific Committee for Prevention and Control of Diseases in soldiers of the Italian Ministry of Defense. She specializes in studying nanoparticulate matter.

Szema and his team had the lung biopsies analyzed at the Department of Energy's National Laboratories, where they could hit it with "world's brightest light," Szema said. Each sample showed a crystal with dust inside.

In March, his team published a study in the *Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine* after exposing mice to samples of the same dust. The mice developed lung inflammation similar to that seen in humans, including the inability to push the crystals out of their lungs. Their T-cell counts also went down to less than 30 percent of what they'd had before exposure. A T-cell is a white blood cell key to immunity.

"The cells that defend lung cells can not engulf and digest the titanium," Szema said. "It's different from other dust."

Titanium and iron are both associated with pulmonary fibrosis and pulmonary hypertension in humans, Szema said.

Investigations in Bales Afghanistan murder case still not public

By ADAM ASHTON
The (Tacoma, Wash.) News Tribune

More than nine months have passed since Staff Sgt. Robert Bales was sentenced to life in prison for killing 16 Afghan civilians, but the Army still will not release its investigations into the massacre he perpetrated while serving with a Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash.-based Stryker brigade.

The Army is adhering to a judicial process that technically does not end until a three-star general at JBLM considers the full



Bales

Tapps was sent to prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. The timeline could be extended depending on when the Army receives Bales' clemency bid.

News organizations requested the documents after Bales' court-martial in August. It's not clear what's in the reports; they were not discussed much in court.

They were commissioned by a four-star general in Afghanistan just after the massacre to look into whether anything could have been done by the soldiers around Bales to prevent the slaughter.

The Army moved much more quickly to release a similar report that followed the prosecution of four JBLM soldiers, led by then Staff Sgt. Calvin Gibbs, who murdered three Afghan civilians in 2010.

That report explained how commanders missed signs of a marijuana-smoking, rogue Stryker Brigade platoon. It revealed career-ending sanctions for some leaders, and it was released through the Freedom of Information Act four months after the last "kill team" case concluded.

For some reason, the process of resolving unanswered questions about Bales' war crimes is unfolding more slowly.

"The military is (its own worst enemy on these kinds of things," said Eugene R. Fidell, who teaches military law at Yale University. "This kind of foot-dragging fuels curious suspicion and mistrust. The military should recognize that how it deals with requests like this does have an impact on the public's perception of the administration of justice."

NATION

Study: W.Va. is state that gets most federal money per capita

By PAUL NYDEN
The (W.Va.) Charleston Gazette

CHARLESTON, W. Va. — West Virginia gets more money per person from federal government programs than any other state in the country, with more than a quarter of the income in the Mountain State coming from federal benefits, according to a new study from George Washington University.

West Virginia gets 26.2 percent of its annual income from federal government programs, while people in the rest of the nation get, on average, 16.7 percent of their income from government programs.

In 2012, West Virginia and South Carolina tied for having the lowest per capita annual incomes of any state, incomes that were only 80.2 percent of the national per capita income.

The Milken Institute School of Public Health at GWU, in Washington, D.C., recently published a study with detailed statistics about the impact federal pro-

grams have had throughout the country for 60 years, between 1952 and 2012.

The biggest federal programs include Social Security and Medicare programs which give benefits to elderly people regardless of their wealth.

The list also includes programs to help poorer Americans, such as Medicaid and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, formerly known as the Food Stamp program.

Federal income also comes from six other categories, including veterans benefits, military medical benefits, unemployment insurance and federal education programs, as well the Supplemental Security Income program, which helps low-income Americans who are 65 or older, blind or disabled.

In 2012, 75 percent of all government transfers came from just three of these programs: Social Security (33.2 percent), Medicare (24.2 percent) and Medicaid (18.2 percent), the study points out.

Report says Minn. has healthiest seniors

By NIRAJ CHOKSHI
The Washington Post

The nation's most and least healthy seniors live on opposite ends of the Mississippi River, according to a new report.

The seniors with the best health live in Minnesota, while those with the worst live in Mississippi. But, nationally, health among those 65 or older is improving, according to the America's Health Rankings Senior Report, from the United Health Foundation. The report, out last month, assesses how seniors perform on 34 measures split into two related categories: actions that affect seniors' future health — known as determinants — and those that reflect past health, labeled outcomes.

Determinants predict outcomes. So Vermont, Minnesota and Utah, where determinant scores are much higher than outcome scores, are likely to see an improvement in health over time, the report finds. In Louisiana, Nevada, Mississippi and Oklahoma, outcome scores are higher than of determinant scores, a sign that seniors' health in those states may decline.

Minnesota ranked first for combined health determinants and second for health outcomes. The state also ranked third overall on the relative health of its entire population, regardless of age.

It was among the top five for several determinant categories: dental visits, volunteering, high share of quality nursing-home beds, low share of food insecurity,

high share of prescription drug coverage and easy access to home health-care workers. It was also among the top five in several outcome-related categories, such as low hip-fracture hospitalization rates, high share of able-bodied seniors, low premature-death rates, low rate of full-mouth tooth extractions and few poor-mental-health days per month.

Mississippi ranked among the bottom five states on 14 of the 34 measures and ranked worst on measures of senior poverty, seniors reporting very good or excellent health, able-bodied seniors and premature death. It ranks well in two areas, however: chronic drinking and flu vaccinations. It was also the lowest-ranked state on the all-ages report.

Health determinants in the report are broken up into four categories: behaviors individuals can control, community and environmental measures that reflect conditions conducive to healthy living, policies, and the quality of clinical care. Seniors in California are on their best behavior (calculated by rates of smoking, drinking, obesity, etc.). Seniors in Louisiana are worst. The policy environment is best in Hawaii, Pennsylvania and New York and worst in Oklahoma, Wyoming and Montana.

Data for many of the individual 34 measures were pulled from government sources such as the Census Bureau, the Department of Health and Human Services, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.



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Smoke rises in July 2013 from the Colstrip Steam Electric Station, a coal-burning power plant in Colstrip, Mont.

Obama rolls out rule to cut power plant pollution

By DINA CAPPIELLO AND JOHN LEDERMAN
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration unveiled a plan Monday to cut carbon dioxide emissions from power plants by nearly a third during the next 15 years in a sweeping initiative to curb pollutants blamed for global warming.

However, the regulation pushes the deadline for some states to comply until long after President Barack Obama leaves office in early 2017. That means even if the rules survive legal and other challenges, the dust likely won't settle on this transformation until well into the next presidential administration, raising the possibility that political dynamics in either Congress or the White House could alter the rule's course.

Under the plan, expected to be finalized next year, carbon emissions would be reduced 30 percent by 2030 compared with 2005 levels. It is a centerpiece of Obama's plans to tackle climate change and aims to give the United States more leverage to prod other countries to act when negotiations on a new international treaty resume next year.

But the proposal sets off a complex regulatory process, steeped in politics, in which the 50 states each will determine how to meet customized targets set by the Environmental Protection Agency.

The policy change, which will further diminish the role of coal in U.S. electrical production, carries significant political and legal risks. It has already drawn intense scorn from Republicans — and even some Democrats

waging difficult campaigns this year in energy-producing states.

Power plants are the largest source of greenhouse gases in the U.S., accounting for about a third of the annual emissions that make the U.S. the second-largest contributor to global warming on the planet.

Initially, Obama wanted each state to submit their plans for cutting pollution to meet the new targets by June 2016. But details of the new proposal show that states could have until 2017, and 2018 if they join with other states to tackle the problem.

"The glue that holds this plan together — and the key to making it work — is that each state's goal is tailored to its own circumstances, and states have the flexibility to reach their goal in whatever works best for them," said EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy, according to prepared remarks released in advance of Monday's formal announcement. She characterized the proposal as "ambitious, but achievable."

S. William Becker, who heads the National Association of Clean Air Agencies, said the rule gives states more time to develop strat-

egies and gives them credit for steps they've already taken to cut emissions of heat-trapping greenhouse gases.

"Still, the regulatory and resource challenges that lie ahead are daunting," Becker said.

Despite concluding in 2009 that greenhouse gases endanger human health and welfare, a finding that triggered their regulation under the 1970 Clean Air Act, it has taken years for the administration to take on the nation's fleet of power plants. In December 2010, the Obama administration announced a "modest pace" for setting greenhouse gas standards for power plants, setting a May 2012 deadline.

Obama put them on the fast track last summer when he announced his climate action plan and a renewed commitment to climate change after the issue went dormant during his 2012 re-election campaign.

Coal, which once supplied about half the electricity in the U.S., has dropped to 40 percent as it has been replaced by booming supplies of natural gas and renewable sources such as wind and solar power.

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NATION

Miss. Senate race tops Tuesday's primaries

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A bizarre Republican Senate race in Mississippi pitting a long-time incumbent against a challenger backed by the ultraconservative tea party movement is grabbing the most attention among primary elections in eight states being held on Tuesday.

Sen. Thad Cochran, seeking a seventh six-year term, faces state Sen. Chris McDaniel, who's supported by tea party groups that advocate limited government and deep spending cuts.

The Mississippi primary offers the best remaining opportunity for a tea party challenger to oust an incumbent Republican senator. Outside of Texas, tea party insurgents have not fared well against candidates backed by the party establishment.

Voters in Alabama, California, Illinois, Miss., McDaniel is challenging Sen. Thad Cochran in the Republican primary. Right: Cochran, right, and his colleague Roger Wickard, R-Miss., laugh at a joke in the Lafayette County Courthouse in Oxford, Miss., after Cochran filed his absentee ballot on Saturday.

The Mississippi Senate race initially followed familiar themes. Cochran, backed by the Republican establishment, said he consistently steers federal money to the state. McDaniel said Cochran is insufficiently conservative.

Things turned bizarre when four McDaniel supporters were charged with crimes after one of them photographed Cochran's wife in her nightgown at home, which she has spent the past 13 years, suffering from dementia. Police said the four men conspired to use the images to advance allegations Cochran was having an inappropriate relationship, which the state's attorney general and others have raised questions about Cochran bringing a female Senate aide on numerous official



GEORGE CLARK/AP

trips overseas. Cochran's adult children say he remains devoted to his wife. McDaniel says he had no part in the photography incident, calling it reprehensible.

Still, the matter has dominated the campaign's closing days, with each side accusing the other of underhanded politics. Whoever wins Tuesday will be favored in November in the heavily Republican state.

In Iowa, a much more competitive swing state, voters will pick nominees to succeed retiring Democratic Sen. Tom Harkin.

Rep. Bruce Braley is unopposed for the Democrats' nod. In the feisty Republican race, state Sen. Joni Ernst faces businessman Mark Jacobs. Ernst's endorsers range from establish-

ment Republican Mitt Romney to tea party favorite Sarah Palin. Ernst's TV ad boasting of her childhood farm chores, castrating hogs, made national waves.

Republicans consider Montana and South Dakota, both won by Romney in the 2012 presidential election, as among their best opportunities to pick up Democratic-held Senate seats. Republicans need to win six seats in the November election to gain control of the Senate and are likely to keep their majority in the House of Representatives.

Control of both chambers of Congress would enable Republican Congress to effectively block President Barack Obama's agenda in the last two years of his term.

In South Dakota, businessman Rick Weiland is unopposed in



RODOLFO V. SOLIS/AP

the Democratic primary to replace retiring Democratic Sen. Tim Johnson. Former Gov. Mike Rounds and four others seek the Republican nomination. Republican Gov. Dennis Daugaard seeks another term. Former state wildfire agency head Joe Lowe and state Rep. Susan Wismer seek the Democratic nod for governor.

In Montana, Sen. John Walsh was appointed to the U.S. Senate seat vacated by Democrat Max Baucus. He faces two challengers in the Democratic primary. Rep. Steve Daines and two others seek the Republican Senate nomination.

California is holding its first gubernatorial primary under the new all-candidates system in which the top two finishers, regardless of party, face off in No-

vember. Democratic Gov. Jerry Brown is favored to grab one spot. Republicans include former investment banker Neel Kashkari and ultraconservative state legislator Tim Donnelly.

In Alabama, Republican Gov. Robert Bentley seeks a second term. Democratic candidates for his job include former U.S. Rep. Parker Griffith and former baseball player Kevin Bass.

In New Mexico, five Democrats seek their party's nomination to challenge Republican Gov. Susana Martinez.

In New Jersey, former mayors Steve Lonegan and Tom MacArthur seek the Republican nod to replace retiring U.S. Rep. John Runyan. Democratic contenders include Aimee Belgard and Howard Kleinhendler.

New dynamic: GOP has no heir-apparent to seek presidency

By DAVID LIGHTMAN

McClatchy Washington Bureau

NEW ORLEANS — Republicans show little enthusiasm for anyone as their top spokesman, let alone 2016 presidential candidate.

Picking a leader is a new dilemma for modern Republicans. For decades, their next presumptive presidential candidate had been the person last elected president or vice president, or came closest to winning the nomination.

Not in 2016. There's no logical front-runner, and polls show a cluster of well-known names bunched together.

For three days last week, 1,500 delegates to the Republican Leadership Conference sized up the prospects. Most came away unexcited. A straw poll was largely inconclusive. Sen. Ted Cruz, of Texas, inched out physician Ben Carson, with Sen. Rand Paul, of Kentucky, a distant third.

Only 35 percent of delegates voted, and many of the big 2016 names — Sen. Marco Rubio, of Florida; Gov. Chris Christie, of

New Jersey; former Gov. Jeb Bush, of Florida; and former Gov. Mike Huckabee, of Arkansas — did not appear here.

Richard Brown, a retired oil and gas executive from Rockwall, Texas, offered the typical response. He checked off Carson's name, but said, "Frankly, I didn't like any of those people for president." Carson was his choice because "he's an honorable man."

MaryAnn Riley, a Spartanburg, S.C., activist, also was not pleased. She and Brown stood together near the ballot, ticking off reservations about nearly everyone.

Paul? "I'm not comfortable with him. There's something about him," said Riley.

Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal? "Kind of moving to the middle," said Brown.

How about Cruz? "I like how he's doing exactly what he said he'd do," Brown said. "But on a national basis, I'm not sure he could get away with that."

That kind of talk was everywhere. Bush? "Too early for another Bush. We need at least four more years," said Sherry Barnes,



BILL HABER/AP

the highlight of one session was former Republican National Committee Chairman Haley Barbour, who offered sobering advice. Be tolerant and be willing to compromise.

Passion, though, drives politics as much as strategy, and other experts here stressed stirring the grass-roots masses with a "get-government-off-our-backs" message as the way to win. Rail against the Affordable Care Act, allow responsible people to own guns and cut back on government regulations and taxes, they urged.

In short, the activists here want a tactician who also can lead a pep rally. It won't be party chairman Rene Priebus, respected for his efforts to expand the party's base. Nor will it be 2012 presidential nominee Mitt Romney. He's more the elder statesman and campaign pitchman, stumping hard for state candidates and having some success.

The next voice of the party tried to emerge at the conference, but no one really did. Jindal swung hard against the

Common Core. Education officials and governors helped develop the standards for English and math for use throughout elementary and secondary school.

"There is something fundamentally wrong when the bureaucrats, when the federal government especially, thinks they know best and they don't need to listen to parents," he said.

Cruz stressed the political power of the grassroots.

No one sparked much chatter in the halls. The talk was more a yearning for fresh faces.

Glenda Pollard, a Baton Rouge, La., Realtor, was impressed with Rep. Trey Gowdy, of South Carolina, who will chair the new House committee investigating the 2012 Benghazi attacks. Riley liked Gov. Scott Walker, of Wisconsin, who survived a recall election in 2012 after standing up to the state's labor unions.

There's simply no consensus on who's next for the party, or even who its chief voice is now.

"We have to be behind one person," said Pollard. "Right now, there's not a perfect candidate."

NATION



AARON ONTIVEROS, THE DENVER POST/AP

Photos of Daniel Allen Nichols, left, and Clarence Allen Nichols are seen during the memorial service for them and Wesley Melvin Hawkins in Collbran, Colo.

Hundreds honor 3 lost in Colorado mudslide

The Associated Press

COLLBRAN, Colo. — Hundreds of people turned out Sunday to honor the lives of the three men lost in a massive mudslide last week in western Colorado.

People from the Collbran area packed the Plateau Valley School gymnasium to remember Clarence Allen "Clancy" Nichols, 51, Daniel Wesley Hawkins, 46, and Melvin Allen Nichols, 24, the Grand Junction Daily Sentinel reported.

Authorities said they were swept away in a mudslide a half-mile-wide and 3 miles long on May 25 about 11 miles south of Collbran.

They had been checking on irrigation problems caused by an initial slide when a large chunk of a ridge broke off, sending soggy earth spinning like wet cement. Their bodies have not been found.

The Daily Sentinel said it was a solemn ceremony for the estimat-

ed 200 family members and about 800 friends and supporters.

During the service, each of the three was honored with a eulogy, and relatives also thanked rescuers who responded to the slide, many of whom were in the audience.

Family members addressed the crowd, sometimes choking up as they spoke of their loved ones' lives, hopes and dreams.

Kayla Hawkins said Wesley was especially proud of his community.

"He cared about the people here and would do what it took to take care of you all. He left that day with only one thought in mind — to take care of his community," Hawkins said.

A cousin to all three, Evonne Stites offered prayers, stories of each man and read letters from family members, many of whom listened with teary eyes and, sometimes, laughter.

"He cared about the people here and would do what it took to take care of you all. He left that day with only one thought in mind — to take care of his community."

Kayla Hawkins

family member of victim Melvin Wesley Hawkins

Fathers linked by deadly rampage meet in private

The Associated Press

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. — The father of a college student who was gunned down in the May 23 mass killings near the University of California, Santa Barbara said he met privately with the father of his son's killer on Sunday.

Richard Martinez told KEY-TV he met Peter Rodger, the father of Elliot Rodger, 22, at a Santa Barbara coffee shop. He wouldn't discuss details of what he called a "private conversation between grieving fathers," but said they

reached common ground.

"We plan to work together so other families such as ours will not suffer as ours have," Martinez told the station.

Martinez has been an outspoken critic of the nation's gun laws since his son, Christopher Michaels-Martinez, 20, was shot in the rampage that left five other UC San Barbara students dead. Police believe the killer took his own life after crashing his car as officers moved in.

Elliot Rodger's parents issued a statement the morning after

the killings saying they were "staunchly against guns" and support gun control laws.

They said in another statement Thursday that it had been "hell on earth" knowing their son's actions led to tragedy.

"We are crying out in pain for the victims and their families. It breaks our hearts on a level that we didn't think was possible," Peter and Chin Rodger said in the statement. "It is now our responsibility to do everything we can to help avoid this happening to any other family."

Man arrested for pranks in movie theaters

By BEN NUCKOLS

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A man was arrested Saturday in a series of dangerous pranks that led to the evacuation of several movie theaters in the Maryland and Virginia suburbs of Washington, authorities said.

Manuel Joyner, 20, was arrested at his home in Bowie, Md., and charged in relation to a prank and evacuation at a movie theater in Largo, Md., on May 24, Prince George's County fire officials said. The theater was evacuated after someone used a device described



Joyner

as a "bottle bomb," in which an acid and a base are combined inside a sealed plastic bottle, causing it to explode.

Later Sunday, Joyner was charged in three similar incidents at a movie theater in Tysons Corner, Va. The multiplex was evacuated on May 18 after two such devices burst, and police said acid and metal had been placed inside the bottles. Another evacuation occurred at the same theater a week later because of one of the devices.

The chemical reaction caused by combining the chemicals rapidly releases gas, which bursts the sealed vessel. Authorities didn't say which chemicals were used in the Maryland and Virginia cases, in which no one was injured, but baking soda and vinegar are sometimes used to achieve the reaction.

In the Maryland case, Joyner was charged with manufacture, possession and detonation with a destructive device, a felony that carries a maximum penalty of 25 years in prison, fire officials said.

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UKRAINE UNREST

Russia gives Ukraine leeway on gas supplies

By ELENA MAZNEVA, STEPHEN BIERMAN AND DARYNA KRASNOLUTSKA
Bloomberg News

MOSCOW — Russia gave Ukraine an extra week to pay in advance for gas supplies or risk a cutoff, as the Ukrainian government said its forces killed five pro-Russian rebels in an upsurge in fighting in the eastern city of Luhansk.

Russian gas export monopoly Gazprom eased tensions by moving back the deadline for Ukraine to start prepaying from Tuesday to June 9. Gazprom Chief Executive Officer Alexey Miller made the announcement Monday after Ukraine transferred \$786 million for supplies received in February and March, its first payment in months.

About 500 insurgents attacked the headquarters of Ukraine's State Border Guard Service in Luhansk at about 4 a.m. Monday, the agency said in a statement on its website. Fighting continued into the afternoon. Eight rebels and seven border guards were wounded.

The Russian announcement preceded the resumption of discussions with Ukraine

“Moscow possibly did not want the prospect of gas cuts this week to dominate the agenda and sour the mood for [Vladimir] Putin's visits. ”

Tim Ash
Standard Bank Plc

in Brussels on Monday on a deal to keep the gas flowing amid the conflict. It also came before President Vladimir Putin visits France for commemorations to mark the 70th anniversary of the World War II allied landings.

“Moscow possibly did not want the prospect of gas cuts this week to dominate the agenda and sour the mood for Putin's visits,” Tim Ash, head of emerging markets research at Standard Bank Plc in London, said in an email.

Putin and French President Francois Hollande are scheduled to meet June 5 before the Russian leader crosses paths with President Barack Obama at the D-Day events in Normandy a day later. Putin will

also meet David Cameron on Friday, the British prime minister's office said.

A week of international engagement over Ukraine also includes meetings in Brussels of NATO defense ministers and of Group of Seven leaders, who boycotted a planned summit in Sochi hosted by Putin. Obama starts a tour of Europe Tuesday in Poland, which shares borders with Ukraine and Russia, and he will meet Ukrainian President-elect Petro Poroshenko in two days.

Russia is ready to consider lowering the price paid by Ukraine if the country pays its debt, Miller said in an emailed statement. Ukraine still owes for supplies in April and May. Russia plans to submit a United Nations Security Council resolution Monday

seeking a cease-fire and peace talks in eastern Ukraine. Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said Monday at a news briefing in Moscow. The proposal would create humanitarian aid corridors, allowing civilians to seek safety and access for the Red Cross.

In Kiev, the visiting U.S. Assistant Secretary of Defense Derek Chollet reiterated warnings that the government in Washington is “prepared to do more when it comes to sanctions” against Russia over its support for the separatists.

During his trip, Chollet and Ukrainian officials agreed the U.S. Department of Defense would send a small team of advisers to the country “to assess Ukraine's mid- and long-term needs for defense reform,” the Pentagon announced Monday.

In coming weeks, a DOD team composed of civilian and military experts on defense reform, training and strategy will arrive in Ukraine to begin work, Pentagon spokesman Col. Steve Warren said. The exact size of the team and the date its arrival date haven't yet been determined, he said.

Stars and Stripes reporter Chris Carroll contributed to this report from Washington.

Candy giveaway by rebels goes wrong

By GRIFF WITTE
The Washington Post

DONETSK, Ukraine — The conflict in eastern Ukraine has been fought in recent days with bullets, bombs and mortars. But on Sunday, the weapons of choice were chocolate, caramel and lemon-lime.

What started as a separatist publicity stunt ended in one angry, gooey mess.

First, the PR stunt: The rebel government staged a rally for children in Donetsk's Lenin Square to highlight what it claims are indiscriminate Ukrainian army attacks on civilians. Under sunny skies, mothers and fathers flocked to the square, kids in tow, to hear speakers rail against the “bloodthirsty Kiev junta.”

At the end, there was a special surprise: A white van pulled up and militants dressed in green camouflage hopped out. But rather than their usual assault rifles, the fighters wore hearing candy — big brown boxes of candy that they said had been plundered from a local warehouse.

Kids squealed with delight. Parents rushed to claim their share. There was applause as happy

children walked off bearing bags of sweets wrapped in blue, yellow and red plastic. It seemed the

Donetsk People's Republic, as the separatists here are known, had won a victory in the all-important battle for hearts and minds.

But in Ukraine these days, even candy is political. Some in the crowd noticed that the sweets were made by Roshen, the company owned by the Ukrainian tycoon known

as the Chocolate King, Petro Poroshenko. He became the country's president-elect last month in an overwhelming vote, but rebel supporters here blame him for the violence that has engulfed the country's southeast.

The mood turned in a flash from exultant to furious. The carnival

became a mob. “It's a provocation!” some in the crowd began to yell.

“The candy is poisoned!” screamed others. “No, to blood candy!” they chanted.

Shoving broke out. Mothers kicked the boxes, stomped the candy with their feet and screamed at the militants. The militants screamed back.

“We wanted to give candy to children! That's all! What difference does it make where it came from?” shouted one exasperated fighter.

But it was too late. The crowd had turned. The fighters jumped back into their van. As it sped away, a father pelted it with a bag of sweets.

Philosophical arguments broke out about whether rejecting the candy had been the right thing to do. “We smoked German cigarettes during the Second World War. What's the difference?” asked a kindly looking white-haired man with gold teeth.

“Poroshenko can't both murder us and feed us at the same time!” replied a woman in a tiger-print blouse as she smashed the boxes into tiny bits of cardboard.

“We wanted to give candy to children! That's all! What difference does it make where it came from?”

Rebel fighter



GRIFF WITTE/The Washington Post

Residents of Donetsk, Ukraine, look at the piles of candy left in Lenin Square on Sunday after reacting angrily to a giveaway organized by rebels.

Russian war maneuvers to involve missiles

The Associated Press

MOSCOW — The Russian Defense Ministry said it has launched a military exercise involving the launch of high-precision missiles. The war games are taking place amid the backdrop of violence in eastern Ukraine.

In a statement Monday, the ministry said the maneuvers of the Western Military District will continue through Thursday and will involve the deployment of Iskander surface-to-surface missiles. It said the Iskander missiles, which are capable of hitting targets about 174 miles away, will be airlifted by heavy transport planes to the exercise's area.

It said the maneuvers will also involve long-range bombers firing cruise missiles at land targets. The ministry didn't specify the areas where the exercise will be held.

The maneuvers come amid the tensions in eastern Ukraine, where pro-Russia insurgents have battled government troops for nearly two months.



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Iraqi security forces and civilians inspect the site of a parked car bomb attack at a commercial area in the southern city of Najaf, 100 miles south of Baghdad on Monday.

Bombings add to Iraq death toll

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Attacks across Iraq on Monday targeted commercial areas and Iraqi security forces, killing at least 15 people and wounding dozens, officials said.

The deadliest attack was in the southern Shiite city of Najaf, about 100 miles south of Baghdad, where a parked car bomb ripped through a commercial area, killing six people, said Maj. Gen. Emad al-Taie. That attack also wounded 13 people, said al-Taie, the provincial police chief.

Iraq is going through its worst surge in violence since the peak

of the sectarian strife in 2006 and 2007, when the country was on the brink of civil war. The U.N. says 8,868 people were killed in 2013.

On Sunday, the U.N. mission in Iraq announced that May was the deadliest month so far this year, with 799 Iraqis killed in violence, including 603 civilians. UNAMI also said that April's death toll stood at 750, making it the second deadliest month this year.

In other attacks Monday, a suicide car bomber struck an army checkpoint in the northern town Mishahda, 20 miles north of the Iraqi capital, killing three sol-

diers and two civilians, a police officer said. The officer added that 14 people were wounded in that attack.

In a commercial area in the town of Iskandariyah, 30 miles south of Baghdad, two people were killed and 10 were wounded in a parked car bombing, another police officer said.

A car bomb also hit in the southern city of Nasiriyah, killing one civilian and wounding 18, while one person died and three were wounded in a bombing at an outdoor market in the town Mahmoudiyah, 20 miles south of Baghdad.

At least 18 dead after ongoing clashes in eastern Libya

By ESAM MOHAMED

The Associated Press

TRIPOLI, Libya — Helicopters attacked camps and strongholds of Islamist militias Monday in eastern Libya as part of a nearly three-week offensive by a renegade general, violence that killed at least 18 people and sent civilians fleeing in panic, authorities said.

Militiamen responded by firing rocket-propelled grenades and anti-aircraft guns at the attacking troops allied with Gen. Khalifa Hifter.

A former Gadhafi-era army chief, Hifter has rallied support from the country's

weakened military, its anti-Islamist politicians, tribes and diplomats, vowing to crush the Islamist militias he blames for Libya's instability.

The clashes started late Sunday and continued overnight, forcing the Education Ministry to cancel high school exams.

Witnesses said the clashes were near Benghazi University and that gunfire and grenades damaged homes, witnesses said.

In Benghazi's southern districts, citizens set up checkpoints to prevent rival forces from taking shelter as shops closed, witnesses said.

Residents have also been unable to leave

as the airport has been closed since Hifter's offensive began three weeks ago. Traveling by road has become risky because of the violence.

Mohammed al-Hegazi, a spokesman for Hifter, called on residents to stay away from the fighting.

He accused Islamist militias of firing at houses and civilians.

"This is not a football match. This is a war. People must stay away so they won't be used as human shields," he said.

The clashes have killed at least 18 people and wounded at least 81, said Abdullah al-Fitori, a Health Ministry official. Hospitals

called for blood donations.

Military officials said helicopter gunships flown by pilots loyal to Hifter have been attacking the base of the February 17 militia and camps belonging to the militant group Ansar al-Sharia.

February 17, founded by Islamist Abu Katef, is one of the biggest and most powerful militias in Benghazi. Its forces originate in the rebel brigades that toppled longtime dictator Moammar Gadhafi.

An Ansar al-Sharia spokesman said that its forces have not yet been involved in any fighting, saying February 17 militia was being shelled.

Officials: Blast kills dozens in Nigerian town

By IBRAHIM ABDULLAZIZ
The Associated Press

YOLA, Nigeria — Dozens of people were feared dead following an explosion on Sunday evening in northeastern Nigeria, with Boko Haram militants believed to be behind the attack, officials said.

The attack took place near a primary school where there are also a number of beer halls in the town of Mubi in Adamawa state, one of the three states under a year-old emergency rule imposed by President Goodluck Jonathan to fight Boko Haram, which seeks to impose Islamic rule in Nigeria.

Othman Abubakar, a spokesman for the Adamawa state police, confirmed the explosion but he couldn't say how many people had been killed or injured.

David Dauda, who witnessed the blast, said he saw at least 30 bodies following the explosion.

"The blast occurred shortly after people are dispersing from a football playing ground. People gathered there to watch a football competition and just few minutes

after soldiers patrol vehicle left the place then we heard a blast," Dauda said.

The explosion occurred at around 6:45 p.m. local time when many people were headed home to work at 7 p.m. curfew imposed in the wake of earlier attacks.

Nigeria's northeastern region has suffered five years of increasingly deadly assaults by Boko Haram, whose fighters have targeted towns and villages in a string of bomb and gun attacks.

At least 2,000 civilians have been killed in such attacks this year alone.

Boko Haram has claimed responsibility for kidnapping more than 300 schoolgirls in the town of Chibok on April 15. Fifty-seven girls are believed to have escaped, which leaves an estimated 272 still held captive.

In another attack Sunday evening, also in Adamawa state, suspected Boko Haram members opened fire at people indiscriminately around the town of Madagali, according to witnesses.

Details of possible casualties were not immediately available.

Rebels staging deadly attacks to disrupt Syrian presidential vote

By ALBERT AJI

The Associated Press

DAMASCUS, Syria — A Syrian official on Monday called on Syrians to vote in the coming presidential election, calling it a "genuine opportunity" to express their will amid the country's 3-year-old conflict.

Syrians will vote Tuesday in their country's first multicandidate presidential elections.

President Bashar Assad is all but guaranteed to win a third seven-year term in a vote denounced by the Syrian opposition and its Western allies as a mockery.

Syrian rebels have threatened to disrupt the voting in government-held areas. Thousands of people already have fled the northwestern city of Idlib amid fears of attacks.

The comments by Information

Minister Omran al-Zoubi, made on Syrian state television, coincided with stepped-up rebel attacks on government-held areas in the northern city of Aleppo that have killed and wounded dozens of people over the past three days.

The heavier-than-usual bombardment appears aimed at scaring voters.

The Britain-based Syrian Ob-

servatory for Human Rights said Monday that 50 people have been in the Aleppo attacks since Saturday. Al-Zoubi said 20 people were killed and 80 wounded "within 10 minutes" on Saturday alone.

Aleppo, Syria's largest city and once its commercial center, has been carved into rebel- and government-controlled areas since opposition fighters launched an offensive in mid-2012.

Al-Zoubi and activists said opposition fighters shelled Aleppo with the so-called Hell Cannon, a crude, locally made weapon used by rebels. It fires gas cylinders filled with explosives and causes wide damage when it hits, although it is widely inaccurate.

The Hell Cannon first surfaced last year but in recent days, rebels have stepped up their use of the weapon to shell Aleppo.

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Fairness to rape victims trumps 'right to know' their father's name

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By ERNIE GATES
Stars and Stripes ombudsman

Ethics is often a matter of judgment, not rules. When one value conflicts with another, a choice is required, not a checklist.

That's the case with one of the most read stories in Stars and Stripes last week, an account from Stuttgart, Germany, of the court-martial of an Army major convicted of raping his three daughters. The Stripes newsroom made the right call in deciding not to identify the major, on the grounds that it would indirectly identify his victims.

Though some readers objected, the Stripes journalists' judgment, explained in the story, was consistent with policies and practices in most modern newsrooms. The value of accuracy — a complete account would ordinarily accurately name the person convicted — conflicted with the value of fairness — journalists should be sensitive to their impact on victims. In this case, fairness to the daughters trumped letting readers learn the identity of their rapist fathers.

Especially in the age of the limitless digital archive, the newsroom was right not to "brand" the daughters as rape victims. Should the daughters themselves later choose to make that information public at some point — some victims do, for various reasons — it would be theirs to do so.

"Fairness" in news coverage is often over-simplified as political fairness — giving opposing viewpoints equal treatment. Leaving aside (for now) a discussion of the reflexive impulse that twists fairness into inaccuracy by giving crackpot notions equal treatment with substantial, verifiable

information, this story is a good example of the larger meaning of fairness as a "news value." It's not just political balance, it's how you treat the people you write about.

Here's how the Stripes newsroom ethics statement puts it, with appropriate special reference to the military:

"Injury, personal tragedy and sometimes death are a not infrequent part of the daily experience of the U.S. military community overseas. Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine units plus the U.S. government military community abroad must deal with painful experiences while Stars and Stripes and other media look on. Staff members must strive to be highly sensitive to the plight of families and unit members in time of tragedy. Every effort must be made to record these stories but never at the price of insensitivity to the men and women of the U.S. military and their families."

In the reader comments attached to the original story on stripes.com, a commenter argued that the major should have been identified. Indignantly, he argued that somebody — Stripes? the court? — was protecting an officer but would have hit an enlisted member up to drag Indignant, but just wrong. As almost any newsroom would have judged (and as another commenter responded), the rationale was to protect the victims.

Unfortunately, the moderators at Stripes had to close the comments on that story because a commenter was encouraging readers to post the major's identity in the comments — in other words, attempting to undo the Stripes newsroom's decision not to publish his name. The moderators made the right call.

Before the comments were closed, the

initial commenter responded that the public had a right to know what this public official had done, and readers should be able to see if their daughters might have been at risk by being near him. Legitimate concern for the rape victims overwhelms the rote public official argument. If the government was withholding this public information, I would object, but that's not the case. The information is a public record, but the Stripes newsroom — not the government — made an independent, ethical decision not to publish it.

But what about the risk that others might have been the major's victims? That's a legitimate concern, too, but limited — and not a reason to publish the victims' identities in Stripes' channels worldwide, and permanently in Google-search. Awkward as it may be for a journalist to suggest, I'm betting that back channels in the military family community are relaying the identity of the major and his daughters where it needs to be known. That's imperfect, of course, and subject to error, but it's probably a pretty effective way to get that information to the right places while minimizing bad consequences for those who are victims without any question — the major's daughters. Think of it as "need to know" versus "right to know."

Again, ethical choices are often conflicts between legitimate values — and judgment, not dogmatic reflex, delivers the best result.

Got a question or suggestion for the ombudsman on what appears, or should appear, in Stars and Stripes? Send an email to ombudsman@stripes.com. I'll do my best to answer. I'll also list several links associated with this column, please go to Ernie Gates' blog. It can be found at stripes.com/blogs

Values-free foreign policy an Obama flip-flop

By FRED HIATT
The Washington Post

Last week President Barack Obama said the United States should consider unilateral military action only when the nation or its allies are directly threatened.

His stance would repudiate decades of bipartisan foreign policy — and Obama's own views of just 10 months ago.

What might have caused his shift? I have a theory. But first, look at how his views have evolved.

At West Point last Wednesday, the president said, "The United States will use military force, unilaterally if necessary, when our core interests demand it — when our people are threatened; when our livelihoods are at stake; when the security of our allies is in danger."

But, he said, "when crises arise that stir our conscience or push the world in a more dangerous direction but do not directly threaten us ... we should not get it alone. Instead, we must mobilize allies and partners to take collective action."

Presidents generally seek allies for their foreign interventions. But the idea that the United States couldn't act alone to stop a genocide, say, would have come as a surprise to previous presidents. ...

Last August, after Bashar Assad gashed 1,400 of his Syrian countrymen to death, Obama urged Congress to authorize unilateral force. "I'm comfortable going forward without the approval of a United Nations Security Council," the president said.

He framed the challenge as one of national security, but not because the U.S. or its allies were under attack. No, this was a crisis that stirred our conscience and pushed the world in a more dangerous direction. ...

The threat of bombing persuaded Assad to agree to give up his chemical arsenal, and 10 months later, most of his declared weapons, at least, have been turned over for destruction.

Obama claims the outcome as a significant accomplishment. Yet he now rejects the logic that brought it about — the premise that America may threaten force to protect "the values that define us." Why?

Here's one possibility. Whatever the success of his chemical weapons deal — debatable now that Assad is dropping undeclared chlorine gas bombs — Obama's overall Syria policy is a failure by any measure. While he has resisted advice, over three years, to robustly assist Assad's moderate opposition, the country has been decimated: more than 50,000 civilians killed, hundreds systematically tortured, millions displaced. Al-Qaida terrorists control swaths of Syrian territory, where American and European jihadists train to attack their homeland.

Syria has become, in the words of Obama's U.N. ambassador, Samantha Power, "the most catastrophic humanitarian crisis any of us have seen in a generation."

That has to be painful for Obama to comment on. As the situation has worsened, he has offered many rationales for why aloofness

was the right policy — and he has begun to retroactively rewrite U.S. doctrine to explain why intervention was impossible.

Last October, in a speech to the U.N. General Assembly, he limited America's "core interests" in the Middle East to defending allies, fighting terrorism and weapons of mass destruction, and protecting the free flow of energy. He said democracy, human rights and free trade were important, but not core, and could "rarely" be advanced through unilateral action.

Last week he further constricted the nation's core interests and closed the narrow opening he had left for action in defense of values; the "rarely" was gone.

I doubt this is really where Obama wants to end up. A values-free foreign policy isn't sustainable for most Americans, and if another humanitarian crisis confronts the president in the next 30 months, I doubt it will be sustainable for him.

Instead, he's likely to be swayed by arguments like this: "Terrible things happen across the globe, and it is beyond our means to react every wrong. But when, with modest effort and risk, we can stop children from being gassed to death, and thereby make our own children safer over the long run, I believe we should act. That's what makes America different. That's what makes us exceptional. With humility, but with resolve, let us never lose sight of that essential truth."

That was Obama speaking, of course. Sept. 10, 2013.

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OPINION

Lack of compromise feeds national food fight

By KATHLEEN PARKER

To hear tell, the mansion of WASHINGTON's new head of 'GOP is wagging war on Michelle Obama and, brace yourself, America's children.

Got it?

The newest war on women/children relates to the first lady's well-intentioned but disastrous school nutrition program, otherwise known as the Dumpster Derby.

First to good intentions:

Kudos to Obama for recognizing and trying to address childhood obesity. If you think health care is expensive now, wait until these little human pillows reach adulthood and then, assuming their hearts hold out, advanced age. Assuming, too, that our bottom-line bureaucrats haven't begun recycling high-maintenance humans by then. Might want to keep an eye on the Soylent Green market.

No, I'm not suggesting death panels. I'm employing hyperbole in the service of a point, the necessary clarification of which highlights our mind-numbing politics and our nation's diminishing sentence.

The first lady's "Let's Move!" program and her focus on whole foods (as opposed to fast) and water instead of sodas have been welcome developments. Who better to bring needed attention to such issues? Obama is merely expanding her maternal focus to include all those public school kids whose mothers apparently have forgotten how to make a sandwich. Or whose fathers have forgotten to say "Get those plugs out of your ears and make friends with the lawn mower" — or whatever its urban comparable.

But, as is often the case with mammoth federal programs, one size does not fit all. Many school districts have inadequate

funding to meet the new nutrition standards and have had to borrow from educational programs, in some cases shutting them down.

Moreover, the kids detest the food and are tossing their lunches, so to speak, into the dumpster. Some school districts report having to purchase or lease more dumpsters to accommodate the extra garbage, increasing their waste-collection costs as well.

These are but a few of the stories I heard recently when I spoke to about 1,000 members of the national School Nutrition Association. There isn't a more dedicated, decent, heroic group of people in the association encyclopedia. Not only are they burdened with meeting unfunded federal mandates, but they have to hear the gripes of America's hungry darlings. The association, which initially supported the new standards, has been lobbying for just the sort of bill Republicans have produced.

This doesn't mean that the first lady's program is "gastro-fascism," as one writer put it, though I rather like the term. Nor is this a Republican war on the first lady or the children who refuse to eat food they don't like. I've been blind to sugar and fat here, but nutritious food needn't be inedible. Also to play are cultural differences. Apparently, children in the Southwest don't like whole-wheat tortillas and Southern kids prefer their chicken fried.

I'm with the first lady all the way on making modifications to lunches swimming in grease and over-seasoned with sugar and salt. But perhaps there's a middle ground that allows a little local wiggle room.

Surely school nutritionists are capable of coming up with healthier meals that also taste good.

Alternatively — and this is where I wish



this debate were heading — Mrs. Obama could suggest that parents prepare their children's meals.

What? You've got to be kidding! We're too busy!!

Since when were we too busy to scramble an egg or toast a slice of bread? Since the national narrative of women's liberation concentrated on the kitchen as metaphor for home-bound drudgery and oppression, that's when. On the upside, more men are learning to cook, if my home is an example.

When it comes to home food preparation, the very poor need extra help, obviously, but quality nutrition, as most important things, begins at home. And for a majority of people, the cost is not prohibitive. Using

data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, a piece of toast spread with peanut butter and topped with sliced banana — a filling breakfast loaded with protein, carbohydrates and potassium, among other nutrients — costs on average about 50 cents.

We can't all have a chef or send our children to private schools with meater lunches, as the Obamas do. But we can feed our children for less trouble and money than some think. Maybe the first lady can modify her message along with our menus: Cook for your kids and they'll grow smart and strong.

Not to get too carried away, but food, you know, is love.

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Shinseki's trust in VA employees cost him his job

By MELINDA HENNEBERGER

The Washington Post

Janet Nickolaus, who took early retirement from her job as a psych nurse in a Veterans Affairs health clinic in Port Angeles, Wash., a year ago, used to fantasize that Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric Shinseki would visit their waiting room incognito "and see how people were being treated and find out what was going on."

What he would have seen, she said, is receptionists effectively making "medical, clinical decisions" by deciding who would be seen when — and sometimes telling veterans to call back in 30 days.

"That's what bothered me the most, but when I complained," she said, a supervisor disputed her direct observations. She finally left in frustration.

A current employee at the clinic, who spoke on the condition of anonymity out of fear of retribution, said that "horrendous" receptionist had improved recently after two receptionists retired.

"But vets still can't get in for three or four months, even in our brand-new clinic. We burn our doctors out because there's no support, and to try to change anything is impossible because it doesn't even get past our managers. It's like they don't want to deal with the issues." The clinic manager did not return a call seeking comment Friday.

To many in the trenches of the vast and decentralized VA system, Shinseki was seen as "the good guy everybody knew was trying to help," Nickolaus said.

But it could not be undercovered drop-by she hoped for never happened. And so

much bad news was covered up that Shinseki resigned Friday over a widespread conspiracy to hide long wait times for military veterans seeking care.

It's often said that an organization's tone is set at the top — and that person sends employees a message of either fear or safety about speaking up to voice concerns.

Yet just the opposite seems to have occurred at the VA, as Shinseki traveled the country, urging bureaucrats not to be afraid to bring problems to light.

Shinseki may not have been changed by the apparently swamped bureaucracy underneath him, but with 2 million more patients entering the system in just the last five years, neither was he apparently able to reform it.

When he put new guidelines in place requiring that veterans be seen quickly, the response was to fake the paperwork to make it look as though wait times had disappeared.

But with nothing less than the lives of our veterans at stake, how could employees do that, and why would they lie?

Nickolaus' answer to that question is that after years of being "told to shut up or retire," most people eventually do one or the other. "You see the dead wood and get exasperated." Overwhelmed, she said, you despair of actually changing anything, in one way or another.

Two other former VA employees dispute speculation that financial incentives for some managers in facilities that cut wait times might have been a motivator for those who falsified paperwork; they question whether low-level employees would really band together to break the law in hopes of winning a bonus for a boss' boss'

boss.

But if that wasn't the motivation, why resort to trickery instead of sounding the alarm that the guidelines weren't realistic?

Army vet Alex Horton, a blogger from Texas who served in Iraq and worked in the VA's public-affairs operation for three years under Shinseki, suspects that "most of it is keeping your supervisor off your back."

He sees Shinseki's only real failings as, first, trusting that his own dedication to the mission of getting veterans the care they deserve was widely shared in a bureaucracy full of what he saw as "dead-enders who don't care who's on top." And then, too, Horton said, Shinseki "did things the Army way; you don't fire junior soldiers, you retrain them."

It's difficult to fire anyone in the VA system, said another former employee, and an issue no one wants to talk about is that some subpar workers are veterans themselves.

The VA's ancient IT system was also a problem. A May 2010 report from the U.S. Government Accountability Office said the care of more than 5 million vets in some 1,500 facilities "relies on an outpatient scheduling system that is over 25 years old."

In 2000, the report noted, a major overhaul was planned, but in 2009, the VA finally "terminated a key contract supporting the project."

For good reason, apparently, since "after spending an estimated \$127 million over 9 years on its outpatient scheduling system project, VA has not implemented any of the planned system's capabilities." As a result, the report said, the VA was cutting its loss-

es and "essentially starting over."

Nickolaus, who worked for the VA in Port Angeles and before that in Portland, Ore., said she wasn't too surprised by the dreadfully bad news out of the Phoenix VA Health Care System, where dozens of veterans allegedly died waiting for care. That's because a former colleague of hers from Portland had gone to work in Phoenix, then almost immediately moved back to Oregon.

When a psych nurse in the Northwest hears whispers of dysfunction in Phoenix before Arizona Sen. John McCain, whose dedication to the military no one doubts, something is seriously wrong.

Watchdog reports as far back as 2000 document some of the current problems, so why hadn't members of Congress from around the country heard complaints of long waits at facilities in their home areas? Why hadn't the heads of the veteran service organizations, with whom Shinseki had breakfast every month? And for that matter, why hadn't reporters in every city and town where there's a VA facility?

A decorated Vietnam veteran who lost part of his right foot when he stepped on a land mine, Shinseki was awarded three Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart. As Army chief of staff during the George W. Bush administration, he dared to publicly disagree with Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld over how many troops would need to stay on in Iraq after an initial invasion.

If the four-star general thought his own underlings at the VA would be that stand-up, however, he seems to have wildly overestimated them.

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NATION



PHOTOS BY MATT ROURKE/AP

Students at Project SPARC, Northeast High School's Space Research Center, make preparations at "mission control" next to a 21-foot-long space shuttle simulator for a virtual space mission in Philadelphia.

Out-of-this-world education

Students 'blast off' after donations save school's space program

By KATHY MATHESON
The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — In recent years, students at Northeast High School have virtually saved mankind from a meteor, discovered water on Mars and repaired the International Space Station. But their current mission to establish a habitat on the moon was nearly aborted because of education budget cuts.

The Space Research Center, started 52 years ago as the first NASA-recognized high school space program, was saved by more than \$13,000 in donations after the nearly broke Philadelphia school district could not afford to fund it.

The money allowed students on May 22 to launch their annual two-day simulated mission, which is staged in an actual Apollo training capsule and a 21-foot-long, homemade, space shuttle simulator. They spent the night at school and planned to finish the mission the following day.

Now, supporters hope the attention and momentum will enable them to modernize badly outdated equipment and to promote the program's value in the national conversation on the importance of STEM education — science, technology, engineering and math.

"It means so much to the students," said program director Joseph Connelly. "It's really difficult to find something in the school that promotes STEM understanding and is also super-fun."

The program, nicknamed Project SPARC, has its roots in the U.S.-Soviet



Students take part in a virtual space mission to establish a habitat on the moon.

space race. NASA donated the capsule and initially maintained an affiliation with the school. But that relationship languished and, as district funding waned, so did upkeep — but not student enthusiasm.

On Thursday, students sat at the Mission Control console with walkie-talkies as they acted out their scripted liftoff of Ares and Delta rockets headed to establish a permanent habitat on the moon. Flat-screen mon-

itors offered views of "astronauts" inside the simulator as well as images of what the space travelers might be seeing.

Yet the mission was almost impossible. In December, Connelly broke the news that district officials were cutting all non-athletic extracurricular activities.

"I was completely heartbroken," said flight director Jeremy Cruz, 18, a senior. "I felt like I was losing another family."

So students began publicizing their plight. Program alumni — many of whom went on to careers in science-related fields — stepped up with a crowdfunding website and the creation of an advisory board.

The school hopes to partner with universities and engineers to further improve the experience for students, who have creatively pursued the stars despite shortcomings in resources.

"Instead of complaining and walking away, these students have embraced the program," said Burton Dicht, a 1977 alumnus who spearheaded the fundraising. "The ability to make the best use of what you have is great preparation for real life."

The students are not alone in dealing with limited funds. NASA severely scaled back outreach and education last year to comply with mandatory federal budget reductions. Yet even as jobs in STEM fields are projected to increase far above other occupations through 2020, only 16 percent of American high school seniors are proficient in math and are interested in related careers, according to the U.S. Department of Education.

Gary Rosenzweig, an alumnus now living in Denver, said his job as a mobile app and website designer stems directly from his experience with the school program in the 1980s. He recently donated eight new computers.

"They should be building the foundation of their careers and lives," he wrote in an email. "SPARC is a place where students can do that."

SHIFTING GEARS



KIA/MCT

The 2015 Kia K900 is South Korea's version of the Westminster Kennel Club dog show. It's a display of automotive breeding that takes the most expensive luxury sedan from its Hyundai sister company, the Equus, and tweaks it for an even more value-oriented buyer.

A \$66,000 Kia?

Korean automaker looks to follow the Japanese path into the high-end luxury market

By DAVID UNDERCOFFLER
Los Angeles Times

Before you scoff at the idea of Kia's all-new \$66,000 K900 full-size sedan, remember Lexus.

Twenty-five years ago, it was absurd to think that a Japanese brand could build a high-end vehicle to challenge German luxury car leaders Mercedes, BMW and Audi.

Then Toyota's Lexus brand came out with the LS.

Like the Germans, the LS packed a V-8 and rear-wheel drive into a full-size sedan. But it did so for mid-size, V-6 money.

Critics and customers loved it. Two years later, Lexus was the bestselling premium brand in the United States.

Kia Motors Corp., hoping to make similar waves in this rarified world, began its move into the luxury market last year with the large Cadenza sedan, which topped out around \$42,000.

But the South Korean automaker wanted something even fancier — a halo car that would help buyers of its cheapo Rio or Soul compact cars feel good about the brand.

Enter the K900, whose creamy smooth drivetrain, unbeatable value and legitimately luxurious construction should do all that — and maybe put a dent in sales of the Lexus LS 460.

A 5.0-liter V-8 version of the K900 went on sale in March, and it's impressive. Rated at 420 horsepower and 376 pound-feet of

torque, the direct-injected engine and eight-speed automatic gearbox perform admirably.

The engine provides ample

whisper-quiet power, and the transmission shifts without effort or drama — though it's a little slow on the downshift. (Switching to "sport" mode eliminates this.)

It is a little thirsty. Though the Environmental Protection Agency rates the V-8 K900 at 15 miles per gallon in the city and 23 mpg on the highway, a week of city gave us an average of 14 mpg.

On the road, our V-8 tester ate up the miles with a detached plushness. Kia has stressed comfort over handling, but the K900 offers better road feel than the completely numb Hyundai Equus on which it's based.

True, a comparably outfitted Mercedes-Benz, Audi, or BMW of equal size will deliver both comfort and responsiveness. But their V-8 models also cost at least \$20,000 more.

Wrapped around all this is a body that's as unique as it could be without upsetting traditionally conservative buyers of full-size luxury sedans, with LED lights, a chromed, chain-mail grille and a rear end that looks a little like the BMW 7-Series.

The K900's interior is more spacious than the Lexus LS 460's — though it does lose some trunk space — and is also cushy. The rear passenger area is cavernous, with headrests so soft and plush they deserve their own section at Bed Bath & Beyond.

The K900's dashboard — which could use more panache if it's going to compete in the high-

end market — features the same crisp and informative navigation screen we've come to love on other Kias.

But this one is to be seen, not touched. Users also have to fuss with a less-intuitive rotary knob on the center console. Buttons for the climate control and stereo are a bit scattered too.

Unfortunately, it also has the clumsy sunroof control we hated in other Kias.

The V-8 K900 starts at \$60,400. That price includes the navigation system, blind-spot monitoring, lane-departure warning, temperature-controlled nappa leather seats, panoramic sunroof, front and rear parking sensors, 19-inch alloy wheels, and a 900-watt, 17-speaker Lexicon sound system.

(Later this year, Kia will release the K900 with a 311-horse-

power V-6, at around \$50,000.)

Our tester also had a \$6,000 VIP package that included adaptive cruise control, a fully digital 12.3-inch instrument panel, heads-up display, power reclining rear seats that are also ventilated and a bird's-eye camera system.

Does the K900 constitute a real challenge to the Equus? Yes. It's a better car in every way.

It can also compete with the Lexus. Though the LS 460 trumps the K900 in interior design and execution, and comes from a brand with a proven track record in the luxury world, a model equivalent to this Kia would cost around \$13,000 more.

So, maybe it's really Toyota Motor Corp. that should be nervous, because it can be dangerous to let your guard down in the cut-throat world of luxury. Just ask the Germans.

Kia K900



Kia's first real luxury offering is a contender.

Highs: Smooth powertrain, unbeatable value.

Lows: Interior needs more style and upscale feel, Kia nameplate could still deter buyers.

Vehicle type: Full-size luxury sedan.

Base price: \$60,400.

Price as tested: \$66,400.

Powertrain: 5.0-liter, direct-injected V-8 engine, rear-wheel drive.

Transmission: Eight-speed automatic with sport mode.

Horsepower: 420.

Torque: 376 pound-feet.

0-60 mph time: 5.5 seconds, according to Motor Trend.

EPA fuel economy rating: 15 city, 23 highway.

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AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Ex-mayor barred from daughter's graduation

WA KENNEWICK — The former mayor of Prosser, who is a convicted low-level sex offender, has been barred from attending her daughter's high school graduation.

A judge ruled Friday that Linda Lusk missed a deadline to appeal the school district's decision to ban her from school properties and events.

In 2011, Lusk pleaded guilty to third-degree child molestation for having sexual contact with a 14-year-old boy who stopped at her home to ask her to sign a petition.

The school district has a policy preventing all registered sex offenders from coming on district property or attending student activities. In order to attend school events, Lusk has to get written permission from the superintendent. Her request to attend Prosser High School's graduation was denied in March.

Janitor, others injured due to school food fight

MI ANN ARBOR — A janitor is among the injured after a food fight by seniors on their last day at an Ann Arbor high school.

Spokeswoman Liz Margolis said the food fight Friday at Skyline High School involved water, baby oil and shaving cream. A janitor who slipped was taken to a hospital.

Margolis said that several students had minor injuries from slipping on the floor. The prank this week included putting the school for sale on Craigslist.org and releasing bouncy balls throughout the building.

Those were viewed as harmless. But Margolis said it's "really disappointing" that seniors chose a food fight on their last day.

Flight diverted after service dog poops

PA PHILADELPHIA — A cross-country flight had to make an unscheduled landing when a service dog pooped twice in the aisle, sickening passengers with the odor.

US Airways spokeswoman Andrew Christie said the May 28 US Airways flight from Los Angeles to Philadelphia had to make an unscheduled stop in Kansas City.

Christie called the episode a "rare and unfortunate situation." The flight continued after the mess was cleaned up on the ground. The passenger and the service dog were rebooked on another flight.

Jim Kutsch, president at The Seeing Eye guide dog school in Morristown, N.J., said that such incidents are rare, but that dogs occasionally get sick on planes, too.

Woman breeding rats in home by the hundreds

CA SAN FRANCISCO — Authorities in San Francisco say their hands are tied when it comes to stopping a woman who has been breeding hundreds of

THE CENSUS

\$5K

The reward a Salvation Army worker in California is receiving after returning a bag containing \$125,000 that fell from an armored truck. Joe Cornell, 52, who is in a Salvation Army substance-abuse rehabilitation program, said he found the cash May 27 after a Brinks truck pulled away from a red light in Fresno and left the sack behind. Brinks also is donating \$5,000 to the Salvation Army.



PHOTOS BY NIKKI BOERTMAN, THE (MEMPHIS, TENN.) COMMERCIAL APPEAL/AP

Shambling in the streets

Above: Collierville Middle School students perform "Thriller" on Friday in front of the Orpheum during the 2014 Zombie Walk in Memphis, Tenn.

Right: Greg Withrow participated in the walk along Beale Street.



rats in her home and then releasing them into public parks.

Animal Care and Control Captain Denise Bongiovanni said that the woman — a 43-year-old known as "Erica J." — is believed to have unresolved mental health issues and that her behavior could endanger her own health as well as that of the public because some rats carry diseases and parasites.

The station obtained video shot in 2011 showing the woman's room at a residential hotel packed with dirty clothes and other items, with dozens of rats scampering about and tunneling through the piles.

Bongiovanni said the department has adopted out some of the tame rodents and has exterminated sick or feral ones over the years.

Class president's speech canceled

ME PORTLAND — The senior class president at Portland High School won't be giving a speech at graduation because of a post he made on Facebook.

On the class of 2014's Facebook private group page, Charlie Gauvin urged classmates to bring food and nonalcoholic drinks to a

senior skip day gathering May 21 at a park. Gauvin also made comments about underage drinking.

Gauvin, 18, said Friday that he jokingly wrote that people should bring non-alcoholic beverages "because some wusses need chasers" and said anyone who planned to drink should make sure to have a sober driver.

The Facebook post was removed and students are urging the principal to reconsider.

They chanted Gauvin's name during commencement practice this week.

Grasshopper swarm picked up on radar

NM ALBUQUERQUE — Weather officials in Albuquerque say a mysterious presence that showed up on its radar the last few nights has turned out to be of the insect variety.

The National Weather Service says a swarm of grasshoppers were detected over Albuquerque's West Mesa for the fourth night in a row on Friday.

Meteorologist Chuck Jones said the swarm got caught up in winds heading southwest and is being carried as high as 1,000 feet.

Jones said the grasshoppers likely hatched weeks ago and are now grown, leading to their ability to trigger radar images.

Officials said last year's monsoon season and a drier winter created the ideal environment for the grasshoppers to hatch.

Technicians initially thought their equipment was malfunctioning when they saw several unexplained clusters.

Court: Dairy Queen case ruling will stand

MI PRUDENVILLE — Did a taste for Dilly Bars contribute to a fatal crash in northern Michigan?

The Michigan Supreme Court won't take an appeal in a lawsuit that blames a long line outside a Prudenville Dairy Queen for a crash that killed a motorcyclist in 2007.

Gusty Dirette was riding on M-55 in Roscomon County when he was struck by a car. The driver, Casey VanWormer, said he couldn't see past the 10 to 15 people standing in front of a Dairy Queen on a warm August day.

Dirette's estate claims the line was a public nuisance. But the state appeals court said a condi-

tion that requires a motorist to yield or wait doesn't unreasonably interfere with safety.

The Supreme Court this week said it will let that decision stand.

Twice-beached whale is cut up, passed out

CA SAN DIEGO — A whale carcass that washed up twice on the San Diego coast has been cut up and parts will be used for research, display and even to build homes.

U-T San Diego said Friday that the whale, estimated at 60 to 75 feet, was towed out to sea last week after it was found beached on May 19 near a wastewater treatment plant.

However, the towline broke and the carcass washed up again last weekend at Border Field State Park.

Park officials said the decaying whale was carted out using construction equipment on Thursday and Friday. The skull went to San Diego State University for study and may eventually be displayed.

Members of local Native American tribes took some ribs to use for traditional whale bone houses.

From wire reports

FACES

'Maleficent' rules box office with \$70M debut

By JAKE COYLE
The Associated Press

The biggest box-office debut of Angelina Jolie's career propelled Disney's twisted fairy tale "Maleficent" to a scary-good \$70 million opening.

The PG-rated fantasy beat forecasts to easily top all films over the weekend, according to studio estimates Sunday. Although "Maleficent" was early on considered a risky endeavor for Disney that might turn away family audiences by retelling "Sleeping Beauty" from the villain's perspective, the film emerged as a hit largely because of the draw of Jolie.

Star power has been increasingly elusive in modern Hollywood, where name-brand concepts often rule the box-office. But Jolie, in her first live-action starring role in years, drove interest for "Maleficent" despite lackluster reviews from critics. "It's a unique thing," said Dave Hollis, head of distribution for Disney. "Her star power transcends borders and genre."

Seth MacFarlane's Western comedy "A Million Ways to Die in the West" was out-gunned by "Maleficent." The R-rated Universal release opened in third place with a tepid \$17.1 million despite a starry cast of Liam Neeson and Charlize Theron. By contrast, MacFarlane's "Ted" (for which he's making a sequel) opened with \$54.4 million in 2012.



Angelina Jolie, left, is the title character in "Maleficent." Her real-life daughter, Vivienne Jolie-Pitt, right, portrays a young Aurora in the movie, which topped the box office in its first weekend of release.

Last weekend's top film, Fox's big-budget mutant sequel "X-Men: Days of Future Past," dropped to second with \$32.6 million. It's a somewhat steep decline for "Days of Future Past," but the film made \$95.6 million internationally in its second week, good enough to push

its global cumulative total past \$500 million already.

"Maleficent" dominated the marketplace, which has seen female-leading films continually challenge the much-disputed but still prevalent notion that male stars fuel the box office.

"The whole movie kind of rises and sets on her performance," said Paul Dergarabedian, senior analyst for box-office tracker Rentrak. "The concept is the character. The character is completely linked to the person playing that role."



Ann B. Davis

'Brady Bunch' actress dies

By LYNN ELBER
The Associated Press

Emmy-winning actress Ann B. Davis, who became the country's favorite and most famous housekeeper as the devoted Alice Nelson of "The Brady Bunch," died Sunday at a San Antonio, Texas, hospital. She was 88.

Bexar County, Texas, medical examiner's investigator Sara Horne said Davis died Sunday morning at University Hospital. Horne said no cause of death was available and that an autopsy was planned Monday. Bill Frey, a pastor at the Episcopal church and a longtime friend of Davis, said she suffered a fall Saturday at her San Antonio home. Frey said Davis had lived with him and his wife, Barbara, since 1976.

More than a decade before scoring as the Brady's loyal Alice, Davis was the razor-tongued secretary on another stalwart TV sitcom, "The Bob Cummings Show," which brought her two Emmys. She also appeared on Broadway and in occasional movies.

Frey said Davis became part of his and his wife's "household community" after she embraced her Christian faith and left Hollywood behind.

"The public image of her that people have is an accurate image of a strong, wonderful, lively human being," he said. "The only part that's inaccurate about it is she had trouble relating to small children, and she doesn't cook."

Asked if the friend he called "Ann B" ever missed her life as an actor, he replied: "Not once." Maureen McCormick, who played teenager Marcia Brady, said in a statement that Davis "made me a better person. Who blessed I am to have had her in my life. She will be forever missed."

In a blunt self-appraisal early in her career, Davis called her ordinary look and "I know at least a couple hundred glamour gals who are starring in this town," she told the Los Angeles Times in 1955, the year the Cummings show began its four-year run. "I'd rather be myself and eating."

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"I think I'm lovable," Davis told The Associated Press in a 1993 interview. "I don't do anything to be lovable. I have no control."

Man who accosted Pitt pleads no contest to battery

The Associated Press

A man who accosted Brad Pitt on a red carpet pleaded no contest to battery May 30 and was ordered to stay away from the actor and Hollywood red carpet events.

Vitali Seduk entered the plea during a court appearance held two days after he leaped from a fan area and made contact with Pitt at the "Maleficent" premiere. He was sentenced to three years of probation and attend a year's worth of psychological counseling.

Seduk, 25, was ordered to stay away from Pitt's partner, Angelina Jolie, and stay 500 yards away from the Hollywood Blvd where movie premieres and the Academy Awards are held. He also was ordered to stay away from LA Live, a downtown entertainment complex where Seduk crashed the Grammy Awards in 2010. He was charged with four misdemeanors, including assault and two counts governing conduct at sporting and entertainment events. He also pleaded no contest to unlawful activity at a sporting or entertainment event and the remaining counts were dropped. Seduk is a former journalist for the Ukrainian television channel 11, which fired him roughly three weeks ago.

Jack White issues apology letter

Jack White has issued a written apology to The Roots' Keri and his former bandmate Meg White and others for comments he made in a recent Rolling Stone magazine interview.

Last year, his personal opinions about the Black Keys were revealed when his wife included a message from him in their divorce case. He was asked again about the band during the recent interview and told Rolling Stone he and The Black Keys were capitalizing on a sound he helped make popular.

White explains in a letter dated May 31 on his website that he thought it would have seemed petty if he had declined to discuss the issue with the magazine. In his letter, he spoke positively of the Black Keys, who are also based in Nashville and got their start as a bluesy two piece like White's own White Stripes.

Bieber apologizes for joke

Justin Bieber is apologizing after a year-old video surfaced showing the then-teenager telling a racist joke with the N-word.

In a statement Sunday to The Associated Press, Bieber said when he was a kid he didn't realize how certain words could hurt. He says he learned from his mistakes and apologized for them, and now is apologizing again because they have become public. "I'm very sorry," Bieber said. "I take all my friendships with people of all cultures very seriously and I apologize for offending or hurting anyone with my childish and inexcusable behavior."

The British tabloid The Sun first published the video, which is five years old. In it, a then 15-year-old Bieber tells a joke about black people that has the racial epithet as the punchline. Before he says it, someone warns him not to—but he says it anyway amid laughter.

Other news

■ "The Arsenio Hall Show" has been canceled because of low ratings, ending Hall's late-night TV comeback bid after a single season.

■ Singer Chris Brown was released early Monday from a Los Angeles County jail, authorities said. Los Angeles Sheriff's deputy Tony Moore told The Associated Press that Brown was released at 12:01 a.m. Monday, but he didn't have any more details. Brown had been in custody since mid-March, when he was

arrested after being expelled from a court-ordered rehab sentence for violating its rules.

■ Julia Collins can count another "Jeopardy!" victory and another milestone. The TV game show said Collins won her 20th game May 30, putting her alone in second place for most consecutive non-tournament victories.

■ It's 2 billion and counting for Psy and his irrepressible "Gangnam Style." The South Korean pop star's surprise hit has become the first YouTube video to surpass 2 billion views, crossing the mark around shortly before midnight EDT May 30. The unlikely viral star holds the record for most overall views and most views in a day with 38 million for his "Gangnam Style" followup "Gentleman."

■ Singer-songwriter and gay rights activist Melissa Etheridge has gotten married. People magazine says the 53-year-old Etheridge married partner Linda Waller at the San Ysidro Ranch in Montecito, Calif., on May 31. Etheridge and the 53-year-old Waller, a co-creator of the television series "Nurse Jackie," began dating in 2010.

■ Day Street Books announced Monday that actor and comedian David Spade is working on a memoir scheduled to come out in fall 2015. Its title has not been released. According to Day Street, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers, Spade will write about his childhood in Arizona and his friendship with the late comedian Chris Farley.

■ Police arrested singer Ray J at a Beverly Hills, Calif., hotel after she says he became belligerent with staff, kicked out a patrol car window and spit at an officer.

■ Oscar-nominated actress Joan Lorring has died more than six decades after appearing opposite Bette Davis in the film "The Corn Is Green." She was 88. She died May 30 in the New York City suburb of Sleepy Hollow, according to her daughter, Santha Sonenberg.

BUSINESS/WEATHER

Annual Buffett lunch auction begins

By **JOSH FUNK**
The Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Before billionaire businessman Warren Buffett started auctioning off private lunches to benefit the Glide Foundation, he was skeptical of the San Francisco charity where his first wife was volunteering.

But once Susie Buffett, who died in 2004, showed Warren the work Glide does for the poor and the homeless, he was sold on the organization — so much so that he's raised nearly \$16 million for the charity since 2000.

"It was one-on-one working with people society had given up on," Buffett said. "And experience showed society was wrong to give up on those people."

The 15th annual lunch auction started Sunday with a \$25,000 minimum bid on eBay, and continues until 9:30 p.m. CDT Friday (02:30 GMT Saturday).

The lunch auction has become an important source of money

for Glide, which has an \$18 million annual budget. Glide's co-founders, the Rev. Cecil Williams and Janice Mirikitani, hope the lunch will draw another seven-figure price tag, but they also appreciate the exposure.

"I think it's amazing to have Warren Buffett as an advocate," Mirikitani said. "The charity provides meals, health care, job training, rehabilitation and housing support to the poor and homeless."

Last year's auction winner got a relative bargain by paying \$1,000,100. Four of the previous five winners each paid more than \$2 million, and the 2012 winning bid of \$3,456,789 remains the most expensive charity item ever sold on eBay.

Other charities have used eBay auctions to successfully raise money, such as the Grammy Foundation and MusiCares, which has brought in nearly \$4 million since 2005.

Buffett is confident this year's



MATT HARRAH/AP

Berkshire Hathaway Chairman and CEO Warren Buffett speaks in May in Omaha, Neb.

bidding will top the 2013 figure — "I think we'll beat it by quite a bit" — based on the limits prequalified bidders have set for themselves.

Buffett isn't quite sure why people are willing to pay so much for a private audience with Berkshire Hathaway's chairman and CEO, but he gives Glide part of

the credit. The lunches typically last several hours, and Buffett tries to make sure the winners are satisfied.

The only limit on the conversation is what he might invest in next, but any other topic is open, including the billionaire's investing philosophy and his thoughts on philanthropy and inheritance.

"It goes all over the map," he said.

Traditionally, the winners of the auction dine at Smith and Wollensky steak house in New York City, which donates at least \$10,000 to Glide each year to host the lunch. But in some years the winner wants to remain anonymous, so the lunch happens elsewhere.

Buffett's company owns more than 80 subsidiaries including insurance, furniture, clothing, jewelry and candy companies, restaurants and natural gas and corporate jet firms, and has major investments in such companies as Coca-Cola Co., IBM and Wells Fargo & Co.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (June 3)	\$1.3970
Dollar buys (June 3)	€0.7158
British pound (June 3)	\$1.72
Japanese yen (June 3)	99.00
South Korean won (June 3)	998.00

Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3771
British pound	\$1.6753/0.5969
Canada (dollar)	1.0903
China (Yuan)	6.2475
Denmark (Krone)	5.4643
Egypt (Pound)	1.7127
Euro	\$1.3611/0.7327
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7537
Hungary (Forint)	223.04
Israel (Shekel)	3.4750
Japan (Yen)	109.25
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2819
Norway (Krone)	5.9991
Philippines (Peso)	43.95
Poland (Zloty)	3.104
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7208
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2565
South Korea (Won)	1,024.98
Switzerland (Franc)	0.8973
Thailand (Baht)	32.87
Turkey (New Lira)	1,0306

(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	7.00
Federal funds market rate	0.09
3-month bill	0.03
30-year bond	3.33

WEATHER OUTLOOK



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

Tuesday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	Chatanooga	84	65	Rain	Fort Wayne	84	66	PClidy	Louisville	87	71	Clidy	Pocatello	81	51	PClidy	Sioux City	79	57	PClidy
Ablene, Tex	95	71	Pdly	Cheyenne	78	50	PClidy	Fresno	92	59	Clidy	Lubbock	96	68	Clidy	Portland, Maine	71	50	PClidy	Sioux Falls	76	54	PClidy
Akron, Ohio	81	66	Rain	Chicago	82	67	PClidy	Goodland	97	60	Clidy	Macon	86	65	Clidy	Portland, Ore.	72	53	PClidy	South St. Paul	82	67	PClidy
Albany, N.Y.	89	65	Rain	Cincinnati	85	67	Rain	Grand Junction	90	59	Clidy	Madison	76	61	PClidy	Providence	77	56	PClidy	Spokane	78	55	Clidy
Albuquerque	96	66	Clidy	Cleveland	80	66	Rain	Grand Rapids	75	65	Clidy	Medford	80	53	Clidy	Pueblo	97	53	Clidy	Springfield, Ill.	87	70	PClidy
Allentown, Pa.	81	60	Clidy	Colorado Springs	90	52	Clidy	Great Falls	74	48	Clidy	Memphis	90	72	Clidy	Raleigh-Durham	86	57	Clidy	Springfield, Mo.	88	69	Clidy
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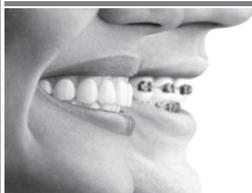
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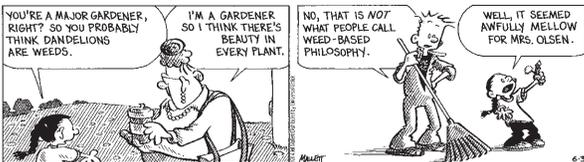
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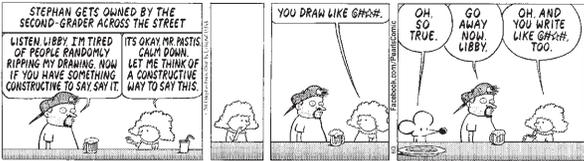
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ACROSS

- 1 Cry loudly
- 5 Ashen
- 9 Gratitude
- 12 Hodgepodge
- 13 Hebrew month
- 14 Geological time
- 15 Pound meat, maybe
- 17 Pinch
- 18 Satiate
- 19 High-IQ group
- 21 Stopover of a sort
- 24 Kelly or Krupa
- 25 Sleeping
- 26 Benjamin, to William Henry
- 30 Brooch
- 31 Research money
- 32 Hot tub
- 33 "The Tonight Show — Jimmy Fallon"
- 35 Lawyer's income
- 36 Pal
- 37 Fall to be
- 38 Hunter in the sky
- 42 Wrestling style
- 43 Halloween shout
- 44 Octopus' arms
- 48 Flightless bird
- 49 A Great Lake
- 50 Gambling game
- 51 "Of course"
- 52 "Transcendence" star
- 53 Start a garden

DOWN

- 1 Automaton, for short
- 2 Hearty brew
- 3 Victory
- 4 Stuck (in)
- 5 Lima's country
- 6 Settled down
- 7 Light, in León
- 8 Hydrogen or helium
- 9 Thomas Lanier Williams
- 10 Eye part
- 11 One of the Three Bears
- 12 Right angle
- 20 Conclusion
- 21 Navigation stack
- 22 Last write-up
- 23 Clingy
- 24 Group of hoods
- 26 Gloomy
- 27 Scooted
- 28 Unlock
- 29 Condé —
- 31 Responded unintelligibly
- 34 Pi follower
- 35 Dresses
- 37 Doctors' org.
- 38 Do as you're told
- 39 New York city
- 40 Quick cut
- 41 Miners' sch.
- 44 Before
- 45 Shelter
- 46 Away from
- 47 Turf

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ATHLETES OF THE YEAR: TRACK AND FIELD

David Harris, Vilseck

By JENNIFER H. SVAN
Stars and Stripes

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — Something happened to Vilseck's David Harris at last year's DODDS Europe Track and Field Championships.

Harris says he "froze up" during the finals, mustering only a fifth-place finish in both the 110- and 300-meter hurdles in his junior season.

The only "F" word that describes Harris' season this year is "focus." He worked harder in practice than ever and peaked at the right time, a winning formula of grit and good timing that capped a stellar senior year on the track, making him the 2014 Stars and Stripes male track and field Athlete of the Year.

Harris not only improved on his personal best times at the meet, but he beat out two athletes considered his top rivals en route to earning victories in the same two events in which he was fifth a year ago.

"It's an unbelievable feeling," Harris said of winning two European track titles. "I honestly didn't expect this for my senior year. I didn't even expect to be in Europe for my senior year. There's no telling where the Army will take you."

Emily Walton, the Falcons head track and field coach, never heard Harris express dissatisfaction about his performances last year, but she did notice a more determined Harris show up for practice this season.

"David's always been a pretty good natural athlete," she said. "This year, his focus and attitude at practice was that of a collegiate athlete. He had such a great focus ... nothing was going to get in his way. He had it from

Day One of this year."

Still stinging from the disappointment of how his season ended last year, Harris said he set his sights on to conquer his own nerves and some tough competition.

In the 300-meter hurdles, Ansbach senior Brian Debel was Harris' chief nemesis. Throughout the regular season this year, Harris and Debel swapped victories. Debel had the edge going into Europeans, entering with the top time.

Though Harris held the top seed in the 110-meter hurdles, breathing down his neck was Wiesbaden senior Reynot Jno-Lewis, the second seed whom Harris had yet to beat in head-to-head competition.

After Friday's preliminaries at Europeans, it looked as if the Jno-Lewis streak would continue, with Jno-Lewis beating Harris by hundredths of seconds to enter the finals as the top seed. But in the finals, instead of being frozen, Harris' feet were fleet. He ran a 15.51, comfortably ahead of Jno-Lewis' 16.41.

In the 300 hurdles, Harris entered with the top seed coming out of preliminaries. He ran faster in the finals, 40.31 — the only runner to break 41 seconds during the meet.

His worst time in the event on the season was 43.53 seconds, Walton said. "To run three seconds faster (in the finals), that's a pretty huge improvement in that short of a race."

Harris also earned team points for in an event he ran for the first time at the last regular season track meet. "I put him in the [200 meters] in the last meet at Ansbach just because I wanted to see what he could do," Wal-

ton said. Harris qualified for Europeans and placed seventh with a time of 23.45 seconds.

Harris also ran the last leg on the Falcons' 1,600-meter relay team, which finished second.

Walton said Harris is a natural leader. "He leads by example more than anything," she said. "He's not one to loud or order people around. He definitely leads by example and others take notice of that."

Harris tried out the hurdles in eighth grade on advice from his dad, Lynwood Harris, an Army staff sergeant. "My dad was like 'Oh, I used to do hurdles, so it's in you,'" Harris said.

In addition to maintaining a laser focus in track practice this year, Harris said more specialized drills, including jumping over hurdles set at different heights and sprinting down a football field set up with a hurdle, helped him improve.

"It gave me a whole new challenge," Harris said.

Another boost was support from his dad and mom, Sharon Harris.

"They were the loudest people in the crowd at the championship meet, he said. "You can ask anyone."

"I always hear my parents," he said. "I swear, I hear no one else: 'Go David, go David.' They're always there for me."

Despite his feats on the track this year, Harris is leaning toward playing basketball when he enrolls at Fayetteville State University in North Carolina next fall.

No matter what he does, his motto will continue to be: "Never give up, keep working hard."

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Vilseck's David Harris celebrates as he wins the 110-meter hurdles at the DODDS Europe track and field championships. Harris, who also won the 300 hurdles, is the Stars and Stripes male Athlete of the Year.

Damonique Lamons, Bamberg

By JENNIFER H. SVAN
Stars and Stripes

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — If you're a female thrower in DODDS Europe track, you're probably not lamenting the closure of Bamberg at the end of this school year.

The school's shuttering means the athlete that dominated the two throwing events at this year's track and field championships won't be around next year to defend her titles.

Damonique Lamons this summer will head to El Paso, Texas, for her senior year and finish up what so far has been a very successful high school track and field career.

"If it wasn't closing, I would be here for another year," Lamons said of Bamberg.

Lamons, 17, hopes to add to her list of achievements statewide. Her time at Bamberg, capped at two years, was brief but certainly memorable.

Her medal haul at the recent championship meet helped a thin Bamberg squad of only three athletes clinch an unlikely Division III team victory. In 2013, her first year competing for the Barons, Lamons won the discus and took second in the shot put. She can now add another accolade: the 2014 Stars and Stripes female track and field Athlete of the Year award.

"All of us at Bamberg call our blue-eyed star 'Dom,'" first-year Bamberg track coach John Cogsworth said, referring to Lamons' piercing blue eyes. "Her talents are due to a 100 percent commitment to both events."

Lamons picked up her first discus and

shot put when she was 13. Her family was living in El Paso, where Lamons joined a summer track and field program, one geared toward developing young athletes.

Lamons had no idea whether throwing would be something she could do or would even like. She liked it enough that she went out for the Chapin High School track team and soon discovered she could toss weighted implements pretty far.

Her natural talent for the sport, along with some strong coaching, led to a district championship in the shot put as a freshman with a throw of 33 feet, 3 inches.

She's since improved on her marks every year, setting personal records in both the discus and shot put this year — 119 feet, 4 inches in the discus, and 38-11 inches in the shot. Those distances, achieved during the regular season, were feet, not inches, ahead of her closest competitors in DODDS Europe.

Lamons credits time in the weight room and repetitions at practice for her improvement.

"You have to divide your time between lifting weights, standing in the ring positioning your body" and practicing rotations, she said.

Cogsworth said Lamons' family is another key to her success: her parents and sister take videos of her during practice and analyze her every move, body position, leg placement and timing of the throwing process.

"They're my No. 1 supporters," Lamons said of dad Eric Lamons, a sergeant first class in the Army, mom Tenika, and big sister, Shalicia. "They've been in every single sporting event that I've ever been in."



MICHAEL ABRAMS/Stars and Stripes

Damonique Lamons won the shot put and discus at the DODDS Europe track and field championships. The Bamberg senior is the Stars and Stripes female Athlete of the Year.

That supportive spirit has rubbed off on Lamons, who this season took freshman Bamberg track teammate and fellow thrower, McKenzie Milligan, under her wing. Milligan was a surprise runner-up in the shot this year.

"I never had a coach who knew anything about shot put," Milligan wrote in an email. "Damonique stepped up and mentored me through all of it. I cannot thank Damonique enough."

Looking down the road, Lamons has her eye on attending either the University of Texas-San Antonio or Baylor — with hopes of making either school's track teams.

Lamons might have a lot of college options with a high school resume that includes: a 4.0 grade-point average, National Honor Society membership, junior class president and starter on the Barons varsity basketball team to go with her track exploits.

Cogsworth expects Lamons' old coach in El Paso will take her to "even higher plateaus" next year.

But he's said to see her go. "I do have to say that she is student whom I'll remember fondly for the rest of my life," he said. "All of us will miss her smiling face and cheerful attitude."

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HIGH SCHOOL: DODDS PACIFIC

ATHLETES OF THE YEAR



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American School in Japan's Justin Novak, pitching against Kadena in the Far East tournament final, went 4-0 on the mound and hit .476 at the plate with five home runs and 32 RBIs this season, in which the Mustangs went unbeaten.

Baseball: Justin Novak, ASIJ

BY DAVE ORNAUER
Stars and Stripes

Last May, American School In Japan entered the Far East baseball tournament a heavy favorite — to some a lock to win the title — only to be stunned in the semifinals by Kubasaki in a 1-0 defeat.

Right-hander Justin Novak and his returning Mustangs teammates, six of them seniors, carried that memory with them through 2014 and made sure that disappointment wasn't repeated.

They ran the table, 27-0, and won their second Far East D-I title on four years, blanking Kadena 3-0 in the final.

For his performance on the mound, at the plate and in the field, Novak edges out senior teammate Mizuki Shumsky for Stars and Stripes Pacific high school baseball Athlete of the Year honors.

"He's certainly been the anchor for us," coach John Seever said of Novak, adding that he spoke at the school's postseason banquet the other day and called Novak the team's "go-to guy, the player you want on our side."

Novak batted .476, had an on-base percentage of .566, a slugging percentage of .841, with five home runs and 32 RBIs. On the mound, he allowed 16 hits and four walks while striking out 46 in 30 innings.

The closest any teams came to beating ASIJ were in the season opener, when Novak and the Mustangs avenged the semifinal loss to Kubasaki 2-1; on April 18, when ASIJ gained redemption against Rikkyo Niiza 10-8 for a 14-2 beating last year; and in the Far East final. Novak pitched and won all three games.

"The kids wanted those games badly," Seever said of the Kubasaki and Rikkyo Niiza games. "Those were two huge ones because those teams were our best competition."

In the run-up to the Far East tournament, Seever said he consulted with both Novak and Shumsky, the team's top two pitching options, to set ASIJ's rotation, and it was pretty much agreed that Shumsky would pitch the semifinal and Novak the championship if it got that far.

"Everybody kind of knew that going in," Seever said.

Shumsky shut down Kinnick 12-0 in the semifinal. Novak then tossed a four-hit shutout with 10 strikeouts.

But two defensive plays also stood out. With the bases loaded and one out against Kadena, Novak fielded a squeeze bunt and tossed home to start and inning-ending, home-to-first double play.

In the seventh inning, Novak picked off Kadena's Justin Sego, who'd just led off the inning with a double, ending the threat.

Now, Novak and Shumsky, who earned Far East Tournament MVP honors, move on to play Division I college baseball, Novak at Virginia, Shumsky at Miami (Ohio). "Both great kids, both great athletes," Seever said.

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All-Far East baseball team

Mizuki Shumsky, John Yonamine, American School In Japan, Justin Sego, Cody Prince, Kadena; Tommy Warren, Renton Poole, Kubasaki; Daniel Ross, Kinnick; Kei'ji Sasano, Keanu Cruz, Zama.



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Kadena freshman shortstop Macalah Danielsen, making a play against Guam in the Far East Division I tournament final, batted .667 to lead the Panthers and had a .913 fielding percentage on 46 changes during the season.

Softball: Macalah Danielsen, Kadena

BY DAVE ORNAUER
Stars and Stripes

Many freshmen softball players who come into DODDS Pacific programs are just cutting their teeth on the game. Kadena rookie Macalah Danielsen clearly did not fall into that category.

Primarily a shortstop, Danielsen posted the region's best offensive numbers in helping lead the Panthers back to the title prominence they've enjoyed frequently in the Far East Tournament era.

Kadena won the Okinawa title for the 11th time in 12 seasons. It won five of six regular-season games against island rival Kubasaki, then swept the Dragons two straight in the best-of-three district championship series.

Then just last week, Kadena righted itself after a poor first-day pool-play showing and bulldozed its way to its fifth Far East Division I tournament finals appearance, winning the title by downing Guam 8-1.

For her individual performance and that of her team, Danielsen has edged out a crowded field of nominees for Stars and Stripes Pacific high school softball Athlete of the Year honors.

"She's an impressive player," Debbie Tomas, one of three Panthers assistant coaches, said of Danielsen.

Unlike many freshmen, Danielsen is far from new to the game. She also plays for the Lady Ambassadors club program on Okinawa and played travel ball in the States before coming to Okinawa last year. She did not miss a start in 19 games this season, also seeing time at first base and

pitching in two games, winning one for the Panthers.

Batting mostly in the third spot in the lineup before being moved to leadoff for Far East, Danielsen batted a team-leading .667, had an on-base percentage of .740, and a slugging average of .900, with six doubles, four triples, 22 RBIs and five stolen bases.

"Every time she went to bat, she produced consistently," Tomas said. "On the bases, she was very quick, smart and assertive in baserunning."

She was equally skilled with the glove, handling 46 chances, making 19 assists and 23 putouts while committing four errors for a 91.3 fielding percentage, regular season and Far East.

"She fielded every ball that came to her," Tomas said. "She was very reliable in that aspect. She had one of the strongest arms out there."

One part of the game that can't be quantified by stats, Tomas said, was Danielsen's softball IQ. "It's definitely high," she said. "She has smarts and is very aware in all aspects of the game. She can read the whole field."

All those qualities "make her shine out the others," Tomas said.

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All-Far East softball team

Bailey Prince, Peyton Lettkeman, Brianna Wilson, Kadena; Julia Ring, Seoul American; Beverly Smithers, Kelly Osterbrink, Kinnick; Cierra Farias, Oso; Christina Henry, Daegu; Selene Castro, Humphreys.

NBA FINALS/COLLEGE BASEBALL

Spurs could have edge for opener

By TIM REYNOLDS
The Associated Press

MIAMI — Here are five things to know as anticipation builds for the NBA Finals rematch between the San Antonio Spurs and Miami Heat. The series starts in San Antonio on Thursday night:

1 Game 1 facts: The Spurs have never lost Game 1 of an NBA Finals. And Miami star LeBron James has never been part of a Game 1 road victory, in any round.

San Antonio — which has never played an NBA Finals game while facing a deficit in the series — has won each of its five Game 1's in the title round, doing so by an average of 10.4 points per game.

Including his time in Cleveland, James has been on teams that opened playoff series on the road seven times. They're 0-7, losing by an average of 12.3 points.

But in four of those seven occasions, including all three times it's happened with Miami, James and his team eventually won the series.

2 All they do is win: Over the last decade, no one has come close to matching the playoff win totals of the Spurs and Heat.

Since the start of the 2005 playoffs, including the first three rounds this year, San Antonio has a league-best 92 playoff victories, while Miami has won 89 playoff games. No other franchise is even close: The Celtics and Lakers have both won 59 playoff games during that span.

Miami has the best playoff winning percentage in the last 10 postseasons. Its mark there of .654 just edging San Antonio's mark of .626.

There are six teams who don't even have 10 wins in the past 10 years — the Knicks (seven), Raptors (six), Bucks (four), Kings (three). Bobcats-now-Hornets (zero) and Timberwolves (just zero wins, but also zero playoff games played).

3 A last bit of rest: Apparently, two days without practice is a standard perk for winning a conference title in the NBA these days.

The Heat ousted Indiana on Friday night, then took Saturday and Sunday off to refresh and recharge. Heat coach Erik Spoelstra summoned his team for practice on Monday morning.

The Spurs aren't planning to do anything officially basketball-related until Tuesday. They eliminated Oklahoma City on Saturday night, and had no practices scheduled on either Sunday or Monday — which, if nothing else, figures to give Tony Parker plenty of time to work on improving the condition of his sprained left ankle.

Parker sat out the second half of the Spurs' West-clinching win at Oklahoma City because of the ankle problem.

4 Respect level: Oh, there will be a high level of physicality in this series, for certain.

But something like, say, blowing into an opponent's ear, we can safely dismiss that as a realistic possibility during these NBA Finals.

There is genuine respect between the franchises, perhaps best proven by how Spurs coach Gregg Popovich warmly embraced any Heat player or coach he could reach after Game 7 ended a year ago.

Frankly, the Heat won't miss the Lance Stephenson-antics — like blowing into LeBron James' ear — and the endless questions about those moves.

"It's an annoyance," Heat forward Shane Battier said. "It's nice we don't have to deal with that anymore ... It's about basketball and not all of the chicanery that went on."

5 Money at stake: There's \$14 million in the league's playoff pool this season, and as if the Heat and Spurs weren't motivated enough by the chance to hold another Larry O'Brien Trophy, there's also some cash at stake.

The Spurs are already assured of taking home a total of \$3,268,347 from that pool, a figure that would rise to \$4,104,811 by winning the NBA championship.

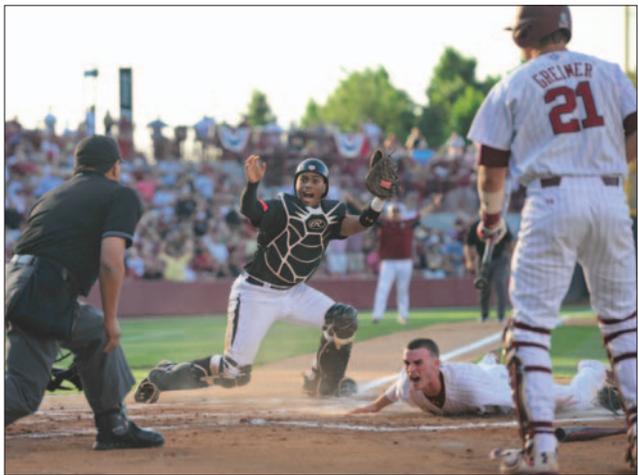
Miami will get a payout of \$2,795,220 if it does not win the Finals, and \$3,631,684 if it wins the championship for the third straight year.

The pool pays out based on where teams finished in their conference in the regular season, which explains the discrepancy in what the Spurs and Heat have earned so far. There's also a difference of \$836,464 in what teams receive for winning or losing the Finals.



SUE OGORCIC/AP

The Spurs hope two days of rest will help guard Tony Parker's sprained ankle heal before Game 1 on Thursday.



RICHARD SHIRO/AP

Maryland catcher Kevin Martin reacts after South Carolina's Marcus Mooney was called safe at home Sunday in Columbia, S.C. Maryland won 10-1 to advance to the Super Regionals.

NCAA Regionals roundup

Terps eliminate S. Carolina

The Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Blake Schmit drove in three runs as Maryland beat South Carolina a second straight time, a 10-1 victory Sunday night to win the NCAA tournament's Columbia regional.

The Terrapins (39-21) hadn't been to the tournament since 1971. But they halted the Gamecocks' 28-game NCAA tournament home win streak Saturday night before decisively closing out the regional at Carolina Stadium.

Maryland next faces the champion of the Charlottesville Regional in the best-of-three super regional series for a spot in the College World Series.

Schmit's two-run single in the fourth put Maryland ahead for good, 2-1. Schmit added another RBI in a three-run ninth.

South Carolina (44-18) could not recover and failed to advance in home regional play for the first time since 1976. The Gamecocks had given up double-digit runs in a home regional just once before in a 12-1 loss to Furman 38 years ago.

Oregon State 4, UC Irvine 0: Scott Schultz threw a two-hit shutout as the No. 1 national seed Beavers set up a deciding game at the NCAA Corvallis regional on Monday.

Schultz (7-2) continued a string of dominant pitching for the Beavers' starters, who have surrendered just two runs and 10 hits with 28 strikeouts in their three tournament victories. Schultz finished with four strikeouts.

Oregon State (45-13) went up early when Michael Conforto's double scored Jeff Hendrix in the first. Gabe Clark's added a two-

run double and the Beavers led 4-0 after three innings.

UC Irvine's (37-23) only scoring threat came in the third when Chris Rabago was thrown out at the plate by Conforto after a single by Jerry McClanahan.

Evan Brock (8-6) gave up four runs and nine hits with four strikeouts in the loss.

Virginia 9, Arkansas 2: Brandon Waddell allowed two runs in 6 1/3 innings and Virginia scored six times in the second inning and won the Charlottesville regional.

Waddell (8-3) extended the scoreless inning streak for Cavaliers starting pitchers to 21 1/3 innings before allowing a two-out, two-run homer to Krisjon Wilkerson in the seventh.

The Razorbacks (40-25) beat Bucknell 10-0 earlier in the day to reach the final, but Waddell allowed just seven hits before Whit Mayberry finished, allowing just one hit.

The Cavaliers (47-13) advanced to the super regionals for the fifth time in six years. They will face ACC foe Maryland, which stunned South Carolina with a pair of wins.

The Cavaliers got on the board on a single, a hit batter and two walks in the third. Derek Fisher and John La Prise later added two-run singles.

TCU 6, Sam Houston State 1: Freshman Tyler Alexander threw a six-incher and TCU advanced to its fourth NCAA super regional in six years.

TCU (45-15), the No. 7 national seed, needed only nine innings against Sam Houston this time. The Horned Frogs will host a super regional for the first time. The Bearkats (43-19) beat

Siena 9-2 earlier Sunday. That game started only about 12 hours after their 3-2 loss to TCU in 22 innings.

Alexander (10-3) also had a complete game in the Big 12 tournament. The lefty has given up only six runs his last seven starts.

Garrett Crain's RBI single in the third broke a 1-all tie Boomer White, who had the game-winning hits in TCU's first two regional wins, added an RBI single. Bearkats starter Andrew Goadl (3-1) allowed two runs and five hits in three innings.

Louisville 4, Kentucky 1: Louisville scored three runs in the seventh inning, and the Cardinals topped Kentucky to advance to the super regionals.

The start of the game was delayed 3 hours and 55 minutes because of inclement weather.

Kentucky's Logan Salow, a reliever forced to start in the Wildcats' fourth game in three days, pitched a career-high six innings and threw 94 pitches. But the Cardinals (48-15) scored three runs off Sam Mahar, Salow's replacement.

The Wildcats (37-25) had a runner on third with one out when pinch-hitter Kyle Barrett lined out and Thomas Bernal was thrown out trying to score from third to end the inning. Bernal was ejected for colliding with the catcher above the waist. In the top half of the inning, Bernal was covering home in a rundown, and Louisville's Alex Chittenden collided with Bernal but was not ejected.

The incident nearly cleared both benches before the umpires and coaching staffs diffused the situation before any altercations.

AUTO RACING

Johnson builds on Dover record with 9th win

By DAN GELSTON
The Associated Press

DOVER, Del. — Jimmie Johnson handed the pothole at Dover the same way he disposed of a rough patch to start the season.

He won. A week after shaking off a lengthy winless streak by his championship standards, Johnson raced his way to another routine romp at Dover International Speedway. He followed last week's victory in the Coca-Cola 600 with another sensational run at Dover, extending his track victory record to nine.

Johnson was the class of the field in a race red-flagged for 22 minutes to repair a pothole in the concrete track.

"Whatever they put in the pothole, it worked awfully well," Johnson said.

His No. 48 Chevrolet was even better.

Johnson led 272 of 400 laps, and won consecutive races for the 13th time. The six-time Cup champion swept Dover in 2002 and 2009 and won races in 2005, 2010, 2012 and 2013.

Brad Keselowski was second, followed by Matt Kenseth, Clint Bowyer and Denny Hamlin.

"For sure, when you come to Dover, it's always the 48," Kenseth said. "We've got to figure out how to get ahead of him."

Good luck Johnson's checked-flag celebrations at Dover have seemingly become a rite of the NASCAR season. He became Dover's career leader in laps led when he hit the 2,802 mark, and again stamped himself as contender in a series-tying seventh championship.

"It's amazing that we can stay on top of things here with the different generation car, different rules, different tires," Johnson said. "This place just fits my style



Driver standings

	Points
1. Matt Kenseth	463
2. Jeff Gordon	461
3. Carl Edwards	438
4. Jimmie Johnson	436
5. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	429
6. Joey Logano	414
7. Kyle Busch	411
8. Brad Keselowski	404
9. Denny Hamlin	379
10. Kyle Larson	377
11. Ryan Newman	374
12. Kevin Harvick	373

and (crew chief) Chad Knaus' style."

His lone regret, that owner Rick Hendrick was not at the track.

Johnson is heating up right as the NASCAR heads into its summer schedule. Up next, Pocono, where Johnson won last season and has two other wins.

"We can get on a roll," he said. "We've got some good tracks ahead of us."

Johnson had some wondering what was wrong after an 0-for-11 start to the season. Turned out, it was nothing racing as some of his favorite tracks couldn't fix. But Johnson also revealed he had surgery to repair three hernias at the end of last season, which cost the No. 48 team testing time.

"We felt like it was time to shut things down and let the team kind of recuperate," he said.

Johnson never left any doubt his No. 48 Chevrolet was the car to beat, the only drama coming when the race was stopped 160 laps in after Ryan Newman's car pulled up chunks of the track that



MOLLY RILEY/AP

Jimmie Johnson celebrates winning the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race at Dover International Speedway in Dover, Del., on Sunday. It was Johnson's record ninth win at the track.

kicked back and damaged Jamie McMurray's car. The race was soon stopped and crews weren't allowed to work on the cars.

McMurray's plea for an exception was denied.

"It killed the front-end," he said. "Our guys did a really good job recovering here putting all the stuff on and we salvaged what we could."

More pieces of the track flew up and cracked a window on the pedestrian crossover bridge.

NASCAR officials and safety crews went to work on the potholes and applied a quick-drying concrete mix. Cup races were infamously delayed by potholes at Martinsville in 2004 and the 2010 Daytona 500. McMurray won at Daytona in 2010.

Castroves captures second Detroit Grand Prix

By LARRY LAGE
The Associated Press

DETROIT — Helio Castroves celebrated in his signature style, climbing a fence, in the same place where he did it for the first time many years ago.

Castroves' crew joined him above the track in front of roaring fans and it was fitting because his behind-the-scenes teammates helped him have his way with the competition.

"I did not expect that," he said after easily winning the second Detroit Grand Prix race of the weekend Sunday, finishing 1.636 seconds ahead of Penske Racing teammate Will Power. "They de-

served it. "That was great to see them there."

It was here in Detroit where Castroves raced to the first of his 29 victories in 2000 and scaled the safety fence. And, the 39-year-old Brazilian is still winning and climbing with more composure.

"I was able to hold my emotions better," he said. "I guess I'm getting older."

Team owner and unofficial race promoter Roger Penske was not a part of the fence-climbing celebration, but he had to be one of the happiest guys on Belle Isle because Castroves and Power finished first and second.

"You dream about these weekends," Penske said. "To be as strong as we were and see both guys in the winner's circle."

Castroves' lead was so large that when he made his final pit stop on Lap 49 he still was ahead when he got back on the track.

The competition got closer after



BOB BRODBECK/AP

Helio Castroves won the second race of the IndyCar Detroit Grand Prix doubleheader in Detroit on Sunday, beating Penske Racing teammate Will Power by 1.636 seconds.

castroves led to restarts with seven and three laps left, but Castroves could not be caught in part because Power did not want to risk ruining his teammate's path to victory by possibly hitting him.

"Because of Roger, I definitely wasn't going to race him hard," Power said.

Castroves has 29 IndyCar

victories, tying Rick Mears for 11th on the career.

"Oh, really?" Castroves asked. "Wow. What an honor."

Castroves finished 0.060 seconds behind Ryan Hunter-Reay last week in the Indianapolis 500 in his bid to join Mears as a four-time winner in open-wheel racing's signature event.

"It started to come back up at the end, but I didn't think it was a major issue," Keselowski said. "It was definitely a major issue at first when it happened. I could feel it when I was driving over it, and you knew it was only going to get worse."

Kevin Harvick might have wished for a longer delay. Harvick's lead at the red flag evaporated because of a flat tire not long after racing resumed and he fell two laps behind Johnson. Harvick worked his way back into a 17th-place finish.

Kyle Busch led the first 81 laps before Johnson passed him. Busch's bid for a tripleheader sweep at Dover would soon end when the No. 18 Toyota slammed into the outside wall. Bowyer moved into Busch's line, which caused him to wreck 124 laps into the race.

"It was one of those deals where I thought I was clear, obviously, and wasn't ruined his day and certainly didn't help mine," Bowyer said.

Busch, who became the 15th driver to pass 10,000 career laps led, won the Truck Series race Friday and the Nationwide race Saturday. He has the only three-race sweep since NASCAR expanded to three national series in 1995, accomplishing the feat in 2010.

Busch, who did not talk to the media, is 1-for-9 in Cup races after winning the first two in the same weekend.

Busch had some company in the garage. AJ Allmendinger turned into Greg Biffle and Ricky Stenhouse Jr. on Lap 135, which knocked out the Route 66 Fenway Racing teammates. Biffle, though, later returned to finish.

"They were racing hard back there and he stuck it into a hole that maybe there wasn't room for," Biffle said.

Power won Saturday and played a big part in a sloppy start Sunday.

He was penalized for avoidable contact on the opening lap, failing to turn right and causing Josef Newgarden to hit him from behind to trigger a three-car crash. That led to the first of two cautions within the first ten laps after a false start briefly delayed the race beginning.

Despite a drive-through penalty, Power was able to pull into contention later in the race with aggressive moves. No one, though, was faster than Castroves.

Hunter-Reay, meanwhile, had a poor ending to a rough weekend after the biggest win of his career.

He started 21st in the 22-car field on Saturday and Sunday because of crashes. Hunter-Reay ended the first race by crashing on the final lap and the second one did not last as long because of an electrical problem knocking him out after 61 laps.

MLB SCOREBOARD

American League

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	24	24	.500	0
New York	26	22	.545	2
Baltimore	28	27	.509	4
Boston	29	26	.523	5
Tampa Bay	23	34	.404	10 1/2

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	29	25	.535	0
Chicago	29	29	.500	4 1/2
St. Louis	28	28	.500	4 1/2
Cleveland	27	30	.474	6
Kansas City	24	34	.414	11 1/2

West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	30	22	.614	0
Los Angeles	29	28	.509	4 1/2
Texas	29	28	.509	4 1/2
Seattle	26	27	.491	7 1/2
Houston	24	34	.414	11 1/2

National League

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	28	25	.526	0
Miami	28	28	.500	4 1/2
Philadelphia	27	29	.482	4
Washington	20	34	.364	10 1/2

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	34	23	.596	0
St. Louis	30	26	.530	4 1/2
Cincinnati	26	29	.473	7 1/2
Chicago	20	34	.370	12 1/2

West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	30	20	.600	0
Los Angeles	30	28	.517	7 1/2
Arizona	26	31	.456	11
Pittsburgh	20	39	.339	15

Sunday's games

Time	Home	Visitor
12:05	Cleveland 6, Colorado 4	
1:05	Cleveland 7, N.Y. Yankees 2	
1:05	Toronto 4, Kansas City 2	
1:05	Arizona 6, Tampa Bay 3	
1:05	Washington 0, Houston 3	
1:05	Chicago White Sox 4, San Diego 1	
1:05	Seattle 4, L.A. Angels 3	
1:05	Seattle 4, Miami 2	
1:05	Cleveland 6, Colorado 4	
1:05	A.L. Miami 2, N.Y. Mets 1	
1:05	N.Y. Mets 3, Philadelphia 3, 11 innings	
1:05	Arizona 6, Chicago 2	
1:05	San Francisco 8, St. Louis 0	
1:05	San Francisco 4, Pittsburgh 5	

Time	Home	Visitor
1:05	Minnesota 2, Philadelphia 1	
1:05	Philadelphia 6, Toronto 2	
1:05	Minnesota 4, Milwaukee 2	
1:05	Chicago White Sox 4, L.A. Dodgers 3	
1:05	N.Y. Mets 3, Philadelphia 2	
1:05	San Diego 1, Miami 0	
1:05	Minnesota 4, Milwaukee 2	
1:05	Kansas City 2, Houston 3	
1:05	A.E.Scor 3, 2	
1:05	Daley 1, 0	
1:05	Daley pitched to 1 batter in the 9th.	
1:05	HPB—by Whitely (Willingham). T—2:58.	

Tuesday's games

Time	Home	Visitor
7:05	Oakland (Kendrick 6-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Hudson 4-2)	
7:05	Toronto (Hazmiz 1-0) at Detroit (Clemens 2-2)	
7:05	Seattle (Undecided) at Atlanta (Florida 4-2)	
7:05	Tampa Bay (Archer 3-2) at Miami (Alvarez 1-3)	
7:05	Kansas City (Shields 6-3) at St. Louis (L Garcia 1-0)	
7:05	Baltimore (B Norris 3-5) at Texas (L Saunders 0-1)	
7:05	Los Angeles (C Wilson 6-4) at Houston (Mclugh 3-3)	
7:05	Chicago White Sox (Noes 4-0) at L.A. Dodgers (Harrison 2-2)	
7:05	Philadelphia (Buchanan 1-1) at Washington (Harrison 2-2)	
7:05	San Francisco (Linneum 4-4) at Cincinnati (Harrison 2-2)	
7:05	Seattle (Undecided) at Atlanta (Florida 4-2)	
7:05	N.Y. Mets (Z Wheeler 2-5) at Chicago Cubs (Arrieta 1-1)	
7:05	Los Angeles (Anderson 3-0) at Colorado (De La Rosa 6-3)	
7:05	San Francisco (Cole 5-3) at San Diego (Undecided)	

Sunday Orioles 9, Astros 4

Marks	ab	r	h	bbi	so
Marks	4	1	1	0	2
Altuve	2	0	0	0	1
Springer	5	2	1	0	2
Presley	4	0	0	0	1
Chapman	4	0	0	0	1
Reyes	4	0	1	1	1
Castro	4	0	0	0	1
Hardy	4	1	2	0	1
Cartzer	4	0	1	0	1
Gutierrez	4	0	0	0	1
Hammer	4	0	0	0	1
Cornp	3	0	1	0	1
Cole	3	0	0	0	1
Totals	35	5	9	2	14

Baltimore Orioles 9, Houston 4

W	L	Pct	GB
W	2	0	0
L	0	0	0
Pct	1.000	0.000	0
GB	0	0	0
Fielding	1	0	0
Runs	9	4	0
Home Runs	3	0	0
Errors	0	0	0
Double Plays	2	0	0
Strikeouts	10	0	0
Left on Base	10	0	0
Base on Balls	1	0	0
Wild Pitches	0	0	0
Passed Balls	0	0	0
Umpires	Fieldman L-3,3	5/1	9
Home Plate	3	0	0
First Base	2	0	0
Second Base	2	0	0
Third Base	2	0	0
Outfield	3	0	0
Pitchers	Matusz N.C.Gonzalez, by Feldman (Machado, Maza, Bagl-Feldman). T—3:14. A—17,022 (42,660).		

Red Sox 4, Rays 0

Tampa Bay	ab	r	h	bbi	so
Zobrist	ss-rf	4	0	0	1
Dingsch	cf	2	0	0	0
Longoria	2b	4	0	0	2
Sands	dh	4	0	0	0
Scott	3b	4	0	0	1
Forsyth	3b	4	0	0	1
Loney	1b	3	0	1	0
Molina	c	4	0	0	0
Yescorp	ph	2	0	0	0
Brady	cf	3	0	0	0
Solis	c	0	0	0	0
Totals	30	0	0	4	7

Tampa Bay	W	L	Pct	GB
W	0	0	0.000	0
L	0	0	0.000	0
Pct	0.000	0.000	0	
GB	0	0	0	
Fielding	0	0	0	
Runs	4	0	0	
Home Runs	1	0	0	
Errors	0	0	0	
Double Plays	0	0	0	
Strikeouts	10	0	0	
Left on Base	10	0	0	
Base on Balls	1	0	0	
Wild Pitches	0	0	0	
Passed Balls	0	0	0	
Umpires	Herrera, Bechton 10, 2B—Loney (13), HF—J.Herrera. T—3:11. A—37,688 (37,071).			

Twins 7, Yankees 2

Minnesota	ab	r	h	bbi	so
Dodier	2b	4	1	1	1
Mauer	1b	4	1	0	1
Dozier	2b	4	1	0	1
Nunez	pr	1	1	0	0
Arns	cf	5	0	1	0
Wright	3b	4	0	0	0
Kubel	lf	4	0	0	0
Kuznetsov	cf	4	0	0	0
A.E.Scor	3	0	0	0	0
Totals	37	7	10	2	3

Giants 8, Cardinals 0

San Francisco	ab	r	h	bbi	so
Pagan	cf	5	1	2	1
J.Perez	rf	5	0	0	0
Ely	2b	5	0	0	0
Colvin	lf	5	0	0	0
Harmon Killebrew	3b	5	0	0	0
H.Schwarz	cf	0	0	0	0
Wright	cf	1	0	0	0
J.Lopez	cf	0	0	0	0
Blanco	cf	4	0	1	0
B.Chrif	ss	4	0	2	0
Arias	3b	4	0	3	0
Munoz	2b	4	0	1	0
Adrianz	3b	1	0	0	0
Totals	41	8	14	3	4

Blue Jays 4, Royals 0

Kansas City	ab	r	h	bbi	so
Aoik	rf	4	0	0	1
Infinite	2b	4	0	0	1
Butler	dh	4	0	0	1
McEwen	3b	4	0	0	1
Perez	cf	3	0	0	1
Manfred	2b	4	0	0	1
Moskos	3b	3	0	0	1
A.E.Scor	3	0	0	0	0
Totals	33	0	0	0	6

Rangers 2, Nationals 0

Detroit	ab	r	h	bbi	so
Drtsin	rf	5	1	1	1
Andrus	ss	4	0	0	0
Abel	2b	3	0	0	0
Dmrr	3b	4	0	0	0
Strom	cf	4	0	0	0
Gimenez	cf	4	0	0	0
Strom	cf	4	0	0	0
Darvsh	3b	3	0	0	0
Chop	ph	0	0	0	0
Soberano	1b	0	0	0	0
Totals	33	2	2	2	5

Mariners 4, Tigers 0

Detroit	ab	r	h	bbi	so
Rodriguez	2b	5	0	0	0
McCar	1b	5	0	0	0
Strom	cf	4	0	0	0
HR	rf	3	0	0	0
Strom	cf	4	0	0	0
Cstins	3b	3	0	0	0
Holady	cf	3	0	0	0
Blmst	2b	3	0	0	0
Totals	29	0	0	0	0

Mariners 4, Tigers 0

Seattle	ab	r	h	bbi	so
Rodriguez	2b	5	0	0	0
McCar	1b	5	0	0	0
Strom	cf	4	0	0	0
HR	rf	3	0	0	0
Strom	cf	4	0	0	0
Cstins	3b	3	0	0	0
Holady	cf	3	0	0	0
Blmst	2b	3	0	0	0
Totals	29	0	0	0	0

Mariners 4, Tigers 0

Seattle	ab	r	h	bbi	so
Rodriguez	2b	5	0	0	0
McCar	1b	5	0	0	0
Strom	cf	4	0	0	0
HR	rf	3	0	0	0
Strom	cf	4	0	0	0
Cstins	3b	3	0	0	0
Holady	cf	3	0	0	0
Blmst	2b	3	0	0	0
Totals	29	0	0	0	0

Mariners 4, Tigers 0

Seattle	ab	r	h	bbi	so
Rodriguez	2b	5	0	0	0
McCar	1b	5	0	0	0
Strom	cf	4	0	0	0
HR	rf	3	0	0	0
Strom	cf	4	0	0	0
Cstins	3b	3	0	0	0
Holady	cf	3	0	0	0
Blmst	2b	3	0	0	0
Totals	29	0	0	0	0

Colorado

Colorado	ab	r	h	bbi	so
Blickm	cf	4	0	1	0
Cuddy	3b	4	0	0	0
Longoria	2b	4	0	0	0
Twitck	ss	4	0	0	0
Strom	cf	4	0	0	0
Dickersn	dh	4	0	0	0
Strom	cf	4	0	0	0
Pachec	2b	2	0	0	0
LeMahi	2b	2	0	0	0
Totals	32	0	0	0	0

Cleveland

Cleveland	ab	r	h	bbi	so
Boun	cf	4	1	1	0
Acarr	3b	4	0	0	0
Brant	2b	4	0	0	0
Kipns	2b	4	0	0	0
Clay	cf	4	0	0	0
Giam	dh	4	0	0	0
Strom	cf	4	0	0	0
DMrpf	3b	3	0	0	0
Strom	cf	4	0	0	0
Kortacs	3b	3	0	0	0
Totals	34	1	2	0	0

Colorado

Colorado	ab	r	h	bbi	so
Blickm	cf	4	0	1	0
Cuddy	3b	4	0	0	0
Longoria	2b	4			

MLB

NL roundup

Reds smack 4 HRs to hold off D-Backs

The Associated Press

PHOENIX — The energized Cincinnati Reds head home feeling they're finally playing the way they thought would.

Chris Heisey hit a go-ahead homer in the fifth inning and the Reds connected four times in all, beating Arizona 4-3 on Sunday to take three of four from the Diamondbacks.

Cincinnati led 3-0 after homers by Zack Cozart and Todd Frazier in the third and by Ryan Ludwick in the fourth. Arizona tied it with a three-run fourth, then Heisey's second home run of the season put the Reds on top for good.

"We're really not a home-run hitting team," Frazier said, "but when we do, we win."

Frazier said the Reds had talked about boosting their energy on the field.

"A little gusto," he said. "That's a word I used to use in high school in football. You have to show a little gusto, and I think we've been doing that. The energy is there, the fun is starting to come back. We're just happy we're playing good ball right now."

Converted reliever Alfredo Simon (7-3) gave up three runs in 6½ innings. Aroldis Chapman hit 103 mph on the Chase Field radar gun in a perfect ninth, overpowering three batters not long ago in the minor leagues and earning his seventh save in eight opportunities.

Wade Miley (3-6) allowed four home runs in a game for the first time in his career.

"He pitched well except for the four pitches," Arizona manager Kirk Gibson said, "and those guys hammered them."

David Peralta singled twice in his major league debut for the Diamondbacks.

The Reds won their last three and four of five to finish their western trip 4-3.

"You fight to win series and get on a roll," Cincinnati manager Bryan Price said. "That's four out of five. We're heading in a nice

direction."

Pirates 5, Dodgers 3: Slumping Andrew McCutchen hit his first home run in over a month, doubled twice and scored two runs to help visiting Pittsburgh beat Los Angeles and take three of four from the defending NL West champions.

Josh Harrison also homered and Pedro Alvarez drove in three runs, helping the Pirates win with the eighth time in 12 games.

Brewers 9, Cubs 0: Kyle Lohse allowed only three hits and Ryan Braun had a two-run homer to lead host Milwaukee to a rout over Chicago. Milwaukee pounded Cubs ace Jeff Samardzija (1-5) for eight earned runs in three innings, raising his ERA from 1.68 to 2.54.

Braves 4, Marlins 2: Evan Gattis broke a ninth-inning tie with a two-run homer as visiting Atlanta completed a three-game sweep by beating Miami.

Mets 4, Phillies 3 (11): Lucas Duda hit a two-run homer with two outs in the 11th, lifting visiting New York over Philadelphia in the third straight extra-innings game between the teams. The Mets and Phillies split a pair of 14-inning games the previous two days.

Giants 8, Cardinals 0: Tim Hudson threw seven shutout innings and Joaquin Arias keyed a four-run first inning with a two-run single to lead San Francisco to a win over host St. Louis. The Giants have won five of six and have the best record in the NL at 37-20.

Interleague

Rangers 2, Nationals 0: Yu Darvish struck out 12 over eight innings and Leony Martin broke open a scoreless duel with a homer in the seventh and visiting Texas beat Washington to avert a three-game sweep.

Pitching for the first time since May 22 after missing his last turn with a stiff neck, Darvish (5-2) gave up five hits and walked two in dropping his ERA to 2.08.



NATHAN DENETTE, THE CANADIAN PRESS/AP

Toronto pitcher Mark Buehrle won his league-leading 10th game and lowered his ERA to 2.10 as the Blue Jays rolled to a 4-0 win over the Kansas City Royals on Sunday at Rogers Centre in Toronto.

AL roundup

Buehrle earns win No. 10 as Blue Jays blank Royals

The Associated Press

TORONTO — In a season of solid outings by Mark Buehrle, this stood out as one of his best.

Buehrle pitched eight sharp innings to become baseball's fifth 10-game winner, Edwin Encarnacion homered again and the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Kansas City Royals 4-0 Sunday.

Buehrle (10-1) won his sixth straight decision, his longest streak since a nine-game run in 2005. He gave up six hits, walked one and struck out three as the Blue Jays finished an 8-2 homestand.

"Today he was as good as he's been all year," Blue Jays manager John Gibbons said. "He topped off a nice homestand for us."

Buehrle lowered his ERA to 2.10 and improved to 25-12 lifetime against the Royals.

"He was dynamite," Royals manager Ned Yost said. "He's traditionally tough on us, but he's 10-1 now, he's tough on everybody." Typically low key, Buehrle said he considered himself fortunate to keep the Royals off the scoreboard.

"It was one of those games where I could have gotten my butt handed to me," he said. "I was making mistakes and they weren't making me pay for it."

Encarnacion matched Mickey Mantle's AL record with 16 home runs in May, then started off a new month with another drive. He hit a two-run shot off Aaron Crow in the eighth for his 19th homer of the season.

Dioner Navarro also homered as the AL East-leading Blue Jays, who went 21-9 in May, began June with their 17th win in 21 games.

Jeremy Guthrie (2-5) lost his fifth straight decision, allowing two runs and eight hits in seven innings.

Toronto loaded the bases with two outs against Guthrie in the first but Juan Francisco flied out.

Navarro hit a solo homer in the second with a drive into the right-field bullpen.

Francisco hit a leadoff double in the fourth, Brett Lawrie singled and Anthony Gose had an RBI grounder.

The Royals hit a pair of leadoff doubles against Buehrle, but he never allowed a runner reach third base. Alcides Escobar doubled to begin the third but was caught in a rundown on Nori Aoki's sharp grounder to second.

Hosmer doubled to open the sixth but was thrown out at third by shortstop Jose Reyes on Billy Butler's grounder into the hole.

Twins 7, Yankees 2: Phil Hughes pitched eight poised innings in his return to New York and wound up a winner when visiting Minnesota rallied past New York behind big hits from Josh Willingham and Brian Dozier in a six-run ninth.

Red Sox 4, Rays 0: Jon Lester pitched seven shutout innings and Brock Holt drove in two runs with one of his four doubles to lift host Boston to their seventh straight win, completing a three-game sweep over reeling Tampa Bay.

Orioles 9, Astros 4: Manny Machado hit his first career grand slam and David Lough homered and drove in three runs as visiting Baltimore beat Houston. Orioles slugger Nelson Cruz, leading the majors with 20 home runs and 52 RBIs, left in the third inning with a bruised left hand after being hit by a pitch from Scott Feldman.

Athletics 6, Angels 3: Jed Lowrie homered and drove in two runs against Oakland nemesis Jered Weaver and host Oakland completed a three-game sweep.

Mariners 4, Tigers 0: Rookie Roenis Elias pitched a three-hit first of the first complete game of his career, leading host Seattle over Detroit. Elias (4-4) struck out eight and walked one in his 12th major league start.

Interleague

White Sox 4, Padres 1: Chris Sale pitched a two-hitter and Paul Konerko homered as host Chicago beat San Diego. Sale (5-0) struck out nine, walked none and threw 100 pitches. He froze Everth Cabrera for a called strike three to end the game, lowering his ERA to 1.59 ERA in seven starts.

Indians 6, Rockies 4: Michael Bourn's two-run homer in the ninth inning gave host Cleveland a win over Colorado and a sweep of their three-game series. Mike Aviles singled and took second on George Kottaras' sacrifice before Bourn hit his second home run of the season off Rockies' losing pitcher Adam Ottavino (0-2).



RIK SCUTERI/AP

Cincinnati left fielder Chris Heisey celebrates after hitting a solo home run in the Red's victory over the Diamondbacks on Sunday.

NFL/FRENCH OPEN/SPORTS BRIEFS

Early: Athletes need better info before declaring for Draft

FROM BACK PAGE

Out of a record 102 early entrants this year, 39 went undrafted. Fortunately 33 of those went up with NFL tryouts. But a college free agent's road to success in the NFL — or even making a roster — can be torturous. It's hard enough for a majority of draftees to break through, let alone someone who was ignored through 256 picks.

Agent Ben Dogra, whose impressive client list includes dozens of first-rounders, from the league's top RB, Adrian Peterson, to Robert Griffin III to J.J. Watt, wonders who is advising the players.

"For that many to declare early and not get drafted, those are staggering numbers," Dogra said. "We understand why some apply: They don't feel they can handle the academics, or there are injury concerns, or maybe there's a situation with the coaching staff."

"Often the info they get comes from agents. If you are not getting that input, like some of the players say, the only other place probably is from draft sites and the internet and the media. That's not going to be reliable information."

Reliable info from unbiased sources and the NFL advisory committee could paint a clearer picture of how early the prospects could expect to be chosen — if at all. And whether they were served better by remaining in school for another season.

Overall, 31.4 percent of the 2,036 players on league rosters at some point in 2013 were not drafted. With only seven rounds plus 32 compensatory picks, maybe that's not so surprising.

But youngsters are bucking the odds when they leave school early, particularly when their position gets overloaded in the draft. That's what happened to running backs George Atkinson III, Kapri Bibbs and Brendan Bigelow. All three landed on their feet, as running backs must do, with Oakland, Denver and Tampa Bay, respectively.

Of the 39 undrafted early entrants, 10 were running backs.

"It's getting harder and harder for a back to get drafted these days," said Atkinson, who joined the team his father starred with as a cornerback.

Even the NFL's advisory board

that gives players evaluations of their status and potential draft round can't present a full analysis for the potential early entrants.

"Unfortunately the one source that gets the least amount of attention from the player is the NFL's draft advisory board," says former NFL general manager Phil Savage, who now runs the Senior Bowl.

‘For that many to declare early and not get drafted, those are staggering numbers.’

Ben Dogra
Agent

updated information about height, weight and speed to be considered, giving the player a more accurate idea of where he might end up.

"If it's not high enough, the player would still have the chance to go back to school for spring practices."

Some players who left school without a diploma, like Kelcy Quarles, an end who played on the other side of the line from top pick Jadeveon Clowney at South Carolina, had to scramble to get a look, ignored, but he ultimately hooked on with the Giants.

"I felt like I did the right thing," he said of leaving school one semester short of graduating. "People said it might have been a bad decision, but it wasn't a bad decision. I'll see what happens."

Not all of the early entrants left school without graduating, so if their long-shot chances don't come to fruition, they do have that diploma. It could be a very valuable item for them long before September's kickoffs.

"I waited all day on graduation day for the call," Syracuse running back Jerome Smith said. "It didn't happen."

Then the Falcons called after the draft. If Smith had any insecurity about coming out early, they were erased.

"Absolutely not," he said. "I graduated college. I put myself in a situation to make it, so I'm all right."



DARKO VOJNOVIC/AP

Rafael Nadal waves after defeating Dusan Lajovic during their fourth-round match of the French Open in Paris on Monday. Nadal won 6-3, 6-2, 6-1 to advance to the quarterfinals for the fifth straight year.

Nadal back in quarterfinals

Spaniard extends Roland Garros win streak to 32

By CHRIS LEHOURTES
The Associated Press

PARIS — For the first time in his career, Rafael Nadal will make a fifth straight appearance in the French Open quarterfinals.

Nadal won a record 32nd straight match at Roland Garros on Monday, beating Dusan Lajovic of Serbia 6-1, 6-2, 6-1 to improve on his own record by one.

Nadal is an eight-time French Open champion with a 63-1 record on the red clay in Paris. His only loss came in the fourth round in 2009, when he was a four-time defending champion for the first time.

Another upset never seemed possible this time, despite complaints of pain in his back that slowed his serves in the previous round.

"I don't want to talk too much about this thing today," Nadal said of his injury. "I have important match to come. Today I won a match in good shape. We'll see

what's going on in the future." Playing on Court Philippe Chatrier, Nadal's favorite court in the world, the top-seeded Spaniard controlled the match from the start.

Nadal has won 13 major titles, and is the only man to win eight at one of the four Grand Slam tournaments. With another championship at Roland Garros this year, he would become the first man to win five straight French Open titles.

Nadal will next face fifth-seeded David Ferrer, the man he beat in last year's French Open final. Ferrer defeated 19th-seeded Kevin Anderson of South Africa 6-3, 6-3, 6-7 (5), 6-1.

Also Monday, Andy Murray was on court a day after he completed a five-set win over Philipp Kohlschreiber. He was playing Fernando Verdasco of Spain.

In the women's tournament, fourth-seeded Simona Halep of

Scoreboard

Monday	
At Stade Roland Garros	
Paris	
Purse: \$34.12 million (Grand Slam)	
Surface: Clay-Outdoor	
Singles	
Men	
Fourth Round	
David Ferrer (5), Spain, def. Kevin Anderson (19), South Africa, 6-3, 6-3, 6-7 (5), 6-1.	
Rafael Nadal (1), Spain, def. Dusan Lajovic (Serbia), 6-1, 6-2, 6-1.	
Women	
Fourth Round	
Andrea Petkovic (28), Germany, def. Kiki Bertens (Netherlands), 1-6, 6-2, 7-5.	
Sara Errani (10), Italy, def. Jelena Jankovic (6), Serbia, 7-5 (5), 6-2.	
Simona Halep (4), Romania, def. Sloane Stephens (15), United States, 6-4, 6-3.	

Romania beat Sloane Stephens of the United States 6-4, 6-3, and 10th-seeded Sara Errani of Italy defeated sixth-seeded Jelena Jankovic of Serbia 7-5 (5), 6-2.

Earlier, Andrea Petkovic overcame an inconsistent serve and unseeded Kiki Bertens to reach the quarterfinals with a 1-6, 6-2, 7-5 victory.



Jay LaPretre/AP

Hideki Matsuyama smiles after he won the Memorial golf tournament on Sunday.

Briefly

Matsuyama earns first win in US at Memorial

The Associated Press

DUBLIN, Ohio — Japanese star Hideki Matsuyama made birdie on the final hole Sunday at the Memorial, and then won with a par over Kevin Na in the playoff for his first American victory.

Masters champion Bubba Watson is in the lead until a drive out-of-bounds led to double bogey. He missed the playoff by one shot.

Reed not ready to retire, wants another season

BALTIMORE — Nine-time Pro Bowl safety Ed Reed insisted Sunday that he can and wants to play at least one more season.

Reed, who played with Houston and the New York Jets last season, turns 36 in September and has hinted at retirement in the past. He is currently a free agent.

Reed was released by the Texans last November, and signed with the Jets a few days later and had three interceptions in the final four games.

Flip says he expects Love back in Minnesota

MINNEAPOLIS — No matter where Kevin Love goes on vacation this summer, Timberwolves

president of basketball operations Flip Saunders says he expects the All-Star will be playing in Minnesota next season.

A number of teams have interest in Love, who can opt out of his contract after next season. But Saunders says he "expects Kevin Love will be playing for our next year" and joked that he doesn't "dictate where guys go on vacation."

NHL PLAYOFFS/SOCCER

Kings end Blackhawks' reign in OT

LA rallies to beat champs in Game 7 for spot in Stanley Cup final

By JAY COHEN
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — The Los Angeles Kings almost went down in their opening playoff series. They flirted with elimination again in the second round. They went to the absolute edge of the offseason in the Western Conference finals.

This is one tough team heading to the Stanley Cup finals. Alec Martinez scored at 5:47 of overtime, and the Kings beat the Chicago Blackhawks 5-4 Sunday night to advance to the NHL's championship for the second time in three years.

Los Angeles improved to 7-0 in elimination games with its third Game 7 win on the road this postseason. It will host the New York Rangers in Game 1 on Wednesday.

"It's just a trust system in this room as the result of being together for hundreds of games," Kings captain Dustin Brown said. "Climbing the hill once. Then trying to do it again. We know what to expect and we expect a lot from each other."

Martinez's shot went off Blackhawks defenseman Nick Leddy and fluttered past goalie Corey Crawford, stunning the sellout crowd at the United Center and leading to a wild on-ice celebration for Los Angeles. Leddy and Crawford were hunched over as the Kings gathered in a big huddle along the boards.

"I didn't really see it go in," Martinez said. "I know it went off a couple bodies. I just tried to get it through and fortunately it went in."

Patrick Sharp scored twice for the Blackhawks, who blew a 2-0 lead. Brandon Saad had a goal and an assist, and Patrick Kane had two assists.

Chicago's loss means Detroit remains the last NHL team to win



CHARLES REX ARONSTADT

Los Angeles Kings goalie Jonathan Quick (32) celebrates with teammates after the Kings beat the Chicago Blackhawks 5-4 in overtime of Game 7 of the Western Conference finals on Sunday in Chicago. The Kings will play the New York Rangers in the Stanley Cup finals beginning on Wednesday in Los Angeles.

consecutive titles, accomplishing the feat in 1997 and 1998.

"I've lost some tough games, but nothing like tonight," Blackhawks coach Joel Quenneville said.

The Kings became the first team to play 21 games through the first three rounds of the playoffs and make it to the NHL finals. The 2002 Avalanche and 1993 Maple Leafs also played the maximum amount of games through three series, but they lost in Game 7 of the conference championships.

Los Angeles is the only team to play all three of those Game 7s on the road.

"We've battled back so many times this year and so many times in these playoffs, we said, 'Why



Stanley Cup final

(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
N.Y. RANGERS vs. LOS ANGELES
Wednesday: at Los Angeles
Saturday: at Los Angeles
Monday: at NY Rangers
Wednesday, June 11: at N.Y. Rangers
Friday, June 13: at Los Angeles
x-Friday, June 16: at N.Y. Rangers
x-Monday, June 18: at Los Angeles

not again today?" said Justin Williams, who had a goal and an assist.

Tyler Toffoli also had a goal

and an assist for the Kings, who once held a 3-1 lead in the series, only to have the Blackhawks come back to force Game 7. Jeff Carter scored his ninth playoff goal in the first, and Marian Gaborik had the tying goal midway through the third period.

The Kings also got 37 saves from Jonathan Quick in another resilient performance for Darryl Sutter's team. Los Angeles trailed San Jose 3-0 in its first-round series and was down 3-2 to top-seeded Anaheim in the second round before rallying each time.

"That's what they've done all playoffs. They've scored a lot of goals," Chicago forward Ben Smith said. "They're playing great

Scoreboard

Conference finals
(Best-of-7)



EASTERN CONFERENCE
N.Y. Rangers 4, Montreal 2
N.Y. Rangers 7, Montreal 2
N.Y. Rangers 3, Montreal 1
Montreal 3, N.Y. Rangers 2, OT
N.Y. Rangers 3, Montreal 2, OT
Montreal 7, N.Y. Rangers 4
N.Y. Rangers 1, Montreal 0



WESTERN CONFERENCE
Los Angeles 4, Chicago 3
Chicago 3, Los Angeles 1
Los Angeles 6, Chicago 2
Los Angeles 4, Chicago 3
Los Angeles 5, Chicago 2
Chicago 5, Los Angeles 4, 2OT
Chicago 4, Los Angeles 3
Sunday: Los Angeles 5, Chicago 4, OT

Sunday

Kings 5, Blackhawks 4 (OT)

Los Angeles	2	1	1	5
Chicago	3	1	0	4

First Period—1, Chicago, Saad 6 (Kane, Shaw), 5:06; 2, Chicago, Toews 9 (Kane, Seabrook), 8:36 (pp.). 3, Los Angeles, Carter 9 (Brown, Toffoli), 16:31, 4, Los Angeles, Williams 7 (Vovnov, King), 17:22, 5, Chicago, Sharp 4 (Krugger), 17:34.
Second Period—5, Los Angeles, Toffoli 7 (Greene, King), 10:31, 7, Chicago, Sharp 5 (Saad), 18:25 (pp).
Third Period—8, Los Angeles, Gaborik 12 (Brown, Kopitar), 12:43.
Overtime—9, Los Angeles, Martinez 4 (Williams, Greene), 5:47.
Shots on goal—Los Angeles 11-4-14-3-32; Chicago 7-16-13-5-41.
Power-play opportunities—Los Angeles 0 of 2; Chicago 2 of 5.
Goalies—Los Angeles, Quick 12-9-0 (41 shots-37 saves); Chicago, Crawford 11-8-0 (32-27).
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Sharp sent a big power-play drive past Quick to give the Blackhawks a 4-3 lead at 18:25 of the second. But Gaborik responded with his NHL-best 12th playoff goal at 7:17 of the third, setting the stage for overtime.

Dempsey, Johnson lead US past Turkey in Cup tuneup

By RONALD BLUM
The Associated Press

HARRISON, N.J. — The combinations started to click. The confidence grew a little bit.

Goals by Fabian Johnson and Clint Dempsey led the United States over Turkey 2-1 Sunday for the Americans' second straight win in their World Cup sendoff series.

Getting ready for their World Cup opener against Ghana on June 16, the Americans move on to Florida for next weekend's tuneup against Nigeria knowing preparation is far from complete.

"It's important not to overanalyze these games," said midfielder

Michael Bradley, who set up the first goal with a gorgeous chip. "There's a World Cup coming up and everybody wants to now look at every play in every minute in every game, but it's important to now look at these games in the context of a bigger picture."

Tim Howard made his 59th international appearance and passed Kasey Keller for the U.S. record for wins by a goalie with 54, but the way the U.S. played was more significant than the result.

"Quite an open game," coach Jurgen Klinsmann said. "We still want to see a lot of little pieces."

The 26-year-old Johnson, among the five German-Americans on the 23-man roster, made his second straight start at right back. He received a backpass about 40 yards from goal in the 26th min-

ute, made a run and laid the ball off to Bradley. Johnson continued his run, Bradley chipped the ball over the defense and Johnson coolly slotted past goalkeeper Onur Kivrak with a left-footed volley from 6 yards.

"He kind of told me with the way he was running that he was going to keep running through," Bradley said.

Johnson, who had not scored in 20 previous national games, jogged down the endline with both arms outstretched, stopped, turned and gave Dempsey a double high-five.

Dempsey, who missed Tuesday's win over Azerbaijan with a sore groin, made it 2-0 in the 52nd with his 37th international goal, joining Eric Wynalda and Brian McBride as the only Americans to score in 10 consecutive years.



JULIO CORTES/AP

Turkey goalkeeper Onur Recep Kivrak, right, goes up for the ball as the United States' Jozy Altidore attacks in the first half on Sunday.

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Lowered expectations

Early entry into Draft costly for dozens not among those chosen

By BARRY WILNER
The Associated Press

NEW YORK

Far from the spotlight at Radio City Music Hall where the next generation of NFL players was being selected, more than three dozen early entrants to the Draft were waiting at home, jobless.

Forget grabbing one of those lucrative contracts or any of that guaranteed bonus money. Even worse, many of them didn't have a diploma to help them find employment outside of football if no one called.

Did they get bad advice from agents or incorrect information from NFL talent evaluators? Too much pressure from their families to seek the quick buck?

Was there something — or a lot of things — in their off-field backgrounds that made them untouchable in the selection proceedings? Injuries or unimpressive workouts that forced their stock to plummet?

Did they simply not belong in this deeply talented Draft? Or perhaps in any Draft?

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Record number of early entrants who declared for this year's NFL Draft.

39

Number of early entrants to go undrafted. 10 of those players were running backs

31.4

Percent of the 2,036 players on NFL rosters at some point in 2013 who were not drafted.

Wide receiver Josh Stewart wound up signing with the Tennessee Titans after going undrafted out of Oklahoma State.

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Wyoming quarterback Brett Smith, left, South Carolina defensive lineman Kelcy Quarles, center, and Syracuse running back Jerome Smith, right, were among the 39 undrafted early entrants to this year's NFL Draft. While 33 of those 39 eventually got NFL tryouts, the road to pro football success is far more difficult for college free agents than the already torturous one traveled by the majority of draftees.

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