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Children play near the Shahe do Shamshira shrine on Thursday in Kabul, Afghanistan, where people feed pigeons on holidays.

Guarding against missiles – and monotony – in Turkey

By JOHN VANDIVER
Stars and Stripes

GAZIANTEP, Turkey — Spc. Kayla Eckman has protective eyes over this city of 1.5 million people, guarding against any incoming missiles from Syria, which lies just over the horizon.

"There's a threat and that's why we're here, to protect the people of Gaziantep," said Eckman, who serves as a Patriot operator with the 5th Battalion, 7th

"To see a live-fire would be fantastic, and part of you wishes it would happen. That's what we train for."

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Patriot operator with the 5th Battalion, 7th Air Defense Artillery Regiment

Air Defense Artillery Regiment out of Kaiserslautern, Germany. At the U.S. Patriot missile site

in southern Turkey, Eckman's job is to monitor a high-tech tracking screen for any sign that

the war in Syria might creep into Turkey. If a missile threatens Turkish airspace, it's the 23-year-old Eckman's job to spot it.

"To see a live-fire would be fantastic, and part of you wishes it would happen. That's what we train for," said Eckman of the regiment's Battery A. "But we're here for the safety of the people of Gaziantep and it's a good thing that hasn't happened."

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Seeking balance in Africa relations

By DAN LAMOTHE
The Washington Post

When a cargo plane carrying U.S. troops made an emergency landing in July on an Ugandan highway, it snarled traffic, drew crowds and caused a sheepish-looking Marine Corps colonel to apologize on local television. But it also highlighted the U.S. military's quiet expansion in Africa, seven years after it started a new command run by a four-star general to oversee

military operations across the continent. U.S. Africa Command, now led by Army Gen. David Rodriguez, was established in 2007 and was billed by U.S. defense officials as a good way to coordinate growing relationships with friendly African leaders. Its scope has widened to include drone operations from remote bases, task forces that can respond quickly in times of crisis, and involvement in operations such as the hunt for central African warlord Joseph Kony and the search for more than 200 girls who were kidnapped this year in Nigeria by the militant group Boko Haram.

The expansion isn't expected to be a primary focus as nearly 50 African heads of state convene in Washington this week for the first ever U.S.-Africa Leaders Summit, held by the Obama administration. The event is expected to focus heavily on growing the economic potential of the continent, but will put African leaders in close proximity to the Pentagon and Washington's national security complex.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"We lost men to safeguard those elections, and now we see no result and we feel very frustrated. It feels like the politicians treated the voters like a tissue, something you use once and throw away."

— Afghan soldier Mohammed Agha, who said his unit suffered serious casualties while protecting voters during presidential polling

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MILITARY

Africa: Officials call US expansion in continent necessary

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The summit's schedule includes one session Wednesday afternoon held by the State Department on developing peace and regional stability.

U.S. defense officials say the Pentagon's expansion in Africa is necessary as the United States grapples with the spread of extremism and violence in countries such as South Sudan and Libya, both of which have had U.S. embassies evacuated this year. But it also runs the risk of inflaming civilian sentiment against the United States, said Laura Seay, an Africa analyst and political scientist at Colby College in Maine.

"I think where the U.S. runs into a lot of challenges is that a lot of these activities seem innocuous to them and to have a small footprint, but are actually seen by a lot of people there, especially African civilians, as much bigger than that and much more insidious," she said. "It's seen as plotting neocolonial activity."

U.S. officials consider it necessary, said Benjamin Benson, a spokesman for Germany for AFRICOM, which is based in Stuttgart. The organization is adapting its strategy not only to partner with African militaries but to grapple with instability and transnational security threats, including al-Qaida, he said.

"The African continent presents significant opportunities and challenges, including those associated with military-to-military relationships," Benson said.

It's difficult to track the growth of U.S. military operations in Africa. AFRICOM has about 2,000 personnel assigned to it full time, 1,500 of whom work at the Stuttgart headquarters, Benson said. That's up from an initial plan released in 2008 that called for about 1,300 personnel, half of whom were to be civilian employees.

That does not take into account all the U.S. troops who deploy to Africa temporarily, however. They visit countries from Senegal to Malawi, teaching everything from rifle marksmanship to vehicle maintenance before quietly redeploying weeks later. There also are an undefined number of U.S. Special Operations troops, who perform missions such as hunting for Kony alongside local forces and training African com-



MAIDA KALIC/Courtesy of the U.S. Marine Corps

A quick-reaction force with Special-Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force Crisis Response prepares to depart Naval Air Station Sigonella, Italy, on July 26 in support of a military-assisted departure from the U.S. Embassy in Tripoli, Libya.

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Benjamin Benson

spokesman for Stuttgart, Germany-based AFRICOM

mandos in Chad, Niger, Nigeria and other countries.

The number of U.S. personnel on the ground fluctuates but it is often about 5,000 across the continent, Benson said.

The largest presence is at Camp Lemonnier, a former outpost of the French Foreign Legion tucked into Africa's northeastern corner in Djibouti. The Pentagon's first major unit in Afghanistan, Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa, established a camp there in 2003 with a few hundred Marines sleeping in tents. It has expanded greatly since, and in 2012 the Defense Department presented Congress with a plan

for \$1.4 billion in enhancements to the base. Military officials now openly discuss whether families eventually could join troops on longer assignments there.

From Lemonnier, the United States responded to the crisis in South Sudan and removed hundreds of U.S. personnel from the capital city of Juba beginning in December. Among other units, the Pentagon used a group known as the East Africa Response Force, which was established last year to respond quickly to emergencies. It primarily comprises U.S. soldiers, although other American troops also were involved in the operation, defense officials said.

The Marine Corps established a task force with a similar role for northern Africa last year and called on it to provide airborne security recently when the United States evacuated its embassy in Libya. It is based in Moron, Spain, but frequently operates out of a closer Navy base in Sigonella, Italy, when a crisis in the region emerges.

In expanding its reach, the U.S. military can help provide short-term stability in areas experiencing crisis, creating space for political dialogue that can lead to peace, said John Mukun Mbaku, a Cameroon-born economist and Africa analyst at Weber State University in Utah. That can go only so far, though, he added.

"You have to ask yourself this question: How can you get people to live together peacefully?" he said. "The main problem in most of these countries is that ... you have people who were brought together involuntarily by colonialism. You cannot force people to live together peacefully if they don't want to work together peacefully."

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MIDEAST



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Above: Two Afghan women help a child with a popsicle during a family outing Thursday at Kabul Zoo. Thousands of people flocked to public parks and other sites in the Afghan capital last week to celebrate the Muslim holiday of Eid-al-Fitr despite concerns about the country's future. **Right:** Daulat Nazer, 35, holds his son Samiullah, 2, at the zoo. He said he was disillusioned by the Afghan election crisis.

An uneasy holiday amid Afghan political turmoil

BY PAMELA CONSTABLE
The Washington Post

KABUL, Afghanistan — The sun was warm and the crowds were thick at the Kabul Zoo on Thursday. Families picnicked on the grassy grounds, strolled in their holiday finery and hoisted children up to see the flamingos and monkeys in their wire-mesh enclosures.

While the international community sounded urgent alarms about the stalled and disputed Afghan presidential election — and a few officials held marathon meetings to get a suspended ballot audit back on track — everyone else in Afghanistan took the week off.

By chance, Eid al-Fitr, the Muslim festival that marks the end of Ramadan, began on July 28, then segued Thursday into the weekly holiday that culminates with Friday prayers. Exhausted by the high-stakes electoral crisis that has dragged on for months, people were grateful for a respite from the tension and a chance to enjoy simple pleasures.

Even the two presidential rivals, former finance minister Ashraf Ghani and former foreign minister Abdullah Abdullah, took a break from acrimony and left for vacations abroad. With the vote audit on hold, it seemed as if the entire political crisis had gone on leave.

Yet the carefree bustle in the capital barely masked the anger, anxiety and disillusionment that

Afghans of all political views expressed last week. Every Afghan adult remembers the early 1990s, when the political order collapsed amid ethnic and religious violence that lasted a decade. On Thursday, many were clearly worried it could happen again.

'A standstill'

"Everything has come to a standstill," said Rahmatullah, 50, an engineer who grew rich on international construction contracts that have now stopped dead. "Nobody is breathing, and nothing can move until we have a new president."

"We all greet each other and say 'Eid Mubarak' (happy Eid), but then immediately we all start talking about the elections," he said. "Will there be a winner? Will there be violence? Will we have a government at all?"

One Eid celebration went horribly wrong Tuesday, when Hashmat Karzai, a powerful cousin of outgoing President Hamid Karzai, was killed by a visitor who entered his home in Kandahar, offered him Eid greetings and exploded a bomb hidden in his tribal turban. The unsolved suicide assassination added an ominous note to the already tense political scenario.

At the jam-packed zoo Thursday, Afghans representing all walks of life and political affiliations — an army soldier, a college student, a house painter, a public administrator, a security guard

— expressed deep concerns about the future, especially the fear that their country could spiral into wider violence and collapse if the election fails and a new government is not formed.

A few mentioned the Taliban, the southern Pashtun insurgents who continue to stage attacks that kill hundreds of Afghans and some Western troops every month. Others said they feared that the northern Tajik militias and other armed groups who back Abdullah might carry through on recent threats to form a parallel government by force if he is not declared the winner.

Blaming both sides

Many blamed both sides of the political power struggle for ruining a democratic exercise they desperately wanted to succeed. By accusing each other of fraud and refusing to accept the results of two voting rounds, people said, the rivals are jeopardizing a rare chance to install democracy and ensure continued foreign support for their impoverished and long-conflicted land.

"I was really enthusiastic about the election, but now I am only confused and worried," said Daulat Nazer, 35, a security guard who was watching a pond full of geese and flamingos with his wife and five children. "In a normal country, election results take a week or so, but this is taking months. If it keeps going this way, I fear we will be dragged



into a new cycle of calamity, and nobody will ever vote again."

The inauguration of the new president was supposed to take place Saturday, but experts say it could be many weeks, even months, before a winner is declared and sworn in or the joint national government proposed by U.S. officials can be formed.

Mohammed Agha, 24, an Afghan soldier in full uniform, watched two gray wolves pacing restlessly in a too-small enclosure. He said his unit was based in Kandahar, a Taliban stronghold, and that it had suffered serious casualties while protecting voters during the two rounds of presidential polling on April 5 and June 14.

"We lost men to safeguard those elections, and now we see no result and we feel very frustrated," he said. "It feels like the politicians treated the voters like a tissue, something you use once and throw away."

Affecting commerce

A civilian government worker named Sayed Qasim, who was with his two young sons outside the monkey enclosure, said the crisis had halted commerce and turned Afghanistan's currency

into a roller coaster, with prices rising and falling after every bit of good or bad political news on TV.

Despite their eagerness for a solution, several zoo visitors said they were far from convinced that the U.S.-brokered agreement between Ghani and Abdullah for some form of national unity government could work. Such an arrangement, they said, would leave the power balance unclear and the new government open to permanent infighting, rather than allowing things to stabilize.

One of the skeptics was a house painter named Amanullah, 24. He stopped to talk outside the empty, weed-filled pen that was once the home of the zoo's most famous resident, Marjan the lion. Years ago, Marjan was blinded when an ethnic militiaman threw a grenade into his pen. Now long dead, Marjan is memorialized in a bronze statue at the zoo's entrance.

"The problem in Afghanistan is that the losers never respect the winners," Amanullah said. "Most of us citizens don't really care whether Ghani or Abdullah wins, as long as we get one person in charge who can make decisions and rule the country. You cannot have two lions in one cage."

EUROPE

Amid strain, German to be USAREUR chief of staff

By JAD SLEIMAN
Stars and Stripes

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — For the first time since U.S. troops arrived in Europe during World War II, a German general will serve as chief of staff of U.S. Army Europe.

Brig. Gen. Markus Laubenthal is expected to take up his post as early as Monday, an Army news release said.

The announcement of Laubenthal's appointment comes at a time of strained relations between the U.S. and Germany over allegations of U.S. spying and phone tapping. USAREUR said in March it intended to name a German chief of staff.

The U.S. military maintains key bases in Germany, where about 40,000 U.S. servicemembers are stationed, including about 25,000 soldiers.

"This is a bold and major step forward in USAREUR's commitment to operating in a multinational environment with our German allies," Lt. Gen. Donald Campbell Jr., USAREUR commander, said of Laubenthal's appointment. "U.S. and German senior military leaders have been serving together in NATO's International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan for years. Sustaining the shared capability from this experience will benefit both U.S. and German armies."

Laubenthal, 51, commanded the Bundeswehr's 12th Armored Brigade in Amberg before this assignment.

In August of last year, he took over as chief of staff for ISAF Regional Command North in Afghanistan, where he helped oversee the drawdown of German troops from Kunduz and Mazar-e-Sharif, according to information on the German army website.

Among other assignments, he served as military assistant to the deputy commander of operations and assistant chief of staff for operations for NATO's Kosovo force.

"As the commander of Panzerbrigade 12 ... I have always valued the joint exercises with our partnership unit, the 2nd Cavalry Regiment in Vilseck," Laubenthal said, according to the Army's statement.

"I am sure that I can use the experience I gained in the German army supporting the training of ready army forces in my new position with USAREUR," he said.

Laubenthal's formal appointment ceremony will be held later this month, a USAREUR spokesman said.

A German army spokesman called the move "a clear sign for a good German-American cooperation."

That cooperation had been strained since last year's reports of the U.S. National Security Agency's mass surveillance of German citizens, including the monitoring of German Chancellor Angela Merkel's personal communications.

Last month, German authorities expelled the CIA's chief in Berlin after investigators identified two suspected spies allegedly working for the U.S. within the German government.

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Patriot missile launchers from the 5th Battalion, 7th Air Defense Artillery Regiment stand on a hillside at a Turkish army base overlooking the city of Gaziantep.

Missiles: Breedlove says effort helps deter attacks

FROM FRONT PAGE

For a year and a half, U.S. soldiers have been guarding the airspace from a Turkish army base in this city about 40 miles from the Syrian border in response to a security request from Turkey. In late 2012, NATO defense ministers authorized the deployment of Patriots following cross-border shelling from Syria that killed several Turkish citizens. Patriot batteries from Germany and the Netherlands have been deployed to other parts of southern Turkey in support of the mission.

But no missiles have been fired from Syria, and consequently there have been no interceptions.

At the U.S. missile site, the 5-7 is the second U.S. unit to deploy to Gaziantep, having replaced the Fort Sill, Okla.-based 3rd Battalion, 2nd Air Defense Artillery in December. Whether a third unit will be sent to replace the troops from Kaiserslautern when the 5-7's tour ends in November remains an open question.

Gen. Philip Breedlove, head of U.S. European Command and NATO's supreme allied commander, said that largely depends on Turkey.

"We will be looking to our Turkish allies to identify whether they think this mission needs to stay," Breedlove said during a Thursday site visit in Gaziantep where he met with U.S. troops. "If (Turkey) does, we will look to all the nations of NATO to prepare another follow to this mission."

"Collective defense that is the heart of what we do," Breedlove said.

His visit was focused solely on the Patriot mission, but the U.S. and European allies in particular have expressed concern about Turkey's long, porous border with Syria. The country, which hosts some 800,000 Syrian refugees, has become a principal conduit for would-be jihadists who want to fight Syria's secular regime. Critics of the Turkish government, which backs the Syrian opposition, have accused it of turning a blind eye to foreign fighters who transit though to take up arms against Syrian forces.

Breedlove said the prospect of fighters' returning to Europe is causing

See more photos of the Patriot unit deployed in Gaziantep, Turkey, at stripes.com/go/turkeyguard



alarm within NATO and that the first step in countering the threat is improving intelligence-sharing between law enforcement agencies in respective countries.

"I'm very concerned and so are the nations of NATO," Breedlove said. "We need to collectively get after it and we are."

U.S. troops in Gaziantep say they are trying to stay sharp in the face of the day-to-day drudgery, though they acknowledge they have it better than many others who deploy.

"It can be monotonous," said Staff Sgt. Justin Rogers, 26, who serves with Battery B. "Every day, it is pretty much the exact same thing."

In most cases, separation from family is the hardest part for the troops. Rogers' wife, Sgt. Sarah Rogers, is assigned to the same battalion as a Patriot launcher. But long workdays and different work schedules mean few chances to meet.

"We almost never see each other," he said. "Still, all and all, it hasn't been a bad deployment."

The day starts early for most troops here: Rise at 4:30 a.m. for physical training, then off to breakfast and the office, where the day sometimes lasts until midnight when the workload is heavy, Rogers said.

Unlike big bases in other forward-deployed locations, there are no food contractor services or other amenities such as coffee shops and American-style fast-food restaurants. The two hot meals per day are prepared by soldiers, who do their best to improvise in their mobile kitchen.

"Because it's an expeditionary type of mission, we don't have a lot of the creature comforts that come with other deployments with contractor services," said Command Sgt. Maj. Steve Burnley. "So it's about getting into a battle rhythm and staying on top of your game."

For those who serve at the Patriot launcher site, up on a hill overlooking Gaziantep, the shifts are long and grueling



Spec. Kayla Eckman, of Battery A, 5th Battalion, 7th Air Defense Artillery Regiment, is deployed with the unit to Gaziantep, Turkey.

under the scorching sun.

"The heat is the hardest part," said Spec. Alexis Juarez, 21, whose job is maintaining the Patriots.

Most troops concur, however, that they've got it pretty good as far as deployments go.

The soldiers sleep on beds rather than cots in air-conditioned, hard-cover buildings, so there is a reprieve from the brutal summer heat. The facilities have improved steadily since the mission in Turkey first launched a year and a half ago. The buildings that now serve as headquarters and barracks were a ramshackle wreck. Steady work has transformed them into something close to comfortable.

"This is my first deployment and I have no complaints," Eckman said. "I was expecting a lot worse."

On his stop at the site, Breedlove met with troops, shaking hands and offering praise as he handed out coveted commander coins to soldiers.

"When one of our allies is threatened, we are all threatened, and we work together and stay resolved to meet that challenge," Breedlove said after meeting with soldiers.

The presence of anti-missile Patriots has helped deter aggression out of Syria, Breedlove said. "If you measure success by the fact that we've had no missile attacks on Turkey, we've been completely successful in this mission."

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PACIFIC

Defense contractors tout planes in Japan

By SETH ROBSON

Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — U.S. defense contractors sense that there's money to be made out of Japan's decision to expand the role of its military amid Chinese aggression in the East China Sea. Aerospace companies Northrop Grumman and Lockheed Martin held a joint news conference Thursday in Tokyo touting RQ-4 Global Hawk and E-2D Advanced Hawkeye surveillance planes as potential additions to the Japanese Air Self Defense Force.

A national security strategy approved by Japan's Cabinet in December calls for better air and maritime surveillance. Last month, the ruling coalition adopted a resolution that will allow the nation's armed forces to defend the country's allies in combat for the first time in the post-World War II era.

The measures are, in part, a response to Chinese claims to the Senkakus (known as Diaoyu in China). The Japanese-controlled islands and their surrounding waters in the East China Sea are thought to encompass large reserves of natural gas.

The islands have been the site of confrontations between Chinese and Japanese ships and aircraft and are within an "air-defense identification zone" declared by China last year.

If Japan wants to keep tabs on the sea and airspace around its country, there's no better way than with the Global Hawk and the Advanced Hawkeye, the U.S. contractors told Japanese reporters at the Foreign Correspondents' Club of Japan.

The aircraft's sensors, along with those on Lockheed's F-35 jet fighters — which Japan has already committed to buying — could provide vital information about potential threats, the contractors said.

The U.S. Navy already has bought 25 Advanced Hawkeyes, which will operate from the decks of its aircraft carriers. The first recently arrived in Norfolk, Va., and the aircraft will be fielded to U.S. units in Japan in 2017, Northrop spokeswoman Kirsti Dunn said.

Meanwhile, U.S. Air Force Global Hawks began flying out of Misawa Air Base in Japan this summer.

Asked to assess the contractors' sales pitches, former Air Force officer Ralph Cosa, of the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Hawaii, said there are cost and interoperability considerations for using the U.S. equipment.

From the bottom-line standpoint, it would cost Japan four times as much to build its own surveillance systems, he told Stars and Stripes.

"We are prepared to sell them stuff that we don't sell most other folks," Cosa said.

Information sharing is a big part of the U.S.-Japan alliance, he said.

"As they move towards collective defense, that is another thing they could contribute short of boots on the ground," he added.

Brad Hicks, vice president of radar programs at Lockheed's Mission Systems and Sensors business, told the conference that



Brad Hicks, vice president of radar programs at Lockheed's Mission Systems and Sensors business, talks to reporters in Tokyo on Thursday.

the radar on the E-2D, built by his company, can detect advanced threats. He noted that 800 former aircraft violated Japan's airspace last year.

"ISR (intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance) is a country's first line of defense," he said. "ISR makes it possible for authorities to have detailed information about events that threaten security."

The E-2D is designed to operate in concert with Lockheed's Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense System, Hicks said.

Japan has six destroyers equipped with the system. Its national security strategy calls for two more to be added by 2020.

Decision makers need reli-

able data from a variety of sensors that can be quickly collated and presented to them in a form they can use, said Hicks, a retired Navy rear admiral.

It is better for Japan to do that with the U.S. rather than alone, he said, noting that the seas in North Asia are a complex environment.

"There is a lot going on out there," he said. "There are thousands of objects, fishing boats, merchant traffic, oil rigs. Maintaining awareness of not just the airspace but what is going on on the maritime surface is very important to Japan."

The loss of Malaysian Airlines Flight 370 — thought to have gone down in the Indian Ocean — shows what happens when au-

thorities don't have awareness, he said.

Surveillance planes also can be used for fisheries management, commercial shipping monitoring, drug interdiction and scientific studies, Hicks added.

Jeff Remington, Northrop's liaison to the U.S. Pacific Command in Hawaii, said Japan needs a layered ISR system that combines signals and human intelligence with imagery from a variety of sensors.

Japan should take advantage of \$3.6 billion that the U.S. government has already invested in the Advanced Hawkeye, added the former Air Force lieutenant general.

The potential for allies in the Pacific, several of whom also are looking to boost their surveillance capabilities, to operate the same systems and to share information is huge, he said.

"Imagine what you can do with the Global Hawk from the U.S., Japan and (South) Korea, the Triton (a maritime version of the Global Hawk) from the U.S. and Australia and the E2D from the U.S. and Japan?" he said.

Mark Skinner, a vice president in Northrop's Aerospace Systems sector, said allies are stronger when they share information smoothly across all their sensors and platforms in a given theater.

The former Navy vice admiral said acquisition of the Global Hawk and the Advanced Hawkeye by Japan would demonstrate trust in the alliance and would allow both nations to share costs.

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US, S. Korea weighing whether to move Combined Forces Command

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SEOUL, South Korea — The U.S. and South Korea are discussing whether to leave the joint Combined Forces Command in Seoul after American forces relocate to Pyeongtaek, according to top defense officials from both countries.

U.S. Forces Korea commander Gen. Curtis Scaparrotti, who also heads the CFC — said July 27 that the matter was "under consideration."

"Simply, my intention is to come out with what is the best posture for the security of the country," he said according to a USFK transcript of comments he made after a news conference following a ceremony marking the 61st anniversary of the armistice ending the Korean War.

South Korean Defense Minister Han Min-koo told Korean reporters during a luncheon Tuesday that while the long-planned relocation of U.S. troops to regional hubs south of Seoul will take place as scheduled, no decisions have been made regarding whether to

make an exception for the joint warfighting command.

"The two sides are to have discussions over where to locate it and how to deal with relevant issues," he said, according to Yonhap News. "Under the changing circumstances of the delay in our retaking of wartime command from the U.S., we are reviewing diverse ways on how to strengthen our joint defense system."

The command, established in 1978, has a South Korean general as deputy commander. The top U.S. commander now would lead both U.S. and South Korean forces if war broke out on the peninsula, a responsibility that would fall to the top South Korean commander after the transfer of wartime operational control takes place. That OPCON transfer is scheduled for December 2015, but provocations by North Korea have prompted the South to push for a delay. A decision is expected later this year.

Scaparrotti said that as the two countries work through negotiations on the OPCON transition, "our governments are working on what is the best posture for all of our command and control here in

the (South Korea)-U.S. alliance." Officials previously have said that after the OPCON transfer, the CFC would dissolve and would be replaced by separate U.S. and South Korean commands. What will happen to CFC in the meantime, particularly if the transfer is delayed, remains unclear.

The possibility of keeping the CFC in Seoul has raised concerns in South Korea about whether the overall USFK relocation plan could be delayed, something that South Korean officials have denied.

Neither USFK nor South Korea's Ministry of National Defense would specify what leaving

the CFC in Seoul would entail in terms of staffing, nor would they comment specifically on the possibility of creating a combined U.S.-South Korean division that would be stationed near the Demilitarized Zone after most U.S. forces move south — an issue Scaparrotti last fall called a "strong possibility" that would "be a strong additive to our alliance."

USFK issued a statement last week that said, "Currently, the Combined Division plan has no impact on the relocation of the 2nd Infantry Division south of Seoul."

Defense ministry spokesman Kim Min-seok said during a

news briefing last week that the U.S. will not maintain military bases north of Seoul, but discussions are underway about "how to best maintain our joint combat readiness."

The bulk of U.S. forces in and north of Seoul are scheduled to move to hubs in Pyeongtaek and Daegu within a few years. Camp Humphreys is being expanded to become the U.S. military's flagship installation. The Army says the massive project is on track to be completed in 2016-17 after years of delays.

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MILITARY

Oldest living female vet fulfills a dream

Lucy Coffey, 108, sees a memorial built in her honor, visits White House

By MEREDITH TIBBETS
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Lucy Coffey dreamed of going to the Women in Military Service for America Memorial in Arlington, Va. Last month, she got her wish — and then some.

Coffey, who's 108 and the nation's oldest living female veteran, was greeted with thunderous applause July 25 at Reagan National Airport and was welcomed to the White House by President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden.

"She's waited over 65 years to see her memorial," said Allen Bergeron, chairman of the Austin Honor Flight. "... Not too often we get to bring a veteran to the White House to meet the president and the vice president. They spent some time with her and thanked her for her service."

Though Coffey — who was part of the Women's Army Corps during World War II — did not walk and cannot speak much, she was actively engaging with the people around her.

"At 108, think of all she has seen. And now she has seen everything that was built for her," Bergeron said. "The World War II Memorial representing the 400,000 killed and the 16 million that served, and this beautiful Women's Memorial that was built in her honor."

Coffey enlisted in 1943, around the time of her 37th birthday. She had tried to enlist several times before, but was rejected for being too short or too slim.

She earned two Bronze Stars (for support services in the Philippines and what is now Dutch New Guinea), a WAC Service Medal, a Good Conduct Medal and a World War II Victory Medal. Coffey, whose last rank was staff sergeant, was one of 150,000 women who served as WACs during the war.

WAC members were the first women besides nurses to serve in the U.S. Army. Coffey served mainly in the Pacific theater, going to Australia and what is now known as Dutch New Guinea before arriving in the Philippines in April 1945. Her last stop was Okinawa, Japan.

While in the Army, she worked as an accountant-statistician and served in the procurement office.

"Two of Lucy's brothers also joined the service in World War II," said John Mulrey, Coffey's nephew. "They both served in the Pacific theater in Philippines and Guam."

All three of them ended up in the Pacific at the same time.

"We could have sworn they made a connection one time ... but her brothers were actually in the infantry and a day ahead," Mulrey said.

That meant Coffey's brothers were usually out of the area by the time she arrived. One time, however, Coffey's group was

To see more photos and a video of Lucy Coffey's visit, go to: stripes.com/go/coffey

much closer to the fighting than they had intended, which she described as "pretty terrifying."

Food and water were sometimes scarce for Coffey and her fellow WACs. On at least one occasion, "Navy boys" gave her onion sandwiches and beer. In New Guinea, each WAC member was given two helmets of water for personal use during water shortages.

Mulrey, a Vietnam veteran, accompanied his aunt from San Antonio to Washington with his wife, JoAnn. He joined the military because he thought it was better to join than be drafted and because he wanted to serve his country.

"I guess [being in the military] just runs in the family," he said.

Coffey was honorably discharged in November 1945, but she stayed in Japan as a civil servant for about 10 years. She later transferred to Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio, where she worked until her retirement in 1971.

John Mulrey
Lucy Coffey's nephew

"She is very, very shy about her time in the service. She doesn't talk about it much," Mulrey said. "She just did what she had to do."

"She's just very humble," his wife said.

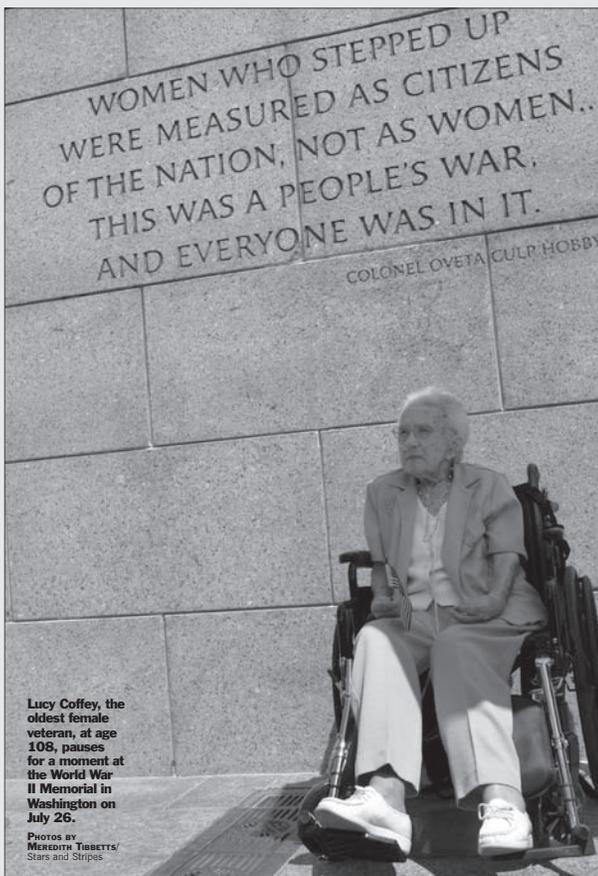
Though Coffey dreamed of going back to Japan, she never did. At the memorial on July 26, she smiled at the old uniforms on display and listened intently to the president of the women's memorial, retired Air Force Brig. Gen. Wilma L. Vaught, explain different exhibits as she was wheeled around the memorial.

Earlier in the day, Coffey visited the National World War II Memorial, where she met former Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., and Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas.

American Airlines provided a free, first-class trip for Coffey. The Austin Honor Flight team took care of the rest, spending about two weeks pulling everything together.

"This, I think, has made her feel so proud ... and I think it has awoken a spirit that she buried a long time ago," Mulrey said. "It is the ultimate memory for Lucy."

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Lucy Coffey, the oldest female veteran, at age 108, pauses for a moment at the World War II Memorial in Washington on July 26.

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Above: Former Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., right, and Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, visit with Coffey at the memorial.

Left: Coffey does a little jig while visiting the Women in Military Service for America Memorial in Arlington, Va.

NATION



JOHN BAZEMORE/AP

The ambulance carrying Ebola victim Dr. Kent Brantly departs Dobbins Air Reserve Base in Marietta, Ga., on Saturday.

Ga. hospital deemed safest

Experts: No chance the virus can spread from Emory's secure unit

BY RAY HENRY
AND MIKE STOBBER
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — The Ebola virus has killed more than 700 people in Africa and could have catastrophic consequences if allowed to spread, world health officials say. So why would anyone allow infected Americans to come to Atlanta?

The answer, experts say, is because Emory University Hospital is one of the safest places in the world to treat someone with Ebola. There's virtually no chance the virus can spread from the hospital's supersecure isolation unit.

And another thing, they say: Medical workers risking their lives overseas deserve the best treatment they can get.

Dr. Kent Brantly became the first person infected with Ebola to be brought to the United States from Africa. He arrived Saturday at one of the nation's best hospitals. Fellow aid worker Nancy Writebol was expected to arrive in several days.

Dr. Thomas Frieden, director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, told NBC on



WSB-TV ATLANTA/AP

Brantly, right, arrives at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta.

Sunday that Brantly's condition seems to have improved and that it was encouraging to see Brantly walk out of the ambulance unassisted when he arrived at the hospital.

Frieden said he understands the public's concerns about Ebola and the public health role is to ensure that the infection is not spread.

"Ebola is very deadly. And it's normal to be scared of deadly diseases," he said.

Few of those nearest the hospital Saturday seemed concerned.

"I just think it's a blessing that we can help possibly make the infected person's life a little more tolerable," said Ashley Wheeler, who was shopping just down the street on Saturday. "If I were that person, I would want my country to help me the best way they could."

Emory's infectious diseases unit was created 12 years ago to handle doctors who get sick at the CDC. It is one of about four in the country equipped with everything necessary to test, treat and contain people exposed to very dangerous viruses. In 2005, it handled patients with SARS, which unlike Ebola can spread when an infected person coughs or sneezes.

In fact, the nature of Ebola — which is spread by close contact with bodily fluids and blood — means that any modern hospital using standard, rigorous, infection-control measures should be able to handle it.

Still, Emory won't be taking any chances. "Nothing comes out of this unit until it is noninfectious," said Dr. Bruce Ribner, who will be treating the patients.

Why isn't there treatment, vaccine for Ebola victims?

BY MARIA CHENG
The Associated Press

LONDON — In the four decades since the Ebola virus was first identified in Africa, treatment hasn't changed much. There are no licensed drugs or vaccines for the deadly disease.

Some are being developed, but none has been rigorously tested in humans. One experimental treatment, though, was tried last week in an American aid worker sick with Ebola, according to the U.S.-based group that she works for in Liberia.

Without a specific treatment, doctors and nurses focus on easing the disease's symptoms — fever, headache, vomiting and diarrhea — and on keeping patients hydrated and comfortable.

The outbreak in three West African countries — Liberia, Guinea and Sierra Leone — has sickened more than 1,300 people, and more than 700 have died since March.

There is no treatment now because, for one thing, the Ebola virus is hard to work with. The virus doesn't grow well in petri dishes, and experiments can be done only in the relatively few labs with the highest security measures.

While Ebola is lethal, it's rare. Outbreaks are unpredictable, giving doctors few chances to test new treatments. While the current epidemic is the largest recorded, the number of people sickened by Ebola is small compared with the number killed by other diseases like malaria or dengue. Much of the funding for Ebola research is from governments that worry about the virus being used in a bioterrorism attack.

In the pipeline

There are about a half-dozen Ebola drugs and vaccines in development, several of which have received funding from the U.S. Army developed by the U.S. Army has shown promising results when tested in monkeys.

"We think this may work because of the animal models, but until you do the studies in humans, you just don't know," said Fred Hayden, an infectious diseases specialist at the University of Virginia, who was not involved in the research.

While animal studies for vaccine candidates have been encouraging, it's unclear what dose humans would need.

A Canadian company, Tekmira, has a \$140 million contract with the U.S. government to develop an Ebola vaccine. An early test of the shot in healthy humans was stopped recently after the Food and Drug Administration asked for more safety information.

Experimental drugs

Scientists are split on whether or not it is a good idea to try experimental drugs and vaccines before they are approved, but the prospect is being informally discussed.

"Given the prolonged and unprecedented nature of the epidemic, we need to carefully consider this," said Dr. Peter Piot, the co-discoverer of Ebola in 1976 and director of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

The World Health Organization has no plans to facilitate any clinical trials during this outbreak, spokesman Gregory Hartl said.

Other experts say it's unethical to use treatments or vaccines that haven't been properly tested, and warn the results could be disastrous.

"None of these drugs or vaccines are ready to be used in humans from a legal point of view," said Dr. Heinz Feldmann, chief of virology at the U.S. National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

It would be impossible to vaccinate or treat everyone in the region, but if any tests do proceed, they would probably be focused on those at highest risk: health care workers.

Fla. case puts postpartum issues in spotlight

BY BEATRICE DUPUY
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The Miami Herald

MIAMI — When a Miramar, Fla., woman allegedly hurled her 3-month-old baby boy into a lake early last month, many people, including seasoned professionals, were left speechless.

Jennifer Silliman, however, felt compassion for the new mom, Inakasha Armour.

Silliman, who lives in Palm Beach County, is making a documentary, "Dark Side of the Full Moon," on the topic of postpartum depression and other ills that can accompany pregnancy. The Miramar mom's lawyer says his client was afflicted — and needs help and understanding, not scorn and prison.

A court appearance for Armour, who was recently transferred from jail to the psychiatric

unit at Memorial Regional Hospital, is pending. If nothing else, the case has shone a spotlight on a mental health issue that is highlighted whenever a mother, seemingly inexplicably, does something horrible to a newborn child. Few crimes elicit such visceral feelings.

David Waksman, a longtime Miami-Dade prosecutor, now retired, said, "The mere fact that you have a mental condition is not an excuse for a criminal act."

"It has to be so severe that it literally prevents you from knowing what you are doing," he said. "You have to be very leery when someone says it's 'mental health issue.'"

But Silliman, 34, said, "This is a real thing, and a lot of women are affected by it."

This was not Armour's first attempt at killing her son. She told

police she thought about harming baby Cayden daily.

Pregnancy can bring on several mental health issues, including postpartum depression, postpartum obsessive-compulsive disorder and postpartum psychosis.

Shoshana Bennett, a clinical psychologist and maternal mental health expert based in California, said postpartum psychosis can cause women to tailspin and sometimes have psychotic breaks — some even killing their children by stabbing, drowning or smothering.

While one in seven women experiences postpartum depression, the far more extreme postpartum psychosis is much rarer.

There is a 5 percent rate of infanticide or suicide associated with women who develop postpartum psychosis, according to Postpartum Support International.

Calif. boy sets himself on fire in online dare

SANTA ANA, Calif. — Authorities said a 16-year-old Southern California boy suffered burns after setting himself on fire for an online dare.

The Orange County Register reported that investigators believe the teen was trying the "fire challenge" that has spread on social media.

Fire Capt. Larry Kurtz said the

teen apparently placed nail polish remover on his chest and lit it Friday afternoon in his Santa Ana home.

Kurtz said the boy was taken to a hospital with first- and second-degree burns on his face, neck and hips, but the injuries aren't considered life-threatening.

Online videos show several people performing similar stunts before putting out the flames.

The Associated Press

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WORLD

Quake in southern China leaves at least 150 dead

The Associated Press

BEIJING — A strong earthquake jolted southern China's Yunnan province Sunday, toppling thousands of homes and killing at least 150 people.

The magnitude-6.1 quake struck at 4:30 p.m. at a depth of 6 miles, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. Its epicenter was in Longtoushan township, 14 miles southwest of the city of Zhaotong, the Ludian county seat.

China's official Xinhua News Agency said at least 150 people were killed in the quake.

Ma Liya, a resident of Zhaotong,

told Xinhua that the streets there were like a "battlefield after bombardment." She added that her neighbor's house, a new two-story building, had toppled.

At least 120 of the dead were in densely populated Ludian county, with another 180 missing and 1,300 people injured there, Yunnan's information bureau reported. The province's seismological bureau said another 24 people died and more than 100 were injured in Qiaojia county.

Xinhua said about 12,000 homes were toppled in Ludian, a county of 429,000 people about 277 miles northeast of Yunnan

province's capital, Kunming.

Chen Guoyong, the head of Longtoushan township, told Xinhua that many houses there had collapsed.

Photos on the Chinese social media site Weibo showed several people apparently injured amid toppled bricks.

Chinese state broadcaster CCTV said the quake was the strongest to hit Yunnan in 14 years. It reported that the quake loosened rocks that blocked a road near the city of Zhaotong and broadcast an image of a car apparently damaged by debris from the tremor.



HU CHAO, XINHUA NEWS AGENCY/AP

Men look for survivors amid building rubble after an earthquake in southwest China's Yunnan Province on Sunday.

150 feared buried in Nepal landslide

BY BINAJ GURUBACHARYA

The Associated Press

KATMANDU, Nepal — There is no chance of finding any of the more than 150 people who are believed to have been buried by a massive landslide in northern Nepal, an official said Sunday, as rescuers struggled to dig through piles of rock, mud and trees.

Rescuers have so far recovered only eight bodies since the landslide early Saturday blocked a mountain river, causing the water to form a lake that was threatening to burst and sweep several villages. Fresh rainfall on Sunday hampered search attempts.

"We have no chance of finding any of the missing people alive under this pile of debris," said Yadav Prasad Koirala, who heads the government's Department of Natural Disaster Management. "We have names of 159 people who are believed to be missing and buried, but there could be even more people."

Koirala said it was even difficult for bulldozers and heavy equipment to move the debris that crushed dozens of houses in the village of Mantha, about 75 miles east of Katmandu, Nepal's



DINESH GOLE/AP

A Nepalese Army helicopter flies over the site of a landslide during a rescue operation in SindhuPalchowk, about 75 miles east of Katmandu, Nepal, on Saturday.

capital.

Gopal Parajuli, the chief government administrator in the area, said the water level and mud was making the rescue work very difficult, and that army troops used explosives to try to alleviate a dangerous buildup of water.

The controlled explosions managed to knock down part of an earth wall that had blocked

a river and created a temporary dam, allowing some water to flow out, but much of it still remained trapped, posing an immediate threat to downstream villages as far away as India, Parajuli said.

He said the amount of water flowing out of the dam and pouring in was almost the same Sunday morning as the previous day, keeping the water level stable.

22 are killed in battle for airport in Libya

The Associated Press

TRIPOLI, Libya — A day of militia fighting over control of the international airport in Libya's capital killed 22 people, the country's interim government said Sunday, part of the worsening chaos gripping the country.

Libya is seeing its worst violence since the 2011 civil war that toppled dictator Moammar Gadhafi as militias made up of the rebels who overthrew him largely run wild in the country, armed with heavy weaponry that outguns its poorly organized security forces.

Saturday's deaths bring the death toll to 236 after weeks of fighting for control of Tripoli's international airport, as well as Libya's second-largest city of Benghazi.

Islamist militias from the coastal city of Misrata have led the assault on the airport, seeking to seize it from militiamen from the mountain town of Zintan. Militia shelling has set fire to at least eight huge oil depots, sending plumes of black smoke over Tripoli, Libya's state-run news agency reported Sunday.

The fighting came as more than three-quarters of Libya's

newly elected parliament met for the first time in Tobrouk, a city near the Egyptian border chosen by a prominent anti-Islamist politician, signaling a swing against Islamist parties and extremist militias.

However, as the lawmakers met in Tobrouk, Islamist militias overran several army bases and took control of the eastern city of Benghazi, the cradle of the 2011 revolt. Their Benghazi advance dealt a major blow to forces loyal to a renegade general who has vowed to drive extremist militias out following months of violence.

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WORLD

Israel strikes Gaza as troops start redeploying

By TAMER ZIARA
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The Associated Press

RAFAH, Gaza Strip — A United Nations school sheltering displaced people in the southern Gaza Strip was hit Sunday by what a U.N. official said appeared to be an Israeli airstrike, an attack that killed 10 people as Israel signaled a possible scaling back in the ongoing war.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon condemned the attack near the Rafah school as both “a moral outrage and a criminal act.” The Israeli military had no immediate comment, though it confirmed it was redeploying along the Gaza border for a “new phase” of an operation aimed at stopping rocket fire toward Israel and at destroying the Hamas underground tunnel network.

“We have indeed scaled down some of the presence and indeed urged Palestinians in certain neighborhoods to come back to their homes,” said Lt. Col. Peter Lerner, a military spokesman.

Several Israeli tanks and other vehicles were seen leaving Gaza a day after Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu suggested troops would reassess operations after completing the demolition of Hamas tunnels under the border. Security officials said the tunnel mission was winding down, and Israel would soon be taking its troops out of the strip.

In Gaza, meanwhile, Israeli airstrikes and tank shelling continued. Gaza health official Ashraf al-Kidra said at least 10 people were killed and 35 wounded after the strike near the boys’ school in Rafah. Robert Turner, the director of operations for the U.N. Palestinian refugee agency in Gaza, said preliminary findings indicated the blast was an Israeli airstrike near the school, which had been providing shelter for some 3,000 people. He said the strike killed at least one U.N. staffer.

“The locations of all these installations have been passed to the Israeli military multiple times,” Turner said. “They know where these shelters are. How this continues to happen, I have no idea. I have no words for it. I don’t understand it.”

Inside the U.N. school’s com-



EYAD BABA/AP

Palestinians evacuate a survivor after an Israeli airstrike hit the Al Ghoul family in Rafah, southern Gaza Strip, on Sunday.

pound, several bodies, among them children, were strewn across the ground in puddles of blood.

“Our trust and our fate is only in the hands of God!” one woman cried.

The Israeli military said they were investigating the strike. In a statement, Ban said the strike was “yet another gross violation of international humanitarian law.”

“This attack, along with other breaches of international law, must be swiftly investigated and those responsible held accountable,” the U.N. chief said. “It is a moral outrage and a criminal act.”

At least six U.N. facilities, including schools sheltering the displaced, have been struck by Israeli fire since the conflict began, drawing international condemnation. In each earlier case, Israel has said it was responding to militants launching rockets or other attacks from nearby.

In nearly four weeks of fighting, Palestinian health officials say more than 1,750 Palestinians, mainly civilians, have been killed. Artillery shells slammed into



LEFTIS PYRABAKIS/AP

A relative of the Abu Wahdan family cries outside a damaged house in the Jebalya refugee camp that was hit by an Israeli strike that killed several family members.

two high-rise office buildings Sunday in downtown Gaza City, and large explosions could be heard seconds apart, police and witnesses said. Al-Kidra said more than 50 Palestinians were killed Sunday, including 10 members of one family in a single strike in the southern Gaza Strip. Israel said it carried out 180 strikes Sunday.

The bodies of the Al Ghoul family, killed early Sunday morning, were lined up on the floor of the Kuwaiti hospital in Rafah. Doctors wiped dried blood from the faces of three men. Outside the hospi-

tal, men and children shed tears while sobbing women cradled the smallest of the dead, kissing their faces.

In another hospital room, at least four children were piled into an ice cream freezer, all wrapped in white cloth drenched in blood. Doctors say morgues in Rafah are at maximum capacity.

The Israeli military death toll rose to 64 after Israel announced that Hadar Goldin, 23, an infantry lieutenant, feared, captured in Gaza, was actually killed in battle.

Palestinians idolize Hamas military leader

By SUDARSAN RAGHAVAN
The Washington Post

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — On a narrow, rubble-strewn Gaza street, where an Israeli airstrike recently obliterated the home of a top Hamas leader, a group of boys and men praised a shadowy, middle-age man most Palestinians have never seen — and whom Israel is eager to kill.

“He’s a role model for us,” declared Ahmed, 32, a Hamas security details member, clutching a walkie-talkie. “He’s a legend for the children, for everyone in Gaza.”

“He is defending our homeland,” agreed Yassin Abu Rialah, 14.

To Israelis, Mohammed Deif is enemy number one. As the top commander of the Izzedine al-Qassam Brigades,

‘He’s a role model for us. He’s a legend for the children, everyone of Gaza.’

Ahmed
Hamas security detail kidnapping of Israeli soldiers. He has

survived several attempts by Israel to assassinate him, earning him the nickname “the cat with nine lives.”

Deif, according to Israeli military and intelligence officials, is the mastermind of the Palestinian militant group’s current strategy of firing rockets at Israel and building tunnel networks through which highly trained fighters can infiltrate Israel.

As Israel presses forward with its ground offensive, Deif is also viewed by some Israeli military analysts as a key obstacle to a negotiated end to the conflict.

“The decision-maker in Hamas is Mohammed Deif, leader of the military wing, and he is against the cease-fire because he believes every day they continue to fight is another achievement for them,” said retired Gen. Giora Eiland, a former Israeli national security adviser.

They (Israelis) know where these shelters are. How this continues to happen, I have no idea.

Robert Turner
U.N. Palestinian refugee agency

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UKRAINE UNREST



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A pro-Russia rebel takes photos Sunday of the convoy of international forensic experts and members of the OSCE mission in Ukraine at the area of the Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 plane crash.

Ukraine's army on outskirts of rebel stronghold

By YURAS KARMANAU
The Associated Press

DONETSK, Ukraine — Fighting raged Sunday on the western outskirts of Donetsk as the advancing Ukrainian army tried to seize control of the rebel stronghold. In danger of being encircled, the separatists renewed their calls for Russia to send troops to their aid.

To support their operations, the pro-Russia fighters have been confiscating vehicles and food from residents and businesses in Donetsk. The center of the major industrial city is all but deserted, with few people or cars on the streets and most stores and restaurants closed.

A spokesman for the Ukrainian military operation, Alexei Dmitrashkovsky, told The Associated Press that government soldiers were fighting Sunday to hold positions they had taken on the edge of Donetsk, but were meeting resistance.

In the part of the city closest to the fighting, an artillery shell hit a school overnight, but no one was reported hurt.

"The shell went through the roof and exploded inside the building, setting off a fire, but we still don't know who fired it," said Dmitry Levonchik, 45, a coal miner. "Who is fighting this war? What are they needing for?"

The sound of gunfire and explosions was heard just to the west.

Pavel Gubarev, the self-

proclaimed governor of the separatist Donetsk region, said the rebels would win quickly if Russia sent troops.

"Of course it would be great to see Russian peacekeepers here: strong artillery units, tank brigades," Gubarev said. "This war would be over in a day, maybe two."

Ukraine and the West say they have evidence that Russia is arming the separatists. Russia denies that and describes the Russian citizens fighting in eastern Ukraine as volunteers.

The ongoing battles had delayed the start of an international search for body parts still lying in the fields where Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 was shot down on July 17 with 298 people on board.

Dutch and Australian experts were able to begin their search Friday. Early Sunday, the remains and personal belongings they have found so far were delivered in refrigerated trucks to the city of Kharkiv. The recovered remains will be checked there before being flown to the Netherlands.

Pieter-Jaap Aalbersberg, the head of the recovery mission, said in a statement late Saturday that the entire area around a chicken farm near the village of Hrabove has now been searched and the experts will move to other sites where aircraft wreckage was found. He previously estimated that the entire search would take at least three weeks.

Russia fights sanctions with bans, rips food from Ukraine, EU, US

By KAROUN DEMIRJIAN
The Washington Post

MOSCOW — As the United States and Europe step up economic sanctions against Russia, Moscow's food safety epidemiologists have been working overtime.

In the past few weeks, Russian agricultural and consumer watchdog agencies have announced the discovery of harmful levels of antibiotics in U.S. poultry, contaminants in Ukrainian dairy, pests in European produce and bacteria in U.S. fast food. They have either imposed or threatened blanket bans on the products in question in response to the reported "violations."

Is it a coincidence that the products are from countries that have imposed sanctions on Russia for its support of a separatist uprising in eastern Ukraine or have otherwise angered the Kremlin? That's what the Russian agencies maintain. But experts say the bans are highly politicized gestures in classic Russian diplomatic style. And because it may be too domestically costly for Russia to respond to measures restricting guns, oil exploration and banks in kind, they have settled for sticking it to fruit, cheese and fast food.

"There is always a regulatory agency, environmental agency, or something ready to act," said Konstantin Sonin, a professor at Moscow's Higher School of Economics, explaining that the tactics are common in Russia.

As evidence of the link to sanctions, Sonin pointed to the ink and airtime that have been devoted to publicizing the recent food bans in state-run media.

"You can tell by the way it was reported," he said. "It would not be such a very big thing if this was a local issue." Indeed, Russian media has been almost as committed to reporting the unfolding serial drama of food regulations as it has to documenting the tit-for-tat accusations of cross-border shelling between Russia and Ukraine.

The first significant restriction targeted U.S. dairy products from Ukraine. Many of those products have been blocked from Russian markets since Ukrainians in Kiev's Independence Square ousted pro-Russia President Viktor Yanukovich in February; the rest were formally curtailed in late July. Fruits and vegetables from Moldova — which, like Ukraine, agreed this summer to formally affiliate itself with the European Union — were the next to hit the chopping block, achieving produce-non-grata status about the same time.

In the past few days, the scope of the limitations has expanded rapidly. As of Friday, Russian officials had banned most grain imports from Ukraine, stopped bringing in produce from Poland and were murmuring about potentially expanding the food blacklist to include European fruits and vegetables, U.S. chicken, and flagship items from U.S.



CZAREK SOKOLOWSKI/AP

A woman places apples into her bag Thursday at a market in Warsaw, Poland. The newspaper Puls Biznesu has called on the Poles to buy apples in support for apple producers after Russia said it was banning most fruit and vegetable imports from Poland.

fast-food restaurant chains such as McDonald's, Burger King and KFC, according to reports. Separately last week, Wendy's announced it would be closing its locations in Russia.

That the Russian government has not formally slapped the United States or the EU with blanket food bans hasn't kept state news outlets from speculating that Russia could get along just fine without importing the food products in question. Russia gets about a quarter of its produce from the EU, but those products could be replaced, a Russia 24 news channel report claimed, with imports from places such as Turkey, Israel, China, Iran and Argentina.

The situation has befuddled agricultural exporters, leaving them wondering how their products could have run afoul of Russian regulations overnight — and how they became apparent pawns in a diplomatic game.

James Sumner, president of the USA Poultry & Egg Export Council, has been involved in poultry exports to Russia for almost a quarter-century, since the days when the country bought about 40 percent of all the chickens that left the United States. Today, only about 7 percent of U.S. poultry exports end up in Russia.

Because of that historically

oversized dependency, he said, Russia has more say in how the chickens destined for its markets are processed than any other country that imports them from the United States.

"Over the last six months or so, there seemed to be no change in the way that this testing and results were being conducted," Sumner said. "It's somewhat surprising that at this point we would come under increased scrutiny, after a pretty long track record of working pretty seamlessly with Russian officials."

U.S. chicken has been targeted before — most recently in 2010. And anti-McDonald's crusades have been a favorite of Russian health advocates.

Yet the stakes could always be higher. During the past few months, as the United States and the EU have mullied sanctions, analysts have warned that Russia could retaliate by breaking arms-control treaties or working to upset delicate diplomatic processes aimed at keeping Iran's nuclear capacity and Syria's civil war in relative check.

By comparison, chickens and produce may be safer and more symbolic targets. So far now, food exporters have no choice but to wait for Russia to decide if it will expand the bans.

WORLD

Flight of Roma ups pressure on France

Nation faces allegations of pushing group's mistreatment

By LORI HINNANT
AND ALISON MUTLER
The Associated Press

GRIGNY, France — It looked like any shantytown the world over — tarps to keep out the weather, scattered bits of trash that no truck would ever collect, plastic buckets to lug water. Then one of the inhabitants of this Roma camp on the northwest edge of Paris, a teenage boy named Darius, was beaten into a coma, apparently by residents of a neighboring housing project.

Within hours, the Roma vanished, seeking sanctuary in a new location on the fringes of one of the world's wealthiest cities. Weeks later, Darius, 16, remains unconscious. His family is in hiding.

Police have made no arrests. France is coming under increasing pressure to answer allegations that it is encouraging harassment of Europe's poorest minority group in hopes that the Roma, also known as Gypsies, will leave the country.

About 20,000 are living in France, a number that appears to have changed little despite a decade spent bulldozing the squats that spring up, season after season, on unclaimed land. In 2013, the number of people evicted equaled the number still here, according to government figures. With job prospects and discrimination even worse back in their homelands in Eastern Europe, Roma migrants keep coming back.

French government policy on the Roma seems to be in crisis. The official in charge of Roma resettlement lost his job last week. The government will not say why, nor whether he will be replaced.

Police say the Roma give contradictory accounts of attacks against them. Roma say they are scared of retribution and distrustful of authorities in a country whose image as a beacon for the downtrodden is sullied by its long record of abuse of the minority. France's Roma policies are under criticism by Europe's top human rights court as well as Amnesty International and other organizations.

Despite European Union borders that opened to the Roma this year, life is about to get even more difficult for them in France: The government is launching its annual operation to destroy Roma shantytowns, scheduled with the argument that homeless children suffer less during summer vacation.

The camp at the Paris suburb of Grigny is among those coming down any day. Of the 300 Roma



REMY DE LA MAUVINIÈRE/AP

People gather at the Pierrefitte Town Hall, north of Paris, on June 27 in a show of solidarity with a Roma teenager who was left bleeding and unconscious in a grocery cart by the side of a highway.

scatting there, 10 families will be resettled. The town of 30,000, the poorest in its region and boasting the largest public housing project in Europe, has chosen the 46 people who will be offered housing based on their perceived ability to integrate. The families, themselves, will not know who among them has been selected until the camp comes down in what is euphemistically called a "liberation of the land."

"We did what we could, but we cannot welcome 300 people," said Frederic Rey, the town's spokesman. "We're building what we can with the means we have."

Nearly all of the children are in local schools, and more than two dozen adults have regular jobs. Schooling and jobs are likely to come to an abrupt end when the camp comes down. Officials in theory are supposed to offer alternative housing under a 2012 government order, but in practice rarely do. Uprooted families spend days looking for new pockets of unused land and piecing their lives back together.

"Out of a country of 67 million, we're talking about 15-20,000 people. It's not an invasion," said Loic Gandais, president of an association in an outlying area of the Paris region called Essonne, the home territory of France's combative prime minister, Manuel Valls. Valls, as France's top security official last year, publicly linked the Roma with crime and disorder, feeding on stereotypes widespread throughout Europe.



VADIM GHEORGA/AP

A Roma child holds a mobile phone June 25 displaying a photo of assaulted Roma youngster Darius, in Voluntari, outside Bucharest, Romania.

With high rates of illiteracy and unemployment, and little access to the European Union's promised labor market, the Roma catch blame for the kind of petty crimes — pickpocketing, scrap metal theft, burglary — that are highly visible in the daily life of the better-heeled. Last week, a group of Romanian Roma was convicted of forcing children as young as 9 to steal cellphones and wallets. It was the start of trial that for some confirms deeply held prejudices against a group that — as Valls once put it — "does not wish to integrate."

The Roma who come to France

from Eastern Europe say any thieves among them are a minority and complain bitterly that the path to gainful employment remains closed to them despite European Union rules opening the frontiers to workers. Each time they are evicted, according to the Roma and French charities that work with them, they become more vulnerable — to disease, hunger and crime.

Police allegedly told one man to conduct his own investigation to locate the attackers who beat him and smashed in his wife's face in August 2013 in Paris' northern suburbs. In the southern city of Marseille in March 2013, a Roma woman was hospitalized after a crowd attacked their camp with tear gas, according to Amnesty International. In January, a resident tossed a bleach mixture at a Roma couple, only to be released when a judge said it was unclear whether the concoction was intended to be harmful.

"There is a tolerance of violence against Roma communities and authorities don't want to intervene," said Michelle Kelso, a professor at George Washington University in Washington, who works with Roma communities. "The only thing that will work is systematically looking at how to resolve the issues of Romani poverty."

The attack on teenage Darius on June 13 was unusual only in its brutality.

He was beaten into a coma in the town of Pierrefitte, at the

other end of the rickety suburban train line that cuts through Paris. His family visits him in the hospital from time to time. Police have made no arrests in the case, despite dozens of witnesses who saw a group of young men from the projects take him away, then return his limp body to the side of a road in a shopping cart hours later. From cellphone to cellphone, Roma have passed along horrific photos of his broken face and body.

Claudia, 32, a Roma woman who was in the Pierrefitte camp during the attack, fled in fear after seeing what happened to Darius, and is now back in Romania. She could barely bring herself to speak about the day and refused to allow her surname to be published, fearing repercussions. The youngest of her four children was born in May at a French hospital.

Claudia said Darius was sought out specifically by a gang of locals from the projects for reasons that vary with each narrator, but seem to involve a double-cross, a burglary gone wrong or simply an attempt to send a message to unwanted neighbors in one of the Paris region's most troubled towns.

Despite her terror, she expects to return to France. "We are illiterate and can't find work here."

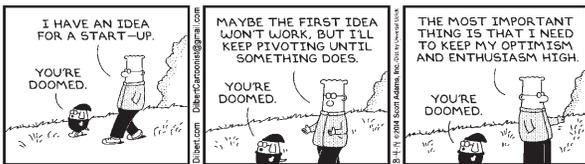
Their welcome in France will be hardly warmer.

"We cannot do any more," said Rey, the Grigny spokesman. "It's not tenable."

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Eugene Sheffer Crossword

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- 17 Director Howard
- 18 Gold, in Granada
- 19 Walked unevenly
- 21 More risqué
- 24 — gin fizz
- 25 Carte lead-in
- 26 Party bowlful
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- 33 DDE opponent
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NATION



RON JENKINS, FORT WORTH (TEXAS) STAR-TELEGRAM/MCT

Model airplanes are prepared for flight at the Greater Southwest Aero Modelers' annual 4th of July picnic on July 5 in Fort Worth, Texas.

Fear of flying

By MAX B. BAKER

Fort Worth (Texas) Star-Telegram

FORT WORTH, Texas — Darrell Abby carefully wipes down the fuselage of his Curtiss P-40 Warhawk for its first flight of the day.

He checks the flaps, wiggles the rudder, pumps in gas and monitors the air pressure for the landing gear. Then he pulls on a gray heavy work glove before spinning the propeller to start the engine.

While Abby's warbird has a wingspan of 86 inches — the real deal is 37 feet — the pre-flight checks he performs mimic those taken by a pilot.

"We're very big on safety," said Abby, 66, a retired Delta Air Lines pilot at a recent "fly-in" of model aircraft buffs in Fort Worth. "In my opinion, these things are like a real airplane."

So it should come as no surprise that Abby and other hobbyists are in a 4-foot hover over the Federal Aviation Administration's recent efforts to clarify its rules for flying model aircraft in the wake of recent incidents involving small remote-controlled aircraft, commonly referred to as drones.

Published in the Federal Register late

Model aircraft buffs warily eye FAA rules

last month, the FAA proposal restates some of the agency's established rules for model aircraft and tries to shed new light on others with the stated purpose of protecting the public both in the air and on the ground.

"We want people who fly model aircraft for recreation to enjoy their hobby — but to enjoy it safely," federal Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx said last month.

Opponents of the FAA's recent attempt at rule-making say that what the agency is doing flies in the face of a law Congress passed in 2012 to protect the model plane community from "overreaching and onerous regulation" by the federal government.

Abby and others say a few bad actors are causing trouble for the vast majority of model aircraft owners who operate their miniature bombers, fighters, helicopters and blimps responsibly and safely.

"The FAA is trying to take part or all of our hobby away on a knee-jerk reaction to a specific problem that they will never

be able to control," said Ed Couch, who has been involved in aeromodelling for 62 years.

The FAA has in fact published the new 17-page interpretation of its rules after receiving multiple inquiries regarding its enforcement authority over model aircraft.

Observers say the FAA's urge to restate the rules can really be traced to a ruling in March by an administrative law judge that dismissed a \$10,000 fine against Raphael Pirker, a businessman who in 2011 used a remote-controlled foam glider to take video for the University of Virginia Medical Center. The FAA is appealing the decision.

Despite complaints from the modeling community, the agency says it's simply trying to clear up ambiguities in its existing regulations.

The recent publication rehashes some of the previous rules, such as anyone operating an aircraft within 5 miles of an airport has to provide the air traffic controller with prior notice of operation.

Model aircraft also can fly only as high as 400 feet.

The FAA also restates that flying for commercial purposes is strictly prohibited and it gives examples of what is OK.

'We want people who fly model aircraft for recreation to enjoy their hobby — but to enjoy it safely.'

Anthony Foxx
Transportation secretary

and it gives examples of what is OK. Taking photos from a drone for fun is OK; a real estate company doing so for a property listing, not so much. Viewing crops grown for personal enjoyment to see if they need watering, go right ahead. But if those crops are part of a farming operation, no can do.

The newest wrinkle makes it clear that the aircraft must be kept in "visual line of sight" without the aid of a camera or other devices. The FAA's fear of flying in that scenario is that the drone pilot — who could be operating from a base miles away — can't see well enough to avoid colliding with another aircraft.

SCIENCE AND MEDICINE

Lady in RED

... and why women distrust her

Study: Wearing the color can prompt female rivalry

By CAELAINN HOGAN
The Washington Post

Wearing red doesn't only draw attention from members of the opposite sex, it can provoke sexual rivalry in women, researchers say.

A new study claims that a woman wearing red sets off "mate-guard" impulses in other women, and that a woman is less likely to introduce a woman wearing red to her boyfriend or spouse.

"Certain colors may affect how people perceive us," said Adam Pazda, a researcher at the University of Rochester who collaborated with researchers from Trnava University in Slovakia and the Slovak Academy of Sciences on the study, published last month in the *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*. "It's very useful to know what messages you're sending off."

In one experiment, female volunteers were shown an image of a woman, judged to be "moderately attractive," wearing a strapless dress that was digitally colored either red or white. They were asked to assess the woman on a scale, based solely on the picture, on whether she was interested in sex. Though not by a large margin, the women who were shown the red dress photo judged the woman as more sexually receptive.

"Sexual receptivity and promiscuity are closely related concepts, and suggesting that other women are promiscuous may be a strategy for undermining their mate value," the study said.

The women were then asked to imagine they were competing with the woman in the photo

for the attention of an attractive man. They were asked to answer on a sliding scale from "yes, definitely" to "no, not at all" whether they thought the woman in the photo would cheat on a man or whether she thought the woman had money. Those presented with the photo of the woman in red were significantly more inclined to say that she would be unfaithful. The woman in red's financial success was seen as less of a threat, the study concluded.

The science is still out on whether social conditioning leads us to perceive women in red as potentially sexual, or whether biology inherently makes us associate red with sex, linked with the blushing of skin during sexual excitement. Many believe it to be a combination of both.

The study authors said the fact that the red dress was compared with a white dress may be problematic, since white is a color we are socially conditioned to associate with purity, virginity and marriage. So in another test, women were shown photos of a woman in a red shirt or a green shirt; they rated the woman in red as more sexually receptive.

The study says that future research would compare red with different colors, particularly black, which it says is typically "fashionable and sexy."

Researchers were careful to highlight that "not all women displaying red are necessarily signaling sexual receptivity."

Pazda's study shows a tendency for women to be treated or perceived, by both women and men, as open to or seeking sexual advances based merely on a color they are wearing.

"You might be seen to be sending the signal that you're on the sexual prowl," said Pazda. "It might help you to be more informed you're putting out that signal."

He said practical applications of the study may include knowing what not to wear for a job interview. "Or what to wear, depending on the job," he added suggestively, saying he would leave it to the creativity of readers to figure out what job that might be.

Since the study admits the findings have absolutely zero bearing on what a woman's intention is when wearing the color, maybe we all should start checking ourselves for "seeing red."

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AMERICAN ROUNDUP

'I loved him,' boy says of dog that mauled him

GA ATHENS — A 10-year-old Athens boy says a pit bull terrier that mauled his face and attacked a police officer before being shot had been one of his favorite pets.

The Athens Banner-Herald reported Jeremy Martinez required 30 stitches after the dog he had grown up with for four years unexpectedly attacked and tore off a piece of the boy's face Tuesday.

Jeremy told the newspaper, "I loved him. He was my favorite because we had him since he was a baby."

After the attack, the dog bit a police officer who came to the scene. The officer shot the dog several times, killing it.

Jeremy's mother said a plastic surgeon determine if the boy needs reconstructive surgery.

Newborn baby found abandoned in trash can

IN INDIANAPOLIS — An Indianapolis woman was arrested early Saturday after police said she abandoned her newborn baby boy in a trash can at a warehouse where she worked.

Briana Holland, 22 was arrested on a preliminary charge of neglect, police said.

Police said the infant was found around 8 p.m. Friday in a trash can in a bathroom at the United Technology Carrier Corp. warehouse on the city's west side. Investigators believe Holland gave birth to the infant at the warehouse and left it in the building's bathroom. The boy is in good condition at Riley Hospital for Children and is in the custody of the Indiana Department of Child Services, police said.

Owner of bikini barista stands is convicted

WA EVERETT — The owner of two bikini barista stands in Everett has been convicted of sexually exploiting a minor.

The Daily Herald reported that it took less than an hour for jurors to return their verdict against Grab N Go espresso owner Bill Wheeler Jr. following a 10-day trial. Prosecutors said he encouraged 16-year-old employee to expose herself to customers to get bigger tips.

The baristas told police they weren't paid wages. Instead they kept any tips they made so long as there was \$300 in the register at the end of each weekday or \$150 on the weekends.

Wheeler's attorney, John Henry Brown, said his client knew the girl's age but there was no evidence he knew the teenager was living sexually explicit shows.

Lab who walked 30 miles home adopted

KS SEDAN — An aging black Labrador retriever who walked 30 miles back to a Kansas family who didn't want her took a private jet to her new home with a Florida heiress.

Now known as Lady, the slightly grizzled dog had struggled to find a permanent home since she was

THE CENSUS

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The number of conflicts between grizzly bears and humans in the greater Yellowstone region in 2013, a drop from the average of 270 over the prior three years. However, it's almost double the number of conflicts seen on average between 1932 and 2009. The Interagency Grizzly Bear Study Team said the grizzly run-ins ranged from bears attacking livestock and damaging property in search of food to surprise backcountry encounters. Six people were injured by grizzlies — the same as in 2012. With more bears meeting more people in more places, the high level of conflict isn't going away soon, grizzly bear researchers said. There are an estimated 740 bears in the region that includes Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and adjacent portions of Wyoming, Montana and Idaho.



ROBERT E. ROSALES, THE ALBUQUERQUE (N.M.) JOURNAL/AF

All wet in Albuquerque

A pedestrian hangs on to a trash can along Central Avenue as rainwater flows toward downtown Albuquerque, N.M., on Friday. Heavy rains late Friday night caused the flash flooding and road closures in parts of downtown and other areas. The fire department said in a statement that crews found multiple vehicles stuck in floodwaters, including one that was completely submerged.

taken to the Chautauqua County Animal Shelter after her owner died in 2012.

Kelsey Loyd has twice cared for Lady at the shelter. She told KWCH-TV that the first family who adopted her returned her because she was rough with their puppy. Then she escaped from the backyard of the Independence woman who had subsequently adopted her, trudging the 30 miles back to the family's home.

Neither the family nor the woman wanted her back, so she was returned to the shelter.

Lady's life changed when her story was spotted on Facebook by Helen Rich, an heiress to the Wrigley gum company who lives in Florida and has an animal sanctuary there. Rich sent a private jet to southeast Kansas retrieve the retriever.

Man who stole trash truck may have 'freaked'

CO BOULDER — A man accused of stealing a garbage truck in Boulder last

week may have been scared by officers responding to an unrelated call near his home.

The Daily Camera reported that a neighbor told police that Daniel Morkert, 26, got "freaked" when officers arrived in the area Wednesday afternoon. According to the police report, Morkert came out of his apartment building with his pit bull and asked an officer if he could borrow his car. The officer assumed he was joking. Morkert then allegedly got into the garbage truck with his dog while the driver was out moving a Dumpster and took off.

Morkert led officers on a low-speed chase until he crashed over a median in Broomfield.

2 arrested after judge spots own stolen bike

MI LANSING — Two juveniles have been arrested after an Ingham County judge spotted one of them pedaling around on his stolen bicycle. Police told the Lansing State Journal on Friday that District

Court Judge Frank DeLuca was riding to lunch Thursday with fellow judges Charles Filice and Patrick Cherry when he saw the bike that was swiped from his home.

Lansing police spokesman Robert Merritt said "some distinguishing items" on the bike helped DeLuca recognize it as his own. The judges called police who made the arrests and recovered the bike.

2 men rescued in bucket lift mishap

IL MOLINE — Harnesses and other safety equipment are being credited with saving the lives of two men who found themselves stranded in a bucket lift 120 feet in the air in northwestern Illinois.

Moline Fire Department spokesman Jim Versluis told The (Moline) Dispatch that without the training and safety gear the two men would have fallen to the ground during the project Thursday at a Lutheran church. Officials said the workers were

preparing to caulk the church tower when the machine's hydraulics failed, and the bucket began falling and tilting.

Firefighters rescued the men, who declined medical attention.

Possum Festival loses appeal for candidates

FL WAUSAU — The Possum Festival in this tiny Panhandle town used to be a must-attend for statewide candidates, who bid for the right to hold a possum by the tail.

This year most statewide candidates ignored the offbeat celebration of the marsupial on Saturday. Republican Gov. Rick Scott and Democrat Charlie Crist had other things to do, as did Attorney General Pam Bondi.

It's a far cry from years past. Scott and Crist have both attended in the past, as has former Gov. Jeb Bush and other statewide candidates. The braver candidates even eat a plate of possum and taters.

From wire reports

FACES



Scaredy cat

Grande appeared in the Nickelodeon series "Sam & Cat" and "Victorious," and said she's received a number of other scripts. "There were a couple things I really wanted to do, but I had to turn down because of the music and what's going on right now in my music career," she said. "It disappointed me so much because they were horror-related and horror is like my favorite thing in the world. But hopefully down the line I'll be able to work with those people again."

GRANDE confessions

By MESFIN FEKADU/The Associated Press

Ariana Grande's "Problem" was an insta-smash, but the singer acknowledges that she wasn't sure how people would receive the song. The powerhouse vocalist, 21, dishes on creating "Problem," her budding acting career and collaborating with Justin Bieber and Iggy Azalea.

Ariana Grande's sophomore album, "My Everything," is to be released Aug. 25.

CHRIS PIZZELLO, INVISION/AP

Digging Iggy

Iggy Azalea's recent breakthrough with the No. 1 smash "Fancy" got a boost thanks to Grande's "Problem," which was released about the same time. Grande said she's happy she decided to work with the Australian rapper before she became a white-hot success. "I really wanted Iggy from the start. I said, 'This is going to be a girl power record and we should absolutely have Iggy on it.'"

Simmons, LL Cool J visit youth at NYC jail

A group of young people at a jail complex got some words of encouragement on July 31 from hip-hop mogul Russell Simmons and actor LL Cool J.

The two visited Rikers Island to mark the launch of a national anti-violence program from Simmons' RushCard, a prepaid debit card.

RushCard's Keep the Peace initiative is giving grants to neighborhood organizations. One of those is LIFE Camp, a Queens organization that works with young people, including those at Rikers, to reduce violence.

Cool J told the audience that his rough upbringing could have had him where they are if things had worked out differently, and he encouraged them to believe in themselves.

"You can absolutely without a doubt do anything you put your mind to," he said.

Simmons told them to focus on what's inside them.

"It's your spirit you've got to work on," he said.

Deputy Warden Clement Glenn said partnering with programs like LIFE Camp is among the ways the Department of Correction tries to get young people to change their behavior.

Anderson wants to stop whale drive

A more than four century-old pilot whales drive in the Faeroe Islands is a "barbaric, psychotic frenzy" which should cease, actress and animal rights activist Pamela Anderson said Aug. 1.

Anderson traveled to the semi-autonomous Danish archipelago between Scotland and Iceland to support a campaign by Seattle-based Sea Shepherd Conservation Society. It opposes the drives, which date from the late 16th century.

"We want to protect the whales, not fight the Faeroes," the former "Baywatch" star told a news conference. "We hope to convince people here to move on to something else."

The pilot whales are not an endangered species, but environmental activists claim the hunt is cruel. Sea Shepherd has spearheaded the opposition against the drive, known locally as grindadrab, since the 1980s.

Alicia Keys pregnant with 2nd child

Alicia Keys is getting ready for another big release: her second child.

A representative for the Grammy-winning performer confirmed July 31 that the singer is pregnant.

Keys posted a photo with her baby bump on Instagram on July 31, which also marked her fourth wedding anniversary to producer-rapper Swizz Beatz, who also posed in the picture.

Keys wrote that their anniversary was sweeter because they've "been blessed with another angel on the way."

She gave birth to her son, Egypt, in 2010.

From The Associated Press

Was 'Problem' problematic?

The saxophone-laced "Problem" is a contender for song of the summer, but Grande says she was somewhat afraid of the track.

"Once we wrote it and recorded it, I was like, 'Hmmm, I'm kind of scared of this.' It started to intimidate me a little because it felt different for me and it was such a risk with the whippers," she said. "It took me a lot of time. I had to separate myself from it for a while. For a couple months I didn't even listen to it."

Grande says taking a break from the song, which has peaked at No. 2 on Billboard's Hot 100 chart, gave her a new perspective.

"I heard it again when it was finally mixed and done and I was like, 'Oh, wow. Hmmm, maybe I am completely wrong,'" she said, laughing. "I was like, 'Damn, maybe I should have taken the time to really appreciate it' and now I finally hear it."

She's a Belieber

Her upcoming album, "My Everything," features collaborations with The Weeknd and One Direction's Harry Styles, but it almost included Justin Bieber. Bieber posted a photo of the singers — who share the same manager — in the studio earlier this year, but Grande said they never completed the track. "We were working on it. We were in the studio together ... we were going to do it, but then we both got busy," she said. "I had to focus on my stuff and he was focusing on his, and it just sort of didn't really get done."

Grande says the collaboration will eventually happen. "We feel like we owe it to our fans to do something one day. We will finish it and put it out one day, but it just wasn't the right time."

'Sharknado 2' whipped up storm of viewers, tweets

The Associated Press

Syfy says its sequel to the horror spoof "Sharknado" snapped up 3.9 million viewers on July 30.

The film, officially titled "Sharknado 2: The Second One," nearly tripled the 1.37 million viewers who saw last summer's premiere of the original "Sharknado" film.

Meanwhile, Nielsen estimates that 5.5 mil-

lion people saw one or more of the 581,000 tweets posted during the airing. At one point, the film held all top 10 trending topics in the U.S. By comparison, 318,000 tweets about the first "Sharknado" film were posted when it premiered last July.

In campy fashion, "Sharknado 2" moved the action from Los Angeles to New York City, which was besieged by its own fearsome storm of rain and falling sharks.



Syfy/AP

Ian Ziering battles a shark in "Sharknado 2: The Second One."

BUSINESS/WEATHER

Hiring up, but Yellen signals caution

By Christopher S. Rugaber
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With employers ramping up hiring and the unemployment rate sinking in the past year, pressure is rising on Janet Yellen's Federal Reserve. Is the time near to raise interest rates to prevent a strengthening economy from igniting inflation?

The easy answer might be yes. Employers, after all, have added an average 244,000 jobs per month since February — the best six-month hiring spree in eight years. At 6.2 percent, the unemployment rate is just above the 6.1 percent average for the past seven decades.

But Yellen has made clear she monitors many gauges of the job market beyond hiring and unemployment. Those other indicators point mostly in one direction: The job market still isn't at full health.

The timing of the Fed's first rate increase is a high-risk decision — one that's put global stock and

bond investors on nervous alert. If the Fed raises the short-term rate it controls too soon, it could derail the U.S. economy's gains. If it raises it too late, growth could overheat and inflation could surge.

Even if the Fed gets the timing right, higher rates will mean higher borrowing costs for homes, cars and other loans. The stock market could sink, too. The Fed's benchmark rate has been near zero since December 2008.

A close look at Yellen's self-described "dashboard" and what it's signifying about the job market:

■ **Wages.** Despite a step-up in job gains this year, most Americans have received little or no meaningful pay raises. Average hourly earnings ticked up a penny in July, the government said Friday, and are just 2 percent higher than a year ago — less than the rate of inflation. Hourly pay typically rises 3 percent to 4 percent in a healthy economy, Yellen noted in March.

■ **Part-time employment.** Roughly 7.5 million Americans

are working part time but would prefer full-time jobs. That figure is down from a peak of 9.2 million in 2010 but it's still up substantially from about 4.5 million in December 2007, when the recession officially began. Because these workers have jobs, they aren't counted as unemployed. But they're still people who want to work more. When that figure is elevated, it suggests that businesses are still cautious about hiring.

■ **Long-term unemployment.** The number of Americans out of work for more than six months rose 74,000 to nearly 3.2 million in July, far above the pre-recession figure of 1.3 million. Like many economists, Yellen has said she worries about that group because research has shown that they can get caught in a self-reinforcing predicament. The longer people are unemployed, the more reluctant employers are to hire them.

■ **Workforce participation.** The proportion of working-age adults who either have jobs or are look-

ing for them has tumbled since the recession began, from 66 percent to 62.9 percent. Many of the unemployed have given up looking for jobs. Instead, they've returned to school, retired early, stayed home to care for relatives or gone on disability benefit programs. When people who are out of work quit their job searches, they're no longer counted as unemployed. That's been a big reason the unemployment rate has sunk from a peak of 10 percent in 2009. The dropouts include people who would take jobs if they were available.

■ **Quitting and hiring.** In a healthy economy, Americans are more likely to quit their jobs. They typically either have new jobs or they're confident they can find them. More quits also free up jobs for the unemployed. Many economists regard quitting as a key gauge of the job market's health. Quits have risen since the recession and five years ago but they remain below levels consistent with a healthy economy.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Aug. 4)	\$1.3767
Dollar buys (Aug. 4)	€0.7264
British pound (Aug. 4)	\$1.713
Indian Rupee (Aug. 4)	100.00
South Korean won (Aug. 4)	1,006.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3771
British pound	\$1.6831/0.5942
Canada (dollar)	1.0921
China (Yuan)	6.1803
Denmark (Krone)	5.5235
Egypt (Pound)	7.1544
Euro	\$1.3428/2.7447
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7501
Hungary (Forint)	233.35
Israel (Shekel)	3.1956
Japan (Yen)	102.55
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2831
Norway (Krone)	2.6448
Philippines (Peso)	43.72
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.12
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2469
South Korea (Won)	1,034.21
Switzerland (Franc)	0.9959
Thailand (Baht)	32.15
Turkey (New Lira)	1.1360

(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

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3-month bill	0.08
Federal funds market rate	0.08
3-month bill	0.03
30-year bond	3.28

WEATHER OUTLOOK

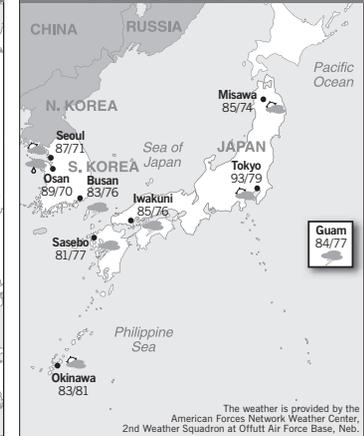
MONDAY IN THE MIDDLE EAST



MONDAY IN EUROPE



TUESDAY IN THE PACIFIC



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Monday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr				
Ablene, Tex	92	68	Pdly	Chatanooga	90	65	Pdly	Fort Wayne	82	61	Pdly	Louisville	88	66	Pdly	Pocatello	81	60	Pdly
Akron, Ohio	80	60	Pdly	Cheyenne	83	58	Rain	Fresno	98	75	Cir	Lubbock	86	65	Pdly	Portland, Maine	76	60	Pdly
Albany, N.Y.	82	61	Pdly	Chicago	84	66	Cldy	Goodland	92	61	Cir	Macon	89	70	Rain	Portland, Ore.	88	63	Pdly
Albuquerque	83	63	Cldy	Cleveland	81	61	Cir	Grand Junction	84	64	Rain	Madison	81	64	Pdly	Providence	81	65	Cir
Allentown, Pa.	85	62	Cldy	Colorado Springs	86	58	Cldy	Grand Rapids	80	62	Pdly	Medford	96	66	Cldy	Pueblo	91	61	Pdly
Amarillo	89	62	Cir	Columbia, S.C.	89	70	Cldy	Great Falls	88	58	Cir	Memphis	91	68	Cir	Raleigh-Durham	87	68	Cldy
Anchorage	65	54	Cldy	Columbus, Ga.	89	71	Cldy	Greensboro, N.C.	86	65	Cir	Miami Beach	89	78	Rain	Rapid City	89	65	Pdly
Ashville	89	61	Pdly	Columbus, Ohio	85	62	Cir	Hartford	89	67	Pdly	Midland-Odessa	92	68	Pdly	Reese	89	65	Pdly
Atlanta	87	70	Pdly	Concord, N.H.	81	58	Cldy	Harrisburg	85	62	Cir	Milwaukee	77	65	Rain	Richmond	87	68	Cldy
Atlantic City	85	68	Cldy	Corpus Christi	93	73	Pdly	Hellena	89	58	Pdly	Missoula	94	56	Pdly	Rochester	81	60	Pdly
Austin	85	64	Pdly	Dallas-Ft. Worth	93	73	Pdly	Honolulu	90	77	Pdly	Mobile	91	65	Cir	Rockford	83	63	Cldy
Baltimore	87	68	Cldy	Dayton	83	61	Cir	Houston	93	73	Pdly	Montgomery	90	70	Pdly	Sacramento	92	65	Pdly
Baton Rouge	90	72	Pdly	Daytona Beach	89	76	Rain	Huntsville	91	65	Cir	Nashville	92	66	Cir	St. Louis	91	68	Pdly
Bilings	89	63	Cldy	Denver	87	60	Cldy	Indianapolis	84	63	Pdly	New Orleans	89	75	Cir	St. Petersburg	88	81	Pdly
Birmingham	89	69	Cir	Des Moines	86	65	Pdly	Jackson, Miss.	91	69	Pdly	New York City	83	67	Pdly	St. Thomas	88	71	Cir
Bismarck	84	60	Cldy	Detroit	82	65	Pdly	Jacksonville	89	74	Rain	Newark	86	67	Cir	Salem, Ore.	88	61	Pdly
Boise	86	72	Cldy	Duluth	82	61	Pdly	Janeau	83	52	Cldy	Norfolk, Va.	85	70	Cir	Salt Lake City	79	67	Rain
Boston	77	63	Cldy	El Paso	91	71	Cldy	Kansas City	90	68	Pdly	North Platte	93	61	Pdly	San Antonio	93	66	Pdly
Bridgeport	85	64	Pdly	Elkins	78	54	Pdly	Key West	79	79	Cldy	Oklahoma City	91	68	Cir	San Antonio	94	75	Pdly
Brownsville	93	78	Cldy	Erie	78	63	Cir	Knoxville	88	64	Pdly	Omaha	89	66	Pdly	San Diego	80	71	Pdly
Buffalo	80	61	Pdly	Eugene	90	58	Cir	Lake Charles	90	73	Pdly	Orlando	92	76	Rain	San Francisco	75	60	Pdly
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OPINION

Libertarians and the varieties of freedom

By NOAH SMITH
 Bloomberg News

The way we define “east” and “west” doesn’t allow us to declare one spot of land the westernmost point on the globe. But if “west” is defined more emotionally as the idea of American freedom, then the Burning Man festival might be the uttermost west. If you don’t already know what Burning Man is, you shouldn’t rely on me to explain it to you — just read the introduction on the website, use Google Images, or read the first few chapters of Cory Doctorow’s book “Homeland.”

This year, the media is abuzz with the news that Burning Man will be getting a very special guest: Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform. At first this might seem a bit incongruous, since conservative activists don’t seem like the type who enjoy nudism, drugs, crazy art or a “giving economy.” Also, Norquist campaigned for George W. Bush, who is about as close to the antithesis of Burning Man as any American I can think of. But Norquist explains his mission thus:

“There’s no government that organizes this. ... That’s what happens when nobody tells you what to do. You just figure it out. So Burning Man is a refutation of the argument that the state has a place in nature. This is a fun, exciting, cheerful collection of people being free of state control and doing stuff they want to do. ... If somebody wants to sit in a corner and read Hayek, I think that that’s allowed. If people want to run around with not as much clothes as they normally do, I think that that’s allowed as well.”

Actually, as conservatives go, Norquist has always had a maverick streak — he has advocated tax breaks for marijuana growers and called for shorter prison sentences.

There are many more kinds of freedom than the narrow set embraced by the modern libertarian movement.

But he has spent the bulk of his career fighting for one thing — lower taxes. In fact, in this respect, Norquist is emblematic of the entire modern American libertarian movement — in principle, advocating a broad range of freedoms, but in practice focusing almost entirely on freedom from taxation and regulation.

That is a shame. There are many more kinds of freedom than the narrow set embraced by the modern libertarian movement. Burning Man is a showcase for those freedoms, which is why I am so happy that Norquist is going. In fact, I hope his odyssey can be a symbol of a larger shift in the focus of the libertarian movement.

Economic freedom is certainly an important thing, and we tend to take it for granted. Anyone who has lived under a regime of stifling regulation knows how infuriating it can be. When taxes used to fall more on the middle and lower-middle classes than now, that must also have seemed like a crushing burden. And who wants to have to get a license just to do his or her job? In general, an interventionist state strangles the small businesses that provide both economic lifeblood and a social independence for much of our country’s middle class.

But there are the other kinds of freedom that matter a lot for the vast majority of people — people who don’t try to derive their ideologies from axioms, or spend time curled up with a Hayek book. For example, social freedom — the ability to express your individuality and to walk away from a fight — is hugely important in most people’s lives. Norquist will see that freedom in action at Burning Man.

Nor is the state always a destroyer of human freedom. It’s liberating to be able to hop in a car and drive to another city without stopping to pay a toll every few miles. It’s also liberating to be able to hop on a train and jaunt across a city without sitting in traffic.

For those freedoms, you need the government to intervene in the economy, and that’s going to involve a tradeoff, because taxpayers are going to have to pay for the freeways and the trains. But that’s just reality — we’re always facing tradeoffs between different kinds of freedoms. My freedom to walk down the street naked has to be weighed against your freedom to walk down the street without seeing disturbing sights.

Sure, if you make all the right assumptions and work out all the appropriate axioms, you can avoid having to make hard decisions — you can just pick one tradeoff and call it “natural rights.” And many libertarians do that. But it feels arbitrary, and that may be one reason that Americans, despite their generally libertarian beliefs, have been reluctant to sign up for the movement.

So I sincerely hope that American libertarianism is experiencing a shift — a shift away from obsessive focus on the government and economic freedoms and rigid logical systems and toward a more expansive, intuitive definition of liberty. And to Grover Norquist, let me say: Have a good burn.

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The danger women encounter, but can’t control

By ALEXANDRA PETRI
 The Washington Post

People are not weather. Let me explain.

One of the common frustrations of being a live human is that you cannot actually control how other people behave toward you. You can try, of course. You can lean in. You can dress up or down as the occasion demands. You can wear all the things they tell you to wear and avoid all the places they tell you to avoid and — nope, still nothing. You cannot control how other people behave. Unless you are, say, those people’s mother. And even then, it’s a struggle.

Still, people fall into this fallacy when giving advice: assuming that you can control the weather. It responds to you, and you just follow a certain array of simple rules, nothing bad will happen.

Well, maybe. Sometimes. This would almost work if the only dangers you ever encountered came in the form of ominous, faceless natural forces. If what you’re dealing with is UV radiation, rain, or hail, there are certain steps you can take — preventive measures, if you like, that will keep your skin safe and your hair dry. You can’t stop the rain, but with an umbrella you can stop the rain from hitting you. If you are playing with fire or volatile chemical elements, there is protective gear for you to wear.

Unfortunately, some dangers have faces. And dealing with those is much less simple, no matter how prepared you are. You can wear all the gear and sunscreen in the world and still not escape unscathed, because the behavior of other people — and this, it seems, is the tricky part — is some-

Not only must we be responsible for our own behavior but also for the behavior of those around us.

thing they, not you, are responsible for.

This is difficult for some people to believe. Most of these people are men. To hear them talk about it, every action they take is the result of a choice a woman made earlier, and, really, they are powerless to help themselves. Walk away from a fight? Not whistle at a stranger walking down the street? Give a drunk friend some water and listen when she tells you to back off? It’s like we thought they were human beings capable of reason and judgment.

When something, particularly awful happens, they’ll make their point. “He just snapped,” they say. “What,” they wonder, “did she think would happen?”

After all, it was up to her. If you look at a lot of the advice women receive, you would be stunned at what power we have. When I decide whether to open a sweatshirt, I make their point. “He just snapped,” they say. “What,” they wonder, “did she think would happen?”

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And we’re starting to see how bonkers this is now.

A. Smith was suspended after he made comments — in light of the suspension of Baltimore Ravens running back Ray Rice — about how women needed to take “preventative” steps to make certain nobody hit them. Avoid “provocation,” he said.

Nope. People are not weather. They are not rabid opossums or rock slides or speeding cars that can’t slow down in time. They don’t “just snap” and veer out of control like poorly secured train cars. They have the capacity to make decisions. But reading much of the advice that gets put out there is an actual movement. Who needs feminism, anyway? They ask. But I think as long as people keep saying it’s on us to make sure that nobody hits us, we still need it.

It doesn’t make women into victims. There is a difference between saying you’re a victim and saying that it is ridiculous to act as though you could control other people’s behavior and should be held responsible for what they do.

People are not forces of nature. Not even Ray Rice or Stephen A. Smith.

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BOSTON RED SOX — Activated RHP Joe Kelly. Optioned RHP Anthony Ranaivosoa to the 15-day DL. Placed C David Ross on the 15-day DL. Recalled C Dan Butler from Pawtucket.

CLEVELAND INDIANS — Recalled LHP T.J. House from Columbus (IL). Optioned RHP Austin Adams to Columbus.
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Activated LHP C.J. Wilson from the 15-day DL (PCL).
SEATTLE MARINERS — Placed DH Corey Hart on the 15-day DL. Activated LHP James Paxson from the 15-day DL. Sent RHP Brian Beavan outright to Tacoma (PCL).

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Placed 1B Paul Goldschmidt on the 15-day DL. Recalled OF Alfredo Marte from Reno (PCL).
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Placed LHP Matt Mahoin on the 15-day DL. Recalled Victor Rodriguez from Albuquerque (PCL).

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Activated 1B Brandon Belt from the 15-day DL. Optioned INF Jarrett Parker to Fresno (PCL).

FOOTBALL
National Football League
ARIZONA CARDINALS — Claimed LB Trevor Williams off waivers from Houston. Released CB Todd Washington.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Signed WR Kenny Stills to a one-year contract. Injured/retired DT Damian Cooper, LB John Lotulelei and WR Jordan Miller.

MIAMI DOLPHINS — Signed C Rameses New England Patriots — Signed S Jason W Cole to a one-year contract.

National Hockey League
ANHEIM DUCKS — Signed LW Patrick Maroon to a three-year contract extension. Signed RW P.K. Subban to an eight-year contract.
MONTREAL CANADIENS — Agreed to terms with RW Lightning — Signed G Ben Bishop to a two-year contract extension.

COLLEGE
WINTHROP — Signed men's basketball coach Tom Kelley and women's softball coach Kevin Cook to two-year contract extensions.

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Bank of the West Classic
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AT The Taube Family Tennis Center, Stanford
Purse: \$710,000 (Premier)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
Semifinals
 Serena Williams (8), United States, 7-5, 6-4; Andrea Petkovic (8), Germany, 7-5, 6-4.

Double
 Angelique Kerber (3), Germany, def. Victoria Azarenka (6), United States, 4-6, 7-6 (4), 6-2.

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Semifinals
 Garbine Muguruza, Spain, and Carla Suarez-Villaquez, Spain, def. Irina Kuryavskaya, Russia, and Anastasia Rodionova (2), Australia, 5-7, 7-6 (2), 10-8.

Citi Open
A.U. Open Series event
AT William H.G. FitzGerald Tennis Center, Washington
Purse: Men, \$1.4 million (W750); Women, \$250,000 (Intl)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
Men
Quarterfinals
 Vasek Pospisil (1), Colombia, 6-7 (4), 6-3, 6-4; Stanislav Kizilniov (2), Russia, 6-4, 6-2.

Semifinals
 Milos Raonic (2), Canada, def. Donald Young (1), United States, 6-4, 6-2; Vasek Pospisil (1), Canada, def. Richard Gasquet (6), France, 6-7 (5), 6-3, 7-5.

Double
Semifinals
 Krumi Nara (1), Marina Erakovic, New Zealand, 0-6, 6-4, 6-4; Philipp Petzschner (1), Austria, def. Ekaterina Makarova (2), Russia, 6-3, 6-2.

Championship
 Shuko Aoyama, Japan, and Gabriela Darabova, Canada, def. Hiroko Kuriyama, Japan, and Krumi Nara, Japan, 6-1, 6-2.

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 Saturday
 At Firestone Country Club, South Course, Akron, Ohio
Purse: \$9 million
Yardage: 7,400; Par 70
Third Round

Sergio Garcia	69-66-67-196	14
Rory McIlroy	69-64-66-199	11
Mark Lehman	69-68-68-200	11
Adam Scott	69-68-68-200	11
Kegan Bradley	69-67-67-202	8
Justin Rose	69-67-67-202	8
Brandt Snedeker	69-68-68-204	6
Gary Woodland	69-68-68-204	6
Henrik Stenson	69-68-68-204	6
Hideki Matsuyama	69-71-65-206	6
Patrick Reed	69-69-69-206	6
Ryan Moore	69-73-68-206	4
Tommy Fleetwood	69-69-69-206	4
Thomas Bjorn	69-68-69-206	4
Jim Furyk	69-68-69-206	4
Michael Hooper	69-69-69-206	4
Rickie Fowler	69-71-67-206	4
John Stadler	69-70-68-207	2
Graeme McDowell	71-67-66-207	3
John Sandgren	74-66-67-207	3
Branden Grace	69-67-67-207	3
Hunter Mahan	71-65-71-207	3
Samuel Paterlini	69-69-73-208	1
Zach Johnson	70-70-68-208	2
Seamus Power	69-67-71-208	2
Fabrizio Zanotti	70-71-68-209	1
Mathias Johansson	70-71-68-209	1
Bill Haas	71-69-69-209	1
Jimmy Walker	69-70-70-209	1
Garner Hall	69-70-70-209	1
Matt Kuchar	69-70-70-209	1
Ernie Els	71-66-72-209	1
Miguel A. Jimenez	69-67-72-210	2
Kevin Na	71-73-66-211	2
Rafael Nadal	70-73-72-211	2
Brendon de Jonge	72-69-70-211	1
Justin Rose	69-71-71-211	1
Webb Simpson	72-69-70-211	1
Jason Day	69-71-71-211	1
Victor Dubuisson	72-70-69-211	1
Tiger Woods	69-71-72-211	1
Brian Stuard	70-70-72-212	2
Graham DeLaet	68-72-76-212	2
Russell Howland	69-70-73-212	2
Steven Bowditch	69-71-73-213	3
Lee Westwood	71-72-70-213	3
Adam Long	70-73-70-213	3
Phil Mickelson	71-73-69-213	3
Richard Spivey	70-73-70-213	3
Chris Kirk	69-73-72-214	4
Stephen Gallacher	74-71-69-214	4

National Lacrosse League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Placed 1B Paul Goldschmidt on the 15-day DL. Recalled OF Alfredo Marte from Reno (PCL).
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Placed LHP Matt Mahoin on the 15-day DL. Recalled Victor Rodriguez from Albuquerque (PCL).

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Activated 1B Brandon Belt from the 15-day DL. Optioned INF Jarrett Parker to Fresno (PCL).

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Pro soccer

MLS Eastern Conference

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Sporting KC	11	5	4	37	32	20
D.C. United	11	5	4	37	32	20
Toronto FC	10	6	10	28	33	23
New York City FC	9	7	9	27	28	21
Chicago Fire	8	7	9	24	26	26
Philadelphia Union	6	8	9	24	36	36
San Jose	6	8	9	24	36	36
Houston	5	11	4	19	24	40
Montreal Impact	5	11	4	19	24	40

Western Conference

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Seattle	9	4	6	30	31	23
Real Salt Lake	9	4	6	30	31	23
Los Angeles Galaxy	8	7	3	27	35	23
FC Dallas	8	7	3	27	35	23
Colorado Rapids	8	7	3	27	35	23
Portland Timbers	6	9	2	20	36	38
San Jose Earthquakes	6	9	2	20	36	38
Chivas USA	5	9	2	17	23	31

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

Saturday's games
 Los Angeles Galaxy, Portland 1, 12:30
 Toronto FC, Montreal 0, 12:30
 Los Angeles Galaxy, New England 1, 1:30
 Chicago 1, Columbus 1, tie
 Real Salt Lake, Colorado 0, 2:30
 San Jose 1, Seattle FC 0, 2:30

Sunday's games
 Los Angeles Galaxy, Portland 1, 12:30
 D.C. United vs. Seattle FC
 FC Dallas at Chivas USA

Saturday Galaxy 3, Timbers 1

Portland 1-0-1
Los Angeles 9-4-6
Los Angeles Galaxy — **Portland** 3, 14th minute. T. Aronson, Zverev 6, 14th minute. T. Aronson, Valdes 8 (Rogers, 38th).
Second half — Los Angeles, Keane 11 (penalty kick), 85th.
Goalies — Portland, Donovan Ricketts; Los Angeles, Steve Clark.

Yellow Cards — Sarvas, Los Angeles, 75th; Clark, Portland, 85th.
Red Cards — None.

Crew 1, Fire 1
Chicago 0-1-1
First half — Columbus, Magee 6 (penalty kick), 37th minute.
Second half — Columbus, Higgin 8 (penalty kick), 40th minute.
Goalies — Columbus, Steve Clark; Chicago, Sean Johnson.

Yellow Cards — Gonzalez, Columbus, 50th; Francis, Columbus, 69th; Segares, Chicago, 40th.
Red Cards — None.

Red Bulls 2, Revolution 1

New England 2-0-0
New York 0-2-2
First half — New England, Davies 1, 33rd; Garcia 2, 45th.
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Goalies — New England, Bobby Shuttleworth; New York, Bobbie.

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Toronto 2, Impact 0

Toronto FC 2-0-0
Montreal 0-1-1
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Second half — Toronto, FC, Moore 4, 22nd.
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Salt Lake 1, Rapids 0

Real Salt Lake 1-0-0
Colorado Rapids 0-0-0
First half — Real Salt Lake, Morales 6 (Kusowski, 14th minute).
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Yellow Cards — Wingert, Real Salt Lake, 34th; Beckerman, Real Salt Lake, 34th; S. Johnson, Real Salt Lake, 34th.
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Washington Spirit	10	8	4	34	35	21
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Auto racing

U.S. Cellular 250

NASCAR Nationwide
 Saturday
 At Texas Speedway, Newtown, Iowa
Star lineup: 375 miles
(Start position in parentheses)
 1 (2) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 250 laps, 117.4 laps to go
 2 (6) Michael McDowell, Toyota, 250, 117.4 laps to go
 3 (1) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 250, 119.8, 42, 599.200.
 4 (3) Clint Bowyer, Toyota, 250, 119.8, 42, 599.200.
 5 (5) Sam Hornish Jr., Ford, 250, 119.8, 42, 599.200.
 6 (4) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 250, 102.1, 39, 533.575.
 7 (3) Ryan Smith, Chevrolet, 250, 102.1, 39, 533.575.
 8 (6) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 250, 102.1, 39, 533.575.
 9 (14) Danica Patrick, Chevrolet, 250, 95.4, 35, 525.775.
 10 (8) Elliott Sadler, Toyota, 250, 94.6, 35, 526.150.
 11 (3) Brendan Gaughan, Chevrolet, 250, 78.4, 33, 524.300.
 12 (10) Josh Beretta, Chevrolet, 250, 85.8, 32, 523.750.
 13 (16) Aaron Cassidy, Chevrolet, 250, 86.2, 31, 523.225.
 14 (9) Chris Buescher, Ford, 250, 90, 30.
 15 (11) Ryan Reed, Ford, 250, 82.3, 29, 522.025.
 16 (21) Mike Bliss, Toyota, 250, 70.1, 28, 520.925.
 17 (26) J.J. Yeley, Dodge, 250, 68.8, 27, 521.800.
 18 (4) Chase Pistone, Chevrolet, 250, 73.1, 27, 521.550.
 19 (24) Ryan Sieg, Chevrolet, 249, 71.5, 26, 515.325.
 20 (10) Ryan Sieg, Chevrolet, 248, 63.8, 24, 521.800.
 21 (17) Dakota Armstrong, Ford, 248, 71.1, 23, 521.800.
 22 (23) Chad Bow, Chevrolet, 248, 53.8, 22, 521.800.
 23 (2) Eric McClure, Toyota, 247, 51.4, 21, 521.800.
 24 (33) Joey Gale, Chevrolet, 247, 48.5, 20, 520.545.
 25 (12) Jeremy Clements, Chevrolet, 247, 56, 19, 520.920.
 26 (15) James Buescher, Toyota, 247, 56, 18, 520.925.
 27 (31) Jamie Dike, Chevrolet, 245, 41.4, 17, 520.170.
 28 (16) Hal Marlin, Toyota, 242, 44.5, 16, 520.925.
 29 (22) Kevin Swindell, Dodge, electrical, 44.5, 15, 520.925.
 30 (25) Matt DiBenedetto, Chevrolet, 44.5, 14, 520.925.
 31 (27) Jeffrey Earnhardt, Chevrolet, suspension, 200, 47.3, 13, 519.615.
 32 (28) Ryan Reed, Chevrolet, brakes, 131, 34, 12, 519.505.
 33 (24) Matt Farnham, Chevrolet, engine, 79, 34, 11, 519.390.
 34 (20) Matt Farnham, Chevrolet, engine, 72, 30, 10, 513.280.
 35 (35) Tanner Berryhill, Dodge, accident, 45.7, 29, 513.167.
 36 (33) Morgan Shepherd, Dodge, accident, 45.7, 29, 513.167.
 37 (37) John Jackson, Chevrolet, 45.7, 29, 513.167.
 38 (32) Blake Cook, Toyota, vibration, 13, 35.3, 5, 511.930.
 39 (4) Mike Harmon, Dodge, rear-end, 32.9, 5, 511.745.
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AUTO RACING

NASCAR Nationwide Series

Keselowski outduels McDowell to win in Iowa

By LUKE MEREDITH
The Associated Press

NEWTON, Iowa — If this was Brad Keselowski's final trip to Iowa Speedway, he made it a memorable one.

Keselowski held off the charging Michael McDowell on Saturday night to win the NASCAR Nationwide race at the short track.

The only Sprint Cup driver committing from Pocono in Pennsylvania, Keselowski led 146 of 250 laps for his third Nationwide victory of the season and second in two starts.

Trevor Bayne was third, followed by Sam Hornish Jr. and Ty Dillon.

Keselowski, who ran the No. 22 car so Ryan Blaney could stay in Pocono for Saturday's Truck race, was set to cruise to an easy win when James Buescher's crash erased his lead less than 10 laps from the finish.

But Keselowski went high to overtake McDowell and held on for his 30th series victory.

"He had me there for a minute. Somehow I slipped back by him. I'm really not even sure how that worked out," said Keselowski, who mentioned after the race that the seat for the No. 22 car in Iowa will likely be given to a Penske developmental driver in the future. "These wins, they're not easy to come by."

Points leader Chase Elliott finished eighth. He leads Regan Smith by two points.



JUSTIN HAYWORTH/AP

Brad Keselowski crosses the finish line to win the NASCAR Nationwide Series race at Iowa Speedway in Newton, Iowa on Saturday. Keselowski was the only Sprint Cup driver to make the trip to Iowa.

Keselowski won for the third time at the track. He won the inaugural race five years ago and topped Hornish last season.

Keselowski's success on Iowa's short track — along with a front-row spot next to Bayne and six consecutive top-three finishes in

NASCAR's second-tier series — had him pegged as the heavy favorite from the moment the green flag dropped.

The Sprint Cup regular didn't disappoint.

Keselowski and Hornish swapped the lead much of the

night, with Keselowski taking control two-thirds of the way through the race.

Dakota Armstrong's blown tire less than 70 laps from the finish gave the front-runners a chance to make pit stops. Keselowski won the race off pit road and ap-

peared to have the race locked up until the final caution pit him in jeopardy.

"The flag gave a relatively boring race a brilliant finish."

McDowell briefly held the lead, and the first win of his career appeared within reach before Keselowski made the move of the race.

"Brad definitely had the best car. But on those restarts, everybody's got a shot," McDowell said. "I tried my best. I gave it all I had. But I just got a little too loose on (turn) three and Brad got a run on the outside."

Bayne won his first pole of the season earlier Saturday and led the first 31 laps, besting his total for the entire season just minutes into the race. Bayne also won the "Dash 4 Cash" promotion for series regulars, pocketing \$100,000.

Keselowski put himself in position for a weekend sweep after qualifying third for Sunday's race in Pocono.

Keselowski flew from Pennsylvania to Iowa about three hours before the race and flew right back to Pocono after the race, this time clutching perhaps his last trophy from the Iowa Speedway.

"This isn't a race that Penske circles and says we want to send a Cup driver to. It's just the way it works right now with our development drivers in the trucks series. The race is a conflict," Keselowski said. "But I've enjoyed the success I've had here."

Truck series victory at Pocono a sweet one for Dillon



MATT SLOCUM/AP

Austin Dillon celebrates in Victory Lane after winning the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series race at Pocono Raceway on Saturday in Long Pond, Pa.

By DAN GELSTON
The Associated Press

LONG POND, Pa. — Austin Dillon sat in the media center, his fire suit soaked in beer, finishing a celebratory call.

"Love you, too," Dillon said.

Awww, sweet.

"I'm in the media center and everybody's going 'Awww,'" Dillon said.

Dillon called his dad, Mike, who was at Iowa Speedway to watch another Dillon in the Nationwide Series race. Last week, Ty Dillon had his dad, brother, and grandfather Richard Childress together when they kissed the bricks at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Austin Dillon was flanked by Childress in the second straight weekend trip to Victory Lane. Dillon pulled away on the final restart to win on a green-white-checked finish in the Truck Series race on Saturday at Pocono Raceway.

"We had to fight for it," Dillon said. "Any

time you can get a NASCAR win, it's huge."

Dillon drove the famed No. 3 to his first victory in five series Truck starts this year. His win came a week after his brother won the Nationwide Series race at the Brickyard. Ty Dillon was set too race Saturday night at Iowa.

Dillon eluded Clint Bowyer and the rest of the field on the final restart of a caution-filled end to the race.

Johnny Sauter, Joey Coulter, Bowyer and Ryan Blaney completed the top five. Blaney holds a seven-point lead over Sauter in the points race.

Kyle Larson led from the pole for an early part of the race until his truck had engine issues and he faded to 18th.

Sauter gave Dillon a needed push off the final restart to play a role in the win.

"That was a good push, wasn't it?" Sauter asked Dillon's crew chief, Nick Harrison.

"Yes, it was. Thank you very much," a smiling Harrison said inside the media center.

Bowyer was driving for John Wes Townley, who was held out of all racing the weekend following a hard crash Friday. Townley hit the wall hard during qualifying for the ARCA race and was taken to a hospital for evaluation. He eventually returned to the track.

"I think honestly we were a third-place truck," Bowyer said. "Larson was the class of the field and luckily blew up and gave Austin and I a chance out at Austin capitalized."

Larson and Dillon are battling in the Sprint Cup series for rookie of the year honors. Dillon won the pole for the Daytona 500. Larson won the pole for Sunday's race at Pocono. While the numbers are the same, many in the sport feel Larson is the true superstar of the future. Dillon says, not so fast.

"I'm think I'm just as good or better," Dillon said.

Dillon, the 2011 Truck Series champion, had sponsorship from Pennsylvania-based Yuengling Brewery and shared a round of beers with his grandfather after the race.

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MLB

Wong helps Masterson win debut with Cards

Second baseman ends slump with HR, 3 RBIs as St. Louis defeats first-place Milwaukee

By STEVE OVERBEY
The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — St. Louis manager Mike Matheny decided at the last minute against giving slumping infielder Kolten Wong the day off on Saturday.

It proved to be a smart move. Wong homered and had three RBIs and Justin Masterson won his St. Louis debut as the Cardinals beat the Milwaukee Brewers 9-7 on Saturday night.

St. Louis, which had lost three of its previous four, moved two games behind first-place Milwaukee in the NL Central. The Brewers had a two-game winning streak snapped.

Wong, who entered the contest mired in a 6-for-36 skid, went 3-for-5. He slammed a bases-loaded single to trigger a five-run outburst in the second inning that put St. Louis ahead to stay 6-1. He also hit a solo homer in the first.

“That worked out fine for all of us,” Matheny said of the late pregame move. “It was nice to see him bounce back. With a young player, when he has a couple of rough days, you wonder, ‘can he leave it behind and go back to having a nice approach.’ He jumped right in and had some big at-bats.”

Wong was 2-for-3 in his career against Brewers starter Kyle



St. Louis Cardinals pitcher Justin Masterson, acquired on Thursday before the non-waiver trade deadline from the Cleveland Indians, gave up five runs on seven hits in six innings of work to earn a 9-7 win over the Milwaukee Brewers on Saturday in St. Louis.

JEFF ROBERSON/AP

Lohse, a key factor in Matheny leaving him in the lineup.

Wong, who entered the game hitless in his previous eight at-

bats, spent some extra time studying his approaches at the plate following Friday's 7-4 loss to Milwaukee.

“I knew the reason I was striking out as soon as the game finished yesterday,” Wong said. “I was swinging way too hard trying

to do way too much.”

Masterson (1-0) gave up five runs on seven hits over six innings. He was acquired from Cleveland on Wednesday for minor league outfielder James Ramsey.

“There was a little rust out there,” Masterson said. “But with that intense offense that we had, and some solid defense, that makes it fun to be out there.”

Aramis Ramirez and Scooter Gennett drove in two runs each for the Brewers. Ramirez had three hits for the second successive game.

Lohse (11-6) took the loss. Lohse, who pitched for the Cardinals from 2008-12, gave up nine runs on nine hits over four innings. He struck out two and walked three. Lohse gave up eight earned runs in a 15-5 loss at Pittsburgh on June 6.

“It was just a rough one,” Lohse said. “I just left too many balls out over the plate.”

St. Louis closer Trevor Rosenthal recorded his 33rd save in 37 opportunities. He allowed a lead-off double to Jean Segura. Rosenthal then appeared to hit Elian Herrera with a pitch, but the call was overturned by a challenge.

Rosenthal then got Herrera to ground out. He struck out Carlos Gomez and Gerardo Parra to end the game.

Lester, Gomes lead A's to victory over Royals

By JANIE MCCAULEY
The Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Jon Lester took the mound in a different uniform and, for the first time in his major league career, felt just slightly out of place.

Quickly enough, he put aside the newness of pitching for Oakland — and the expectations that he'll help lead baseball's win-nigest team on a deep run in October.

Lester worked into the seventh inning to win his Athletics debut and Gomes produced two timely hits during an eight-run burst in his Bay Area return for an 8-3 victory against the Kansas City Royals on Saturday.

Two days after being traded from the sagging World Series champion Boston Red Sox, Lester and Gomes teamed up on a nice win over West.

“After warming up it felt a little more normal, getting back to the pitching performance and worrying about that and not worrying about living situations or moving or anything like that,” Lester said. “It was a little different at first.”

Lester's parents flew down from the Seattle area for his start.

The 6-foot-4 lefty instantly became an imposing presence in the

pitcher-friendly Coliseum. Fans in the crowd of 30,097 cheered as he went through his warmup routine in left field, then Lester (11-7) tipped his cap to a roaring ovation when he left after 6½ innings and 104 pitches.

“To walk off to the ovation was great,” Lester said. “It kind of makes you feel welcome.”

Lester gave up three runs and nine hits, striking out three and walking one.

Manager Bob Melvin joked about being scared to take him out.

“I said, ‘Nice going, big fella.’ He is a big fella,” Melvin said.

Back with the AL West-leading A's, Gomes delivered like old 2012 times. He singled and scored off Jason Vargas (8-5), then added a hit a two-run single off Aaron Crow.

“Every once in a while some new blood, some new energy can help out,” Gomes said.

Pitching on seven days' rest after being scratched Wednesday ahead of the trade deadline, Lester improved to 8-3 with a 2.20 ERA in 12 career starts against the Royals. He hasn't lost in nine starts overall since June 7 at Detroit.

“Jonny Lester is one of the best pitchers in the American League,” Royals manager Ned



Oakland Athletics pitcher Jon Lester delivers a pitch against the Kansas City Royals on Saturday in Oakland, Calif.

BEN MARCOT/AP

Yost said.

The A's went ahead with their planned promotion, passing out 10,000 Yoenis Cespedes T-shirts reading “La Potencia” — it pays tribute to his power. The two-time Home Run Derby champ was traded to Boston in the big swap and made his Red Sox debut Saturday.

Vargas came off the disabled list to make his first start since undergoing an appendectomy July 9. After the first 12 A's batters were retired in order, the next 12 produced eight hits and eight runs.

Venable's RBI in 12th gets Padres by Braves

The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Tim Stauffer and Will Venable stepped up when the San Diego Padres needed it most.

Stauffer escaped a bases-loaded, no-out situation in the top of the 12th and Venable lined a game-winning single in the bottom of the inning off closer Craig Kimbrel to lift the Padres to a 3-2 victory over the Atlanta Braves on Saturday night.

Kimbrel (0-3) walked the bases loaded with one out before Venable hit a fastball on a line over the head of right fielder Jason Heyward, who was already playing shallower than normal.

“With that guy, the bases loaded and less than two outs and the winning run on third base, it takes the slider down out of play,” Venable said. “He doesn't want to end the game on a wild pitch. With him you have to get ready for the fastball anyway so it made things simple.”

Yanerviso Solarte walked to start the 12th, and Jedd Gyorko and Chris Nelson drew consecutive one-out walks before Venable's game-winning single.

“When you go out there and throw a lot of balls and walk guys, that's what happens,” Kimbrel

said.

Stauffer (3-2) pitched two innings but it was his escape in the 12th that kept San Diego in the game. The Braves loaded the bases with no outs, but Stauffer got Evan Gattis to hit into a three-to-home-to-first double play and retired Chris Johnson on a groundout.

“I think that was the game right there,” Stauffer said. “I think that kind of put the stamp on it.”

The Padres won for the fourth time in five games. Atlanta extended its losing streak to five games.

“All we needed was a lousy run and sometimes it's hard to get a lousy run,” Braves manager Fredi Gonzalez said.

Atlanta tied the game at 2 in the eighth on Heyward's single, a walk and Johnson's RBI single.

Trailing 1-0, the Padres went ahead in the seventh. Rene Rivera led off with a single, was sacrificed to second and scored on Solarte's two-out single. After San Diego loaded the bases, Jordan Walden relieved Ervin Santana and threw a wild pitch that allowed Solarte to score for a 2-1 lead.

Santana allowed two runs and six hits in 6½ innings with six strikeouts and four walks.

MLB

Tigers score in every inning to rout Rockies

The Associated Press

DETROIT — The Detroit Tigers showed a lot of their good side on Saturday night. It was the bullpen that kept it from being a showcase night.

The Tigers got three home runs from the middle of their batting order — Miguel Cabrera, Victor Martinez and J.D. Martinez — and an outstanding starting pitching performance from Rick Porcello to beat the Colorado Rockies 11-5 at Comerica Park.

But their bullpen, which has struggled this season, allowed three runs in the ninth inning on three hits and two walks and forced manager Brad Ausmus to use two relievers and to have two more throwing in the bullpen.

"We were scrambling a little bit in the last inning," Ausmus said. "You don't want to have to get that many arms up when you're ahead by that much."

But there was enough cushion. Alex Avila had three hits and drove in two runs and Ian Kinsler had three hits and an RBI for the Tigers, who scored in all eight innings they batted, had 16 hits and got at least a hit from each batter in the starting lineup.

"It was perfect the way every-



CARLOS OSORIO/AP

From left, Detroit Tigers Miguel Cabrera and Ian Kinsler congratulate designated hitter Victor Martinez next to Colorado Rockies catcher Michael McKenry, after his three-run home run during the fifth inning of Saturday's game in Detroit. The Tigers scored in every inning to beat the Rockies 11-5.

one hit. Everyone contributed in some fashion," Ausmus said. "Nice to see us get some separation. Our offense has been kind of sluggish the last week-to-10 days."

Porcello (13-5) allowed two runs and five hits in eight innings while striking out a season-high 10 for the victory. He also tied teammate Max Scherzer for the American League lead in wins.

"Just had a good feel for my off-speed stuff and had a good changeup and cutter," said Porcello, who labored through the first two innings before finding his groove in the third.

Did you know

The Detroit Tigers scored in every at-bat in a nine-inning home game for the first time since 1912.



SOURCE: The Associated Press

"He had some really good movement and kept pitches in the strike zone," Colorado's Charlie Blackmon said. "He was able to mix them up pretty well."

Earlier in the day, newly acquired David Price joined his new teammates and a starting rotation that also includes Justin Verlander and Anibal Sanchez.

"He basically takes the ball and goes the distance," Porcello said of Price. "Going to be a lot of fun playing with him."

Colorado starter Tyler Matzek (2-6) allowed eight runs and 10 hits in 4-plus innings.

Roundup

Rendon, NL East-leading Nationals rock Phillies

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Washington Nationals second baseman Anthony Rendon knew he was a triple short of the cycle late in the game. It didn't mean he was going to change his approach.

Rendon singled in a run, hit a three-run homer, and doubled in his first three at-bats before grounding out and flying out in the Nationals 11-0 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies on Saturday night.

"I heard people in the stands, 'get the triple, get the triple.' I didn't want that, means I've got to run more. I'll stop at second base," Rendon said with a smile.

He drove in four runs to back Jordan Zimmermann's seven shutout innings.

"I think it set the tone with Anthony in the first inning," manager Matt Williams said of the offense. "You've got a 2-1 pitch and he doesn't get too big. He simply stayed with the approach of what he needed to have happen there and he ended up getting a base hit."

The Nationals hitters had been struggling in the nine games since Ryan Zimmerman went on the disabled list.

Saturday they had 14 hits, including two apiece by Denard Span, Asdrubal Cabrera and Wilson Ramos. Every Nationals starter, including Zimmermann, hit safely.

Zimmermann (7-5) held the Phillies to five singles and struck eight without a walk for his 50th

career win, and first since June 30th.

He retired the last 11 batters he faced and left after throwing 97 pitches.

Marlon Byrd had two hits for Philadelphia, which had won the first two games of the series 10-4 and 2-1.

Phillies starter A.J. Burnett (6-11) and manager Ryne Sandberg didn't last long. Both were ultimately ejected when Burnett motioned and yelled toward home plate umpire Chris Guccione during Washington's four-run second inning.

Washington loaded the bases on two walks and an error. After Span drove in a run with a sacrifice fly, Rendon connected on a 3-1 pitch from Burnett for his 14th home run, making it 5-0.

Rendon's blast snapped a nine-game homerless streak for the Nationals, the longest in team history (2005-present).

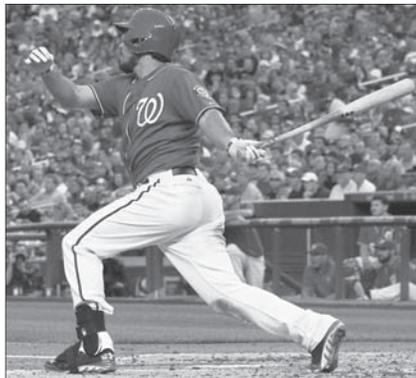
Burnett, who had two walks in the inning, then intentionally threw ball one to Jayson Werth and motioned toward Guccione.

After Burnett was tossed, Sandberg raced out and heatedly argued with Guccione near home plate, and was soon ejected.

Burnett allowed five runs, one was earned, in losing his third straight decision.

Mets 4, Giants 2: Jacob deGrom outpitched Jake Peavy in a tantalizing hitless duel that carried into the seventh inning before host New York broke loose and beat San Francisco.

Pablo Sandoval doubled off de-



ALEX BRANDON/AP

The Washington Nationals' Anthony Rendon follows through on his three-run homer during the second inning to help the Nationals beat the Philadelphia Phillies 11-0 on Saturday in Washington.

Grom with two outs in the top of the seventh for the game's first hit. Peavy was perfect until Daniel Murphy hit a one-out double into the bottom of the seventh on a ball that left fielder Michael Morse misjudged. The Mets went on to score four runs to back deGrom (6-5), and the rookie won his fifth straight start.

Marlins 2, Reds 1 (10): Christian Yelich's RBI single in the 10th

inning lifted host Miami over Cincinnati. The Marlins snapped a three-game losing streak.

Pirates 8, Diamondbacks 3: Andrew McCutchen drove in the go-ahead run with an infield single in the eighth inning, then was hit by a pitch in the ninth as visiting Pittsburgh beat Arizona.

Mariners 6, Orioles 3: Robinson Cano hit a three-run homer, Dustin Ackley had a solo shot and

visiting Seattle got an effective outing from their bullpen to beat Baltimore.

Twins 8, White Sox 6: Trevor Plouffe got four hits and Minnesota stopped Jose Abreu, rallying past host Chicago to end a three-game skid. Abreu's hitting streak ended at 21 games, longest in the AL this season. He went 0 for 3 with two walks, one of them intentional.

Yankees 6, Red Sox 4: Derek Jeter had a two-run double. Mark Teixeira hit a solo homer and New York's bullpen worked 4½ solid innings, leading the Yankees over host Boston. Yoenis Cespedes, went 1 for 4 with a single in his Boston debut.

Rays 10, Angels 3: Evan Longoria hit a two-run homer. Ben Zobrist got four hits and host Tampa Bay roughed up C.J. Wilson and Los Angeles.

Astros 8, Blue Jays 2: Jon Singleton got an inside-the-park home run after a call was reversed on video replay. Chris Carter and Jason Castro also homered as host Houston beat Toronto.

Indians 2, Rangers 0: Lonnie Chisenhall and Nick Swisher delivered run-scoring singles in the sixth inning, and five pitchers combined on a five-hitter, leading host Cleveland past Texas.

Dodgers 5, Cubs 2 (12): Hanley Ramirez hit a three-run homer in the 12th inning to lift host Los Angeles by Chicago. Jamey Wright (4-2) allowed two hits in two innings for the victory and increased the Dodgers' NL West lead over San Francisco to 3½ games.

NBA/SPORTS BRIEFS

George's broken leg leaves US, Pacers reeling

All-Star might miss all of next season

By BRIAN MAHONEY
The Associated Press

Paul George's broken right leg has left two teams reeling.

The U.S. men's national team, too emotional to finish the exhibition game it was playing when George suffered the gruesome injury Friday night, had to shift its focus away from the World Cup of Basketball to thinking about an injured teammate.

The Indiana Pacers, a round short of the NBA Finals the past two years, were left pondering a season without their best player.

"This is a tough blow for not only USA Basketball, but for the Indiana Pacers," USA Basketball chairman Jerry Colangelo said.

Both were thinking only of George, who remained at Sunrise Hospital in Las Vegas after surgery to repair an open tibia-fibula fracture. He was expected to remain hospitalized for about three days and the Pacers hope he can return to Indianapolis next week, though it will be months, perhaps a year, before he can return to the court.

"Any discussion regarding the future of our team would be inappropriate at this time," Pacers President Larry Bird said in a statement. "Our focus is solely on Paul and doing whatever we can to help."

George's loss comes on the heels of Lance Stephenson's departure to Charlotte in free agency, leaving Indiana without its two most versatile players. The Pacers had the Eastern Conference's best record last season at 56-26 and could have been the favorite to reach the NBA Finals after LeBron James' departure from Miami if they could have brought their core back.

Now, they could struggle just to stay in the playoff picture in the toughened-up East. Stars' arrival in Cleveland, with Kevin Love perhaps still to come, could make the Cavaliers the team to beat. Or it could be Chicago, with Derrick Rose looking back in form after another surgery



JOHN LOCHER/AP

The Pacers' Paul George is taken off the court after he was injured during the USA Basketball Showcase game Friday in Las Vegas.

while playing for the Americans this week and with Pau Gasol joining the Bulls next season.

Washington and Toronto figure to keep building after their playoff appearances last season, Miami rebounded well after losing James to keep a competitive team together, and the Pacers without George might not be as good as any of them.

"There is no question about the impact on our team but our goal is to be as strong-willed and determined as Paul will be in coming back," Bird said. "Our franchise has had setbacks in its history but has demonstrated the abilities to recover. Paul will provide the example of that off the court and it is up to the rest of us to provide that example on the court."

The U.S. team will try to do the same, but the Americans aren't ready to move forward yet.

They were putting on a good show for the fans in Las Vegas, then were going to get down to business Saturday. The roster would be trimmed from 20 to about 14 or 15 finalists, and those who made the cut would return when the team resumed practice on Aug. 14 in Chicago.

Plans changed after George's right leg smashed into the basket stanchion and crumpled as he was trying to block James Harden's fast-break layup. He was taken off on a stretcher as teammates watched, all too upset to talk afterward. Colangelo said roster decisions would wait, even with the tournament opener in exactly four weeks away.

"We just need to step away," he said.

The Americans are better equipped to overcome George's loss, with a deep roster that might still be the best in the world even without the All-Star forward who fig-

ured to start.

The bigger impact for the Americans could come in the future, if fear of injuries causes top players to decline to play. Some NBA executives have long argued against the risk of having their players compete in international tournaments, though Colangelo points to its benefits, noting how players such as Rose and Dwyane Wade had their best seasons after suiting up for the U.S.

Bird, who played on the 1992 Dream Team, made clear where the Pacers stood.

"We still support USA Basketball and believe in the NBA's goals of exposing our game, our teams and players worldwide," he said. "This is an extremely unfortunate injury that occurred on a highly visible stage, but could also have occurred anytime, anywhere."

Briefly

McIlroy closes on Garcia; Tiger withdraws

The Associated Press

AKRON, Ohio — Sergio Garcia still had a three-shot lead when the third round finally ended Saturday at the Bridgestone Invitational.

British Open champion Rory McIlroy made it feel a little smaller.

Garcia, who stretched his lead to as many as six shots before thunderstorms halted play for just over three hours, closed with three good pars for a 3-under 67. Playing in the group ahead of him, McIlroy finished with two big birdies for a 66 to get into the final group.

That sets up a replay of the British Open two weeks ago, only with the roles reversed.

McIlroy had a six-shot lead going into the final round at

Hoyleake. Garcia, playing in the group ahead, made a spirited run at McIlroy and got within two shots late in the round until he faltered. This time, it's McIlroy who has to do the chasing.

Garcia was at 14-under 196.

The race won't feature defending champion Tiger Woods, who withdrew after eight holes on Sunday with apparent back pain.

After missing the fairway on the ninth hole, he grimaced and reached toward his back. Moments later, he was driven off the course in a cart.

Back at camp, Lynch watches practice

RENTON, Wash. — Marshawn Lynch was back on the Seattle

Seahawks practice fields Friday morning.

He was once again a spectator. Lynch watched the Seahawks go through a one-hour, no-pads practice on Friday a day after showing up at the team's facility and ending his weeklong training camp holdout in the hopes of getting changes to his contract.

Lynch was scheduled to make up to \$5.5 million this season in base pay and roster bonuses. It's the third year of a four-year deal Lynch signed before the 2012 season.

NFL.com and Pro Football Talk reported that Lynch's holdout did come with some financial gain and that \$1 million in incentives for the 2014 season was turned into guaranteed money with an additional \$500,000 to be paid in

2015 added to this season. So now, Lynch will make \$6.5 million in salary for 2014.

The team has not indicated whether Lynch will still be required to pay the fine for each day of camp he missed. He could be penalized \$30,000 for each day he was absent.

Serena tops Petkovic in Stanford semis

STANFORD, Calif. — Serena Williams reached her fourth final of the season by taking the last eight games to beat Andrea Petkovic 7-5, 6-0 on Saturday in the Bank of the West Classic.

The top-seeded and top-ranked Williams is 2-0 in finals so far in 2014, winning titles at Brisbane,

Miami and Rome.

The tournament is Williams' first since she tried to play through a viral infection that caused her to lose equilibrium during a doubles match with sister Venus at Wimbledon. Against the ninth-ranked Petkovic, Williams wasted four break points in the final game of the first set before eventually converting her fifth.

In Sunday's final at the hard-court tournament, Williams will face third-seeded Angelique Kerber, a 4-6, 7-6 (4), 6-2 winner over Varvara Lepchenko.

Petkovic was trying to become the ninth player — and first since 2010 — to beat both Venus and Serena Williams in one tournament. Petkovic eliminated Venus on Friday.

NFL

Chiefs' RB Thomas making big statement

By Dave Skretta
The Associated Press

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. — The diminutive dude wearing the No. 1 jersey took the swing pass near the far sideline.

He made the first defender miss, turned up field and made a couple more miss, and then wound his way all the way to the end zone.

It was just like De'Anthony Thomas used to do in college.

Now he's doing it in the NFL. The quick, multi-talented running back was taken by the Kansas City Chiefs in the fourth round of May's draft, and already the former Oregon standout has been making 31 other teams look foolish for passing on him.

He's quickly moved up the depth chart in his first camp, and has been lining up at a variety of positions in a variety of sets in coach Andy Reid's offense.

And those zigzagging, ankle-breaking runs like that one earlier this week? Well, they're a big reason why thousands of fans have

already become fans of him.

"I feel like I'm doing something right, you know?" Thomas said after spending nearly half an hour signing autographs. "Just competing, having fun. Coming to practice ready to work."

The biggest knock on Thomas coming out of the draft was something he couldn't control: His size. He's listed at 5-foot-9, 174 pounds, which makes him shorter than every position player but wide receiver Weston Dressler and lighter than anybody else in training camp.

But unlike Pro Bowl punt returner Dexter McCluster, who filled a similar role with the Chiefs before departing in free agency, Thomas relishes contact. Despite his smallish stature, it takes a bit more than a stiff breeze to knock him from his feet — assuming, of course, that some poor guy is able to track him down and put a solid hit on him.

"It's all about heart," he said. "Just competing and having confidence."

There certainly was no disputing the production Thomas had with the Ducks. He ran for nearly 2,000 yards and caught more than



Kansas City Chiefs rookie running back De'Anthony Thomas splits defenders during a training camp session on Wednesday on the Missouri Western State University campus in St. Joseph, Mo.

1,200 yards worth of passes during his three-year career, even though he missed time his junior season with an ankle injury. He also led the nation in yards per carry as a sophomore, and proved to be an effective punt returner. So when McCluster parlayed

his big year on special teams into a big contract with Tennessee, the Chiefs jumped at the opportunity to sign in Thomas as a replacement.

"He truly enjoys playing the game," Chiefs general manager John Dorsey said. "I'm sure it's a

dream he's chased all his life. He wants to be good. He has a degree of pride. And I think the coaching staff we have, that does nothing but refine his skills to take it to another level."

Thomas said he tries to model himself after LeBron James — "He's a great team player," he said — but never gravitated toward basketball growing up, even on the playgrounds of south-central Los Angeles.

In fact, his first love was track and field because he liked the individual nature of the sport.

But he was playing around with friends when he was 5 years old when a coach drove by and asked whether he had ever played football. Thomas never looked back.

He became a star in the Pop Warner leagues in Southern California. And by the time he arrived at Oregon, Thomas was already known for his speed and silky smooth moves. Now, he's trying to get up to speed with the Chiefs.

"We're not going to throw the whole video camera on him," Chiefs offensive coordinator Doug Pederson said, "but use his skill set, use his talent and let him go play football."

Titans QB Locker driven to win in final year of deal

By Teresa M. Walker
The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Winning, not money, is driving Tennessee quarterback Jake Locker as he heads into his make-or-break season in the NFL.

The Titans decided against picking up Locker's option for 2015, choosing to let the eighth overall pick in 2011 prove he can stay on the field and win games in the final year of his rookie contract.

Locker has missed 14 of a potential 32 games since being selected as Tennessee's starter, including the final seven of last season.

That's just fine with Locker.

"I've been fortunate," Locker said. "My wife and I have been smart with our money, and we have. We're fine. We don't have to worry about it. So I get the freedom and the ability to go out and play for this football team and have fun."

A strong season would put Locker in position for an even bigger contract, yet the quarterback who stayed in college at Washington for his senior season rather than leave early for the NFL draft says he still isn't in the game for the money.

"I care about winning football games and doing it with a good group of guys that I've gotten to know really well," Locker said.

Locker already has shown he's fully recovered from the Lisfranc injury to his right foot that ended last season and helped lead to the firing of coach Mike Munchak after three seasons.

But he has been learning a new offense from his third offensive coordinator in his career.

Coach Ken Whisenunt is known for his work with Ben Roethlisberger in Pittsburgh, Kurt Warner in Arizona and Philip Rivers in San Diego last year. Whisenunt and his assistants have been working to improve Locker's throwing motion, even using a small video camera on top of an extendable pole in certain quarterback drills to hone in on his footwork and technique.

Locker being able to take part in all of the Titans' on-field work in the offseason helped the transition. The quarterback has looked smoother and more accurate during the first week of training camp, even with Whisenunt asking Locker to do more at the line of scrimmage in his offense.

"I'm happy with the way Jake's working," Whisenunt said. "I'm happy with a lot of little things that we're seeing

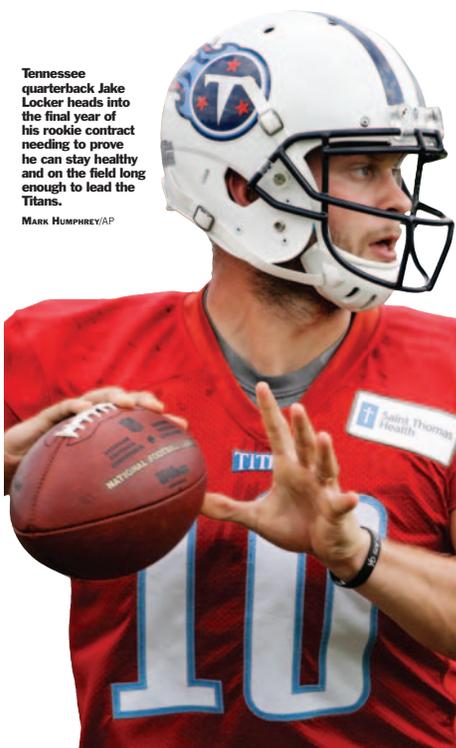
him doing here, but there's no substitute for seeing what happens in a game. When we get to some of these controlled, for a lack of a better word, scrimmages, then you get a better sense."

Locker finished his injury-shortened season with the best completion rate of his first three years last season at 60.7.

Locker is just 8-10 as a starter, and only staying on the field will give him a chance to improve in the only statistic that truly matters in the NFL.

Locker knows that only too well, so he's not focused on throwing for a certain number of yards, improving his completion percentage or having a specific touchdown-to-interception ratio.

"If we can find ways to win football games, those numbers work themselves out," Locker said.



Tennessee quarterback Jake Locker heads into the final year of his rookie contract needing to prove he can stay healthy and on the field long enough to lead the Titans.

Mark Humphrey/AP

'I care about winning football games and doing it with a good group of guys that I've gotten to know very well.'

Jake Locker
Tennessee Titans QB

PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME

2014 Hall of Fame Inductee capsules

Michael Strahan Defensive End 6-5, 255

1993-2007
New York Giants ... 15 seasons, 216 games.
... First-year eligible ... Selected in second round (40th player overall) in 1993 draft. ... Dominant pass rusher and excellent at defending the run. ... Recorded 141.5 career sacks. ... Had 26 multi-sack games during career. ... Registered double-digit sack totals six times during nine-season span, 1997-2005. ... Suffered torn pectoral muscle in 2004 but rebounded following season by starting all 16 games and amassing 11.5 sacks. ... Named first-team All-Pro five times (1997, 1998, 2001, 2002, 2006). ... All-NFC five seasons. ... Voted to seven Pro Bowls. ... Set NFL single-season sack record with 22.5 sacks, 2001. ... Also won NFL sack title in 2003 with 18.5 sacks. ... Named unanimous NFL Defensive Player of the Year in 2002. ... Started at left defensive end in two NFC championship game wins, two Super Bowls. ... Recorded two tackles, one assisted tackle, one sack and one pass defended in Giants' 17-14 win over Patriots in the 2008 Super Bowl, his last NFL game. ... Selected to the NFL's All-Decade Team of the 2000s.

Strahan

1991-2000
Phoenix/Arlington Cardinals ... 2001-2004 St. Louis Rams ... 14 seasons, 211 games.
... Selected by the Cardinals in third round (59th overall) of 1991 draft. ... Starred at cornerback in third round (59th overall) of 1991 draft. ... Starred at cornerback for 12 seasons before switching to safety. ... Named to Pro Bowl seven times as a cornerback and once as a safety. ... First career interception came in NFL debut. ... Compiled five or more interceptions in a season six times. ... Recorded 25 interceptions for 807 yards and nine touchdowns. ... Had three consecutive 100-yard punt return vs. Redskins in 2000. ... Selected to NFL's All-Decade Team 1990s.

Andre Reed Wide Receiver 6-2, 190

1985-1999
Buffalo Bills ... 2000 Washington Redskins ... 16 seasons, 234 games.
... Selected by the Bills in fourth round (66th overall) of 1985 draft. ... Most prolific receiver in Buffalo Bills history. ... His 951 career receptions were the most in NFL history at time of his retirement. ... His 941 career receptions still are a Bills record and 266 more than No. 2 on that list, Eric Decker. ... Reed had 36 games with 100-plus yards are current team records. ... Known for gaining yards after catch. ... His 12 seasons, including nine consecutive, exceeded only by Jerry Rice. ... Reed is tied with Bills running back Thurman Thomas for team's most career touchdowns (.87), most of them on passes from Jim Kelly. ... Kelly-Reed tandem set NFL record for career receptions (663) until 2004 when eclipsed by Peyton Manning to Marvin Harrison. ... Reed, who for toughness, he made many of his receptions over the middle. ... Selected to play in seven consecutive Pro Bowls (1989-1995). ... Had 85 catches for 1,229 yards, including five 100-yard games, in postseason play.

Reed

1997-2000
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Williams

Source: Pro Football Hall of Fame.



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Former Buffalo Bills quarterback Jim Kelly, center, throws a football to former teammate and 2014 inductee Andre Reed during the Pro Football Hall of Fame enshrinement ceremony on Saturday.

Emotion, laughs at induction ceremony

Seven greats of the game enter Canton

By JOHN WAWRO
The Associated Press

CANTON, Ohio — Andre Reed delivered the emotion and managed to hook up for one more catch from Jim Kelly on the Pro Football Hall of Fame stage. And leave it to Michael Strahan and his familiar gap-toothed grin to bring the laughs in closing the ceremony honoring the seven inductees Saturday night. The defensive end cracked he was still a little scared of former New York Giants teammate Lawrence Taylor. Strahan singled out former Philadelphia tackle Jon Runyan in the crowd and referred to him as his toughest opponent and "350 pounds of twisted steel and non-sex appeal." Strahan, one of the game's most dominant pass-rushers, closed the ceremony that ended just before midnight — nearly two hours later than scheduled. Also inducted were offensive tackle Walter Jones, linebacker Derrick Brooks, defensive back Claude Humphrey and Ray Guy, who became the first full-time punter to be selected.

It was Reed, the former Buffalo Bills receiver, who stole the spotlight by closing his induction speech with a poignant surprise. Turning his back to the crowd, Reed caught a pass from Kelly before sharing a lengthy hug with his former teammate and now fellow Hall of Famer. It was a fitting finish for a tandem that set a record by hooking up 663 times in Buffalo. And it was a moment that paid homage to the quarterback, who has spent the past 14 months battling cancer. "You taught us not to quit," Reed said about Kelly. "You've endured a lot in your life. The loss of your son, and most recently your battle with cancer. You're an inspiration to all you touch." Kelly was near tears, and the thousands of Bills fans in the crowd cheered.

The ceremony began with Brooks, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers star, who was selected for induction in his first year of eligibility, and followed by the 70-year-old Humphrey, who retired after the 1981 season. "Now they tell me I only had 10 minutes up here, but let me start off by telling you that I've wanted 30 years to get to this podium, so don't rush me guys," said Humphrey, a six-time Pro Bowl selection who split 13 NFL seasons between the Atlanta Falcons and Philadelphia Eagles. Guy's wait was nearly as long. The seven-time Pro Bowl selection spent his 14-year career with the Oakland/Los Angeles Raiders. At 64, he was selected for induction in his 23rd year of eligibility. "It's been long, long overdue, but now the Hall of Fame has a complete team," said Guy, who had as many as 20 former punters in the crowd to help him celebrate. "To know my legacy will be forever part of pro football history and that my bust will be alongside the greatest athletes of all time, it leaves this old punter speechless."

Claude Humphrey Defensive End 6-4, 252

1968-74, 1976-78
Atlanta Falcons, 1979-81 Philadelphia Eagles ... 13 seasons, 171 games.
... Selected in first round (third player overall) in 1968 draft. ... Recorded 11.5 sacks in his first year and was NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year. ... Credited with 122 career sacks. Led team in sacks nine of 13 seasons. ... Earned first-team All-Pro five times. Selected for six Pro Bowls. ... Missed just two games before season-ending knee injury in 1975. Rebounded with career-best 15 sacks in 1976 and was chosen team MVP. ... Traded to Eagles in 1978 for two fourth-round picks following brief retirement. ... In 1980, his team-high 14.5 sacks helped Eagles advance to 1981 Super Bowl.

Humphrey

Derrick Brooks Linebacker 6-0, 232

1995-2008
Tampa Bay Buccaneers ... 14 seasons, 224 games.
... First year eligible. ... Selected by Buccaneers in first round (28th player overall). ... Never missed game in career. Earned All-I-Rookie honor. ... Elected to 11 Pro Bowls, All-Pro in 1997. Led Bucs to first postseason appearance since 1961. ... NFL's Defensive Player of the Year in 2002. ... Helped Tampa Bay post top defense in NFL twice (2002 and 2002) in five times (1998, 1999, 2002, 2005, 2007). ... Named All-Pro six times, All-NFC eight times. Selected to the NFL's All-Decade Team of the 2000s.

Brooks

Walter Jones Tackle 6-5, 300

1997-2008
Seattle Seahawks ... 12 seasons, 190 games.
... First year eligible. ... Selected in first round (sixth player overall) by Seahawks in 1997. ... Earned start in 1997. ... Injured left tackle spot in rookie training camp. ... Consensus pick for multiple all-rookie honors. ... Following the 1999 season, he became the first offensive lineman in Seahawks history to start in all nine All-Star appearances. ... First leader in integral part of Shaun Alexander's MVP season in 2005 when RB ran for franchise-record and league-high 1,880 yards and set NFL mark for TDs in season. ... All-Pro six times (2001-2004, 2007). ... Named to NFL's All-Decade Team of the 2000s. Three straight seasons (1999-2001).

Jones

Ray Guy Punter 6-1, 195

1973-86
Oakland/Los Angeles Raiders ... 14 seasons, 207 games.
... Selected in first round (first player drafted in NFL) in 1973. ... Raiders 1973 champion. ... Played in seven Pro Bowls, including six straight from 1974 to 1979. ... Played in seven AFC championship games and three Super Bowls. ... Three-game Super Bowl totals: 14 punts, 41.9-yard average.

Guy

Source: Pro Football Hall of Fame.

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Hall of Fame inductees, left to right, Aeneas Williams, Derrick Brooks, Claude Humphrey, Michael Strahan, Walter Jones, Ray Guy, and Andre Reed pose with their busts during the 2014 Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Ceremony on Saturday in Canton, Ohio.

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