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**UKRAINE UNREST**

## Russians demand warships surrender

By DAVID MCHUGH AND DALTON BENNETT  
*The Associated Press*

KIEV, Ukraine — Russia pressed hard Monday for Ukrainian politicians to return to the Feb. 21 agreement that promised to create a new unity government which would rule until an early election no later than December.

The proposal seemed to be a nonstarter as diplomats met in Brussels, Kiev and Geneva and warnings about the dangers of Russia's military actions were issued from a host of European capitals.

On the ground, Russian troops controlled all Ukrainian border posts Monday in Crimea, as well as all military facilities and a key ferry terminal, cementing their stranglehold on the strategic Ukrainian peninsula.

They also demanded that the crew of two Ukrainian warships immediately surrender or be stormed and seized, according to Maksim Prouta, the Ukrainian Defense Ministry spokesman.

Four Russian navy ships in Sevastopol's harbor were blocking Ukraine's anti-submarine warship Ternopil and the command ship Slavutych, waiting for their answers, he said.

The U.N. Security Council was to hold an open meeting on the crisis after this edition was printed Monday. It was to be the third meeting of the council since Friday, when Russian planes and troops started taking over the Crimea.

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# QUOTE OF THE DAY

**"To the American people, give them my best wishes and my gratitude. To the U.S. government, give them my anger, my extreme anger."**

— Departing Afghan President Hamid Karzai, after telling of his displeasure with the 12-year-old U.S. war effort and the amount of casualties it has brought about

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# MILITARY

# North Korea launches 2 missiles

By Ashley Rowland  
Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea fired two short-range missiles Monday morning, the latest in a series of low-level actions that appear to be a response to the ongoing joint U.S.-South Korean exercises.

Believed to be Scud-C type missiles, they were fired from the North's southeastern coast and flew northeast more than 300 miles before landing in the East Sea, South Korea's preferred name for the Sea of Japan, according to the South Korean Ministry of National Defense.

North Korea conducted a similar launch last Thursday, firing four Scud missiles from the same area.

The missile launches come as the U.S. and South Korea approach the end of the Key Resolve command post exercise on Thursday.

"North Korea seems to be taking the opportunity to provoke South Korea and the U.S. during the exercise," a South Korean Ministry of National Defense spokesman said Monday, speaking on customary condition of anonymity. "It seems like North Korea did this to raise tensions on the peninsula."

Meanwhile, the 7th Fleet's flagship, the USS Blue Ridge, was scheduled to arrive Monday to take part in Key Resolve, according to U.S. Forces Korea.

South Korea's Yonhap News reported that the USS Columbus, a nuclear-powered submarine, also arrived in Busan on Monday for the exercise. USFK did not acknowledge the arrival of the Columbus, saying in an emailed statement that it does not discuss submarine operations but "the



LEE JIN-MAN/AP

A mock Scud-B missile of North Korea, center, and South Korean missiles are displayed Monday at the Korea War Memorial Museum in Seoul, South Korea.

USS [sic] is currently on a routine deployment to the Western Pacific."

USFK said the 7th Fleet participates each year in Key Resolve and Uchi Freedom Guardian, the annual late summer joint exercise.

Approximately 12,700 U.S. troops are participating in Key Resolve and Foal Eagle, a field training exercise that runs through April 18. About 200,000 South Korean troops are partici-

pating in the drills, both of which began Feb. 24.

On the first day of the exercises, a North Korean naval vessel repeatedly crossed the disputed Northern Limit Line, the maritime border between the two Koreas, according to South Korean officials. The 420-ton patrol ship crossed the line three times near Yeonpyeong Island, the site of a 2010 North Korean shelling that killed four people. South Korean military ships instructed the

North Korean ship to leave the area and there were no further incidents, the South said.

The U.S. and South Korean militaries have stepped up their monitoring of the North's military activity since Monday morning's launches, another Ministry of National Defense spokesman said.

U.S. Forces Korea did not comment immediately on Monday's missile launches.

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# Pilot found dead following Marine jet crash in Nevada

Stars and Stripes

The military pilot whose Marine Corps jet crashed in Nevada on Saturday during a training flight died in the accident, according to a statement from the U.S. Pacific Fleet's Naval Air Force. The name of the pilot will be

withheld until 24 hours after the notification of next of kin.

The F/A-18C jet crashed about 3 p.m. Saturday on the Fallon Range Training Complex, about 70 miles east of Naval Air Station Fallon, Nev.

It took rescue crews several hours to reach the site because

of a snowstorm and mountainous, remote terrain, Navy spokesman Lt. Resagan Lauritzen told The Associated Press on Sunday.

There were no other reported injuries and the aircraft was not carrying any weapons or munitions, according to the Navy statement.

The aircraft was on loan to the Naval Strike and Air Warfare Center, which includes the Navy Fighter Weapons School and is popularly known for its TOPGUN course.

As of Monday, officials had not released the source that had loaned the jet.



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## MIDEAST

# ‘I was forced to yell’

## Karzai defends his harsh criticism of US over 12-year war



Afghanistan President Hamid Karzai stands in his office at the presidential palace in Kabul on Saturday.

Joel van Houdt/The Washington Post

By KEVIN SIEFF

The Washington Post

KABUL — Hamid Karzai was in the midst of negotiating a security agreement with the United States when he met a 4-year-old girl who had lost half her face in an American airstrike.

Five months later, the Afghan president's eyes welled with tears as he described visiting the disfigured little girl at a hospital. He took long pauses between words. Sitting behind his desk Saturday night, the man who has projected a defiant image toward the West suddenly looked frail.

"That day, I wished she were dead, so she could be buried with her parents and brothers and sisters" — 14 of whom had been killed in the attack — he said.

In an unusually emotional interview, the departing Afghan president sought to explain why he has been such a harsh critic of the 12-year-old U.S. war effort here. He said he's deeply troubled by all the casualties he has seen, including those in U.S. military operations. He feels betrayed by what he calls an insufficient U.S. focus on targeting Taliban sanctuaries in Pakistan. And he insists that public criticism was the only way to guarantee an American response to his concerns.

To Karzai, the war was not waged with his country's interests in mind.

"Afghans died in a war that's not ours," he said in the interview, his first in two years with a U.S. newspaper.

In Karzai's mind, al-Qaida is "more a myth than a reality" and the majority of the United States' prisoners here were innocent. He's certain that the war was "the U.S. security and for the Western interest."

Such statements elicit scorn and shock from U.S. officials, who point out that Americans have sacrificed mightily for Afghanistan — losing more than 2,000 lives and spending more than \$600 billion in the effort to defeat al-Qaida and the Taliban and rebuild the country.

Some Americans call Karzai a delusional leader, an ally who became an adversary during the 12 years of his presidency.

In the latest blowup, he has refused for months to sign a security agreement that his government had negotiated with the United States that would permit a residual U.S. force to remain here beyond 2014. He has added several new demands in exchange for signing the deal.

In a phone call with Karzai last week, President Barack Obama said he will accept having the winner of Afghanistan's April presidential elections sign the pact. Karzai indicated that he views that as a best-case scenario. He won't have to submit to U.S. demands — such as the continuation of counterterrorism operations — but the popular security agreement will probably still be finalized.

"It's good for them to sign it with my successor," the Afghan leader said.

On the security agreement, as with several other issues, Karzai's antagonistic approach seems to have actually succeeded, in the sense that he has forced U.S. officials to move deadlines — and even to reshape policy.

His strong criticism of the civilian casualties caused by American attacks, for example, forced the U.S. military to revise its tactics, producing a dramatic decline in the number of noncombatants killed by American forces

(although Taliban-inflicted casualties have increased).

His demands that the United States hand over the Bagram prison were eventually met, allowing Karzai last month to release dozens of high-profile detainees despite U.S. protests. Those experiences reaffirmed his conviction that public criticism of the United States is often his most effective diplomatic tool.

"I had no other weapon to resort to, no other means to resort to, but to

**‘I’m of two hearts here. When I see good, I am in approval. When I see the losses of Afghan people ... I’m in disapproval.’**

Afghan President Hamid Karzai

He has told his older brother to withdraw his candidacy to avoid the perception of interference. Qayum Karzai has refused, but he acknowledges what most Afghans believe.

"Without the president's support, it will be impossible to win," Qayum said.

Every day, candidates and elders plead for Hamid Karzai's backing, pouring into his office and calling his aides as the election nears. Although his influence on the U.S. war effort is waning, he has never been more relevant, or at least more talked about, in

Afghan political circles.

"People do come to me, a lot of people, every day rather. Groups of people, individuals — they ask me" for support, Karzai said.

Some of them ask him to remain in office, he said, but he dismisses the idea.

"I've done enough; it's time for me to move on," Karzai said.

Now that he has decided to leave office, he is reckoning with the same question that many Americans are asking: Was the war worth it?

"I am of two hearts here. When I see good, I am in approval. When I see the losses of Afghan people, our children, maimed and killed, I'm in disapproval," he said, speaking in English. "Maybe I can give you an answer of yes or no two, three or five years from now, when my emotions have subsided. Right now, I'm full of emotions."

Karzai is at his most emotional — and most hostile — when his critics don't doubt the sincerity of his feelings, although they might disagree with his conclusions.

He said Afghanistan's "common cause" with the United States dissipated because of such casualties. He has also said that U.S. forces should have done more to target Taliban sanctuaries in Pakistan, rather than conduct operations in Afghan villages.

Karzai denied that he's more vocal about U.S.-inflicted civilian casualties than those caused by the Taliban. But he has done little to dispel that characterization.

During a visit to the White House in 2010, he carried a photo of what he described as a family whose members were "just gazing with fright and fear" during a U.S.-led night operation. He showed it to Obama.

"I said, 'President, this is what I'm trying to end, the intimidation of Afghan families at night, in the name of fighting the Taliban.'"

Asked about Obama's response, Karzai shrugged, indicating it was unsatisfactory. Then he said, "So we are really an angry people."

One criticism of Karzai is that his anger has interfered with his ability to govern a country whose institutions have grown exponentially since he took office. Thanks largely to the U.S. effort, Afghanistan now has a large security force and bureaucracy.

As U.S. funding tapers off, Karzai's successor will have to keep those institutions alive on a much slimmer budget.

"Foreign assistance brought an expensive way of life to Afghanistan," Karzai said. "This way of life is not sustainable. Afghanistan has to live by its means."

Specifically, that means a smaller army built based on "efficiency and affordability," Karzai said.

But without foreign funding, it's unclear whether Afghanistan could afford an army that could keep the Taliban at bay. Maintaining Afghan forces at their current size will cost about \$4 billion per year. In 2013, the Afghan government collected only \$1.7 billion in revenue.

After leaving office, Karzai won't go far. The government has built him a house a few miles from the presidential palace.

But before he steps down, Karzai has a few more messages to convey to his American partners. As he escorted two Washington Post journalists out of his office Saturday evening, he said: "To the American people, give them my best wishes and my gratitude. To the U.S. government, give them my anger, my extreme anger."

## MIDEAST

## Counselors help lift war's stress downrange

By MARTIN KUZ

Special to Stars and Stripes

**T**HE senior medic found himself turning nauseous at the scent of blood. The young private sidled into depression after his girlfriend in America dumped him. The first sergeant felt suffocated by memories of three close friends killed in Iraq.

Each man struggled alone until, hearing his inner voice or the less subtle advice of a concerned superior, he visited Capt. John Alamedoin. A social worker stationed at Forward Operating Base Gardez in eastern Afghanistan's Pakтия province, Alamedoin guided them as they searched for peace of mind in a place of war.

"Being deployed creates different kinds of stress for every soldier," said Alamedoin, who served with the 85th Medical Detachment, 1st Medical Brigade, during a nine-month tour that recently ended. "You try to help them in a way that allows them to stay focused."

The Army released a behavioral health report earlier this month showing a rise in morale and a decline in psychological problems among U.S. troops in Afghanistan. The experts who authored the review ascribed the changes largely to shorter tours and diminished combat action as the military prepares to withdraw most of its remaining forces by year's end.

A less obvious influence cited in the study has been the work of behavioral health providers, whose presence has grown here even as the U.S. war effort winds down.

The Army deployed nine providers in 2005, four years after the first American troops arrived in Afghanistan to oust the Taliban. By last summer, the number had climbed to 114, including social workers, psychologists and psychiatrists. (The Air Force and Navy have 22 providers, compared with none in 2005.)

About 20 percent of the nearly 3 million veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq wars suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder or related conditions, the lingering fallout of two distant conflicts on America.

The increase in providers offers evidence of the Army's slow awakening to a mental health crisis within its ranks and the need to counsel soldiers before they return home. The nascent awareness, if emerging too late to benefit those who served earlier in Afghanistan, portends a more informed approach to behavioral health for future generations of troops.

"By talking with soldiers on the ground, we have an opportunity to address issues now instead of letting things fester," said Alamedoin, 49, of Honolulu. "We know what can happen if they wait."

## Shadows of past tours

Sgt. Frederick Schrom landed in eastern Afghanistan last summer with a clear sense of war's depredations. He had survived a punishing tour three years earlier in the southern province of Helmand, one of the country's most violent areas.

As a field medic, Schrom tended to more than 200 American and Afghan soldiers, their bodies disfigured by bullets, mortars and rocket-propelled grenades. On other occasions, he was the patient. He sustained three concussions while riding in armored trucks that hit roadside bombs.

Schrom went back as a senior medic in charge of an aid station at FOB Gardez, less than 50 miles from the Pakistan border. By chance, he had deployed again to a province beset by fighting. He expected to adapt as before.



Martin Kuz/Special to Stars and Stripes

**Capt. John Alamedoin, right, a social worker with the 85th Medical Detachment, 1st Medical Brigade, talks with Spc. Paul Meade, a behavioral health technician with the unit, inside an aid station at Forward Operating Base Lightning in eastern Afghanistan.**

Casualties flowed into the aid station from the start. A sergeant lost a leg after stepping on a bomb buried in the earth; mortar shrapnel tore open another soldier's torso as he slept in his barracks. The war looked the same. What had changed was Schrom's reaction.

In his worst moments, the dense, iron-tinged odor of blood struck like a punch. His stomach convulsed, bile scalding his throat as he swallowed back vomit. At night, images of the injured and dead wrenched him awake. Fatigue numbed his mind.

As weeks passed and the unease persisted, he sought relief at the base's combat stress clinic, a plywood hut that housed Alamedoin's office. The small space doubled as a sanctuary. The two men met a handful of times, and with each discussion, Schrom felt less burdened, less adrift.

"When something severe happens — when you see someone who has been wounded or killed — it's a painful reminder of how your life is in jeopardy out here," said Schrom, 23, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

"As a medic, you see that kind of thing constantly, and you have to figure out a way to keep doing your job, especially in a leadership position. Talking about some of those things with someone outside my unit helped clear my thoughts."

Alamedoin has the manner of an avid listener. Tall and thin, with a shaved head and silver-rimmed glasses, he possesses a calmness that invites others to fill silences. When he speaks, his tone is low and soothing, the voice of reassurance.

In more than two decades as a social worker, he has alternated between civilian and military practice, counseling couples and seniors, privates and colonels. Two years ago, intent on deploying, he joined the 85th Medical Detachment at Fort Hood in Texas. He hoped to prevent troops from imploding after war.

"I've seen the effects of PTSD on them and their families," said Alamedoin, who treated soldiers with combat-related trauma at the U.S. base. "I wanted to be involved on the front end to try to work through some of their problems here, which could help them with the transition when they go home."

He circulated among a scattering of bases in Pakтия province and found that, like Schrom, many soldiers fought shadings from past tours. He recalled his sessions with a sergeant whose return to combat rekindled anguish over the death of an Iraqi child a few years earlier.

During one conversation, Alamedoin asked him to again recount his attempt to save the boy, who was severely wounded in a bomb explosion. The sergeant described his efforts to keep the child conscious and stop his bleeding. Retracing his actions, he exhorted a detail long buried in his memory. The boy had still been alive when the sergeant lifted him onto a medevac helicopter.

The soldier broke down. His guilt receded. "It was about remembering he had done everything he could," Alamedoin said. "It was about forgiving himself."

Read more from this series at [stars.com/go/pts](http://stars.com/go/pts)

**Personal stress**

Pvt. Patrick Cervantes began to spiral because of a less harrowing, more common source of distress among soldiers in Afghanistan. His girlfriend in America had sent him a text message that read, in part, "I need space."

Relationship strife ranks as the principal reason combat troops meet with behavioral health providers and chaplains. The high-tech bridge linking soldiers to loved ones creates equal potential to bond or quarrel across thousands of miles.

"In the past, when troops went to war, they were disconnected from everything," said Alamedoin, the divorced father of three preteen sons. "Now, with cellphones, Skype, Facebook, they can stay in touch with everyone, and that can add to their stress."

Tension between Cervantes and his girlfriend had smoldered for a couple of weeks before she sent her text. In the ensuing days, his platoon sergeant noticed the private was withdrawn and distracted, and after learning the cause, he urged Cervantes to sit down with Alamedoin. Their sessions over several weeks restored his emotional balance.

"I was able to get a better perspective on

the whole situation," said Cervantes, 20, of Wrightwood, Calif. "I realized that, right now, there isn't anything I can do to magically fix things. I just need to concentrate on what I can control."

The platoon sergeant's support of Cervantes illuminates the evolving attitude of senior officers toward behavioral health services. The change, though gradual and inconsistent across the Army, suggests a deeper understanding of how mental trauma affects them as much as younger soldiers.

"I work with a lot of people who are on their third or fourth deployment," Alamedoin said. "They came up being told to keep things to themselves. But with the Army emphasizing behavioral health, more of them have started getting help."

First Sgt. Geoff Dukes lost three friends in 2008 during his second deployment to Iraq. Staff Sgt. Joseph Gamba, a father figure to him, died in a mortar attack. Less than two weeks later, a grenade explosion killed Sgt. Michael Lilly and Cpl. Jason Kazarick, two men he regarded as brothers.

Dukes smothered his grief to finish the tour, and after returning home to Florida he turned his mind to deploying to Afghanistan the following year. But with the end of that tour in 2010, and with no immediate prospect of a fourth, he had more time to brood.

## 'I feel lighter'

He lubricated his evenings with a 12-pack of beer, sometimes two. He argued with his wife over small matters, screamed at his two young children when they cried. On a family outing to Disney World, he scanned rooftops for snipers and looked for escape routes while groaning about the crowds.

His wife persuaded him to see a military therapist. Dukes shared little in their meetings and soon stopped attending. Another doctor prescribed sleeping and anti-anxiety medications. The drugs failed to relieve his symptoms or his anguish. As his outbursts intensified, his wife fled the house with their son and daughter for a week or two at a stretch.

"It was not easy to be around," said Dukes, 37, of Leesburg, Ga. "There was a lot of anger, a lot of sadness, and I didn't have a good way of dealing with those feelings."

Last year, preparing for his second tour in Afghanistan, he worried in silence about his ability to cope in a combat setting. Not long after arriving in Pakтия, he heard about Alamedoin, and weary of fighting himself, he decided to give counseling another chance. Over the course of a dozen discussions, Dukes released his rage and sorrow and regret. He wept. He set down five years of pain.

"I feel lighter," he said. "There are moments when I still feel bad because I think I could have done something, even though I wasn't with those guys when they were killed. But mostly I think about the good times and how lucky I am that I knew them. I have a more positive outlook than I used to."

His family sensed the difference from half a world away when they talked by phone or Skype. His darkness had lifted; they grew closer despite the distance. In his wife's voice, he heard compassion. In his children's laughter, he heard redemption.

"They tell their mom, 'Dad seems happier.'" Dukes said. His eyes welled up. "That's a big thing for me."

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NATION



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Pipeline protest

Demonstrators lie down along Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the White House during a protest against the proposed Keystone XL oil pipeline on Sunday. The protesters say the pipeline would contribute to global warming. Police arrested hundreds of people who strapped themselves to the White House fence during the protest.

Bin Laden son-in-law's trial to start

By LARRY NEUMEISTER  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A federal jury in Manhattan will hear charges that Osama bin Laden's son-in-law conspired to kill Americans as al-Qaida's spokesman after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Jury selection for the trial of Sulaiman Abu Ghaith — the highest-ranking al-Qaida figure to face trial on U.S. soil since the attacks — was expected to get underway Monday. Prosecutors will try to prove to the anonymous jury that the one-time terrorist network spokesman tried to rally others to kill Americans.

Prosecutors plan to show jurors during their opening statement a picture of Abu Ghaith seated with

bin Laden and other al-Qaida leaders on the day after Sept. 11, 2001, as they make statements about the attacks.

They say Abu Ghaith described the circumstances of the filming in his post-arrest statement.

Prosecution evidence also will include post-9/11 videos in which the charismatic bearded man promises more attacks on the United States as devastating as those that destroyed the World Trade Center.



Abu Ghaith

“The Americans must know that the storm of airplanes will not stop, God willing, and there are thousands of young people who are as keen about death as Americans are about life,” Abu Ghaith said in an Oct. 9, 2001, speech.

In one widely circulated propaganda video, Abu Ghaith can be seen sitting with bin Laden and current al-Qaida leader Ayman al-Zawahiri against a rocky backdrop.

Defense lawyers for the balding and bearded defendant asserted last week that some of the government's evidence relates to a detainee at Guantanamo Bay with a name similar to Abu Ghaith rather than to the defendant, who has pleaded not guilty. U.S. Dis-

trict Judge Lewis A. Kaplan on Friday called the mistaken identity claim “utterly meritless.”

Abu Ghaith's attorneys are also trying to enlist help from professed 9/11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed to bolster the case for acquittal, though it hasn't come fast enough for them to gain permission from Kaplan for Mohammed to testify, perhaps through a video link to Guantanamo Bay. If convicted, Abu Ghaith could face life in prison.

Abu Ghaith is married to bin Laden's eldest daughter, Fatima, one of nearly two dozen children bin Laden was believed to have fathered before he was killed in Pakistan by U.S. special forces in 2011.

GOP to revisit welfare reform

By ROBERT COSTA  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — As a direct counter to President Barack Obama's recent emphasis on the gap between rich and poor, the upcoming House Republican budget will focus on welfare reform and recommend a sweeping overhaul of social programs, including Head Start and Medicaid.

The push, led by Rep. Paul Ryan, returns the GOP's attention to a policy front that animated the party in the 1990s and signals Republicans' desire to expand their pitch to voters ahead of this year's midterm elections. The new effort comes after the party spent months fixated on combating the federal health care law and engaged in intraparty squabbles over fiscal strategy.

On Monday, Ryan, R-Wis., the House Budget Committee chairman, will publish an often stinging 204-page critique of the federal government's anti-poverty policies, questioning the efficacy of dozens of initiatives and underscoring where Republicans say consolidation or spending reductions are needed.

“There are nearly 100 programs at the federal level that are meant to help, but they have actually created a poverty trap,” Ryan said in an interview. “There is no coordination with these programs, and new ones are frequently being added without much consideration to how they affect other programs.”

“We've got to fix the situation, and this report is a first step toward significant reform.”

Ryan said the report is a prelude to the House GOP's budget, which will be unveiled later this month, and a pre-emptive rebuttal to the president's budget, which will be released Tuesday.

Democrats on Capitol Hill are skeptical about Ryan's intentions, and they wonder whether he is serious about working with Obama and other Democrats to pass bipartisan legislation on welfare reform, an issue that last saw major cross-party deliberations in 1996, when House Republicans worked with President Bill Clinton to pass landmark changes.

Boy Scouts' gay ban to cost Disney donations

By ADOLFO FLORES  
Los Angeles Times

Starting in 2015 the Boy Scouts of America's policy banning adult leaders who are gay will cost the organization donations from the Walt Disney Co.

Though Disney doesn't provide money to the Boy Scouts' national or local councils, the Burbank, Calif.-based company with major theme parks in Anaheim and Orlando provides small grants to local troops and packs, said Deron Smith, a Boy Scouts spokesman.

“We believe every child deserves the opportunity to be a part of the Scouting experience

and we are disappointed in this decision because it will impact our ability to serve kids,” Smith said in a written statement.

The grants have been given through a Disney program that would donate money to the Scouts in exchange for volunteer hours completed by its employees.

Disney did not return calls for comment. Until recently, gay people were banned from the Boy Scouts.

The restriction on minors was lifted effective Jan. 1, but the group kept the restriction against adult Scout leaders.

According to The Associated Press, the company's decision was made public after

the president of a local Boy Scouts council in Apopka, Fla., sent local troops a memo on Disney's move.

Robert Utsey's letter was posted on the website for Scouts for Equality, an organization advocating against the ban on gay leaders. Utsey said the National Boy Scouts of America Council had reached out to Disney to try to resolve the situation.

“However, according to (Walt Disney World), their views do not currently align with the BSA,” Utsey said.

“We will continue to keep an open line of communication with them, but at this time, are unable to reverse their decision.”

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## NATION

# Polar vortex blasts prove to be powerful pesticide

By DARRYL FEARS  
The Washington Post

This winter is a real killer.

The deep freeze, with arctic blasts from the polar vortex, has put invasive insects on ice in dozens of states. That includes the emerald ash borer, a pretty bug that does ugly things to ecosystems it invades.

Up to 80 percent of the ash borers died when January temperatures dipped below minus-20 degrees in St. Paul, Minn., according to an estimate by U.S. Forest Service biologists, who have been conducting studies on the impact of cold weather on the bugs for the past three years.

Their estimates were affirmed when state researchers found that nearly 70 percent of ash borers collected from infected trees in the Twin Cities area last month were frozen stiff — a good thing for ash trees that adorn communities and provide smooth, durable wood used for flooring, bowling alleys, church pews, baseball bats and electric guitars.

Across the country, other destructive pests are dropping dead, including the hemlock woolly adelgid, which preys on Christmas trees in the Appalachian Mountains; the fern-announcing corn earworm, found in nearly every state; the citrus-destroying cottony cushion scale that migrated to Maryland from Florida; and the gypsy moth, which chomps on 80 species of trees and is spreading from the Northeast to the Midwest.

The bugs found their way to the United States from all over the world and thrived in the relatively warm winters of recent years. At least two of the pests mounted great migrations from the Deep South to Virginia and Maryland.

For now, at least, the freeze has stopped them in their tracks. Researchers in the Appalachians of West Virginia and Maryland found hemlock adelgids whose little, straw-like mouths were stuck to the pine needles from which they suck nectar.

"If you poke them with a stick, they'll normally move their little

microscopic legs," said Patrick Tobin, a research entomologist for the Forest Service in Morgantown, W.Va. But not this winter.

Based on surveillance, researchers believe more than 95 percent of hemlock adelgids were killed in the northern Appalachians and at least 70 percent died in their southernmost range, Georgia.

At first blush, that appears to be great news, Tobin said. Important trees, including ash, birch and oak, and such vital crops as soybeans, corn and oranges will probably get a break from millions of gnawing moths.

But invasive bugs are a breed apart. Built to last, they almost never experience extinction.

Female adelgids and cottony cushion scales, for example, are asexual creatures that produce nymphs without copulation. Three generations or more will spring to life between March and October.

As for emerald ash borers, that Minnesota deep freeze affected only a limited number. Chicago also has ash borers, but temperatures there fell only to 17 degrees below zero and likely didn't freeze the insects. Minus-20 is the point at which they start to die.

"This problem is not going away," said Rob Venette, a Forest Service biologist who studied the ash borer.

Winter's blow to the pests is more like a reprieve, said Mike Raupp, a professor of entomology at the University of Maryland, "a little correction" that thinned their ranks and probably will slow them down when warm weather returns.

The cold weather provided a stage for a grand experiment that will help researchers determine if significant numbers of pests can be killed off, making the ones that do even more manageable, Raupp said. A decade of study is needed for any definitive conclusions.

Raupp studies the crop-eating brown marmorated stink bug. He said he'd like to be "cautiously optimistic" that winter wiped out the bugs in Madison on Feb. 12. In Atlantic states, where they have feasted on farm crops for years,



Tom Stark shovels snow on Monday in Winchester, Va.

GINGER PERRY, THE WINCHESTER (VA.) STAR/AP

# Winter's last gasp? New storm hits much of US

By BRETT ZONKER  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Winter kept its icy hold on much of the country Monday, with snow falling and temperatures dropping as schools and offices closed and people from the Mid-Atlantic to Northeast reluctantly waited out another storm indoors.

Snow began covering a thin layer of ice in the nation's capital early Monday, driven by a blustery wind that stung the faces of those who ventured outside. Officials warned people to stay off treacherous, icy roads — a refrain that has become familiar to residents in the Midwest, East and even Deep South this year.

The latest frigid blow of the harsh winter threatened as much as 10 inches of snow by the end of the day in Washington, Baltimore and elsewhere in the Mid-Atlantic region. Up to 6 inches of snow was predicted to the north in Philadelphia, where a light dusting fell early in the day, while

nearly a foot of snow was expected in parts of New Jersey. Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe declared a state of emergency.

Schools were canceled, bus service was halted in places and federal government workers in the Washington area were told to stay home Monday.

"We're tired of it. We're sick of it," said Martin Peace, a Web developer from the Washington suburb of Arlington, Va.

He and his wife were walking on the National Mall with their young daughter Sunday before the frigid weather blew in. Both bemoaned the number of snowy days this year.

"It's been hard with a baby being stuck in the house," said Nicole Peace, who works in human resources. "We don't really get the day off, but then we have to work from home with the baby, which is hard."

School systems in Baltimore, Washington and many suburban areas were closed, as were all Smithsonian museums except for

the National Air and Space Museum. The U.S. Supreme Court was expected to be open and had arguments scheduled for Monday.

In northern Virginia, the Jukebox Diner in Manassas opened at its regular 6 a.m. time, but not a single customer had come in by 8:15, waitress Irene Auiler said.

"I had to drive in to open, and the worst thing was the windshield kept freezing over," Auiler said. "I had to stop the car. I can't be late, though."

The wintry precipitation moved across much of the nation Sunday, bringing a mix of freezing rain and heavy snow to central and eastern states. More than 2,200 flights in the United States were canceled early Monday, according to flight tracking site FlightAware.com.

The bulk of the problems were at airports in Washington, New York and Philadelphia, but "flight cancellations are stacking up all the way from the D.C. area on up to New England," said Daniel Baker, of FlightAware.

# 'Mommy lobby' a powerful advocate for medical marijuana for children

By ARIANA EUNJUNG CHA  
The Washington Post

Standing in a Wisconsin State Capitol hearing room surrounded by parents hugging their seriously ill children, Sally Schaeffer began to cry as she talked about her daughter.

Born with a rare chromosomal disorder, Lydia, 6, suffers from life-threatening seizures that doctors haven't been able to control despite countless medications. The family's last hope: medical marijuana.

Schaeffer, 39, didn't just ask lawmakers to legalize the drug. She begged.

"If it was your child and you didn't have options, what would you do?" she said during her testimony in Madison on Feb. 12.

The representatives were so moved that they introduced a bipartisan bill to allow parents in similar situations as Schaeffer to use the drug on their children.

Emboldened by stories circulated through Facebook, Twitter and the media about children with seizure disorders who have

been successfully treated with a special oil extract made from cannabis plants, mothers have become the new face of the medical marijuana movement.

Similar scenes have been playing out in recent weeks in other states where medical marijuana remains illegal: Oklahoma, Florida, Georgia, Utah, New York, North Carolina, Alabama, Kentucky.

"The 'mommy lobby' has been successful at opening the doors to legalizing marijuana — if only a crack, in some places — where

others have failed. In the 1970s and '80s, mothers were on the other side of the issue, successfully fending off efforts to decriminalize marijuana with heart-breaking stories about how their teenage children's lives unraveled when they began to use the drug.

Mothers have long been among the most powerful constituent groups in the United States, and the reason is clear: Groups such as Mothers Against Drunk Driving are able to draw so much public support because they tug at

a universal human emotion: the desire to protect children from harm. While national gun-control efforts after the Sandy Hook massacre faltered, mothers' groups worked to keep the issue on the public agenda, helping to get some new measures passed at the state level.

Today, mothers are fighting for access to the drug, and they have changing public attitudes on their side. For the first time, a majority of Americans in opinion polls say they support the full legalization of marijuana.

## WORLD

# UN hears claim of Serbian genocide

The Associated Press

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — Croatia on Monday accused its Balkan neighbor Serbia of genocide in the early 1990s as the former Yugoslavia shattered in spasms of ethnic violence, in a case at the United Nations' highest court that highlights lingering animosities in the region.

Croatia is asking the International Court of Justice to declare that Serbia breached the 1948 Genocide Convention when forces from the former Federal Republic of Yugoslavia attempted to drive Croats out of large swaths of the country after Zagreb declared independence in 1991. It also wants the court to order Serbia to pay compensation.

Serbia previously has faced allegations of genocide at the world court. In a landmark 2007 judgment, the court cleared Belgrade of committing genocide in the 1995 massacre of some 8,000 Muslim men in the Bosnian enclave of Srebrenica, but said Serbia breached the genocide convention by failing to prevent the slaughter.

Croatia opened its case by showing judges a video of the devastated remnants of the Croat city of Vukovar, which was besieged and pounded with heavy artillery by Serb forces in 1991, killing hundreds.

The U.N.'s Yugoslav war crimes tribunal, a separate court based in The Hague, convicted Serbs of crimes in Vukovar, but has never characterized atrocities on Croat territory as genocide.



MUHAMMED MUHEISEN/AP

A Pakistani woman comforts a woman grieving outside a hospital's morgue, where the bodies of victims of a twin suicide bombing are, in Islamabad, Pakistan, on Monday.

## 11 killed in Pakistan suicide attack

By ZARAR KHAN  
The Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — A group of armed men, including two suicide attackers, stormed a court complex in the Pakistani capital on Monday in a rare terrorist attack in the heart of Islamabad that killed 11 people and wounded dozens.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the assault, which came just days after the Pakistani Taliban announced a one-month ceasefire, raising questions about the group's ability to control its various factions. Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has been trying to negotiate a peace settlement with militants in the northwest who have waged a bloody war against the government for years.

Witnesses spoke of attackers wielding automatic weapons running into the narrow alleyways in the sleepy capital's court complex, hurling grenades and opening fire indiscriminately on lawyers, judges and court personnel.

One lawyer described it as a scene from hell, with blasts and firing all around. "My colleague was shot, and there was no one to help him," said Momin Ali. "When I reached him, he was bleeding and crying for help."

There were conflicting reports on how many attackers were involved in the incident and if any of them had managed to escape from the police. It also remained unclear if anyone had been arrested, how the attackers penetrated so deep into the city and whether a specific person in the

complex was the intended target.

Initial reports suggested two men wearing explosive vests rushed into the court complex, threw hand grenades and started shooting, then blew themselves up, said Islamabad Police Chief Sikander Hayat.

"It was certainly an act of terrorism," Hayat said.

One of the attackers blew himself up outside the office of the lawyers' union president and the other outside the door of a judge's office, he added.

The explosions sent lawyers and judges running in fear for their lives as police stormed in. Police subsequently searched the entire complex and found no additional attackers, Hayat said.

Other officials and a lawyer on the scene said there were more than two attackers.

## Fighting in Syria ends truce, halts food aid in Damascus

By ALBERT AHI and DIAA HADDI  
The Associated Press

DAMASCUS, Syria — Food deliveries to thousands of people living in a blockaded area in southern Damascus ground to a halt after a truce collapsed and clashes broke out between Syrian rebels and forces loyal to the government, a U.N. official and activists said Monday.

The clashes, which erupted Sunday afternoon and lasted until Monday morning, were the most serious violence in weeks in

the Palestinian-dominated district of Yarmouk and seriously undermined a tentative truce struck there in early January.

A U.N. spokesman in Damascus, Chris Gunness, urged all parties to "immediately allow" the resumption of aid to the area, where malnutrition is rife.

The U.N. "remains deeply concerned about the desperate humanitarian situation in Yarmouk, and the fact that increasing tensions and armed force have disrupted its efforts to alleviate the desperate plight of civilians," Gunness said Monday.

Activists estimate that more than 100 people have died of hunger or hunger-related illnesses since a blockade began nearly a year ago, preventing food and medical aid from entering Yarmouk.

The halt in the food distribution in Yarmouk also underscores problems that bedeviled a Feb. 22 U.N. Security Council resolution that called on warring parties to facilitate food and aid deliveries to Syrians in need.

The latest clashes also sparked concerns for future aid deliveries.

"It will be like it was before. We are back to zero," said a Yarmouk-based activist who uses the name Abu Akram.

The truce, which took months to negotiate, collapsed after rebel gunmen returned to Yarmouk on Sunday. They had withdrawn from the area about a month ago as part of the truce, replaced by a patrol of Palestinian gunmen, keeping out both rebels and fighters loyal to President Bashar Assad.

The rebels accused pro-Assad fighters of violating the truce, said Abu Akram.

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## UKRAINE UNREST

# Analysts: Russia's Black Sea Fleet is aging, but still key

By STEVEN BEARDSLEY  
Stars and Stripes

NAPLES, Italy — Russia's incursion into the Crimean peninsula in Ukraine has drawn attention to its naval base in Sevastopol and its Black Sea Fleet, a modest force of aging ships that military analysts say Russia is trying to modernize.

Over the weekend, Russian troops moved into Sevastopol in response to what Moscow said was concern about safety of ethnic Russians who constitute the majority of Crimea's inhabitants.

The Kremlin has charged that the new government in Kiev, which came to power after the ousting of Russian-leaning President Viktor Yanukovich, is illegitimate and made up of nationalist extremists.

Sevastopol has been a seat of Russian naval power from the imperial 18th century to the Soviet era, giving its forces access to the Balkans, Mediterranean Sea and Middle East.

After the collapse of the Soviet Union, Russia began leasing part of the port from Ukraine. That deal, scheduled to end in 2017, was extended to 2042. The move was heavily criticized by the opposition forces now in power in Kiev.

Although Russia continues to construct a navy base in its own territory in Novorossiisk, near Sochi, analysts agree that Sevastopol remains the navy's preferred base in the Black Sea region because of its size, location and infrastructure.

"It's hard to speculate on motivations, but it may be that one of the main reasons for the (events) in Crimea was, legitimately or not, they thought they might lose the base in Sevastopol," said Dmitry Gorenburg, who researches Russian military reform at the CNA Corp., an analysis group.

The Black Sea Fleet remains the smallest of Russia's four fleets, and one whose aging ships limit its capabilities.

Of the fleet's 25 ships, 19 are corvettes and patrol craft, according to an analysis by Christian Le Mière, a researcher with the International Institute for

Strategic Studies. Le Mière also counts two destroyers, a pair of frigates, a cruiser and a diesel-electric submarine.

Gorenburg said most ships date to the 1970s, with one of the frigates going back to the '60s. Thomas Fedyszyn, a researcher at the Naval War College in Rhode Island, offered a similar assessment.

"They've got a smattering of older Russian ships," he said. "A couple of them are fairly big — a couple of Russian cruisers and destroyers. But mostly they're fairly small."

The fleet remains operational, however. It played a role in the 2008 war with Georgia, when it destroyed Georgia's small patrol boats, Fedyszyn said.

More recently, the fleet's flagship, the missile cruiser Moskva, was deployed to the coast of Syria as tensions rose last year.

Russia plans to gradually replace the ships in the coming years, analysts say, with three new frigates, new submarines and an amphibious ship. Gorenburg said the new ships will replace older, outdated vessels and should not increase the size of the fleet.

Even those changes would face restrictions under Russia's basing agreement in Sevastopol, which requires that Ukraine approve all ships based in the port or entering it. That's one more reason compelling Russia to complete its base at Novorossiisk, where it faces no restrictions, Le Mière said in his analysis.

The fleet may also need to grow to support a new Mediterranean task force created by Russia last year, a move that comes as the U.S. increases its own Mediterranean presence with four destroyers in Spain, Fedyszyn said.

"There is certainly some increase going on because Russia is increasing its naval presence in the Mediterranean Sea," he said. "In order to do that, they have to augment their fleet in the Black Sea area."

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A pro-Russian activist waves the Russian state flag, top, and Russian Navy flag outside an entrance to the General Staff Headquarters of the Ukrainian Navy in Sevastopol, Ukraine, on Monday.

## Russians: European allies hope diplomatic, economic actions will remedy Ukraine crisis

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Earlier in the day, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, at U.N. meetings in Geneva, explained the reasoning behind Russia's military invasion of Crimea.

"This is a question of defending our citizens and compatriots, ensuring human rights, especially the right to life," he said.

There have been no reports, however, of any hostilities toward Russian-speakers in Ukraine during the country's four months of political upheaval.

Tension between Ukraine and Moscow rose sharply after President Viktor Yanukovich was pushed out by a protest movement made up of people who wanted closer ties with the European Union, more democracy and less corruption. Yanukovich fled to Russia last month after more than 80 demonstrators were killed — mostly by police — near Kiev's central square but insists he is still president.

In Kiev, Ukraine's new prime minister admitted his country had "no military options on the table" to reverse Russia's military move into its Crimea region, where Ukraine's military admitted that pro-Russian troops have surrounded or taken over "practically all" its military facilities.

While Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk appealed Monday for outside help and insisted that Crimea still remained part of his country, European foreign ministers held an emergency meeting on a joint response to Russia's military move that could include economic sanctions. There was no immediate response to the Russian statement, which would view the new government that Ukraine installed last week.

"Any attempt of Russia to grab Crimea will have no success at all. Give us some time," Yatsenyuk said at a news conference with British Foreign Secretary



Ukrainian seamen stand guard on the Ukrainian navy ship Slavutich at the harbor of Sevastopol, Ukraine, on Monday.

William Hague in Kiev.

He added that "for today" there were "no military options on the table." He said his country was "urgently" asking for economic and political support from other countries.

"Crisis diplomacy is not a weakness, but it is now more important than ever for us not to fall into the abyss of a military escalation," German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier said in Brussels.

In the meantime, Russian forces were clearly in charge in Crimea, home to 2 million mostly Russian-speaking people and landlord for Russia's critical Black Sea Fleet at Sevastopol.

In addition to seizing barracks and border posts, troops also controlled a ferry terminal in the Ukrainian city of Kerch, just 12 miles across the water from Russia. That intensified fears in Kiev that Moscow will send even more

troops into the peninsula via that route.

Border guard spokesman Sergei Astakhov said the Russians were demanding that Ukrainian soldiers and guards transfer their allegiance to Crimea's new pro-Russian local government.

"The Russians are behaving very aggressively," he said. "They came in by breaking down doors, knocking out windows, cutting off every communication."

He said four Russian military ships, 13 helicopters and eight transport planes had arrived in Crimea in violation of agreements that permit Russia to keep its naval base at Sevastopol.

Now, fears in the Ukrainian capital of Kiev and beyond are that Russia might seek to expand its control by targeting and seizing other parts of Ukraine, especially in its pro-Russian east.

"The world cannot just allow this to happen," Hague said, but he ruled out any military action. "The U.K. is not discussing military options. Our concentration is on diplomatic and economic pressure."

Ukraine is also struggling on the financial front. The treasury is almost empty and its currency is under pressure after years of running large deficits. The International Monetary Fund said a fact-finding mission would visit Ukraine starting Tuesday for 10 days. Ukraine has asked the IMF for rescue loans and says it needs \$3.5 billion to pay its bills over the next two years.

Outrage over Russia's military moves has mounted in world capitals, with U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry calling on Russian President Vladimir Putin to pull back from "an incredible act of aggression." Kerry is to travel to Ukraine on Tuesday.

NATO held an emergency meeting in Brussels and the U.S., France and Britain debated the possibility of boycotting the next Group of Eight economic summit, to be held in June in Sochi,

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## UKRAINE UNREST

## Crisis renews focus on security in Europe

By JOHN VANDIVER  
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**STUTTGART, Germany** — While there is no sign that NATO is girding for a military confrontation, Russia's intervention in Ukraine could pull Europe off America's strategic back burner as Western leaders confront what some are calling Europe's biggest crisis in a generation.

"Europe is without a doubt in the sharpest crisis since the (Berlin) Wall came down," German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier told reporters on Monday ahead of meetings in Brussels. "Twenty-five years after the end of the confrontation, the danger of a new division of Europe is real. Daily, the situation in Ukraine intensifies further."

Indeed, Russia's deployment of troops in Ukraine could prompt the very thing Russian President Vladimir Putin has long wanted to avoid: renewed U.S. focus on the security challenges in Europe.

For two decades, the Pentagon has steadily been drawing down its forces on the Continent, arguing that such a strong presence was no longer needed after the end of the Cold War and the dissolution of the Soviet-led Warsaw Pact military alliance.

In eastern Europe, former Warsaw Pact members that now belong to NATO are watching the events in Ukraine unfold with alarm as old Cold War anxieties intensify. Long leery of the Obama administration's "reset" with Russia, Polish parliamentarian Witold Waszczykowski

said on Monday he would like to see NATO deploy military assets to Poland — which shares a border with Ukraine — in a show of support. Just as NATO now has troops in Turkey to protect its ally from possible missile incursions from Syria, the alliance should bolster support for Poland, Waszczykowski said.

"We hope for this kind of support right now," Waszczykowski said by phone. "Not because we have an immediate threat, but we are frightened. We at least need some kind of reconnaissance support to monitor what is going on beyond our border."

The Obama administration and its European allies are facing a host of challenges as they attempt to persuade Russian President Vladimir Putin to reverse course while also reassuring eastern European allies. Putin has ignored calls from the West to pull out of Ukraine even as he faces potential economic sanctions and other measures aimed at isolating Russia.

Beyond diplomatic and economic penalties, the West sees few options.

Some U.S. lawmakers say the Obama administration should restore a scrapped missile defense plan for Europe that called for long-range interceptors in Poland. In 2013, Obama scaled back U.S. missile defense plans on the continent in a move that critics decried as a capitulation to Russian claims.

"Russia backed Obama down," Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., Sunday said on CNN. "If I were



IVAN SKRITAREV/AP

**Pro-Russian soldiers block the Ukrainian naval base in the village of Novozernze, west of the Crimean capital of Simferopol, Ukraine on Monday. Ukraine says Russian forces controlling the region are demanding that the crew of two Ukrainian warships in Sevastopol's harbor must surrender.**

President Obama, I would re-engage Poland and the Czech Republic regarding missile defense."

NATO called on Russia to pull back its forces and urged Russia and Ukraine after a meeting Sunday of the North Atlantic Council — the alliance's top decision-making body — to "seek a peaceful resolution through bilateral dialogue." Meanwhile, the alliance's former top officer recommended that NATO take a series of steps, including drawing up contingency plans based on a full Russian invasion of Ukraine.

In an essay published Saturday on the Foreign Policy website, retired Adm. James Stavridis said NATO also should put its response force on a higher state of alert.

"Many will consider any level of NATO involvement provocative and potentially inflammatory," wrote Stavridis, who retired last year as NATO's supreme allied commander. "Unfortunately, the stakes are high and the Russians are moving. Sitting idle, without at least looking at options, is a mistake for NATO and would

itself constitute a signal to Putin — one that he would welcome."

Other experts, however, said the U.S. should refrain from any actions that could be seen as a military escalation.

"I strongly oppose any military responses, even indirect, to the current situation," said Michael O'Hanlon, a defense expert at the Brookings Institution in Washington. "It's simply not worth the risk, and not necessary."

In Europe, where about 70,000 U.S. troops are deployed, the U.S. military serves multiple purposes, offering a forward presence that positions forces to respond to contingencies in the Mideast and Africa and enables the U.S. military to train alongside partner militaries for operations in places such as Afghanistan. Only weeks ago, the need for a military deterrent that reassures wary allies might have been dismissed as lingering Cold War paranoia, but now such sentiments strike a different chord amid fears Moscow aims to redraw the borders in Ukraine.

A decadelong shift away from Europe has produced anger in some corners, Waszczykowski said.

"I think that the process (of disengagement) started at the end of the Bush administration. They thought the project Europe was a done deal, and Obama was a continuation of that," he said. "I think that was a naive policy. Only half of this continent is a done deal."

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## Joint US-Russia exercises could be lost in diplomatic fallout

By STEVEN BEARDSLEY  
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**NAPLES, Italy** — Joint exercises and military cooperation are among the expected casualties of a diplomatic fallout between the U.S. and Russia over recent events in Ukraine, U.S. officials say.

The administration will cancel a "big naval event" as part of planned political and economic measures against Russia after its incursion into the Crimean peninsula in southern Ukraine during the weekend, a senior administration official told reporters in a background briefing Sunday.

The event is the biannual Northern Eagle exercise, which involves the U.S., Norway and Russia, according to a military official acquainted with the deliberations. A planning conference for the exercise on April 13 is expected to be canceled, the official said.

Officials are also discussing pulling out of the annual FRUKUS naval exercise between France, Russia, the United Kingdom and the U.S. A midterm planning conference for the exercise is scheduled for April 22-23, the official said, and could be canceled.

Other military-to-military cooperation between the U.S. and Russia also may be suspended, the administration official told reporters.

Defense relations between the U.S. and Russia were strained even before recent events. Russia repeatedly has expressed anger over NATO partnerships with neighboring countries like Ukraine and Georgia, as well as the alliance's development of a missile defense shield. The U.S. claims the shield is to stop missiles from Iran. Russia insists it is designed to blunt its own missile defense.

The U.S. and NATO have worked with

former Soviet nations on defense reforms during the past decade, using programs to destroy outdated equipment, to fund professional education for troops, to conduct officer exchanges and to provide foreign military sales or financing for modern equipment.

Partnering opportunities are run through a working group of a bilateral commission created by the two countries in 2010. Besides high-level discussions on issues such as missile defense and weapons proliferation, the working group has sponsored traditional exchange opportunities, such as a visit last June by Russian engineers to Fort Irwin, Calif., to understand U.S. training on defeating improvised explosive devices.

The U.S. and Russia also share information on counterterrorism and counternarcotics efforts. Before last month's Olympic Games in the Black Sea resort of Sochi,

the U.S. and Russian militaries discussed coordination on preventing improvised explosive devices.

Russia also provides a key transport route to Afghanistan, known as the Northern Distribution Network. NATO has used the route extensively both in bringing supplies to coalition forces in that landlocked nation and for the withdrawal of equipment heading to Europe as part of the pullout of international combat forces.

Northern Eagle, held every two years in the Barents and Norwegian seas, focuses on joint maritime and maneuver, from anti-air operations to air defense. It was first held in 2004 as a bilateral Russian-U.S. exercise but was opened to Norway in 2008.

FRUKUS, held last year in France, was created by the four nations in 2003 to improve interoperability.

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# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Man gets jail after dropping pants in court

**NC** GRAHAM — A North Carolina man faces jail time after pulling down his pants while walking away from a judge.

Jonathan Lee Gaddy, 19, of Burlington, was in court last week to face an underage-drinking charge. Alamance County District Court Judge Jim Roberson told him twice to pull his sweat-pants up to his waist.

Gaddy yanked his pants down to above his knees on his way out of the courtroom, exposing his underwear.

Roberson ordered him taken into custody for 10 days in the Alamance County jail for Thursday's offense. Roberson also scolded Gaddy for laughing and making disruptive outbursts in court.

Gaddy followed his attorney's advice and apologized to the judge.

## Law protects deployed servicemember parents

**NM** ALBUQUERQUE — New Mexico parents who also serve in the armed forces won't have to worry about child custody disputes while away on deployment.

Gov. Susana Martinez on Saturday signed into law legislation that will ensure child-custody arrangements cannot be modified in any way if one parent is currently deployed.

Martinez signed Senate Bill 130, the Service Member Child Custody Act, during a ceremony.

The bill was sponsored by state Sen. Daniel Ivey-Soto, D-Albuquerque, and state Rep. Nathan Cote, D-Organ.

Martinez said the new law means servicemembers can focus on fighting the enemy abroad instead of thinking about custody battles back home.

## Police in school district are armed with rifles

**UT** SALT LAKE CITY — Police officers tasked with keeping students safe in one of Utah's largest school districts have been given tools they think could save lives if a gunman attacks — AR-15 and M16 rifles.

The Granite School District has acquired the weapons from a Department of Defense program that gives surplus equipment to police agencies. Of the 62 agencies in Utah that get equipment from the program, Granite is the only one whose primary responsibility is schools.

The school district's police officers don't keep the rifles with them at all times, said Randy Johnson, chief of the district's police department. They are locked in racks inside their cars.

Twelve officers have AR15s, and Johnson and two sergeants have M16 rifles.

## Officers save life of baby in patrol car

**NY** NEW YORK — The baby girl brought tears of joy to a couple of New York City police

## THE CENSUS

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The amount of a lottery prize a Massachusetts man was headed to collect when he was pulled over for speeding. Police said a shaking Scott Lowe, 22, of Rockland, showed the officer his winning ticket. It was Lowe's lucky day in more ways than one. The officer who pulled him over in Hingham issued a verbal warning and urged him to drive safely.



Bob Self, THE (JACKSONVILLE) FLORIDA TIMES-UNION/AP

## Who's this nut?

Alexander Newton, 11 months, keeps a close eye on Mr. Peanut as he poses for a photo Saturday with his grandfather, Bill Heis, and Eliana de Dios in front of the Nutmobile in Jacksonville, Fla.

officers. NYPD Officer Michael Konatsotis and his partner, Officer David Roussein, saved the baby Saturday after her panicked parents called 911 when she turned blue.

The officers said it took them 45 seconds to rush to the midtown Manhattan apartment where they found the unresponsive girl, who was not breathing. Konatsotis sat up front with her, delivering emergency breaths while Roussein made the 10-block trip to Weill Cornell Medical Center in roughly 80 seconds.

When they arrived, Konatsotis said the baby let out a big burp, color returned to her face and she started crying.

He said the officers did, too. The baby is in stable condition. Her name wasn't released.

## Farmers hire dowsers to find water in drought

**CA** ST. HELENA — With California in the grips of drought recently, farmers throughout the state have been using a mysterious and some say foolhardy tool for locating underground water: dowsers, or water witches.

Practitioners of dowsing use

rudimentary tools — usually copper sticks or wooden "divining rods" that resemble large wishbones — and what they describe as a natural energy to find water hidden underground.

While government water scientists disapprove, California "witchers" have been busy as farmers seek to drill more groundwater wells due to the state's record drought.

The nation's fourth-largest wine maker says it uses dowsers on its 40,000 acres of California vineyards, and dozens of smaller farmers and homeowners also pay for dowsers.

## 500 dash up skyscraper steps for charity

**NY** NEW YORK — About 500 people dashed up the steps of a New York City skyscraper to raise \$200,000 for the American Lung Association of the Northeast.

The climbers Saturday included more than a dozen teams of firefighters in full bunker gear.

Participants in the 4th Annual Fight for Air Climb ascended 55 stories at One Penn Plaza, adjacent to Madison Square Garden.

That's a climb of 1,210 steps.

Fire Department Lt. Denis Sweeney was among the competitors. He said climbs like that one have special meaning because of the members of the department who died in the stairwells of the World Trade Center.

Sweeney said, "You try to dig deep and represent them as best you can."

## Relentless winter delays maple syrup season

**OH** CLEVELAND — The unrelenting winter is turning out to be particularly bitter for Ohio's maple syrup producers.

Syrup season in the state typically begins by mid-February, but many producers still haven't tapped their trees because of the unusually frigid temperatures.

Ideal syrup conditions are warm days followed by below-freezing nights.

Of the 12 states in the country that produce syrup, Ohio typically ranks fourth or fifth. The state produced 155,000 gallons of the sweet stuff in 2013, beaten only by Vermont, New York, Maine and Wisconsin.

Bill Belew's Auburn Township farm in northeastern Ohio typi-

cally produces 350 to 400 gallons of maple syrup per year. He said this season is the latest in which he's had to wait to tap his trees.

## Yosemite kicks off lottery for Half Dome

**CA** YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK — Park rangers say hikers can now apply for permits to ascend the summit of Yosemite National Park's iconic Half Dome.

A maximum of 300 hikers are allowed on the metal cables on the mountain's steep granite shoulder each day. Reservations are required, and a limited number of permits for this year can be obtained through a lottery system that started Saturday.

The 17-mile trail is strenuous, with a 4,800-foot elevation gain, and it is dangerous when wet.

The route had been inundated with thousands of visitors per day, so in 2011 park officials instituted a permit lottery for daily access to increase safety.

The lottery system will end March 31, but about 50 additional permits per day will be available through a two-day-in-advance lottery during the hiking season.

From wire reports

# BUSINESS/WEATHER

# Winter slump spurs auto discounts

By Tom Krisher  
The Associated Press

**DETROIT**—Late last month, David Kelleher had 412 unsold new cars and trucks at his Chrysler-Jeep-Dodge-Ram dealership southwest of Philadelphia. He would have been more comfortable with about 40 fewer.

It's a similar scene at other dealerships, with cars parked in spaces that were previously vacant.

The auto industry hopes this year to sell more than 16 million cars for the first time since 2007. The question for automakers is whether numbers like Kelleher's simply reflect a bad winter or hint at trouble ahead. For many car buyers, they signal something better: deals.

Kelleher, who had to close his showroom for five days due to storms, expects February sales declined but is confident that buyers will return once temperatures rise. Industry analysts note that warmer-weather dealerships fared well over the winter.

Others see signs of the habits that got Detroit into financial trouble five years ago—producing too many cars and trucks, and losing money with hefty discounts to move them off lots.



NAV Y. HUN/AP

The 2014 Chrysler Fiat 500L is displayed Feb. 7 during the media preview of the Chicago Auto Show.

Kelleher's inventory was enough to meet demand for 94 days. Normally he likes to have an 85-day supply. Stocks are growing across the nation, too. At the end of January, dealers had an 89-day supply, the highest in five years, according to Ward's AutoInfoBank. Detroit automakers had the most, with General Motors at 114 days, followed by Ford at 107 and Chrysler at 105.

To unload the inventory, automakers are offering more discounts. That means deals for consumers. Incentives are the highest they've been in three years, averaging \$2,633 per vehicle in February, according to the TrueCar.com auto pricing site. They're up more than 5 percent over a year ago, TrueCar said.

GM raised discounts on some Chevrolet Silverado pickups to more than \$7,000 last month. Ford offered \$3,250 on some 2014 F-150s and up to \$8,250 on 2013 models. GM also discounted its slow-selling Jeeps Malibu and the Cruze compact, while Ford discounted the midsize Fusion, and Chrysler offered deals on the compact Dart.

"If you can fight the weather, it's a good time to get out there," said Jeff Schuster, senior vice president of auto sales forecasting for the LMC consulting firm. "You're likely to see more deals now than toward the end of the year."

At Jeff Wylar Chevrolet in Canal Winchester, Ohio, near Columbus, General Sales Manager Ed Bressler said his staff is tempting consumers to brave the elements.

They're calling potential buyers and dangling higher train offers and no-cost additional features. Even so, February sales are slightly behind last year.

## EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (March 4)	\$1.4130
Dollar buys (March 4)	€0.7077
Japanese yen (March 4)	\$1.72
South Korean won (March 4)	1,045.00

Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3771
British pound	\$1.6719/0.5981
Canada (dollar)	1.1095
China (Yuan)	6.1465
Denmark (Krone)	5.4205
Egypt (pound)	0.6930
Euro	\$1.3768/0.7263
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7593
Hungary (Forint)	227.09
Israel (Shekel)	3.4896
Japan (Yen)	101.47
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2812
Norway (Krone)	6.0431
Philippines (Peso)	44.67
Poland (Zloty)	3.4064
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7206
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2686
South Korea (won)	1,070.33
Switzerland (Franc)	0.8813
Thailand (Baht)	32.56
Turkey (New Lira)	2,2210

(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	4.75
Federal funds market rate	0.07
3-month bill	0.05
30-year bond	3.59

## WEATHER OUTLOOK

### TUESDAY IN THE MIDDLE EAST



### TUESDAY IN EUROPE



### WEDNESDAY IN THE PACIFIC



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	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Arlene, Tex	51	23	Cldy	Chatanooga	50	24	Pcldy	Fort Wayne	22	-1	Cldy	Louisville	32	8	Pcldy
Akron, Ohio	21	-3	Cldy	Cheney	48	27	Cldy	Goodland	72	55	Pcldy	Lubbock	62	24	Pcldy
Albany, N.Y.	22	-3	Cldy	Chicago	24	9	Cldy	Grand Junction	55	31	Cldy	Macon	49	36	Cldy
Albuquerque	60	33	Cldy	Cincinnati	28	5	Cldy	Grand Rapids	21	2	Cldy	Medford	66	46	Cldy
Allentown, Pa.	25	-1	Pclwy	Cleveland	-1	-1	Cldy	Great Falls	44	23	Cldy	Memphis	36	15	Pcldy
Anchorage	30	21	Snow	Colorado Springs	52	27	Cldy	Green Bay	19	3	Cldy	Miami Beach	84	68	Cldy
Ashville	46	33	Pcldy	Columbia, S.C.	52	36	Cldy	Greensboro, N.C.	38	17	Pcldy	Midland-Odessa	65	26	Cldy
Atlanta	49	32	Cldy	Columbus, Ga.	47	29	Cldy	Harrisburg	25	2	Pcldy	Milwaukee	36	25	Pcldy
Atlantic City	29	4	Pcldy	Concord, N.H.	23	-6	Pcldy	Hartford Spfld	32	12	Cldy	Mpls-St Paul	18	4	Cldy
Austin	29	4	Pcldy	Corpus Christi	45	38	Rain	Helen	42	25	Cldy	Missoula	26	25	Snow
Baltimore	27	7	Pcldy	Dallas-Ft Worth	50	24	Pcldy	Honolulu	80	64	Pcldy	Mobile	33	19	Cldy
Baton Rouge	44	33	Cldy	Dayton	24	0	Cldy	Houston	45	34	Rain	Montgomery	51	34	Pcldy
Bilings	38	23	Cldy	Daytona Beach	73	59	Cldy	Huntsville	50	26	Pcldy	Nashville	41	17	Pcldy
Birmingham	51	28	Cldy	Denver	57	29	Cldy	Indianapolis	27	5	Cldy	New Orleans	46	41	Rain
Bismarck	14	-2	Cldy	Des Moines	24	4	Cldy	Jackson, Miss.	44	27	Cldy	New York City	28	10	Pcldy
Boise	54	21	Cldy	Detroit	19	1	Cldy	Jacksonville	61	50	Cldy	Newark	28	10	Pcldy
Boston	27	9	Rain	Duluth	15	-1	Cldy	Janeau	75	12	Cldy	Norfolk, Va.	35	21	Cldy
Bridgeport	27	9	Rain	El Paso	70	42	Pcldy	Kansas City	32	6	Pcldy	Norfolk, Va.	35	21	Cldy
Brownsville	54	42	Rain	Elkins	33	4	Pcldy	Key West	70	47	Cldy	Oklahoma City	51	34	Pcldy
Buffalo	18	-2	Cldy	El Paso	70	42	Pcldy	Knoxville	46	21	Pcldy	Omaha	27	7	Cldy
Burlington, Vt.	16	-8	Cldy	Eugene	57	49	Rain	Lake Charles	41	34	Rain	Orlando	80	61	Cldy
Caribou, Maine	11	-19	Cldy	Fargo	14	-1	Cldy	Lansing	20	-3	Cldy	Paducah	30	8	Pcldy
Charleston, S.C.	48	36	Cldy	Flagstaff	55	24	Cldy	Las Vegas	72	50	Cldy	Pendleton	53	40	Cldy
Charleston, W.Va.	39	6	Pcldy	Flint	20	-5	Cldy	Lexington	33	7	Pcldy	Peoria	21	-6	Cldy
Charlotte, N.C.	45	22	Pcldy	Fort Smith	42	17	Pcldy	Lincoln	31	10	Cldy	Philadelphia	28	7	Pcldy
								Little Rock	35	17	Cldy	Phoenix	79	56	Pcldy
								Los Angeles	72	55	Pcldy	Pittsburgh	27	1	Cldy
												Pocatello	53	36	Cldy
												Portland, Maine	55	47	Cldy
												Providence	27	9	Cldy
												Pueblo	60	24	Pcldy
												Raleigh-Durham	38	17	Pcldy
												Rapid City	37	15	Cldy
												Reno	64	41	Pcldy
												Richmond	39	12	Cldy
												Roanoke	39	14	Pcldy
												Rochester	19	-1	Cldy
												Rockford	19	5	Cldy
												Sacramento	69	53	Cldy
												St Louis	27	6	Pcldy
												St Petersburg	77	65	Cldy
												St Thomas	84	72	Cldy
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												Seattle	66	52	Cldy
												Seattle	56	27	Cldy
												Seattle	54	40	Cldy
												Seattle	53	44	Cldy
												Shreveport	44	26	Cldy

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Hi: Sun., 92, Alice, Texas, and Laredo, Texas	44
Lo: Sun., -44, at Embarras, Minn.	

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OPINION

Boomers should get over 'Yesterday'

By RACHEL MANTEUFFEL  
The Washington Post

**B**oomers: Sup 'It's me, the millennials, here for once not to talk about ourselves. We want to talk about you. You've had plenty of time to wallow in your unique generational greatness in the 50 years since The Beatles went on "Ed Sullivan," and this week marks a darker, more grown-up anniversary. It has been 50 years since The Beatles left our shores after that first trip, and now you're old enough to have a talk, like adults, about giving up your last sacred cow. No, not Social Security. We need to talk about your music.

In our interminable generational debates, the thing you always come back to is your unshakable belief that your music is better than ours. That it had soul and meaning and purity and cynicism and a message — that something magical happened, "round about 1959, and we, your children, will never really understand. It's time to demolish that myth. We're sorry, but this has to happen so we can move forward together.

We are going to present evidence that you are perhaps a teeny bit forgiving of flaws in your music. Perhaps your memories are sweetened by sanctimony or weed. We are going to discuss the anthem of heartbreak for your generation, the song that by general agreement took the Beatles from Popular to Important, the most-covered rock song of all time. We think you know the one we're talking about. The unassailable one. Please remain calm.

Yesterday, all his troubles seemed so far away.

OK, this is not so bad. Paul doesn't have a great sense of planning, but many of us

**Paul believes in yesterday, which is not a particularly impressive act of faith; most of us were there, too. Still.**

are so afflicted. Now, it looks as though his troubles are here to stay. Again, this was probably predictable, but let's let the man sing. Nice voice, Paul.

Paul believes in yesterday, which is not a particularly impressive act of faith; most of us were there, too. Still.

Suddenly, he's not half the man he used to be, and there's a shadow hanging over him. Oh, yesterday came suddenly.

Now, let's examine the chronology. Suddenly, Paul's fortunes have fallen dramatically. Yesterday he was fine, with distant troubles, and today he is half of his previous self. This is, so far, everything the song has expressed. So what on Earth does "Yesterday came suddenly" mean? Yesterday was the good time, Paul. You just told us that. You mean today came suddenly. Only that doesn't scan.

Also, you think we didn't notice you rhyme "suddenly" with "suddenly" there, but we did.

Then we learn the catastrophe that occurred: He lost a girl. Why she had to go he doesn't know, she wouldn't say. She left him this morning or so, since yesterday was great, despite also coming suddenly. She wouldn't say why she left. And he quick, giddyup, wrote this song today, which might explain a few things about its cohesiveness.

Consider: This cannot have been a very deep relationship. He says something wrong and she leaves him and won't say

why? What a drama queen. What kind of person leaves someone for a very good but unexpressed reason, based on something he said that was so subtly wrong he hasn't a clue as to what it was? Paul wants to talk about it — but she is flouncing out the door.

Clearly, Paul is better off without her. She is a shallow, coldhearted jerk. But he still longs for their relationship; in fact, now, in her absence, he is half a man! This makes Paul a sap and a dip.

Paul's lady, we have established, is high-maintenance with a flair for the dramatic and punishing gesture, so nobody believes love once was, with her, an easy game to play. It's not easy for anyone, Paul, not even for a day. You were deluding yourself.

And now you need a place to hide away, even though she left you. This implies you no longer have a place. Are you getting kicked out? Did she pay the rent? Were you a sap and a dip and a fiasco?

The essential message of the song is that things were nicer in the past. Except, as the nonsensical timeline and shallowness of the heartbreak song, these things were not that great but only seem so because of nostalgia. Ahem.

The rest is just repetition and humming. Boomers, please believe that we are not trying to be cruel. We simply urge you to assess your music in the harsh light of reality. Of today.

And, on a personal note, we mean to cause no lasting pain when we report that the person to whom we first pitched this essay, an editor at The Washington Post born in the 1980s, didn't recognize the lyrics. At all.

Love,  
Millennials

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Possible candidates forced to wait on Clinton

**The reticence of any other Democrat to raise their hand now doesn't reflect a lack of talent in the party.**

raise their hand now doesn't reflect a lack of talent in the party. Just consider the rich menu of running-mate choices candidate Clinton would have.

She has a keen appreciation, associates say, of the dynamics, the pull of electing a woman president. Thus, her initial instinct in selecting a running mate might be to emulate her husband in 1992 and shun convention. By choosing Al Gore, also a young centrist progressive Southern policy wonk, Bill Clinton made the election about generational change instead of seeking geographic and ideological balance on the ticket. Similarly, Hillary Clinton might look for a woman, though there is no natural fit. With her long experience, she might have more leeway to pick the head of the Senate Budget Committee, Patty Murray, of Washington, or Klobuchar, or Gov. Maggie Hassan, of New Hampshire.

More likely, she'd hate a conventional approach, and there would be attractive options, starting with politicians from two swing states: Virginia Sens. Mark Warner and Tim Kaine, both former governors (a fly qualification that is lacking on Hillary Clinton's resume), or Colorado's Gov. John Hickenlooper and Sen. Michael Bennet, once superintendent of Denver's public-school system. Or, if she wants to emphasize fiscal issues, Maryland Rep. Chris Van Hollen. All would be top-tier choices.

For 2016, the Democrats have no shortage of political talent, except at the very top.

who is personally popular with Democrats. But his two previous presidential runs crashed, and in 2016 he would be older than Ronald Reagan was when he was elected in 1984.

Most of the passion in the party would center on Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren. Her brainy populism puts her more in sync with party activists — and most voters — than any other major figure, including Clinton. But she's a political neophyte — 2012 was her first campaign — and she has expressed doubts privately about whether she would be comfortable with a national run at this stage.

Other women certainly might jump in if Clinton is out. So, too, could New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, testing whether his brand can fly outside the Empire State.

Then there are the what-does-we-have-to-lose guys: Brian Schweitzer, the former governor of Montana, and — a little less likely — Martin O'Malley, the governor of Maryland. No list is complete without Jerry Brown, California's maverick 75-year-old governor, who was first elected to that position 40 years ago.

Then, the overarching narrative for the primary campaign would be: If only Hillary.

The reticence of any other Democrat to

By ALBERT R. HUNT  
Bloomberg News

**I**f Hillary Rodham Clinton doesn't run for the Democratic presidential nomination in 2016 — and there's a 1 chance in 5 of that — the party could have a nervous breakdown.

On the national level, the Democratic bench is weaker, or more overshadowed, than at any time in the past several decades. There are several reasons. The election disaster in 2010 wiped out many possibilities, especially at the gubernatorial level. More important, with two heavyweight camps — President Barack Obama and the Clintons — there is no political oxygen for anyone else.

Suppose, for example, that upon taking over as secretary of state, Clinton had declared that she wouldn't run for elective office again. The field might look much different today.

For one, several ambitious female Democrats might be dipping their toes in the presidential waters: for example, Sens. Amy Klobuchar, of Minnesota, or Kirsten Gillibrand, of New York. Now, the Democratic pick-and-choose sisterhood is completely weird in Hillary.

This sense that America is overdue to elect a woman is powerful and extends even beyond its borders.

"I'm optimistic I'll live to see a female president of the United States," former Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard said in an interview last week.

If Clinton doesn't run, the focus will be on 71-year-old Vice President Joe Biden,

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## OPINION

## Putin's push for self-preservation in Ukraine

BY MARKOS KOUNALAKIS

Most analyses of the Ukraine crisis ask why Russian President Vladimir Putin would risk international condemnation — and potential military confrontation — with his aggressive military moves in Crimea.

A dominant line considers a Putin who is nostalgic for the Soviet empire and with a deep-seated desire to reconstruct a modern, greater Russia.

While he may have broader irredentist goals and be willing to throw the dice on Ukraine to this end, his calculation of the costs of invading Crimea needs also to be understood as a move for his personal political survival.

When looking to history, the Russian military moves in Ukraine may resemble Hitler's "Anschluss" — the German annexation of Austria leading up to World War II — but the real effect is for this to be Putin's "Tiananmen Square."

In China, the Tiananmen Square student protests were put down with a raw violence that massacred untold numbers of people.

The Chinese leadership knew this would lead to international condemnation, restrict their participation in trade and investment, prevent global political engagement, and confer China pariah status.

The leadership was well aware of the consequences, but calculated that killing unarmed students live on TV was worth saving China's ruling elite its power. Tiananmen Square shut down all dissent and saw the ruling party. Anyone who dared criticize or oppose the regime or its actions was arrested.

In the fluid situation in Ukraine, Putin and the Russian parliament's aggressive actions are not merely about maintaining or extending the Russian Federation's borders, it is as much about cracking down on domestic Russian dissent and showing force without needing to impose an armed crackdown at home.

The current message being sent by the Russian regime is just as effective and less risky from this perspective. Putin is able to lower the hammer on Ukraine, make his strongman point, and avoid immediately deploying brute force against his own opponents back home. Better to activate the Russian navy in Simferopol than the army in Red Square.

The military moves in Crimea are happening at the same time as Putin is activating his post-Sochi Olympics arrest list. No sooner had the airports in Crimea been secured by weapons-toting Russian associates than Russia's major opposition leader, Alexei Navalny, was put under house arrest.

This outspoken leading voice threatening Putin's power is now prohibited from using the Internet or having visitors. He has been iced and silenced. How much longer before members of Pussy Riot and other dissidents find themselves back in custody?

In this post-Olympics moment, Putin is effectively saying, "No more Mr. Nice Guy."

The crisis in Ukraine and the street demonstrations that effectively overthrew Putin's puppet, Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich, if successful and uncontested, would have led to a reinvigorated, reconstituted and infectious protest movement back in Russia.

The same street demonstrations that filled the Moscow streets after Putin's reelection in 2012 were just getting warmed up to hit the streets again following the effective anti-Yanukovich actions throughout Ukraine. During this time of international crisis, Russian internal dissent will not be brooked.

The Tiananmen Square actions occurred in 1989, and there were two specific lessons that were not lost on then-KGB agent Putin. One, allow protest and popular organization to overthrow the regime as in Eastern Europe or, two, strike decisively, with force and wanton disregard for inter-



MARKOS SCHREIBER/AP

A man holds a poster with half-portraits of Russian President Vladimir Putin and Soviet leader Josef Stalin and the slogan "Putin Hands Off Ukraine!" during a protest against Russian military actions in Ukraine at the Russian Embassy in Berlin on Monday.

national norms as in China.

Putin's calculation is cold and clear. Muscovites and other Russians clearly understand that if Putin is willing to strike at others across borders, just imagine what he is willing to do back home.

Harboring escaped Ukraine President Yanukovich in Russia confronted Putin with the very immediate reality that he could be the next democratically elected leader forced to flee.

The Arab Awakening is still fresh in his mind, his Syrian ally, Bashar Assad, still embattled, and a host of other deposed or overthrown leaders are no longer able to answer the phone. Putin believes he must

fight to survive and that there is no alternative for him and for a unified Russia.

From his perspective, passivity in the face of events in Ukraine would likely result in his own eventual overthrow. The last thing Putin wants is to be the former leader of a once-great nation.

His greatest fear is to be the next Mikhail Gorbachev. In Russia today, Gorbachev has a lower popularity rating than nearly any living politician on earth and has become a punch line on Jon Stewart's "Daily Show." Putin wants the last laugh.

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## Russia can't turn back the clock to Soviet times

BY DAVID IGNATIUS

WASHINGTON  
Napoleon is said to have cautioned during an 1805 battle: "When the enemy is making a false move, we must take good care not to interrupt him." The citation is also sometimes rendered as "Never interrupt your enemy when he is making a mistake." Whatever the precise wording, the admonition is a useful starting point for thinking about the Ukraine situation.

Vladimir Putin has made a mistake invading Crimea, escalating a crisis for Russia that has been brewing for many months. It might have been beneficial if President Barack Obama could have dissuaded him from this error. But Putin's move into Crimea appeared to spring from a deeper misjudgment about the reversibility of the process that led to the breakup of Soviet Union in 1991. The further Russia wades into this revanchist strategy, the worse its troubles will become.

The Russian leader's nostalgia for the past was on display at the Sochi Olympics. As David Remnick wrote last week in *The New Yorker*, Putin regards the fall of the Soviet Union as a "tragic error," and the Olympics celebrated his vision that a strong Russia is back. That attitude led to the secretary of State John Kerry described on Sunday as a "brazen

**The more Putin seeks to assert Russia's strength, he will actually underline its weakness.**

act of aggression" and a "violation of [Russia's] international obligations."

Kerry called on Putin to "undo this act of aggression." The Russian leader would save himself immense grief by following Kerry's advice, but that seems unlikely. His inaction in Sevastopol may lead to others elsewhere though, hopefully, Putin will avoid reckless actions. But the more Putin seeks to assert Russia's strength, he will actually underline its weakness.

Perhaps inevitably, given Washington's political monomania, the big subject over the weekend wasn't Putin's criminal attack on Crimea but whether Obama had encouraged it by being insufficiently muscular. There are many valid criticisms to be made of Obama's foreign policy, especially in Syria, but the notion that Putin's attack is somehow the United States' fault is perverse.

For two months the Obama administration has been prodding the European Union to take the Ukraine crisis more seriously.

I'm told that U.S. intelligence showed that Putin was impatient with Ukraine's pro-Russian president, Viktor Yanukovich, and wanted him to crack down even harder on the protesters in Kiev's Maidan square. Putin's distaste for Yanukovich has been obvious since the Ukrainian leader fled the capital a week ago.

What Putin misunderstands most is that the center of gravity for the former Soviet Union has shifted west. Former Soviet satellites such as Poland and the Czech Republic are prosperous members of the EU. The nations that made up what was once Yugoslavia have survived their bloody breakup, and most have emerged as strong democracies. Ukraine was set to join this movement toward the European Union last November when Yanukovich suddenly suspended trade and financial talks with the EU and accepted what amounted to a \$15 billion bribe from Putin to stay in Russia's camp. To the tens of thousands of courageous Ukrainians who braved the cold and police brutality to protest, Yanukovich's submission to Moscow looked like an attempt to reverse history.

The opportunity for Putin is almost precisely opposite his atavistic vision of restoration. It is only by moving west, toward Europe, that Russia itself can reverse its demographic and political trap. Year by year, the Russian political system becomes

more of a corrupt Oriental despotism — with Moscow closer to Almaty than Berlin. The alternative is for Ukraine to encourage Russia to move with it toward the West.

As former national security adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski explained in a 2008 book, "If Ukraine moves to the West, first to the EU, eventually maybe to NATO, the probability that Russia will move towards Europe is far greater. ... Russians will eventually say, 'Our future will be safest, our control over the Far East territories will be most assured ... if there is a kind of Atlantic community that stretches from Lisbon to Vladivostok.'"

Putin's Russia may well make more mistakes. They may see a cascading chain of error that brings Russian troops deeper into Ukraine and sets the stage for civil war. Those are the kind of miscalculations that lead to catastrophic consequences, and Obama would be wise to seek to deter Russian aggression without specifying too clearly what the U.S. ladder of escalation might be.

But Americans and Europeans should agree that this is a story about Putin's violation of the international order. I'd be happy if we could interrupt Russia's mistakes, but so far Putin insists on doing the wrong thing.

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## SHIFTING GEARS

# BMW diesel is not your father's Oldsmobile

328d sedan is a far cry from sluggish, sooty cars of yore

BY LARRY PRINTZ

The (Norfolk) Virginian-Pilot

If Americans think of diesel engines at all, they remember the unreliable, gutless Oldsmobile diesel engine of the late 1970s and 1980s. Or they think of the diesels from Volkswagen and Mercedes-Benz, which had their loyalists, many of them former owners. The rest of us remember following one of those machines, if not because of their sluggish acceleration, then for their clouds of sooty, smelly black smoke. Is it any wonder that there's little love for diesel engines in America?

Today's diesel powerplants are a different breed thanks to urea injection, which cleans the exhaust, and turbochargers, which help to boost their pokey pace.

Proof of that can be found in the diesel-powered 2014 BMW 328d sedan.

It possesses the classic 3 Series driving character. Its suspension is firm, holding the body in check through corners. A tenacious grip keeps the car on its intended course. The steering communicates to the driver, providing feedback that makes performance driving not only possible but rewarding.

But there's a caveat under the hood, where a dual-overhead-cam 2.0-liter turbocharged four-cylinder diesel engine produces 180 horsepower and 280 foot-pounds of torque. That's significantly less power than the previous 3-Series diesel model, the 335d, which was rated at 265 horsepower and 425-foot-pounds of torque.

As you'd expect, the 328d's performance suffers as a result. Getting to 60 mph takes 7.4 seconds, regardless of whether you opt for rear-wheel drive or all-wheel drive. By comparison, the 335d did that in 6 seconds. Thankfully, the 328d doesn't feel as slow as it actually is, which could be its saving grace. Still, losing two cylinders means that the 2.0-liter doesn't



Photos courtesy of BMW

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possess the refined character of some diesel engines. It clatters and vibrates rudely at idle, and moans noticeably when asked for oomph, although it quiets down at speed as the turbocharger effortlessly whisks the car along with the authority of a much larger engine.

One performance parameter shows noticeable improvement: fuel economy. The new engine returns 31 mpg city, 43 mpg highway, whereas the old one returned 23 mpg city, 36 mpg highway.

Otherwise, the 328d is a stock 3-Series, with compact dimen-

sions, good room up front, adequate room in the rear seat and a spacious trunk.

If you don't mind the engine, you might think that this car would be a great compact luxury sedan and, from a pure driving standpoint, it is.

The car's \$40,600 base price, \$5,550 worth of options and a destination charge are enough to get all-wheel drive, memory seats, AM/FM/CD/MP3 player, automatic climate control, power front seats, ambient lighting, garage door opener, power windows, power mirrors, M Sport appearance package, adjustable suspension package, Bluetooth and a USB port.

But it's not enough to get options some would typically expect. The seats are vinyl, not leather. There are no seat heaters. There's no navigation system or rearview back-up camera. Safety items available on lesser cars, such as blind-spot detection or adaptive cruise control, are absent at this price.

It lacks SiriusXM satellite radio, and plugging an iPod into the USB port requires a special cord from BMW.

This may not bother BMW aficionados, who value performance above all else. But for those looking for comfort and convenience, well, it's going to cost you more.

So yes, the BMW 328d is a won-

derful car to drive, despite its raucous engine.

It's fuel-efficient, fun to drive and smartly sized. But its lack of luxury features expected in this class at this price will be hard for some to overlook.

If you'd like the added features, but don't want to pay more, opt for the gasoline-powered 320i xDrive instead. Its horsepower rating is identical and, although it has less torque than the 328d, it's faster. It's also \$5,850 cheaper — enough to add some of the luxury that's missing.

Yes, the 320i xDrive will cost you an extra \$400 a year to fuel according to the EPA, but you'll have a car worthy of its badge.

The choice is yours.

### BMW 328d sedan



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## FACES

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## Singers' disrespect of black icons raises concerns for many

BY JESSE WASHINGTON  
The Associated Press

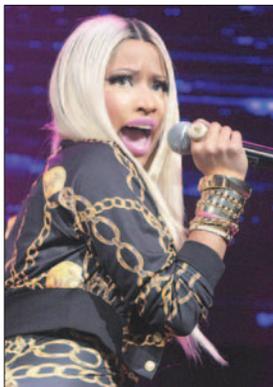
Malcolm X and rap music have always fit together like a needle in the groove, connected by struggle, strength and defiance. But three recent episodes involving the use — or misuse — of Malcolm and other black icons have raised the question: Has rap lost touch with black history?

Chart-topping rapstress Nicki Minaj provoked widespread outrage with an Instagram post featuring one of black history's most poignant images: Malcolm X peering out the window of his home, rifle in hand, trying to defend his wife and children from firebombs while under surveillance by federal agents. Superimposed on the photo: the title of Minaj's new song, which denigrates certain black men and repeats the N-word 42 times.

That came after Minaj's mentor Lil Wayne recorded a verse last year using the civil rights martyr Emmett Till in a sexual metaphor, and the hip-hop mogul Russell Simmons posted a Harriet Tubman "sex tape" video on his comedy channel.

What is happening to mainstream rap music, which was launched by Simmons and is now ruled by the likes of Minaj and Wayne?

"I don't want to say today's rappers are not educated about black history, but they don't seem as aware as rap generations before them," said Jermaine Hall, editor-in-chief of



Hip-hop artists Nicki Minaj, left, and Lil Wayne are two of the rappers recently criticized for seeming to denigrate icons of black culture to promote albums and generate attention.

Vibe, the hip-hop magazine and website.

While previous generations had to struggle with the racism and neglect of the 1970s or the crack epidemic of the 1980s, Hall said, today's young people have not faced the same type of racial struggle — "They're sort of getting further and further away from the civil rights movement.

"In the '80s, whether it was KRS-One, Public Enemy, or the Native Tongues, that entire movement, it was very in tune with black history," Hall said. "They knew everything about Malcolm, about Martin, about Rosa Parks. Now, the new rappers just aren't as in tune."

Indeed, Minaj issued a statement expressing disbelief at the uproar and apologizing to Malcolm's family "if the meaning of the photo was misconstrued." Wayne wrote to the Till family to "acknowledge your hurt, as well as the letter you sent to me via your attorneys." Simmons was the only one to say, "I am sincerely sorry."

Jasiri X, a rapper whose music focuses on



AP photos

black empowerment and current events, said many of today's mainstream rappers use images of revolutionary black icons to promote an anti-establishment image.

"All the while, they're being funded and pushed by major corporations," he said.

"I see Nicki and other artists, whether Kanye or Jay-Z, adopting these revolutionary images or using a clip or saying their name, but never practice the principles which these revolutionaries gave their lives for," Jasiri said.

Paradise Gray, who performed in the 1980s with the Afrocentric rap group X Clan, says today's rappers seem to be all about greed.

"Mainstream rap music has lost its reverence for anything besides money," Gray said.

Today's rappers threaten to kill people who disrespect them, "but they sit back and let you disrespect our legacy, our culture, our history," he said.

"What," Gray asked, "will the disrespect of your humanity and your blackness cost you?"

## NYC official: Hoffman died from toxic mix of drugs

From wire services

Philip Seymour Hoffman died from taking a combination of heroin, cocaine and other drugs, the New York City medical examiner ruled Friday, a toxic mix that addiction specialists say is not uncommon in the tens of thousands of overdose deaths in the U.S. each year.

Hoffman, 46, who was found Feb. 2 with a needle in his arm on the floor of his Manhattan apartment, also had found amphetamines and benzodiazepines, which are drugs such as Xanax and Valium that are widely prescribed for anxiety, trouble sleeping and other problems, said a spokeswoman for the medical examiner. The death was ruled accidental.

The medical examiner didn't provide the names of the drugs or the amounts found in the actor's system, making it impossible to determine which drug was the major factor, said Dr. Charles McKay, a medical toxicologist for Hartford Hospital in Connecticut and a spokesman for the American College of Medical Toxicology.

### 'Lego Movie' toppled at weekend box office

Liam Neeson has grounded "The Lego Movie." The action star's airtight thriller "Non-Stop" arrived in first place at the weekend box office, effectively ending the animated film's three-week blockade at the top spot.

"Non-Stop" stars Neeson as a federal air marshal on a doomed flight. The movie took in \$30 million domestically and \$20 million internationally, according to studio estimates Sunday.

"Son of God" debuted in a close second place with \$26.5 million domestically. The film recounts the story of Jesus' life using footage from the production of History Channel's 10-part miniseries "The Bible."

"The Lego Movie" came in third place with \$21 million in its third weekend, bringing its total domestic haul to \$209.3 million.

### '12 Years a Slave' rolls at Spirit Awards

"12 Years a Slave" won five Spirit Awards, including best fea-

ture, at the annual independent film celebration.

On the eve of the Academy Awards, the slavery tale won awards for director Steve McQueen, actress Lupita Nyong'o, screenwriter John Ridley and cinematographer Sean Bobbitt.

The Spirit Awards ended up being a dress rehearsal to Sunday's Academy Awards. The Spirit winners for best feature, and the four prominent acting winners, also went on to triumph at the Academy Awards.

The best actor awards went to Matthew McConaughey in "Dallas Buyers Club" and Cate Blanchett in "Blue Jasmine." McConaughey's co-star, Jared Leto, won best male supporting performance.

### Arby's buys Pharrell's hat for \$44K on eBay

Arby's has won the bid for Pharrell's famous hat.

The fast food restaurant announced Sunday it paid \$44,100 for the Vivienne Westwood hat, made famous when Pharrell wore it at the Grammy Awards in January. He wore a similar hat at

Sunday's Academy Awards.

The Arby's logo uses a design similar to the brown fedora, which became a trending topic on Twitter after Pharrell sported it.

The producer-rapper-singer put the hat on eBay two weeks ago. The earnings will support his charity From One Hand to Another.

### Other news

■ "Doonesbury" cartoonist Gary Trudeau has announced that he will take an extended hiatus. He says fresh "Doonesbury" strips will still run on Sundays.

■ Alain Resnais, the French filmmaker whose cryptic "Last Year at Marienbad" extended its influence across generations, died Saturday at 91.

■ Musicians Gwen Stefani and Gavin Rossdale had a third boy, Apollo Bowie Flynn Rossdale, on Friday.

■ A California judge on Friday ordered Chris Brown to remain in an anger-management rehab program and told the pop singer to return to court in two months. Brown's next hearing is scheduled for April 23.

## Smith family earns Razzies for 'After Earth'

BY DERRIK J. LANG  
The Associated Press

Will and Jaden Smith have something they can bond over: They were both awarded Razzies for their performances in "After Earth."

Jaden was selected as worst actor for his starring role in the sci-fi flop about a father and son stranded on an untamed Earth, while the elder Smith was chosen as worst supporting actor at Saturday's Golden Raspberry Awards, which lampoons Hollywood's awards season on the eve of the Oscars. The duo was also selected as the worst screen combo by online Razzies voters.

Razzies organizer John Wilson noted the pair was "stranded on Planet Nepotism."

"After Earth," which was directed by M. Night Shyamalan, tied with "Movie 43" for the most prizes with three awards.

The raunchy comedy anthology featuring the likes of Halle Berry, Richard Gere, Kate Winslet and Naomi Watts earned Razzies for worst picture, screenplay and director.

Apparently, it took a village to craft something so loathed. The Razzies noted that "Movie 43" is credited with 13 directors and 19 screenwriters.

Tyler Perry also didn't receive any good tidings from the Razzies. Perry — as feisty alter ego Madaa — was picked as worst actress for "A Madea Christmas," while Kim Kardashian was designated worst supporting actress for her role in the drama "Tyler Perry's Temptation."

Despite being the year's biggest box-office bomb, "The Lone Ranger" lassoed just one prize: worst remake, rip-off or sequel.

For once, Adam Sandler went home empty-handed at this year's Razzies. Sandler's

"Grown-Ups 2" originally led the hate-fest with eight nominations, including worst picture and actor for Sandler, but the comedy sequel wasn't awarded a single trophy.



Actors Jaden and Will Smith were awarded Razzies Sunday for their roles in the sci-fi flop "After Earth."

## ACADEMY AWARDS

## The big winner at the Academy Awards?

## DIVERSITY

BY JESSICA HERNDON AND JAKE COLEY  
The Associated Press

Diversity was perhaps the biggest winner at the 86th annual Academy Awards.

For the first time, a film directed by a black filmmaker — Steve McQueen of “12 Years a Slave” — won best picture and a Latino — Alfonso Cuarón of “Gravity” — took home best director in a ceremony presided over by a lesbian host — Ellen DeGeneres — and overseen by the academy’s first black president.

McQueen’s grimly historical drama “12 Years a Slave” took best picture, leading the usually sedate filmmaker to jump up and down in celebration after his acceptance speech.

The British director dedicated his award to “all of the people who endured slavery and the 21 million people who still suffer slavery today.”

Cuarón’s lost-in-space thriller “Gravity” led the Oscars with seven awards, including cinematography, editing, score, visual effects, sound mixing and sound editing. Some in his native Mexico have been critical that since the attention came to a Hollywood release and not a Mexican-themed film, his win didn’t have the same kind of importance.

“I’m Mexican, so I hope some Mexicans were rooting for me,” he told reporters backstage.

The entire Oscar ceremony had the feel of a make-over for the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences — an institution that has sometimes seemed stuck in the past. After a Los Angeles Times report revealed the academy was overwhelmingly made up of older white men, new president Cheryl Boone Isaacs has pushed for a more varied membership.

The movie industry that the Oscars reflect has also been reluctant to tell a wider range of stories.

“Dallas Buyers Club,” the best picture-nominated drama about AIDS in 1980s Texas, took two decades to get made after countless executives balked at financing such a tale. Matthew McConaughey and Jared Leto won best actor and best supporting actor for their roles in the film as a heterosexual rodeo rat (McConaughey) and a transgender drug addict (Leto) united by HIV.

Cate Blanchett, best-actress winner for her bitter, ruined socialite in Woody Allen’s “Blue Jasmine,” used her acceptance speech to trumpet the need to make films with female leads — films like her own and like “Gravity,” starring Sandra Bullock. A study by analyst Kevin B. Lee found that last year’s lead actors averaged 100 minutes on screen, but lead actresses averaged only 49 minutes.

“To the audiences who went to see the film and perhaps those of us in the industry who are still foolishly clinging to the idea that female films, with women at the center, are niche experiences, they are not,” said Blanchett. “Audiences want to see them and, in fact, they earn money.”

“12 Years a Slave” also won awards in the writ-

**‘It doesn’t escape me for one moment that so much joy in my life is thanks to so much pain in someone else’s, and so I want to salute the spirit of Patsey for her guidance.’ Lupita Nyong’o also thanked director Steve McQueen in her acceptance speech for best supporting actress for her role in “12 Years a Slave”: “I’m certain that the dead are standing about you and they are watching and they are grateful, and so am I.’**



JORDAN STRAUSS, INVISION/AP

**“Gravity” was the night’s top award-winner, earning seven Oscars including best director for Alfonso Cuarón, the category’s first Latino winner.**

ing and acting categories. John Ridley picked up the trophy for best adapted screenplay, which was based on the 1853 memoir by Solomon Northup. The screenwriter is only the second black writer (Geoffrey Fletcher won for “Precious” in 2009) to win in the category.

Backstage, the “12 Years” team mentioned their efforts to include Solomon Northup’s memoir as part of high school study. The National School Boards Association announced in February that the book is now mandatory reading.

“It’s important that we understand our history so we can understand who we were and who

## The winners

List of winners at the 86th annual Academy Awards, presented by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

**Best Picture:** “12 Years a Slave”

**Actor:** Matthew McConaughey, “Dallas Buyers Club”

**Actress:** Cate Blanchett, “Blue Jasmine”

**Supporting Actor:** Jared Leto, “Dallas Buyers Club”

**Supporting Actress:** Lupita Nyong’o, “12 Years a Slave”

**Directing:** Alfonso Cuarón, “Gravity”

**Foreign Language Film:** “The Great Beauty,” Italy

**Adapted Screenplay:** John Ridley, “12 Years a Slave”

**Original Screenplay:** Spike Jonze, “Her”

**Animated Feature Film:** “Frozen”

**Production Design:** “The Great Gatsby”

**Cinematography:** “Gravity”

**Sound Mixing:** “Gravity”

**Sound Editing:** “Gravity”

**Original Score:** “Gravity,” Steven Price

**Original Song:** “Let It Go” from “Frozen”

**Costume:** “The Great Gatsby”

**Makeup and Hairstyling:** “Dallas Buyers Club”

**Animated Short Film:** “Mr. Hublot”

**Documentary Feature:** “20 Feet from Stardom”

**Music (short subject):** “The Lady in Number 6: Music Saved My Life”

**Film Editing:** “Gravity”

**Live Action Short Film:** “Helium”

**Visual Effects:** “Gravity”

— The Associated Press



Lupita Nyong’o, left, and “12 Years a Slave” during the ceremony is the first best-picture winner to explain his joy physically.

‘Every  
This is the

who dedicated the best



JOHN SHEARER, INVISION/AP

Director Steve McQueen celebrate on stage as they accept the award for best picture of the year for "12 Years a Slave" at the Oscars at the Dolby Theatre in Hollywood, Calif., on March 2. McQueen's "12 Years a Slave" won the top prize, directed by a black filmmaker. He jumped up and down on the stage, later matter-of-factly saying he took over: "So, Van Halen. Jump."

**One deserves not just to survive, but to live. The most important legacy of Solomon Northup.'**

Steve McQueen

Best picture Oscar to those, past and present, who have endured slavery. Northup is the main character in "12 Years a Slave."

**SHOW BITS FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

**McConaughey's inspirations: God, family, self**

It turns out that Matthew McConaughey's hero is himself, a few years down the line.

In accepting the Oscar for best actor, McConaughey said he needs three things in his life to survive: God, family and someone to look up to as a hero.

When he was 15, the actor said, he decided that hero would be himself in 10 years. Ten years later, he pushed the deadline back another decade. Then another decade.

"My hero's always 10 years away," the 44-year-old actor said in a gracious acceptance speech. "I'm never going to attain that. That keeps me with somebody to keep on chasing."

After thanking God, his wife and children, his mother and his late father, he offered up something else long-time fans have been waiting to hear this Oscar season: "All right, all right, all right, all right."

The signature line, from the char-



CHRIS PIZZELLO, INVISION/AP

**Matthew McConaughey, right, winner of the award for best actor for his "Dallas Buyers Club" role, and his wife Camila Alves attended the Governors Ball after the Oscars.**

actor McConaughey played in his first film, "Dazed and Confused," brought the house down.



MATT SAYLES, INVISION/AP

**'Thirty-six million people who have lost the battle to AIDS and to those of you out there who have ever felt injustice because of who you are or who you love, tonight I stand here in front of the world with you and for you.'**

Jared Leto

part of his acceptance speech for best supporting actor

**Taking Pink to the land of Oz**

Hey TV watchers: Bet you wondered how they pulled off that "Wizard of Oz" tribute that showed Pink in Kansas and later in the Land of Oz as she sang "Over the Rainbow" during the Oscar telecast.

It took more than five projectors beaming images onto a translucent screen masking the singer to pull it off. While the effect might have appeared magical on television, those in the Dolby Theatre audience couldn't really make out Pink for most of the song. Still, they were impressed.

Jamie Foxx was the first on his feet after she finished.

It was Matthew McConaughey who was the loudest, shouting "WOO HOO!" multiple times.

He's her neighbor, after all.



MATT SAYLES, INVISION/AP

**Jared Leto arrives at the Oscars.**

Which stars rocked on the red carpet and which stars didn't? See a gallery of Oscar fashions at [stripes.com/Oscars2014](http://stripes.com/Oscars2014)



# ACADEMY AWARDS

## REVIEW

# Too-long telecast a rough reboot

## Oscars producers, host DeGeneres over-correct in efforts to steer clear of irreverence

By MARY McNAMARA  
Los Angeles Times

Meryl Streep participated in her first tweet and shut down Twitter. John Travolta mangled Idina Menzel's name and Pink sang "Over the Rainbow," while Jared Leto and Lupita Nyong'o gave two of the best acceptance speeches ever.

Ellen DeGeneres distributed pizza among the A-list section of the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles, but still Sunday night's telecast of the 86th Academy Awards seemed to bend the time-space continuum and last For-Bloody-Ever.

Which raises the eternal annual question: What does a good Oscars look like?

Certainly not one overseen by Seth MacFarlane, who last year sang his appreciation for cinematic "boobs" and offended large groups of people with a welter of only occasionally funny jokes. But in trying to correct last year's irreverence gone awry, second-time producers Neil Meron and Craig Zadan over-corrected.

The preternaturally congenial DeGeneres was so intent on establishing herself as the anti-Seth to the live audience — "let's try to make this all about you," she said — with more sincerity than sarcasm — that she seemed to forget she was at the helm of a famously unwieldy live television show.

A show that was, it must be noted, already bogged down by a theme (heroes), which demanded a bunch of non sequitur clips (of movie heroes) and its own special song ("The Wind Beneath My Wings") that helped stretch the telecast well past the three-hour mark. So while wading into the audience to snap a selfie with Streep and a slew of stars in the hopes of breaking the retweet record turned out to be funny, most of the other comfy, cozy, "we're just hanging in at the Oscars" bits did not.

Watching DeGeneres wander through the audience to pat "Marty" and "Brad" on the shoulder or hand Jennifer Lawrence and Bradley Cooper pieces of pizza was not as hilarious as many people clearly thought it would be. DeGeneres, who hosted seven years ago, made her be-not-afraid intentions known from the start when she began with a low-key and star-centric intro rather than a showy dance number or clever pre-taped skit.

She was not precisely kindness itself. DeGeneres called out the nominees in general (and poor Amy Adams in particular) for not attending college, and acknowledged a special tribute to mark the 75th anniversary of "The Wind Beneath My Wings" by saying that included the "best Liza Minnelli



ELLEN DeGENERES/AP

The selfie that crashed Twitter on Sunday night. Front row, from left: Jared Leto, Jennifer Lawrence, Meryl Streep, Ellen DeGeneres, Bradley Cooper, Peter Nyong'o Jr. Second row, from left: Channing Tatum, Julia Roberts, Kevin Spacey, Brad Pitt, Lupita Nyong'o and Angelina Jolie. The photo op was one of the too-few funny highlights from low-key Academy Awards host DeGeneres.



JOHN SHEARER, INVISION/AP

Best actress nominee Amy Adams dances with Pharrell Williams during his performance of his Oscar-nominated song, "Happy." Musicians — also including U2, Karen O, Idina Menzel, Pink, Bette Midler and Darlene Love — provided many of the night's highlights.

**The silver lining, or if you're feeling generous, the intent of DeGeneres' low-key-to-the-point-of-flatlining performance was that it provided a backdrop against which the winners, and the musical nominees, could shine.**



impersonator I have ever seen" (it was Minnelli).

But in general, she teased rather than satirized, making only one truly bold joke: That the evening would end in two possible ways. "Possibility No. 1, '12 Years a Slave' wins best picture. Possibility two: you're all racists." ("12 Years a Slave" won, so, whew.)

She also, gamely, changed her clothes several times (apparently this is required by California state law of female hosts), although watching her go from a black faux tux to a white one did not provide much excitement. And the less said of her Glinda the Good Witch costume (some girls just really can't wear a crown), the better.

As the show ground on, her bits increasingly became just another

part of the tedium, like all the various editing awards.

The silver lining, or if you're feeling generous, the intent of DeGeneres' low-key-to-the-point-of-flatlining performance was that it provided a backdrop against which the winners, and the musical nominees, could shine.

Pharrell Williams, U2, Karen O and Menzel performed their nominated songs. Pink sang "Over the Rainbow," Midler "Wind Beneath My Wings" and Darlene Love, star of "20 Feet From Stardom," sang her acceptance of the documentary feature award. So many of the evening's high notes were struck by musicians that the Oscars seemed, at times, to be going Grammy.

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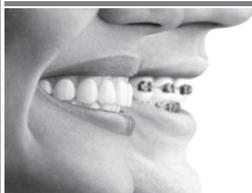
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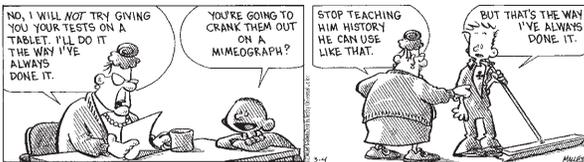
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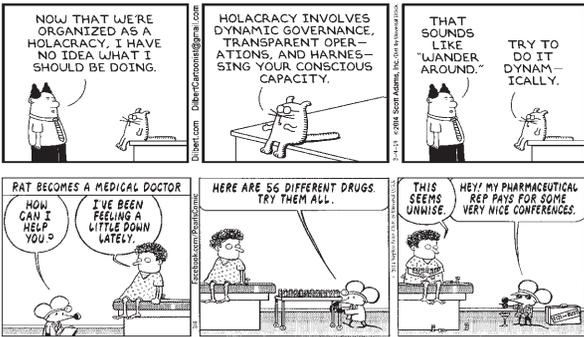
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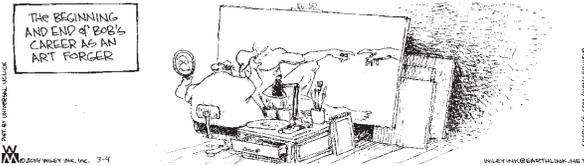
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ACROSS

- 1 Flop on stage
- 5 Pop
- 8 Snake's sound
- 12 Culture medium
- 13 —Locka, FL
- 14 Midwestern state
- 15 Singer Guthrie
- 16 Into the sunset
- 18 On the safe side
- 20 South American chain
- 21 Crafty
- 22 Author Umberto
- 23 Vocal cords, singly
- 26 Klutzy
- 30 HST's successor
- 31 Conk out
- 32 Sticky stuff
- 33 Brash
- 36 Vote for
- 38 Wall climber
- 39 Past
- 40 — Hills, CA
- 43 Fort Lauderdale's county
- 47 "Look —, Angel"
- 49 Pennsylvania port
- 50 Winged
- 51 Carnival city
- 52 Window ledge
- 53 Say it isn't so
- 54 Rocky peak
- 55 Lofty

DOWN

- 1 False god
- 2 Fairy tale baddie
- 3 Guy
- 4 Check out the merch
- 5 Bride's bounty
- 6 Mimicked
- 7 Aachen article
- 8 Query to a brown cow
- 9 "If — a Hammer"
- 10 Paddock papa
- 11 Lays down the lawn
- 17 Bulletin board item
- 19 Capp and Pacino
- 22 Ram's mate
- 23 Printable file format
- 24 Altar affirmative
- 25 Apiece
- 26 Help
- 27 Time of your life?
- 28 Sinbad's bird
- 29 Period
- 31 Parched
- 34 "Falcon Crest" setting
- 35 Acknowledged
- 36 Id counterpart
- 37 Basest
- 39 Passion
- 40 Football's Ochocinco
- 41 Golf goal
- 42 Somalian supermodel
- 43 Vivacity, musically
- 44 Met melody
- 45 Streamlet
- 46 Farmer's home?
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## College basketball

**Men's AP Top 25 fared**  
**Sunday**  
 1. Florida (27) did not play. Next: at Southern, Tuesday.  
 2. Wichita State (31-0) did not play. Next: vs. Drake or Evansville, Friday.  
 3. Arizona (21-2) beat Stanford 79-66. Next: at Oregon State, Wednesday.  
 4. Syracuse (26-3) did not play. Next: vs. Georgia Tech, Tuesday.  
 5. Duke (22-7) did not play. Next: vs. Texas Tech, Wednesday.  
 6. Duke (23-6) did not play. Next: at Wake Forest, Thursday.  
 7. Louisville (24-5) did not play. Next: at North Carolina, Thursday.  
 8. Villanova (25-3) beat Marquette 73-56. Next: at Xavier, Thursday.  
 9. Creighton (23-5) did not play. Next: at Georgetown, Tuesday.  
 10. Cincinnati (24-4) did not play. Next: vs. Dayton, Wednesday.  
 11. Cincinnati (24-4) did not play. Next: vs. 21 Memphis, Thursday.  
 12. Virginia (25-5) did not play. Next: at Maryland, Sunday.  
 13. San Diego State (25-3) did not play. Next: at UNLV, Wednesday.  
 14. Wisconsin (24-5) beat Penn State 71-65. Next: at Michigan, Thursday.  
 15. Iowa State (2-6) did not play. Next: at Baylor, Saturday.  
 16. Michigan (21-7) did not play. Next: vs. Indiana, Tuesday.  
 17. Kentucky (21-8) did not play. Next: vs. Alabama, Tuesday.  
 18. North Carolina (22-7) did not play. Next: vs. 20 Iowa, Thursday.  
 19. Notre Dame (22-7) did not play. Next: vs. Notre Dame, Tuesday.  
 20. Iowa (20-9) beat Purdue 83-76. Next: at North Carolina, Thursday.  
 21. Memphis (22-8) did not play. Next: at 11 Cincinnati, Thursday.  
 22. Ohio State (22-8) lost to Indiana 76-66. Next: vs. 18 Michigan, Saturday.  
 23. SMU (23-6) did not play. Next: vs. 10 North Carolina, Thursday.  
 24. Texas (21-8) did not play. Next: vs. TCU, Wednesday.  
 25. New Mexico (23-5) beat Nevada 72-58. Next: vs. Air Force, Wednesday.

## Honda Classic

**PGA TOUR**  
**AT PGA National Resort and Spa, The Champions Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.**  
**Purse: \$5 million**  
**Yardage: 1440 Par 70**  
**(C-won on first playoff hole)**  
 1. Russell Knox, \$448,000 69-68-68 72-272-8  
 2. Rory McIlroy, \$448,000 69-66-74-72-8  
 3. Ryan Palmer, \$448,000 68-66-69-69-272-8  
 4. David Hovland, \$208,000 70-70-67-67-272-8  
 5. W. Mackenzie, \$208,000 58-68-68-68-272-8  
 6. S. Garcia, \$168,000 72-68-66-67-272-8  
 7. Luke Donald, \$168,000 67-68-68-72-275-8  
 8. J. Hahn, \$168,000 69-68-68-68-275-8  
 9. D. Linngrith, \$168,000 69-68-68-70-275-8  
 10. K. Bradley, \$94,000 69-68-66-73-276-8  
 11. C. Casey, \$94,000 69-68-68-69-276-8  
 12. Martin Flores, \$94,000 69-70-68-69-276-8  
 13. J. B. Maestri, \$94,000 69-67-68-69-276-8  
 14. C. Kirk, \$94,000 69-67-72-68-276-8  
 15. M. Mansoory, \$94,000 67-71-67-67-276-8  
 16. A. Sorenstam, \$94,000 69-67-68-69-276-8  
 17. Andres Romero, \$94,000 68-67-67-67-276-8  
 18. J. Rahm, \$94,000 69-67-68-69-276-8  
 19. Chris Stroud, \$94,800 69-66-73-68-276-8  
 20. J. Sorenstam, \$94,800 69-67-65-67-276-8  
 21. J. Vegas, \$94,800 70-66-66-74-276-8  
 22. R. Van Dyke, \$45,400 69-63-65-73-277-3  
 23. J. Fitez-Castano, \$45,400 69-69-69-69-277-3  
 24. Mickie Veary, \$45,400 69-69-69-70-277-3  
 25. Zach Johnson, \$45,400 69-68-67-72-277-3  
 26. C. Hadley, \$45,400 73-66-69-69-277-3  
 27. Patrick Reed, \$45,400 71-67-69-70-277-3  
 28. Luke Guthrie, \$45,400 69-68-67-72-277-3  
 29. T. Van Aswegen, \$45,400 69-67-71-72-277-3  
 30. Derek Ernst, \$30,375 66-66-71-72-278-6  
 31. J. B. Maestri, \$30,375 69-67-68-71-278-6  
 32. Brooks Koepka, \$30,375 71-68-68-71-278-6  
 33. Seung-Yul Noh, \$30,375 68-67-68-72-278-6  
 34. J. B. Maestri, \$30,375 65-68-68-72-278-6  
 35. B. Steele, \$30,375 69-66-71-72-278-6  
 36. J. Putter, Jr., \$22,200 71-66-67-73-279-1  
 37. Jason Kokrak, \$22,200 70-69-70-73-279-1  
 38. C. Tringale, \$22,200 69-66-67-75-279-1  
 39. V. Hovland, \$22,200 69-68-66-75-279-1  
 40. W. Mackenzie, \$22,200 68-67-73-73-279-1  
 41. J. Hahn, \$22,200 69-67-71-73-280-4  
 42. C. Petterson, \$15,600 68-69-72-73-280-4  
 43. J. Hahn, \$15,600 68-69-72-73-280-4  
 44. Lee Westwood, \$15,600 68-65-73-74-280-4  
 45. Charlie Wi, \$15,600 69-71-68-72-280-4  
 46. M. Wright, \$15,600 67-69-72-73-280-4  
 47. J. Donaldson, \$13,880 65-69-72-75-281-1  
 48. J. Hahn, \$13,880 72-69-72-75-281-1  
 49. Tim Wilkinson, \$13,880 69-67-75-281-1  
 50. Stewart Kirk, \$13,320 69-71-69-75-282-1  
 51. Brian Harman, \$13,320 67-72-69-74-282-2  
 52. J. Hahn, \$13,320 68-69-72-75-282-2  
 53. H. Swafford, \$13,020 67-71-68-77-283-3  
 54. J. Hahn, \$13,020 69-67-72-75-283-3  
 55. Ken Duke, \$12,660 68-71-72-73-284-1  
 56. Justin Hicks, \$12,660 70-70-71-73-284-5  
 57. J. Hahn, \$12,660 69-67-72-75-284-5  
 58. T. Immelman, \$12,300 69-69-72-75-285-4  
 59. J. Hahn, \$12,300 69-69-72-75-285-4  
 60. Ben Crane, \$11,220 69-68-71-73-286-2  
 61. J. Hahn, \$11,220 69-68-71-73-286-2

## Isiahone Open

**Sunday**  
**At Copperleaf golf and Country Estate (The Club) Centurion, South Africa**  
**Purse: \$2.06 million**  
**Yardage: 7,140 Par 72**  
**Final**  
 1. Ross Fisher, England 69-65-67-70-268  
 2. Michael Hoey, N. Ireland 69-65-67-70-268  
 3. Darragh Clarke, N. Ireland 69-67-70-275  
 4. Carrie Otter, South Africa 68-65-71-68-272  
 5. Marco Dell, South Africa 67-65-68-73-275  
 6. David Horne, England 69-67-70-275  
 7. Kevin Pritchard, Ireland 69-68-70-275  
 8. Mattia Battistini, Italy 69-67-70-275  
 9. Merrin Bremner, S. Africa 69-69-71-276  
 10. J. Hahn, England 69-67-70-276  
 11. Trevor Fisher, England 69-69-71-276  
 12. Edoardo Molinari, Italy 70-65-70-277  
 13. J. Hahn, England 69-69-71-277  
 14. J. Hahn, England 69-69-71-277  
 15. Robert Rock, England 70-71-65-73-279  
 16. J. Hahn, England 69-69-71-279  
 17. Oliver Bekker, S. Africa 70-67-69-74-280  
 18. Keith Horne, S. Africa 74-67-67-69-280  
 19. J. Hahn, England 69-69-71-280  
 20. Shiv Kapur, India 67-74-70-69-280  
 21. Jake Ross, S. Africa 69-65-72-74-280

## Make Cut, did not finish

M. Calaciano, \$11,700 70-68-74-212 +2  
 M. Wright, \$11,700 70-68-74-212 +2  
 W. Mackenzie, \$11,700 69-70-73-212 +2  
 W. McGirt, \$11,700 69-69-72-212 +2  
 J. Hahn, \$11,700 69-69-72-212 +2  
 Ben Crane, \$11,220 66-71-76-213 +3  
 J. Lovemark, \$11,220 69-68-76-213 +3  
 J. Hahn, \$11,220 69-68-76-213 +3  
 Heath Slocum, \$10,920 71-68-75-214 +4

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 20. Shiv Kapur, India 67-74-70-69-280  
 21. Jake Ross, S. Africa 69-65-72-74-280

## Deals

**Sunday's transactions**  
**BASEBALL**  
**American League**  
**CLEVELAND INDIANS** Designated INF David Cooper as fill-in.  
**KANSAS CITY ROYALS** Announced the signing of free agent for cash considerations.  
**NATIONAL LEAGUE**  
**LOS ANGELES DODGERS** - Traded INF Justin Sellers to Padres for cash considerations.  
**BASKETBALL**  
**National Basketball Association**  
**CHARLOTTE BOBCATS** - Waived G Jimmy Gordon.  
**CHARLOTTE BOBCATS** - Signed G Jimmer Fredette for the remainder of the sea-

## College baseball

vs. N.C. 1 Conn, Monday.  
 4. South Carolina (26-3) lost to No. 10 Tennessee 73-61. Next: SEC tournament.  
 5. Stanford (27-2) did not play. Next: Pac-12 tournament.  
 6. Baylor (25-4) lost to No. 11 West Virginia 61-69. Next: at Iowa State, Tuesday.  
 7. Duke (25-2) beat No. 14 North Carolina 64-60. Next: ACC tournament.  
 8. Penn State (22-6) did not play. Next: Big Ten tournament.  
 9. Maryland (24-5) beat Virginia Tech 87-48. Next: ACC tournament, Friday.  
 10. Texas Southern (20-4) beat No. 4 South Carolina 73-61. Next: SEC tournament.  
 11. North Carolina (22-6) beat No. 6 Baylor 71-69. Next: vs. Kansas, Tuesday.  
 12. Kentucky (22-7) beat Vanderbilt 65-63. Next: SEC tournament.  
 13. N.C. State (24-6) lost to No. 2 Notre Dame 64-52. Next: SEC tournament, Friday.  
 14. North Carolina (22-8) beat No. 7 Duke 64-60. Next: ACC tournament, Thursday.  
 15. Oklahoma State (22-6) did not play. Next: at Texas, Monday.  
 16. Nebraska (22-8) lost to No. 19 Purdue 82-66. Next: Big Ten tournament.  
 17. Texas A&M (23-7) beat Florida 83-72. Next: SEC tournament.  
 18. California (21-8) did not play. Next: Pac-12 tournament.  
 19. Purdue (21-7) beat No. 16 Nebraska 82-66. Next: Big Ten tournament.  
 20. Arizona State (22-8) lost to Oregon State 70-66. Next: Pac-12 tournament.  
 21. Michigan State (21-8) beat Indiana 76-56. Next: Big Ten tournament.  
 22. Tennessee (22-8) did not play. Next: SEC tournament.  
 23. Tennessee (25-4) did not play. Next: at Tulane, Wednesday.  
 24. North Carolina (22-8) did not play. Next: vs. South Florida, Monday.  
 25. Iowa (23-7) beat Illinois 81-56. Next: Big Ten tournament.

## Sunday's women's scores

**EAST**  
 George Washington 66, George Mason 58  
 1. Alabama 77, UMBEC 56  
 2. Iowa 81, Rider 81  
 3. Hartford 67, New Hampshire 69  
 4. North Carolina 68, Connecticut 63  
 5. Marist 103, Quinnipiac 72  
 6. Siena 70, Monmouth (N.J.) 54  
 7. St. John's 72, DePaul 64  
 8. Vermont 71, Niagara 67  
 9. Stony Brook 73, Albany (NY) 68  
 10. St. Peter's 92, Binghamton 82, OT  
 11. Kentucky 65, Vanderbilt 63  
 12. Wisconsin 71, Penn St. 66

## Sunday's women's scores

**SOUTH**  
 Charlotte 74, Old Dominion 63  
 Clemson 77, Maryland 73, 2OT  
 FIU 74, Florida 67  
 Florida State 81, Georgia Tech 71  
 Georgia Tech 74, UAB  
 Louisiana-Lafayette 102, South Alabama 76  
 Marshall 64, East Carolina 58  
 Southern Miss, MO, FAU 49

## MIDWEST

Indiana 72, Ohio St. 64  
 1. Michigan 89, Ohio State 67  
 2. Tennessee 72, Ohio State 67  
 3. Texas Tech 74, UT North Texas 57

## FAR WEST

Arizona 79, Stanford 66  
 New Mexico 72, Nevada 58  
 UCLA 74, Oregon 67

## TOURNAMENT

**SEC Tournament**  
**Championship**  
 St. Olaf 61, St. Thomas (Minn.) 53  
**ACC Tournament**  
**Quarterfinals**  
 1. Wake Forest 78, St. Cloud 70  
**ODAC Tournament**  
**Championship**  
 Va. Wesleyan 78, Hampden-Sydney 74  
**WAC Tournament**  
**Championship**  
 Wis.-Stevens Pt. 74, Wis.-Whitewater 57

## Women's AP Top 25 fared

1. UConn (30-0) did not play. Next: at 3 Louisville, Monday.  
 2. Virginia (25-5) did not play. Next: N.C. State 84-60. Next: ACC tournament, Friday.  
 3. Louisiana (28-2) did not play. Next: at UConn, Monday.

## College baseball

**Sunday's scores**  
**SOUTH**  
 Baldwin-Wallace at Transylvania, ccd.  
 1. Kentucky 5, 0. Slippery Rock 5, 0 in 7 innings  
 2. Kent State 5, 0. Slippery Rock 5, 0 in 7 innings  
 3. Duke 13, 1.ETSU 6  
 4. Davis & Elkins at Bellarmine, ccd.  
 5. North Carolina 8, 0. Wake Forest 7, 0  
 6. Duke 7, Coastal Carolina 5  
 7. Florida 23, 13 Miami 6  
 8. Florida Southern 8, Mount Olive 7, 11 innings  
 9. Augusta 6-8, Lindenwood 2-3  
 10. Georgia Tech & Bowling Green 5  
 11. Georgia 13, 1 Kentucky 7  
 12. Georgia Southern 8, SIU-Edwardsville 6  
 13. Kent State 6, Middle Tennessee 5  
 14. King (Tenn.) 9, Slippery Rock 5, 10 innings  
 15. West Georgia 1 Lipscomb 14, U Conn 1  
 16. Limestone 9, Seton Hill 1  
 17. Mansfield 10, St. Augustine's 2  
 18. Maryland 3, U Mass 2, 10 innings  
 19. North Carolina 8, 0. Wake Forest 7, 0  
 20. Nichols 18, Jackson St. 2  
 21. North Carolina 8, North Florida 5  
 22. N.C. State 16, Youngstown St. 1  
 23. Dakota St. at Murray St., ccd.  
 24. North Carolina 8, Kentucky Wesleyan, ccd.  
 25. Appalachiann 3, 11 in ings  
 26. Behrend at Spalding, ccd.  
 27. Radford 14, Siena 1  
 28. Saint Joseph 4, High Point 1  
 29. Siena Heights at Berea, ccd.  
 30. South Carolina 5, Clemson 3  
 31. Tennessee Tech 10, Tennessee Tech 8, Northwestern 6  
 32. Virginia Tech 4, Vanderbilt 4  
 33. Vanderbilt 5, Monmouth (NJ) 3-2  
 34. Wichita State 9, Cincinnati 4  
 35. Wake Forest 8, St. Peter's 2  
 36. Wake Forest 3, Pittsburgh 2, 11 in ings  
 37. Michigan 5, Boston College 3  
 38. Widener 6, Thiel 5  
 39. Winston-Salem 4, Chowan 6-2  
 40. Xavier at Austin Peay, ccd.  
**SOUTHWEST**  
 Lamar 7, Texas Tech 6  
 New Mexico 12-8, Colorado 3-1  
 New Mexico St. 17, Oakland 2, 6 in ings  
 Texas 3, Sam Houston 2

## ARIZONA

Pacific 9-5, Utah Valley 5-8, 2nd game  
 Sacramento St. 6-5, San Francisco 2-9  
 UC Riverside 4-7, Bakersfield 5-6

## Tennis

## Brazil Open

**At Ginásio do Biraupera**  
**Surface: Clay-Outdoor**  
**Championship**  
 Federico Delbonis, Argentina, def. Paolo Lorenzi, Italy 6-3, 6-4

## Double

**Championship**  
 Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, Spain, and Philipp Oswald, Austria, def. Juan Sebastian Cabal and Robert Farah (2), Colombia 5-7, 6-4, 15-13

## Apoptlight

**March 4**  
 1960 - Phil Irwin of Middlebury scores an NCAA-record four goals in a 13-time victory over Colgate. Lathrelle, a three-time All-American, scores a record 250 goals in the 85 games of his college career against 100 different opponents.

1962 - Will Chamberlain of the Philadelphia Warriors registers his fifth straight 50-point game with 59 points in the New York Knicks and sets a season scoring record with 391 total points in 1961-62.

1981 - Guy LaFleur of the Montreal Canadiens scores his 1,000th point with a power play goal in a 3-2 victory over the Jets.

1990 - Hank Gathers, one of two Division I players to lead the nation in scoring and rebounding in the same season, after collapsing in the final minutes of a 77-70 victory over Wake Forest in the 1990 NCAA tournament's Sweet Sixteen game.

2001 - Ann Friesinger of Germany sets a world record in the women's 1,500-meter freestyle event at the 2001 Olympic oval. Friesinger posts a time of 1:54.54 in the final, breaking a record of 1:55:50 set here in 1999 by Annmarie Thomas of the Netherlands.

2004 - Michael Van Gerwen makes sports history at the Women's Australian Open by defeating world number one and defending Olympic gold. Friesinger posts a time of 1:54.54 in the final, breaking a record of 1:55:50 set here in 1999 by Annmarie Thomas of the Netherlands.

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## Pro baseball

## Spring training

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**  

Team	W	L	Pct
Cleveland	3	1	.667
Kansas City	3	1	.750
Oakland	3	1	.750
Baltimore	2	1	.667
Minnesota	2	1	.667
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New York	3	2	.600
Toronto	3	2	.600
Tampa Bay	1	1	.500
Los Angeles	1	1	.500
Texas	1	1	.500

## NATIONAL LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct
Cincinnati	3	1	.750
Miami	3	1	.750
Cincinnati	3	2	.600
Arizona	3	3	.500
Los Angeles	2	2	.500
San Diego	2	2	.500
Colorado	1	2	.333
Philadelphia	1	4	.200
Chicago	0	3	.000
Chicago	0	3	.000
New York	0	3	.000
St. Louis	0	3	.000

## NOTE Split-squad games count in the standings.

1962 - Will Chamberlain of the Philadelphia Warriors registers his fifth straight 50-point game with 59 points in the New York Knicks and sets a season scoring record with 391 total points in 1961-62.

1981 - Guy LaFleur of the Montreal Canadiens scores his 1,000th point with a power play goal in a 3-2 victory over the Jets.

1990 - Hank Gathers, one of two Division I players to lead the nation in scoring and rebounding in the same season, after collapsing in the final minutes of a 77-70 victory over Wake Forest in the 1990 NCAA tournament's Sweet Sixteen game.

2001 - Ann Friesinger of Germany sets a world record in the women's 1,500-meter freestyle event at the 2001 Olympic oval. Friesinger posts a time of 1:54.54 in the final, breaking a record of 1:55:50 set here in 1999 by Annmarie Thomas of the Netherlands.

2004 - Michael Van Gerwen makes sports history at the Women's Australian Open by defeating world number one and defending Olympic gold. Friesinger posts a time of 1:54.54 in the final, breaking a record of 1:55:50 set here in 1999 by Annmarie Thomas of the Netherlands.

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NBA

Roundup

# Parker's 22 points sparks Spurs to win over Mavericks

The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — The San Antonio Spurs are whole for the first time in months and they performed in the same efficient style that helped them battle through the rash of injuries.

Tony Parker had 22 points and seven assists in his return from a six-game absence, leading San Antonio's balanced attack in a 112-106 victory over the Dallas Mavericks on Sunday night.

Parker played with his usual relentlessness, finishing 10-for-15 from the field on a series of breakdrive drives. He also had just one turnover in 32 minutes, and the Spurs had six players score in double figures.

"I thought Parker looked great again coming out a nice little 10-day break they can afford to give him," Mavericks forward Dirk Nowitzki said. "And he just comes in and looks great."

Despite a series of injuries, San Antonio (43-16) remains 1/2 game behind Oklahoma City (45-15) for the top seed in the Western Conference.

Tim Duncan scored 17 points, Kawhi Leonard added 16 and Boris Diaw had 13 points and 10 rebounds for San Antonio. Manu Ginobili had 15 points and seven assists as the Spurs extended their winning streak to three games.

Nowitzki scored 22 points, Vince Carter added 21 and Monta Ellis had 17 for the Mavericks, who have lost eight straight to the Spurs.

Parker looked refreshed after not playing since Feb. 10 for what San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich officially listed as "rest," but unofficially was due to a series of lower body maladies.

"I think it was a little bit of (a physical and mental rest)," Parker said. "Pop, I trust his judgment. I don't want to admit it to myself. But maybe I was tired mentally. It's a lot of basketball the last three years with no break; the (French) national team and NBA. It definitely helped, I feel fresh."

The French guard made his first shot, and on the ensuing possession, drove into the basket and fired a pass to Leonard for an open three-pointer that gave San Antonio a 5-2 lead.

"I just try to penetrate and make stuff happen," Parker said. "Obviously, I want to score, but I want to do both. I want to create shots for my teammates. Myself and Manu (Ginobili), we can create a lot of offense, we have great shooters all around us. I can't remember the last time we had everybody."

Parker punctuated his return with a left-handed layup from the right side of the rim to avoid Dallas' reach with 45 seconds remaining.



Eric Gay/AP

San Antonio Spurs' Tony Parker (9) shoots around Dallas Mavericks' Samuel Dalembert, center, during the first half of Sunday's game at the AT&T Center in San Antonio. The Spurs won 112-106.

**Bulls 109, Knicks 90:** Joakim Noah had 13 points, 12 rebounds and 14 assists for his fifth career triple-double, leading host Chicago over New York.

Chicago had seven players score in double figures in its ninth win in the last 10 games. The Bulls also reached 100 points for the fourth consecutive game for the first time since Oct. 30-Nov. 5, 2010.

**Raptors 104, Warriors 98:** DeMar DeRozan scored 32 points and Kyle Lowry had 13 as host Toronto beat Golden State for its first victory in eight tries against Warriors guard Stephen Curry.

Greivis Vasquez and Patrick Patterson each added 12 points and Jonas Valanciunas had 10 for the Raptors, who had lost 11 of their previous 13 meetings with the Warriors.

**Thunder 116, Bobcats 99:** Kevin Durant scored 28 points and Russell Westbrook had 26 to lead host Oklahoma City past Charlotte.

Durant made good of 24 field goals, but sank all 12 of his free throws. Westbrook was 10 of 12 from the floor in 25 minutes in his fifth game since returning from right knee surgery.

**Suns 129, Hawks 120:** Gerald Green hit 5 of 6 three-pointers in the first half to help host Phoenix score 79 points before the break, the most in the NBA this season, as the Suns held on to beat Atlanta.

The first-half total was two shy of the US Airways Center record for points in a half. The previous high for Phoenix in any half this season was 67, but 63 percent shooting, including 12 of 18 on three-pointers in the first half, shattered the team mark.

**Magic 92, 76ers 81:** Tobias Harris scored a career-high 31 points as Orlando beat visiting Philadelphia for the second time in less than a week, extending the 76ers losing streak to 14 games.

Nikola Vucetic had 18 points and 17 rebounds for Orlando, which outscored Philadelphia 26-12 in the fourth quarter to win.

**Pacers 94, Jazz 91:** David West scored 25 points, Paul George added 22, as host Indianapolis beat Utah for its fifth straight victory.

Indianapolis native Gordon Hayward had 21 points and Derrick Favors scored 17 for the Jazz, nine of them in the first eight minutes as Utah opened a 14-4 lead.

Scoreboard

Eastern Conference			
Atlantic Division			
	W	L	Pct
Toronto	26	26	.500
Brooklyn	28	49	.364
New York	21	35	.375
Boston	20	40	.333
Philadelphia	15	45	.250
Southeast Division			
	W	L	Pct
Miami	42	14	.750
Charlotte	27	32	.455
Washington	27	32	.455
Orlando	19	43	.306
Central Division			
	W	L	Pct
Indiana	43	17	.780
Chicago	33	26	.559
Cleveland	24	37	.396
Detroit	23	36	.389
Milwaukee	11	47	.190

Western Conference			
Southwest Division			
	W	L	Pct
San Antonio	43	16	.729
Houston	31	28	.523
Dallas	36	25	.590
Memphis	33	25	.569
New Orleans	23	36	.389
Northwest Division			
	W	L	Pct
Oklahoma City	45	15	.750
Portland	41	18	.695
Minnesota	29	30	.492
Denver	33	28	.541
Utah	38	35	.520
Pacific Division			
	W	L	Pct
L.A. Clippers	41	20	.672
Phoenix	34	24	.588
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L.A. Lakers	20	33	.230
Sacramento	20	39	.338

Saturday's games			
Washington 122, Philadelphia 103	MIAMI 112, Orlando 98		
Houston 116, Detroit 110	INDIANA 102, Boston 97		
Brooklyn 107, Milwaukee 98	MEMPHIS 110, Portland 96		
Minnesota 108, Sacramento 97	PORTLAND 102, Denver 96		
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Sunday's games			
Chicago 109, New York 90	TORONTO 144, Golden State 98		
Orlando 92, Philadelphia 81	PHOENIX 129, Atlanta 104		
Indiana 94, Utah 91	OKLAHOMA CITY 116, Charlotte 99		
San Antonio 112, Dallas 106	PHOENIX 129, Atlanta 104		

Monday's games			
Memphis at Washington	Chicago at Brooklyn		
Charlotte at Miami	Atlanta at Detroit		
Utah at Milwaukee	Minnesota at Denver		
Atlanta at Houston	L.A. Lakers at Portland		
New Orleans at Sacramento			

Tuesday's games			
Golden State at Indiana	San Antonio at Cleveland		
Miami at Houston	Philadelphia at Oklahoma City		
L.A. Clippers at Phoenix	New Orleans at L.A. Lakers		

Sunday Thunder 116, Bobcats 99			
CHARLOTTE	—	Kid Gilchrist 0:2-1-2, J. Patterson 0:0-0-0, Harrison 1:2-2-5, Walker 3:13-0-6, Henderson 2:7-5-7, Zeller 2:3-6-10, Neal 2:5-6-12, Tolliver 5:12-3-17, Bynum 2:1-2-2, Ridnour 1:2-2-5, Douglas-Roberts 1:1-0-3, Pargo 0:1-0-0.	
OKLAHOMA CITY	—	Durant 8:22, Westbrook 10:12-2-26, Jones 2:6-0-4, Thabeck 0-0-0, Lamb 2:8-2-7, Jackson 7:14-2-2, Collins 1:4-0-0, Wright 2:3-1-2, Robertson 2:0-0-0. Totals 41-82 76-116.	

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SPURS	—	Nowitzki 9:17-4-5,2, Dalembert 3:7-2-2, Calderon 4-11-0-5, Ellis 7-2-3-17, Blair 3-5-0-6, Carter 3-0-0-0, Harris 3-9-1-2,8, Wright 4-0-2-8, Ellington 1-4-0-0. Totals 45-97 91-112.	
MACKERS	—	Leonard 6:11-16, Duffell 3-11-11, Bell 2-1-2, Parker 10-15-1-12, Green 2-8-0-5, Ginobili 2:7-9-10, Diaw 6-14-12-14, Mills 8-2-3, Ellis 8:1-2-2, Myers 2-2-4, Totals 39-84-24-112.	

Sunday Hawks 120			
ATLANTA	—	Scott 8-18-1-3,20, Brand 4-6-5-13, League 14-21-1-9, Korver 6-10-10-18, Williams 3:7-8-2, Murrain 1-2, Iles 0-0-0, Schroder 0:0-0-0, Mack 5-11-0-0, Totals 48-18-26-120.	
PHOENIX	—	Tobias Harris 14-17-0-3, Plumlee 13-10-2, Dragic 13-15-19, Carter 6:1-12-12, Gortman 1-2-3, Morris 5-8-10-21, Marc-Morris 8:1-0-18, Randolph 13-0-2, Goodwin 0:0-0-0, DeRozan 6-0-0-7, Totals 38-28-20-98.	

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Bulls 109, Knicks 90			
NEW YORK	—	Shumpert 1-0-0-3, Anthony 8-17-3-21, Chandler 3-5-2-4, Felton 2-10-1-1, Johnson 1-0-0-0, Hardaway Jr. 5-14-2-14, Smith 1-2-1-2, Stoudemire Jr. 1-0-0-0, Turner 2-0-0-0, Brown 1-0-0-0, Tyler 2-2-0-4, Murray 1-2-1-3. Totals 25-75-15-18-90.	
CHICAGO	—	Darleyva Jr. 9-11-10, Boozer 6-13-2-14, Noah 10-15-13, Hinrich 4-6-6-13, Butler 10-12-12, Smith 10-5-5-23, Gibson 6-11-5-13, Snel2 2-0-4-0-4, Murphy 2-0-0-0, Totals 39-84-23-133-109.	

Pacers 94, Jazz 91			
UTAH	—	Jefferson 1-2-0-2, Williams 2-3-0-5, Favors 2-5-9-17, Burke 5-9-4-16, Hayward 8-15-3-3-21, Burks 5-10-1-11, Carter 6-10-1-0, Giver 0-0-0-0, Johnson 1-0-0-0, Robertson 0-0-0-0, Totals 39-84-23-133-109.	
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## GOLF

## Roundup

# Henley wins Honda Classic in wild playoff

The Associated Press

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. — Russell Henley chipped in for birdie and then hit into the water on his next shot for double bogey. He watched Rory McIlroy throw away a lead with a double bogey and a bogey, only to stand over a 12-foot eagle putt on the next hole with a chance to win.

A wild Sunday at PGA National ended in a four-man playoff, with Henley making good on his second chance at the par-5 18th to win the Honda Classic.

"This doesn't feel real," Henley said. It didn't look much differently, starting with Tiger Woods walking off the course after 13 holes because of lower back pain, and ending with a series of blunders over the closing holes of a tournament that no one seemed to want to win.

Eight yards away from where he had hit drive on the 18th in regulation, Henley ripped another 5-wood and aimed a little more right. It barely cleared the bunker and stopped 40 feet away on the green for a two-putt birdie that was good enough to win when McIlroy, Ryan Palmer and Russell Knox could only make par.

In regulation, Henley turned what should have been a good chance at birdie into a struggle for par by missing the green well to the left and chunking his chip only half-way to the hole. He had to two-putt from 60 feet for a par and a 72, joining the playoff at 8-under 272.

"So the next time, I just said, 'All these guys are probably going to make birdie.' And I just needed to trust my swing and put the best swing I can on it and not be too worried about where it goes," Henley said.

For McIlroy, it was his tournament to lose, and he did just that.

He started with a two-shot lead and closed with a 74. The biggest blow came on the 16th hole, when he tried to hit 6-iron out of the bunker and over the water, caught too much sand and went in the water for double bogey. Still tied for the lead, he went long on the 17th and failed to save par from the bunker. Down to his last shot, he delivered the best one of the day — a 5-wood from 236 yards that dropped 12 feet from the hole.

His eagle putt for the win just slid by on the right. That turned out to be his best chance. In the playoff, with a drive about



WILFREDO LEE/AP

Russell Henley celebrates after chipping in for birdie on the 14th hole during the final round of the Honda Classic on Sunday. Henley won after a four-man playoff.

10 yards longer, McIlroy went into a back bunker and couldn't keep his next shot on the green.

"I didn't play well enough to deserve a win today," McIlroy said.

It was his second straight tournament in stroke play where he crashed out in the final group. Last month at the Dubai Desert Classic, he was two shots out of the lead and stumbled on the back nine to a 74.

"Seventy-four today wasn't good enough to get the job done," McIlroy said. "Even if I had won, it would have felt a little bit undeserved in a way. So when you go out with a two-shot lead, you have to play well and you have to go out and win the thing. And

if I had won today, I would have counted myself very lucky. Just got to pick myself up, get back at it and try and get myself into contention at Doral next week and try and get the job done."

Palmer was the only player in the final six groups to break par with a 69 on a day when PGA National showed some bite, with an average score of 71.8. Even so, he missed putts inside 8 feet on the last five holes, including a 5-footer for par on the 18th that would have won it in regulation.

In the playoff, he missed a 10-foot birdie putt to the left.

Knox needed a birdie in regulation for a chance to win, and instead went from the

bunker to deep rough to over the green before making a 10-foot par putt and a 71. He was the only player to lay up in the playoff, and he missed a 20-foot birdie attempt.

Woods missed all the action.

He was 12 shots out of the lead and 5-over par for the day when he began gingerly placing the ball on the tee and picking it out of the cup. He removed his cap to shake hands with Luke Guthrie on the 13th tee — the farthest point from the clubhouse — and called for a ride back to the parking lot.

Woods said he would get treatment every day before deciding whether to play Doral next week.

Henley only had two top 10s since winning the Sony Open last year in his debut as a PGA Tour member. He was overwhelmed by the all the perks from winning so early, and now gets to experience it again.

The victory not only gets the 24-year-old from Georgia into the Masters, he moved into the top 50 in the world ranking and qualified for the Cadillac Championship next week at Doral. He also gets in two more World Golf Championships, and secured his spot in the PGA Championship.

What should ease the pain for McIlroy is another shot at winning, and the shot that nearly made that happen.

Trailing by one shot on the 549-yard closing hole, he hit 5-wood at the flag, a shot reminiscent of the 5-iron Woods hit two years ago for eagle and a 62. Except that McIlroy didn't make the putt, and he didn't get a chance better than that one.

McIlroy still had a better week at the Honda Classic when he was No. 1 in the world and walked off the course after 26 holes out of sheer frustration. This time, it was Woods who was No. 1 and walked off the course, surely concerned about increasing health issues.

**Tschwane Open:** England's Ross Fisher won the Tshwane Open for his fifth European Tour title, closing with a 2-under 70 for a three-stroke victory in Centurion, South Africa.

Fisher finished at 2-under 268 at The Els Club at Copperleaf. South Africa's Danie van Tonder and Northern Ireland's Michael Hoey tied for second. Van Tonder shot 66, and Hoey had a 68.

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St. Louis Blues goaltender Ryan Miller makes a pad save on a shot as the Phoenix Coyotes' Shane Doan looks for a scoring opportunity off the rebound during the third period of Sunday's game in Glendale, Ariz. St. Louis won 4-2 in Miller's debut with the Blues after a trade with the Buffalo Sabres.

Roundup

# Blues rally to top Coyotes

## St. Louis wins Miller's debut in goal with 4-goal third period

The Associated Press

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Ryan Miller's debut for the St. Louis Blues started with a tough break and ended with a victory.

Miller made 23 saves and Patrik Berglund scored twice during St. Louis' four-goal, third-period rally and the Blues beat the Phoenix Coyotes 4-2 on Sunday.

Kevin Shattenkirk and Magnus Paajarvi added goals for the Blues, who had been scoreless for a franchise-record 187:44 before scoring three in a nine-plus minute span.

Miller was playing in his first game since being acquired by St. Louis in a five-player deal with Buffalo on Friday. In addition to posting a 284-186-57 record in 10-plus seasons, all with the Sabres, Miller entered the game 6-0-0 with a shutout and a 1.15 goals-against average in his career against Phoenix.

"I was pretty anxious and nervous all day," Miller said. "It's a new group of guys and you want to show them what you've got and let them know you're there for them."

The night got off to a rocky start courtesy of an unlucky bounce during three minutes into the game.

With a teammate skating down the slot, Paul Bissonnette wristed a soft shot toward the net. St. Louis defenseman Barrett Jackman, seemingly anticipating a harder attempt, dropped to the ice for the block. But the puck ticked off the prone Jackman's left skate and bounced off Miller's right shoulder and into the net for a goal and a 1-0 Phoenix lead at 2:56 of the first.

"Things like that happen," Miller said. "You need to be able to

react quickly enough to recover." Halpern made it 2-0 at 7:09 of the second, slipping behind Shattenkirk after the Blues defenseman cleared Bissonnette from the front of the crease and scoring off Yandle's pass from the left boards.

But momentum turned quickly in the third. Berglund took a backhand pass from Jaden Schwartz and beat Mike Smith from the left of the net to pull St. Louis within a goal at 3-1 at 3:18 of the third, his first goal in 17 games.

"Everyone on the team could see Berglund was going to score," Blues coach Ken Hitchcock said. "He was on a 2-on-1 and when it went in everyone jumped up. Once we got that first goal, it was a like the weight was lifted off of everybody's shoulders and they just took off."

Just over four minutes later, Paajarvi rifled a shot past Smith from the middle of the faceoff circle to tie the game with 12:26 to go.

Shattenkirk gave the Blues their first lead of the game with 7:14 left when he took a pass at the point, skated into the left faceoff circle and took advantage of a screen from T.J. Oshie to score his first goal since Jan. 21.

Berglund capped the scoring with an unassisted goal with 1:39 left, jumping on a loose puck after Yandle was apparently tripped between the circles in the St. Louis zone and skating the length of the ice before scoring on a sharp wrist shot.

"I think that in the last few games we've had a lot of chances, but we haven't been able to capitalize," Shattenkirk said. "We did a great job of going down 2-nothing and staying with our game

plan." Jeff Halpern scored his 150th career goal and Bissonnette added his first goal since Dec. 14 for the Coyotes, who have lost four straight and five of six.

"I still look and there are good things that we are doing," Coyotes coach Dave Tippett said. "They pushed hard and we couldn't push back."

**Senators 4, Canucks 2:** Cody Ceci scored a second-period goal and visiting Ottawa downed Vancouver before a crowd of more than 50,000 in the Heritage Classic inside BC Place stadium.

**Flyers 5, Capitals 4 (OT):** Vincent Lecavalier scored at 2:45 of overtime and Philadelphia rallied from a two-goal deficit for a victory over host Washington.

**Sharks 4, Devils 2:** Matt Nieto scored the go-ahead goal at 6:20 of the third period and Alex Stalock made 21 saves and San Jose defeated host New Jersey.

**Panthers 5, Islanders 3:** Scottie Upshall scored twice in the third period as part of a four-goal Panthers surge and visiting Florida downed New York.

**Braves 6, Rangers 3:** Tuukka Raask made 19 saves in a one-sided first period, and defenseman Dougie Hamilton had a goal and two assists to lift visiting Boston over New York for their first season-sweep of the Rangers in 31 years.

**Avalanche 6, Lightning 3:** Nick Holden scored two goals, Ryan O'Reilly had a goal and an assist as host Colorado rallied to beat the Tampa Bay.

**Ducks 5, Hurricanes 3:** Corey Perry had two goals and an assist in the first period and Andrew Cogliano scored a short-handed goal as host Anaheim beat Carolina for their second straight victory out of the Olympic break.

# Scoreboard

## Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division		GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	62	34	21	7	75	159	152	
Montreal	62	24	31	7	55	139	152	
Tampa Bay	62	23	32	7	52	135	149	
Toronto	62	22	32	8	48	115	141	
Detroit	62	22	33	7	49	125	149	
Ottawa	62	22	33	7	48	117	149	
Buffalo	61	23	31	7	53	117	137	
Washington	62	23	30	9	54	122	130	

## Metropolitan Division

Pittsburgh	62	34	24	4	74	182	149
N.Y. Rangers	62	29	29	4	66	157	147
Washington	62	29	29	4	68	148	166
Columbus	60	20	25	5	57	138	169
New Jersey	62	20	32	10	50	118	151
Carolina	61	26	26	9	61	151	173
N.Y. Islanders	63	23	32	8	54	137	215

## Western Conference

Central Division		GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	60	40	14	6	86	200	139	
Chicago	62	30	23	14	66	131	166	
Colorado	61	30	17	5	83	188	164	
Minnesota	61	32	22	7	73	150	148	
Dallas	60	22	22	10	66	170	169	
Winnipeg	62	26	26	6	67	174	178	
Nashville	62	25	30	4	52	150	185	

## Pacific Division

Anaheim	59	31	17	5	91	202	150
San Jose	60	30	17	6	84	188	151
Los Angeles	62	24	22	16	60	153	133
Vancouver	62	23	31	8	58	156	166
Phoenix	61	27	23	11	65	169	180
San Jose	62	27	23	12	66	169	180
Edmonton	62	20	34	8	48	154	204

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

## Sunday's games

Philadelphia 5, Washington 4, OT  
San Jose 4, New Jersey 2  
Florida 5, N.Y. Islanders 3  
Ottawa 4, Vancouver 2  
Boston 6, N.Y. Rangers 3  
Colorado 6, Tampa Bay 3  
St. Louis 4, Phoenix 1  
Anaheim 5, Carolina 3

## Monday's games

Buffalo at Dallas  
Calgary at Minnesota  
Montreal at Los Angeles

## Tuesday's games

Florida at Boston  
Detroit at New Jersey  
Dallas at Columbus  
Colorado at Chicago  
Tampa Bay at St. Louis  
Pittsburgh at Nashville  
N.Y. Islanders at Winnipeg  
Vancouver at Phoenix  
Ottawa at Edmonton  
Carolina at San Jose

## Sunday

### Senators 4, Canucks 2

**Vancouver** 2 | 1-4  
First Period—1, Vancouver, Garrison 7 (Hamhuis, Hanson, 4:54 pp.). 2, Vancouver, 2 (Koskinen 14:17, Ottawa, Matthias 19 (Condra, Byrbal), 15:15 4, Ottawa, E.Karlsson 16 (MacArthur, 17:03 pp.).  
**Third Period—5,** Ottawa, Greening 2 (Smyth, 10:05), 22:05.  
**Second Period—5,** Ottawa, Greening 2 (Nash, 10:05), 10:12-12-34.  
**Shots on Goal—Ottawa** 10-12-6-26.  
**Power-play opportunities—Ottawa** 1 of 3; Vancouver 1 of 3.

**Goals—** Vancouver, Anderson, 20-12-9 (31 shots-29 saves), Vancouver, 10-8-9-4 (27-24).  
A-54,194 (56,000). T-2:37.

### Panthers 5, Islanders 3

**Florida** 1 | 2-4-5  
**N.Y. Islanders** 2 | 1-3-0  
First Period—1, N.Y. Islanders, Vaneek 20 (Iskine 16:11, Florida, Matthias 9 (Islanders, Vaneek 21 (Vinsonsky, Nielsen), 16:11).  
**Second Period—3,** Florida, Matthias 8 (Upshall), 18:15, 4, N.Y. Islanders, Strome 2 (Vaneek, Okosko).  
**Third Period—5,** Florida, Goc 11 (Huberdeau, Huberdeau), 4:18, Florida, Upshall 11 (Iskine, Campbell), 10:2, 8, Florida, Upshall 12 (Olson, Kulikov), 15:26 (pp.).  
**Shots on Goal—Florida** 11-10-13-34.  
**Power-play opportunities—Florida** 1 of 1; N.Y. Islanders, Nilsson 1-3-2 (34-29).  
A-13,008 (18,170). T-2:29.

### Sharks 4, Devils 2

**San Jose** 0 | 2-2-4  
**New Jersey** 0 | 2-2-0  
Second Period—1, San Jose, Sauter 17 (Marleau, Demers), 3:26, 2, New Jersey, 1 (Marleau, Demers), 10:2, 3, Florida, Upshall 12 (Olson, Kulikov), 15:26 (pp.).  
**Shots on Goal—San Jose**, Torres 3 (Pavel-Schepard).  
**Third Period—5,** San Jose, Nieto 7 (Pavelski, Thornton), 6:20, 6, San Jose, Marleau 25, 17:25.  
A-18,000 (18,000). T-2:19.

## Flyers 5, Capitals 4 (OT)

**Philadelphia** 1 | 1-2-5  
**Washington** 2 | 2-0-0-4  
First Period—1, Washington, 1 (Brouwer, Erat), 6:06, 2, Philadelphia, Giroux 20 (Timonen, Voracek), 11:22 (pp.), 8, Washington, Johnsonson 8 (Timonen, Green), 13:56.  
**Second Period—4,** Philadelphia, Hall 4 (Couturier), 12:50 (sh), 5, Washington, George 7 (Washington, 14:58), Philadelphia, Orlov 3 (Green, Fehr), 16:23.  
**Third Period—7,** Philadelphia, Voracek 15 (Timonen, Giroux, 1:58 (pp), 5, Philadelphia, Giroux 21 (Voracek, Corman), 18:55.  
**Overtime—9,** Philadelphia, Lecavalier 14 (Timonen, Corman), 2:45.  
**Shots on Goal—Philadelphia** 6-14-14-2-36, Washington 11-9-3-9-29.  
**Power-play opportunities—Philadelphia** 2 of 4; Washington 0 of 6.  
**Goals—Philadelphia,** Mason 25-15-5 (29 shots-25 saves), Washington, Holtby 19-1-3 (36-31).  
A-18,506 (18,506). T-2:41.

## Ducks 5, Hurricanes 3

**Carolina** 0 | 1-2-3  
**Anaheim** 3 | 2-0-5  
First Period—1, Anaheim, Perry 31 (Grenier, Getzlaf), 6:29, 2, Anaheim, Beauchemin 2 (Perry, Penner), 13:38, 3, Anaheim, 1 (Perry, Duchene), 17:02.  
**Second Period—4,** Anaheim, Cogliano 10 (Kovr, 3:21 (sh), 5, Anaheim, Silfverberg 2 (Cogliano, 5:18), Anaheim, Sekera 11 (Halpin, Nash), 15:20.  
**Third Period—7,** Carolina, Dwyer 6 (Liles, Gerbe), 11:29, 8, Carolina, Semin 16, Anaheim 13-14-26.  
**Shots on Goal—Carolina** 12-14-26-52, Anaheim 13-14-26.  
**Power-play opportunities—Carolina** 0 of 6; Anaheim 0 of 3.  
**Goals—Carolina,** Ward 6-9-5 (34 shots-29 saves), Anaheim, Anderson 15-15-2 (36-31).  
A-17,174 (17,174). T-2:28.

## Avalanche 6, Lightning 3

**Tampa Bay** 1 | 2-0-3  
**Colorado** 2 | 0-2-6  
First Period—1, Tampa Bay, Pyatt 2 (Purcell, 10:40), 16:49, 2, Colorado, 2 (Sasny, MacKinnon), 17:13, 3, Colorado, O'Reilly 2 (Purcell, Duchene), 18:11.  
**Second Period—4,** Tampa Bay, Thompson 7 (Koski, 2:11), 5, Tampa Bay, Thompson 8 (Koski), 17:37.  
**Third Period—Colorado,** Holden 5 (O'Reilly, 1:11), 2, Colorado, E.Johnson 8, 16:05, 8, Colorado, Holden 6 (Talbot), 19:06 (pp), 19, Colorado, 34 (MacKinnon, Landeskog), 19:53 (en), 19 (MacKinnon, Landeskog), 19:53 (en)—34, Colorado 9-13-13-35.  
**Power-play opportunities—Tampa Bay** 0 of 2; Colorado 1 of 1.  
**Goals—Tampa Bay,** Bishop 29-10-4 (33 shots-29 saves), Tampa Bay, 20-10-4 (30-11-5 (34-31)).  
A-15,922 (18,007). T-2:23.

## Blues 4, Coyotes 2

**St. Louis** 0 | 0-4-4  
**Phoenix** 2 | 1-1-0  
First Period—1, Phoenix, Bissonnette 2 (Stene), 2:56.  
**Second Period—3,** St. Louis, Berglund 9 (Schwartz, Tarasenko), 3:18, 8, St. Louis, Berglund 10 (Schwartz, Tarasenko, Shattenkirk 9 (Schwartz, Stene), 12:46 (pp), 6, St. Louis, Berglund 10, 18:22 (pp), 30, Phoenix 12-8-5-25.  
**Power-play opportunities—St. Louis** 1 of 3; Phoenix 0 of 3.  
**Goals—St. Louis,** Miller 16-23-23 (25 shots-23 saves), Phoenix, Smith 20-10-10 (30-26).  
A-13,955 (17,125). T-2:25.

## Braves 6, Rangers 3

**Boston** 2 | 2-3-6  
**N.Y. Rangers** 1 | 1-1-3  
First Period—1, N.Y. Rangers, 1 (Miller 3 (Bourque), 10:18 (Krejci, Hamilton), 18:07.  
**Second Period—3,** Boston, Hamilton 7 (Lucic, Girib, 4:04, 4, Boston, Soderberg 10 (Erkisson, Hamilton), 8:34, 5, N.Y. Rangers, 1 (Suter, 10:18), 11, Boston, Stramann, 16:53.  
**Third Period—6,** Boston, Campbell 4 (Erkisson, Bouchek), 9:04 (sh), 7, Boston, Campbell 6 (Suter), 18:26, 8, N.Y. Rangers, 1 (Suter, 18:26), 9, Boston, Lucic 19 (Bartkowski, Krejci), 18:24.  
**Shots on Goal—Boston** 9-12-12-33, N.Y. Rangers 20-14-8-42.  
**Power-play opportunities—Boston** 0 of 0; N.Y. Rangers 1 of 4.  
A-18,000 (18,000). Rost 26-14-4 (42 shots-29 saves), Boston, 19-18 (Krejci, Hamilton), 18:07.  
A-18,006 (18,006). T-2:33.

## Leaders

Thru March 2		GP	G	A	Pts
Sidney Crosby, PIT	62	33	36	69	51
Phil Kessel, TOR	62	33	36	69	51
Patrick Marleau, SJS	62	33	36	69	51
John Tavares, NYI	59	24	42	66	50
Alex Ovechkin, WSH	58	43	22	65	63
Corey Perry, ANH	62	32	31	63	63
Nyle Osofsko, NYI	52	25	36	61	61

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Kevin Harvick celebrates in Victory Lane with his crew after winning the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race Sunday in Avondale, Ariz.

## Scoreboard

### The Profit on CNBC 500 Sunday At Phoenix International Raceway Avondale, Ariz.

- Lap length: 1.1 miles**  
**(Start position in parentheses)**  
 1. (13) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 312 laps, 149.9 rating, 48 points, \$260,048.  
 2. (16) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 312, 122.5, 42, \$172,240.  
 3. (1) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 312, 115.9, 42, \$180,673.  
 4. (2) Joey Logano, Ford, 312, 124.3, 41, \$159,641.  
 5. (17) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 312, 111.3, 38, \$192,766.  
 6. (4) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 312, 98.8, 38, \$104,280.  
 7. (15) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 312, 96.3, 37, \$117,330.  
 8. (23) Carl Edwards, Ford, 312, 96.5, 37, \$132,871.  
 9. (9) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 312, 101.5, 35, \$132,871.  
 10. (21) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 312, 93.5, 34, \$122,444.  
 11. (11) Casey Kahne, Chevrolet, 312, 78.4, 33, \$101,340.  
 12. (18) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 312, 90, \$2,310,266.  
 13. (14) Clint Bowyer, Toyota, 312, 83.2, 32, \$118,671.  
 14. (18) Casey Mears, Chevrolet, 312, 71.2, 31, \$119,066.  
 15. (9) Aric Almirola, Ford, 312, 88, 29, \$119,066.  
 16. (20) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 312, 81.7, 28, \$114,962.  
 17. (2) Greg Biffle, Ford, 312, 80.8, 27, \$102,480.  
 18. (21) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 312, 62.7, 26, \$115,605.  
 19. (23) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 312, 79.9, 25, \$87,480.  
 20. (8) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 312, 74.7, 24, \$108,200.  
 21. (29) Marcos Ambrose, Ford, 311, 62.7, \$105,250.  
 22. (27) Martin Truex Jr., Chevrolet, 311, 66.4, 22, \$105,538.  
 23. (22) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 311, 68.1, 21, \$105,594.  
 24. (24) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 311, 55.1, 20, \$123,466.  
 25. (16) Brian Vickers, Toyota, 311, 67.1, 19, \$110,680.  
 26. (25) J. Almiendinger, Chevrolet, 310, 64.4, 18, \$93,938.  
 27. (11) Cole Witt, Toyota, 310, 44.2, 17, \$96,863.  
 28. (20) David Ragan, Ford, 310, 53.5, 16, \$99,288.  
 29. (28) David Gilliland, Ford, 309, 52.4, 16, \$96,863.  
 30. (43) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, 309,

- 46.3, 14, \$96,002.  
 31. (39) Reed Sorenson, Chevrolet, 308, 38.5, 13, \$76,790.  
 32. (32) Brian Scott, Chevrolet, 308, 42.9, 0, \$76,105.  
 33. (26) Michael McDowell, Ford, 307, 42.5, 11, \$73,480.  
 34. (41) Michael Annett, Chevrolet, 307, 43.2, 10, \$73,355.  
 35. (34) Ryan Truex, Toyota, 307, 34.1, 9, \$73,230.  
 36. (33) Danica Patrick, Chevrolet, 306, 51.7, 8, \$81,075.  
 37. (37) Blake Koch, Ford, 306, 30, 6, \$72,840.  
 38. (40) Travis Kvapil, Ford, 302, 30.2, 6, \$68,380.  
 39. (10) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, engine, 292, 7.6, 6, \$64,280.  
 40. (38) Joe Nemechek, Toyota, 292, 25.9, 0, \$65,380.  
 41. (38) Alex Bowman, Toyota, brakes, 230, 40.6, 3, \$56,380.  
 42. (43) Parker Kliggeman, Toyota, engine, 226, 29.4, 2, \$52,380.  
 43. (42) Morgan Shepherd, Toyota, brakes, 28, 25.3, 0, \$48,380.

**Race Statistics**  
**Average Speed of Race Winner:** 109.229 mph.  
**Time of Race:** 2 hours, 51 minutes, 23 seconds.  
**Margin of Victory:** 0.489 seconds.  
**Caution Flags:** 8 for 38 laps.  
**Lead Changes:** 14 among 8 drivers.  
**Lap Leaders:** J. Logano 1-37; D. Gilliland 38-39; B. Keselowski 40; J. Logano 41-73; K. Harvick 74-110; B. Keselowski 111-112; K. Harvick 113-150; J. Logano 151; K. Harvick 152-153; C. Edwards 237; J. Gordon 238-241; R. Newman 242-247; C. Bowyer 248; K. Harvick 249-312.  
**Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led):** K. Harvick, 4 times for 224 laps; J. Logano, 3 times for 71 laps; R. Newman, 1 time for 6 laps; J. Gordon, 1 time for 4 laps; B. Keselowski, 2 times for 3 laps; D. Gilliland, 1 time for 2 laps; C. Edwards, 1 time for 1 lap; C. Bowyer, 1 time for 1 lap.  
**Wins:** D. Earnhardt Jr., 1; K. Harvick, 1.  
**Top 12 in Points:** 1. D. Earnhardt Jr., 90; 2. K. Keselowski, 86; 3. J. Gordon, 80; 4. K. Harvick, 79; 5. Johnson, 78; 6. A. Haberman, 75; 7. M. Kenseth, 70; 8. D. Hamlin, 68; 9. C. Edwards, 65; 10. G. Biffle, 64; 11. J. McMurray, 64; 12. C. Mears, 64.  
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# Harvick win validates move

## Stewart-Haas driver takes 2nd straight race in Phoenix

By JOHN MARSHALL  
 The Associated Press

AVONDALE, Ariz. — Kevin Harvick and the rest of the new team at Stewart-Haas Racing are still trying to learn everyone's names.

That hasn't stopped them from winning early on.

Dominating from the start, Harvick raced away from the field for his second straight win at Phoenix International Raceway on Sunday, putting a stamp of validation on his new relationship with Stewart-Haas Racing.

"This phenomenal," said Gene Haas, co-owner of SHR with Tony Stewart. "I think there was a lot of skepticism last year about what myself and Tony (Stewart) what we were up to, was there a lot of madness to this. Quite frankly, it's a great team, there's a lot of synergy at the shop, people working together. I don't know what we did, but I think we put together a great organization."

Harvick raised a few eyebrows last season when word leaked that he was leaving Richard Childress Racing, a team he had been a part of since 1999, for Stewart-Haas.

Harvick worked around the distractions by winning his penultimate race with RCR and spent the offseason trying to mesh with everyone on his new team.

After a last-lap crash at the Daytona 500, Harvick had the fastest car in practice at Phoenix and carried it into the race, charging to the lead early and staying there most of the day. He led 224 of 312 laps and pulled away on several late restarts to win for the fifth time on the odd-shaped oval at PIR, passing Jimmie Johnson with series of 90 points.

Not bad for his second race with SHR and new crew chief Rodney Childers.

"As you go through time, the sky's the limit for this team because everybody's still trying to learn each other's names, let alone what's going on with the race car," Kenseth said. "They all know the parts and pieces of the race car that they're working on, but I guarantee you if I line them all up, there would not be one per-



Jimmie Johnson (49), Dale Earnhardt Jr., back left, and Kevin Harvick head into Turn 1 during Sunday's Sprint Cup race in Avondale, Ariz.

son who knew everybody's name on the team."

A few of the other developments from Sunday's race:

**Junior's finish:** Dale Earnhardt Jr. had a whirlwind week after winning his second Daytona 500, spending the week making appearances and accepting congratulations.

It would have been easy for him to have a letdown or be fatigued with everything that went on, but he didn't back off the throttle.

Earnhardt qualified fifth in NASCAR's new knockout qualifying and ran near the front all afternoon.

He didn't have enough to catch Harvick, but finishing second a week after winning at Daytona was quite an accomplishment. Earnhardt leads the Sprint Cup series with 90 points.

**Keselowski still strong:** Brad Keselowski had a strong start to his week-end, earning a pole sweep in Nationwide and Sprint Cup in Phoenix.

He had to spend the last half of the weekend without his crew chief, Paul Wolfe, who left the desert to be with his wife for the birth of their first child.

Keselowski did just fine with team engineer Brian Wilson and

its Nationwide Series competition director Greg Erwin at the helm, running near the front all day to finish third.

"They did a great job," Keselowski said. "Still had two spots to go, but all things considered I thought they did really well. I was very proud of the effort."

**Logano's gamble:** Joey Logano started on the front row next to Keselowski and stayed up front most of the day. He was running third in the final restart and tried to dive down to the inside for a pass, but didn't have enough pace to pull the move off and ended up losing a spot, to fourth.

"It's all about the win, right?" Logano said. "Really, third place doesn't mean anything. Last year, you may have taken third place and taken the points. This year, hey, go for it."

**Rough day for Danica:** Danica Patrick had a rough weekend at what's essentially her home track.

Patrick, who lives in the Phoenix area, struggling in NASCAR's new knockout qualifying, starting 33rd, and didn't have much luck once the race started, either.

She was involved in a crash with Justin Allgaier around the race's midpoint and the damage to her fender caused the rear left tire to blow out a few laps later, sending her back to the pits.

Patrick had an animated discussion with Allgaier following the race and finished 36th after crashing at the Daytona 500 last week.

**Johnson's day:** Jimmie Johnson spent the last part of the 2013 season focusing on winning the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship, a decision that led to his sixth series title.

He expected it to him for the start of the 2014 season.

The No. 48 team didn't participate in test sessions with the 2014 car package in Charlotte as the end of last year, so the team was a little behind to start this season.

Even so, Johnson managed to finish sixth at Phoenix after a fifth at the Daytona 500.

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# Pitching to pros

## 55-year-old former postmaster has busy post-retirement career

By Rob Maaddi  
The Associated Press

CHERRY HILL, N.J. — Tossing batting practice to Chase Utley, Jimmy Rollins and the rest of the Philadelphia Phillies has turned into a busy, post-retirement career for Rob Potts.

The 55-year-old former postmaster starts his seventh season as a batting practice pitcher for the Phillies in April. His first year in 2008 ended with a World Series title.

"I'm very blessed to be able to do what I do," Potts said. "It's been an unbelievable run. It's a fun thing to throw batting practice to some of the greatest players in baseball."

It's nerve-racking, too. "I still get nervous every day because you want to be perfect for these guys," Potts said. "They're depending on you to be perfect because they need as many swings as they can get. It's not an easy job. You have to know what they're trying to do and put the ball in spots where they like it."

Potts tosses BP before every home game to the reserves. He takes throws in the infield, shags flies in the outfield and then spends the rest of the game helping players in the cages. Starters come in to hit off a tee or machine, take soft-tosses or over-hand throws. Potts also works closely with bench guys during games as they prepare for pinch-hitting appearances.

"It's really neat to see how they work together," he said.

Potts soaks in all the information he can about hitting and takes it to his day job. When he's not working with All-Stars at Citizens Bank Park, Potts helps little leaguers to minor leaguers try to achieve their dream of reaching the majors.

Potts, who retired from the post office in 2012, is director of baseball operations at AFC Baseball, one of the area's top training centers. It's an attractive place for young kids, high school athletes, college players and even guys already in the pros.

Potts had three clients when he started giving hitting lessons a few years ago. The list has grown to more than 190 players, ages 6 to 25, including Jamie Jarmon, a second-round pick by Texas in 2012.

"My hitting philosophy is you have to



MEL EVANS/AP

**Power Train Sports Institute's Program Director Rob Potts is a 55-year-old former postal worker who spends his summers throwing batting practice to Chase Utley, Jimmy Rollins and Ryan Howard. When he's not at the ballpark, he's director of baseball operations at the baseball facility where several major and minor leaguers not only stay in shape during the winter, but hold pitching clinics for kids.**

be comfortable," Potts said. "Everybody stands differently, holds the bat differently. I teach them to stay inside the baseball with their hands. The only thing the same is their swing paths."

Minnesota Twins right-hander Vance Worley, Atlanta Braves' lefty Ryan Buchter, Texas Rangers' righty Jason Knapp, Kansas City Royals' minor leaguer Johnny Walter and Jarmon worked out at AFC Baseball during the winter. Some of the pitchers also worked there as instructors.

"The key to Rob's system is being per-



MEL EVANS/AP

**Kansas City Royals minor-league pitcher John Walter, of Haddonfield, N.J., warms up at Power Train Sports Institute's AFC Baseball & Softball Academy in Cherry Hill, N.J.**

sonable to not only the kids but their parents," said Buchter, who is competing for a spot in Atlanta's bullpen after posting a 2.51 ERA in 51 games at Triple-A Gwinnett last year. "We do one-on-one training. Parents sit next to Rob. I bring the mother and father over as I go through the session because as the season goes on, if the kid doesn't remember something, the parents will."

Teaching younger pitchers various mechanics, arm motions and angles and different techniques helps the pros improve

at their craft.

"Having to describe to younger kids what I want them to do makes me a better pitcher because it helps me understand it easier," said Walter, who had a 1.01 ERA in 18 games at Class A Lexington in 2013.

So much for retirement. Between running AFC Baseball and working for the Phillies, Potts puts in plenty of long hours.

"When you can wake up every day and do what you want, it's not a bad problem to have," he said.

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# Mitch Moreland, reinvented

## Rangers' veteran learning to be more versatile with Fielder's arrival

BY STEPHEN HAWKINS  
The Associated Press

**M**itch Moreland's role with the Texas Rangers immediately changed when they acquired Prince Fielder in a trade early in the offseason.

There was even some uncertainty then if Moreland, one of their longest-tenured position players, would still be with the Rangers after starting a team-high 211 games the past two seasons at first base, Fielder's primary position.

Texas kept Moreland and he has spent most of his time so far in spring training working with the outfielders.

There has been limited work at first base and he will also get plenty of turns as the designated hitter.

"I'm just trying to get acclimated to a couple of different positions and do some things different this year," Moreland said.

Moreland started in right field for a Cactus League game Friday, a day after being the designated hitter in the spring opener.

Fielder has played a majors-best 505 consecutive games, and been at first base for at least 151 games in all eight of his full major league seasons.

But manager Ron Washington expects to get Fielder a few days off the field while in the lineup as the DH, when Moreland can fill in at first.

Moreland can also play the corner outfield spots when Shin-Soo Choo or Alex Rios get a day off or take the DH spot.

Moreland has played 45 career games in the outfield and was an everyday outfielder at Triple-A before getting to the majors. The left-hander was even a pitcher in college.

"Mitch has done a good job with his attitude. He's enjoying what he's doing," Washington said. "I don't see anything different that would say that it wouldn't work, what he has to do. And he's around a group of guys that he love and trust, and all he has to do is just do his job. ... I'll give him the opportunity to take care of that."

Drafted by the Rangers in 2007, Moreland made his major league debut midway through the 2010 season. He finished his rookie year hitting a team-best .462 (6 of 13) in the World Series when he was the only Texas player with a hit in all five games against San Francisco.

Elvis Andrus with 757 games is the only current Rangers position player who has been in more games for the ball club than

**SURPRISE, Ariz.**

Moreland, who is at 442 games.

Last spring, Moreland was the only true first baseman on the Rangers roster. He had started more than half the Rangers games at first base the previous two seasons even while splitting time there with veterans Michael Young and Mike Napoli. Young is now retired and Napoli is with the Boston Red Sox.

Texas avoided salary arbitration with Moreland by agreeing to a \$2.65 million contract only a few days before spring training.

That was a raise of more than \$2 million for the player who some thought might be traded after the Rangers dealt second baseman Ian Kinsler to Detroit in November for Fielder, who has seven years and \$168 million left on his massive contract.

"I just had to go out and get ready to play and do what I can to make myself better individually and be able to do what I can to help the team. Whether it was here or wherever," Moreland said. "Thankfully, I am here and got the opportunity still with the Rangers, so I'm going to try to make the most of it."

### By the numbers

# 4

Number of positions Moreland could play this season — first base, right field, left field and designated hitter.

# 45

Number of games Moreland has played in right or left field in the major leagues.

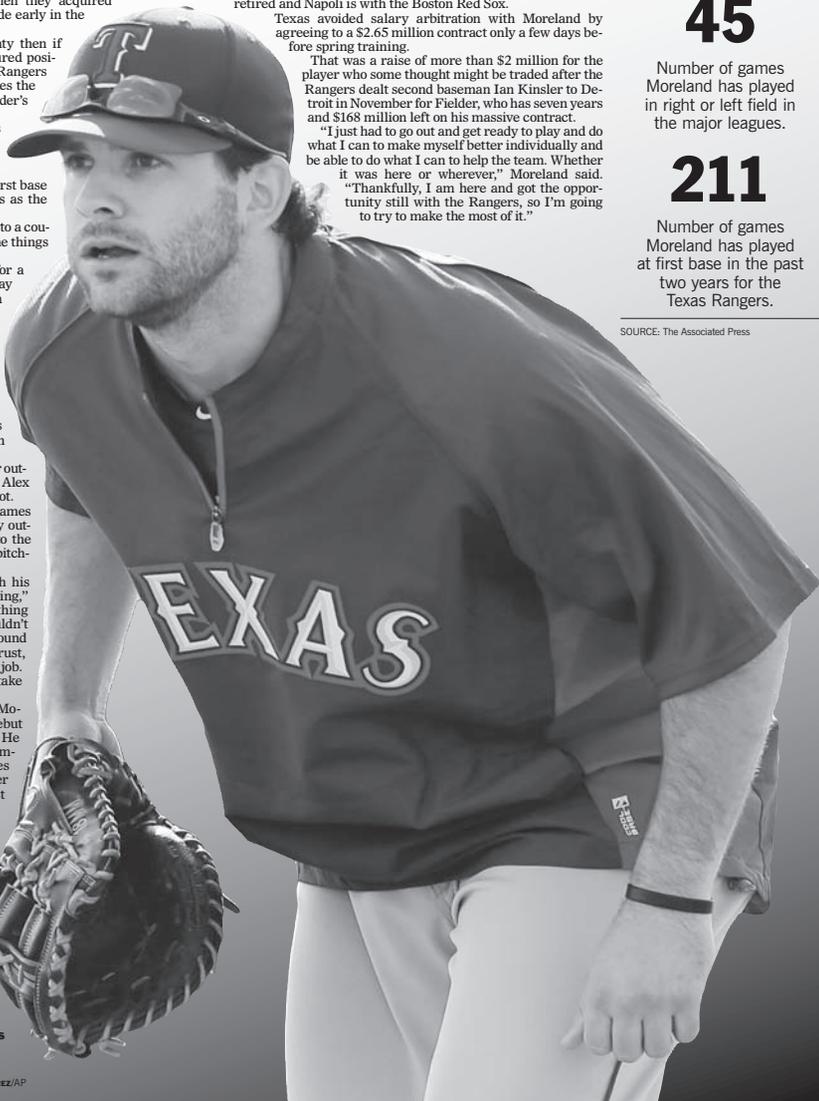
# 211

Number of games Moreland has played at first base in the past two years for the Texas Rangers.

SOURCE: The Associated Press

With the Texas Rangers trading for first baseman Prince Fielder, veteran Mitch Moreland is spending more time sharpening his skills in the outfield to give the team more lineup flexibility. Moreland was an everyday outfielder in the minors before becoming the Rangers' first baseman in 2010.

TONY GUTIERREZ/AP



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HERMAN VERWEY/AP

Oscar Pistorius, right, speaks with his lawyer Barry Roux before his trial started Monday in Pretoria, South Africa. Pistorius is charged with murder with premeditation in the shooting death of girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp in the pre-dawn hours of Valentine's Day 2013.

## Briefly

## Pistorius pleads not guilty

## Trial begins for Olympian accused of murdering girlfriend

The Associated Press

PRETORIA, South Africa — "The first witness in the Oscar Pistorius murder trial testified Monday to hearing "blood-curdling" screams from a woman before she heard four gunshots on the night the double-amputee Olympian killed his girlfriend.

Michell Burger, who lives about 196 yards from Pistorius' house, said the screams woke her in the pre-dawn hours of Feb. 14 last year, when Pistorius killed Reeva Steenkamp by shooting four times through a toilet door.

Pistorius, 27, says he killed Steenkamp by mistake thinking she was a dangerous intruder. Prosecutors, however, say the world-famous athlete shot his girlfriend after a fight. As soon as the trial started they used Burger's testimony to hint at a loud argument before the fatal shots.

Burger's evidence contradicts Pistorius' version of events because the runner said he thought Steenkamp was in bed and did not describe any woman screaming.

"It was very traumatic," Burger said. "You could hear it was blood-curdling screams. You can't translate it into words. The anxiousness in her voice, and fear. It leaves you cold."

Burger said: "She screamed terribly and she yelled for help" and testified that she also heard a man shout for help before the shots were fired.

Pistorius' lawyer, Barry Roux, opened his cross-examination by asking Burger if she thought Pistorius was a liar. She didn't directly answer that but questioned Pistorius' version.

"I can only tell the court what I

heard that evening," Burger said. "I cannot understand how I could clearly hear a woman scream but Mr. Pistorius could not hear it."

Roux, in an attempt to discredit her recollection of the sequence of events, argued that she heard just Pistorius screaming for help and trying to get into the bathroom by breaking down the locked door with a cricket bat.

Burger didn't concede ground, saying there was "no doubt" in her mind she heard two different people screaming, one a woman, and then the four gunshots, with a gap between the first shot and then the other three. She said she could not mistake gun shots for the sound of a cricket bat hitting a door.

Pistorius pleaded not guilty to charges of murder and three other counts relating to shooting guns in public in unrelated incidents and illegal possession of ammunition. Wearing a dark gray suit and black tie, he wrote in a pad and sometimes passed notes to his defense lawyers. At one point he smiled to a person sitting behind him.

Defense lawyer Kenny Oldwage laid out Pistorius' legal strategy, reading a statement from Pistorius in which he says the killing was an accident and that there were inconsistencies in the state's case.

Pistorius said he brought two fans in from the balcony in the night after speaking to his girlfriend who was in bed beside him. He said Steenkamp must have gone into the bathroom while he was fetching the fans. Pistorius said he did not notice that she had gone then heard the bathroom window open.

He said he then heard a noise in the toilet cubicle and was in a

"fearful state" because he was unable to run away or defend himself physically since he was not wearing his prosthetic legs. He said he shouted at what he thought was an intruder and then shot through the toilet door, only later realizing that he shot Steenkamp.

## Germany bans bobsled driver who loaned sled

FRANKFURT, Germany—The German bobsled federation has banned driver Manuel Machata from racing for one year for lending his bobsled to Russia's Vladimir Zubkov, who won two gold medals at the Sochi Olympics.

Machata did not qualify for the Olympics. He lent his private bobsled to Zubkov for a fee.

Germany failed to win a bobsled medal in Sochi.

Machata was also fined \$6,884 for causing "great damage" to the interests of the federation.

## Grimes signs 4-year deal to remain with Dolphins

MIAMI — Pro Bowl cornerback Brent Grimes cashed in Monday on his career comeback with the Miami Dolphins.

Grimes signed a \$32 million, four-year contract to remain with Miami. The deal, which includes \$16 million guaranteed, rewards Grimes for his recovery from an Achilles tendon injury that forced him to miss almost all of the 2012 season.

With the agreement, the Dolphins achieved one of their biggest offseason priorities by avoiding the loss of their best defensive back in free agency.

## Big 12 teams hoping for boost from RPI

By DAVE SKRETTA  
The Associated Press

LAWRENCE, Kan. — After two months spent mostly bludgeoning each other into submission, coaches in the Big 12 are starting to cast a wary eye toward the NCAA tournament.

Many of them are nervous. While other conferences may have a handful of standout teams, there are usually a few bottom-dwellers that everybody else can use to pad their records. That's not the case in the Big 12, with its grueling, double round-robin schedule, where even good teams are piling up losses.

"It's going to be interesting to see how it all plays out," Iowa State coach Fred Hoiberg said. "I think these last games are huge for a lot of teams. The fact that the Big 12 is No. 1 in RPI, BPI, whatever three-letter indexes you're looking at will help all the teams."

Still, even though the selection committee takes dozens of factors into consideration for the field of 68, something as simple as overall record can sometimes hold sway.

For instance, no team from the Big 12 has made the NCAA tournament with a losing league record. That would seem to put Baylor and Oklahoma State, two teams that once ranked in the top 10, in jeopardy — both are 19-10 overall but just 7-9 in conference play.

The Bears didn't help their cause Wednesday when a second-half rally came up short in a 74-69 loss to Texas. And the Cowboys didn't help themselves by dropping all three games without Marcus Smart, who had been suspended for shoving a fan during a game at Texas Tech.

"A week ago, the team that was in ninth place in the league was Oklahoma State. Are you kidding me?" TCU coach Trent Johnson said. "And two weeks ago it was Baylor. Are you kidding me?"

Throw in the fact that Texas Tech has caused indignation for just about everyone, even with its losing record, and that leaves only the Horned Frogs as a relatively easy draw.

"The bottom line is there's good teams and good players and good coaches, from top to bottom," Johnson said. "With the exception of one team, this league is

extremely strong right now."

Through Sunday night, fifth-ranked Kansas was No. 2 in the RPI, owed partly to a brutal non-conference schedule but also to its success in the conference race. The Jayhawks (22-7, 13-3) lost 72-65 to Oklahoma State on Saturday night, but had already clinched the conference title outright when Texas and Iowa State lost earlier in the night.

"There are a lot of other teams in BCS leagues with a lot better records," Cowboys coach Travis Ford said. "You're going to have records in our league that are not true to what they look at in terms of wins and losses."

Just look at the Cowboys, who at one point lost seven straight Big 12 games. They've also beat Memphis and Colorado, both ranked at the time, along with current No. 24 Texas.

Or consider Baylor, which lost six of its first seven league games. That stretch came after wins over Colorado and Kentucky, and was followed by wins over Oklahoma State and Kansas State.

Kansas, Iowa State, Oklahoma and Texas are almost certainly locks for the NCAA tournament, and the Kansas State (19-9, 9-6) is also a fairly safe bet. So if the Bears and Cowboys can squeeze into the field, it would give the 10-member Big 12 seven representatives.

That would be the most since 2010, when the Big 12 actually had 12 teams.

"In my memory, I can comfortably say this is the toughest the league has been," said Sooners coach Lon Kruger, who also coached Kansas State in the Big Eight. "I think the selection committee tries to pick the best, I really do, even if there's awareness of teams from the same league."

West Virginia coach Bob Huggins doesn't think records will have anything to do with it.

"Regardless of what they say, they rely heavily on RPIs, and I think the RPIs in this league are very, very good," he said of the committee. "I think you'll be rewarded for playing the people you play, and being the best league in the country, I think we'll be rewarded."



SUE OROCKI/AP

Oklahoma State guard Marcus Smart, left, pressures Kansas guard Naadir Tharpe in the second half Saturday.

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

## Roundup

## No. 3 Arizona clinches Pac-12 title with win

The Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — Aaron Gordon, almost certainly playing his final home game of a one-and-done freshman season, scored 19 points and grabbed a career-high 15 rebounds to help No. 3 Arizona clinch the Pac-12 regular-season title with a 79-66 victory over Stanford on Sunday night.

The Wildcats (27-2, 14-2), who won by just three at Stanford a month ago, completed an unbeaten home season in what also could have been the final McKale Center game for two other players: junior Nick Johnson and freshman Rondae Hollis-Jefferson.

T.J. McConnell scored 14 points, Gabe York 12, Johnson 11 and Kaleb Tarczewski 10 for Arizona.

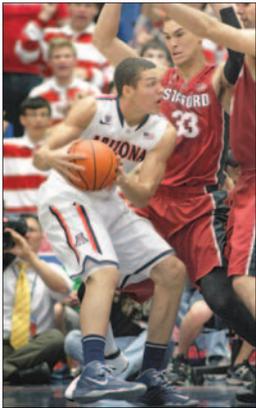
Josh Hart matched his career high with 22 points and grabbed 12 rebounds for Stanford (18-10, 9-7).

**No. 8 Villanova 73, Marquette 56:** Darrun Hilliard scored a career-high 26 points and the host Wildcats set a school record for regular-season wins by beating Marquette.

Josh Hart added 13 points and Jay-Vaughn Pinkston had 11 points and seven rebounds for Villanova (26-3, 14-2 Big East), which has won four straight and 10 of 11.

The Wildcats had never won 26 regular-season games in the 95-year history of the program. Villanova won 25 games four previous times, most recently in 2008-09, a season it reached the Final Four.

**No. 14 Wisconsin 71, Penn St. 66:** Josh Gasser scored 15 points to lead a balanced Badgers offense and Wisconsin won



JOHN MILLER/AP

Arizona's Aaron Gordon, left, looks to pass the ball against the defense of Stanford's Dwight Powell (33) on Sunday.

its seventh straight.

Wisconsin (24-5, 11-5 Big Ten) moved into a tie with Michigan State for second place in the conference standings as Ben Brust scored 14 points and Traevon Jack-

son, who made four clutch free throws down the stretch, added 13.

**No. 20 Iowa 83, Purdue 76:** Roy Devyn Marble scored 21 points and the host Hawkeyes snapped a three-game losing streak.

Aaron White and Mike Gesell added 15 points each for Iowa (20-9, 9-7 Big Ten), which has recorded consecutive 20-win seasons for the first time in eight years.

**Indiana 72, No. 22 Ohio St. 64:** Kevin "Yogi" Ferrell scored 20 points and Will Sheehy added 19 for the host Hoosiers.

It was the second straight win for Indiana (17-12, 7-9 Big Ten) — both over ranked teams in the last four days. LaQuinton Ross and Lenzele Smith Jr. had 19 points each for the Buckeyes (22-8, 9-8) who lost their second straight — both road games against teams in the bottom half of the conference race.

**No. 25 New Mexico 72, Nevada 58:** Cameron Bairstow scored 22 points as the visiting Lobos overcame an early 14-point deficit to win their fifth straight.

Kendall Williams added 11 points and 10 assists and Alex Kirk had 10 points and 11 rebounds for New Mexico (24-5, 14-2 Mountain West), which remained tied for first place in the Mountain West Conference with No. 13 San Diego State.

**Florida St. 81, Georgia Tech 71:** Devon Bookert scored 16 points off the bench, going 4-for-4 on three-pointers, as the Seminoles defeated the visiting Yellow Jackets.

Florida State (17-11, 8-8 ACC) kept its slim NCAA tournament hopes alive with the win, with two regular-season games

remaining.

Florida State wraps up the season at Boston College and at home against No. 4 Syracuse. The Seminoles likely need to win both to remain on the tournament bubble.

**Clemson 77, Maryland 73 (OT):** K.J. McDaniels had 26 points and 14 rebounds, and Damarcus Harrison's three-pointer with 1:08 left in the second overtime put the Tigers ahead for good, in a victory in the Terrapins last game at Littlejohn Coliseum as a member of the Atlantic Coast Conference.

McDaniels notched his seventh game this season with double-figure points and rebounds. He also had six blocks for the Tigers (18-10, 9-7) who won nine ACC games for just the ninth time in program history.

**Stony Brook 73, Albany 68:** Anthony Jackson's two free throws with eight seconds left gave the host Sea Wolves a win over the Great Danes in the regular season finale Sunday afternoon.

Stony Brook (21-9, 13-3) had the No. 2 seed into the America East Conference tournament locked up going into the game, but the loss knocked Albany (15-14, 9-7) out of a tie with Hartford for third and into the No. 4 seed. The Great Danes host the conference tournament, which begins Saturday.

**Southern Miss 60, Florida Atlantic 49:** Daveon Boardingham scored 24 points, hitting 12 of 15 free throws, as the Green Eagles outlasted the host Owls.

Southern Miss (25-5, 12-3 Conference USA) moved into a first-place tie with Middle Tennessee with one game to play.

## March: Anxious Selection Sunday awaits

## FROM BACK PAGE

"Don't ask me," chirped their mother, Marita Payne-Wiggins, wearing a broad smile.

The brothers are about as close as could be, constantly texting each other about everything from video games to school to social life. Nick and several of his Wichita State teammates made the two-hour trip north earlier this season to watch Andrew lead the Jayhawks against Baylor, and more than once, Andrew has made the trip back south to hang out with his biggest fan.

It's gotten harder as the spotlight has intensified.

The Shockers are the biggest thing going in Wichita these days, which means Nick and his teammates are besieged by well-wishers hoping for a photo and a handshake. Andrew is a sure-fire lottery pick who hasn't been able to step outside his dorm room since arriving at Kansas without autograph hounds tracking him down.

They have relied on each other, along with their parents, to stay grounded during this memorable season. Not even the pressure of the NCAA tournament can tear apart those family bonds.

"We were always together," Andrew Wiggins told The Associated Press earlier this season. "We'd always watch TV together. We were always together at dinner times. That's what made us so

## Did you know

Mitchell Wiggins, father of Nick and Andrew, was chosen in the first round of the 1983 NBA Draft by the Indiana Pacers.

SOURCE: Basketball-reference.com

close."

In fact, one of the reasons Andrew chose Kansas over just about every other major program in the country was that Nick was just down the road at Wichita State.

"I feel like that was the best decision for him," Nick said.

It turned out to be good for their parents. Mitchell and Marita were able to watch Nick and the Shockers dispatch Missouri State on Saturday to finish off a perfect regular season, a victory capped by a senior day ceremony in which Nick received a framed version of his No. 15 jersey.

The Shockers' sixth man even gave them a memorable highlight, throwing down a dunk off an alley-oop pass in transition that left another sellout crowd

roaring in approval.

On Wednesday night, they will continue their trip by visiting senior day in Lawrence, where the Jayhawks will face Texas Tech. Even though Andrew is only a freshman, he's already made clear his intention of heading to the NBA, so it will be his last chance to play in Allen Fieldhouse.

"Nick has done so much for Andrew. He's Andrew's hero," Mitchell said. "He really helped Andrew's game when he was younger, just talking to him, talking about basketball, different things. They like each other almost too much, and they're very proud of each other."

Their parents are proud of them, too, and intend to follow the brothers throughout the NCAA tournament. It would be easier if they were paired in the same region, but that's no guarantee, so Mitchell and Marita are anxiously awaiting Selection Sunday.

Of course, if that happens, there's always the possibility they'd face each other, too.

"It would be tough," Mitchell said with a shake of his head. "If it happens, we'd have to do the parent cheer, no celebrating, just — with that, he does a modest little clap, barely audible.

Marita chimes in one more time, just to clarify her husband.

"They're where they want to be," she said, "so it's not tough. It's just happiness."



TRAVIS HEYING, WICHITA EAGLE/MCT

Wichita State's Nick Wiggins celebrates a dunk against Drake at Koch Arena in Wichita, Kan. last month.

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Parker scores 22 in return as Spurs top Mavs | **Page 24**

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL



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Wichita State players, from left: Nick Wiggins (15), Chadrack Lufile (0) and Cleanthony Early, right, hold up the Missouri Valley Conference regular season trophy. Nick Wiggins is the older brother of Kansas freshman Andrew Wiggins, below right, who is considered a top prospect in this year's NBA Draft.

# Making their March

## Wiggins brothers poised for showdown

By DAVE SKRETTA  
The Associated Press

WICHITA, Kan. — Nick Wiggins stood on the court at Koch Arena with one arm around mom, the other around dad, his second-ranked Shockers having just finished a 31-0 regular season. For once, it was the older brother of Kansas star Andrew Wiggins getting all the attention. Now, with the NCAA tournament right around the corner, the two brothers

— and their teams — are ready to become the story of March. Wichita State heads into the Missouri Valley Conference tournament this week riding the best start since UNLV in 1991, while the fifth-ranked Jayhawks have wrapped up the outright Big 12 title — the 10th straight championship for the storied program. If things transpire as most bracketologists believe, Wichita State will be a No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament and Kansas a No. 2 seed, quite possibly

in the same region. And if everything went according to script, they would meet for a spot in the Final Four. “Believe me, they’d want to face each other,” said their father, former NBA first-round draft pick Mitchell Wiggins, “but I think they’d rather play each other in the final. And Nick would probably be Andrew’s matchup, so I don’t know who would come out on top.”

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