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Afghan National Army soldiers march during their graduation ceremony in Kabul, Afghanistan, on June 1.

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Spike in Afghan troop deaths raises concerns Page 3

Odierno: Army's future no longer 'one big fight'

Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Instead of large wars, the Army of the future is likely to focus on deployments of smaller formations of soldiers to hot spots around the globe, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Ray Odierno said in a recent interview.

Speaking Sept. 25 to the Army Times newspaper, Odierno referenced the broad portfolio of current Army operations, which include

recent deployments to Iraq and West Africa.

The Defense Department recently announced 3,200 soldiers will be sent to Liberia to build Ebola treatment centers and to provide engineering and logistical support to the fight against the disease, which has killed more than 3,000 people.

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Gen. Ray Odierno

Iraq-Syria war likely to avoid budget cuts

By TRAVIS J. TRITTEN

Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon has been issuing dire warnings that the military is fast approaching a severe money crunch — a problem compounded now by the war in Iraq and Syria.

With mandatory defense cuts looming next year and new

war costs mounting, Congress will almost certainly reach for an old standby accounting solution to keep money flowing — the Overseas

Contingency Operations fund, a so-called war credit card.

The OCO account, separate from the base defense budget and exempt from spending re-

ductions set to remain in place until 2021, allows the military to respond quickly to unforeseen crises. It also allows Congress to sidestep tough budget decisions such as trimming troop benefits and eliminating weapons systems the military says it no longer needs while paying for a war that the Obama administration says could last years.

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“It’s not about whether I support their cause or not. It’s about whether what they are doing is legal or not. It is illegal. It has brought chaos to the city.”

— Donald Chan, 45, on Hong Kong pro-democracy activists who have occupied streets in a major shopping area

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MILITARY

Search for Marine lost in gulf halted

By **HENDRICK SIMOES**
Stars and Stripes

MANAMA, Bahrain — The U.S. Navy ended the search Thursday for a missing U.S. Marine in the Persian Gulf who bailed out of an MV-22 Osprey when it lost power after taking off from the amphibious assault ship USS Makin Island.

The Marine was one of two aircrew members who went into the water Wednesday when it seemed the Osprey might crash. The other aircrew member was rescued an hour. The name of the missing Marine will not be released until 24 hours after his family has been notified.

The Osprey’s pilot was able to regain control of the aircraft and returned to the ship. The Navy said the plane was participating in flight operations to support the military’s mission in Iraq and Syria.

“The Marine is presumed lost at sea,” the Navy said in a news release. “U.S. Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard personnel conducted an extensive search of the area using all available assets, which continued throughout the night and the next day.”

The name of the missing Marine will not be released until 24 hours after his family has been notified.

“Our thoughts and prayers go out to the friends and family of the Marine. This is a difficult day for everyone involved,” said Lt. Joe Hontz, a U.S. 5th Fleet spokesman.

Prayers and expressions of support poured onto the Makin Island’s official Facebook page as news of the incident reached family and friends at the ship’s San Diego home port.

“This has been on my heart all day, my prayers are with the family and the ship,” Ruth Tedrahn of San Diego wrote on the Facebook page.

The Makin Island, along with its amphibious ready group that includes the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit, left home on July 25. Last month the ship arrived in the Middle East, where it relieved the Bataan Amphibious Ready Group in the Persian Gulf and has been conducting operations in Iraq and Syria against the Islamic State.

Last month, all 25 personnel aboard a Marine CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter survived after it crashed in the Gulf of Aden while attempting to land aboard the USS Mesa Verde.

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Bush tees off tournament for wounded veterans

By **JAMIE STENGLE**
The Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — Former President George W. Bush spoke before wounded veterans taking part in his Warrior Open on Thursday, saying the tournament could be characterized in different ways: “One, you can call it the ‘Courageous Open,’ or you can call it ‘There’s No Self-Pity Here Open.’”

“Any way you call it, we thank you for coming to support the men and women who have worn our uniform and the courage they’ve shown,” Bush said before the golfers headed out for the second day of the tournament, held at the Las Colinas Country Club in the Dallas suburb of Irving.

This is the fourth year for the tournament, whose participants were injured while serving in Iraq or Afghanistan. It’s part of the Military Service Initiative at the George W. Bush Institute, housed at the George W. Bush Presidential Center in Dallas.

Twenty-one active and retired military members are participating in the two-day, 36-hole tournament.

The Warrior Open also includes a pro-am in which the veterans are playing with PGA Tour professionals, including Tom Watson and Ben Crenshaw.

Bush chatted, took pictures and shook hands with the golfers as they headed out with the professionals.

U.S. Army Cpl. Chad Pfeifer, who has won the Warrior Open in all three previous years, returned for a fourth.

His left leg was amputated above the knee after his vehicle was hit with a pressure plate IED in 2007 in Iraq. After learning how to walk with a prosthetic leg, he began playing golf as a form of therapy.

This year’s winner will be invited to play



TOM FOX, THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS/AP

Claudia Avila, wife of retired Army Capt. Luis Avila, right, gives former President George W. Bush a kiss after her husband made the ceremonial tee off in the Bush Center Warrior Open golf tournament on Thursday in Irving, Texas.

in the 2015 American Century Championship, a celebrity golf tournament held at the Edgewood Tahoe Golf Course in July. Pfeifer played in this year’s tournament as part of a

tribute to the U.S. Armed Forces and ended up finishing fifth, prompting the tournament to allow future Warrior Open winners to play as well.

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Afghan National Army soldiers attend a graduation ceremony at the Kabul Military Training Center in Kabul, Afghanistan, on June 2.

Afghans fighting, but suffering

Critics wonder if army can make it alone as death rate jumps 30 percent

By JASON STRAZIUZO
The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — An Afghan army desperate for more advanced military equipment is suffering death rates 30 percent higher in the 2014 fighting season, the army's first against the Taliban without large-scale assistance from the U.S.-led international military force, officials said.

A bigger worry than the increased deaths, though, is the havoc the military could unleash on the country if the army rips at its ethnic seams, an increased possibility as U.S. and other NATO forces continue to draw down their forces, Afghan and American military experts say.

When the U.S. and other NATO-led forces withdraw all combat troops by Dec. 31, the Afghan army will truly be on its own on the battlefield for the first time since the 2001 U.S. invasion. America has spent \$62 billion since then to train and equip the country's security forces, but Afghan military experts remain concerned that the army doesn't have enough men or materiel.

"They're fighting, but they are suffering," said Gen. Abdul Rahim Wardak, Afghanistan's former minister of defense and a current adviser to the president's office. Some of those worries were mitigated on Sept. 30, when the United States and Afghanistan signed a bilateral security agreement allowing about 10,000 American troops to remain in Afghanistan to train, advise and assist Afghan forces past the end of the year. America's NATO allies are expected to contribute a further 5,000 or so troops. A smaller U.S. Special Operations force will also remain and actively go after extremists such as al-Qaida.

More importantly, signing the deal assured the Afghan government of about \$4.1 billion in U.S. and foreign funding that pays for everything from soldiers' salaries, to their bullets and the fuel they use in their vehicles. Without the money, the Afghan security forces would have fallen apart in months.

The need for foreign support was evident this summer, the first where the Afghan army couldn't rely on U.S. bombers when it needed them most. The army's death rate

spiked 30 percent, Wardak said, because of an increased number of battles and the army's vulnerability to roadside bombs. That spike translates to about 450 additional deaths per year — about 1,800 deaths.

Despite the billions in aid, the army is hampered by a lack of large-scale fire power — including offensive air capabilities — little or no medical evacuation ability and not enough transport aircraft, Wardak said. Keeping the Taliban at bay, he said, will be a "difficult task" unless the U.S. continues to provide more fire power, he said.

The Taliban staged attacks on Afghan army troops in Kabul on Wednesday and Thursday, killing 10 soldiers. Large-scale fighting is taking place in several remote provinces.

But it is not the Taliban's military pressure that poses the most serious potential problem, said Seth Jones, a former special adviser to the U.S. Special Operations Command in Afghanistan and an analyst at the RAND Corp.

A collapse of the political compromise between newly inaugurated President Ashraf Ghani — who represents the country's ethnic Pashtuns — and newly installed Chief Executive Abdullah Abdullah — the leader of the country's Tajiks — could lead to fissures in the country's "already fragile" security forces, he said.

"There are already indications that segments of the Afghan National Army, such as the 205th Corps headquartered in Kandahar, could face significant divisions if intra-government fissures widened," said Jones, the author of "In the Graveyard of Empires: America's War in Afghanistan."

"This division would almost certainly facilitate Taliban advances," Jones said. Wardak says the Afghan army "is still a child. It is not even a teenager," and because of that is vulnerable to the outside political environment. But he believes that with proper leadership the army will hold.

Maj. Gen. Ben Bathurst — the international coalition's deputy adviser to the Afghan Ministry of Defense and the commander of British forces in Afghanistan — said in an interview that Western forces track the army closely for ethnic tensions, and that

the ministry works to prevent fissures.

"Look at how they have behaved through this very uncertain (election) period and they've held firm," Bathurst said. "Yes it's a worry in the back of our minds, but when you look for the evidence you haven't seen any. And I think there's a sort of pride in the Afghan army that they are the guardians of the nation and that they aren't behaving in a political way."

The Afghan army has about 195,000 troops mostly financed by the U.S. But Wardak has long argued that Afghanistan doesn't have enough forces to satisfy the U.S. military's own counterinsurgency manual. That formula would see between 600,000 and 700,000 troops.

Including police and other security units, Afghanistan has about 350,000 Western-funded security forces.

The U.S. and Europe have tried to balance that number with its cost. A U.S. Inspector General report says funding the Afghan army costs \$4.1 billion a year, with only \$500 million coming from the Afghan government. Bathurst said the international community has committed to funding the Afghan security forces through 2024. Eventually, he said, Afghanistan must do it.

All that Western money has led to a clearly improved military, said a former army general, Jawed Kohistani. But Kohistani also pointed out why the West might be hesitant: Taliban fighters join the army as new recruits, undergo training, get issued new weapons and then defect back to their insurgent force.

As the Afghan army fought Taliban militants this summer, soldiers saw enemy formations the U.S. and NATO did not in recent years: forces of dozens or hundreds of fighters. Without NATO aircraft in the skies, the Taliban felt they could again mass in large groups, Wardak said. He predicted tough fighting ahead.

"The Afghan army will fight. I mean that's in their blood to fight. But they don't have any air support of the ground forces," Wardak said. "If the level of the threat increases the way it's increasing right now... it will be a difficult task unless the U.S. continues to provide additional firepower."

British prime minister makes surprise visit to Afghanistan

By AMIR SHAH
The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Britain's Prime Minister David Cameron on Friday pledged support for Afghanistan's newly sworn-in president and the country's new unity government, saying during a surprise visit to Kabul that Britain is committed to helping Afghans build a more secure and prosperous future.

Cameron was the first of world leaders to meet Ashraf Ghani since his inauguration on Monday. The two had a meeting in Kabul on Friday morning and later held a joint press conference.

"Britain has paid a heavy price for helping to bring stability to this country," Cameron said, paying tribute to the 453 British servicemen and women who died while serving in Afghanistan.

"An Afghanistan free from al-Qaida is in our national interest — as well as Afghanistan's," he said. "And now, 13 long years later, Afghanistan can — and must — deliver its own security."

But, "we are not leaving this country alone," he added. "In Britain you will always have a strong partner and a friend."

Cameron arrived a day after visiting British pilots in Cyprus who are taking part in airstrikes on Islamic State group targets in Iraq. British warplanes have been conducting combat missions over Iraq since Sept. 27, after Britain joined the U.S.-led coalition of nations that are launching airstrikes against the militants.

"The work of defeating Islamist extremist terror goes on elsewhere in the world," Cameron said in Kabul. "And because this threatens us at home, we must continue to play our part."

Ghani thanked the British for their sacrifices in Afghanistan, especially the families who lost loved ones in the war. "They stood shoulder to shoulder with us and we will remember," he said.

Later Friday, Cameron met with British troops at Camp Bastion in southern Helmand province, where he told soldiers who are to leave by the end of the year that Britain was "incredibly proud of you, incredibly grateful for everything you've done."

Cameron linked the battle against the Taliban and al-Qaida to the fight to stop militants such as the Islamic State group in Syria and Iraq and Boko Haram in Nigeria.

"This struggle against Islamist extremist terrorism, this is the struggle of our generation," he said.



DAN KITWOOD/AP

Britain's Prime Minister David Cameron addresses British troops at Camp Bastion, Afghanistan, on Friday.

MILITARY

Head of J-PAC lab losing his job

By MEGAN MCCLOSKEY
ProPublica

The longtime scientific director of the problem-ridden Pentagon agency charged with identifying the remains of servicemen missing from past wars is out of a job.

At a recent Korean War family update meeting in Washington, Tom Holland announced he would soon be leaving as head of the laboratory at the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, or J-PAC.

"You've heard about the reorganization, and I found out last week that I'm not a part of the reorganization," Holland told the group in August.

Holland's impending departure is the first leadership change to come to light as part of the major overhaul of the mission announced by Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel last spring in response to increasing criticism. J-PAC and a second agency involved in the effort will be consolidated starting Jan. 1 in an effort to streamline the inefficient process. An investigation by ProPublica and NPR in March found

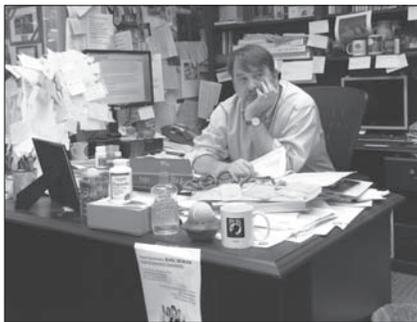
the agency's efforts to be rife with outdated science, duplicative bureaucracy and poor leadership.

Holland, who led the lab for nearly 20 years, was the focus of ProPublica's story, which found he served as an arbiter of identifications and established procedures that set an exceedingly slow pace at the lab. With 9,400 servicemen still buried as unknowns around the world, his restrictive policies were seen as overly cautious. Under his leadership, only one out of every 10 cases considered was ever approved for disinterment to attempt identification.

Pentagon spokeswoman Cmdr. Amy Derrick-Frost would not comment on personnel moves.

Under the new organization, a medical examiner will oversee identifications and scientific operations, but that person has not yet been named. Derrick-Frost said they expect someone to be in place by late 2014 or early 2015.

The appointment of a medical examiner to the lab's top leadership position has been met with protest by some of the scientific staff, who claimed in a letter to the Pentagon that a medical ex-



MEGAN MCCLOSKEY/ProPublica

Tom Holland, head of the laboratory at the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, speaks in his office in November 2013.

aminer isn't qualified to oversee their work.

The MIA effort will be in flux until January 2015 when the new, as-yet-unnamed agency is fully operational. Some advocates, families of MIAs and politicians are concerned the reorganization will be little more than re-shuffling of bureaucracy and are watching carefully to see what meaningful change is enacted.

At the August meeting, Holland said that the last identification he thinks he'll make will be of remains from the Korean War, leaving recently unearthed remains from WWII to likely be identified by the medical examiner — in-

cluding one who could possibly be Arthur "Bud" Kelder, whose family never gave up trying to find and identify his remains.

In August, the Pentagon completed the disinterment of 10 unknown prisoners of war from an American World War II cemetery in Manila, where Kelder's family believed him to be buried.

The crucial step of exhuming the men, who had been buried anonymously for nearly 70 years after dying on the same day at a POW camp, came only after Kelder's family fought for years to force the government to act.

Future: Army leader says readiness is a grave concern

FROM FRONT PAGE

More soldiers also are headed to Iraq in coming weeks, when 200 troops from the 1st Infantry Division at Fort Riley, Kan., arrive to support an advisory mission aimed at helping Iraqi and Kurdish forces defeat Islamic State insurgents.

"Today we have soldiers deployed on missions in Europe, in Asia, in the Middle East, in Africa, all doing very important missions simultaneously," Odierno said in the interview. "One of the things that's changed in the world is the velocity of instability and the necessity to deploy our capabilities simultaneously to several different continents at the same time."

Defense budget cuts, however, make it harder to fulfill the Army's responsibility to properly train and equip all the deploying troops, Odierno told the Army Times. A current federal budget deal has given the Pentagon a reprieve from the harshest effects of automatic budget cuts known as sequestration, but the full cuts are set to resume in 2016.

Over a decade, sequestration is expected to reduce planned defense spending by \$1 trillion. The Army plans to cut its active-duty end strength from a high of nearly 570,000 at the height of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars to 450,000 by 2019. If sequestration is not relaxed, however, the Army likely would drop to 420,000 troops.

"What I worry about is the readiness of these forces and our ability to meet these demands if the readiness starts to decrease in '16, '17, and '18," he told the newspaper. "For me, that's a grave concern."

The Army will roll out a new operating concept in coming weeks that formalizes the Army's mission to conduct an array of smaller, dispersed operations.

"In the past, we may be focused on one big hot somewhere," Odierno said at Washington meeting with reporters on Sept. 19. "We believe, with the new Army operating concept, we have to be able to do multiple small-scale things simultaneously. We might have to be able to operate with smaller capability on four different continents at the same time because that's the way the world is developing."

Military drone operators feel emotional toll

By JULIE WATSON
The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — President Barack Obama has assured Americans he opposes sending U.S. ground troops to crush Islamic extremists in Iraq and Syria — well aware the country is not ready to return to the battlefield with its war wounded still recovering from a decade of conflict.

But airmen have been sent back into combat in a region with the focus on airstrikes, divided between fighter pilots and drone operators.

While drone operators are not physically in harm's way — they do their work at computer terminals in darkened rooms far from the actual battlefield — growing research is finding they, too, can suffer some of the emotional strains of war that ground forces face.

"It can be as impactful for these guys as someone in a foxhole," said Air Force spokesman Tom Kimball.

In a rare partnership, U.S. and Arab allies last week launched a military air assault against Islamic State strongholds in Syria. Americans have also been conducting airstrikes in Iraq since August. Both assaults have incorporated the use of unmanned aircraft, according to Air Force officials.

Administration officials said the U.S. on its own also bombed



LIO VIZZUTTI/AP

Brandon Bryant, 28, a former sensor operator who manned the cameras for drone pilots, holds his dog, Bayem, Sept. 17 in Caras Park in Missoula, Mont.

targets of an al-Qaida cell in Syria because intelligence showed that the Khurasan Group was in the final stages of plotting attacks against the U.S. and Europe.

The Air Force, citing security reasons, would not disclose where the drone crews in the air campaign are working. Currently the Air Force has 356 pilots flying the Predator and 359 flying the Reaper.

The Bush and Obama administrations have both used the 2001 authorization of force against al-Qaida to justify drone strikes

against terror targets in Pakistan, Yemen and Somalia.

During the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, drone operators pulled long shifts at U.S. bases, watching full-motion video across multiple screens. Some would follow the daily life of locals for months to assess threats before an airstrike was ordered.

Then they might analyze the carnage and damage from bombings before driving home to eat dinner with their families and maybe play soccer with their children — a jarring shift that may contribute to stress, mental health experts say.

Brandon Bryant manned the cameras for pilots at Air Force bases in Nevada and New Mexico for about five years.

He said he still suffers from insomnia, depression and nightmares three years after he participated in his last mission. He witnessed the direct killing of 13 people, and his squadron was credited with killing 1,626 enemies.

"I would go to sleep and dream about work, the mission, and continuously see the people I'd watched on the screen earlier now in my own head repeatedly being killed," he said, adding that he felt alone and that no one wanted to talk about it.

Bryant, 28, said he has been diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder by the Veterans Administration.

He said the military's drone

community has shunned him for speaking out.

In the first study of its kind, the Armed Forces Health Surveillance Center found the amount of behavioral issues, such as anxiety, depression and PTSD, affecting drone pilots was comparable to that of traditional pilots.

Researchers analyzed the health records of 709 drone pilots and 5,256 traditional pilots from 2003 to 2011. The study was published last year. The study's author, Dr. Jean L. Otto, said the message was that "just because service members are not physically deployed to a war zone doesn't mean there is less of a mental health risk."

Last year, the Air Force started assigning chaplains and psychologists to its drone units. Leaders have tried to improve shifts to ease fatigue, while doctors are developing ways to treat moral injury, which also affects those on the battlefield.

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WAR ON TERRORISM

Poll: 2 of 3 Americans back Iraq, Syria strikes

By DEB RIECHMANN AND JENNIFER AIGESTA
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Nearly 2 out of 3 Americans back U.S. airstrikes in Iraq and Syria to combat the threat from Islamic extremists, yet half also think there's a high risk of a future terrorist attack on American soil, according to an Associated Press-GfK poll.

Americans surveyed were split on whether they approve of the way President Barack Obama is generally handling the threat from the Islamic State group and other terrorists, with about half approving and about half disapproving of his actions.

And despite more than a decade of costly war, about a third favor going beyond airstrikes and

putting American military boots on the ground in Iraq or Syria.

Obama has said he has no plans to send ground troops to Iraq or Syria. A little more than a third say they are opposed to sending them and about 1 in 4 say they neither favor nor oppose it. "He's got to do something," said Keith Fehser, 55, who thinks the U.S. military action taken so far in Iraq and Syria has been "about the right" response. "This is the easiest way to do it."

Fehser, a commodities trader from suburban Chicago, said Americans need to see terrorism as an extremely important issue, yet they don't.

"I just think it's only going to get worse," he said. "Even though the government tries its best to keep on top of it, it's just luxury

out there with what can be done by just small groups of people."

He said most people he talks with don't care much about the U.S. airstrikes. "It's a long way away. As long as we're not letting our own people get killed, I don't think they care that much," he said, adding that he would be "very disgusted" if American combat troops were sent back to the region.

Fifty-three percent say they think there's a high risk of a terrorist attack on U.S. soil, though just 20 percent call it an "extremely high risk." An additional 32 percent say the nation is at moderate risk of a terrorist attack, and 12 percent say it faces a low risk of terrorist attacks.

The AP-GfK Poll was conducted Sept. 25-29 using Knowledge-

Poll: Majority sees US terror risk

An Associated Press-GfK poll finds most Americans believe the U.S. is a target for terrorism and give President Barack Obama a mixed review on terror issues.

Q: How would you rate the current risk of a terrorist attack happening inside the United States?



Results based on survey of 1,845 U.S. adults, conducted Sept. 25-29. Margin of error is ± 2.5 percentage points. SOURCE: GfK Public Affairs & Corporate Communications AP

Panel, GfK's probability-based 1,845 adults, and has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 2.5 percentage points for all respondents. It involved online interviews with

Hagel, French official discuss Syria strikes

By LOLITA C. BALDOR
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel said he spoke with the French defense minister Thursday about the possibility of France participating in airstrikes against Islamic State militants in Syria, something the French have so far declined to do.

Appearing at a Pentagon news conference alongside the French official, Jean-Yves Le Drian, Hagel said France recognized the grave threat that the Islamic State group posed to the country and to the region.

French President Francois Hollande's office said Thursday that France — which is conducting airstrikes against the Islamic State militants in Iraq — would "intensify" its support for Syrian opposition forces. But no details were provided.

Asked repeatedly by reporters whether the airstrikes would be expanded to Syria, Le Drian would only say the France launched strikes in Iraq because the government there requested help. He also said the fight against the Islamic State was in the beginning stages.

Le Drian also declined to answer whether the French provided any intelligence support to the U.S. for airstrikes within Syria



SUSAN WALSH/AP

Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel talks Thursday with French Defense Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian as he arrives at the Pentagon.

against the Khorasan Group, an al-Qaida cell said to be plotting attacks on the West.

"We have an excellent cooperation in this field of intelligence, and this good cooperation means also that we don't give third parties, even great journalists, any details about intelligence," he said through an interpreter.

During their private meeting, Hagel and Le Drian spoke briefly and generally about the possibil-

ity of French participation in the Syria fight, but the U.S. did not explicitly ask France to conduct airstrikes, according to a U.S. official who attended the meeting.

The official said no commitments were made during the meeting, but that the French also did not rule out conducting airstrikes in Syria.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the private meeting.

Australia says it will launch attacks in Iraq

By ROD MCGUIRK
The Associated Press

CANBERRA, Australia — Six Australian F/A-18F Super Hornet jet fighters will launch airstrikes against Islamic State targets in northern Iraq within days as part of the U.S.-led coalition, officials said on Friday.

Also Friday, Canada's prime minister announced its plans to launch airstrikes in Iraq.

The combat mission must be voted on in Parliament but Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper's Conservative government has the majority of seats so it is expected to pass.

Harper said the motion authorizes air strikes for up to six months and explicitly states that no ground troops be used in combat operations.

The announcement of an Australian combat role on Friday has been widely anticipated since the Super Hornets were pre-deployed to the United Arab Emirates more than two weeks ago in response to a formal request from the United States for specific contributions to the international coalition.

Prime Minister Tony Abbott told reporters that the deployment to Iraq "could be quite lengthy. Certainly, months rather than weeks."

"Yes, it is a combat deployment, but it is an essentially humanitarian mission to protect the people of Iraq and ultimately the people of Australia from the murderous rage of the ISIL death cult," Abbott said.

Still, he said total victory over Islamic State would be difficult to achieve.

"If we could degrade them to the point where they no longer existed, that would be obviously the best possible result," he said, adding, "It is very difficult to eliminate an idea."

Defense Force Chief Air Chief Marshal Mark Binskin said the airstrikes would start "over the coming days," but would not be more specific.

The seven Cabinet ministers who make up the government's National Security Committee approved the deployment after an official request was received from Iraq overnight.

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WAR ON TERRORISM

Unique medal awaits campaign name

By CHRIS CARROLL
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Troops deployed in support of the fight against the Islamic State militants in Iraq and Syria don't have a campaign medal to call their own, in part because the growing set of operations has yet to be graded with a name.

U.S. advisers began flowing into the country more than three months ago, with airstrikes beginning in early August and recently expanding to militant targets in Syria.

For now, U.S. troops who are involved are eligible for a relatively generic award, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, authorized by former President George W. Bush a few days before the 2003 invasion of Iraq. That award was originally established for troops supporting Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The geography of the cur-

rent conflict aside, the Pentagon considers the Iraq War a closed book, having ended in 2011 with the withdrawal of U.S. troops. So instead of receiving the medal through an association with Operation Iraqi Freedom, it will be awarded under a banner generally associated with the Afghanistan War.

“Troops deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Enduring Freedom are eligible for the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal,” Maj. James Brindle, a Pentagon spokesman, wrote in an email. “Service members are not eligible for the Iraq Campaign Medal, as it is reserved for those deployed to Iraq during the period of March 19, 2003 through Dec-

ember 31, 2011.”

Officials point out that, technically, Operation Enduring Freedom extends beyond Afghanistan to cover a range of other anti-terrorism activities in locations including the Philippines, the Caribbean and Central America and Africa.

The dithering over technicalities will likely be moot if the Pentagon names the operation underway in Iraq, an action that's been widely noted as unusually tardy. The smaller, newer operation to fight Ebola in West Africa already has been named Operation United Assistance.

Critics say the Obama administration, which early this year was still trumpeting a successful

Intense fighting hits Syrian town near Turkey

BEIRUT — Kurdish fighters battled Islamic State group fighters Friday near a Syrian Kurdish town along the border with Turkey as the Turkish prime minister said his country will prevent the fall of Kobani.

The Kurdish town of Kobani and its surrounding areas have been under attack since mid-September, with militants capturing dozens of nearby Kurdish villages. The assault, which has forced some 160,000 Syrians to flee, has left the Kurdish militiamen scrambling to repel the militants' advance into the outskirts of Kobani, also known as Ayn Arab.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, which monitors Syria's civil war, reported intense fighting Friday to the east and southeast of Kobani.

Nasser Haj Mansour, a defense official in Syria's Kurdish region, said the Kurdish militiamen repelled the latest attack by the Islamic State group east of Kobani.

From The Associated Press

Budget: Fund criticized by some as means to avoid budget discipline, Pentagon planning

FROM FRONT PAGE

Critics say relying on the fund also enables the Pentagon to avoid the rigid cost controls and spending reductions that were established when Congress agreed to mandatory spending caps to reduce the growing federal debt.

“There is currently no limit on OCO, so there is as much room as they need,” said Todd Harrison, a defense budget senior fellow at the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments in Washington.

Spurred on by budget cuts, the military has proposed freezing troop pay raises at 1 percent, slashing commissary benefits, overhauling TriCare health care coverage and retiring hardware such as the A-10 Thunderbolt aircraft and the USS George Washington aircraft carrier.

The CSBA recently estimated the military could soon face \$300 billion in mandatory cuts.

Meanwhile, war costs are quickly mounting since bombing began in August.

The Pentagon says it is spending up to \$7 million to \$10 million per day on an air offensive against the Islamic State group in Iraq and Syria, but that is likely to be long and difficult. Lawmakers also authorized the Obama administration to begin training and arming Syrian rebels into a proxy ground army, which will take years and could eventually cost over \$1 billion dollars.

Analysts estimate the annual cost of the war could range between \$2.4 billion and \$18 billion.

Congress will almost certainly pay that bill using the OCO account, said Gordon Adams, an analyst with the Stimson Center and a senior fellow at American University. “It is like a drug. It is the magic feel-good for anybody's budgetary needs,” he said.

Lawmakers must hash out a new defense spending plan by Dec. 11, when the stopgap spending measure they passed just before leaving Washington for midterm

elections expires.

The White House has already requested \$65.3 billion in OCO funds for the coming year.

“If they don't come back some time after the election and bump that [OCO budget] up to \$10 (billion) to \$15 billion, I will be shocked,” Adams said.

That means Congress will not have to shoehorn the cost of the war into the base budget. It has so far rejected many of the cost-cutting measures suggested by the Pentagon, which military leaders say are necessary to keep the service ready to protect the country but often mean painful hits to lawmakers' home districts.

The Air Force put the A-10 aircraft — beloved by infantry troops — on the chopping block but it was protected in the House by Rep. Ron Barber, D-Ariz., whose district includes Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, which has the highest concentration of the aircraft in the world. Barber is locked in a tight midterm race with a retired A-10 pilot.

The OCO has been criticized for years as a kind of budget credit card and a slush fund for wasteful spending. There was a move among some lawmakers and advocacy groups to have it abolished earlier this year, but that move gained little traction.

“I think the biggest negative long-term consequence is it completely eliminates budget discipline and planning in the Pentagon,” Adams said.

He said supplemental wartime spending over the past decade has contributed to a bloated military bureaucracy where civilian jobs outnumber uniformed positions.

While Congress is likely to sidestep difficult budget decisions, Adams said, serious Pentagon reform and cost-cutting will also be derailed if OCO spending increases for the war.

“You don't do it (reform) now, wait to see the disaster you have when this war is over,” he said. Jim Hasik, a defense analyst

with the Atlantic Council, called the OCO fund an “accounting work-around” used to avoid the mandatory budget caps imposed by Congress and said it has potential drawbacks.

But he said overall it makes good sense to separate defense accounts that have different goals. The base Pentagon budget accounts for long-term military preparedness and daily operations, while the OCO pot can provide the spending flexibility needed to deal with sudden and unforeseen threats.

That flexibility can prove critical to the fight and protecting troops. When improvised explosives became a top threat in Iraq and Afghanistan, the U.S. spent \$50 billion to field 24,000 mine-resistant vehicles that could survive the blasts and protect occupants.

With the threat receding, those mine-resistant trucks and other vehicles may cost the government \$100 million just to ship them back from Afghanistan, according to a Government Accountability Office report. Many of the trucks should simply have been destroyed or given away because upkeep is not economical, auditors said.

“There is absolutely potential for more overspending any time you use a supplemental account, sure. In a sense, that is actually part of the plan,” Hasik said. “You worry less about checking up on the waste and abuse and you just worry about getting it done fast.”

For now, the top concern is whether the Obama administration has a strategy that will ultimately win the war against the Islamic State group and not waste more money on an OCO account that will cause problems in the future, Hasik said.

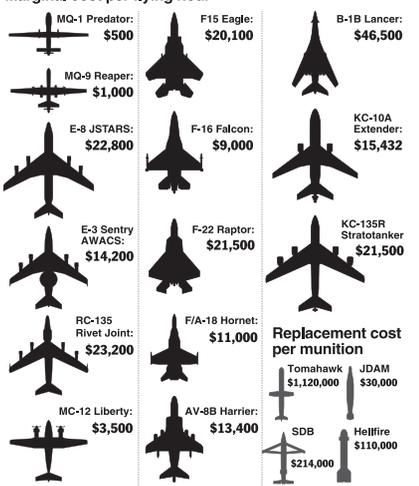
“I'm not worried that the door is open (to irresponsible spending) because somebody is talking about using supplemental funding,” he said. “I'm worried that there is no logical end game.”

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The cost of the air campaign so far

The cost of U.S. military operations against Islamic State through Sept. 24 is likely between \$760 million and \$850 million. The cost of future operations depends primarily on how long operations continue, the intensity of air operations and whether additional ground forces are deployed beyond what is already planned.

Marginal cost per flying hour



Cost under three scenarios	Monthly cost	Annual cost
Low-intensity air campaign • 90 sorties per day and 100 targets attacked per month. Ground forces: 2,000 U.S. troops.	\$200 million	\$2.4 billion
High-intensity air campaign • 150 sorties per day and 150 targets attacked per month. Ground forces: 5,000 U.S. troops.	\$350 million-\$570 million	\$4.2 billion-\$6.8 billion
Boots on the ground • 150 sorties per day and 200 targets attacked per month. Ground forces: 25,000 U.S. troops.	\$1.1 billion-\$1.8 billion	\$13 billion-\$22 billion

SOURCE: The Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments

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MILITARY

Global Hawk a key player in Mideast

Once targeted in DOD budget negotiations, drone now hidden weapon in US airstrikes

By GREG GORDON

McClatchy Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — The squabbling between the Pentagon and Capitol Hill over whether to kill the biggest of the military's drones — the Global Hawk — is finished for the moment, with the remotely piloted surveillance aircraft and its builder, Northrop-Grumman emerging as the victors.

Now there's every indication that the rise of the Islamic State has offered the pilotless plane a chance to show its stuff.

If only its intelligence, reconnaissance and surveillance activities, conducted from as high as 11 miles off the ground and on flights of up to 32 hours, weren't classified, Pentagon officials won't talk about the drone's role in recent U.S. airstrikes in Iraq and Syria.

But one piece of data offers a telling indicator that the Air Force's fleet of 32 Global Hawks has been helping to pinpoint Islamic State targets: From Sept. 10 to 16, just days before the first missiles and bombs exploded in Syria, the drone fleet set a record with over 700 flight hours, more than 60 percent above the weekly average in 2013. It also has been deployed over Afghanistan.

President Barack Obama's no-boots-on-the-ground approach to

blunting the advance of the radical militants of the Islamic State seems almost tailored for such a drone. The aircraft collects high-resolution images of the terrain below and transmits them in nearly real time.

When programmed, the Global Hawk can take off and land autonomously. The drone carries a big payload of advanced technology, including high-resolution infrared sensors that can look through adverse weather, day or night, and collect images of vast geographic regions with precision, Northrop-Grumman says.

It has been controlled from Beale Air Force Base in northern California, but flies combat and humanitarian missions from six locations around the world, including Japan, Guam and an undisclosed site in the Middle East.

The early version Hawks, first flown after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, have been used for Navy maritime patrols and for environmental science missions for NASA.

In May, Rep. John Garamendi, D-Calif., halted the Air Force's approval of the Global Hawk's use to assist French troops in stopping violent extremists who were poaching elephants in Mali for ivory to finance their operations. He urged



Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

An RQ-4 Global Hawk is shown at Misawa Air Base, Japan, in May.

that the aircraft also be deployed to help intercept similar poaching activities by Doko Haram, the group that has abducted dozens of young girls in Nigeria.

The question is whether the Global Hawk is now fulfilling its designers' ambitions as a key part of the Pentagon's complex intelligence, reconnaissance and surveillance network that includes other drones, spy planes and the E-8 Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System, or Joint-Stars, which serves all of the military services.

In 2012, during a period of belt tightening as the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan wound down and fed-

eral budget deficits soared, the Air Force turned its ax on the Block 30 Global Hawk, the third version (a Block 40 is in development), just a year after it became operational. Cost overruns had given the program a black eye.

Pentagon officials saw the potential to save more than \$2 billion by mothballing the drones that already had been delivered and sticking with the decades-old and highly trusted U-2 spy plane produced by Northrop rival Lockheed Martin.

After an intense lobbying battle, however, Northrop prevailed with the help of some powerful friends in Congress, including Rep. How-

ard "Buck" McKeon, R-Calif., the chairman of the House Armed Services Committee in whose district the aircraft is assembled. It didn't hurt that the production costs of the Global Hawk had declined. Congress ordered the Air Force to keep buying the aircraft.

Obama's 2015 budget continued funding for the aircraft, and funding for the U-2, known as the Dragon Lady, was zeroed out. This summer, the Air Force ordered three more Global Hawks and retrofits of two that were acquired earlier. While that will increase the Air Force's fleet to 37, the Navy has ordered 68 of a seaboard version of the aircraft.

Disabled vets get a memorial all their own

By THOMAS GIBBONS-NEFF

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — When Marine Cpl. Jessie Fletcher lost his legs in a bombing in Afghanistan on Oct. 17, 2011, he never imagined a memorial that would honor him and so many other veterans like him.

On Sunday, though, the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial, which has been built adjacent to the U.S. Botanic Garden and within view of the Capitol building, will officially open to the public, three years to the month after Fletcher was injured.

Through a mixture of granite slabs, glass panels and a single flame flanked by a solemn reflecting pool, the memorial tells the story of veterans from every conflict and from every branch of service who have borne the brunt of battle and lived to carry the visible, and invisible, wounds of war. Designed by architect Michael Vergason, it is dedicated to both the living and the deceased.

For Fletcher, whose long road to recovery began on a windswept hill in southern Afghanistan, the

“It’s a wonderful feeling knowing that there are people in our country that appreciate the service and contribution that disabled veterans have given.”

Cpl. Jessie Fletcher
disabled Marine veteran

Watch a video about building the disabled veterans memorial stripes.com/godisabledmemorial

memorial is a recognition of his sacrifice.

“It’s a wonderful feeling knowing that there are people in our country that appreciate the service and contribution that disabled veterans have given,” Fletcher said upon learning of the memorial’s opening. “It’s nice for the caregivers to see as well.”

Initially, more than 700 quotes encapsulating disabled veterans’ experiences were collected; after a lengthy review process, 18 were selected for the glass panels, bronze sculptures and granite walls.

“Nothing could be a more melancholy and distressing sight, than to behold those who have

shed their blood or lost their limbs in the service of their Country,” reads a quote by George Washington that is engraved on one of the walls.

The memorial’s project executive, Barry Owenby, sees the inscriptions at the 2.4-acre site as emblematic of the disabled veteran’s journey.

“They tell the story,” Owenby explained as he pointed to one of the quotes on a recent day. The glass “shows injury, healing and the rediscovery of purpose.”

The memorial marks the culmination of 16 years of planning, according to the Disabled Veterans Memorial Foundation. The lengthy process is typical for any memorial in the nation’s capital, as is the significant investment needed to build it — the foundation raised more than \$80 million in donations.



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Three women walk near the Ivy Apartments in the Vickery Meadows area of Dallas.

Some ignorant, confused about Ebola

Language barrier limits understanding of disease at 'ground zero' in Dallas

By AVI SELK

The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Children's chalk drawings — a heart and a house — decorate the stoop outside Ebola's ground zero in America. Window blinds hide the family sequestered inside the apartment. A guard in the parking lot makes sure no one knocks, and no one leaves.

This stucco-walled unit at The Ivy Apartments in Vickery Meadows is where an overseas visitor fell ill with Ebola last week, the first person to do so outside Africa.

The family that hosted Thomas Eric Duncan has been ordered to stay in the unit until doctors are sure they didn't catch the deadly virus he brought from Liberia.

As investigators retrace Duncan's movements and national media throng at the Ivy's gates, many residents remain ignorant and confused about the disease.

Most living at the Ivy are overseas immigrants who speak little or no English. Four days after Ebola in the U.S. hit the news, many residents still have no idea what the virus is — let alone that they live next door to it.

Maria Lua calls the family in the apartment above her "the Africa people." Like many complexes in Vickery Meadows, the Ivy takes in immigrants and refugees from all over the world — Ethiopians living next to Burmese living next to Iraqis.

Lua never noticed Duncan while he stayed with the family last week — on a visit to Dallas after he helped carry an Ebola victim to a hospital in Liberia.

Duncan's friends and relatives have told reporters that he spent much of the week in bed, losing his appetite and getting weaker as the virus strengthened.

But from her apartment down-

stairs, Lua noticed nothing unusual. She said two boys from the apartment looked healthy Saturday, when they played in the parking lot with her own children.

Lua held a piece of paper — the same copy left on every doorstep at the Ivy after Duncan's hosts were ordered not to leave their apartment after one of the children went to school Wednesday. The sheet listed basic facts about Ebola, and might have reassured Lua that only sick people can spread the virus.

But like many of her neighbors, Lua didn't read English well enough to understand the paper. Up and down the Ivy's lot, residents puzzled over their Ebola sheets in broken English.

After police swarmed the complex Wednesday David Mbusa thought someone had been murdered.

When Mbusa opened his door

Thursday morning and found the Ebola fact sheet, his confusion turned to anger.

"I read it. It showed me the symptoms. I said, 'What is it?'" Mbusa was tired of being in the dark, so he marched up to a media gaggle at the front gate and held an impromptu news conference.

"I don't know anything about Ebola!" he cried.

Afterward, Mbusa escorted a handful of reporters inside the Ivy's gates, leading them into his nearly barren apartment, while a manager made frantic phone calls in their wake.

A hazardous materials crew arrived around noon Friday at the Dallas apartment where the U.S. Ebola patient stayed to collect bed sheets and towels used by the infected man before he was hospitalized. The Associated Press reported.

Abortions in Texas now tough to obtain

By PAUL J. WEBER
The Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Women seeking legal abortions in Texas starting Friday must drive for hours if they live near the Mexico border and have fewer options in big cities after a federal appeals court allowed the state to enforce tough Republican-backed clinic laws.

The ruling leaves Texas with as few as seven abortion providers in America's second-most populous state.

Conservatives cheered Thursday's decision by the 5th U.S. Circuit Court in New Orleans that gave Texas permission to fully enforce a sweeping abortion law signed by Gov. Rick Perry last year. Abortions instantly became outlawed at more than a dozen clinics, includ-

'This is a sad day for women in Texas. It is very unfortunate.'

Gloria Martinez
Hilltop Women's Reproductive Clinic

ing one in El Paso that said it would now refer women across state lines to New Mexico. "This is a sad day for women in Texas. It is very unfortunate," said Gloria Martinez, the administrative nurse at Hilltop Women's Reproductive Clinic.

Two years ago, Texas had more than 40 abortion facilities. Many clinics have already closed under part of the law requiring doctors who perform abortions to obtain hospital admitting privileges, and now more than a dozen remaining clinics are set to shutter as well.

None of the remaining clinics are south or west of San Antonio, which is now the closest option for women living 300 miles away in the Rio Grande Valley.

The decision wipes out what was Texas's only abortion rights groups — a lower court in August blocking another portion of the law that says clinics must meet hospital-level operating standards to stay in business.

The ruling is only a stay pending a full appeal, but the court wrote that Texas is likely to win. If it does, the clinics would have to make costly upgrades to meet the new standards and reopen.

The impact stands to be felt most along the Texas-Mexico border and in the western half of the state, where access to a legal abortion is especially limited. The only abortion clinic in McAllen, which reopened after the lower court's ruling, now stands to close again.

But the court wrote that "women from McAllen have been travelling outside their city for nearly a year and Plaintiffs made no showing that clinics in San Antonio (or any other city) were being deluged."

Labor market bounces back; unemployment rate at 5.9

By JIM PUZZANGHERA

Los Angeles Times

The labor market bounced back sharply in September, with the economy adding a robust 248,000 net new jobs and the unemployment rate dropping below 6 percent for the first time since mid-2008, the Labor Department said Friday.

Job growth in July and August also was revised up by a combined 69,000. That included lifting

August's disappointing initial estimate of 142,000 to 180,000.

The revisions mean the economy added an average of 224,000 net new jobs from July through September.

The unemployment rate fell to 5.9 percent in September, from 6.1 percent the previous month. It's the lowest level since July 2008.

However, part of the reason for the drop was that more discouraged workers dropped out of the jobs market.

The labor force participation rate ticked down 0.1 percentage point in September, to 62.7 percent, the third straight monthly decline. Last month's level matched the lowest since 1978.

Economists had expected job growth to get stronger last month after an August slowdown they described as an anomaly, but the increase was better than the consensus forecast of 215,000 net new jobs and an unemployment rate holding steady at 6.1 percent.

The labor market had been on its best hiring streak since 1997, adding more than 200,000 jobs a month from February through July before growth fell below that level in August.

Economists said the August figure appeared to be an aberration driven by a New England grocery store strike and a shift in when automakers shut their factories for annual summer retooling. August also is historically a tough month for job estimates.

2 La. teachers accused of having group sex with student

The Associated Press

GRETNA, La. — Two teachers are accused of having group sex with a student in Louisiana after school officials told authorities the 16-year-old was bragging to his peers.

Police said Shelley Dufresne, 32, and Rachel Respass, 24, had sex with the teenager at Respass' apartment in Kenner, outside New Orleans.

They teach at nearby Destrehan High School. NOLA.com/The Times-Pica-

yune reported that each had posted bond and left jail as of Thursday.

Dufresne also is accused of having sex with the teenager at her home in Montz.

Both women face charges of carnal knowledge of a juvenile,

indecent behavior with a juvenile and contributing to the delinquency of a juvenile.

Authorities say they were tipped last week when school officials told them one student was bragging to others about a sexual relationship with teachers.

NATION

GM issues recalls for SUVs, Saabs, minicars

DETROIT — General Motors announced two more recalls, pushing its total for the year to more than 70, affecting almost 30 million vehicles in North America.

The biggest of Friday's recalls covers just over 290,000 Cadillac SRX and Saab 9-4X SUVs in the U.S. The company says some rear suspension nuts may not have been tightened properly.

The recalls affect SRXs from the 2011 through 2015 model years and Saabs from the 2011 and 2012 model years. GM says the problem has caused three recalls and two injuries. The other recalls cover over 89,000 Chevrolet Spark minicars from 2013 through 2015. Rust can cause a hood latch to stick, and the hood can open unexpectedly.

Man gets 30-year term for Oregon bomb plot

PORTLAND, Ore. — Almost four years after he screamed "God is great" while police officers dragged him into a waiting van, a young Somali American was sentenced to 30 years in prison for plotting to detonate a bomb.

His intended target was a downtown Portland, Ore., square one night after Thanksgiving 2010, where thousands of revelers watched the mayor light a towering Christmas tree. The bomb was a fake, part of an elaborate FBI sting with Mohamed Mohamad as its target.

Mohamad was 19 then, a fact a federal judge in Portland took into account when sentencing him Wednesday to prison.

Man convicted in killing over loud 'thug' music

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — A Florida man who opened fire on a carload of black teenagers in an argument over their loud "thug" music was convicted Wednesday of first-degree murder.

Prosecutors said Michael Dunn, who is white, was shooting to kill when he fired 10 times into a sport utility vehicle outside a convenience store in November 2012. Jordan Davis, 17, was in the backseat and fatally shot. His three friends in the SUV were not hurt.

Dunn told jurors that he saw Davis, of Marietta, Ga., roll down the window and flash what he believed to be a gun after the two exchanged words. Dunn said he fired in self-defense.

Man cleared in Taliban terror case is suing US

MIAMI — Irfan Khan, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Pakistan who was indicted for conspiring to provide up to \$50,000 to a Pakistani Taliban terror group, although the charges were later dropped, is suing the U.S. government for malicious prosecution.

He accuses authorities of essentially manufacturing a non-existent case against him. He is seeking potentially tens of millions of dollars in damages. A Miami federal judge refused the Justice Department's attempt to get the case dismissed, and it's headed for a June 2015 trial date.

From The Associated Press



BRENNAN LINSELEY/AP

Members of the public on Thursday attend a Jefferson County School Board meeting in Golden, Colo.

History course under fire

Despite protests, Colo. board to review 'anti-American' content

BY COLLEEN SLEVIN
The Associated Press

GOLDEN, Colo. — A suburban Denver school board refused to back off a proposed review of a U.S. history course with a goal of promoting patriotism and downplaying disorder, despite waves of protest from dozens of students, parents and residents.

Students and others packed the board's hearing room Thursday night and also watched the meeting on a big screen outside in the parking lot with popcorn. The students turned in two cardboard boxes of an online petition they said was signed by over 40,000 people across the U.S.

Students across a majority of the 17 high schools in Colorado's second-largest school district have left classes in droves over the past few weeks in protest.

Opponents of the course review spoke out against members of the board's new conservative majority, saying they are forcing their political views on students.

A parent, Robert Gleason, after pointing at the Colorado flag in the front of the room, told the board he didn't want the school district to follow in the path of Texas, where the state school board has told teachers to stick to state history standards, not the new national advanced placement course framework that some critics view as anti-American.

Some in the audience yelled "resign" and "recall, recall" as the board voted 3-2 to expand the membership on two existing curriculum review committees to include students, parents and administrators. The two women on the board who oppose the conservative majority held their heads

in their hands after losing a bid to delay the vote so they could have more time to study the plan.

"What's the rush?" board member Lesley Dahlkemper asked. Her repeated challenges to board President Ken Witt drew applause from the crowd.

It's not immediately clear whether the expanded committees will review the history course. Witt said he expected that committees would be asked to review the AP history course.

Board member Julie Williams refused a call to withdraw her original proposal, which argued students and teachers by suggesting that the course be reviewed with an eye toward promoting patriotism and citizenship and downplaying civil disorder throughout American history, saying she wanted to keep all options open.

Drama behind NYC seminary walls revealed

BY VERENA DOBNIK
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The lid has been lifted on a fierce internal battle at the oldest U.S. Episcopal seminary, which has lost most of its faculty over what they say is their dean's intimidating, disrespectful leadership.

Eight of 10 professors who trained future priests at the General Theological Seminary in Manhattan say they were fired this week after going on strike as a protest against the Rev. Kurt Dunkle.

Compounding the messy drama, seminary board members say the teachers had resigned.

In a letter to the seminary's 86 students, the rebellious faculty members cited a "number of very serious incidents and patterns of behavior which have over time caused faculty, students, and staff to feel intimidated, profoundly disrespected, excluded, devalued, and helpless."

For example, the faculty said in a separate letter to the seminary's

board of trustees, Dunkle once told a female faculty member during a meeting that he "loved vaginas."

The faculty members say he also referred to ethnic Asians as "slanty-eyed," spoke of how "black people can do such interesting things with their hair" and suggested that the General Theological Seminary should not be a "gay seminary" but instead should emphasize "normal people."

Dunkle left his Florida ministry to become dean last October. Under him, the faculty wrote to students last Friday, "the working environment has become unsustainable."

The professors said they would stop teaching and participating in common worship until they could meet with the board. But on Tuesday, the board announced that the eight had resigned.

Andrew Irving, who teaches church history, said that's not true.

"We wish to underline that we have not resigned," Irving wrote in a statement cited by the Episcopal Cafe, an independent website.



JULIE JACOBSON/AP

Seminarians gather outside the chapel on the grounds of the General Theological Seminary after morning prayers on Wednesday in New York.

'Brain dead' declaration refuted in California

By PAUL ELIAS
The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — An attorney for the family of a California teenager who was declared brain dead said doctors have found signs of brain functions and is seeking an unprecedented court order declaring her alive.

Attorney Chris Dolan said Thursday that doctors at the nonprofit International Brain Research Foundation made the findings after running a series of tests on Jahi McMath, 13, at Rutgers University last week.

The discovery came months after three doctors, including one appointed by a judge, declared McMath brain dead and Alameda County issued a death certificate after her Dec. 9 sleep apnea surgery went awry.

Since then, Jahi's mother has pushed for keeping her daughter's organs functioning on life support, first at Children's Hospital in Oakland, Calif., and later at an undisclosed medical facility in New Jersey.

Dolan said Jahi and her parents moved to a house in New Jersey about a month ago, where the girl remains on life support.

On Thursday, Dolan showed video clips to a small group of reporters that he says prove Jahi is still alive. One clip shows her twitching her foot after her mother asks her to move it. Another shows hand movement in apparent response to her mother's commands.

Philip DeFina, chief executive and chief scientific officer of the International Brain Research Foundation, said Jahi has responded to commands many other times.

"There is a consistency to it," DeFina said. He added that brain scans showed electrical activity, and other tests showed blood flowing to the brain.

Arthur Caplan, head of medical ethics at New York University's Langone Medical Center, said he knows of no cases of a brain death determination being reversed. He cautioned that the data collected on Jahi has to be examined by other researchers and experts in the field before any conclusions can be made.

"Were this to be true, it would be an earth-shattering development in understanding death," Caplan said. "They're playing a high-stakes game."

NATION

DOJ: No funding for police costs in Ferguson crisis

By **CHUCK RAASCH**
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department said Thursday it has no immediate funding for Missouri police forces that responded to the crisis aftermath of the Aug. 9 shooting death of 18-year-old Michael Brown in Ferguson.

Responding to a query from Sen. Roy Blunt, R-Mo., about what federal help might be available to help cover overtime and other costs of St. Louis County and other state police departments, Assistant Attorney General Peter K. Kadzik said that in fiscal 2014, the Justice Department already gave more than \$4.2 million in Justice Assistance Grants to Missouri and \$91,000 to St. Louis County.

"Beyond these awards, (the Bureau of Justice Assistance) unfortunately has no additional funds available to support the law enforcement costs noted in your letter," Kadzik wrote.

Blunt in August wrote Attorney General Eric Holder saying that "law enforcement agencies from across Missouri have contributed officers and support to help provide security for the residents and businesses in the Ferguson community" and that many "struggle

to meet their immediate needs and do not have the resources to respond to the levels of civil unrest that has taken place in Ferguson in recent weeks."

Blunt was "disappointed in the official letter response," spokeswoman Amber Marchand said. Blunt staff members met Thursday with DOJ officials to help determine what else could be done, she said.

"We're hopeful that discussion yields a better response from DOJ in the very near future," Marchand said.

Kadzik's letter said the Department of Justice will keep Blunt's request in mind as it allocates money in the new fiscal year, which started Wednesday.

Brown was killed by Ferguson Police Officer Darren Wilson. A St. Louis County grand jury is hearing evidence on the shooting, and the Department of Justice is investigating the shooting and the actions of each of the Ferguson Police Department.

Kadzik said department employees have mediated Ferguson-related meetings and that DOJ's Community Oriented Policing Services began an "intensive, 18-24 month" collaborative reform process with the St. Louis County Police Department.

Porn email scandal widens in Pennsylvania

The Associated Press

HARRISBURG, Pa. — The Pennsylvania Capitol is gripped by a widening scandal over the exchange of emails containing pornography by current and former members of the attorney general's office.

Gov. Tom Corbett was attorney general when the emails were exchanged by members of his staff, forcing him to defend his management as he campaigns for a second term. Pennsylvania's state Supreme Court chief justice demanded information on whether any judges were part of the exchanges.

Last week, Attorney General Kathleen Kane's office identified eight ex-employees who sent or received hundreds of pornographic images or videos in emails that were discovered during Kane's review of the Jerry Sandusky child sex abuse prosecution.

Four of those officials followed Corbett from the attorney general's office into his gubernatorial administration. On Thursday, two of them resigned. And Corbett said Friday that his re-

view indicated that another of the four — state police Commissioner Frank Noonan — did not open, print, forward or reply to any of the emails.

"The information we have indicates that he was not an active participant in this at all," Corbett spokesman Jay Pagni said Friday.

The emails of the fourth man — former agent Randy Feathers, whom Corbett appointed to the state Board of Probation and Parole — and the ex-employees who no longer work for the state were expected to be released Friday.

All eight men worked under Corbett while he was the state's elected attorney general from 2005-11. Corbett had requested details on the emails in question before determining if the four men employed in his administration should keep their jobs.

On Thursday, Corbett disclosed the resignations of Environmental Protection Secretary Christopher Abruzzo and Glenn Parno, a top lawyer in the Department of Environmental Protection, in separate announcements hours apart.



SUSAN WALSH/AP

Secret Service Agent Joseph Clancy, right, walks behind President Barack Obama, first lady Michelle Obama and their children, Sasha, right, and Malia in 2009. Clancy will be acting director of the Secret Service until a replacement for Julia Pierson, who resigned Wednesday, is found.

Ties to president sometimes shield the Secret Service

By **DAVID NAKAMURA**
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — When a dozen Secret Service agents were sent home after a night of partying on a presidential trip to Colombia in 2012, President Barack Obama chalked up the bad behavior to "a couple of knuckleheads."

When a schizophrenic man pretending to be a sign language interpreter stood on stage with Obama in South Africa in 2013, the White House insisted that the Secret Service "took the precautions necessary to ensure the president's safety." And this week, after revelations that an intruder with a knife made it into the White House, a spokesman said Obama has "full confidence in these professionals to do their job."

At last, on Wednesday afternoon, the president changed his tone. After time and again sounding public notes of support for the Secret Service's top managers in response to embarrassing accounts of personal misconduct and alarming security breakdowns, the Obama administration finally accepted the resignation of Director Julia Pierson amid bipartisan outrage on Capitol Hill over the agency's performance.

Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson made the announcement in a written statement, saying that Pierson would be replaced on an acting basis by retired special agent Joseph Clancy.

In part, Obama's reluctance for so long to publicly criticize Pierson and her predecessor, Mark Sullivan, who left in early 2013, could be attributed to a general reticence by any president to fire Cabinet officials and other top aides, lest the firing be interpreted as an admission of failure for having appointed them in the first place. But former presidential advisers said something else might help explain Obama's stance in this instance: the deep personal bond and trust that is required between a president and the Secret Service detail charged with protecting him and his family.

"This is almost a family affair," said Ralph Basham, director of the Secret Service from 2003 to 2006. "They live together, work together, travel with each other all the time. This is not just about the director of the service. This is about the men and women willing to lay down their lives to protect him and his family."

Lead agents on the presidential protective detail ride in the presidential limousine, hold onto the president's waistband in a crowd, watch over him inside the White House and, on occasion, "get in his face" to dissuade him from straying into unsafe areas, according to former Secret Service officials and presidential aides.

In President George W. Bush's eight years at the White House, five men served as the special agent in charge of his detail, said his former aides, who could still recall each by name. One, Nick Trotta, had a particularly warm

relationship with Bush, who called him "Nicky," they said.

Aides recalled a presidential trip to an economic summit in Chile in 2004 when local security officials blocked Trotta from accompanying the president into a dinner with more than 1,000 guests. Bush, who had been walking next to his wife, quickly doubled back, grabbed Trotta's arm and yanked him through the crowd.

The following day, Bush playfully took Trotta's hand again as he was entering a bilateral meeting to reiterate that they were not to be separated.

"There has to be a respect and trust, and it's not just a one-way street. It's got to go both ways," said Barbara Riggs, the first woman to serve as the Secret Service's deputy director. She left in 2006 after a 31-year career.

"I've served in many administrations where that trust is always critical for the agency," she said.

"The service is not there to be the best friend of the protectees, but because of the nature of our job, you do develop a relationship."

Basham, who had worked in the George H.W. Bush administration, had long-standing personal ties with the younger Bush. For Obama, the protection he received during his historic 2008 campaign — during which the first African American to win the White House inspired an unprecedented number of threats to his safety — helped persuade him to retain Sullivan, who had succeeded Basham in 2006.

WORLD

Hong Kong protesters cancel reform talks

By JOANNA CHIU AND WENDY TANG
The Associated Press

HONG KONG — Hong Kong pro-democracy protesters canceled planned talks with the government on electoral reforms Friday after mobs of people tried to drive them from streets they had occupied in one of the city's main shopping areas.

The Hong Kong Federation of Students, one of the groups leading the protests that swelled to the tens of thousands earlier this week, said they saw no choice but to cancel the talks.

"The government is demanding the streets be cleared. We call upon all Hong Kong people to im-

mediately come to protect our positions and fight to the end," the group said in a statement.

Hong Kong's leader, Chief Executive Leung Chun-ying, proposed the talks late Thursday, seeking to defuse the standoff, which is the biggest challenge to Beijing's authority since China took control of the former British colony in 1997.

His refusal to yield to calls for his resignation angered many protesters. They demanded that the government hold someone responsible for the scuffles Friday in Kowloon's crowded Mong Kok district and other areas, the most chaotic since police used tear gas and pepper spray last weekend to try to disperse them.

Just as those tactics ended up drawing more people into the streets, the attacks on Friday drew hundreds of supporters.

In the afternoon, democracy activists linked arms and held hands as they tried to stand their ground. Police formed cordons and escorted some of the protesters away as hundreds of onlookers chanted, "Pack up!" and "Go home!"

But the tide seemed to turn in the evening, when hundreds assembled, shouting at the opponents of the protesters and haranguing police to protect them. Police ended up escorting some of the mob of people out of the area.

The chaos prompted orders

from police and other top officials to avoid violence and go home.

"We should not use violence or disrupt social order in any situation," Leung said. "All people gathering in those areas should disperse as soon as possible and restore social order, so that daily lives will be restored to normal."

It was unclear if the people trying to drive out the protesters were organized, though some wore blue ribbons signaling their support for the mainland Chinese government, while the protesters have worn yellow ribbons. Some appeared to be local residents fed up with the inconvenience of blocked streets and closed shops, and were perhaps encouraged to

take matters into their own hands by police calls for the protesters to clear the streets.

"It's not about whether I support their cause or not. It's about whether what they are doing is legal or not," said Donald Chan, 45. "It is illegal. It has brought chaos to the city."

The protesters have stayed in the streets since Sept. 26, pledging to preserve Hong Kong's Western-style legal system and civil liberties. They want the Chinese government to reverse a decision requiring all candidates for Hong Kong's first election for its leader in 2017 to be approved by a mostly pro-Beijing committee.

Battle for airport in Ukraine intensifies

By MYSYSLAV CHERNOV
The Associated Press

DONETSK, Ukraine — Pro-Russian rebels pressed Friday to seize a key airport in eastern Ukraine despite fierce resistance by government forces.

An Associated Press reporter on Friday saw three rebel tanks firing their cannons at the main terminal of Donetsk airport, where government forces have holed up. Sniper shots rang out through the area.

Rebels have made some gains in the area near the airport, seizing some buildings on its fringes and using them to target the main terminal.

Ukraine National Security and Defense Council spokesman Col. Andriy Lysenko said two Ukrainian servicemen have been killed and another nine wounded since Thursday. He said Ukrainian forces at the airport have undergone rotation and firmly stood

their ground.

The airport, located just north of Donetsk, the largest city in the east, gives the Ukrainians forces a convenient vantage point to target rebel positions. Its loss would be a major blow to Ukraine and would also allow the rebels to receive large cargo planes with supplies in addition to truck convoys from Russia.

Fighting for the airport has intensified this week, threatening to derail the truce declared Sept. 5. A follow-up deal which called for both parties to pull back their artillery to create a buffer zone hasn't been implemented.

Residential areas in Donetsk have been caught in the crossfire. A Red Cross staffer died Thursday when a shell landed near the group's office in Donetsk.

The rebels said the shelling came from the Ukrainian side, while Ukrainian Foreign Minister Pavlo Klimkin blamed the death of the Red Cross worker on



DARKO VOJNOVIC/AP

A pro-Russian rebel tank rolls to take position Friday near the airport in Donetsk, eastern Ukraine.

"terrorists."

A spokesman for U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon issued a statement late Thursday saying the aid worker's death and

the shelling of a school that killed three people earlier this week "underscores the fragility of the current cease-fire and the importance of ensuring a secure envi-

ronment in south-eastern Ukraine that will allow humanitarian actors to carry out their work and deliver critical assistance to those most in need."

Muslims in Saudi Arabia for hajj climax

By MOKHTAR SHEHATA AND BENJAMIN WIACEK
The Associated Press

MOUNT ARAFAT, Saudi Arabia — Some 2 million Muslims from around the world gathered Friday at a desert hill near Mecca in Saudi Arabia in an act of faith and repentance during the emotional and spiritual climax of the annual hajj pilgrimage.

Men and women wept openly on Mount Arafat as they stretched their hands out in prayer and supplication, saying "Labayk, Allahuma, labayk" — "Here I am, God, answering your call. Here I am."

The faithful believe that on this day, the gates of heaven are open, prayers are answered and past sins can be forgiven.

The pilgrimage is physically demanding and involves performing several rites, such as circling the cube-shaped Kaaba seven times at the start and finish of the hajj. It is a main pillar of Islam, and one that all able-bodied Muslims must perform once in their lives.

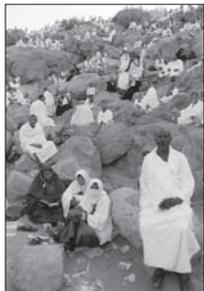
For many pilgrims, the journey to Saudi Arabia is an experience of a lifetime. "I wish from God forgiveness and to accept our hajj. ... This is what I wish for," said Syrian pilgrim Hassan Ahmed as he stood on the hill in Mount Arafat.

All male pilgrims, regardless of wealth or status, wear seamless terry white cloths to symbolize equality before God during the hajj. Women cover their hair and wear long loose clothing, for-

going makeup and other adornments to help them detach from worldly pleasures and outward appearances.

It was at Mount Arafat some 1,400 years ago that the Prophet Muhammad is believed to have delivered his last sermon during hajj. He called for equality and for Muslims to unite. He reminded his followers of women's rights and that every Muslim life and property are sacred.

While following a route that the prophet once walked, the rites are believed to ultimately trace the footsteps of the prophets Ibrahim and Ismail — or Abraham and Ishmael, as they are named in the Bible. The journey of hajj brings together Muslims of all stripes and backgrounds, praying side by side in and around Mecca for about five days.



KHALID MOHAMMED/AP

Muslim pilgrims gather to pray Friday at the Jabal Al Rahma holy mountain during the annual pilgrimage known as the hajj near Mecca, Saudi Arabia.

At least 32 die in India stampede at festival

PATNA, India — Government officials say at least 32 people have died in a stampede during a religious festival in eastern India.

State administrator Aamir Subhani said the stampede occurred Friday in Patna, the capital of Bihar state, as thousands of people were returning home after attending a major Hindu festival, Dusshera.

Another state official, Manish Kumar, said people panicked because of rumors that an electric wire had snapped and fallen on some people near Gandhi grounds, the site of the festival.

Stampedes often occur during religious festivals in India because of huge crowds in confined places.

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OPINION

Hope for a new era in Afghanistan

(Minneapolis) Star Tribune editorial

Over just two days, two landmark political events took place in Afghanistan: On Monday, the country's first peaceful transfer of power, and on Tuesday, the signing of a U.S.-Afghan Bilateral Security Agreement. Both events signal a chance — but hardly a guarantee — of a new era of political and security stabilization that will be necessary to reverse gains made by the Taliban and other militant groups.

The transfer of power may have been the result of an election, but Afghanistan is far from a Jeffersonian democracy. Instead, allegations of widespread fraud in the June voting threatened new fault lines that could have spiraled Afghanistan into even more chaos and warfare. But largely due to U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry's dogged diplomacy, a power-sharing agreement was hammered out between two rivals.

Asraf Ghani, whose experience includes working for the World Bank, became president despite the disputed vote. Among those crying foul were Abdullah Abdullah, Afghanistan's former foreign minister, who contested a controversial 2009 election that was out with outgoing President Hamid Karzai. The power-sharing pact made Abdullah Afghanistan's chief executive, a position that will be similar to a prime minister.

Despite the distrust between the men and their supporters, both seem to recognize that the real enemy is the Taliban,

which has made a remarkable comeback after being routed in the initial U.S. invasion in 2001. On Inauguration Day alone, for instance, the Taliban claimed credit for two bomb blasts in Kabul that killed 15.

One of the reasons for the resiliency is that the Taliban led off allegations of Karzai's corrupt and incompetent rule. Yet Afghans aren't the only ones who won't miss Karzai. He was an unreliable, ungrateful "ally" whose public threat to join the Taliban was just one of many transgressions against the United States, which sacrificed more than 2,300 lives, and billions of dollars, propping up his government.

One unifying issue between Ghani and Abdullah was their commitment to sign the BSA. On Tuesday, Ghani lived up to that promise and signed a similar agreement regarding NATO forces.

The BSA will allow the United States to keep about 10,000 troops in Afghanistan after the international combat mission winds down at the end of the year. The remaining troops would have two main missions, according to the Obama administration: targeting al-Qaida remnants, and advising, assisting and training the Afghan National Security Forces who will be called on to defend the national government.

It's perfectly understandable that many war-weary Americans hoped for a full withdrawal of U.S. forces. But they should consider what happened in Iraq when the Obama administration couldn't ink a status-of-forces agreement. While there are

many reasons why Iraq has plunged back into the abyss of sectarian warfare with the Islamic State and other extremists, the vacuum created by the U.S. pullout certainly didn't help matters. Keeping U.S. troops in Afghanistan to accomplish the key missions doesn't necessarily mean more war. In fact, it could mean less if their presence helps steel Afghans to fight for their country with as much valor as Americans have.

The BSA also sends a strong security signal to the multiple international institutions and nongovernmental organizations that are essential for Afghanistan to move forward. If they were forced to exit because of a security vacuum, it could collapse the aid-dependent economy, risk years of incremental advances in civil society, health and education, and play right into the Taliban's hands.

Ultimately, the job is up to the Afghans. Their new leaders will need to get beyond bitterness, and their security forces will need to use the training and equipment provided by Western nations to defend the country. Ideally, the Taliban will heed Ghani's call for the Taliban and other extremists to disarm and negotiate. "Our message is clear, [but] it hasn't been that we are weak," he said on Monday.

Indeed, the new unity government, however compromised, and the signing of security agreements with the United States and NATO are signs of strength that could help end the bloodshed in Afghanistan.

Read this column ASAP – aka immediately

By REG HENRY
 Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

As one who works in a job factory, and takes a proprietary interest in the preservation of the raw material, my subject today is the attack of the killer acronyms. Everywhere you go, acronyms are serving where honest words were once employed.

How did this happen? It used to be that a person had to go into the military, also known as the DOD, to encounter acronyms in brigade strength.

Perhaps because of a shortage of Navajo code talkers, the DOD continues to add to its vast store of acronyms in order to confuse the enemy and civilians. Even bad words have acronyms among those who serve, an enduring source of pride to veterans everywhere.

So when someone is at an FOB eating an MRE, temporarily safe from IEDs and contemplating SNAFU's, he or she can long for the day when discharge comes and the weary warrior can use actual words once again.

No such luck. The DOD may be the acronym producer-in-chief, but other government bureaucracies have played their part in turning the English language into alphabet soup.

Many states have their departments of transportation, which they call DOT and adorn with something else in a futile attempt to make the agencies more cozy sounding. In Pennsylvania, we have PennDOT, and never mind that this bureaucracy isn't a dot but a huge glob of government that makes nobody feel cozy

down at the DMV.

It isn't just public servants who sling the acronyms. Business, nonprofit and academic circles are also fond of using letters when words might do. But perhaps the greatest boost to the acronym industry was the invention of smartphones to dumb down communication. Text messages and tweets are fast becoming completely incomprehensible to the technologically unsavvy, i.e. me. If you don't believe me, I can say is LOL.

Careful readers—or as we know them in my trade, PPBS, Perfect Pains in the Butt—will recognize that a distinction can be made between acronyms and initialisms, which are spoken as initials — not as actual sounding words such as sonar (the military again). Thus IRS is pronounced only as the initials for what it stands for — the Internal Revenue Service.

In regard to this careful distinction, I have decided to go AWOL and treat all acronyms, however arrayed, as the common enemy of words. So there.

And now it is time for pet peeves. The trouble with pets is that every so often the pet owner must take his peeves out for a walk in the park, perfect for dogs that acronyms. You don't have to have a STEM education to know this.

Ah, STEM education. Apparently a law exists that every discussion of education must now include the acronym STEM. I hope I do not have to explain to you what that acronym stands for, as the depth of knowledge has already doomed your offspring for generations hence. Having not focused on math and science and stuff, they will have to flip burgers or, worse yet,

work at newspapers.

I can't stress enough how important STEM education is. It's just that I am sick of hearing the acronym. Is there not a word — modern, advanced, epoch-creating — that could be deployed in the service of the idea?

Now I turn sadly to the acronym LGBT, which refers to a cure that I have been highly supportive of for years. Yet whenever I hear LGBT, I think of a BLT sandwich. Forgive me. It is not prejudice; it is the power of bacon. Now more initials have been added to the acronym, which has become LGBTQIA in some circles. It's as if a mad Scrabble player has been put in charge of a cause.

Does nobody realize that acronyms essentially dehumanize the people they cover, which is the last thing this group wants or deserves? Could not one word work for all? My recommendation is that if a suitable English word is not available, someone should call up the French, who have a word for everything.

Members of ISIS, IS or ISIL have arrived pre-dehumanized on the world scene and they terrorize us with several acronyms. Are there not a few words for the whole wretched bunch? Surely the word "sadists" has not lost its power. "Vicious demeaning fools" has a nice ring to it, too.

Attack of the killer acronyms. It's getting to the stage where Americans will have to go to classes in English as a foreign acronym just to get by.

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OPINION

Secret Service is no stranger to scandal

By CHARLES LANE
The Washington Post

No power couple cut a wider social swath in post-Civil War Washington than President Ulysses S. Grant's attorney general, George H. Williams, and his wife, Kate.

Then Kate Williams' abandoned son from a previous marriage spoiled things by showing up in the capital, gambling and consorting with prostitutes — sometimes bringing them to receptions at the Williamses' grand home on Rhode Island Avenue. He financed this embarrassing lifestyle by blackmailing the attorney general.

So George Williams called in the chief of the Secret Service, Hiram C. Whitley. Get rid of my stepson, he said, and do it quietly. No blood. Whitley promptly obliged. Undercover Secret Service men got the youth drunk, convinced him, after he regained consciousness, that he had committed murder while intoxicated, then helped him "escape" to Veracruz, Mexico — where they abandoned him. He never bothered the Williamses again.

Now that's a Secret Service scandal. At least it would have been, if the story had come out before Whitley told decades later in his memoir, a book that few people read in the year of its publication, 1894, and even fewer have read since. Still, it provides a dash of historical context for the travails of today's Secret Service, an agency just proud of its record but never free of controversy, even in its earliest days.

Whitley came to the Secret Service as a division of the Treasury Department in 1865; its mission was to combat counterfeiting during the Civil War. As such, it was the first-ever federal detective force, long before the FBI. (The Secret Service still in-

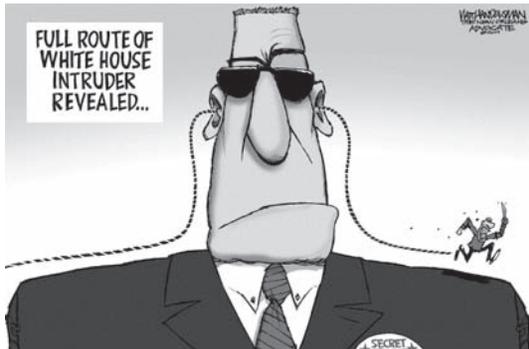
vestigates counterfeiters; it did not take on presidential bodyguard duty full time until after the 1901 assassination of President William McKinley.)

Whitley was its second chief and a genuine innovator. During his tenure, which began in 1869, the Secret Service instituted a written code of conduct, developed files on criminals, photos included and authorized the first Secret Service badges. Whitley busted not only counterfeiters but also smugglers of cigars, liquor and diamonds in New York. Long before J. Edgar Hoover's 10 Most Wanted, Whitley manipulated the press with juicy leaks and colorful tales of his agents' exploits.

Whitley's finest hour was the Secret Service infiltration of the Ku Klux Klan. At the special request of the Justice Department, his disguised operatives fanned out across the South, gathering intelligence — often with the aid of African-Americans — that helped bring white terrorists to justice. The crackdown enabled black voters to participate in their army in New Orleans, dispatching criminal and Confederate infiltrators with no questions asked.

In short, for Whitley, law enforcement and covert operations were more of an adventure than a mission — and the ends always justified the means. Even his first Klan-fighting job, a special assignment to sweep up in the U.S. army in New Orleans, dispatching criminal and Confederate infiltrators with no questions asked. In short, for Whitley, law enforcement and covert operations were more of an adventure than a mission — and the ends always justified the means. Even his first Klan-fighting job, a special assignment to sweep up in the U.S. army in New Orleans, dispatching criminal and Confederate infiltrators with no questions asked. In short, for Whitley, law enforcement and covert operations were more of an adventure than a mission — and the ends always justified the means. Even his first Klan-fighting job, a special assignment to sweep up in the U.S. army in New Orleans, dispatching criminal and Confederate infiltrators with no questions asked.

Confronted after the war about his slave-catching past, Whitley unapologetically argued he had simply been obeying



the Fugitive Slave Law. In due course, Whitley found himself before Congress to answer charges that his men were abusing their power. Some criticism was politically motivated; Southerners and their Northern sympathizers despised Whitley's covert war on the Klan. But there was more than a little truth to the charges.

As his dirty trick on behalf of the Williamses showed, Whitley relished intrigue for its own sake; by the mid-1870s, even his superiors thought that the Secret Service and its formerly useful boss had gotten out of control.

Whitley's downfall came in 1874, when his men became entangled in a bizarre conspiracy to frame opponents of the District of Columbia's pro-Grant government for the theft of documents from a govern-

ment strongbox. The Safe Burglary Case, as it was known, was perhaps the first domestic intelligence scandal in U.S. history, eerily similar to Watergate. Though Whitley's precise role was never clarified, he was forced to resign and faced a federal trial — which ended in a hung jury.

Whitley left the capital and moved to Emporia, Kan., where he ran a successful hotel and built an opera house. He died at age 84 in 1919, a man of sizable wealth but unwarranted obscurity.

For today's far different Secret Service, and its now-former director, Julia Pierson, her predecessor's rise and fall does offer one possibly comforting moral: There is life after Washington.

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Obamacare may hold key to saving US from Ebola

By LAURIE GARRETT
Foreign Policy

Fear of Ebola has been climbing steadily in the United States since Tuesday's announcement that a Liberian traveler in Dallas, Thomas Eric Duncan, had contracted the disease after having been in Texas for eight days. A month ago, a Harvard School of Public Health poll found that 39 percent of Americans thought an Ebola outbreak would come to the United States, and 26 percent felt concerned that they or a member of their family would get the disease. But things got concrete on Tuesday when news of the Dallas case was blamed in part for the 266-point plummet of the Dow Jones. And while plumper over the case in understandable — even, in some respects, warranted — most of what people are reacting to is nothing to fret over.

In his press conference remarks on Wednesday, Texas Gov. Rick Perry noted that his is one of only 13 states in the United States to have completed U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention training in Ebola diagnosis, laboratory verification and containment. That means there are currently no states prepared to respond swiftly to a potential Ebola case. Even in the Texas situation, the patient first sought care on Sept. 26 and told the emergency room nurse that he had traveled to the U.S. from Liberia, but nevertheless, he was sent home with antibiotics. Two days later, in a critical condition, the traveler was admitted for Ebola treatment.

The Texas case has raised inappropriate fears, reflected in social media and news coverage — especially the calls to cancel all flights and visas to America from West Africa. And so far, the reaction has failed to reveal anything new or truly frightening about Ebola, but it has drawn our attention to America's unique vulnerability to contagious diseases — our health system.

The unsustained concern kicked off by the Texas case include false claims that the virus was spread through the air between monkeys housed in a military facility in the 1990s; assertions that the virus — which is only spread through physical contact with contaminated bodily fluids — could mutate into airborne form; calls for denying travel visas to travelers from West Africa; and fears that there may be other Ebola-infected fellow travelers on the plane with the Dallas patient, now infecting Americans. Each of these views is patently wrong.

The unsustained Ebola strain that infected caged monkeys in an Army facility in the 1990s was not infectious to human beings, and there is no evidence that the monkeys inhaled their infections. The scale of mutational change Ebola would have to undergo to take on flu-like airborne transmission that would allow it to spread by infecting a common cold virus into one that causes polio. And viruses do not recognize borders, visas or passports — shutting down U.S. airports and isolating travelers from specific regions have been tried as disease control measures, and failed. During the 2009 swine flu epidemic, for example, some Asian countries quarantined

entire passenger jets full of Americans and Mexicans, while Hong Kong put tourists in forced quarantines — but all these countries ended up being swept over with the flu, anyway.

The United States' special vulnerability is the enormous holes in our public health and medical care systems. Ebola has caused 21 outbreaks since its first in 1976, in every case exploiting spread within poorly resourced health care settings and the households of disease sufferers who avoided hospitalization. If people suffering early symptoms of Ebola (such as acute fatigue and high fever) are immediately taken into hospitals and cared for by doctors and nurses wearing appropriate protective gear, the virus has little opportunity to spread. America's special risk, not shared by our Canadian neighbors to the north or European friends, is the 13.8 percent of Americans — about 43.3 million individuals — who still lack health insurance and millions more whose policies entail copayments that are exorbitant for working people. These are the Americans who routinely tough out the flu, fever, aches and pains because seeking medical care is prohibitively expensive. If they become sick enough to feel desperate, the uninsured and underinsured of America go to public hospital emergency rooms for care, where waiting times in often-crowded settings can stretch on for hours. ...

If America wants to stop Ebola in its tracks, as CDC Director Tom Frieden put it in his press conference, every state needs to ensure the following is mandated:

■ Nobody suffering from its primary

symptoms can be turned away from care for lack of insurance or ability to pay.

■ Recent travel histories must be taken on all patients suffering from high fevers and other Ebola symptoms, and those who have been in Liberia, Sierra Leone or Guinea within the past 21 days — the maximum incubation time for Ebola — should be removed immediately from the ER setting and placed in isolation care pending lab diagnosis.

■ Public hospitals that routinely have crowded emergency rooms and long wait times for medical care should now put high priority on patients presenting with fevers.

The window for stopping hospital spread of diseases like Ebola is going to close as soon as the flu season begins, when feverish patients are commonplace. Influenza has yet to slam America for the 2014-15 season, and that is fortunate. Once ERs and doctors' offices get swamped with influenza patients, feverish, aching, exhausted spotting Ebola cases will be complex and perhaps impossible in the absence of a rapid diagnostic test.

America's special vulnerability to Ebola is its limitations on access to health care. In times of contagion, societal risk rises with every uninsured or underinsured individual who struggles to work or go to school with a fever, and avoids visits to health providers. One doesn't need to have a political position up or down on "Obamacare" to recognize and solve this.

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AMERICAN ROUNDUP

NYC cracking down on unsafe taxi drivers

NY NEW YORK — New York City is cracking down on unsafe taxi drivers.

The Taxi and Limousine Commission issued 5,000 safety-related summonses so far this year. That's a 95 percent increase from last year.

The New York Post reported that the jump came even as the number of issued summonses fell in the first three months of this year.

The tickets are for such infractions as speeding, tailgating and unsafe lane changes.

The number rose sharply in April when the TLC increased enforcement as part of the city's Vision Zero campaign to reduce traffic injuries and fatalities.

TLC Commissioner Meera Joshi says "As part of the TLC's Vision Zero mission, we've placed safety-specific violations at the top of our list of priorities."

Students to preserve, collect railroad history

TN ERWIN — Students at East Tennessee State University have begun a project to preserve history associated with the Clinchfield Railroad.

The Johnson City Press reported the group aims to collect history and stories from those familiar with railroad operations.

They took one of their first steps toward that goal on Monday during an open house at the Clinchfield Railroad Museum. Students were able to make contacts to begin collecting oral histories.

Information collected during the project will be stored in the school's Archives of Appalachia.

State earns \$1B in tax revenue from tourism

UT SALT LAKE CITY — Utah's reputation as a mecca for outdoor recreation helped to deliver more than \$1 billion in tourist-generated tax revenue last year, according to the state tourism director.

"It's booming," Vicki Varela, the managing director of the Utah Office of Tourism, told The Associated Press on Monday. "It's like Utah is being discovered."

Utah's natural treasures mix the Rocky Mountains and deserts of the southwest, making it an attractive place for visitors and outdoor enthusiasts, Varela said.

Tourism revenues last year grew about 10 percent from 2012, KSL-TV reported Sunday. Local governments collected about \$423 million in tax revenue while the state earned about \$502 million.

Overall, tourists spent \$7.5 billion in Utah last year.

The biggest attractions remain Utah's ski resorts, five national parks and 43 state parks, Varela said.

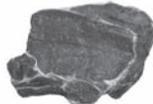
Woman shoots cheating boyfriend in groin

KS WICHITA — Wichita police said a woman who walked in her boyfriend having sex with another woman

THE CENSUS

\$1,200

The value of meat a New York supermarket employee is accused of stealing and hiding in his pants. State police say Gregory Rodriguez, of Ossining, was charged with fourth-degree grand larceny. Rodriguez works at the A&P in Croton-on-Hudson. A state police spokeswoman, Trooper Melissa McMorris, said the theft occurred in one day. Rodriguez was arraigned Tuesday night in Cortlandt and sent to the Westchester County Jail. He was due back in court on Friday.



LM Otero/AP

Lil' pumpkin

Zion Elzie picks a pumpkin during Autumn at the Arboretum on Tuesday at Pumpkin Village in the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden.

went home, got a gun, came back and shot him in the groin.

The Wichita Eagle reported the 44-year-old woman shot the victim at 2:15 a.m. Tuesday as he sat in a lawn chair in the yard of a south Wichita home.

The woman was arrested a few minutes later, while the 44-year-old victim was taken to a local hospital for treatment. Police spokesman Lt. James Espinoza said he was in serious condition late Tuesday morning.

The woman was booked on suspicion of aggravated battery. Espinoza said she wasn't charged with attempted murder because she fired only one shot and was aiming specifically at the groin.

Prosecutor: Off-duty officer shoots suspect

NJ EDGEWATER PARK — An off-duty police officer shot and critically wounded a man he found inside his personal vehicle that was parked at a southern New Jersey home. Burlington County Prosecutor Robert Bernardi said the shooting by Delanco officer Basil Warren occurred early Tuesday in Edgewater Park.

Warren had finished his shift at 3 a.m. and was still in uniform when he drove in his own car to the Edgewater Park home. When

he left the home a short time later, Warren found 26-year-old Tysean Fitzpatrick of Willingboro in the driver's seat of the car.

A short time later, Warren fired his department-issued .40 caliber firearm multiple times. A wounded Fitzpatrick then drove the vehicle a short distance before it came to rest.

A resident notified police of the shooting, and responding officers found Warren administering first aid to Fitzpatrick, who soon underwent emergency surgery. He remained hospitalized in critical condition on Tuesday.

Fraud suspect arrested after manhunt

CA PALO ALTO — Palo Alto police have arrested a fraud suspect who allegedly evaded police for hours by befriending a homeowner who invited him into his home for a meal.

Officials said Dominique Arnett Tabb of San Francisco was arrested around 10 p.m. Monday. He is also wanted in Oklahoma for an alleged sex crime.

Police said the incident began about 5 p.m. Monday when police responded to a report about a fraudulent transaction at a bank. The suspect allegedly ran from police, prompting a manhunt.

Police said a homeowner saw Tabb in his yard, invited him inside and even made him a meal after the suspect said he had been "jumped."

Officials said the homeowner was about to give Tabb a ride to San Francisco when police spotted them and arrested Tabb.

Instructor, student die after skydiving incident

MA BARNSTABLE — The two skydivers killed after they crashed into a building during a tandem jump on Cape Cod appeared to be having problems as they descended, police said.

Andrew Munson, of Nantucket, and his instructor, Eldon Burrier, of West Lynnwood, Wash., died Sunday while skydiving at the Marston Mills Airport in Barnstable, Cape and Islands District Attorney Michael O'Keefe and Barnstable Police Chief Paul McDonald said in a joint statement Monday.

Munson, 29, and Burrier, 48, were involved in a tandem jump from a plane operated by Skydive Barnstable. They struck a shed on private property adjacent to the airport at about 5:15 p.m. Sunday.

Witnesses told police the pair appeared to be in trouble, de-

scending too fast and out of control.

Homeowner John Theriault said he rushed to the aid of both men while his wife called 911, and then stayed with them offering comfort until emergency personnel arrived.

The deaths remain under investigation.

Dog control officer charged with cruelty

NY TULLY — Authorities said the dog control officer for a central New York town has been charged with animal cruelty after more than 200 dogs and cats were found living in filthy conditions on her property.

Local media reported that Pompey dog control officer Susan Snavlin was charged Monday after animal welfare workers removed more than 70 dogs and cats from her property in the nearby town of Tully, just south of Syracuse.

Authorities said another 100 to 150 dogs and up to 50 cats were to be removed Tuesday.

One animal welfare official said the animals were living among feces and urine. Town officials said Snavlin has resigned from her position, which she has held since 2003.

From wire reports

ENTERTAINMENT

The Fresno Bee

There's no big mystery as to why two-time Academy Award nominee Viola Davis signed on to star in the new drama from producer Shonda Rhimes, "How to Get Away with Murder."

It was killer material.

"I wanted to have a character that kind of took me out of my comfort zone. That character happened to be in a Shonda Rhimes show," Davis says. "And so I did the only smart thing that any sensible actress would do, and I took it. I dove at it. And I love the fact that she's messy and mysterious and you don't know who she is."

The role that sidetracked Davis from what had become a very successful film career — one that has included Oscar nods for her work in "The Help" and "Doubt" — is the strong and brilliant professor and defense attorney Annalise Keating. She's as passionate about what she does in the courtroom as her work in the classroom.

Each year, Keating selects four law students to help her with the legal cases she's still arguing. The relationship gets a little tricky with the latest batch because of a deadly event. Billy Brown, Alfred Enoch, Jack Palahue, Katie Findlay, Aja Naomi King, Matt McGorry, Karla Souza, Charlie Weber and Liza Weil also star.

There was a time when film actors would balk at being in a TV show. Davis says those days are over because there is so much good material available on network and cable programs.

"I think people migrate towards material, especially after they reach a certain age," Davis says. "I will be bold enough to say that I have gotten so many wonderful film roles, but I've gotten even more film roles where I haven't been the show. It's like I've been invited to a really fabulous party, only to hold up the wall."

That's not the case with the new network drama. She's delighted to be playing a character who at times is strong and authoritative and at other times an emotional wreck. Davis calls that being human.

Davis initially balks at a question about whether or not her character's morally questionable.

Then she says, "I think we're all morally questionable. I think that we so much act on nature and not on morals. So I found her to be a realistic protagonist. I find her to be very human, as we all are, that we all have gray areas. And that was the attraction for me."

Viola Davis plays a professor on "How to Get Away with Murder."

ABC



Killer good

Oscar nominee Viola Davis takes on the lead role in TV series 'How to Get Away with Murder'

LIFESTYLE

Pass the popcorn



PHOTOS BY CHARLIE NEIBERGL/AP

Webster Theater board member Kay Ross holds a 1949 photo of the theater in Webster City, Iowa. When the theater went bankrupt shortly after a factory closure, town residents launched a fundraising campaign to save it. More than \$200,000 later, the renovated theater reopened.

Small towns refuse to let the lights flicker out at historic movie theaters

By BARBARA RODRIGUEZ
The Associated Press

When the historic downtown movie theater in Webster City, Iowa, went bankrupt and shut down last year, some wondered whether it was further proof of the small town's demise after a factory closure put hundreds out of work.

"This community, not more than a year ago, was labeled as done. Shut the lights off," said theater volunteer Jake Pulis, recalling the closure of the appliance plant in the central Iowa town.

Instead, residents rallied around the theater. They held public meetings, hashed out volunteer work and launched a fundraising campaign. More than \$200,000 later, the theater reopened with a renovated marquee, an ode to its appearance in the 1940s.

"We're just getting started," said Deb Brown, another theater volunteer.

Webster City's story is playing out across the country, as residents of small communities work to save their historic downtown movie theaters. To many, the hope is that a theater's revival could aid a community's revival, too.

When the Egyptian Theatre in Coos Bay, Ore., closed in 2011, a



The air smells of new carpeting and seats sit ready to be occupied at the renovated Webster Theater.

nonprofit group that had already been refurbishing the concession area and marquee managed to raise more money needed to fix the building's shaky foundation.

It reopened in June, which has led to more people visiting nearby restaurants after movies, said Kara Long, executive director of the theater's preservation association. She noted a local brewery had recently partnered with them for a beer and movie night.

"They said, 'This theater being

open and this kind of event is why we wanted to open our brewery here,'" she said.

Such positive effects are common when small-town theaters are revived, said Patrice Frey, president and CEO of the National Main Street Center, a group that offers tools for revitalizing main street areas.

"Renovations become a real rallying cry for the community. It provides a sense of focus," she said. "That community focus can

bring entrepreneurs out of the woodwork."

In Spencer, Ind., about an hour outside Indianapolis, volunteers, a nonprofit group and private donors reopened the 86-year-old Tivoli Theatre in 2013, more than a decade after it was shuttered. Besides movies, the venue now is used for plays, meetings and classroom field trips.

"It's a sign of hope that the downtown square can be saved," said Robert White, board president of the county preservation group that bought the building in 2005. "The atmosphere and the energy that's coming off the theater, it's spreading."

No one tracks how many historic movie theaters are being restored, but Richard Fosbrink, executive director of the Theatre Historical Society of America, based in Elmhurst, Ill., said he's seen more projects recently.

He credits the connections people have with their local movie theaters.

"It could be the theater that you went on your first date," he said. "Or it could be the theater that your grandparents met in. Or your great aunt was the candy counter girl."

Dylan Morse, president of a nonprofit aimed at restoring the

Grand Theater in Knoxville, Iowa, southeast of Des Moines, echoed that idea.

"These are wonderful pieces of history," he said. "They are essential to a community's identity and fabric and the experience of living in a small town."

People also appear to be rallying around theaters because the push by movie studios to switch from 35 mm film to digital has created an obstacle for smaller theaters that can't afford the \$70,000 investment. Patrick Corcoran, a spokesman for the National Association of Theater Owners, said about 750 theaters out of more than 5,800 commercial theaters have yet to make the conversion.

Recently at the Webster Theater, which is nestled within a long row of downtown storefronts in the community of about 8,000, the air smelled of new carpeting as volunteers pointed out the nearly completed ticket booth. The digital projector was set to be installed later that day.

"I really think what happened with the theater was quite simple, we drew a line in the sand," Pulis said. "We had lost and lost and lost and lost, and this was the point where I think the community decided we've lost enough."

LIFESTYLE

A recipe for success

'MasterChef' winner, Italy native Luca Manfè touts book, restaurant, chef-for-hire venture

By KENT HARRIS

Stars and Stripes

Luca Manfè will quickly point out that he's not a trained chef.

Yet he achieved a measure of fame and fortune last year because of a cooking show on American television.

The 33-year-old, who views Aviano, Italy, as home even though he's spent the past decade in New York City, won season four of Fox's "MasterChef," a show probably better known for its hard-to-please host, Gordon Ramsay, than its contestants.

"It's not as popular as some shows in the States," Manfè said during a recent visit to Italy that included a book signing at the exchange on Aviano Air Base.

But nearly 6 million viewers is still a lot of people. And a barrage of press coverage after his victory proved that he had a lot of supporters in Italy, including his parents, who are long-time employees at the base.

Italian journalists "don't want to talk to me now," Manfè said, smiling. "They've moved on to other things."

But since Manfè doesn't plan to open a restaurant in Italy, he's OK with that. He wouldn't mind some level of fame in the United



States, though. He's got a book, "My Italian Kitchen," to promote, a venture as a personal cook that's taken him across his adopted country, and a restaurant in New York to open.

The fame generated from winning the series would help with all of that. And the \$250,000 prize is going to help with the last part.

If his recent book signing was any indication, the fame is somewhat lasting. The exchange quickly sold the 175 copies it had in stock, and the line of people waiting to get the book signed stretched to the entrance.

It wasn't Manfè's first time on base. His mother, Bruna Fedrigo, has worked in the 31st Contracting Squadron for 26 years. His father, Fedruccio Manfè, has been with the 31st Civil



Kent Harris/Stars and Stripes

Luca Manfè signs copies of his book, "My Italian Kitchen," for Maj. Adam Tobias, his wife, Laura, and daughter, Mia, at the Aviano Air Base exchange on Sept. 3.

Engineer Squadron for 20 years. Manfè himself worked for two summers on base mowing lawns.

But gardening wasn't the only thing on his résumé before he decided to try out to become the best home cook in America. He did work restaurant jobs in three countries — Italy, Australia and the U.S. — only none as a chef.

Manfè is modest about his talents. "I probably know a bit more about food than the average person. But I don't have the knowledge, the technique ... I have a horrible relationship with yeast and dough."

That hasn't stopped him from creating his own chef-for-hire venture, called "Dinner with Luca," which can be booked on his website (lucamanfe.com). He's traveled from Florida to California to prepare intimate meals for people.

"It's gone surprisingly well," he said. "I'm booked through November."

With the help of his "MasterChef" victory, he's attracted investors to take his career to a new level by opening New York City's first Friulian venue.

Aviano is a part of Friuli-Venezia Giulia, Italy's most northeastern region. Many natives speak Friulano, a dialect that's different enough from Italian to be considered a separate language by many. Proud of his heritage, Manfè credits his mother and grandmother as his main cooking influences. Many of the dishes come from Friuli. His presentation of frico was key to his success on "MasterChef." It's a dish of fried cheese and potatoes, often combined with other ingredients, such as flour, onions, radicchio and meats or mushrooms.

"Frico. That's what the name of the restaurant will be," he said, taking a glance at his American wife, Catherine, and 8-week-old son, Luca, lounging on a couch at his parents' home.

His mother said she wasn't surprised at his perseverance on the show.

"He's always been that way," she said. "He tries different things, but he's very good at finishing them."

"And he's always been a big eater," she added.

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Luca Manfè once cut lawns for Americans based at Aviano when he was growing up in Italy. Today, many would be happy to have the celebrated cook in their kitchens.

Photo courtesy of Luca Manfè

HEALTH & FITNESS



Designed for slim

Changing your environment can lead to weight loss

TAMMY LUNGLAD, THE KANSAS CITY STAR/RET

What you put on your countertop can affect your weight, according to the new book "Slim By Design," by Brian Wansink.

By MARY MACVEAN
Los Angeles Times

Need to lose weight? Instead of changing yourself, you might consider changing your environment. Making changes — big and small — to the world around you is much easier than mustering the willpower to refrain from eating high-calorie foods, says Brian Wansink, who has for years studied our eating habits, currently as director of the Food and Brand Lab at Cornell University.

And those changes can mean that your diet is more healthful without working so hard. Wansink dismisses the popular idea that mindful eating is the way to eat what we need

To lessen cravings while food shopping, chew gum.

without overeating junk food. "For 90 percent of us, the solution to mindless eating is not mindful eating — our lives are just too crazy and our willpower's too wimpy," he writes in his new book, "Slim by Design: Mindless Eating Solutions for Everyday Life."

The book includes ways restaurants, schools and other institutions can offer more healthful food, and provides scorecards for readers to figure out whether their homes and workplaces, the restaurants and supermarkets they patronize and their kids' school meals, are designed for slim.

Restaurants and food companies are likely to change if they can make more money, Wansink noted in a telephone interview. "If a bunch of consumers say, 'Is there something you can come up with that's not French fries or a boring salad? I would eat here more often,'" then companies are likely to listen,

Buy only healthful foods in bulk.

he said. "They're in the profits business, not in business to make people fat, he said. It's the lesson Wansink and his students stumbled upon when they realized that the bigger the package of food, the more people ate of it, and that consumers would pay more for smaller packets that would help them control how much they ate.

Eventually, Nabisco/Kraft gave my theory a run and launched the 100-calorie snack pack," Wansink writes. It's the sort of change that helps people eat less with no effort.

"Most of our lives have made us fat by design," Wansink said. So it's time, he said, to make ourselves thin the same way. Here are some of his findings and suggestions; pick those that work for you, he says.

- If you come home through your kitchen door, you'll weigh more than your neighbor who goes home through another room. Solution? Kind of obvious.

- Wansink and his researchers spent a lot of time watching and cataloging the behavior of people who ate at buffet restaurants. The slim diners scouted out the entire spread before taking any food and then cherry-picked their favorites. Heavy diners went straight for the plates and started piling on from the start of the line. And thin diners sat far from the buffet facing away from it. You can guess what the others did.

- If your plate is the same color as your food, you're likely to serve yourself 18 percent more food. You can either buy new dishes, or color-code your meals if you want to eat less. But here's a hint: White plates and lots of pasta, potatoes and rice? Maybe not. Smaller plates are better, too.

- Clear the counters! The average woman who had potato chips on her counter weighed

8 pounds more than a neighbor who did not, Wansink writes. Big deal, it's chips, you say? Get this: Woman with a box of breakfast cereal visible anywhere in the kitchen weighed 21 pounds more than that neighbor who kept it in the cupboard, Wansink writes.

- If you are really serious, move your pantry food to a closet elsewhere in the house and that closet's stuff into the kitchen closet. Or put up shelves in a faraway room to hold the food. That, Wansink writes, will decrease "browsing" for snacks and make you think before the food gets to your mouth.

- Buying in bulk saves money, right? But Wansink writes that one study showed people ate half the chips, cookies, ramen noodles and the like in the first week — regardless of how much they bought. What to do? Buy only healthful foods in bulk. Or repackage the items once you get home and store some far from the kitchen, he writes.

If your plate is the same color as your food, you're likely to serve yourself 18 percent more food.

- Pay attention to the menu. On average, Wansink writes, a dish described as "buttery" has 102 more calories than a similar one not described that way. Crispy? Adds 131 calories, he writes.

- To lessen cravings while in the supermarket, chew gum, Wansink says. When he and colleagues gave shoppers gum at the start of a shopping trip, they bought 7 percent less junk food than their empty-mouthed fellow shoppers.

To lose weight, eat less and exercise more

By DANIEL NEMAN
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

If you are serious about wanting to lose weight, the best method is the time-honored one:

Eat less. Move more.

Joe Holleman, a columnist at the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, lost 65 pounds a couple of years ago. His secret, he said, was what doctors, nutritionists and dietitians have been promoting for years. It's all about the calories. If you expend more calories than you take in, you will lose weight.

You use a lot of calories just by living. A moderately active man weighing 175 pounds uses an average of 2,625 to 2,800 calories a day; a moderately active 135-pound woman, on average, uses 2,025 to 2,160 calories, according to calculations by the University of Washington.

All you have to do to lose weight, in theory, is to consume fewer calories than you use by living. If you burn off more calories by exercising, you will lose even more weight.

Of course, it is harder to do in practice than that. Holleman assiduously counted every calorie and found that he would use all of his allotted calories by the middle of the afternoon. So he had to adjust his way of eating, by eating more low-calorie foods that made him feel full for longer. "I made sure not to deny myself any foods. He just ate smaller portions than he did before, and he adjusted his intake of other calories for the rest of the day accordingly.

He also exercised more, and he said, "the more weight I lost, the easier it was to exercise."

Holleman was inspired by a story he read about Mark Haub, an associate professor of nutrition at Kansas State University. Haub wanted to test the theory that eating fewer calories than he expended would make him lose weight, no matter where the calories came from. So for 10 weeks, he ate little but Twinkies, Oreos, Doritos and the like. He also took a multivitamin pill and had a protein shake every day, along with some vegetables.

The result? In 10 weeks, he lost 27 pounds.

Not only that, but his levels of cholesterol and triglycerides dropped considerably. Because of what he was eating, he had assumed they would rise, but losing the weight apparently made a bigger difference than what he ate. His sleep apnea also went away, a direct result of losing the weight.

He pointedly worked out about the same during this period as he had before it, so that the weight he could not be attributed to increasing his exercise — that is, to burning more calories.

The diet was certainly not healthy, he emphasized. The exercise was entirely a classroom experiment, he said. And it memorably made the point that the best way to lose weight is to use up more calories than you consume.

ENTERTAINMENT

'Training Day' star and director reunite for new thriller

Washington, Fuqua ride again in 'Equalizer'

By JAKE COYLE
The Associated Press

It's been a dozen years since Denzel Washington and director Antoine Fuqua rode the corrupt Det. Alonzo Harris and their Los Angeles crime odyssey "Training Day" to Oscar glory (for Washington) and a Hollywood breakthrough (for Fuqua).

"You look up, I didn't realize it was 12 years," says Washington. "That's quick. That's too fast."

In "The Equalizer," a very loose adaptation of the 1980s private eye TV series, Washington and Fuqua have finally reteamed, resuming a potent actor-director tandem. The film has also kick-started further collaborations. They are planning a "Magnificent Seven" remake ("You don't get many shots at a Western," says Washington, grinning) and could return for a potential sequel to "The Equalizer."

"You might expect the two to have an easygoing congeniality together, ready to expound on the success of their partnership. You would be wrong.
"You don't overthink it," says Washington, who is not prone to brooding or rumination. "You just do. It does, so do."

In "The Equalizer," Washington plays a bald widower living a Spartan life in Boston. He works at a hardware store and every night fastidiously drinks his tea at a local diner. But when a diner acquaintance (a prostitute played by Chloe Grace Moretz) gets involved with the Russian mafia, his proficiency with violence (not unlike it often is with Liam Neeson) is reawakened.

Washington's intensity, perhaps as it would be in any pairing with the veteran actor, is the dominant force between him and his director. Asked what appeals to Fuqua about working with Washington, the actor chuckles: "You want me to leave the room?"

"You work with somebody who's always challenging you and himself, and just wants you to be the best," answers Fuqua, whose credits since "Training Day" include the White House action flick "Olympus Has Fallen," the vigilante thriller "Shooter" and the

period adventure "King Arthur." "Even if it's challenging, that's what brings the best out of you."

It's that pressurized tension that seems to most fuel Washington and Fuqua. They are, tellingly, both amateur boxers and share the same trainer. Greeted on a recent morning at the Toronto Film Festival where "The Equalizer" premiered, they were eagerly discussing the previous night's fight. Boxing metaphors peppered their conversation.

"You go into the ring, you're going in to get it in," says Fuqua, whose next film is a boxing drama, "Southpaw," starring Jake Gyllenhaal. "It's the same thing with making a movie. You're going in there to put the work in, do something with some intensity — a little grit."

Washington, then, is like a prizefighter emerging from his trailer, ready to spar.

"You say you're ready, then I'm coming out and here we go," says Washington of his mindset going into a scene. "Walk in the ring and start throwing punches."

Washington and Fuqua had been set to reunite once before in "American Gangster," the saga about the Harlem drug dealer and smuggler Frank Lucas. But Universal Studios fired Fuqua weeks before the

movie was to begin shooting and, days later, the film was canceled altogether. The project was eventually rekindled with Ridley Scott directing.

But Fuqua and Washington continued to look to team up. Washington called Fuqua about helming "The Equalizer," and the director later approached Washington about "The Magnificent Seven." (The basis of the Western, Kurosawa's "Seven Samurai," Fuqua says, is what inspired him to be a filmmaker.)

Their work together is predicated on leaving the other enough room to operate in.

"I'm not looking over his shoulder," says Washington. "We collaborate all the time but we spend a lot more time in the preparation phase. Once we start shooting, he's got stuff to do, and if I'm not doing what I need to do on a set, I'm off the set. I'm in my trailer."

Washington says he needs his own space to focus, to hold on to his character. He's there to work, not make friends: "Nobody ever said 'Man, he sucked (in the movie), but I bet he was nice to everybody on set,'" he says.

Though he looks nearly two decades younger, Washington will turn 60 this December. But it's now clear that his movies with Fuqua will be a definite — if once interrupted — chapter in his career.

"I've worked with Jonathan Demme twice, Ed Zwick three times, Spike (Lee), I think, four times and (the late) Tony Scott five times," says Washington. "There are people I'm comfortable with that know what they're doing. So it makes my job easier. It's a good collaboration, and we've had good results."

'You work with somebody who's always challenging you and himself, and just wants you to be the best. Even if it's challenging, that's what brings the best out of you.'

Antoine Fuqua
on working with
Denzel Washington

"The Equalizer" reunites director Antoine Fuqua with actor Denzel Washington. The duo worked together on 2001's "Training Day," which earned Washington an Academy Award for best actor.

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BUSINESS/WEATHER

JPMorgan breach ups security doubts

By ALEX VEIGA
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — New details on a cyberattack against JPMorgan Chase & Co.'s computer servers this summer add to increasing doubts over the security of consumer data kept by lenders, retailers and others.

The New York-based bank disclosed Thursday that the breach compromised customer information pertaining to roughly 76 million households and 7 million small businesses.

Among the customer data stolen were names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses, though only customers who use the websites Chase.com and JPMorganOnline and the apps ChaseMobile and JPMorgan Mobile were affected, the bank said.

JPMorgan stressed that there's no evidence that the data breach included account numbers, passwords, Social Security numbers or dates of birth. It also noted that it has not seen any unusual cus-

tomer fraud stemming from the data breach.

The server breach allows data thefts that have hit financial firms and major retailers over this year, adding to consumer concerns over the risk of identity theft and fraud.

The Chase heist is even more disturbing than the recent retail breaches because banks are supposed to have fortress-like protection against intruders, said partner security analyst Avivah Litan.

"This is really a slap in the face of the American financial services system," Litan said. "Honestly, this is a crisis point."

JPMorgan Chase, the nation's biggest bank by assets, has been working with law enforcement officials to investigate the cyberattack.

The bank discovered the intrusion on its servers in mid-August and has since determined that the breach began as early as June, spokeswoman Patricia Wexler said.

"We have identified and closed

the known access paths," she said, declining to elaborate.

She also declined to comment on whether JPMorgan has been able to determine who was behind the cyberattack on its servers.

In response to the data breach, the company has disabled compromised accounts and has reset passwords of all its technology employees, Wexler said.

In a post on its Chase.com website, the bank told customers that it doesn't believe they need to change their passwords or account information. It also noted that customers are not liable for unauthorized transactions when they promptly alert the bank.

The breach is yet another in a series of data thefts that have hit financial firms and major retailers.

Last month, Home Depot said that malicious software lurking in its check-out terminals between April and September affected 56 million debit and credit cards. Michaels and Neiman Marcus also have been attacked by hack-

ers in the past year.

A data breach at Target in December compromised 40 million credit and debit cards. TJX Cos.' theft of 90 million records, disclosed in 2007, remains the largest data breach at a retailer.

Chase's assurances that it hasn't found any evidence of the personal data being misused shouldn't be misinterpreted as a reason to rest easy. The information still could be used in a variety of ways to steal from affected customers.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Oct. 6)	\$1.2982
Dollar buys (Oct. 6)	€0.7703
British pound (Oct. 6)	\$1.5666
Japanese yen (Oct. 6)	107.00
South Korean won (Oct. 6)	1,034.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3771
British pound	\$1.5978/0.6258
Canada (dollar)	1.1240
China (Yuan)	6.1390
Denmark (Krone)	5.4666
Euro	\$1.2515/0.7924
Egypt (Pound)	7.1555
Hong Kong (Dollar)	0.7795
Hungary (Forint)	247.24
Israel (Shekel)	3.6757
Japan (Yen)	109.69
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2895
Norway (Krone)	6.5253
Philippines (Peso)	44.91
Poland (Zloty)	3.35
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7518
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2803
South Korea (Won)	1,071.61
Switzerland (Franc)	0.9664
Thailand (Baht)	32.59
Turkey (Lira)	2.2982

(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 non-currency exchange rates (i.e., purchases of 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.)

MARKET WATCH

Oct. 2, 2014

Dow Jones Industrials	-3.66
Nasdaq composite	+8.11
Standard & Poor's 500	+0.01
Russell 2000	+10.97
1,681.05	4,430.20
1,946.17	1,068.38

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
3-month bill	0.09
3-month bill	0.02
30-year bond	3.14

WEATHER OUTLOOK

SATURDAY IN THE MIDDLE EAST



SATURDAY IN EUROPE



SUNDAY IN THE PACIFIC



The weather is provided by the American Forces Network Weather Center, 26 Weather Squadron at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

Saturday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Arlene, Tex	79	47	Cir	Chatanooga	64	48	Cir	Fort Wayne	49	41	Cldy	Louisville	57	43	PCldy
Akron, Ohio	52	45	Cldy	Cheyenne	69	35	Cir	Fresno	95	67	Cir	Lubbock	76	44	Cir
Albany, N.Y.	62	54	Rain	Chicago	50	40	Cldy	Goodland	73	36	Cir	Macon	68	61	Cir
Albuquerque	79	48	Cir	Cincinnati	53	41	PCldy	Grand Junction	40	40	Cir	Madison	47	37	Cldy
Allentown, Pa.	69	59	Rain	Cleveland	53	47	Rain	Grand Rapids	50	44	Rain	Medford	89	51	Cir
Amarillo	74	42	Cir	Colorado Springs	74	37	Cir	Great Falls	69	43	PCldy	Memphis	69	47	Cldy
Anchorage	44	35	Cir	Columbia, S.C.	75	62	Cir	Green Bay	68	60	Rain	Miami Beach	89	76	Cir
Ashville	58	48	Cir	Columbus, Ga.	53	43	Cldy	Greensboro, N.C.	68	43	PCldy	Midland-Odessa	80	50	Cir
Atlanta	74	46	Cir	Concord, N.H.	69	59	Rain	Harford Spg	65	55	Rain	Missoula	67	28	PCldy
Atlantic City	73	63	Rain	Cornhusker, N.H.	82	63	Cir	Helena	70	40	Cldy	Missoula	67	28	PCldy
Baltimore	69	64	Rain	Dallas-Ft. Worth	79	71	Cir	Hempstead	89	71	Cir	Montgomery	68	53	Cir
Baton Rouge	75	55	Cir	Dayton	52	40	Cldy	Houston	80	55	Cir	Nashville	61	44	Cir
Bilings	69	41	PCldy	Daytona Beach	85	75	Cir	Indianapolis	53	37	Cir	New Orleans	74	63	Cir
Birmingham	64	46	Cir	Des Moines	51	35	Cir	Jackson, Miss.	73	47	Cir	New York City	71	58	Rain
Bismark	53	24	Cldy	Detroit	52	43	Rain	Jacksonville	61	47	Cir	Newark	75	59	Rain
Boise	74	46	Cir	Duluth	44	45	Rain	Janeau	51	46	Rain	Norfolk, Va.	75	68	Rain
Boston	66	55	Cldy	El Paso	85	56	Cir	Kansas City	58	35	Cir	North Platte	70	28	PCldy
Bridgeport	68	54	Rain	Elkins	51	49	Cldy	Key West	88	78	PCldy	Oklahoma City	55	44	PCldy
Brownsville	85	74	Cldy	Erie	54	51	Cldy	Knoxville	61	47	Cir	Omaha	56	35	Cir
Buffalo	58	52	Cldy	Eugene	79	42	Cldy	Lake Charles	76	57	Cir	Orlando	87	74	Cldy
Burlington, Vt.	66	58	Rain	Evansville	61	59	Cir	Lansing	49	43	Rain	Pacific	63	42	Cir
Caribou, Maine	59	46	Rain	Fairbanks	35	29	SNOW	Las Vegas	91	67	Cir	Pendleton	76	46	PCldy
Casper, Wyo.	66	34	PCldy	Fargo	47	31	Cldy	Lexington	56	41	PCldy	Peoria	52	37	Cir
Charleston, S.C.	79	67	Cir	Flagstaff	74	34	Cir	Lincoln	60	35	Cir	Philadelphia	71	60	Rain
Charleston, W.V.	55	48	Cldy	Flint	49	40	Rain	Little Rock	71	46	Cir	Phoenix	99	69	Cir
Charlotte, N.C.	68	58	Cir	Fort Smith	70	43	Cir	Los Angeles	99	67	Cir	Pittsburgh	52	45	Cir
Chicago	50	40	Cldy	Fort Wayne	49	41	Cir	Louisville	57	43	PCldy	Pocatello	69	34	Cir
Cincinnati	53	41	PCldy	Fresno	95	67	Cir	Lubbock	76	44	Cir	Portland, Maine	63	52	Rain
Cleveland	53	47	Rain	Goodland	73	36	Cir	Macon	68	61	Cir	Pueblo	78	48	Cir
Colorado Springs	74	37	Cir	Grand Junction	40	40	Cir	Madison	47	37	Cldy	Raleigh-Durham	72	63	PCldy
Columbia, S.C.	75	62	Cir	Grand Rapids	50	44	Rain	Medford	89	51	Cir	Rapid City	66	29	Rain
Columbus, Ga.	67	59	Cir	Great Falls	69	43	PCldy	Memphis	69	47	Cldy	Richmond	64	63	PCldy
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Cornhusker, N.H.	82	63	Cir	Greensboro, N.C.	68	43	PCldy	Midland-Odessa	80	50	Cir	Roanoke	62	55	PCldy
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Cornhusker, N.H.	82	63	Cir	Hempstead	89	71	Cir	Montgomery	68	53	Cir	Sacramento	93	60	Cir
Cornhusker, N.H.	82	63	Cir	Houston	80	55	Cir	Nashville	61	44	Cir	St. Louis	57	39	Cir
Cornhusker, N.H.	82	63	Cir	Indianapolis	53	37	Cir	New Orleans	74	63	Cir	St. Petersburg	84	77	Rain
Cornhusker, N.H.	82	63	Cir	Jackson, Miss.	73	47	Cir	New York City	71	58	Rain	St. Thomas	88	77	Rain
Cornhusker, N.H.	82	63	Cir	Jacksonville	61	47	Cir	Newark	75	59	Rain	Salisbury, Md.	79	43	Cir
Cornhusker, N.H.	82	63	Cir	Janeau	51	46	Rain	Norfolk, Va.	75	68	Rain	Salt Lake City	70	46	Cir
Cornhusker, N.H.	82	63	Cir	Kansas City	58	35	Cir	North Platte	70	28	PCldy	San Angelo	80	48	Cir
Cornhusker, N.H.	82	63	Cir	Key West	88	78	PCldy	Oklahoma City	55	44	PCldy	San Antonio	63	57	Rain
Cornhusker, N.H.	82	63	Cir	Knoxville	61	47	Cir	Omaha	56	35	Cir	San Diego	88	69	Cir
Cornhusker, N.H.	82	63	Cir	Lake Charles	76	57	Cir	Orlando	87	74	Cldy	San Francisco	86	64	Cir
Cornhusker, N.H.	82	63	Cir	Lansing	49	43	Rain	Pacific	63	42	Cir	San Jose	81	63	Cir
Cornhusker, N.H.	82	63	Cir	Las Vegas	91	67	Cir	Pendleton	76	46	PCldy	Santa Fe	77	39	Cir
Cornhusker, N.H.	82	63	Cir	Lexington	56	41	PCldy	Peoria	52	37	Cir	St. Marie	46	45	Rain
Cornhusker, N.H.	82	63	Cir	Lincoln	60	35	Cir	Philadelphia	71	60	Rain	Savannah	77	66	Cir
Cornhusker, N.H.	82	63	Cir	Little Rock	71	46	Cir	Phoenix	99	69	Cir	Seattle	71	55	Cir
Cornhusker, N.H.	82	63	Cir	Los Angeles	99	67	Cir	Pittsburgh	52	45	Cir	Shreveport	76	49	Cir

National temperature extremes
 Hi: Thu., 102, at Fullerton, Calif. and
 City Point, Nuv. Air Station, Calif.
 Lo: Thu., 16, Bodie State Park, Calif.

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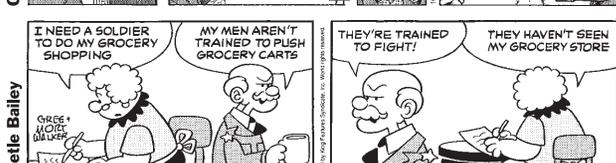
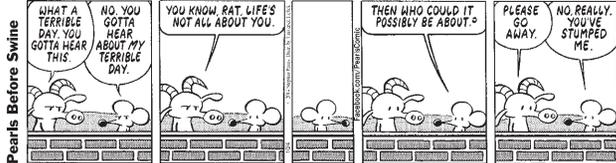


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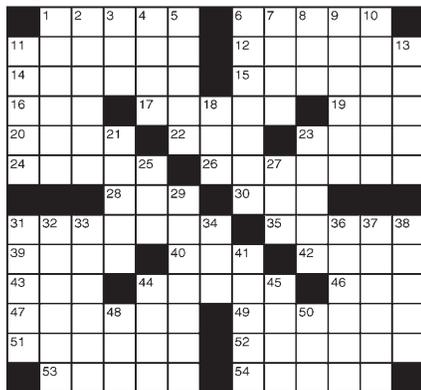
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Eugene Sheffer Crossword



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- 11 Civil War battle site in Tennessee
- 12 Sequentially
- 14 Hack
- 15 "World War Z" figure
- 16 Parisian pal
- 17 Father-in-law of Jacob
- 19 Spelldown
- 20 Harvest
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- 43 Wager
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- 46 Mellow
- 47 Toy Fair debut of 1959
- 49 Cyber-beginner
- 51 Derby, Devon and Dorset
- 52 Mounds
- 53 "Ivanhoe" author
- 54 Trusty horse
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- 21 Mexican money
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- 27 Needlefish
- 29 Next
- 31 Redford role in "The Natural"

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- 6 Conqueror of the Incas
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- 8 \$ dispenser
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- 10 East
- 11 Frighten
- 13 Gotta have
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- 33 — acid
- 34 "Xanadu" band, for short
- 36 Within one's power
- 37 Light up
- 38 Curved moldings
- 41 Chain parts
- 44 Regimen
- 45 Fender bender
- 48 Sib
- 50 Affliction

Answer to Previous Puzzle



10-4 CRYPTOQUIP

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 Yesterday's Cryptiquip: IN THE MILITARY, DO ANY RECRUITS THAT HOPE TO BECOME PLUMBERS GO THROUGH BASIC DRAINING?
 Today's Cryptiquip Clue: J equals O

AUTO RACING



Nick Wass/AP

Six-time Sprint Cup champion Jimmie Johnson believes getting a win this week in Kansas or next week in Charlotte is crucial to take the pressure off of having to navigate the unpredictable track at Talladega with a spot in NASCAR's championship round on the line.

Drivers wary of contender round in NASCAR's Chase

Three-race stretch will trim field to 8 for title run

By JENNA FRYER
The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Drivers have been fretting about the second round of NASCAR's Chase for the Sprint Cup championship for weeks.

The three-race stretch that begins Sunday at Kansas Speedway ends on Oct. 19 at Talladega Superspeedway, where four drivers will be booted from the field.

"I think that bracket will break some hearts," Brad Keselowski said three days before winning the Chase opener at Chicagoland Speedway last month.

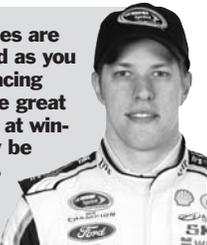
He hasn't changed his mind. The field has been trimmed from 16 to 12 drivers, and although they are all even as they head into Kansas, the margin of error will be small. Drivers will be desperate to run well at Kansas this week and Charlotte next week so that the crashout that is Talladega will not decide their championship fate.

"Two of the three races are as much of a wild card as you can get in NASCAR racing these days," Keselowski said Wednesday during a fan event for the 12 Chase drivers at NASCAR's Hall of Fame. "One of the great teams that has a shot at winning this will probably be left at home after this series of events, because you don't control your destiny as much as you do the other races of the season."

A championship cannot be won this weekend at Kansas, but it

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Team Penske NASCAR driver



most certainly can be lost.

Kyle Busch has rolled into the 1.5-mile speedway in solid shape in the Sprint Cup standings time and time again, only to see his title hopes slip away. He crashed out of the Chase race there the last two seasons, and suffered the same fate in 2007 when he arrived at Kansas within a handful of points of the leader.

Under the new Chase format, a win in any of the three races guarantees a driver an automatic berth into the next round, so a bad day at Kansas can be overcome. But with Talladega, where one wiggle by one driver can wipe out half the field, few want to head to Alabama later this month in desperation mode.

The field has been reset since Dover last week and all drivers are again equal. That means everyone has caught up to Team

Penske drivers Keselowski and Joey Logano, who was the first two Chase races, and Kevin Harvick, who has the fastest car seemingly every week.

All 12 drivers will be trying hard to get a win the next two weeks to avoid the pressure at Talladega. That goes for six-time Sprint Cup champion Jimmie Johnson, who has not led a lap in six races and has yet to show he's again a threat to win his record-tying seventh title.

"I'm not necessarily scared of the round, but I'm scared of Talladega," Johnson said. "Talladega in the Chase is not as fun as the Talladega spring race. I guess the only way it could change is for two fortunate racers who win the race at Kansas or Charlotte and roll on into Charlotte and have one of the better weekends of your life — just chill out and have some fun."

Around the tracks

NASCAR SPRINT CUP

This week: Hollywood Casino 400 at Kansas City, Kan.

Track: Kansas Speedway (oval, 1.5 miles).

Race distance: 400.5 miles, 267 laps.

TV: AFN-Xtra, 8 p.m. Sunday, Central European Time.

Last year: Kevin Harvick raced to the third of his four 2013 victories, pulling away from Kurt Busch and Jeff Gordon on a late restart.

Last week: Gordon won at Dover for his fourth victory of the year and 92nd overall.

Next race: Bank of America 500, Oct. 11, Charlotte Motor Speedway, Concord, N.C.

Online: nascar.com

POINTS STANDINGS

1. Brad Keselowski	3,000
2. Jeff Gordon	3,000
3. Joey Logano	3,000
4. Jimmie Johnson	3,000
5. Kevin Harvick	3,000
6. Matt Kenseth	3,000
7. Denny Hamlin	3,000
8. Kyle Busch	3,000
9. Ryan Newman	3,000
10. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	3,000
11. Carl Edwards	3,000
12. Casey Kahne	3,000
13. AJ Allmendinger	2,077
14. Kurt Busch	2,073
15. Greg Biffle	2,072
16. Aric Almirola	2,061
17. Kyle Larson	859
18. Clint Bowyer	817
19. Jamie McMurray	805
20. Paul Menard	781

DRIVER TO WATCH



If Dale Earnhardt Jr. has designs on winning his first Sprint Cup championship, his recent performance isn't giving his fans in JR Nation any reason to believe that it will happen this year.

Despite beginning the season by winning the Daytona 500 and later sweeping both Pocono races, he has been consistently in the middle of the pack heading into the Chase for the championship's contender round.

Earnhardt has only two top-10 finishes in the past nine races since winning at Pocono July 27, with an average finish of 14.3. His best result in the Chase challenger round was ninth in New Hampshire.

NATIONWIDE SERIES

This week: Kansas Lottery 300 at Kansas City, Kan.

Track: Kansas Speedway (oval, 1.5 miles).

Race distance: 250.5 miles, 167 laps.

TV: AFN-Xtra, delayed, 10 a.m. Sunday, Central European Time.

Last year: Matt Kenseth raced to the second of his two 2013 victories.

Last week: Kyle Busch won at Dover for his fifth victory of the year and record 68th overall. He swept the season Dover races and has a record five Nationwide wins at the track.

Next race: 300 Miles of Courage, Oct. 10, Charlotte Motor Speedway, Concord, N.C.

Online: nascar.com

CAMPING WORLD TRUCK SERIES

Next race: Fred's 250, Oct. 18, Talladega Superspeedway, Talladega, Ala.

Last week: Erik Jones won at Las Vegas for his second victory of the year, holding off Kyle Busch Motorsports teammate Darrell Wallace Jr.

Online: nascar.com

FORMULA ONE

This week: Japanese Grand Prix at Suzuka, Japan.

Track: Suzuka International (road course, 3.61 miles).

Race distance: 191.12 miles, 53 laps.

Last year: Red Bull's Sebastian Vettel raced to the ninth of 13 2013 victories en route to his fourth straight season title. He's winless this year.

Last race: Lewis Hamilton won the Singapore Grand Prix on Sept. 21 for his seventh victory of the year. He took the series lead from Nico Rosberg.

Next race: Russian Grand Prix, Oct. 12, Sochi Autodrom, Sochi, Russia.

Online: formula1.com

OTHER RACES

ARCA RACING SERIES: ARCA 98.9, Kansas Speedway, Kansas City, Kan.

Online: arcacacing.com
TUDOR UNITED SPORTSCAR CHAMPIONSHIP: Petit Le Mans, Saturday, Road Atlanta, Braselton, Ga. TV: AFN-Xtra, delayed, 5 a.m. Monday.

Online: imsa.com
WORLD OF OUTLAWS: Sprint Car: National Open, Friday-Saturday, Williams Grove Speedway, Mechanicsburg, Pa.

Online: worldofoutlaws.com
— The Associated Press

SPORTS BRIEFS/COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Refs union criticizes NFL inconsistency

NEW YORK — The union representing NFL on-field officials criticized the league Thursday for inconsistencies in grading calls, including two high-profile penalties from recent games.

In a release, the NFL Referees Association says the NFL has "caused confusion for NFL officials as to what the league does and doesn't want called."

The union referred to penalties on Washington's Chris Baker for a hit on Eagles quarterback Nick Foles on Sept. 21, and to Chiefs safety Husain Abdullah last Monday night for going to his knees to celebrate an interception return for a touchdown. Abdullah went to his knees to pray — an act exempted from celebration penalties.

The union said the calls were graded correctly even after NFL executives announced that they were incorrect. Baker got a 15-yard penalty and was ejected from the game at Philadelphia. Abdullah also received a 15-yard penalty.

Wilson writes against domestic violence

RENTON, Wash. — Seattle Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson is speaking out about domestic violence and about being a bully as a child in a column for Derek Jeter's new website.

Wilson was announced as a senior editor for The Players' Tribune on Thursday. Wilson's article talks about his goal of raising funds and awareness through his new foundation with an initial focus on supporting victims of domestic violence.

Wilson also writes about being a bully in elementary and middle school, saying "I had a lot of anger that I didn't know what to do with." Wilson wrote he changed at age 14 "and was able to start living for others instead of just myself."

In other NFL news:

■ The 2015 NFL Draft will be held in Chicago. The NFL confirmed the draft will move from New York to Chicago on April 30-May 2. It will be held at Auditorium Theatre at Roosevelt University. The draft was held in Chicago in 1938, 1942-44, 1951, and 1962-64.

■ Oakland Raiders wide receiver Rod Streater will miss at least eight weeks after being placed on the injury reserve list with a designation to return. The Raiders placed Streater on the list Thursday after he underwent surgery on his broken foot. Streater will be eligible to return to practice Nov. 13 and can play again starting Nov. 30 in St. Louis.

■ The NFL's U.S. District Judge Barbara S. Jones has been appointed to hear Ray Rice's appeal of the indefinite suspension handed down by the NFL. Commissioner Roger Goodell announced the appointment Thursday after consulting with the NFL union executive director DeMaurice Smith. Rice was suspended indefinitely Sept. 8 for violating the NFL's personal conduct policy after a video of Rice hitting his then-fiancee was released publicly. Goodell originally suspended Rice for two games.

■ The Santa Clara (Calif.) District Attorney's office says it has received the domestic violence case involving 49ers defensive lineman Ray McDonald. The district attorney's office made the announcement Thursday on Twitter. "Prosecutors will review, decide whether or not to file criminal charges, or seek further investigation," the announcement said.

Michigan AD suggests coach safe for now

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Michigan athletic director Dave Brandon says he prefers to wait until the end of the season before evaluating his coaches, suggesting Brady Hoke is safe for now at the helm of the school's storied football program. Hoke and Brandon have received criticism for the handling of injured quarterback Shane Morris in last week's loss to Minnesota. Brandon said in an interview with The Associated Press that Hoke is a "terrific" coach — and that fans should support players and coaches as they try to turn this season around.

McIlroy opens with 73 in Dunhill Links

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland — Rory McIlroy found himself nine shots off the lead after a 1-over-par 73 in the first round of the Alfred Dunhill Links Championship. Oliver Wilson of England, ranked 791 places below the top-ranked McIlroy, equaled the Carnoustie course record with an 8-under-64. Raphael Jacquelin of France, also at Carnoustie, was one shot behind in second after a 65 which included an eagle on the par-5 14th, his fifth hole.

Brewers OF Braun has procedure on thumb

MILWAUKEE — Milwaukee Brewers outfielder Ryan Braun has undergone a medical procedure to address a nerve problem near his right thumb. The team said Dr. Vernon Williams of the Kerlan-Jobe Orthopaedic Clinic in Los Angeles administered cryotherapy, a procedure involving the application of extreme cold.

■ The New York Mets say they will replace hitting coach Lamar Johnson and assistant hitting coach Luis Natero. Johnson and Natero have been offered jobs in the team's minor league system, the Mets said.

■ The Arizona Diamondbacks say they have received permission to interview Oakland Athletics bench coach Chip Hale for the team's vacant manager position.

Senators sign Ryan to 7-year extension

OTTAWA — The Ottawa Senators signed forward Bobby Ryan to a \$50.75 million, seven-year extension on Friday. The team also selected defenseman Erik Karlsson as the ninth captain in franchise history. The signing of Ryan solidifies the Senators' lineup as they have Karlsson, Kyle Turris and Clarke MacArthur signed to long-term deals.

From The Associated Press



PHOTOS BY STEVE DYKES/AP

Arizona quarterback Anu Solomon (12) embraces Oregon quarterback Marcus Mariota after Solomon's Wildcats defeated the No. 2 Ducks 31-24 in Eugene, Ore., on Thursday night.

Arizona again upsets Oregon

Unranked Wildcats deal early blow to No. 2 Ducks' playoff hopes

BY ANNE M. PETERSON
The Associated Press

EUGENE, Ore. — The look on Marcus Mariota's face was unmistakable: He was stunned.

Oregon's star quarterback lingered on the field late Thursday night following his team's 31-24 loss to Arizona, shaking hands with the Wildcats after they upset the heavily favored Ducks for the second consecutive season.

Later, he shouldered the blame for a loss that left No. 2 Oregon with a tough hill to climb if it wants an invite to college football's first postseason playoff.

He credited the unranked Wildcats, who were 24-point underdogs.

"They're undefeated," he said. "It's obviously a testament to our conference. If you're not prepared each week, if you're not ready to play, you'll lose."

Oregon offensive coordinator Scott Frost told reporters after the game that Mariota was not 100 percent after he was sacked seven times in the Ducks' 38-31 victory at Washington State in their previous game Sept. 20.

Freshman Nick Wilson ran for two touchdowns and caught a scoring pass from quarterback Anu Solomon to help the Wildcats (5-0, 2-0 Pac-12) open the season with five straight victories for the first time since 1998.

Terris Jones-Grigsby plowed into the end zone from a yard out for the tiebreaking touchdown with 2:54 left, and Arizona held on after sacking Mariota and recovering his fumble.

It was the third time since 2007 that an unranked Wildcats team upset an Oregon squad ranked in the top 5.

"They're probably having a good time in Tucson, Arizona, right now," Wildcats coach Rich Rodriguez said.

With his team trailing 24-14 going into the final quarter, Oregon's Matt Wogan made a 21-yard field goal. Mariota then hit Keanon Lowe with a 9-yard scoring pass to tie it with 8:21 left.

With Arizona driving downfield, the Ducks (41, 1-1) sacked Solomon on third-and-8, but Tony

Washington was called for unsportsmanlike conduct to give the Wildcats a first down.

A pass interference call got Arizona closer to Jones-Grigsby's go-ahead touchdown. And on Oregon's ensuing series, Mariota was sacked by Scooby Wright, who stripped the ball from the Heisman Trophy hopeful and recovered it himself.

"It was a good play by him, honestly," Mariota said.

Arizona then gained a clinching first down on the ground and ran out the clock, silencing Autzen Stadium's 100th straight sell-out crowd.

"Last year it was really heart-warming because it was the seniors' last home game and it was improbable, of course," Rodriguez said. "This one, I don't know if anybody picked us. I don't know how many people were talking about us, but I bet you most of them weren't thinking this was going to happen, not on the road."

Mariota, who hugged Rodriguez after the game, threw for 181 yards and a touchdown. The quarterback also caught a TD pass, but was sacked three times and turned the ball over for the first time all season.

"I thought we played hard, for the most part. We came out ready to play; we didn't play cleanly enough or smart enough," Oregon coach Mark Helfrich said.

Last November, the No. 5 Ducks lost to Arizona 42-16 in Tucson, dashing any hopes Oregon had of winning a national championship.



Arizona freshman running back Nick Wilson rushed for two touchdowns and also had a receiving TD for the Wildcats.

College GameDay



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Player to watch

Ameer Abdullah RB | Nebraska

The Cornhuskers' star running back and potential Heisman contender racked up 208 rushing yards and three touchdowns last week in a 45-14 victory over Illinois. Abdullah leads the country with 212 all-purpose yards per game. No. 19 Nebraska is looking to stay in first place in the Big Ten West division when they take on No. 10 Michigan State on Saturday. Abdullah poses a tough challenge for a Spartans' defense giving up more big plays than in 2013.

No. 10 Michigan State at No. 19 Nebraska
2 a.m. Sunday, CET, AFN-Atlantic

Mississippi defensive tackle Robert Nkemdiche, left, and linebacker Denzel Nkemdiche, are part of a Rebels defense that has allowed just 8.5 points and 248 total yards per game. They'll have their hands full Saturday against No. 3 Alabama, which is averaging 42 points and 335.8 yards passing per game.

THE POWER CONFERENCES

ACC			
Atlantic Division			
Conf.	W	L	All W L
Florida St.	2	0	4 0
Louisville	2	1	4 1
Clemson	1	1	2 2
Syracuse	0	0	2 2
NC State	0	1	2 2
Boston College	0	1	2 2
Wake Forest	0	1	2 3

Coastal Division			
Conf.	W	L	All W L
Georgia Tech	1	0	4 0
Pittsburgh	1	0	4 0
Virginia	1	0	3 2
Miami	1	1	3 2
Duke	0	0	2 2
Virginia Tech	0	1	3 2
North Carolina	0	0	2 2

Game of the week: Virginia Tech at North Carolina. Both teams were discussed as potential favorites in the muddled Coastal Division yet the loser will sit at 0-2 in the league after this one. The Hokies (3-2) won at Ohio State in Week 2 but followed that with losses at home to East Carolina and Georgia Tech. As for the Tar Heels (2-2), they've given up 120 points in the past two games.

Inside the numbers: Wake Forest ranks last among 128 bowl subdivision schools, averaging 29.2 yards rushing per game. They've played four FBS opponents and three of them have held the team to negative yards rushing.

Player to watch: Georgia Tech redshirt sophomore Justin Thomas. Thomas ranks second among all bowl subdivision quarterbacks in rushing yards per game heading into Saturday's matchup with Miami. He is averaging 110.8 yards on the ground.

Big Ten			
East			
Conf.	W	L	All W L
Maryland	1	0	4 1
Penn St.	1	1	4 1
Michigan St.	0	0	3 1
Ohio St.	0	0	3 1
Indiana	0	0	2 2
Michigan	0	1	2 3
Rutgers	0	1	2 3

West			
Conf.	W	L	All W L
Nebraska	1	0	5 0
Iowa	1	0	4 1
Northwestern	1	0	2 2
Minnesota	1	0	4 1
Wisconsin	0	0	2 1
Illinois	0	1	3 2
Purdue	0	1	2 2

Game of the week: Nebraska at Michigan State. The Huskers (5-0, 1-0) and Spartans (3-1, 0-0) have looked as strong as any team in the much-maligned Big Ten, and Saturday's matchup in East Lansing could be a preview of the league title game in December. It could also be a College Football Playoff elimination game for the loser.

Inside the numbers: Big Ten teams went 4-1 on the road last week. The only home winner was Nebraska. ... Ohio State's J.T. Barrett, who only became a starting quarterback when Braxton Miller injured his shoulder, leads the league with 13 TD passes.

Player to watch: Illinois QB Wes Lunt. The Fighting Illini is expected to get Lunt back after he missed the loss at Nebraska with a sprained right knee. Lunt had solidified the quarterback situation at Illinois before the injury, throwing for 11 touchdowns in four games.

Big 12			
Conf.	W	L	All W L
Oklahoma	1	0	4 0
Baylor	0	0	4 0
Oklahoma St.	1	0	3 1
Kansas St.	1	0	3 1
Texas	0	0	2 2
TCU	0	0	3 0
Kansas	1	1	2 2
Texas Tech	0	1	2 2
West Virginia	0	1	2 2
Iowa St.	0	2	1 3

Game of the week: No. 2 Oklahoma at No. 25 TCU. The Big 12 will be down to no more than two undefeated teams after this game, when the Horned Frogs are the last team to play their Big 12 opener. While the Sooners have won both series games since TCU joined the Big 12, those two victories were by a combined 10 points.

Inside the numbers: Oklahoma State, which hosts Iowa State, has won 13 of its last 15 conference games at home. ... Texas Tech had 16 penalties for 158 yards last week. The Red Raiders are the league's most-penalized team with 46 flags for 422 yards, an average of 105.5 yards per game.

Player to watch: Oklahoma State QB Daxx Gorman. The junior completed 17 of 31 passes for 370 yards and four TDs in a win over Texas Tech. He had six completions of at least 30 yards, four of those for at least 40 yards. Gorman has 685 yards passing and six TDs in his two starts.

Pac-12			
North			
Conf.	W	L	All W L
Oregon	1	1	4 1
Stanford	1	1	3 1
California	1	1	3 1
Washington St.	1	1	3 3
Washington	0	1	4 1
Oregon St.	0	1	3 1

South			
Conf.	W	L	All W L
Arizona	2	0	5 0
Southern Cal	2	0	3 1
UCLA	1	0	4 0
Arizona St.	1	0	3 1
Utah	0	1	3 1
Colorado	0	2	2 3

Game of the week: No. 8 UCLA vs. Utah. The Bruins (4-0, 1-0 Pac-12) crushed Arizona State on the road last week, finally living up to the preseason hype surrounding them after three average wins to start the season. But UCLA still has some work to do on offense and are facing an offense led by Travis Wilson that's balanced and physical.

Inside the numbers: Stanford has the nation's top scoring defense (6.5 points) and is allowing a Football Bowl Subdivision-low 198 yards per game. But the Cardinal's offense hasn't been able to keep up, ranking 77th in scoring (27.5 points) and 68th in total offense (413.3 yards) per game.

Player to watch: USC QB Phil Kessler. The junior has completed 95 of 132 passes for 1,107 yards. He is the only major college quarterback who has more than 106 attempts without an interception. On Saturday, he'll face Arizona State, which hasn't won in the Coliseum since 1999.

SEC			
East			
Conf.	W	L	All W L
Missouri	1	1	4 1
Florida	1	1	2 1
Georgia	1	1	3 1
Auburn	1	1	3 1
Kentucky	0	0	2 2
Tennessee	0	1	2 2
Vanderbilt	0	3	1 4

West			
Conf.	W	L	All W L
Texas A&M	2	0	5 0
Alabama	1	0	4 1
Mississippi St.	1	0	4 0
Auburn	1	0	4 0
Mississippi	0	0	2 2
LSU	0	0	1 4
Arkansas	0	1	4 1
KU	0	1	2 3

Game of the week: No. 3 Alabama at No. 11 Mississippi. It's been a lopsided series of late, with Alabama winning the past 10. But the Rebels are 4-0 for the first time since 1970 and giving up just 8.5 points per game to lead the SEC. The Crimson Tide counter with a potent offense, led by quarterback Blake Sims, receiver Amari Cooper and a three-man backfield of T.J. Yeldon, Kenyan Drake and Derrick Henry.

Inside the numbers: South Carolina coach Steve Spurrier owns a 20-1 career record against Kentucky, which hosts the Gamecocks on Saturday. No current Football Bowl Subdivision coach has won more games over an individual school.

Player to watch: LSU freshman quarterback Brandon Harris. He makes his first career start Saturday at Auburn after sparking in a relief role last week, leading seven consecutive touchdown drives in a 63-7 blowout of New Mexico State.

SERVICE ACADEMIES



Air Force vs. Navy
Last week: Beat Boise State, 28-14
Next game: at Utah State, Oct. 11



Army vs. Ball State
Last week: Lost 49-43 at Yale
Next game: vs. Rice, Oct. 11



Navy at Air Force
Last week: Lost 36-27 vs. Western Kentucky
Next game: vs. VMI, Oct. 11

AP TOP 25 SCHEDULE

- Thursday's game**
Arizona 31, No. 2 Oregon 24
- Friday's game**
No. 18 BYU vs. Utah State
- Saturday's games**
No. 1 Florida State vs. Wake Forest
No. 3 Alabama at No. 11 Mississippi
No. 4 Oklahoma at No. 25 TCU
No. 5 Auburn vs. No. 15 LSU
No. 6 Texas A&M at No. 12 Mississippi State
No. 7 Baylor at Texas
No. 8 UCLA vs. Utah
No. 9 Notre Dame vs. No. 14 Stanford
No. 10 Michigan State vs. No. 19 Nebraska
No. 13 Georgia vs. Vanderbilt
No. 16 Southern Cal vs. Arizona State
No. 17 Wisconsin at Northwestern
No. 20 Ohio State at Maryland
No. 21 Oklahoma State vs. Iowa State
No. 22 East Carolina vs. SMU
No. 23 Kansas State vs. Texas Tech

MLB PLAYOFFS



Scoreboard

Division Series
(Best-of-five)
x-if necessary
American League

Baltimore 1, Detroit 0
Thursday: Baltimore 12, Detroit 3
Friday: at Baltimore
Sunday: at Detroit
x-Monday: at Detroit
x-Wednesday: at Baltimore
Kansas City 1, Los Angeles Angels 0
Thursday: Kansas City 9, Los Angeles 2, 11 innings
Friday: at Los Angeles
Sunday: at Kansas City
x-Monday: at Kansas City
x-Wednesday: at Los Angeles
National League

Washington vs. San Francisco
Friday: at Washington
Saturday: at Washington
Monday: at San Francisco
x-Tuesday: at San Francisco
x-Thursday, Oct. 9: at Washington
Los Angeles Dodgers vs. St. Louis
Friday: at Los Angeles
Saturday: at Los Angeles
Monday: at St. Louis
x-Tuesday: at St. Louis
x-Thursday, Oct. 9: at Los Angeles

Thursday

Orioles 12, Tigers 3

Detroit		Baltimore	
ab	r h bi	ab	r h bi
Kinsler 2b	4 0 1 0	Marks rf	4 2 2 1
Trotter lf	4 0 0 0	De Aza lf	4 1 1 2
McCarr lb	3 1 1 0	A.Jones cf	3 0 0 0
WMinor dh	4 1 1 1	N.Cruz dh	4 2 2 3
Mirtz lf	4 1 1 0	Pearce 3b	4 1 2 0
Avila c	4 0 1 0	J.Hardy ss	3 2 1 1
Catlin 3b	4 0 0 0	Flaherty 2b	3 2 1 1
Arnsby 4b	4 0 0 0	Hendry c	4 0 0 0
RDavis cf	3 0 1 0	Schoop 2b	4 1 2 2
Carrer ph	0 0 0 0		
Totals	34 3 8 3	Totals	35 12 12 11

Nick Wass/AP

Baltimore Orioles designated hitter Nelson Cruz gestures after his two-run home run in the first inning against the Detroit Tigers on Thursday in Baltimore. Cruz added an RBI single in the third, and the O's pounded out 12 hits in a 12-3 victory in Game One of an ALDS.

Cruz, Hardy homer; O's hammer Tigers

Baltimore gets to Scherzer early, blows Game 1 open with eight runs in 8th

By DAVID GINSBURG
The Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Nelson Cruz and the Baltimore Orioles had the good fortune of avoiding Cy Young Award winner Max Scherzer during the regular season.

Maybe it was the other way around.

In his 2014 debut against the hard-hitting Orioles, Scherzer found out quickly that a poor pitch can go a long way — in the other direction.

Cruz and J.J. Hardy homered, and Baltimore hammered out 12 hits in defeating Scherzer and the Detroit Tigers 12-3 Thursday in the opener of their AL Division Series.

"I just left too many pitches up," Scherzer said. "This is a great-hitting ballclub. You give them a chance to extend their arms, they can really hit it."

Jonathan Schoop and Alejandro De Aza each had two hits and two RBIs for the Orioles, who turned a close game into a rout with an eight-run eighth inning against Scherzer and three ineffective relievers.

The 12 runs set a postseason record for Baltimore, making its second playoff appearance since 1997.

Game 2 in the best-of-five series is Friday at Camden Yards. Justin Verlander, the second of three consecutive Cy Young winners the Orioles will face, goes against



PATRICK SEMANSKY/AP

Tigers pitcher Max Scherzer, who went 18-5 during the regular season, had a rough night in his first outing against the Orioles this year. Scherzer gave up five runs on seven hits in 7 1/3 innings.

left-hander Wei-Yin Chen.

Verlander must avoid the mistakes made by Scherzer, charged with five runs and seven hits in 7 1/3 innings. The right-hander was 18-5 during the regular season, but in this one he was burned by the long ball and outpitched by the Orioles.

"I've got to find a way to get the ball down," Scherzer said. "I wasn't quite able to do that tonight, and I paid for it."

Cruz led the majors with 40 homers during the regular season, a good portion of Baltimore's big league-best 211 long balls. His first-inning drive off Scherzer put the Orioles up 2-0 before

Detroit's Victor Martinez and J.D. Martinez connected off winning pitcher Chris Tillman in the second to tie it.

Baltimore ultimately had too much firepower for the Tigers. Hardy led off the seventh by driving a poorly thrown changeup from Scherzer over the left-center wall for a 4-2 lead.

"The one that stings is that J.J. Hardy home run," Scherzer said. "That home run really changed the game in my eyes, gave them that insurance run."

Cruz added his third RBI with a single during a wild eighth inning keyed by a Detroit error that kept the boisterous, orange-clad

crowd of 47,842 on its feet.

Afterward, Orioles manager Buck Showalter saluted the crowd for its enthusiasm.

"If you don't get that, you're too cold for this game," he said. "I wish I would have had a towel."

Five Orioles finished with two hits. Clearly, facing Scherzer was not too daunting a task.

"It's the same game," De Aza said. "Yes, this is a good pitcher, but it's the same game. You have to throw the ball to home plate for a strike to get us out."

Tillman allowed two runs in five innings before Andrew Miller got five outs — three by strikeout. Darren O'Day gave up an eighth-inning homer to Miguel Cabrera, but the drive followed a double play.

Showalter then called upon closer Zach Britton, who had 37 saves during the regular season. Britton got the last out in the eighth, and by the time the ninth inning rolled around, he wasn't needed anymore.

Miller had a 1.35 ERA in 23 games with Baltimore, O'Day finished at 1.70 and Britton closed at 1.65. That's one big reason why the AL East champion Orioles were 80-4 when leading after eight innings.

Meanwhile, Detroit's revamped bullpen looked shaky — although it was shortstop Andrew Romine's error that got the big eighth inning going.

Baltimore
E—R.Davis (1), An.Romine (1), DP—Detroit 1, Baltimore 1, LOB—Detroit 7, Baltimore 3, 2B—De Aza 2 (2), Schoop (1), HR—M.Cabrera (1), W.Martinez (1), J.Martinez (1), N.Cruz (1), J.Hardy (1), SB—A.Jones (1).

Detroit

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Scherzer L-0.1	7 1/3	7	5	5	1	6
Chamberlain	0	1	2	1	0	0
Coke	1/3	1	1	1	1	0

Baltimore

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Tillman W-0	5	4	2	2	1	6
A.Miller H-1	1 1/3	0	0	0	1	3
O'Day H-1	1	2	1	1	0	0
Z.Britton H-1	1/3	0	0	0	0	0
Ton-Hunter	1	2	0	0	0	1
Chamberlain	pitched to 2 batters in the 8th. HBP—by Scherzer (De Aza).					

Royals 3, Angels 2 (11)

Kansas City

	ab	r	h	bi
A.Escobar ss	5 0 1 0	Calton lf	5 0 2 0	
Aoki rf	5 0 1 0	Trout cf	4 0 0 0	
J.Dyson cf	5 0 0 0	Pollock 1b	4 0 0 0	
J.Dyson cf	5 0 0 0	Pedroia 2b	5 0 0 0	
Hosmer lb	3 0 0 0	Freese 3b	2 1 1 1	
Stubler dh	3 0 0 0	Wright 1b	3 0 0 0	
Gore pr-dh	0 0 0 0	Aybar ss	3 0 0 0	
Alford lf	3 1 1 0	J.Mittett lf	5 0 0 0	
S.Perez c	4 0 0 0	Gron dh	1 0 0 0	
Infante 2b	3 0 0 1	Iannett c	3 1 1 1	
Moskos 3b	2 0 0 0			
Totals	34 3 4 3	Totals	35 2 4 2	

Kansas City
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Los Angeles
001 010 000 00-3
DP—Los Angeles 1, LOB—Kansas City 3, Los Angeles 8, 2B—A.Escobar (1), A.Gordon (1), HR—Moustakas (1), Freese (1), Iannetta (1), SB—Gore (1), S—Aybar 2, SF—Infante.

Kansas City

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
K.Herrera	6	3	2	2	1	2
Finnegan	0	0	0	0	0	1
T.Collins	1/3	0	0	0	0	0
Jessen	1/3	0	0	0	0	1
Straw D-P	1	1	0	0	1	0
D.Duffy W-1.0	1	1	0	0	0	1
G.Holland W-1.1	1	0	0	0	0	2

Los Angeles

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Weaver	7	3	3	2	2	6
J.Smith	1	0	0	0	0	1
Street	1/3	0	0	0	0	0
K.Herrera	1	0	0	0	2	1
T.Collins	1	1	0	0	0	1

K.Herrera pitched to 1 batter in the 7th. HBP—by T.Collins (G.Beckham). WP—W.Waiver, T—408, A—45,321 (45,483).

LDs first at hot homers

Players who hit a home run in their first division series game (first pitch):
American League
x-Evan Longoria, Tampa Bay, off Javier Vazquez, Chicago, Oct. 2, 2008.
J.D. Martinez, Detroit, off Jason Tillman, Baltimore, Oct. 2, 2014.
Chris Iannetta, L.A. Angels, off Jason Vargas, Kansas City, Oct. 2, 2014.
Paul Goldschmidt, Arizona, off Zack Greinke, Milwaukee, Oct. 2, 2011.

MLB PLAYOFFS

ALDS: Kansas City bullpen keeps Angels hitters at bay

FROM BACK PAGE

on fellow rookie Yordano Ventura.

Alcides Escobar had an early RBI double for the Royals, and their bullpen repeatedly escaped trouble in Kansas City's first game since that spectacular, 12-inning comeback victory over Oakland in the wild-card playoff Tuesday night at Kauffman Stadium.

Chris Iannetta and David Freese homered early in the Angels' first playoff game since 2009, but the majors' most productive offense stranded eight runners in the five innings before Greg Holland's perfect 11th.

"This is the type of game that we play," Royals manager Ned Yost said. "We don't score a bunch of runs ... so we have a lot of confidence in our pitching."

Winning pitcher Danny Duffy worked the 10th for Kansas City, and Holland picked up the save after arriving at the ballpark around the fourth inning. He went to North Carolina on the Royals' off day to attend his child's birth.

Mike Trout was 0-for-4 with a walk in his playoff debut. The favorite for AL MVP grounded into a fielder's choice in the 10th before Albert Pujols popped out to end his 0-for-4 Angels playoff debut.

Josh Hamilton popped up to end the game, capping his 0-for-5 return to the lineup.

"We had some guys in scoring position, just couldn't get that one hit, especially late," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. "Those guys hung in there and got the big outs and got the big hit late."

So we hit two home runs to keep ourselves in the game, but outside of that, we didn't really pressure those guys very much."

Jered Weaver, Joe Smith and Huston Street combined to retire Kansas City's final 15 batters before extra innings — and that's when the Royals went to work. Kevin Jepsen let two runners on in the 10th, but retired Salvador Perez and Omar Infante to escape.

Salas wasn't as lucky, giving up a homer to a third baseman who grew up in the San Fernando Valley before making his big league debut and hitting his first homer in Anaheim three years ago.

A raucous crowd banged balloons and cheered on the Angels throughout their post-season return after a half-decade away, but the fans got tense while the teams managed just three hits apiece in the first nine innings. Los Angeles earned home-field advantage throughout the postseason with a big league-best 98-64 record.

Even before Moustakas' homer, Nori Aoki made dramatically awkward catches on the right-field warning track to end the sixth and seventh, twice making up for poor routes to the Angels' drives with a last-instant stab. Lorenzo Cain also made two exceptional plays in center field in the first two innings, underlining Kansas City's stellar defense.

Weaver yielded three hits over seven strong innings for the Angels while Jason Vargas, his good friend and teammate when the two were in college at Long Beach State, pitched six innings of three-hit ball for Kansas City.

'We don't score a bunch of runs ... so we have a lot of confidence in our pitching.'

Ned Yost
Royals manager



Washington manager Matt Williams, center, is doused with champagne by Jayson Werth, right, as they celebrate winning the NL East championship on Sept. 16 in Atlanta.

DAVID TULLS/AP

Nationals, Orioles like idea of Beltway Series

BY DAVID GINSBURG
The Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Not long ago, the prospect of a Baltimore-Washington matchup in the World Series was nothing short of absurd.

As recently as 2011, the Orioles endured their 14th straight losing season. Forty miles south, the Nationals struggled through an eighth consecutive year without a winning record — a streak that began when the team was in Montreal.

Now, with absolutely no regard to history, these long-suffering franchises are on a collision course to make a Beltway Series a reality.

The Nationals and Orioles finished with the same record (96-66), clinched division titles on the same day and are now among eight teams with a shot of being 2014 major league champions.

Never mind that none of the remaining clubs have gone longer without being in the World Series than Washington (1933) and Baltimore (1983).

If all goes as planned for both clubs, the Nationals will come to Camden Yards on Oct. 21 for the opener of the World, or Beltway Series.

Traffic on I-695, otherwise known as the Baltimore Beltway, and I-495, Washington's equivalent, would be jammed with cars bearing flags of their favorite baseball teams.

"I think it would be insane for the cities — 695, 495, would be insane," Orioles center field Adam Jones said. "It's far away, but that's something fun to think about."

"Why not? They've got a great ballpark over there, we've got a great ballpark over here," Baltimore right-hander Bud Norris said. "It would bring two cities and two regions really close together to create something special. The fans would get into it and it would be great for the area."

If the Los Angeles Angels and Los Angeles Dodgers engage as winners in their leagues, they would engage in a Freeway Series. If it's St. Louis and Kansas City, the teams would recreate the I-70 Series of 1985.

But the Beltway Series? That would be historic. The Orioles' ended their run of losing seasons by



PATRICK SEMANSKY/AP

Buck Showalter has guided the Orioles in the playoffs for the second time in three years.

reaching the playoffs in 2012 under the guidance of manager Buck Showalter, who has turned around a franchise that went into a funk after reaching the postseason in 1996 and 1997. Two years ago, Baltimore's run ended with a loss to New York in the AL Division Series.

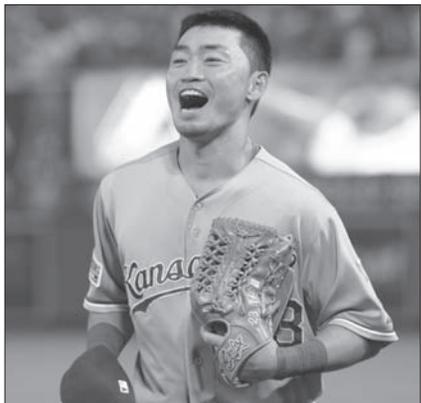
Similarly, Washington was eliminated in five games that year by St. Louis in the ALDS.

So now, here they are again, poised to make a run deep into October.

"As far as a Beltway Series, I'd like to be in the Series against anybody," Nationals general manager Mike Rizzo said. "If it's Baltimore, great. I've known Buck for a long time. We were together in Arizona (overseeing the Diamondbacks) for a long, long time. A good friend of mine. He's a great manager, definitely the Manager of the Year in the American League."

"They've got a great team, and they're a scary team to play. But we'll take a Beltway Series. We'll take a Series in Anaheim. Or anywhere else," Rizzo added. "We're just trying to get past the first round and see where we land."

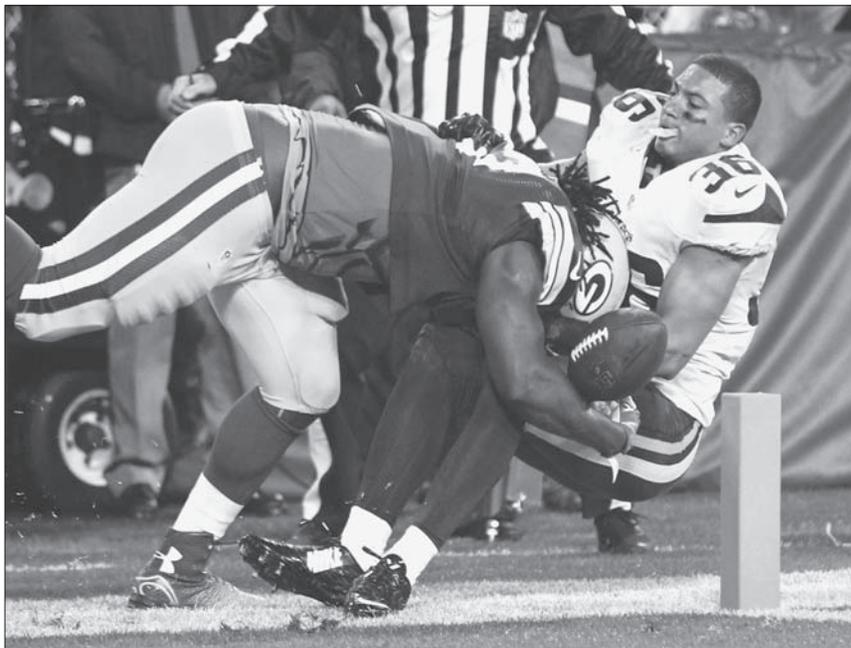
AP Sports Writer Howard Fendrich in Washington contributed to this story.



MARK J. TERRILL/AP

Royals right fielder Norichika Aoki reacts Thursday after catching a fly ball hit by the Angels' C.J. Cron during the seventh inning of Game 1 of their AL Division Series in Anaheim, Calif.

NFL



MIKE ROEMER/AP

Green Bay Packers running back Eddie Lacy bulls past Minnesota Vikings safety Robert Blanton, whose helmet was knocked off when the players collided, for a 10-yard touchdown run Thursday night in Green Bay, Wis. Lacy rushed for 105 yards and two TDs.

Lacy back on track in Pack rout

Bruising runner scores on consecutive drives in blowout of Vikings

By GENARO C. ARMAS
The Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — The running lanes looked decidedly wider. Eddie Lacy broke tackles and barreled over defenders.

The Green Bay Packers re-discovered their rushing attack in a 42-10 rout of the Minnesota Vikings on Thursday night.

Lacy ran for 105 yards and two touchdowns on 13 carries. Aaron Rodgers threw for three touchdowns and the Packers cruised after leading by four touchdowns at the half.

Lacy was just getting started then. He rushed for his scores on back-to-back drives in the third quarter. On the second touchdown, Lacy barreled over a defender into the end zone on 10 yards out.

"I thought he was a beast in the open field. We blocked well and Eddie ran very well," coach Mike McCarthy said.

Rodgers finished 12-for-17 for 156 yards passing, including a 66-yard scoring strike to Jordy Nelson, the league's leading receiver. Still, the Packers weren't at their best. Three-and-outs were sprinkled in between their touchdown drives.

Rodgers, though, recognized the importance of getting the running game going.

"Eddie, you know, he's going to be a guy who's just going to be continuing to lay on people and to be more of a force as the weather continues to turn here," the quarterback said. The Vikings had the better running game

coming into the night. But Green Bay's league-worst run defense had its best outing of the season, holding Matt Asiata to 72 yards on 15 carries.

Nothing else went right for Minnesota. The passing game struggled when it counted with Christian Ponder starting at quarterback for injured rookie Teddy Bridgewater.

Coach Mike Zimmer struggled to find positives.

"It's hard to find a silver lining after tonight," he said.

Some other takeaways from Green Bay's fourth straight Thursday night victory at Lambeau Field:

Making the leap: Julius Peppers' 49-yard interception return for a touchdown proved the 34-year-old pass rusher can keep up with the younger crowd. He provided the kind of big-play spark that the Packers were hoping to get when they signed him in the offseason.

Peppers became the first player in NFL history with 100 sacks and 10 interceptions. He'll remember his latest pick for a while. "It's at the top, it's at the top. It was nice because I actually scored on it," Peppers said.

Poor Ponder: Ponder finished 22-for-44 with 222 passing yards, but much of the damage came late with the game well in hand. He was sacked six times.

Ponder's 6-year workup in the first play of the fourth quarter ended the shutout.

Otherwise, this wasn't what Ponder envisioned when he was called on to start with

Bridgewater sidelined by a sprained left ankle.

"Playing like that, you don't have much to say. It was embarrassing," Ponder said. "I feel bad that I put the team in this position. Point the finger at me."

Not missed: They once cheered receiver Greg Jennings in Green Bay. Now with the Vikings, Jennings was booed each time a ball was thrown his way on Thursday night. Jennings' pointed remarks about Rodgers and the quarterback's leadership style apparently haven't been forgotten, even if Jennings has tried to make amends.

Jennings finished with two catches for 31 yards.

Trainer's room: Bridgewater was an observer four days after throwing for 317 yards in his first career start in a victory over Atlanta. He sprained his ankle in the fourth quarter of that game.

Bridgewater said he wanted to play, but that coach Mike Zimmer made the best decision for him and the team. Bridgewater suspects he might have been able to go if the game was on Sunday.

He said he would be ready for Minnesota's next game on Oct. 12 against Detroit.

Minnesota had the most notable new injury when receiver Cordarele Patterson left with a hip injury early in the third quarter. For Green Bay, defensive lineman Datone Jones left in the second quarter with an ankle injury.

Scoreboard

American Conference

	East		West	
	W	L	T	Pct
Buffalo	2	2	0	50
Miami	2	2	0	50
New England	1	3	0	25
N.Y. Jets	1	3	0	25
South				
Houston	3	0	0	75
Indianapolis	2	2	0	50
Tennessee	2	2	0	50
Jacksonville	0	4	0	0
North				
Cincinnati	3	0	0	100
Baltimore	3	1	0	75
Pittsburgh	2	1	0	67
Cleveland	1	2	0	33
West				
San Diego	3	1	0	75
Denver	2	2	0	50
Kansas City	2	2	0	50
Oakland	0	4	0	0

National Conference

	East		West	
	W	L	T	Pct
Philadelphia	3	1	0	75
Dallas	3	1	0	75
N.Y. Giants	2	2	0	50
Washington	1	3	0	25
South				
Atlanta	2	2	0	50
Carolina	1	3	0	25
New Orleans	1	3	0	25
Tampa Bay	1	3	0	25
North				
Detroit	3	1	0	75
Green Bay	3	1	0	75
Chicago	2	2	0	50
Minnesota	2	2	0	50
West				
Arizona	3	0	0	100
Seattle	1	1	0	50
San Francisco	2	2	0	50
St. Louis	1	3	0	25

Thursday's game

Green Bay 42, Minnesota 10

Sunday's games

Cleveland at Tennessee

Tampa Bay at New Orleans

Houston at Dallas

Chicago at Carolina

St. Louis at Philadelphia

Atlanta at N.Y. Giants

Buffalo at Detroit

Baltimore at Indianapolis

Pittsburgh at Jacksonville

Arizona at Denver

Kansas City at San Francisco

N.Y. Jets at San Diego

Cincinnati at New England

Open: Miami, Oakland

Monday's game

Seattle at Washington

Thursday, Oct. 9

Indianapolis at Houston

Sunday, Oct. 12

Jacksonville at Tennessee

Detroit at Minnesota

Baltimore at Tampa Bay

Denver at N.Y. Jets

New England at Buffalo

Carolina at Cincinnati

Pittsburgh at Cleveland

Green Bay at Miami

San Diego at Oakland

Dallas at Seattle

Washington at Arizona

Chicago at Atlanta

N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia

San Francisco at New Orleans

Monday, Oct. 13

San Francisco at St. Louis

Thursday

Packers 42, Vikings 10

Minnesota 10-10

Green Bay 14 14 14 0-42

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QB—Cobb 28 pass from A.Rodgers

(Crosby kick), 5:38.

RB—Peppers 49 pass from A.Rodgers

(Crosby kick), 5:28.

Second quarter

QB—Peppers 49 pass from A.Rodgers

(Crosby kick), 4:51.

Third quarter

QB—Lacy 1 run (Crosby kick), 10:33.

QB—Lacy 10 run (Crosby kick), 3:42.

Fourth quarter

Min—Ponder 6 run (Walsh kick), 14:52.

Min—FG Walsh 26, 10:07.

A—78-054.

Min

First downs 20 15

Total yards 299 320

Rushes-yards 25-111 28-156

Passing-yards 64 164

Punt Returns 2-9 4-18

Kickoff Returns 5-134 0-0

Interceptions 1-5 2-9

Comp-Att Int 22-44-2 15-22-1

Sacked-Yards Lost 6-34 2-14

Punts 7-43.4 6-50.7

Fumbles-Lost 0-0 0-0

Time of Possession 32:09 27:51

Rushing—Minnesota, Asiata 15-72,

Peppers 2-29, Peterson 3-22

Passing—Minnesota, Ponder 22-44-2,

Green Bay, Lacy 15-105, Starks 12-46, Kuhn 2-6, Flynn

1 (minus 1).

Receiving—Minnesota, Thielen 4-57,

Johnson 3-31, Wright 2-27, McKinnon 3-22

Jennings 2-31, Banyard 2-11, Patterson

2-8, Gray 1-16, Ellison 1-12, Charlie Johnson

1-10, Jones 1-34, Lacy 3-27,

Quarles 2-19, Janis 2-16, Starks 2-19,

Nelson 1-66, Adams 1-11, Kuhn 1-3.

NFL

A laundry list of verboten celebrations

BY EDDIE PELLIS
The Associated Press

Dancing Billy “White Shoes” Johnson, shuffling Ikey Woods and the high-fiving Fun Bunch? Their entertaining touchdown celebrations would be illegal in today’s NFL.

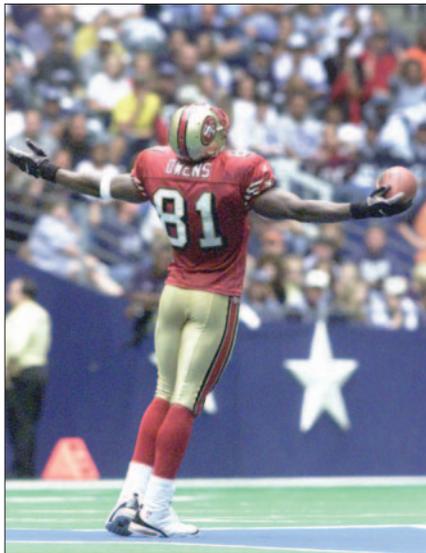
Though the league rulebook has some very specific examples of what constitutes a penalty, the grey area is as wide as ever.

Take, for example, Husain Abdullah’s drop to his knees after returning an interception for a touchdown on Monday. It confused the referees — and caused them to throw a penalty flag. In their eyes, the Kansas City safety violated the language in Rule 12, Section 3(d) that states “Players are prohibited from engaging in any celebrations while on the ground.”

But Abdullah is a devout Muslim, who had always vowed he’d fall to his knees if he ever reached the end zone. Critics pointed out that many players have knelt in Christian prayer and weren’t penalized, most notably Tim Tebow, who’s one-knee genuflection became a meme. After further review, the NFL said since it was part of a religious expression, Abdullah should not have been flagged.

Highlights from the NFL’s forbidden list, who may have caused it, and who might get nailed today.

Throat slash, stomping on team logos: Fred Taylor of the Jacksonville Jaguars was tagged a few times for a throat-slash gesture that was popular, especially in college football, about 10 years ago. Terrell Owens, below, put team logos in the rulebook when, while playing for the 49ers, he ran to the star at the 50-yard line at Texas Stadium after a touchdown. Emmitt Smith responded by doing that himself a bit later. Then, Owens caught another touchdown and did it again, and Cowboys defensive back George Teague met him at the star and laid him out.



Prolonged, choreographed, excessive celebration: It could be said that the “Fun Bunch” — aka Art Monk, Alvin Garrett and the rest of the Washington Redskins receivers in the early 1980s — took the fun out of the NFL. After touchdowns, they would form a circle and time a group high-five. In a 1983 game at Texas Stadium, Cowboys defenders tried to break up a Fun Bunch celebration by standing in the middle of it. A year later, the league passed a rule banning “excessive celebration.” Just last week, Antonio Brown (right) of the Pittsburgh Steelers broke this rule, and about three others, when he spun the ball on the ground, pretended he was spinning like the ball, then fell to the ground. He was penalized 15 yards and a scolding from coach Mike Tomlin. Victor Cruz of the New York Giants says he’s planning a new Salsa dance to celebrate touchdowns.

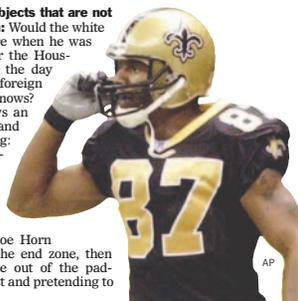


Spiking the ball over the goalpost: It had been one of the last bastions of good, clean celebration — that is, until Saints tight end Jimmy Graham knocked the post-off-kilter on a slam last season in Atlanta, causing a lengthy delay. This preseason, Graham was penalized twice and fined \$30,000 for breaking the new rule. His reaction: “You can’t really have fun anymore.” Well, Woods still can. The former Cincinnati Bengals runner is featured doing his once-famous Ikey Shuffle in a GEICO commercial that airs during NFL games.

Sack dances, home-run swing, incredible hulk: All are verboten if “committed directly at an opponent.” Mark Gastineau of the New York Jets had one of the first (and possibly the worst) sack dance. It sparked a bench-clearing brawl in 1983 with the Los Angeles Rams and their Hall of Fame offensive lineman Jackie Slater, who said: “One lousy tackle and he puts on a big act. Why don’t I dance every time I block him out?” Also forbidden under this category are home-run swings (Neil Smith), Incredible Hulk gestures (Clay Matthews used to do it. More recently, Packers running back Eddie Lacy cleverly bypassed this by wearing an Incredible Hulk shirt under his jersey) and military salutes (could’ve potentially put Terrell Davis, below, and the Denver Broncos famous Mile High Salute of the late 1990s in jeopardy).



Use of foreign objects that are not part of the uniform: Would the white shoes Johnson wore when he was returning kicks for the Houston Oilers back in the day have qualified as “foreign objects?” Who knows? But give these guys an A for creativity and advance planning: Terrell Owens pulling a Sharpie pen out of his sock and signing a ball after scoring. And New Orleans Saints receiver Joe Horn (right) reaching the end zone, then pulling a cellphone out of the padding on the goalpost and pretending to make a call.



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MLB PLAYOFFS: AL DIVISION SERIES

Angels upended by Royals

Moustakas' 11th-inning HR lifts KC in Game 1

By GREG BEACHAM
The Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — When Mike Moustakas smacked a high fly into right field in the 11th inning, the Kansas City Royals' No. 9 hitter had no idea whether it had enough juice to get out of the Big A.

"I knew I hit it pretty good, but that fence out there is pretty tall," the Los Angeles born-and-bred slugger said.

Although this group of Royals only has two crazy games of playoff history, it's becoming clear that good things happen to Kansas City in October.

The Royals went a few more extra innings, withstood a few more scares and figured out another dramatic way to win a playoff game — thanks to the local boy.

Moustakas homered leading off the 11th, and the Royals kept rolling in their first postseason in 29 years with a 3-2 victory over the Los Angeles Angels in their AL Division Series opener Thursday night.

Kansas City had managed just two baserunners since the fifth inning when Moustakas hit the first extra-inning homer in postseason history for the Royals, a high shot off Fernando Salas that barely reached the elevated right-field stands at Angel Stadium.

"It's probably the biggest one I've ever hit so far," said Moustakas, who had dozens of friends and family members in the Royals' tiny cheering section. "It felt really amazing."

Game 2 in the best-of-five series is Friday night at the Big A, with Angels 16-game winner Matt Shoemaker taking

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Above: The Royals' Terrance Gore steals second under the tag of airborne Angels second baseman Howie Kendrick during the 10th inning of Game 1 of their AL Division Series on Thursday in Anaheim. Left: Kansas City's Mike Moustakas rounds the bases after hitting a home run in the 11th inning.



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