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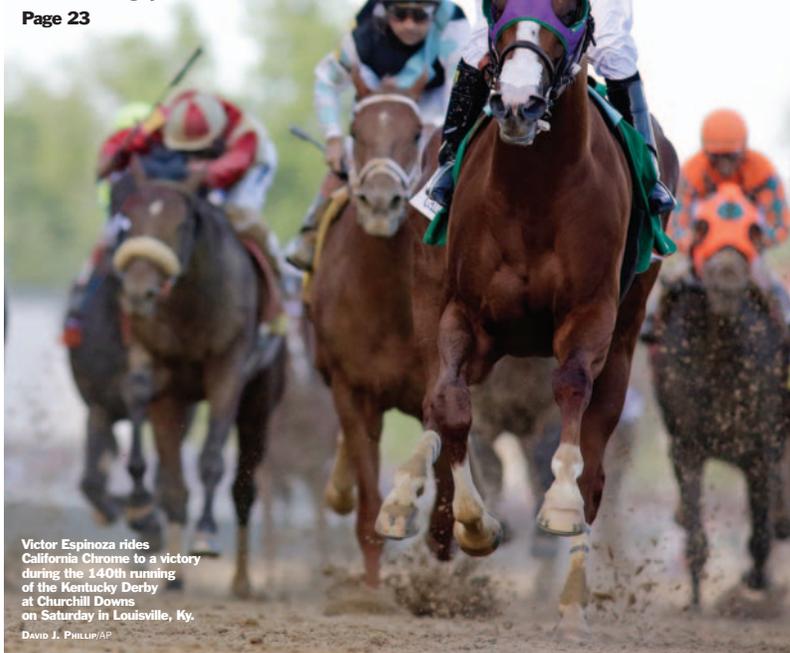
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Chrome shines in Derby

Race favorite cruises to a victory for the little guys at Churchill Downs

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Victor Espinoza rides California Chrome to a victory during the 140th running of the Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs on Saturday in Louisville, Ky.

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SEXUAL ASSAULT

DOD stats show much work still lies ahead

By JENNIFER HLAD
Stars and Stripes

As Congress and advocacy groups keep pressure on the military to prosecute sexual assaults, military commanders say they took disciplinary action against 73 percent of cases in which there was sufficient evidence to consider doing so, leaders said Thursday.

"The bottom line: Commanders are taking allegations of sexual assault very seriously and holding offenders appropriately accountable," said Maj. Gen. Jeffrey Snow, head of the Pentagon's sexual assault prevention and response office.

"More and more victims are getting an opportunity to be heard in the military justice system."

But according to the annual report released Thursday by the Department of Defense, just 484 people went to trial out of the more than 2,100 who could have been considered for action, and just 370 were convicted of any crime. (See chart on Page 5.)

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Tricare for Life putting on push for mail orders

By AMY JETER
The (Norfolk) Virginian-Pilot

Starting this spring, more than 400,000 military retirees and senior dependents in the Tricare for Life program will owe the full amount for certain prescription refills if they use a retail pharmacy rather than a military pharmacy or a mail service.

The change, part of a pilot program created by Congress, is meant to help control the cost of military health care and in its

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Gridlock has gotten so bad in this town you have to wonder: What’d we do to piss off Chris Christie so bad?”

— President Barack Obama, acting as comedian in chief at the annual White House Correspondents’ Association dinner Saturday

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Survivors sit on a hillside as others in the background watch the rescue effort near the site of Friday’s landslide that buried Abi-Barik village in Badakhshan province, northeastern Afghanistan.

After slide, focus on Afghan families

By MASSOUD HOSSAINI AND RAHIM FAIEZ
The Associated Press

ABI BARIK, Afghanistan — As Afghans observed a day of mourning Sunday for the hundreds of people killed in a horrific landslide, authorities tried to help the 700 families displaced by the torrent of mud that swept through their village.

The families left their homes due to the threat of more landslides in the village of Abi Barik in Badakhshan province, Minister for Rural Rehabilitation Wais Ahmad Barmak said.

Another reason for the evacuation was the threat of flooding caused in part by the landslide itself, said Mohammad Daim Kakar, of the Afghanistan Natural Disaster Management Authority. He said the shifting earth had made it difficult for water to drain through the valley — a serious concern as rain continued to fall Sunday. Engineers were working on a plan to

divert the water, he said.

Aid groups and the government have rushed to the remote area in northeastern Afghanistan bordering Tajikistan and China with food, shelter and water. But for those affected, help was slow to arrive.

“My family, my wife and eight children are alive, but have nothing to use as shelter. We have nothing to eat,” said Barat Bay, 50, a farmer and father of eight. “We have passed the last two nights with our children at the top of this hill with no tent, no blanket.”

Kakar, who visited the area Sunday, acknowledged that aid had yet to reach some people but said their efforts were complicated by

villagers from areas unaffected by the landslide also coming to claim the aid.

A spokesman for the International Organization of Migration, Matt Graydon, said the group is bringing solar-powered lanterns, blankets and shelter kits. He said after a visit to the area Sunday that some residents have gone to nearby villages to stay with family or friends while others have slept out in the open.

“Some people are left with almost nothing,” Graydon said.

Authorities visiting from Kabul gave \$800,000 to the provincial governor during visits on Saturday and Sunday to use in the aid effort, said Kakar and Barmak,

who promised that the government would pay more if needed.

President Hamid Karzai designated Sunday as a day of mourning for the hundreds of people who died when a wall of mud and earth broke off from the hill above and turned part of the village into a cemetery.

Authorities still don’t have an exact figure on how many people died in the landslide, Barmak said, and estimates have ranged from 250 to 2,700. The government has estimated that 300 houses were buried under tons of mud, Barmak said.

It will be impossible to dig up all the bodies, but many people continue to look on their own, said Abdullah Homayun Dehqan, the head of Badakhshan province’s National Disaster Department. He said officials met with community elders Sunday in Faizabad, the provincial capital, to see whether they wanted the government to continue digging, but said no final decision has been made.

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Barat Bay
farmer and father of eight



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UMUC Europe holds 1st graduation at new home

By MATT MILLHAM
Stars and Stripes

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — Spc. Rose Ndungu isn't a typical college graduate — not even for her school, the University of Maryland University College Europe.

The school's average student takes 7½ years to finish requirements for a bachelor's degree and graduates at the age of 35. Ndungu managed the feat in just three years and, at the age of 25, the Army truck driver walked across the stage at the school's commencement ceremony Saturday with a huge smile on her face.

"I never had time to do a lot of stuff" because of all the time she put into her classes, she said. "Even when I was deployed, I was still doing schoolwork."

That's the way it goes for a lot of UMUC Europe's students. More than 40 percent of the school's graduates are active-duty military, as was its first graduate in 1951, Col. William C. Bentley Jr.

Saturday's commencement at the Gartenschau in Kaiserslautern was the school's first in its new home city. The school's Europe headquarters moved here after the closure last year of the Army garrison in Heidelberg, the longtime home of both U.S. Army Europe and UMUC Europe.

About 200 students crossed the stage at Saturday's ceremony — a fraction of the more than 1,200 graduates that make up UMUC Europe's 2014 class. Among those, 107 earned master's degrees, 528 earned bachelor's and 597 got their associate degrees. Perhaps the most telling statistic of the school's demographics: 85 of this year's graduates are deployed.

Ndungu, a native of Arlington, Texas, said taking classes while deployed to Camp Leatherstock in Helmand province, Afghanistan, was more of a help than a hindrance for her "because it took my mind off of everything in Afghanistan."



Spc. Rose Ndungu, 25, finished her bachelor's in business administration and a minor in criminal justice in three years.

The focus it gave her allowed her to finish a bachelor's in business administration and a minor in criminal justice all within her first enlistment, she said.

That, according to statistics cited at the ceremony, is not typical.

The experience of Army Chief Warrant Officer James Shackleton and his wife, Lisa, a sergeant first class, is more common. Both deployed to Iraq while going to school. James Shackleton's assignment as a criminal investigator took him all over the country's north, he said.

"Whenever I packed all my kit, I would also have to pack my books as well. That made it a little bit more interesting."

It took him only 14 years to finish his bachelor's in criminal justice, he quipped. "Working full time and going to school is really hard. But we made it happen."

The same goes for Air Force Tech. Sgt. Terrance Lucero and his wife, Charlotte, a civilian. Like the Shackletons, they crossed the stage one after the other Saturday.

"I actually took my first class with (UMUC's) Asian division back in 2001 be-



PHOTOS BY MATT MILLHAM/Stars and Stripes

Graduates of the University of Maryland University College Europe class of 2014 file out after their commencement ceremony on Saturday at the Gartenschau in Kaiserslautern, Germany.

fore I joined the military," Terrance Lucero said. He stopped for a while, then resumed school in 2009 while deployed to Balad, Iraq.

"So it's been one of those decade-plus degree plans," he said with a laugh.

Working full time, often with odd hours, while going to school was hard to balance, he said.

"It's really just great to know that all the hard work and all those nights of studying and grinding through these classes has finally just paid off," he said.

First Lt. R.J. Niesen had more than just deployments and school to worry about.

"My first sergeant said that if I wanted to go big or go home in the Army, I needed to start focusing on civilian education," he said.

He took his first class in 2006 and later got a conditional commission through the Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga. He had three years of college under his belt at the time, he said. If he didn't finish college, he'd lose his commission.

Soon after finishing OCS, he deployed to Afghanistan with the 173rd Airborne Bri-

gade Combat Team in 2012. He took online classes, studying rather than sleeping. His routine was rocked when shrapnel from an insurgent grenade tore into his right leg. He recovered in Afghanistan, continued taking classes and finished the requirements for his bachelor's in December.

The support of his wife and two boys are what made it possible, he said.

After what he'd been through, he was elated to "get to walk across the stage with my boys and my wife here, as they have been step by step the last eight years."

According to school statistics, Niesen is nearly the prototypical UMUC Europe graduate: 83 percent of its graduates are married and 64 percent have children.

Seeing all those families was an inspiration for Ndungu.

"Now I'm even more motivated to get my master's seeing all these young people and even other older people with big families getting their master's. Now I have to get mine," she said.

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Frances Doherty, daughter of 1st Lt. Clemens Hurley, holds flowers in front of the memorial bearing her father's name in Vaterstetten, Germany. Standing with her, from left, are Vaterstetten Mayor Georg Reitsberger, author Jerry Whiting and Maj. Jeffery Marler, of the 603rd Air and Space Operations Center out of Ramstein Air Base.

German city rededicates memorial to US troops

By MICHAEL S. DARNELL
Stars and Stripes

VATERSTETTEN, Germany — It has been nearly 70 years since a B-24 Liberator with the 485th Bomb Group was shot down near this small community in the midst of World War II.

On Friday, the people of Vaterstetten gathered to rededicate a memorial to the crewmembers of that bomber, the "Yellow G," which was shot down on July 19, 1944, during a bombing run over Munich.

If not for the tireless work of a core group of Vaterstetten citizens, the story of the aircraft and its crewmembers may have been lost to time, forgotten in the shuffle of hundreds of thousands of such stories that sprung up from WWII.

Of the 10 Americans aboard the plane, six were killed in the crash. The remaining four were taken prisoner but survived the war. The last of those four, Staff Sgt. Al O'Brien, passed away in 2007 — two years before the completion of the memorial bearing his name.

Georg Reitsberger, the mayor of Vaterstetten, is a member of the town's historical society. He felt that building a monument to the American crew was an important step in keeping peace at the forefront of everyone's mind.

Understandably, not everybody in Vater-

stetten felt the same way.

"It's unusual to build a memorial for former enemies, but it's so important to remember that we have had 70 years of peace."

Georg Reitsberger
mayor of Vaterstetten, Germany

stetten felt the same way.

"They were very surprised about it," Reitsberger said. "But then they thought it was a really, really good idea. It's very unusual, I know that, because a lot of people lost their relatives in the bombing of Munich."

"It's unusual to build a memorial for former enemies, but it's so important to remember that we have had 70 years of peace. These things have to be remembered."

Reitsberger spoke at the memorial for the American and German soldiers and citizens who died during the war. Maj. Jeffery Marler, a U.S. Air Force search-and-rescue pilot at Ramstein Air Base, represented the U.S. military during the small ceremony.

Though the crewmembers of the "Yellow G" have passed into history, some of their family members, including Frances Doherty, daughter of 1st Lt. Clemens Hurley, made the trip from the United States to attend the ceremony.

While there, Doherty met with several

eyewitnesses to the crash, spoke to town historians and visited the site of the crash. It was an emotional trip, but one that helped give her some answers she'd been looking for her entire life, she said.

"It feels weird being here, where my dad died," Doherty said. "I never, ever thought I would set foot in Germany. This has been a real eye-opener for me."

Doherty had reservations about going to the ceremony, but she was persuaded to attend by Jerry Whiting, an author who has spent a considerable amount of time researching the 485th Bomb Group. Whiting was instrumental in ensuring Doherty and her family were there and said he hopes the trip helped her realize that her father will never be forgotten.

"My father was in the same bombing group," he said. "There is never closure when dealing with things of this nature, but we can help to provide answers."

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5th Fleet workhorse

PHOTOS BY HENDRICK SIMOES/Stars and Stripes

U.S. Navy coastal patrol ships travel alongside one another during a formation and maneuvers exercise last month in the Persian Gulf.

Coastal patrol ships becoming integral to the US Navy's forward presence in Persian Gulf

By **HENDRICK SIMOES**
Stars and Stripes

ABOARD THE USS TY-PHOON, Persian Gulf — One can walk from the bow of the ship to the stern in under a minute. Unlike most U.S. Navy warships, coastal patrol boats are so small they don't even have a helicopter pad — although crewmembers jokingly say landing a helicopter might be possible, but just once.

The Navy has 13 of these vessels, the legacy of which dates to World War II-era motor torpedo boats. The fact they are called coastal patrol ships means just that — they are not much used in the open ocean where heavy sea swells would make them difficult to operate.

In a Navy dominated by massive warships, it's difficult to imagine a ship with about 25 sailors having a place in the Navy's forward presence strategy. Over the past 15 years, the PCs were gradually falling into obscurity — that is, until 5th Fleet came calling.

Now the PC platform has re-emerged as the workhorse of the Navy's forward presence. Last year three PCs were sent to Bahrain to augment the five already based near the U.S. 5th Fleet headquarters. Two more are expected to arrive in the coming months, and by the end of the summer, 10 of the Navy's 13 PC ship fleets will be forward-deployed to Bahrain.

Navy officials describe the PC mission in the Persian Gulf as necessary to enhance theater security and to build partnerships with other Gulf nations. Officials said the ships are routinely tasked to escort other ships, provide maritime security and protect infrastructure and frequently participate in exercises with regional allies.

"The PCs are the perfect craft for that because of our size and our look," said Lt. Cmdr. Brian Crosby, commander of the USS Typhoon. "You can bring a DDG (guided missile destroyer) out here to do these sort of things, but a DDG is a much bigger platform and highly intimidating to some of the smaller countries."

Crewmembers say the operational tempo is very high. "Definitely a high demand for



Sailors aboard the coastal patrol ship USS Typhoon commonly use the mess decks as an office.

PCs out here," Crosby said, adding that the ship is underway about 60 percent of the time on a mission.

"On a PC, your mission changes daily, keeps you on your toes," said Chief Petty Officer Herb Kresge, who's been in the Navy 20 years and served on five other ships.

While crewmembers speak with incredible pride about serving on a PC, they say it can be a rough life. Although PCs in the Persian Gulf don't deploy in seven-month stints like many other ships in the Navy, crewmembers say the days spent in port are few and leave is difficult to take.

"We are highly operational, in high demand and always on the go," Crosby said.

Making a difference

Despite the Navy recently allowing PC sailors to bring their families to Bahrain, few have done so, and some say they are hesitant to because of the high operational tempo.

"PC sailors are on the front lines of making a difference," said Cmdr. John Howard, commodore of Patrol Coastal Squadron One. "If that kind of thing excites you, we want you to know about PCs."

He touted several benefits for sailors serving on PCs that include operating in a foreign country, obtaining qualifications not possible on larger ships, and going to sea with a purpose.

"When they get underway to go to sea, they're going out to actually

do a mission," Howard said.

In the Persian Gulf, with Iran a mere 110 nautical miles from the ships' Bahrain homeport, run-ins with Iranian vessels do occur.

Crewmembers speak of such incidents with heightened excitement. However, higher-ranking Navy officials stress that such encounters are always professional.

"We see them, they see us, and we are all out here in the Gulf together," Crosby said. "They have every right to be in international waters as we do."

While political disputes between Washington and Tehran

To view video of life on a Navy coastal patrol ship, go to: stripes.com/gocastal

over Iran's nuclear program create a sense of naval tension in the Gulf, the main threat to PC sailors is posed by terrorists and insurgents. A decade ago, two sailors and a Coast Guardsman from the USS Firebolt were killed by a suicide bombing while they were clearing fishing dhows from an area around an Iraqi oil terminal in the Gulf.

Packing a punch

Regardless of the threat, PCs pack a formidable punch despite their small size. Half of the PCs here, including the Typhoon, were recently outfitted with the lightweight Griffin Missile System to complement the existing 25 mm autocannon and 50-caliber machine guns, thus significantly increasing their firepower.

The upgrades are a clear sign that the PCs are here to stay despite all being about 20 years old, officials said.

"The Navy has made a commitment that these ships are going to extend the workhorse of 5th Fleet for the foreseeable future," Howard said.

The Navy plans to upgrade each PC during its next year period to extend the life of the ships, officials said. However, there are no plans yet to restructure the ship's berthing spaces to accommodate women. All PC crewmembers must be male, with the exception of the commander — who has a separate stateroom aboard.

Flexibility is a buzzword on a PC. Even the most experienced crewmembers describe PC life

as being outside the Navy's norm. "It's different than any other ship, that's for sure," Kresge said.

The last time the ship's only culinary specialist went on leave, the crew was left with a boatswain's mate chief petty officer in charge of the cooking — a move that apparently worked out pretty well, although it's doubtful anyone would openly criticize a fellow sailor's cooking on a vessel with such a small crew.

In such tight quarters aboard the coastal patrol boats, crewmembers tend to know everything about each other, Petty Officer 1st Class Jose Leon said. "Every single thing about them," he said, adding that this allows the crew to trust and depend on one another.

Navy ratings, which identify a sailor's job description, seem to be only a formality onboard.

"Not only do you have to be qualified in your rate, you have to be able to step out of your rate and get qualified in other aspects you wouldn't see those rates do on [larger warship]," Crosby said.

On a typical day, Petty Officer 1st Class Keevan Haynes, the ship's culinary specialist, started the morning topside handling lines to get the ship underway, came below decks to cook lunch and went back up topside after lunch to help drop the anchor. He's also sometimes the conning officer on the bridge at night and has other shipboard roles as the command fitness leader and financial specialist.

"You do get to see every other job in the Navy coming to a platform like this," Haynes said.

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Tricare: Medication plan expected to trim \$120M from military's budget

FROM FRONT PAGE

first year, is expected to cut \$120 million from the \$3.3 billion that the U.S. Department of Defense pays annually for Tricare for Life pharmacy needs.

The government insurance serves about 2 million military retirees and their dependents over 65, supplementing Medicare. Tricare for Life accounts for nearly half of the \$7.1 billion that the Defense Department spends each year on its pharmacy program.

The pilot includes more than 400 medications — mostly brand-name — for chronic conditions such as high blood pressure, diabetes and asthma. Prescriptions for pain relievers, antibiotics and other medicines for acute conditions aren't affected.

With the program, members can fill eligible prescriptions three times at a retail outlet, usually a 30-day supply for a \$17 copayment. Then, if they don't switch, they're responsible for the drug's entire cost for subsequent refills, charges that quickly could climb into hundreds of dollars.

If they do switch, they'll owe \$13 for each 90-day supply through the Express Scripts mail service or nothing when they use a base pharmacy.

After a year, members can opt out of the pilot and return to paying \$17 for a 30-day supply for their retail refills. Nine out of 10 people who switch to the home delivery program decide to stick with it, according to Tricare.

Tricare for Life will grant waivers on a case-by-case basis due to "personal need or hardship, emergency, or other special circumstance."

Beyond savings and convenience, Tricare officials said the move to mail delivery can help patients adhere more closely to their drug regimens by requiring less effort to get their prescriptions refilled.

That compliance can keep patients healthier, an obvious plus for them. It also can save insurance plans the expense of hospitalizations or other medical care, said health economics consultant M. Christopher Roebuck.

But brick-and-mortar pharmacies say it takes more than access to ensure that patients take their medicines correctly.

"A lot of people, they have medications that they just don't take," said John Norton, a spokesman for the National Community Pharmacists Association. "Or they have medication and they start to feel better, and they don't take it to its conclusion."

Some — including members of the U.S. House of Representatives — have expressed concern about over-reliance on mail delivery for pharmaceuticals.

In a March 31 letter to the Pentagon, nine congressmen, includ-

‘We urge Tricare to allow patients who prefer to utilize their local community pharmacist as opposed to a telephone hotline to do so.’

letter from nine U.S. representatives to the Pentagon

ing North Carolina Republican Walter Jones, stressed the value of in-person counseling from community pharmacists.

Though the pilot program offers around-the-clock phone access to pharmacists, they said that might not be enough.

"We urge Tricare to allow patients who prefer to utilize their local community pharmacist as opposed to a telephone hotline to do so," they wrote.

Tricare for Life members in South Hampton Roads offered mixed opinions about the pharmaceutical mail service.

Jerry Walton, 69, said he didn't want to switch, and he remains apprehensive about the potential impact of inclement weather.

"A 100 degree day, what's the temperature in a metallic mailbox and what's the status of the drugs after eight hours in that?" the Virginia Beach resident said. "Maybe they're fine, maybe not, maybe it depends on the drug."

Doris Plock tried mail delivery last year after surgery made it difficult for her to get around. She was surprised to discover a new \$15 charge for insulin she'd been getting for free and unhappy that her doctor was required to undergo a complicated verification process for a medicine she'd been taking for years.

After she recovered, she abandoned the mail order program for the military pharmacy at Sewells Point Branch Medical Clinic.

"If something like that happened again, I guess I would have to go back to it," Plock, 69, of Virginia Beach, said. "Not that I would want to, but I would have to."

Chuck LeGeyt feels differently. In three years using Tricare's mail order program, he experienced just one hiccup — a delayed delivery during last winter's snows.

"I couldn't even tell you how to improve it," said LeGeyt, 66, of Virginia Beach. "It's that good."

Stats: Few sex assault suspects face prosecution

FROM FRONT PAGE

Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., has championed legislation to overhaul the military justice system. On Thursday, she said the Pentagon's latest numbers are "deeply troubling" and show that "our current military justice system remains broken."

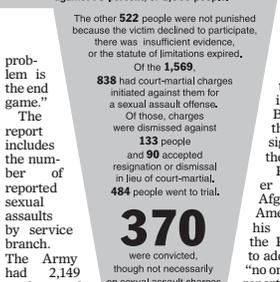
The report showed a 50 percent increase in reported sexual assaults from fiscal 2012, which leaders attribute to growing confidence in the system.

Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., a longtime critic of the way the military handles sexual assaults and the architect of many recent reforms, said she believes the uptick in reporting shows "concrete progress."

"We know that the majority of survivors, both military and civilian, choose not to report their assaults — but this data suggests that the number of brave men and women in uniform choosing to pursue justice is increasing," McCaskill said.

Gillibrand said it is impossible to draw any conclusions based on the numbers, and instead said the report "should send chills down people's spines" and shows "a system screaming for additional reform."

"More reporting is not the end game," Gillibrand said. "Justice and removing recidivist predators from the military so they cannot commit more crimes to arrest the



problem is the end game."

The report includes the number of reported sexual assaults by service branch. The Army had 2,149 total sexual assaults reported in fiscal 2013, a 51 percent increase from fiscal 2012. The Navy had 1,057 reports of sexual assault, a 46 percent increase from the previous year.

The Air Force received 1,052 reports, a 33 percent increase from the previous year. The Ma-

rine Corps had 808 reports, an 86 percent increase from fiscal 2012.

The Marine Corps also had the highest rate of reported sexual assaults, at 3.8 per 1,000 servicemembers, according to the report.

Marine spokesman Capt. Tyler Balzer said Marines are encouraged by the increase in reporting, which they believe means that victims have greater trust in the system. While there is still work to be done, Balzer said, "we're taking this as an encouraging sign that we're moving in the right direction."

Paul Rieckhoff, founder and CEO of Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, said that while his organization believes the Pentagon is committed to addressing sexual assault, "no one should confuse better reporting and more accurate numbers with actually solving the problem."

The numbers show that there is still hard work to do to reduce sexual assault in the military," Rieckhoff said. "This is a matter of national security. If troops aren't safe in uniform, they can't be safe in battle."

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MILITARY

Camp Carroll commissary renovation planned

By ARMANDO R. LIMON
Stars and Stripes

OSAN AIR BASE, South Korea — The Camp Carroll commissary is scheduled to close soon for nearly a year for a major renovation, leaving the 2,500 troops and family members at Camp Carroll to face at least an hourlong round trip to the nearest base for food and supplies.

“In the short term, we all recognize that the temporary closure of the Camp Carroll Commissary presents our Camp Carroll Army community with some temporary inconveniences,” Col. Jim M. Bradford, U.S. Army Garrison Daegu commander, said in a state-

ment to Stars and Stripes. Bradford said. “However, we are doing our best to lessen the impact.”

The commissary is in a decades-old Quonset hut. The renovation would repair the roof, replace the outdated air conditioning, electrical and fire protection systems, and add a new colorful décor package, said Nancy O’Neill, a Defense Commissary Agency spokeswoman.

“The Defense Commissary Agency took over operation of the commissary building from the Army Troop Support Agency in 1991,” she said. “Based on a review of equipment property records, the facility had likely been used as a commissary since the

mid-’80s.”

If the construction project is awarded as planned, the commissary will close June 4 and will reopen 10 to 11 months later, O’Neill said.

Camp Carroll is north of Deagu, while Camp Walker — site of the nearest commissary — lies at the southern end of the city.

“Obviously there is the inconvenience of having to travel to Camp Walker to shop, which is usually a 30- to 45-minute drive each way,” said Philip Molter, a U.S. Army Garrison Daegu spokesman. “It will be a challenge especially for frozen and chilled goods.”

Weekend bus service has been offered for troops and their

families.

“Tentatively, our plan is for the bus to depart Camp Carroll at 10:30 a.m., wait at the Camp Walker Commissary for 90 minutes, then return to Camp Carroll,” Molter said.

“We remain open to the possibility of running a bus during the week, say on Tuesday or Wednesday, as well.”

Limited alternative space at Camp Carroll was the central reason for the commissary’s temporary closure.

“We simply do not have the space to build a new facility while the old facility remains open,” Molter said. “We are forced to close in some cases while we ren-

ovate or modernize a facility.”

Sabrina Kaye Bell, a dependent whose husband is stationed at Camp Carroll, said it would be difficult to make the lengthy round trip between bases.

“I find it absurd that I have to put my squirming, yelling toddler on a bus for an hour or more and then lug bags to a bus afterward. It would take me 30 minutes to lug my stuff and my kid on one hip back and forth off the bus,” Bell said.

A town hall meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. on May 14 at the Camp Carroll Community Activities Center to allow soldiers and families to express their concerns.

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DOD lacks way to revive troubled missile effort

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FORT SHAFTER, Hawaii — The Pentagon has yet to explain how it can save a beleaguered missile intercept program intended to defend against ballistic attacks by nations such as North Korea and Iran, a report by a government watchdog agency says.

The Government Accountability Office examined a 2013 report by the Department of Defense purporting to explain how the Ground-based Midcourse Defense program could become viable. In the last three tests of the system — two in 2010 and one last year — failures plagued the so-called “kill vehicle” that detaches, detects and destroys the threat.

GMD is overseen by the U.S. Missile Defense Agency. Thirty interceptor missiles are already deployed at Fort Greely, Alaska, and Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif. The Pentagon has said it plans to deploy another 14 interceptors in Alaska by 2017 — provided a planned test succeeds later this year.

The Defense Department’s report, mandated as part of last year’s defense budget, suggested that accelerated testing would be the key to reaching an acceptable level of interceptions by the kill vehicle.

However, a GAO report released Wednesday concluded “it is unlikely that DOD can successfully accelerate the pace of GMD’s testing given its testing track record and the increasing complexity of planned tests.”

“In addition, the report provided insufficient information to assess whether accelerating GMD’s testing pace is prudent because it did not address the potential full cost, benefits, and risks of accelerating testing,” the report added.

America has other missile defense programs that are space- and sea-based or that target enemy missiles close to launch or at re-entry from the atmosphere. As its name suggests, GMD is intended to destroy missiles while in midcourse.

Last year, the GAO calculated that the GMD system would cost about \$41 billion through 2017. Costs have increased significantly over original projections because



Courtesy of the Missile Defense Agency

An interceptor missile launches from Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., in December 2010 during a test of the Ground-based Midcourse Defense system. It failed to destroy a mock ballistic missile launched from the Marshall Islands.

the system has been concurrently manufactured, deployed and tested — a practice that has led to costly redesigns and retrofits, the GAO said.

With so much time and money already invested and generally bipartisan support in Congress, it’s unlikely that lawmakers will “walk-back” on the current GMD track, said Lora Saalman, an associate professor with the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies in Honolulu.

“The important point to keep in mind is that this is not simply a domestic issue,

but also a global one in terms of external perceptions regarding the effectiveness of GMD and overall U.S. military [research and development] programs,” Saalman said.

It seems likely, however, that the missile’s kill vehicle is in for another redesign. The Pentagon’s director of operational testing and evaluation, Michael Gilmore, wrote in a January report that the last three failures “raise questions regarding the robustness” of the current design.

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Japan puts new early-warning aircraft unit at Okinawa base

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CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — Japan has permanently assigned a new early-warning aircraft unit to Naha Air Base on Okinawa in response to Chinese probing around its southern island chain, officials say.

The Asahi Shimbun reported that four E-2C aircraft and approximately 130 members of the Japan Air Self-Defense Force have been permanently repositioned from Misawa Air Base in northern Japan. The aircraft from the 603rd Airborne Unit will be responsible for surveillance and patrolling the peripheral airspace of the southwestern region, according to a Defense Ministry spokesman.

The move comes after Japan’s Ground Self-Defense Force broke ground last month on a Coastal Monitoring Squadron base at Yonaguni, Japan’s westernmost island. Experts have said Japanese expansions could be seen as a provocation by China and further inflame tensions in the region.

Officials from U.S. Forces Japan declined to comment.

Defense Minister Itsunori Onodera attended a ceremony April 20 at Naha Air Base to commemorate the establishment of the new unit.

“The number of scrambles against Chinese aircraft quadrupled in the past four years,” he told reporters following the ceremony. “The unit with E-2C early-warning aircraft was assigned newly here at Naha Air Base to enhance the early-warning and surveillance mission. The assignment of the new unit is important for Japan to continue to defend our territory, waters and skies.”

Onodera later told a news conference that having a defense force base on the island is critical for Japan’s security.

“This island is located in the western-most point of our country, therefore, the coastal monitoring mission on an island like this is crucially important for Japan’s security,” he said.

To replace the aircraft moving to Okinawa, the Airborne Early Warning Group and the 601st Airborne Unit were assigned to Misawa, the statement said.

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Chutes and laughter

Above: Polish and U.S. paratroopers share a light moment after a jump Saturday in Oleszno near Drawsko Pomorskie, Poland. Left: Polish paratroopers pack parachutes after their jump. U.S. paratroopers went to Poland last month on a request from Poland's government in a sign of Washington's concern for the security of Europe in the face of Russia's aggression against Ukraine.

NATO members work on long-term interoperability

BY NANCY MONTGOMERY
Stars and Stripes

VICENZA, Italy — Just a year after standing up its new Allied Land Command in Izmir, Turkey, NATO learned last fall that the Turkish government was planning to purchase a new missile defense system — from China. That was problematic, because the Chinese manufacturer was under U.S. sanctions for supplying missiles to Iran and Syria. Even worse from NATO's perspective were the cybersecurity concerns raised by the new system.

NATO top diplomats warned Turkish officials that the Chinese system was a no-go. So did top U.S. NATO commanders.

"I took every opportunity, I had a duty, to reinforce the message from the [NATO supreme allied commander] that there's no way a Chinese-manufactured system is going to be allowed to integrate with NATO's integrated air defense system," Lt. Gen. Frederick "Ben" Hodges, the head of Allied Land Command, said in an interview Thursday with Stars and Stripes.

Although choosing a weapon system is a national decision, NATO has often emphasized that any such items must be able to operate together with similar systems in the inventory of other alliance members, and that Turkey would have to comply with that requirement.

Turkey, under intense pressure from Western allies, now appears to be backing away from buying the Chinese anti-aircraft missiles, which analysts say are cheaper than comparable Western systems.

The matter illustrates the difficulties inherent in maintaining a security alliance of 28 countries with diverging national interests and political concerns, Hodges



Courtesy Allied Land Command

Lt. Gen. Frederick "Ben" Hodges, commander of NATO's Allied Land Command, said he spends much of his time advising other NATO countries' army officials on equipment that enhances the alliance's quest for interoperability.

said. It also demonstrates the importance of NATO's efforts to increase the "interoperability" of the members' forces, with shared doctrine and procedures, the ability to share bases and infrastructure and, ultimately, systems and technology.

"Each nation, including our own, has its agendas. Every nation, including the U.S., is going to protect its own defense industry," Hodges said. "Can you find gaps? Is it maddening? Of course it is."

Interoperability, according to a RAND Corp. study, "supports U.S. national security and U.S. national military strategies. It can enable coalition building with coalition partners. It can sustain coalitions by reducing the costs of participation and increasing burden sharing. And it offers an opportunity to enhance future coalition operations."

Hodges' command is designed to promote NATO armies' readi-

ness, competency and standardization. Hodges said the two pillars to that are sharing the same standard procedures and integrated communications.

Although getting the forces of its various members to operate and fight seamlessly together has been a lasting alliance goal since its foundation in 1949, this proved very difficult to implement in practice during the Cold War. NATO officials say it has only recently been achieved to a significant degree over the past decade, after years of joint combat operations in Afghanistan.

That cooperation is now being tested in the wake of Russia's new assertiveness — annexing Crimea, sending special forces troops to infiltrate eastern Ukraine and massing troops on Ukraine's border.

After Poland, Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia asked NATO to send contingents of troops as a sign

of the alliance's determination to defend their territories, standard procedures and previous joint training allowed the U.S. to quickly deploy four companies of paratroopers from the Vicenza-based 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team and immediately start a training exercise, Hodges said.

But would the 173rd's communications system integrate with the Estonians'?

"We'll see," Hodges said.

The U.S. has traditionally been the dominant partner in NATO, from the beginning of the alliance after World War II as a deterrent to a Soviet invasion of Western Europe. Following the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989 and the dissolution of the Soviet-led Warsaw Pact military alliance and the Soviet Union itself, military spending by European nations and contributions to NATO declined, with only three currently meeting spending obligations.

Currently, European NATO nations together spend a fraction of what the U.S. does on defense, raising questions about the benefit of continued alliance membership for the Americans. But experts say being the leader of the world's largest military bloc allows the country to influence other members to achieve its foreign policy objectives.

"If you get everybody in NATO to do something, that is powerful," Hodges said. "I think it is the most powerful, effective alliance in the world. I don't want to oversell it; it's hard."

Furthermore, "what do you replace it with?" he asked.

The difference in spending and capabilities hampers interoperability. Although the NATO intervention in Libya in 2011 was counted a success, with 14 NATO countries involved, it also highlighted a lack of capabilities in intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance that the U.S. had to supplement.

The crisis in Ukraine, with Russia demonstrating it's still a military threat to Europe, could start to change that, Hodges said.

"All of this has generated a level of solidarity I haven't seen in some time," he said. "People had gotten complacent ... or were naive. We've been reminded: They are who we thought they were."

Hodges said it's often the case that NATO allies gradually join in U.S. efforts, as they've started doing in the Baltics. "If you want to be the leader, you have to lead," he said. "I think we'll start to see countries saying, 'Oh, good, we'll add to that,' and potentially it becomes NATO-led assurance measures."

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President Barack Obama appears at the White House Correspondents' Association Dinner at the Washington Hilton Hotel in Washington on Saturday.

In the capital, comic relief

Obama pokes fun at self, adversaries at annual event

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — From the bungled rollout of "Obamacare" to New Jersey gridlock to the hue of John Boehner's tan, all was fair game for President Barack Obama and his spirited but pointed humor when he took center stage as comedian in chief.

At the annual White House Correspondents' Association dinner on Saturday, Obama observed that the House speaker's fellow Republicans have lately been as critical of Boehner as they've been of him.

"Which proves that orange really is the new black," Obama

said to roars of laughter.

"We rolled out healthcare.gov. That could have gone better," Obama said, poking a little fun at himself and his administration. "In 2008 my slogan was 'Yes we can.' In 2013 my slogan was 'Control-alt-delete.'"

When a video Obama introduced failed to play properly, he asked, "Does anybody know how to fix this?" To laughter, the outgoing Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius stepped up and said: "I got this. I see it all the time."

The annual dinner has become a tradition in the nation's capital,

promising a black-tie evening of humor and celebrity gazing.

The event once again attracted an array of journalists, government officials, politicians and media personalities as the association raised money for college scholarships. The featured entertainer was comic actor Joel McHale.

Republicans didn't escape untouched.

"Washington seems more dysfunctional than ever," Obama said. "Gridlock has gotten so bad in this town you have to wonder: What'd we do to piss off Chris Christie so bad?"

Men find a body in cargo of rented RV

The Associated Press

WINONA, Minn. — A group of men on their way to the Kentucky Derby for a bachelor party made a gruesome discovery after they pulled their rented RV over in southeastern Minnesota: a body inside the vehicle's exterior cargo compartment.

Authorities confirmed Saturday that the body is that of an Anoka, Minn., man who has been missing since November. The Anoka County Sheriff's Office said the death of Kevin Casserly, 22, is being investigated, and no additional updates were being released on Saturday.

Officials say the men rented the recreational vehicle from someone in Anoka County on Thursday, and they headed south.

Jake Wanek, of Minneapolis, was a part of the bachelor party and said the men pulled over in Winona to pick up the last members of their group. While they were there, they began investigating a foul odor and found

Casserly's body lodged in a compartment of the RV that was accessible only from the outside.

Wanek told the Star Tribune that one of the men opened and closed a front compartment which stirred up the odor. The men opened the compartment on the other side and saw the body, with bare feet and pants on.

"We kind of saw it one by one. We didn't see it all together," Wanek told the St. Paul Pioneer Press. "Then it was just all of us asking each other, 'Just tell me I'm not crazy. That's really there, right?' You know, just kind of confirming what we saw."

Police in Winona questioned the men and seized the RV.

Groom-to-be Dan Trainor, of Rochester, told the Star Tribune he thought the police were suspicious at first but then realized the men had nothing to do with the body.

Information on the cause of Casserly's death and results of an autopsy were not immediately available.

2 Alaska troopers killed while attempting arrest

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — As two state troopers struggled to arrest his father, a 19-year-old man armed himself with an assault rifle and shot them seven times, killing them outside his home in a remote Alaska village, authorities said in charges filed Saturday.

Nathaniel Lee Kangas appeared in a Fairbanks court two days after Trooper Gabriel "Gabe"

Rich and Sgt. Patrick "Scott" Johnson were shot to death. He was charged with two counts of first-degree murder and a count of third-degree assault.

Rich and Johnson had traveled to Tanana to arrest Kangas, Arvin, 58, on charges of driving without a license and threatening the village's unarmed public safety officer, Mark Haglin.

Arvin Kangas was also arrested and is being held in Fairbanks.

From The Associated Press

Openly gay bishop announces end of his same-sex marriage

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The first openly gay Episcopal bishop, who became a symbol for gay rights far beyond the church while deeply dividing the world's Anglicans, plans to divorce his husband.

Bishop Gene Robinson announced the end of his marriage to Mark Andrew in an email sent to the Diocese of New Hampshire, where he served for nine years before retiring in 2012.

Robinson would not disclose details about the end of their 25-year relationship but wrote Sunday in The Daily Beast he owed a

debt to Andrew "for standing by me through the challenges of the last decade."

"It is at least a small comfort to me, as a gay rights and marriage equality advocate, to know that like any marriage, gay and lesbian couples are subject to the same complications and hardships that afflict marriages between heterosexual couples," Robinson wrote. "All of us sincerely intend, when we take our wedding vows, to live up to the ideal of 'til death do us part. But not all of us are able to see this through until death indeed parts us."

Robinson did not respond Sunday to email and phone requests for comment from The Associated Press.

Robinson has never been fully accepted within the more than 70 million-member Anglican Communion, which is rooted in the Church of England and represented in the United States by the Episcopal Church.

The bishop endured death threats during his 2003 consecration and intense scrutiny of his personal life, and in 2006, he sought treatment for alcoholism. His election prompted some

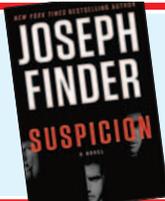
Episcopal dioceses and parishes to break away and establish the Anglican Church in North America with other theological conservatives overseas.

Robinson was barred in 2008 by then-Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams from the Lambeth Conference, the once-a-decade global meeting of all Anglican bishops, as Williams struggled to find a way to keep Anglicans united.

Robinson was also widely celebrated as a pioneer for gay rights, became an advocate for gay marriage and was the subject of sever-

al books and a documentary about Christianity, the Bible and same-sex relationships. He delivered the benediction at the opening 2009 inaugural event for President Barack Obama and, after retirement, became a senior fellow at the Center for American Progress, a Democratic think tank with close ties to the White House.

Robinson, 68, had been married to a woman and had two children before he and his wife divorced. He and Andrew had been partners for more than a decade when Robinson was elected to lead the New Hampshire Diocese.



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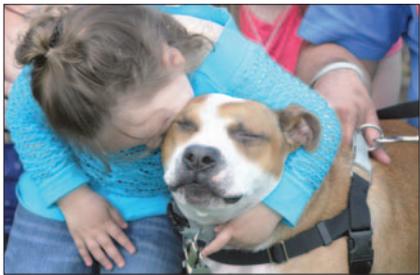
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Kelsey James hugs her dog, Reckless, after her family found the pit bull mix at the SPCA in Monmouth County, N.J., on Thursday, a year and a half after Reckless was lost during Superstorm Sandy.

Dog lost during Sandy is found at the pound

The Associated Press

EATONTOWN, N.J. — A New Jersey family whose pit bull mix escaped from their backyard during Superstorm Sandy went to an animal shelter last week to adopt a new pet and came home with their old dog.

Chuck James told The Associated Press that his family searched for the brown-and-white dog named Reckless for months after the October 2012 storm before finally giving up hope.

"We reported him missing and called the shelters periodically, just hoping they had him," James said Saturday. "We always kept our hopes up, but eventually it's time to move on."

James said the family had planned in recent weeks to get a new dog as a 10th birthday surprise for their eldest daughter, Ally. When the family of five went to the Monmouth County SPCA on

Thursday to adopt a new animal, James and his wife approached the first cage and saw a familiar face.

"He was a little bigger than I remembered because they had fed him well," James joked. "But then he was laying on my wife's feet, and I knew it was him. ... I was in disbelief. I know this dog is meant to be with our family."

When SPCA officials asked if they could prove the animal was their dog, a friend sent a picture showing the family with their dog before Sandy hit the Jersey shore. "We're all so happy to have him back," James said. "Thank God for no-kill shelters because every time they kill an animal, it's somebody's friend who might be lost. Thank God they didn't put him down, because this would have been a different story."

SPCA officials said Reckless was picked up as a stray and has now been microchipped.

Campus sex violence being viewed in civil rights light

By NICK ANDERSON

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — What has become a national uprising against the scourge of sexual assault on college campuses started three years ago with a 19-page letter from an obscure agency in Washington.

Sexual violence was not only a crime that could land a perpetrator in jail, the Office for Civil Rights in the Education Department told schools in April 2011. It was also a form of harassment prohibited by federal anti-discrimination law, a declaration that required colleges to take vigorous steps to prevent sexual violence and to provide a "prompt and equitable" response whenever cases arise.

The letter from the Obama administration helped encourage survivors of rape and other forms of sexual assault to lodge grievances with the federal government, with widening consequences for higher education.

"It was the first time my administration had called out sexual violence as a civil rights issue," Catherine Lhamon, assistant education secretary for civil rights, said of the letter. "It was a shot across the bow."

From last October through April, Lhamon's office received 43 civil rights complaints related to sexual violence at colleges. That's about four times as many as the office received in the entire fiscal year of 2010.

Expanded civil rights enforcement is one of several ways the administration has pressed to

tighten oversight of higher education. The department aims to force changes at for-profit colleges that leave graduates with too much debt and poor job prospects. It also is developing a plan to rate colleges on value and access. Both of those initiatives are controversial, but the sex assault initiative has drawn huge attention.

Sex assault has plagued colleges for generations. Administrators who faced the problem often tried to keep it a private matter, resolved behind closed doors with minimal campus disturbance. Now the issue has gone public. In January, President Barack Obama asked a task force to develop ways to protect students from sex assault.

On Thursday, the department made public for the first time a list of colleges under investigation for possible violations of the 1972 law known as Title IX, stemming from their handling of sexual violence and harassment complaints. Of the 55 institutions listed, only three were subject of investigations that predated the letter: Harvard Law School, Princeton University and Ohio State University. The rest came under federal scrutiny afterward, officials said, with most of the cases the result of a mounting number of student complaints.

Lhamon hastened to point out that the release of the list did not mean any of the 55 schools had broken the law. But in a higher-education market sensitive to public perceptions, with schools constantly angling to get noticed through one national ranking or another, this is one list they want

to avoid.

"What colleges have today that's most valuable for their franchise is their brand," said James Marsh, a New York attorney who represents sexual assault victims. When sexual violence questions hang over a school, he said, it "seriously undermines and hurts the brand."

Marsh and Boston attorney Wendy Murphy represent a University of Virginia graduate who filed a federal civil rights complaint in 2012, alleging that the school mishandled her report that she had been drugged and then raped by a classmate in December 2011. Separately, the Office for Civil Rights, known as OCR, had begun an investigation in June 2011 of possible civil rights violations related to sexual violence at the University of Virginia.

Why that investigation remains open nearly three years later is unclear. Neither the Education Department nor the school would comment on it.

But the University of Virginia's associate dean of students, Nicole Eramo, said Friday that the university took numerous steps to bolster its sexual violence policies after the OCR letter in 2011. The university broadened its definition of sexual misconduct to cover any unwelcome sexual behavior that occurs without effective consent. Rules were clarified to ensure, for instance, that students know it is forbidden to drug someone for the purpose of sexual exploitation; and the policy was expanded to cover misconduct off, as well as on, the campus known as the Grounds.

Condoleezza Rice backs out of commencement at Rutgers

The Associated Press

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. — Former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice has backed out of delivering the commencement address at Rutgers University following protests by some faculty and students over her role in the Iraq War.

Rice said in a statement Saturday that she informed Rutgers President Robert Barchi that she was declining the invitation to

speak at the graduation.

"Commencement should be a time of joyous celebration for the graduates and their families," Rice said. "Rutgers' invitation to me to speak has become a distraction for the university community at this very special time."

The school's board of governors had voted to pay \$35,000 to the former secretary of state under President George W. Bush and national security adviser for her appearance at the May 18 cere-

mony. Rutgers also was planning to bestow Rice with an honorary doctorate.

Some students and faculty at New Jersey's flagship university had protested, staging sit-ins and saying Rice bore some responsibility for the Iraq War as a member of the Bush administration. Barchi and other school leaders had resisted the calls to disinvite Rice, saying the university welcomes open discourse on controversial topics.

The news of Rice's decision came a day after Barchi spoke with students protesting Rice's planned speech and told them the board of governors would not rescind its invitation.

In her statement, Rice defended her record, saying that she was honored to serve her country and that she had "defended America's belief in free speech and the exchange of ideas." But she said she didn't want to detract from the spirit of the ceremony.

Barchi said Saturday in a statement that Rutgers stands "fully behind the invitation" it issued to Rice. But he said school officials respect her decision.

"Now is the time to focus on our commencement, a day to celebrate the accomplishments and promising futures of our graduates," Barchi said.

The university said it would provide details in the coming days on who would replace Rice as commencement speaker.

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Japan split over revision to pacifist constitution

By MARI YAMAGUCHI
The Associated Press

TOKYO — Japan marked the 67th anniversary of its postwar constitution Saturday with growing debate over whether to revise the war-renouncing charter in line with Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's push for an expanded role for the military.

The ruling conservative party has long advocated revision but has been unable to sway public opinion. Now Abe is proposing that the government reinterpret the constitution to give the military more prominence without having to win public approval for the revisions.

His push — backed by the U.S., which wants Japan to bear a greater burden of its own defense — has upset the liberals who see it as undermining the constitution and democratic processes.

Hundreds of people gathered at a Tokyo rally commemorating Constitution Day, a national holiday.

"We citizens must stand up, take action and raise our voice to stop Abe, or this country could

return to a Japan that wages war with Asia as it has done before," said protest organizer Ken Takada said.

Written under U.S. direction after World War II, the 1947 constitution says the Japanese people "forever renounce war as a sovereign right of the nation," and that "land, sea and air forces, as well as other war potential, will never be maintained."

That ban has been relaxed over the years with U.S. encouragement as the Cold War unfolded and America sought allies in Asia, allowing Japan to have a military to defend itself, dubbed a Self-Defense Force.

The ruling Liberal Democratic Party has long denounced the postwar constitution as one imposed by the U.S., which occupied Japan from the end of World War II until 1952. Abe's grandfather and role model, Nobusuke Kishi — who was arrested as a suspected war criminal but never charged and later became prime minister — was among vocal opponents of the constitution.

Abe advocates a "breakaway

from the postwar regime" as a way to overcome the humiliation as well as the education system, social values and historical views set by the occupation.

A 2012 draft revision proposed by the Liberal Democrats promotes a conformist Japan with traditional patriarchal values, which place family units above individuals and elevate the emperor to a head of state. Civil liberties such as freedom of speech and expression can be restricted if considered harmful to public interest, according to the draft.

With potential military threats coming from China and North Korea, Abe wants to raise Japan's defense posture further, as well as allow the country to play a greater role in international peacekeeping.

Amending the constitution requires two-thirds approval in both houses of parliament followed by a referendum. Surveys show mixed opinions. Revising the constitution with a growing opposition over what is seen as the Abe government's attempt to force through the change.



Bavarian tradition

Bavarian Mountain Infantrymen dressed in traditional uniforms, above, and a woman in a traditional costume, left, take part in the Patron Saint Day festival of the Bavarian Mountain Infantry in Miesbach, southern Germany, on Sunday.

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Overloading on S. Korean ferry shown to be routine

The Associated Press

INCHEON, South Korea — The doomed ferry Sewol exceeded its cargo limit on 246 trips — nearly every voyage it made in which it reported cargo — in the 13 months before it sank, according to documents that reveal the regulatory failures that allowed passengers by the hundreds to set off on an unsafe vessel.

It may have been more overloaded than ever on its final journey.

One private, industry-connected entity recorded the weights. Another set the weight limit. Neither appears to have had any idea what the other was doing.

They are but two parts of a maritime system that failed passengers April 16 when the ferry sank, leaving more than 300 people missing or dead.

The disaster has exposed enormous safety gaps in South Korea's monitoring of domestic passenger ships, which is in some ways less rigorous than its rules for ships that handle only cargo.

Collectively, the country's regulators held more than enough information to conclude that the Sewol was routinely overloaded, but because they did not share that data and were not required to do so, it was practically useless.

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Nigeria responds to pressure over abductions

By BASHIR ABDUGN AND MICHELLE FAUL
The Associated Press

ABUJA, Nigeria — Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan met through the night with security, school and state officials and issued a new directive that “everything must be done” to free the 276 girls kidnapped by Islamic extremists, one of his advisers said Sunday.

It was the first time the president met with all stakeholders, including the principal of the Chibok Government Girls Secondary School where the girls and young women were kidnapped in a predawn raid April 15, presidential adviser Reuben Abati told reporters.

Nigerians’ outrage at the failure to rescue the students and protest marches last week in major Nigerian cities and in New York

‘The president has given very clear directives that everything must be done to ensure that these girls must be brought back to safety.’

Reuben Abati
presidential adviser

have spurred to action Jonathan’s government, which many see as uncaring of the girls’ plight. “The president has given very clear directives that everything must be done to ensure that these girls must be brought back to safety,” Abati said.

The police said last week that the actual number abducted had risen to more than 300 and that 276 remain in captivity. It said 53 of the students managed to escape their captors. None has been rescued by the military, which initially said it was in hot pursuit of the abductors.

Some of the girls have been forced into “marriage” with their abductors and paid a nominal bride price of \$12, according to a federal senator from the area whose report is unverified. Some of the young women have been taken across Nigeria’s borders to Cameroon and Chad, the parents said last week, quoting villagers. Child marriage is common in northern Nigeria and is allowed under Islamic law that clashes with the country’s Western-style constitution.

Anguished parents in Chibok town, who have lost confidence in the government and military, have been begging for international help.

The United States and Britain, Nigeria’s former colonizer, have promised unspecified help. Both countries help with counterterrorism training and could provide satellite images that might help the search.



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Men shout after being released Sunday from a local police station that was stormed by pro-Russia protesters in Odessa, Ukraine.

Ukrainian protesters free comrades from Odessa jail

By NICOLAE DUMITRACHE AND PETER LEONARD
The Associated Press

ODESSA, Ukraine — Hundreds of pro-Russia demonstrators stormed police headquarters in Odessa on Sunday and won the release of 67 people detained after deadly clashes in the Ukrainian port city.

More than 40 people died in the riots two days earlier, some from gunshot wounds, but most in a horrific fire that tore through a trade union building.

Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk, who hinted strongly that he saw Moscow’s hand in the unrest spreading through southeastern Ukraine, visited Odessa on Sunday to try to defuse the mounting tensions.

Odessa is the major city between the Crimean Peninsula, which Russia annexed in March, and the Moldovan separatist region of Trans-Dniester, where Russia has a military peacekeeping contingent.

Concerns are mounting that Russia ultimately aims to take control of a huge swath of Ukraine from Trans-Dniester to the east. Russian President Vladimir Putin, who calls the area historically Russian lands, has said he doesn’t want to send in troops but will if necessary.

Yatsenyuk said police were being investigated for their failure to maintain order and he had charged prosecutors with “finding all instigators, all organizers and all those that under Russian leadership began a deadly attack on Ukraine and Odessa.”

Earlier in the day, hundreds of pro-Russia demonstrators gathered in front of the scorched trade union building to honor those who died in Friday’s blaze. Some draped a large Russian tricolor flag on the face of the building. By mid-afternoon, a group of



ALEXANDER ZEMLIANICHENKO/AP

Pro-Russia activists gather at the barricades in front of the administration building in Donetsk, Ukraine, on Saturday to honor comrades killed during fighting with pro-Ukraine activists.

several hundred people marched to the police station to demand the release of fellow activists jailed over their involvement in the unrest. They attacked security surveillance cameras and smashed windows. Shortly after some of them managed to break into an inner courtyard, police yielded to the crowd’s demands and released the prisoners.

As detainees emerged from the police station, the crowd cheered. The Interior Ministry said in a statement that 67 activists had been released. It was not immediately clear whether others were still being held.

Yatsenyuk’s visit came as Ukrainian authorities renewed their push to quell a pro-Russia insurgency in the east. Interior Minister Arsen Avakov said in a statement on his Facebook page that an “antiterrorist operation” was being executed in the eastern city of Kravatorsk, the latest flashpoint for unrest.

“The operation was carried out by fighters of the National Guard and the armed forces. The active phase resumed at dawn. We will not stop,” Avakov wrote.

The city saw a standoff Saturday that culminated in pro-Russia insurgents setting buses alight to ward off attacks. Russian state television has reported 10 deaths, including two among government forces, during clashes in Kravatorsk so far. Those figures could not be independently confirmed.

By midday Sunday, however, there was little sign of movement, from either government or insurgents on the ground. The burned-out shells of trolleybuses and a minibus lay in the road untouched.

At least 12 government armored personnel carriers were spotted driving through the town Saturday, although they appeared to have returned to their base at a military airfield on the edge of the city by day’s end.

Activists: 62 dead in Syria rebel infighting

By BARBARA SUKK
The Associated Press

BEIRUT — Heavy fighting between rival Islamic rebel groups in eastern Syria has killed 62 fighters and forced tens of thousands to flee their homes over several days of violence, activists said Sunday.

Meanwhile, Syria’s Supreme Constitutional Court announced President Bashar Assad and two others will be the candidates in a June presidential election that Assad is widely expected to win.

Rebels from the al-Qaida break-away group known as the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant and fighters from the al-Qaida-linked Nusra Front have fought each other for months over territory they previously captured together from Assad’s forces.

The rebel-on-rebel violence has raged in the north along the Turkish border that opposition fighters have controlled since a mid-2012 offensive. Earlier this year, it spread to Syria’s east, home to most of the country’s oil fields.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said the rebel infighting Sunday took place around three villages in the oil-rich Deir el-Zour province near the Iraqi border. In the past four days, 62 rebels have been killed there, the observatory said.

The rebel infighting has forced tens of thousands to flee the contested villages of Abreeha, Bseera and Sabha, said the group, which gathers information through a network of activists on the ground.

Syria’s conflict, which began with largely peaceful protests in March 2011, has evolved into a civil war with sectarian overtones that activists say has killed more than 150,000 people. Islamic extremists, including foreign fighters and Syria rebels who have taken up hard-line, al-Qaida-style ideologies, have played an increasingly prominent role, dampening the West’s support for the rebellion to overthrow Assad.

Adams to be freed by N. Ireland police

BELFAST, Northern Ireland — Sinn Fein party leader Gerry Adams is expected to be released from police custody without charge Sunday, and authorities will send a file of potential evidence against him to British prosecutors, a senior policeman said.

Adams, 65, has been in police custody since Wednesday for questioning over allegations that he was the Irish Republican Army’s Belfast commander in 1972 and ordered the killing of a Belfast mother of 10, Jean McCauley.

Adams will be released, but the transfer of evidence to prosecutors suggested he could still be charged later, the officer said.

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OPINION

Big firms must disrupt themselves

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 “If you owned Salesforce.com’s shares today, would you sell them,” asked journalist Dennis Kneale. In response, I said that if I owned the company, I would make its chief executive, Marc Benioff, the chief technology officer to get him back in the visionary role. That’s because it needs someone like him driving it forward and reinventing itself — while it is in flight. If it doesn’t disrupt itself, Salesforce.com will be disrupted.”

That was at the Milken Institute Global Conference on April 29, where AOL co-founder Steve Case, Benioff and I debated the impact of advancing technologies. Kneale was the moderator.

I wasn’t serious when I suggested Benioff change roles — he is exactly the leader that Salesforce.com needs. I wanted to emphasize the threat. Technologies are advancing so rapidly that most industry leaders will be fighting for survival before they know it. The challenge will come out of nowhere, possibly from start-ups in other industries. Note how Amazon.com, a technology company, disrupted bookstores; how Apple shook up the music industry; and how mapping apps on cellphones have displaced GPS devices.

The technology industry is increasingly disrupting itself. Fifteen years ago, Salesforce.com shook up the enterprise software industry by offering “software as a service.” It allowed software to be purchased on an as-needed and per-user basis rather than as an expensive monolith. This start-up mocked industry leaders such as Oracle and IBM, who had a market cap on paper that declared the “end of software.”



JOSIE LEE, (SAN RAMON, CALIF.)
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Salesforce.com Chairman and CEO Marc Benioff speaks at the Salesforce.com trade show in San Francisco in November.

Salesforce.com today generates more than \$4 billion in yearly sales. It is the leader in its market.

Cloud computing and cheap apps now threaten Salesforce.com dominance. To Benioff’s credit, his company has embraced cloud computing and is busy reinventing itself in this space. But apps that are practically free and provide better functionality could still disrupt it, just as its own software once disrupted the established market leaders.

Benioff’s department heads don’t lose sleep over being the incumbent. Instead,

they worry about their own jobs; making their numbers; and defending their products’ market share. As managers do in practically every industry, they worry more about their own political survival than about the reinvention of their business.

Companies under pressure from technological change need for their CEOs to be visionaries who can see the big picture and cause change, company wide. Benioff was right in what he said in response to my CEO comment: “you have to be the leader, you have to take responsibility for all the operational and visionary aspects, you have to have the ability to do both and that is what a technology CEO does ... and you can’t say that somebody else is going to do vision — that is why CEOs fail.”

So what can such companies do for their survival? First, they must understand the threat and realize that they may not have as much time as they think. They need to invest in “moonshots” such as Google does, ambitious and risky projects that are in new domains and acquire promising start-ups that can take them into new growth markets. They must encourage and enable their employees to take risks and become like entrepreneurs. When they find a new market opportunity, they must do what it takes to win.

What is certain is that we are in an era of profound technological advancement. The winners will be the ones who realize the change and take the risks necessary to keep reinventing themselves.

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Debunking some myths about sanctions

BY DANIEL W. DREZNER
 Sanctions are so short right now. Assistant Treasury Secretary Danny Glaser recently bragged to Newsweek that Treasury is “at the center of our national security.” Financial sanctions were the West’s first response to Russia’s annexation of Crimea and continued bellicosity toward the rest of Ukraine, and the Obama administration is debating how widely to cast the sanctions net. So are sanctions an outdated foreign policy instrument, a safe option between diplomatic demarches and military action, or a new hope for American global leadership? The answer, of course, is none of the above. To understand why, we need to debunk a few myths.

1. Sanctions never work.
 Fifteen years ago, prominent foreign policy veterans such as Dick Cheney and Richard Haass were decrying “sanctioning madness.” But attitudes have changed. Honed during the global war on terrorism, sanctions now enjoy plenty of bipartisan support. For example, Juan Zarate, a deputy national security adviser in the George W. Bush administration, argued in his book “Treasury’s War” that the United States can use sanctions “to confront its most critical national security threats.”

Sanctions work in the sense that they can cause severe economic pain to the targeted country. But “work” should also mean that the sanctioned government acquiesces or compromises on specific policy goals. Economic pain alone doesn’t always lead to such compromises — particularly if territorial concessions or regime change are being demanded.

Still, recent outcomes have been promising. Last fall, Iranian President Hassan Rouhani publicly acknowledged that the

effects of international sanctions on the country’s economy were so severe that quick negotiations were needed to discuss Iran’s nuclear program.

Of course, no one should believe that sanctions alone will bring Jeffersonian democracy to Iran or compel Russia to relinquish Crimea. But the most complete academic studies on the matter show that sanctions lead to concessions from the targeted government in one out of every three or four cases.

2. Sanctions hurt the people more than the government.

This perception is one of the most powerful legacies of the U.N. sanctions imposed on Iraq after Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait in 1990. The comprehensive trade embargo had devastating effects on Iraqi society, hurting ordinary citizens far more than Saddam. The price of a month’s worth of food for a family increased 250-fold over the first five years of the sanctions regime, and infant mortality rates skyrocketed. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright provided the defining sound bite for this argument in a May 1996 interview with “60 Minutes,” saying that even if the sanctions had killed half a million Iraqi children, “the price is worth it.”

But cases like Iraq are the exception. The overwhelming majority of economic sanctions do not last more than a decade; according to data from the Peterson Institute for International Economics, most sanctions end in less than a year. Most importantly, since the Iraq case, both the United Nations and the United States have developed “smart sanctions” to lessen the humanitarian impact.

3. The key is to make sanctions as painful as possible.

It is straightforward to assume “more pain, more gain” when it comes to sanc-

tions. Logically, if the idea of sanctioning Russia is to get Vladimir Putin to recalculate the costs and benefits of breaking Ukraine apart, then surely maximizing the costs would be a good thing, right?

Again, Iraq is instructive for those contemplating maximal sanctions against Iran or Russia. First, Saddam adroitly shifted the blame for sanctions from himself to Western governments. The humanitarian effects of costly sanctions can lead to serious political blowback. Second, the stated purpose of the Iraq sanctions (elimination of the country’s weapons of mass destruction program) was somewhat at odds with the underlying purpose (toppling Saddam). The costliest sanctions in the world will not matter unless the demands are clear.

4. As an energy exporter, Russia is especially vulnerable.

Economies that specialize in only one or two export commodities can be susceptible to sanctions. Iran is so dependent on oil revenue that even a partial embargo of its exports has hurt its economy. In 2012, oil revenue made up more than half of Russia’s budget and 70 percent of its exports, so Putin may seem equally vulnerable.

But there are at least two reasons sanctioning Russia’s energy sector is not the same as sanctioning Iran.

First, European governments are far more dependent on Russian energy than Iran. Second, this is one of the sources of disagreement between the United States and Europe on sanctioning Putin.

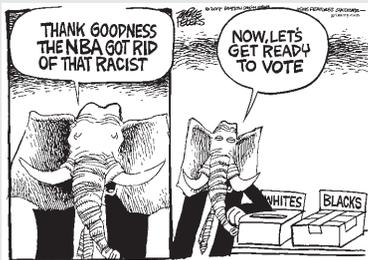
Second, beyond energy, Russia has a bigger presence in the global economy than Iran, which means that sanctions would impose greater costs outside Moscow.

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NATION

Dig a little cleaner

US soil collection may unlock mysteries

By SCOTT SMITH
The Associated Press

The government has been collecting dirt — lots of it.

Clumps came from the Texas Panhandle, a shady grove in West Virginia, a picked-over corn field in Kansas and thousands of other places in the lower 48 states.

A small army of researchers and university students hugging pick axes and shovels scattered across the country for three years to scoop samples into plastic bags from nearly 5,000 places. They marked the GPS coordinates, took photos and labeled each bag before mailing them back to the government's laboratory in Denver.

Though always underfoot and often overlooked, dirt actually has a lot to tell. Scientists say information gleaned from it could help farmers grow better vegetables and build a better understanding of climate change. A researcher of forensic science said mud caked on a murder suspect's boots could reveal if he had traipsed through a crime scene or had been at home innocently gardening.

David Smith, who launched the U.S. Geological Survey project in 2001, said data about the dirt will feed research for a century, and he's sharing it with anyone who wants it. "The more eyes and brains that look at it, the better," Smith said.

The idea for the massive research project came in the late 1990s, when Smith was in charge of handing out the government's store of soil data — what little there was.

The archive held information collected in the 1960s and '70s. It was spotty and based on outdated science. Just about every researcher returned with the same disappointment, saying: "There must be more."

Smith, told them that, sadly, no, there wasn't.

So he took action. During the next several years, Smith and his fellow geologists refined a plan for collecting and documenting the makeup of the nation's soil.

Digging started in 2007 and wasn't done until 2010. They strategically

sunk their shovels at a spot in every 600 square miles. At each locale they took three samples — starting at the surface and going no deeper than 3 feet.

Before retiring, U.S. Geological Survey geologist Jim Kilburn trained many of the 40 surveyors and went into the field himself several times for up to a month. He sent back hundreds of samples on the road from Nebraska down to Texas and from Kansas west to the California coast.

Only once was Kilburn told to go away. A rancher near Sacramento, Calif., had let government researchers onto his pastures before, where they found a rare clover and told him he could no longer graze cattle there.

"No matter what I told the guy, he wasn't going to let me on," Kilburn said. "He had good reason."

A student Kilburn supervised caused a panic by leaving behind a sticky note on her motel room mirror with the reminder, "Send anthrax." The element occurs naturally in soil throughout the country, but it also has sinister uses. A housekeeper thought the worst, sparking a series of calls with geological survey headquarters until the confusion was resolved.

The hard work paid off. In October, the geological survey published a snapshot of minerals and chemicals in the ground. No other work captures the same information on a national scale, said Smith, who estimated the project cost \$10 million.

Researchers at universities, institutes and government agencies have just begun using the data.

Kang Xia, a professor of environmental chemistry at Virginia Tech, stumbled upon the soil survey by chance — and at exactly the right moment.

She had set out to study and map the levels of organic carbon and nitrogen in soil — both critical for growing healthy crops. But she couldn't find samples of dirt from across the country.

"What do I do about this?" she said.

Not long after that, a graduate student mentioned his summer job on the geological survey crew collecting dirt samples.

Problem solved. Xia emailed Smith, who offered her thousands of soil samples and a decade's worth of research.

Jennifer Phelan at RTI Inc., a research institute in Raleigh, N.C., is using the dirt to study acid rain's harm to forests, starting in Pennsylvania.

Cornell University professor Johannes Lehmann is leading a group of graduate students sifting through soil data for evidence of black carbon, a byproduct of forest fires and industrial smokestacks. The research may increase understanding of global warming.

"Without this sampling effort, we couldn't do this type of research," Lehmann said.

Dirt under the fingernails of a

murder victim could help detectives figure out if the body was dumped there but killed elsewhere, said Sarah Jantzi, whose 2013 doctoral dissertation at Florida International University in the field of forensic science drew upon the government work.

Smith said those after him can use this soil analysis as a starting point for decades of research. His data is available to anyone who thinks it will advance his or her project.

"The opportunities for further research are almost limitless," he said.



Left: Jazelle Mondeau, at the time a student at University of Arizona, collects soil in the Texas Panhandle in 2010. Right: Geologist Jim Kilburn, now retired from the U.S. Geological Survey, collects soil in Kansas in 2008. The federal government sent students and scientists across the nation to collect soil that was analyzed for its composition.

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Joseph Daniel, at the time a student at North Carolina State University, collects soil in Southern California in June 2010.

SCIENCE AND MEDICINE

Tambora

The little-known volcano that changed the course of global history

By GILLEN D'ARCY WOOD
Slate

Most have heard of the Battle of Waterloo, but who has heard of the volcano called Tambora? No school textbook I've seen mentions that only two months before Napoleon's final defeat in 1815, the faraway Indonesian island of Sumbawa was the site of the most devastating volcanic eruption on Earth in thousands of years. The death toll was around 100,000 people from the thick pyroclastic flows of lava, the tsunami that struck nearby coasts, and the thick ash that blanketed Southeast Asia's farmlands, destroyed crops, and plunged it into darkness for a week.

ANALYSIS Both events — Napoleon's defeat and the eruption

— had monumental impacts on human history. But while a library of scholarship has been devoted to Napoleon's undoing at Waterloo, the scattered writings on Tambora would scarcely fill your in-tray.

This extraordinary geological event took place 199 years ago last month, and on the cusp of its bicentenary, Tambora is finally getting its due. With the help of modern scientific instruments and old-fashioned archival detective work, Tambora's April 9, 1815, eruption can be conclusively placed among the greatest environmental disasters ever to befall mankind. The floods, droughts, starvation and disease in the three years following the eruption stem from the volcano's effects on weather systems, so Tambora stands today as a harrowing case study of what the human costs and global reach might be from runaway climate change.

Claim to infamy

Tambora's greatest claim to infamy lies not in the direct impact it had on the Dutch East Indies (which was terrible enough), but its indirect effects on the disease ecology of the Bay of Bengal. The enormous cloud of sulfated gases Tambora ejected into the atmosphere slowed the development of the Indian monsoon, the world's largest weather system, for the following two years.

Drought brought on by the eruption devastated crop yields across the Indian subcontinent, but more disastrously gave rise to a new and deadly strain of cholera. Cholera had always been endemic to Bengal, but the bizarre weather of 1816-17 triggered by Tambora's eruption — first drought, then late, unseasonal flooding — altered the microbial ecology of the Bay of Bengal.

The cholera bacterium, which has an unusually adaptive genetic structure highly sensitive to changes in its aquatic environment, mutated into a new strain. That was met with no resistance among the local population, and it spread across Asia and eventually the globe. By century's end, the death toll from Bengal cholera stood in the tens of millions.

Just as the biological disaster known as the Black Death defined the 14th century in Europe and the Near East, so cholera shaped the 19th century like no other calamity. Much of our medical science, and our modern public health institutions, originate in the Victorian-era battle against cholera.

But only now, thanks to renewed scientific interest in the relation between cholera and climate change, can we make the connection between the worldwide

cholera epidemic originating in 1817 and Tambora's eruption thousands of miles away.

Opium production is born

Tambora's ripple effects were felt across the globe. In southwest China, the outlying mountainous province of Yunnan suffering terribly from the cold volcanic weather, losing crop after crop of rice to bitter winds and flooding rains. The situation was so extreme that desperate Yunnanese resorted to eating white clay, while parents sold their children in the town markets or killed them out of mercy.

In the aftermath of this three-year famine, Yunnan farmers turned to a more reliable cash crop

— opium — to ensure their families' survival against future disasters. Within a few decades, opium was being grown all across Yunnan, while opium-processing technology and expertise drifted south into the remote mountains of modern-day Myanmar and Laos. The "golden triangle" of international opium production was born.

If the Tambora disaster persists in cultural memory at all, it is as the "Year Without a Summer," 1816, the most notorious and best-chronicled extreme weather event of that century. Snowstorms swept the East Coast of the United States in June, ensuring the shortest growing season on record. Crowds of desperate and hungry rural folk from Maine and Vermont fled snowfalls of up to 18 inches to the western frontier, which had been spared the worst of Tambora's weather.

Here, grain harvests were fetching sky-high prices on the famine-struck Atlantic market, but after the boom came a shattering bust — the so-called Panic of 1819 — which triggered the first sustained economic depression in U.S. history. "Never were such hard times," Thomas Jefferson wrote of ordinary Americans who, across the country, found themselves "in a condition of unparalleled distress," persisting well into the 1820s.

Arctic exploration

As it turns out, however, the indirect ripple effects of Tambora — what climate scientists call "teleconnections" — were even more historically significant. Cholera, opium and the Panic of 1819 are three examples; another is Arctic exploration.

One of the paradoxical effects of a major tropical eruption is that while the planet in general is cooled by the blanket of volcanic dust that drifts from the equator to the poles, the Arctic itself is drastically warmed owing to changes in wind circulation and north Atlantic ocean currents.

That anomaly was discovered only after the 1991 eruption of Mount Pinatubo in the tropical Philippines, the first observed with the benefit of modern climatological instruments.

In 1817 and 1818, the British Admiralty began to receive exciting reports from whaling captains of a remarkable loss of sea ice around Greenland. Huge icebergs from a broken icepack were spotted floating as far south as Ireland and New York.

The prospect of a northwest passage for shipping to the East — a holy grail England had sought since Elizabethan times — beckoned once more.

With a generation's naval captains still hungry for glory but now languishing onshore after the defeat of Napoleon, the admiralty launched an expensive and ultimately disastrous 50-year campaign to chart the elusive northwest passage.

The British could not have known then, of course, that Tambora had caused the Arctic to melt, and that the climatic impacts of a tropical eruption persist for no longer than three years.

The Arctic froze just in time for the arrival of Britain's first polar expedition under Captain John Ross in 1818. Years of fruitless, icebound sallies into the polar seas culminated in the tragic Franklin expedition of the 1840s, when all hands were lost and the heroic age of British Arctic exploration came to an end.

It is time to recognize Tambora as the Napoleon of eruptions.

For two long centuries, the connections between this major volcanic disaster and human history have been obscured by two factors: the limitations of scientific knowledge, and by our narrow, anthropocentric vision that seeks out only human causes for human events, neglecting the influence of environmental change. Now, the lesson of a 200-year-old climate emergency may finally be learned: A changing climate changes everything.

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AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Man facing death penalty rejects defense

OH CINCINNATI — An Ohio man has rejected a legal argument that could spare him from the death penalty in the killing of a pizzeria owner during a robbery last summer.

Court-appointed attorneys for John Deloney, 28, of Cincinnati, argued at a Friday hearing that their client should be declared “mentally retarded” under Ohio law. Although many consider the term offensive, Ohio law uses it to define anyone with an IQ below 70. Those who fall into the category are ineligible for the death penalty.

An agitated Deloney told the judge in the case that he’s not mentally disabled and demanded that his trial start immediately.

“They pretty much called me retarded,” Deloney said of his attorneys. “I don’t want anybody to disrespect me.”

After Deloney continued to argue with the judge, his attorneys withdrew from the case. A hearing has been set for this week to appoint new lawyers.

Baseball team goes peanut-free at ballpark

KY FLORENCE — Fans of a minor league baseball team in northern Kentucky may be able to sing about buying peanuts in “Take Me Out To The Ball Game,” but they won’t be able to get the real thing at the ballpark.

The Florence Freedom has made UC Health Stadium into what it says is the first allergy-friendly ballpark by pulling all peanuts off the shelves of concession stands.

A spokeswoman for the Frontier League team, Sarah H. Eichenberger, said that while many parks have gone peanut-free for one night as a promotion, the team decided to take the action to make the park accessible to more people who have allergies.

Teen charged in theft of pizza delivery vehicle

WV CHARLESTON — A Charleston teenager has been accused of making a getaway in a pizza delivery vehicle.

Charleston police said Matthew Gomez, 18, was arrested Friday morning in a wooded area behind a church after abandoning the vehicle during a police pursuit.

The car was stolen from a pizza shop’s parking lot in Charleston. Police said the delivery driver had walked into the restaurant and left the keys in the ignition. When she returned, the car was gone.

WCHS-TV reported Lee is charged with grand larceny and fleeing from police. He was being held Saturday in the South Central Regional Jail. Jail records didn’t indicate whether he has an attorney.

Washed-ashore whale gets graffiti tag

NJ ATLANTIC CITY — A dead Minke whale that washed ashore in New Jersey

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The number of strikes in 60 seconds a bowler was hoping to get to set a world record for most strikes in a minute. Jason Hicks, 35, of Clio, Mich., fell short in his Friday night attempt before a large crowd at the Clio Bowling Arcade, about 15 miles north of Flint, Mich. It’s not his first roll at the record. Hicks got 12 strikes back in March — and threw a 13th just a second too late.



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Chihuahua challenge

Above: Dogs are held before the start of a heat during the Running of the Chihuahuas at the Southwest Waterfront in Washington on Saturday. The event had almost 100 dogs running in the races and others in the best-dressed and best trick competitions. Left: Lucy has her costume adjusted after the best-dressed competition.

suffered some further indignity: someone tagged it with graffiti.

The whale, which was roughly 12 to 15 feet long, was discovered Thursday morning below Atlantic City’s Central Pier.

Police told The Press of Atlantic City the purple markings are not gang-related and appear to be Greek letters.

The letters appeared to be Tau Epsilon Phi, a fraternity that has chapters at several area schools, followed by what looked like “94.”

Bob Schoelkopf, of the Marine Mammal Stranding Center, said the whale appeared to have been dead for several days and washed up during a strong storm. It had no sign of trauma. A state pathologist will try to determine the cause of death.

Legionnaires’ disease sourced to ice machines

PA PITTSBURGH — After 18 one patient died and two were sickened by Legionnaires’ disease in November and December at University of Pitts-

burgh Medical Center Presbyterian, where they contracted the disease, UPMC has a message for hospitals nationwide.

“Hospitals in the U.S.: If you have not been looking in ice machines for Legionella, please look,” Tami Minnier, UPMC’s chief quality control officer, said Friday. “That’s the message.”

The three hospital-acquired Legionnaires’ cases were the first to occur in more than two years at UPMC Presbyterian, she said, and led to a thorough cleaning and disinfection of all of the hospital system’s 500 ice machines in 20 hospitals — including 80 machines in Presbyterian.

Ice machines were discovered as the culprit when staff remembered that a patient who contracted the disease had aspirated after sucking on ice chips. Tests confirmed that the ice machine the ice chips had come from was contaminated with Legionella bacterium.

After tearing apart the machine, Minnier said, staff discovered that ice machines contain a water reservoir located next to a

compressor, which can heat up enough to warm the water in the reservoir and allow the growth of Legionella.

Judge OKs lawsuit over ban on giant snakes

FL MIAMI — A federal judge says a lawsuit that seeks to overturn a nationwide ban on four giant snake species may proceed.

Judge Emmet Sullivan ruled last week in Washington federal court against attorneys for Interior Secretary Sally Jewell and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, who wanted the lawsuit dismissed.

The U.S. Association of Reptile Keepers sued the federal government in December. They have challenged the science behind the ban on Burmese pythons, yellow anacondas and northern and southern African rock pythons. They also say the ban has cost reptile breeders, handlers, hobbyists and vendors tens of millions of dollars.

Sullivan also ruled that the

group has until May 9 to amend the original complaint.

The ban was announced in 2012. Wildlife officials say it protects native wildlife.

Vegas practicing for new area code

NV LAS VEGAS — Dialing your neighbor in Las Vegas? Effective Saturday, it takes 10 digits.

Telephone callers in and around Sin City are learning to punch the 702 area code in to all local phone calls.

The move was approved months ago by the Nevada Public Service Commission to make way for callers in the Las Vegas area to begin next month to use a new 725 area code.

The 725 area code will co-exist as an “overlay” with 702.

Nevada had a single area code until 1998, when Clark County was split from the other 16 counties in Nevada. It was given the 775 area code.

From wire reports

FACES

JACK IS BACK

— and Chloe too —
in '24: Live Another Day'



FOX

Kiefer Sutherland, above, is Jack Bauer on "24: Live Another Day." The show, which also stars Mary Lynn Rajskub, left, premieres May 6 on AFN-Prime. "There's a great impetus for all of us to create something new with the show and we've done that with a lot of new characters, certainly within the context of the story lines and the political issues that Jack Bauer and all of the other characters are dealing with. That's all very fresh," Sutherland says of the new show.

BY RICK BENTLEY
The Fresno Bee

They couldn't keep Jack Bauer down. After playing the nearly superhuman government agent for eight seasons on "24," Kiefer Sutherland was ready to take a break. The series was draining. But he knew he would miss playing Bauer. "I have never done anything in my career that has had such

an explosive reaction by an audience," Sutherland says. Now he's back in the role. Bauer walked into the sunset almost four years ago, but he returns with his own special brand of growling justice with "24: Live Another Day." Things are going to move a lot faster in this show. While it continues the format of events that unfold over 24 hours, the summer series will run only 12 hours. That means skipping hours to complete the day in half the time. On this day, Bauer, who has

been in deep hiding for years, surfaces at the time when the U.S. president is negotiating an important deal that needs the support of the prime minister of England. Bauer's on the trail of those who want to kill the president. It's a familiar story for Bauer. "Through almost every season we have followed as a back story the president of the United States. In this 12-hour arc, we'll be following the president of the United States and the prime minister of England, which will be a very interesting look into how

those deals, or how we perceive those deals, to be done," Sutherland says. "Many times, what we perceive as some kind of treaty is involving things that we know nothing about. We're examining that in the course of the show. So from every perspective — from visual to storytelling — it broadens the scope of the show. So for those reasons, I'm very, very excited." This time the action takes place in London. But there will be some familiar faces. Kim Raver, who played Audrey Raines in seasons

4, 5 and 6, is back. James Heller (William Devane), first seen in season 4, is now the president. And Mary Lynn Rajskub reprises her role as the always snitty tech genius Chloe O'Brian. She's been Jack Bauer's annoying eyes and ears on the world since the first minutes.

"There's a great impetus for all of us to create something new with the show and we've done that with a lot of new characters, certainly within the context of the story lines and the political issues that Jack Bauer and all of the other characters are dealing with. That's all very fresh," Sutherland says. "And Chloe and Jack have had a relationship certainly over the entire span of the show and they have been allies. At the very beginning of this show, they're actually pitted against each other by virtue of a set of circumstances. So that is a dynamic that she and I, that Mary Lynn and I, get to play. That's very exciting."

That relationship plays out in familiar "24" fashion, from big action scenes to split screens to the ticking clock. Sutherland knows how much fans love him playing Bauer, but he believes the design of the show would support another actor taking over as the central anti-hero.

"I've always said that I felt that the star of the show was this concept, was this idea. I still believe that very strongly. I think very much like 'Law & Order' had many casts, like 'CSI' had so many different shows or branch-off shows. I think the format, which allows certain characters to kind of have a moral objective within a world that's maybe not very moral, is fantastic drama," Sutherland says. "If an audience were to latch onto a younger character that would be helping my character and you would reboot the show through that character."

For this day, it's Bauer who is fighting the good fight. "I won't lie to you. I'm very nervous. I think the audience that we've had that has stayed with us over the years has been so spectacular and supportive and loyal, and to not give them the best that we've got to offer would be very disappointing. So I'm about as anxious and wound up as I've been in a long time," Sutherland says.

Tears of joy: Pharrell 'happy' at iHeart Awards show

BY MESFIN FEKADU
The Associated Press

Pharrell is still full of tears of joy — even after that viral interview with Oprah Winfrey. The producer-rapper-singer was teary-eyed after he performed a medley of his hits at the iHeartRadio Music Awards and earned the innovator award for his contributions to music. "I never dreamt in a million, million, million years as a producer that I would be standing here as an artist," the 41-year-old told the crowd May 1 at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles. "All I did was write the songs and you guys did all the heavy lifting, all the hard work." Pharrell performed his songs "Happy" and "Come Get It Bae," as well as two of last year's biggest hits that he was a part of — Robin Thicke's "Blurred Lines" and Daft Punk's "Get Lucky." "I gotta thank my savior, I gotta thank

God ... my wife and my son, Rocket," said Pharrell, who rarely acknowledges his personal life. Pharrell famously cried in an interview with Winfrey last month. She appeared in a video, which included Beyonce and Lady Gaga, praising Pharrell's talent. But Pharrell wasn't the only star in happy mood: Rihanna was the night's big winner, taking home four trophies including artist and song of the year for the slow tune, "Stay." "It's not easy what we do. It's very difficult at times. It's a lot of pressure to be a lot of things, and I've never felt comfortable being anything other than myself — and I just thank my fans for being supportive," said Rihanna. The pop star also won best fan army and hip-hop/R&B song of the year for the anthem "Pour It Up." Pitbull won best collaboration for the No. 1 hit "Timber" with Keshia. Imagine Dragons' "Demons" and Avicii's "Wake Me Up" won the trophies for alternative rock and

EDM song of the year, respectively. **Jackson album due this month**

Rodney "Darkchild" Jerkins — hitmaker for Destiny's Child and Whitney Houston who worked heavily on Michael Jackson's 2001 comeback album "Invincible" — produced the title track from Jackson's upcoming album, "Xscape," out May 13. "Xscape" was executive produced by Timbaland and includes songs Jackson recorded in the 1980s and 1990s. The first single, "Love Never Felt So Good," was written with Paul Anka.

Host sorry for racist language

"Top Gear" host Jeremy Clarkson has apologized and asked for forgiveness following allegations that he used racist language while he was shooting an episode of the popular BBC show. Clarkson became embroiled in a racism controversy after a tabloid published a clip of him appar-



CHRIS PIZZELLO, INVISION/AP

Pharrell Williams performed at the iHeartRadio Music Awards at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles on May 1.

ently using the N-word while reciting the nursery rhyme "Eeny, meeny, miny, moe" during filming. The clip, recorded several years ago, was never broadcast. The BBC said May 2 it is taking the incident seriously.

BUSINESS/WEATHER

Jobs report contains cautionary signs

By Josh Boak
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Employers added a sizable 288,000 jobs in April.

Hiring in February and March was better than first thought.

The unemployment rate plunged to 6.3 percent from 6.7 percent. At first glance, Friday's U.S. jobs report suggested that the agonizingly slow 5-year-old economic recovery had burst into a full sprint.

Yet several cautionary signs emerged from the report, starting with that spectacular plunge in the unemployment rate.

Here's why: The government uses two surveys for the jobs report. The job gain comes from a survey of businesses, the unemployment rate from a survey of households. Sometimes, the two conflict.

The survey of businesses showed 288,000 more jobs. Yet the household survey, in calcu-

lating unemployment, found that 73,000 fewer people had jobs.

Why did the unemployment rate sink? Because 806,000 fewer people were in the workforce. Many retired or ended their job hunts. And fewer people than expected began looking for work.

Here are some cautionary signs from April's jobs report:

Fewer seeking work

Let's dive a bit deeper into that unemployment rate. People flow into and out of the job market each month. Some leave for school, others return, armed with degrees. Some quit to raise families. Some quit for jobs after their kids start kindergarten. In April, the number of people who began looking for work fell off a statistical cliff.

That suggests the recovery lacks the kind of gravitational force needed to draw more workers back into the fold. Just 58.9 percent of the working-age popu-

lation is employed. That's down from 62.9 percent before the recession began at the end of 2007.

The number of people who began seeking work for the first time fell 126,000 from March to roughly 1 million.

The figure for new graduates and parents who began looking was even bleaker: Down 417,000 to 2.6 million.

No housing rebound

Builders added 32,000 workers in April. But just 41 percent of them were for constructing homes. That share is usually about 50 percent.

The lower figure likely reflects how much housing has cooled this year after a solid improvement in 2013. Sales of new homes plunged 14.5 percent last month, according to the Commerce Department.

Friday's report suggested that homebuilding could remain sluggish.

Grads, dropouts losing

People who've never been to college — about a third of workers older than 25 — are struggling. More than 200,000 high school dropouts lost jobs last month. So did 276,000 high school graduates.

That group isn't sharing in a recovery in which college has become practically a prerequisite. Only 54.3 percent of high school graduates either have jobs or are looking for jobs. That's down from roughly 60 percent before the recession.

Flat wages

Average weekly paychecks didn't budge in April. They were \$838.70, exactly as in March.

Stagnant pay could slow growth because about 70 percent of economic activity comes from consumers.

They can't ramp up spending unless their wages rise.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (May 5)	\$1.4215
Dollar buys (May 5)	€0.7035
British pound (May 5)	\$1.713
Japanese yen (May 5)	100.00
South Korean won (May 6)	1,005.00

Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3721
British pound	\$1.6869/0.5978
Canada (dollar)	1.0976
China (Yuan)	6.2595
Denmark (Krone)	5.3807
Euro	\$1.3872/0.7209
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7524
Hungary (Forint)	221.72
Israel (Shekel)	3.4553
Japan (Yen)	100.00
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2810
Norway (Krone)	5.9399
Philippines (Peso)	44.52
Poland (Zloty)	3.1031
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7507
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2534
South Korea (Won)	1,030.22
Switzerland (Franc)	0.8780
Thailand (Bath)	32.39
Turkey (New Lira)	1.0468

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

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
3-month bill	0.09
Federal funds market rate	0.09
3-month bill	0.02
30-year bond	3.37

WEATHER OUTLOOK

MONDAY IN THE MIDDLE EAST



MONDAY IN EUROPE



TUESDAY IN THE PACIFIC



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

Monday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	Chatanooga	87	58	Cir	Fort Wayne	60	40	Cldy	Louisville	81	54	PCldy	Pocatello	68	45	Cldy	Slous City	69	45	PCldy
Arlene, Tex	98	62	Cir	Cheyenne	77	43	Cir	Fresno	78	55	PCldy	Lubbock	99	60	Cldy	Portland, Maine	64	42	Cldy	Siox Falls	66	40	PCldy
Akron, Ohio	59	39	Cldy	Chicago	57	40	Cldy	Goodland	84	48	Cir	Macon	88	55	Cir	Portland, Ore.	60	50	Rain	Rain	60	37	Cldy
Albany, N.Y.	62	44	Cldy	Cincinnati	68	48	Cldy	Grand Junction	83	51	Cir	Madison	59	38	Cldy	Providence	63	46	PCldy	Spartanburg	58	42	Cldy
Albuquerque	82	53	Cir	Cleveland	58	38	Cldy	Grand Rapids	63	34	Cldy	Medford	62	44	Rain	Pueblo	80	49	Cir	Springfield, Ill.	74	46	PCldy
Allentown, Pa.	67	40	PCldy	Colorado Springs	81	51	Cir	Great Falls	62	39	Cldy	Memphis	85	63	Cir	Raleigh-Durham	79	55	Cldy	Springfield, Mo.	86	59	Cir
Amarillo	86	56	Cir	Columbia, S.C.	92	61	Cir	Green Bay	60	32	Cldy	Miami Beach	85	71	Cir	Rapid City	72	41	PCldy	Syracuse	67	45	PCldy
Anchorage	60	43	PCldy	Columbus, Ga.	87	60	Cir	Greensboro, N.C.	80	54	Cir	Midland-Odesa	99	63	Cir	Roanoke	76	52	Cldy	Tallahassee	90	55	Cir
Ashville	83	53	PCldy	Columbus, Ohio	56	43	Cldy	Hartford	66	43	Cldy	Milwaukee	69	38	Cldy	Richmond	69	51	Cldy	Tampa	87	65	Cir
Atlanta	85	61	Cir	Concord, N.H.	66	39	Cldy	Harrisburg	64	45	PCldy	Mpls-St Paul	59	42	Cldy	Rochester	58	39	Cir	Titusville	62	49	Cldy
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Baton Rouge	86	60	Cir	Daytona Beach	87	61	Cir	Houstonville	86	59	Cir	Nashville	85	59	Cir	St Louis	82	58	Cir	Tupelo	85	58	Cir
Bilings	68	43	Cldy	Denver	81	49	Cir	Indianapolis	64	48	Cir	New Orleans	83	61	Cir	St Petersburg	85	70	Cir	Waco	89	61	Cir
Birmingham	86	57	Cir	Des Moines	67	46	PCldy	Jackson, Miss.	87	56	Cir	New York City	67	46	PCldy	St Thomas	86	76	Cir	Washington	67	45	PCldy
Bismarck	65	39	Cir	Detroit	60	41	Cldy	Jacksonville	90	58	Cir	Newark	66	46	PCldy	Salem, Ore.	58	49	Rain	W. Palm Beach	86	70	Cir
Boise	64	46	PCldy	Duluth	54	33	Cldy	Juneau	62	35	Cir	Norfolk, Va.	66	55	Cir	Salt Lake City	76	52	Cldy	Wichita	89	59	Cir
Boston	63	46	PCldy	El Paso	91	65	Cir	Kansas City	79	55	PCldy	North Platte	78	45	Cir	San Jose	97	59	Cir	Wichita Falls	88	65	Cir
Bridgeport	66	44	PCldy	Elkins	61	41	Cldy	Kenosha	85	57	Cir	Okla. City	65	45	PCldy	San Antonio	91	61	PCldy	Wilmington, Del.	65	42	PCldy
Brownsville	88	65	PCldy	Erie	56	36	PCldy	Knoxville	85	57	PCldy	Omaha	70	48	PCldy	San Diego	68	60	Cir	Wilmington, N.C.	67	45	PCldy
Buffalo	57	37	Cir	Eugene	58	49	Rain	Lake Charles	82	61	Cir	Orlando	89	61	Cir	San Francisco	66	55	PCldy	Yonkers	67	41	Cldy
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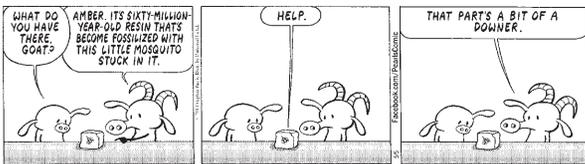
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ACROSS

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- 5 Snapshot
- 8 Cushions
- 12 Listed separately on a menu
- 14 Burn aid
- 15 African country
- 16 Dimension
- 17 Pinch
- 18 Sampled
- 20 Relocated
- 23 Donate
- 24 Tarzan's clique
- 25 Metaphor for the JFK administration
- 28 Hattrack piece
- 29 Gonzoier, e.g.
- 30 Feathery neckwear
- 32 Papparazzi's gear
- 34 Locate
- 35 Scull supply
- 36 Iron
- 37 Mix-up
- 40 Six, in Sicily
- 41 Jai —
- 42 Greenhouse shrub
- 47 Reach by phone
- 48 Spewing hatred online
- 49 Leg joint
- 51 Lily variety

DOWN

- 1 PC alternative
- 2 Suffix with "pay"?
- 3 America's Uncle
- 4 Segments of an act
- 5 Item on stage
- 6 Judge Lance
- 7 Franc fractions
- 8 Large amount
- 9 Came down
- 10 Nap
- 11 Start a garden
- 13 Sahanalike
- 15 State with confidence
- 20 Treasure guide
- 21 Oil cartel
- 22 Brightest star in Lyra
- 23 Festive affairs
- 25 Takes care of types
- 26 Theater award
- 27 Oodles
- 29 Ring out
- 31 Billboards
- 33 Alexander Calder creation
- 34 Bells and whistles
- 36 Rind
- 37 Playing card
- 38 — Bator
- 39 Guy
- 40 Urban blight
- 43 Coach
- 44 Whopper
- 45 Gerund suffix
- 46 Past

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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KENTUCKY DERBY



GARRY JONES/AP

Victor Espinoza rides California Chrome to a victory during the 140th running of the Kentucky Derby on Saturday at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky.

California rolls

Humbly-bred favorite dominates, makes Sherman oldest trainer to win

By BETH HARRIS
The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — A horse with a humble pedigree. A couple of working stiff owners. A 77-year-old trainer with his first Kentucky Derby horse.

Even Hollywood couldn't have made this up.

California Chrome made it look easy on Saturday, pulling away down the stretch to win the Derby by 1 3/4 lengths.

In a sport dominated by wealthy owners and regally bred horses from Kentucky's bluegrass country, this was a victory for the little guys. Owners Perry Martin and Steve Coburn bred an \$8,000 mare to a \$2,500 stallion to produce the winner of the world's most famous race with their one-horse stable.

"This is just a dream come true and a great birthday present," said Coburn, who turned 61 on Saturday.

California Chrome ran 1 1/4 miles in 2:03.66 and paid \$7, \$5.60 and \$4.20. The chestnut colt was sent off as the 5-2 favorite by the crowd of 164,906, the second-largest in the Derby's 140-year history.

His trainer, Art Sherman, became the oldest trainer to win the Derby, 59 years after he traveled from California as an exercise rider for Derby winner Swaps. He watched that race from the barn area; this time he smelled red roses in the winner's circle.

Sherman was all smiles after the race. "He gave me the biggest thrill I ever had in my life," he said.



Sherman

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Art Sherman
Kentucky Derby winner
California Chrome's trainer

California Chrome has the unlikeliest pedigree for a Derby champion. His mother, named Love the Chase, won just one race. She was purchased by Coburn and Martin, a move that prompted a trainer to call them "dumb asses" for getting involved in racing.

Feeling inspired, they named their operation DAP Racing, which stands for Dumb Ass Partners. Their silks include an image of a donkey.

Coburn lives near Reno, Nevada, rising at 4:30 a.m. for his job as a press operator at a 13-employee company that makes magnetic strips for credit cards and driver licenses.

Martin lives on the California side of the border near Reno, running a laboratory that tests high-reliability equipment, like car air bags and medical equipment.

Coburn and Martin's partnership is based on a handshake, and their wives are friends who enjoy the sport, too. The group came up with California Chrome's name by drawing

it out of a hat. The horse hadn't even been out of his home state until this week.

"Sometimes you don't get a lot of respect," Sherman said. "We're in Kentucky and you know most of the Derby winners are bred here and few outside of Kentucky."

Sherman visited Swaps' grave near the Derby museum earlier in the week and whispered a prayer: "I hope he's another Swaps."

He sure was. California Chrome extended his winning streak to five races, won by a combined 26 lengths. It was the second Derby win for Espinoza, who rode War Emblem to victory in 2002.

"I thought he rode him perfect," said Sherman, a former jockey. "I was riding the last 70 yards with Victor, so I think he was riding two. He had a lot of weight on him, I can tell you that."

Espinoza had California Chrome sitting comfortably in third in the 19-horse field as Uncle Sigh and Chitu set the early pace.

California Chrome made his move on the final turn in tandem with Samraat. It looked like those two would decide the outcome, until California Chrome sped away to become the first California-bred to win the Derby since Decidedly in 1962.

"This horse has so much talent," Espinoza said. "By the three-eighths pole I knew that was it. I could see other horses struggling a little bit, and he was just smooth."

Dale Romans, who trained eighth-place Medal Count, quickly changed his tune about California Chrome after believing

the colt had no chance to win.

"I'm very impressed the way he came into it, the way he looked, the way he was prepared and the way he ran," Romans said. "Now he has a new fan."

Commanding Curve, a 37-1 shot, rallied for second, with Danza third. Wicked Strong was fourth and Samraat finished fifth.

Commanding Curve returned \$31.80 and \$15.40, giving trainer Dallas Stewart his second straight runner-up finish with a double-digit longshot. Danza, named for actor Tony Danza of "Who's the Boss?" fame, paid \$6 to show as the 8-1 third choice.

Trainer Todd Pletcher came up empty with his four starters, finishing third with Danza, 10th with We Miss Artie, 12th with Intense Holiday, and 17th with Vincereoms.

Wicked Strong, the 6-1 second choice, was fourth. Samraat was fifth, followed by Dance With Fate, Ride On Curlin, Medal Count, Chitu, We Miss Artie, General a Rod, Intense Holiday, Candy Boy, Uncle Sigh, Tapiture, Harry's Holiday, Vincereoms, and Wildcat Red. Vicar's In Trouble, ridden by Rosie Napravnik, finished last.

Before the Derby, Coburn had told anyone who would listen that California Chrome "would go down in history." He remains just as unabashed.

"I believe this horse will win the Triple Crown," he said, something that hasn't been done since 1978, when Affirmed swept the Derby, Preakness and Belmont in a five-week span.

"That's where we're going."

HIGH SCHOOL: DODDS EUROPE

NEWS AND NOTES FROM THE WEEKEND

Royals stacking deck

Could this DODDS Europe spring season end with a Royal flush?

After another dominant Saturday across all four team sports, the possibility of a Ramstein Royals sweep of the Division I baseball, softball and boys and girls soccer titles is growing stronger.

The boys soccer team blasted Black Forest Academy 5-0, scoring all of its goals after halftime. Five Royals scored goals. The squad is unbeaten on the season, with only an April 19 scoreless tie with Patch keeping it from a perfect 5-0 mark.

That's the record the Royals girls reached with their 4-0 shutout of BFA, a win fueled by two goals from Hunter Pace. The Ramstein girls have held their opponents scoreless in four of five games this season.

While the Royals soccer teams will chase the European titles that eluded them last year, the Ramstein baseball and softball teams appear very well-equipped to defend their DODDS Europe championships.

The baseball team swept SHAPE by scores of 12-2 and 15-5, improving to 8-0 on the season. The softball team matched that mark with their own sweep of the Spartans, 15-0 and 29-0.

Formidable games loom Saturday, as the baseball and softball teams face Patch and the soccer teams play Wiesbaden. That schedule might put a dent in the Royal armor. But DODDS-Europe has to at least entertain the idea of Ramstein running the table.

AFNORTH: The stretch run of the Lion baseball and softball seasons is also the busiest time of the year for the Division II program. After hosting Kaiserslautern on Saturday, the Lions head to Ramstein and Bitburg next weekend and complete their regular-season schedule May 17 against SHAPE.

Alconbury: An otherwise forgettable weekend for Oregon athletes was redeemed by the school's softball team, which recorded a pair of convincing wins over Bitburg on Friday. The Dragons, last year's Division III champions, are a threat to make a run at the Division II title this spring after rising to the higher level.

American Overseas School of Rome: The Falcons boys soccer team pulled out of a 2-2 halftime tie Saturday to edge Sigonella 6-4. Alessandro Elia scored three goals and Paolo Arturo Vitale scored two for AOSR, last year's Division II European runner-up.

Ansbach: The Cougars' 4-4 baseball team will try to finish its season at or above .500 on Friday, when fellow Division II contender Hohenfels pays a visit. Ansbach has split two of its four doubleheaders this spring, against Division I opponents Wiesbaden and Viseck. The squad's only sweep came April 19 against Baumholder.

Aviano: The Saints' baseball and softball games against rival Vicenza were washed out by inclement weather on Saturday. Should weather cooperate, the teams will face off this Saturday at Aviano.

Bamberg: Dameronique Lamons added Kaiserslautern to the list of stops on her greatest-hits tour Saturday. The Barot track star extended her streak of discus and shot put wins with sizable first-place finishes in both events, even as the pool of competition expanded to a season-high seven schools. Lamons will be back in Kaiserslautern in two weeks with designs on repeating as European champion in discus and moving up on her second-place shot-put finish last year.

Baumholder: The Bucs girls soccer team is making a habit of spoiling wins for their Division I neighbors. Baumholder did it again on Saturday, rallying from a 1-0 halftime deficit into a 2-2 tie with Wiesbaden. The game comes two months after the Bucs recovered from a scoreless first half to draw even with Kaiserslautern and force a 4-4 tie.

Bitburg: The Barons earned their first two baseball victories of the season on Friday with 14-9 and 20-6 wins over Alconbury.



Devin Billups and Logan Wolberg took the wins for Bitburg, while Dom Ferneding went a combined 4-for-4 with six runs and five RBIs.

Black Forest Academy: The usually upset-minded Falcons soccer teams got no cooperation from Division I power Ramstein on Saturday. The host Royals shut out both BFA squads. The Falcons get another shot at a Division I foe this weekend, ending their regular seasons with a boys and girls set at Kaiserslautern.

Brussels: A two-goal effort by Carson Gengler wasn't enough to withstand SHAPE on Saturday as the Brigands took a 4-2 girls soccer defeat to the Spartans. Brussels can snap its current three-game losing streak with a win over Menwith Hill in its regular-season finale Saturday.



Hohenfels: Idle last weekend, the Tigers soccer teams will conclude their regular seasons Saturday with a home session against Ansbach. At 4-2, the Tiger girls are guaranteed a winning season, while the 2-3-1 boys team can clinch a .500 record with a victory.



International School of Brussels: The ISB girls soccer team has fought a low roster to face all season, and the numbers game finally caught up with the Raiders on Saturday as they forfeited to Lakenheath. ISB coach Philippe Kaisin said only nine girls were available to make the trip, adding that the program is "a bit falling apart" and might not recover in time to play in this month's Division I European tournament.

Kaiserslautern: The new track program enjoyed across-the-board success on Saturday, scattering victories across the running, strength and relay events en route to boys and girls team victories over a tough seven-school field that included Wiesbaden.



Among the individual victories: boys David Zarynczyk (100 and 200 meters), Emilio Moreno (400 meters) and Michael Close (1,600 meters) and the girls 4x400 relay team of Deaja Hubbard, Autumn Collins, Jada Bostic and Jasmyn Bostic.



Lakenheath: The Lancers scored the defining win of their boys soccer season on Saturday, knocking off reigning Division I European champion ISB 2-1. Elmer Ramos scored on a penalty kick and short-range goal, finally making good on the repeated scoring opportunities the Lancers offered all afternoon.



Lakenheath coach Patrick Naranjo said the Lancers "had more goals" because they "had more chances."

Marmount: The long-awaited boys soccer Division II European championship-game rematch between the reigning Lions and rival AOSR finally arrives Friday. Marmount faces another tough divisional foe, Naples, to wrap up its regular season a day later.



Menwith Hill: The Division III Mustangs dominated all facets of a 5-0 boys soccer win over Division II Alconbury on Saturday. Offensively, Ian Evans scored two goals and Val Evans registered two assists. Defensively, coach Ken Brooks highlighted center backs Ian Gornall and midfielder Sean Lambert as key contributors to the shutout effort.



Naples: The Wildcats will soon play for a fifth consecutive European Division II girls soccer title, and they aren't giving the field much cause for optimism as the post-season approaches. Naples stayed unbeaten Saturday with an 8-2 rout of Florence, behind a two-goal, four-assist effort by Isabella Lucy.



MICHAEL S. DANIEL/Stars and Stripes

Patch pitcher Parker Boyle delivers during his no-hitter against Hohenfels on Saturday.

Patch: Panther pitching and hitting was operating at top efficiency on both the baseball and softball diamonds on Saturday.

The Patch baseball team steamrolled Hohenfels 25-1 and 10-0 behind prolific hitting and standout pitching efforts from Parker Boyle and Jay Deal. Boyle tossed a no-hitter in the early game, while Deal claimed his first win.

The story was the same in softball as the Panthers won 18-5 and 17-0.

Schweinfurt: Timo Tofagu continued his outstanding track season Saturday at Kaiserslautern with a first-place finish in the long jump. His leap of 20 feet, five inches was a foot better than his closest rival.

SHAPE: Though it started far better than it ended, the Spartan baseball club can take away plenty of positives from its 2-2 weekend in the Division I heartland of Germany. SHAPE swept Kaiserslautern on Friday before falling to reigning European champion Ramstein twice on Saturday.

Young Spartans pitchers Chris Cheadle and Noah Matice got valuable innings of experience over the weekend.

Sigonella: A five-goal effort by Katie Cauble fueled a 6-4 girls soccer win over AOSR on Saturday. The Jaguars needed all of them to shake off a 3-3 halftime tie with the Falcons and earn their first win since March 15.

Vicenza: Cougar runner Karl Bulgin continued to emerge as one of DODDS-Europe's most promising new track athletes with his performance Saturday. An injured hamstring and a bad start slowed Bulgin in the 100-meter dash, but he still posted a time of 11.05 seconds and a first-place finish. He also took top honors at 200 meters and headlined Vicenza's winning unit in the 1,600-meter sprint medley.

Viseck: A banner day for Falcons baseball and softball saw both diamond squads earn sweeps of Division I rival Wiesbaden. Pitchers Kurt Hall and Josh Piatt recorded pitching victories as the Viseck baseball team earned 8-1 and 7-3 wins over the Warriors.

Elena Montanez, meanwhile, faced just 12 batters in a three-inning, no-hit softball shutout as the Falcons took 15-0 and 18-3 softball decisions Saturday.

Wiesbaden: The Warriors cruised to a 10-0 boys soccer win over Baumholder on Saturday behind a two-goal, two-assist effort by forward Dhilan Tisdale.

Wiesbaden has quietly emerged as a Division I championship candidate, with only a 1-0 loss to Patch marring their regular-season record. The Warriors can make further noise next weekend with a season-ending visit to fellow Division I contender Ramstein.

—Gregory Broome

Scoreboard

Baseball

Friday
Bitburg 14, Alconbury 9
Bitburg 20, Alconbury 6
SHAPE 17, Kaiserslautern 0
SHAPE 6, Kaiserslautern 5

Saturday
Baumholder 12, Alconbury 0
Baumholder 16, Alconbury 2
Ramstein 15, SHAPE 5
Kaiserslautern 9, AFNORTH 5
Kaiserslautern 11, AFNORTH 5
Viseck 8, Wiesbaden 1
Patch 25, Hohenfels 1
Patch 10, Hohenfels 6
Naples 12, Sigonella 3
Naples 16, Sigonella 1

Soccer

Boys
Friday
ISB 6, Alconbury 0
Saturday
Lakenheath 2, ISB 1
Menwith Hill 5, Alconbury 0
Kaiserslautern 5, Bitburg 0
Wiesbaden 10, Baumholder 0
Ramstein 5, BFA 0
Patch 3, Viseck 0
Patch 6, Viseck 0
AOSR 6, Sigonella 4
AOSR 6, Sigonella 4

Girls
Friday
Alconbury 1, ISB 0 (forfeit)
Saturday
Lakenheath 1, ISB 0 (forfeit)
Alconbury 5, Menwith Hill 0
SHAPE 4, Brussels 2
Baumholder 2, Wiesbaden 2
Ramstein 4, BFA 0
Patch 6, Viseck 0
Sigonella 6, AOSR 4
Naples 8, Florence 2
Vicenza 1, Marmount 0 (forfeit)

Softball

Friday
Alconbury 21, Bitburg 3
Alconbury 15, Bitburg 5
Kaiserslautern 23, SHAPE 1
Kaiserslautern 25, SHAPE 1
Saturday
Alconbury 31, Baumholder 3
Alconbury 19, Baumholder 4
Baumholder 15, SHAPE 9
Ramstein 29, SHAPE 6
Wiesbaden 3, SHAPE 2
Kaiserslautern 16, AFNORTH 2
Viseck 15, Wiesbaden 0
Patch 17, Hohenfels 9
Patch 18, Hohenfels 3
Naples 19, Sigonella 1
Naples 23, Sigonella 9

Track

Saturday
Boys
Kaiserslautern 20, Wiesbaden 175
Baumholder 73, Bitburg 56, Hohenfels 30,
Schweinfurt 25, Baumholder 15
Naples 135.5, Vicenza 40, Aviano 25,
AOSR 18.5
Girls
Kaiserslautern 193, Wiesbaden 191,
Bitburg 53, Bamberg 41, Hohenfels 14,
Baumholder 13, Schweinfurt 9,
Naples 86.5, Vicenza 58, Aviano 55.50,
AOSR 12

HIGH SCHOOLS: DODDS PACIFIC

NEWS AND NOTES FROM THE WEEKEND

Okinawa track finals showcase underclassmen

By DAVE ORNAUER
Stars and Stripes

CHATAN, Okinawa — While several veteran athletes enjoyed their last turn in the spotlight at the Okinawa district track and field finals Saturday, the meet also offered an indication of Kadena's and Kubasaki's future.

Underclassmen, such as Kubasaki sophomore sprinters Kaelyn Francis and Courtney Mitchell, and Kadena distance runners, freshmen Javier Michael and Wren Renquist and sophomore Hunter Ficenec, brought home a haul of wins in the two-day event.

■ Francis and Mitchell went 1-2 in the 100- and 200-meter dashes, then ran with freshmen La'Kenya Jackson and Gabriella Provost to win the 400-meter relay. That mirrored a mostly senior Kubasaki boys sprint group, which won the 100, 200 and 400 relay.

■ Renquist and Ficenec each won sort of an individual triple crown of distance racing: the 800, 1,600 and 3,200-meter runs. Then helped their respective teams win the 3,200 relay. Ficenec set a district record in the 1,600 and helped break the 3,200 relay mark.

One would understand if the symbolic passing of the torch from veterans such as two-time Far East cross-country champions Andrew Kilkenny and Ana Hernandez or sprinters such as Kadena's Janika Caines might be slightly overwhelming for youngsters.

But Ficenec and Renquist, for two, seemed unfazed by assuming some of the leadership role. Ficenec began running track four years ago as a seventh grader and became one of his middle-school team leaders the next season.

Renquist doesn't think about leading roles and the pressures that come with them, or much of anything except running. "But I do want to keep pushing my team as far as they can go," she said. "They're definitely worthy of the torch." Hernandez said, "I'm proud of them." They're really stepping up and taking a leadership role in this thing and carrying on the team's legacy."

Unlike last year's district meet in which 13 records were shattered, only three were broken Friday and Saturday. It started Friday with Kadena thrower Jazmyin Sharper, who uncorked a discus throw of 97 feet, 3 inches, or 29.64 meters. That broke the mark of 28.74 set in 2007 by Kubasaki's LaKesa McClain.

It continued Saturday, when Ficenec



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Kadena's Hunter Ficenec, left, and Zion Christian Academy's Rejay Maruo run side-by-side on the first lap of the 800-meter run during Saturday's second day of the Okinawa district track and field finals at Mihama, Okinawa. Ficenec won in 2 minutes, 0.88 seconds.

and teammates Leslie and Latrille Williams and Kilkenny beat the 3,200 relay record with a time of 8 minutes, 24.53 seconds, 3.4 seconds better than the old record posted last year by Kadena. "I knew we had a good team," Leslie Williams said. "That's all it was this year. Hard work pays off."

Ficenec then topped another year-old mark when he ran a 4:37.22 in the 1,600. That was .21 second better than the 4:37.43 by Kubasaki's Erik Armes.

Yokota: Known the past couple of seasons for its defense, the Panthers girls soccer team is starting to feel its oats on offense. Specifically London Jackson, who netted four goals in Yokota's 6-0 win over Zama. "We don't know what she had for lunch, but we're going to feed it to her before every match," coach Tim Pujol said.

Zama: After splitting a twin bill with American School in Japan, the Trojan softball team has two competitions left before co-hosting the Far East tournaments later this month — at Yokota on Friday and at ASU on May 17.

Kinnick: Girls soccer has had a Red Devil of a time the last two times they've faced Yokota, playing to 3-3 draws. The teams play each other again on May 15 at Yokota.

Matthew C. Perry, E.J. King: The last competitions before Far East for boys soccer teams at the southwestern Japan bases are Saturday, when Pacific-leading goal scorer Gaku Lange and Perry make the six-hour bus ride to Sasebo Naval Base for a weekend series of matches against the Cobras. The Samurai host the boys Far East later this month.

Seoul American: Following their 16-1 home romp over Humphreys and its ace pitcher Selene Castro, the Falcons' only remaining games are scheduled for Saturday at Lombardo Field FourPlex against the same Blackhawks.

Humphreys: For the first time, Blackhawks Field will host the DODDS Korea district track and field finals on Saturday. Unlike the last two meets when international schools participated, only DODDS teams will take part.

Egdrn: The same holds true for the northeastern Japan school, but in every sport. That means the Eagles will take the field May 19 for their Far East tournaments having not played since April 26, the soccer teams in the DODDS Japan tournaments, baseball and softball in

a DODDS three-team weekend series, and track in a meet it hosted.

Daegu, Osan: The Warriors and Cougars softball teams will have nearly three weeks before their next competition, the Far East Division II tournament at Naval Air Facility Atsugi, Japan. The teams' scheduled twin bill Saturday at Osan was called off because Daegu's team was missing too many players to field a team, athletics director Ken Watter said.

Guam: The boys volleyball ends its regular season Tuesday when they visit St. John's. The island playoffs begin with the quarterfinals on Friday. The girls soccer team hosts Academy of Our Lady of Guam on Saturday before playoffs begin with quarterfinal matches on May 13.

—Dave Ornuer

Scoreboard

Track and field

Combined
Kubasaki 231A, Kadena 207, Zion Christian Academy international 95%, Okinawa Christian International 35

Boys
Kubasaki 119A, Kadena 108, Zion Christian 46%, Okinawa Christian 13

Girls
Kubasaki 112, Kadena 99, Zion Christian 49, Okinawa Christian 22

Baseball

Naha Kokusai 17, Kadena 6
Kadena 11, Naha Kokusai 10
American School in Japan's, Yokota 0
ASU 11, Yokota 2

Softball

Seoul American 16, Humphreys 1
Kadena 6, Kubasaki 4
Zama 10, ASU 8
ASU 15, Zama 10

Soccer

Boys
Kubasaki 4, Mill United 2
Kubasaki 5, Brazil FC 5
Nile C. Kinnick 0, Yokota 0
Girls
Kubasaki 11, Naha Nishi 0
Kadena 1, Kaho 1
Yokota 6, Zama 0
Yokota 3, Christian Academy Japan 0

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NHL PLAYOFFS

Gaborik, Kings steal Game 1 from Ducks

Scoreboard

By **BERNIE WILSON**
The Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — After waiting 20 years to meet in the playoffs, the Los Angeles Kings and Anaheim Ducks provided an overtime thriller in the opening tussle for Southern California supremacy.

Marian Gaborik scored seven seconds left in regulation to force overtime and then scored 12:07 into the extra period to lift the Kings to a 3-2 victory Saturday night.

Wrestling home-ice advantage from the Ducks comes after the Kings staged a memorable comeback against San Jose, becoming the fourth NHL team to win a best-of-seven series after losing the first three games.

"It was awesome. Really, it was what you expect," Kings coach Darryl Sutter said. "It was a physical game. I think the crowd really responded to that."

Gaborik redirected Anze Kopitar's shot past Jonas Hiller for the winner before being mobbed in the corner by his teammates. "When you get a job on the fore-check," Gaborik said. "The puck got to Kope, he saw me driving to the net, and made a nice play. I just tried to tip it in."

Gaborik "is a big reason that we won the first round and if he hadn't finished those two opportunities it would have only gone six," Sutter said. "If you look at both those goals, those are classic goals. You got to go to the net to score in the playoffs."

Hiller said the Kings "suddenly had a 2-0-1 out of nowhere. It was a shot-pass that went off the post and off my back and in. It's too bad. We had a couple chances in OT to finish it, but at the end it's still a 1-0 series. We need to focus on the next game and learn from this. We have room for improvement."

The Ducks and their fans — who got to chant "Beat LA!" for the first time in the postseason — appeared poised for a win after 43-year-old Teemu Selanne beat Jonathan Quick between the pads for a go-ahead goal with 11:52 to play in regulation. It was the first goal and fourth point of the playoffs for the Finnish Flash, who plans to retire at season's end.

But the Kings pulled Quick for a sixth attacker with 1:22 left. In the closing seconds, Mike Richards shot a shot from along the left boards, and Gaborik wristed the rebound past Hiller, who slumped in the net after giving up



Los Angeles Kings right wing Marian Gaborik (12) scores the second of his two goals on Anaheim Ducks goalie Jonas Hiller (30) as Ducks center Ryan Getzlaf looks on Saturday. The Kings won 3-2 in overtime in Game 1 of their Western Conference second-round series in Anaheim, Calif.

the tying goal. "They just threw it at the net," Hiller said. "I thought I got a piece of it, but it got up in the air and he batted it out of the air back door. We weren't strong enough. We were too passive there."

Gaborik also had an assist on L.A.'s first goal of the night. Quick, who won the Cup for the Kings in 2012, came up big several times in overtime. Even when he didn't, the Kings held off the Ducks. Quick got out of position during one wild scramble and defenseman Alec Martinez jumped into the net until Quick recovered.

"Unbelievable. It was a little

chaotic. Probably owe him dinner there," Quick said.

Martinez scored his first goal of the playoffs on a power play 9:04 into the game, beating Hiller on the glove side with a backhander after taking a pass from Gaborik from behind the net. Nick Bonino was in the penalty box for hooking.

Anaheim's Matt Belesky tied it less than three minutes later after a beauty of an assist by Ryan Getzlaf. Getzlaf skated into the Kings zone and behind the net, drawing Quick out of the crease. He passed to Belesky in the slot, who put home a wrister before Quick could get back into position.

Second round
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Montreal 1, Boston 1
Montreal 4, Boston 3, 2OT
Saturday: Boston 5, Montreal 3
Tuesday: at Montreal
Thursday: at Montreal
Saturday: at Boston
x-Monday, May 12: at Montreal
x-Wednesday, May 14: at Boston
N.Y. Rangers 5, Pittsburgh 2, OT
Sunday: at Pittsburgh
Monday: at N.Y. Rangers
Wednesday: at N.Y. Rangers
x-Friday: at Pittsburgh
x-Sunday, May 11: at N.Y. Rangers
x-Tuesday, May 13: at Pittsburgh
WESTERN CONFERENCE
Chicago 1, Minnesota 0
Chicago 5, Minnesota 2
Tuesday: at Minnesota
Friday: at Minnesota
x-Sunday, May 11: at Chicago
x-Tuesday, May 13: at Minnesota
x-Thursday, May 15: at Chicago
x-Wednesday, May 14: at Los Angeles
Saturday: Los Angeles 3, Anaheim 2, OT
Monday: at Anaheim
Thursday: at Los Angeles
Saturday, May 10: at Los Angeles
x-Monday, May 12: at Anaheim
x-Wednesday, May 14: at Los Angeles
x-Friday, May 16: at Anaheim

Saturday
Kings 3, Ducks 2 (OT)

Los Angeles	1	0	1	1-3
Anaheim	1	0	1	0-2

First Period—1. Los Angeles, Martinez 3 (Gaborik, Kopitar), 1:04 (pp), 2. Anaheim, Belesky 2 (Getzlaf, Fowler), 11:41.
Second Period—1. Anaheim, Hiller 1 (Morton, Getzlaf), 8:08, 4. Los Angeles, Gaborik 1 (Richard, Kopitar), 12:53.
Overtime—Los Angeles, Gaborik 5 (Kopitar, Dougherty), 12:07.
Shots on Goal—Los Angeles 5-10-17-4-36, Anaheim 7-10-11-7-35.
Power-play opportunities—Los Angeles 1-4; Anaheim 0-4.
Goalies—Los Angeles, Quick 5-3-0 (35 shots-33 saves); Anaheim, Hiller 1-1-0 (36-33).
A-17,393 (17,174), T-3,098.

Bruins 5, Canadiens 3

Montreal	0	2	1-3
Boston	1	0	4-5

First Period—1. Boston, Paille 1 (Soderberg, Meszaros), 13:02.
Second Period—2. Montreal, Weaver 1 (Plekanec, Gallagher), 1:59, 3. Montreal, Vaneck 2 (Sudbin, Chara), 18:09 (pp).
Third Period—4. Montreal, Vaneck 3 (Sudbin, Deshaies), 6:34 (pp), 5. Boston, Hamilton 2 (Marchand, Bergeron), 10:56, 6. Boston, Bergeron 2 (Marchand), 14:17, 7. Boston, Smith 1 (Chara), 16:28, 8. Boston, Lucic 4 (Krejci, Miller), 18:54 (ep), 9. Bruins on tie—Montreal, 6:15-7-28, Boston 13-13-9-35.
Opportunities—Montreal 2 of 6; Boston 0 of 4.
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Bruins rally with 4 goals in third to beat Canadiens

By **JIMMY GOLEN**
The Associated Press

BOSTON — The Boston Bruins rallied from two goals down to avoid another two-game deficit against the archrival Montreal Canadiens.

Reilly Smith scored the go-ahead goal with 3:32 left and Boston scored four times in eight minutes to beat the Canadiens 5-3 on Saturday and even the Eastern Conference semifinals at one game apiece.

"It was a fun last part of the third period," said Torey Krug, who set up Smith's goal. "We're very excited with how things turned out, but we've got to move along from it pretty soon."

Games 3 and 4 are on Tuesday and Thursday in Montreal, where in 2011 Boston won twice in its first-round series after losing the first two at home. The Bruins won the series in seven games and went on to win their first Stanley Cup title in 39 years.

Toronto by three goals with 11 minutes left in Game 7 of their first series before winning in overtime — scoring twice in the last 82 seconds of regulation.

Even though they know it can be done, they're glad they won't have to stage a similar comeback this year.

"The experience of going through this a lot the last few years helps a lot," forward Shawn Thornton said.

The Bruins trailed 3-1 with just over nine minutes remaining before Dougie Hamilton scored, then Patrice Bergeron tied it with 5:43 remaining. Reilly then wisted a cross-ice pass from Krug past Carey Price to give Boston the lead. Milan Lucic added an empty-goal goal with 66 seconds left.

"We weren't expecting to come in here and sweep two games," said Price, who stopped 30 shots. "They poured it on a little and they were a little lucky, I thought. They were playing desperate at the end. We've just got to regroup and realize what situation we're



Boston Bruins defenseman Zdeno Chara (33) tries to block Montreal Canadiens defenseman P.K. Subban (76) off the puck as Bruins center David Krejci, middle, looks on during the second period in Game 2 of their second-round playoff series in Boston on Saturday.

in. We're in a good spot."

Tuukka Rask had 25 saves for Boston — the first time in 10 tries in his career that he has beaten the Bruins' Original Six rival at

the TD Garden. Montreal won Game 1 in double overtime.

"The feeling of winning is a lot better," Rask said. "I'm happy how we bounced back after we

were down 3-1."

Thomas Vaneck twice tipped P.K. Subban's slap shot into the net, and Mike Weaver also scored for the Canadiens, who lost for the first time in this year's playoffs.

Subban scored twice in Game 1, including a double-overtime goal that unleashed a series of racial slurs on social media.

Subban left the bench for part of the first period in Game 2 with an apparent hand injury. When he returned, he continued to hurt the Bruins on the power play.

He helped Montreal take a 2-1 lead with just under 2 minutes left in the second period right as the first penalty in a 5-on-3 advantage was ending. On a similar play 6½ minutes into the third period, Vaneck's tip-in gave the Canadiens a 3-1 lead.

But Hamilton cut it to a one-goal deficit with 9:04 left, then Bergeron shot a shot from a tough angle that bounced off Montreal defenseman Francis Bouillon and into the net to tie the Bruins. Smith got on the lead, and Lucic clinched it.

MLS/SPORTS BRIEFS

MLS roundup

Timbers top United on last-minute goal

The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — The Portland Timbers scored in the opening minute and the last minute to earn their first victory of the season.

Maximiliano Urruti got the deciding goal in stoppage time and the Timbers defeated D.C. United 3-2 on Saturday night.

"This is the kind of win that really catapults a team," Portland coach Caleb Porter said.

Patty Dango also scored for the Timbers, who were winless for their first eight matches of the season for the team's longest span without a victory since 2012. The streak was concerning for a team that went all the way to the Western Conference final last season.

But Urruti came off the bench to snap it with a rebound from just inside the box as United goalkeeper Bill Hamid tumbled to the rain-soaked turf. There was four minutes of stoppage time at the end of the game.

Urruti said the game-winner came off his knee.

"It's three points, but sometimes it feels like more, and I think this is one that feels like more," Porter said. "I think they'll play freer, more confident. I think we'll continue to get better and better. We've been playing well, but I think sometimes when you feel that weight of that pressure because you're not getting the results, you get frustrated. This will definitely unlock us."

The loss snapped a five-match undefeated string for United, which pulled into a 2-all tie with an own goal in the 78th minute.

Portland struck first in the open-

ing minute, when Gaston Fernandez maneuvered around Hamid and found the net just 34 seconds into the game. It was the fastest goal for the team since Portland joined Major League Soccer.

Revolution 2, FC Toronto 1: Lee Nguyen scored on a penalty kick in the 82nd minute after Toronto defender Donell Henry was charged with a hand ball in the penalty area that gave the visiting Revolution a win over FC Toronto.

Whitecaps 3, Earthquakes 2: Pedro Morales scored two goals a minute apart in the first half as host Vancouver edged San Jose. Morales scored on a penalty kick in the 19th minute and kicked a shot in from about 20 yards out in the 20th minute.

Real Salt Lake 3, Fire 2: Joao Plata scored twice in the final 24 minutes, including the winner in stoppage time, to help Real Salt Lake remain unbeaten with a victory over winless host Chicago.

Rapids 1, Galaxy 0: Vincente Sanchez scored in the 20th minute, leading host Colorado past the Los Angeles Galaxy. Sanchez, who sat out the second half with a sore left knee, curled a shot between two defenders to record his team-leading fifth goal.

Sounders 2, Union 1: Chad Marshall headed in a corner kick from Marco Pappa in the 84th minute as host Seattle (6-2-1) completed a comeback from a first-half own goal to beat Philadelphia.

Dynamo 4, Chivas USA 1: Giles Barnes scored two goals to help lift Houston over host Chivas USA as the Dynamo (3-4-2) snapped a six-match winless skid.



THOMAS WARREN/AP

Philadelphia Union players make a wall as Seattle Sounders' Clint Dempsey, left, takes a penalty kick in the first half of Saturday's MLS match at Century Link Field in Seattle. The Sounders won 2-1.



JARED C. TITTON, NASCAR/AP

Elliott Sadler takes the checkered flag to win the Aaron's 312 Nationwide Series NASCAR race at Talladega Superspeedway on Saturday in Talladega, Ala.

Briefly

Sadler finally wins at Talladega

The Associated Press

TALLADEGA, Ala. — Most of Elliott Sadler's memories of Talladega Superspeedway are unglad. They either involve a horrific 2003 crash in which his car flipped several times and slid forever through the grass on its roof, or many different ways he'd come up empty racing for a win.

"Finally, he has a victory that tops all those other disappointments."

"Everybody always asks me about flipping at Talladega," Sadler said in Victory Lane. "Now we won one at Talladega, man, this feels a lot better."

Sadler won a three-lap shootout to the checkered flag in the Nationwide Series race.

The race Saturday was stopped for a little more than nine minutes to clean the track following a six-car accident that began when Jeremy Clement was turning into an outside wall and his car shot back into traffic.

"Under the red flag, I was playing all these scenarios in my head," Sadler said. "Really, how many races I've lost in the last couple laps not making the right decisions."

There were three laps remaining on the restart and Sadler had to throw several blocks to hold off a charge from the pack of traffic behind him.

It was the 10th Nationwide Series victory of Sadler's career, first at Talladega, and first win since 2012.

"We just stayed to the bottom and stuck to our guns," said Sadler, who went winless last season in his first year with Joe

Gibbs Racing.

Chris Buescher finished second and Regan Smith, winner of last year's race, was third. Sadler's win ended a three-race winning streak for JR Motorsports, which picked up victories from Chase Elliott at Texas and Darlington and Kevin Harvick last week at Richmond.

David Ragan finished fourth and was followed by Sam Hornish Jr., making his first race since losing the Nationwide title by three points last season.

Holmes takes lead in Wells Fargo PGA event

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — J.B. Holmes overpowered Quail Hollow on a good day for scoring and made a 20-foot birdie putt from the fringe on the final hole for a 6-under 66 and a 1-shot lead on Saturday in the third round of the Wells Fargo Championship.

Martin Flores made his only bogey on the final hole and is one behind. Phil Mickelson had a 63 and is two shots behind.

In other golf news:

■ At the LPGA North Texas Shootout, Stacy Lewis shot a 2-under 69 even while missing several makeable putts to grab a share of the lead with Meena Lee after three rounds in Irving, Texas.

■ Bernhard Langer shot a 4-under 68 to open a three-stroke lead in the Champions Tour Insperity Invitational at the Woodlands, Texas. Langer had a 10-under 134 total. Colin Montgomerie was second after a 66, Sunday's best round.

■ Denmark's Anders Hansen shot a 5-under 67 for a share of the lead with Thailand's Panphol Pittayarat at the European Tour Championship at Laguna National in Singapore.

Rays cut reliever Bell, recall Karns to fill spot

NEW YORK — Relief pitcher Heath Bell has been cut by the Tampa Bay Rays in a costly move for a normally thrifty team.

Needing a fresh long man in the bullpen, the Rays recalled right-hander Nathan Karns from Triple-A Durham and designated Bell for assignment before Sunday's series finale against the New York Yankees.

Bell, a three-time All-Star, was 1-1 with a 7.27 ERA in 13 appearances for the Rays after they acquired the right-hander from Arizona in December as part of a three-team trade. Tampa Bay still owes him about \$4.5 million this season.

Serena wins in Madrid, Djokovic withdraws

MADRID — Serena Williams brushed aside Belinda Bencic of Switzerland 6-2, 6-1 to open her defense of the Madrid Open title on Sunday, while Maria Sharapova beat Klara Koukalova 6-1, 6-2 in the first round.

In the men's tournament, Novak Djokovic withdrew before the start of the event because of a right wrist injury that had already affected his play at Monte Carlo last month.

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MLB



FRANK FRANKLIN II/AP

New York Yankees starting pitcher Masahiro Tanaka attempts to pick off a runner at first base during the third inning of Saturday's game against the Tampa Bay Rays.

AL roundup

Tanaka, Yankees blast Rays to end 3-game skid

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The last time Masahiro Tanaka lost a regular season game, Mark Teixeira was a reliable slugger in the heart of the Yankees' batting order.

Since August 2012, Teixeira has hurt a wrist and hamstring, missing most of last season and half of the first month of this season. He's back looking like his usual bashing self — just in time to help Tanaka on Saturday.

Teixeira homered for the fourth time in his last five games and drove in three runs as the Yankees rallied past the Tampa Bay Rays 9-3 and stopped a season-high, three-game losing streak.

"You want to put up numbers. You want to put up those home runs, and you want to drive in runs for your team, and when you start seeing that, then it makes you feel better about where you are physically," Teixeira said. "It's been a struggle the last year coming back from this injury, but so far the results have been good this year."

Teixeira reached 30 homers and 100 RBIs in each of his first three years with the Yankees before dropping to 24 homers and 84 RBIs in 123 games in 2012.

In 14 games this season, he has five homers to tie for the team lead and has 10 RBIs. "I never doubted him," manager Joe Girardi said. "I said all along he was a guy who could be 30 and a hundred for us."

Tanaka extended his regular-season unbeaten streak to 40 starts (32-0) and Kelly Johnson hit a tiebreaking solo homer in the sixth inning off Josh Lueke (0-2), who also gave up a run-scoring single to Teixeira and a sacrifice fly to Alfonso Soriano in a two-run seventh.

Tanaka (4-0) gave up solo homers to Desmond Jennings and Wil Myers around an RBI single by Ryan Hanigan, falling behind 3-0 by the fourth and looking shaky by the standard set over his first five starts.

"I think I was able to get my rhythm back as I got deeper into the game," Tanaka said through an interpreter.

New York's offense did the rest. Teixeira

hit a two-run homer in the fourth, and Jacob Ellsbury's RBI single in the fifth tied it at 3.

Signed by the Yankees from Japan's Rakuten Golden Eagles during the offseason, Tanaka allowed three runs and eight hits in seven innings, striking out his last two batters to give him five or the day.

"He just grinded it out," said Tampa Bay's Matt Joyce, who struck out attempting to bunt for a hit in the first inning. "He was a little frustrated with himself at times. You could tell. And he just kept working through it."

Red Sox 6, Athletics 3: Jon Lester (3-4) struck out a career-high 15, allowing one hit over eight scoreless innings — Craig Gentry's leadoff bloop single in the third over the head of second baseman Dustin Pedroia — as host Boston beat Oakland.

Twins 6, Orioles 1: Joe Mauer and Brian Dozier homered, Kevin Correia earned his first win of the season and host Minnesota ended its four-game losing streak in a win over Baltimore.

Mariners 9, Astros 8: Justin Smoak hit a two-run homer off Raul Valdes that capped an eight-run seventh inning that built a 9-2 lead as visiting Seattle held off Houston.

Indians 2, White Sox 0: Justin Masterson (1-1) held the AL's highest-scoring offense in check, allowing four hits and striking out six in 7½ innings to win for the first time in nine starts since Aug. 21. John Axford pitched the ninth for his ninth save for host Cleveland, sending Chicago to its fourth straight loss.

Tigers 9, Royals 2: Drew Smyly (2-1) picked up where fellow Tigers starter Rick Porcello left off, allowing two hits in seven shutout innings as visiting Detroit beat Kansas City. Joba Chamberlain threw a perfect eighth and Phil Coke allowed two runs in the ninth.

Angels 5, Rangers 3: C.J. Cron hit an RBI single on the first pitch he saw in the major leagues, doubled his second time up and hit a tiebreaking RBI single in the sixth inning to lead host Los Angeles over Texas.

NL roundup

Culberson's walkoff HR lifts Rockies over Mets

The Associated Press

DENVER — Pinch-hitter Charlie Culberson felt good about his swing and then felt even better an instant later when he saw the ball he hit sail over the center field fence.

Culberson hit a game-winning two-run homer in the ninth inning off Kyle Farnsworth and the Colorado Rockies, down by six runs early, rallied to beat the New York Mets 11-10 in a wild affair on Saturday.

"I don't hit many home runs, but for some reason right there, I hit it and I just knew it had to go out," Culberson said. "More to the point, like it had better go out."

"Hitting a walkoff, I really can't describe it. That's definitely the best feeling I've ever had in baseball, so far."

The Mets overcame Colorado's eight-run fifth inning, that included Nolan Arenado's grand slam, and took a 10-9 lead on Juan Lagares' RBI single in the ninth off LaTroy Hawkins (1-0).

But Troy Tulowitzki, who recorded his 1,000th career hit in the seventh inning, singled off Farnsworth (0-2) to start the bottom of the ninth. He advanced to second on a deep flyout by Arenado and Culberson followed with the winning drive off a 1-2 pitch from Farnsworth.

The crowd erupted as he rounded the bases. As he neared the plate, he tossed his helmet and jumped onto home plate as he was mobbed by his teammates.

"He threw a first-pitch fastball about 95 mph, but I saw it pretty good and I knew he was going to go after me and try to get me out," Culberson said. "He just gave me a good pitch to hit and I barreled it up."

Farnsworth said he didn't quite get the location he wanted.

"Fastball away. It hit the middle, I guess," Farnsworth said. "He got a good swing on it. It's always difficult. We just have to keep on battling. Guys played well, and we came out on the wrong end of it."

It was a sudden finish to a game in which the teams combined for 30 hits, including Arenado's slam that extended his major

league best-hitting streak to 23 games.

Staked to an early 6-0 lead, Mets starter Jerry Mejia had blanked the Rockies through the first four innings and seemed headed toward the solid pitching outing New York needed. Instead, he became the third straight Mets starter to fail to get out of the fifth inning.

Giants 3, Braves 1: Brandon Belt, Buster Posey and Michael Morse led off innings with home runs as San Francisco beat slumping host Atlanta for their fourth straight win and eighth in nine games in a matchup of first-place teams.

Phillies 7, Nationals 2: Ryan Howard and Cody Asche homered and A.J. Burnett (2-1) allowed one run and three hits in six innings as host Philadelphia beat Washington.

Reds 6, Brewers 2: Johnny Cueto (3-2) gave up three hits over eight innings, including solo homers by by Aramis Ramirez and Mark Reynolds, and by Ian Desmond in a runny game host Cincinnati a win over Milwaukee.

Cubs 3, Cardinals 0: Jake Arrieta struck out seven and allowed four hits over 5½ innings in his season debut, helping host Chicago beat St. Louis for its first three-game winning streak this season.

Diamondbacks 4, Padres 3: Brandon McCarthy threw seven superb innings and Alfredo Marte drove in two runs as visiting Arizona survived a ninth-inning rally for a win over San Diego.

Dodgers 9, Marlins 7: Pinch-hitter Carl Crawford hit a two-run homer in the 11th inning as Los Angeles escaped several late-inning jams to beat Miami. Yasiel Puig hit a three-run homer and Dee Gordon had a career-high five hits for the Dodgers.

Interleague

Pirates 8, Blue Jays 6: Neil Walker hit a tiebreaking, two-run double in the eighth, capping a comeback from a 5-0 deficit as host Pittsburgh beat Toronto. The Blue Jays led 6-2 in the seventh, but the Pirates tied the score against Aaron Loup on Josh Harrison's RBI double, Pedro Alvarez's run-scoring groundout and pinch-hitter Jordy Mercer's two-run double.



DAVID ZALUBOWSKI/AP

Colorado's Charlie Culberson, left, follows the flight of his two-run, walkoff home run in front of New York catcher Anthony Rucker in the ninth inning of the Rockies' 11-10 victory over the Mets on Saturday in Denver.

BOXING/NBA PLAYOFFS



ERIC JAMISON/AP

Floyd Mayweather Jr., right, is driven through the ropes by Marcos Maidana in their WBC-WBA welterweight title fight on Saturday in Las Vegas. Mayweather won the bout by majority decision.

Mayweather wins narrow decision

Maidana takes fight to welterweight champ for 12 rounds before losing on scorecards

By **TIM DAHLBERG**
The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Argentina's Marcos Maidana came close to one of the bigger upsets in recent boxing history on Saturday as he took the fight right up to Floyd Mayweather Jr. for 12 tough rounds, before losing a majority decision.

Mayweather, regarded as the world's best fighter pound-for-pound, retained his unbeaten record, but not by much. Maidana swarmed all over him from the opening bell and gave him perhaps his toughest fight in a 16-year professional career.

In the end, though, Mayweather got the win — just as he did in his previous 45 fights. He retained his WBC welterweight title by winning 117-111 on one scorecard and 116-112 on another. A third judge had it even at 114-114.

The Associated Press scored it for Mayweather 115-113.

Maidana threw far more punches, but Mayweather was more accurate as the two battled into the late rounds with the fight still very much in doubt. Cheered on by a large contingent of Argentine fans, Maidana took the fight to Mayweather, who was cut by the right eye in the fourth round by an accidental head butt.

"It was a tough, competitive fight," Mayweather said. "I normally like to go out there and box and move. But he put pressure on me."

Maidana raised his arms in victory when the final bell sounded, and Mayweather watched pensively from his corner as the

scorecards were added up before he was declared the winner.

"I won the fight," Maidana said. "He didn't fight like a man."

Punch stats by CompuBox showed Mayweather landing 230 of 426 punches to 221 of 858 for Maidana. It was the most punches landed by any fighter against Mayweather in 38 fights where punch stats were compiled.

"I couldn't see for two rounds after the head butt," Mayweather said. "After I could see again it didn't bother me. That's what champions do, they survive and adjust."

Maidana had said he was going to treat Mayweather like any other fighter and go right after him. He did just that, bringing the sellout crowd at the MGM Grand hotel to its feet as he landed some big overhand right hands to the top of Mayweather's head.

"He never hurt me with a punch," Maidana said. "He wasn't that tough, I thought I won."

Maidana complained about being forced to fight with gloves he didn't want to use when the two camps engaged in a standoff over gloves at the rules meeting a day earlier.

"If I would have had my gloves I would have knocked him out," Maidana said. "They took away my advantage."

Maidana, who was cheered by the crowd as he left the ring, said he wanted a rematch, and both promoter Richard Schaefer and Mayweather said he just might get one after nearly pulling off one of the biggest upsets in recent years.

"If the fans want to see it again, let's do it again," Mayweather said.

Rise: Less than a week after pregame protest, Clippers earn cathartic victory

FROM BACK PAGE

A franchise that once redefined losing was a winner despite it all — and there's no telling how much farther these new Clippers can go.

Griffin scored 24 points, Paul had 22 points and 14 assists, and the Clippers outlasted the Golden State Warriors 126-121 in Game 7 on Saturday night to win their first-round playoff series.

"I'm just happy we pulled it out," Paul said. "It's going to sound crazy, but it was all about tonight. Everything else was in the past. We didn't dwell on all that stuff, and not to diminish how serious everything has been in the past week or so. It was all about basketball tonight."

Jamal Crawford scored 22 points for the third-seeded Clippers, who earned the franchise's third playoff series win in 38 years with the highest degree of off-court difficulty imaginable.

Less than a week after dumping their team warmup jerseys at center court in a pregame gesture of defiance against Donald Sterling, the Clippers earned a cathartic win and a second-round date with the Oklahoma City Thunder, starting Monday night.

"I just thought with all this stuff, this team just needed this win," Rivers said. "This was a hard week. It feels like two months. I just needed to be able to smile and laugh and cheer, and to be proud of something. And I was very proud of my players."

Sterling was banned for life from the NBA on Tuesday after a recording of racist comments by the 80-year-old billionaire was made public. The Clippers ended sleepless nights, constant public scrutiny and a failed attempt to close out the series in Game 6 before they finally hung on to beat Golden State.

"It's been a crazy ride for us," said DeAndre Jordan, who had 15 points and 18 rebounds. "I commend our guys for sticking with it."

Stephen Curry had 33 points and nine assists, but Golden State blew a lead with 2:10 left in Game 7. Draymond Green scored 24 points for the Warriors, who lost their first Game 7 since 1977 and failed to advance in consecutive postseasons for the first time since that year.

"We fought so hard this whole series, this whole season," Curry said. "It stings. It's disappointing for sure."

The game could have been the last for Golden State coach Mark Jackson, who might be on shaky ground with Warriors ownership despite presiding over the long-struggling franchise's best two-year stretch in two decades. Curry said it would be "a shock" if Jackson wasn't the Warriors' coach next year.

"I don't get caught up in it," Jackson said. "I'm totally confident and I have total faith that I'm going to be fine."



MARK J. TERRILL/AP

Los Angeles Clippers head coach Doc Rivers cheers in the closing seconds of Game 7 of the team's opening-round playoff series against the Golden State Warriors on Saturday.

Scoreboard

First round		L.A. CLIPPERS — M.Barnes 5-8 2-2 13, Griffin 10-15 4-7 24, Jordan 6-6 3-6 15, Paul 8-15 5-5 22, Redick 7-13 3-4 20, Collison 2-6 4-4 8, Ja.Crawford 7-12 5-22, Williams 0-1 0-0 0, Davis 0-0 0-0. Totals 46-82 26-32 126.		
Eastern Conference	Indiana 4, Atlanta 3	32 32 20 37-121	L.A. Clippers 8-24 (Ja.Crawford 3-6, Redick 3-8, Paul 1-3, M.Barnes 1-4, Griffin 0-1, Collison 0-1, Granger 0-1), Fouled Out: O.Green, Rebounds—Atlanta 24 (Lee 13), L.A. Clippers 46 (Jordan 18), Assists—Golden State 25 (Curry 9), L.A. Clippers 26 (Paul 14), Total Fouls—Golden State 21, L.A. Clippers 21. Technicals—Golden State defensive three second. A—19,543 (19,600).	
Western Conference	Toronto 3, Brooklyn 3	32 32 20 37-121	Thunder 100, Trail Blazers 109	
Indiana 4, Atlanta 3	Atlanta 98, Indiana 98	Atlanta 97, Indiana 97	MEMPHIS — Allen 4-11 7-15, Miller 1-3 0-0, Gasol 7-20 10-11 24, Conley 8-14 4-5 20, Lee 5-10 4-5 16, Prince 3-6 0-6, Kouros 2-3 0-4, Udrih 4-8 3-12, Lee 2-5 2-2, J. Davis 0-1 0-0, Franklin 0-2 0-0. Totals 37-83 30-34 105.	OKLAHOMA CITY — Durant 12-18 4-6 33, Ibaka 6-8 0-10, Perkins 2-2 0-4, Westbrook 10-16 5-6 27, Butler 3-10 9-15, Adams 3-2-3-8, Jackson 5-6 4-4 16, Fisher 1-4 2-2-5, Lamb 0-2 0-0, Jones 0-0 0-0. Totals 42-89 25-30 120.
Miami 4, Charlotte 8	Miami 98, Charlotte 85	Miami 98, Charlotte 85	Memphis 36 22 23 28-109	
Brooklyn 3, Toronto 3	Brooklyn 94, Toronto 87	Brooklyn 94, Toronto 87	Three-Point Goals—Memphis 5-17 (Lee 2-5, Udrih 1-2, Leuer 1-2, Miller 1-3, Gasol 0-1, Allen 0-1, Prince 0-1, Conley 0-2), Oklahoma City 11-19 (Durant 5-5, Westbrook 2-2, Jackson 2-7, Fisher 3-3, Butler 1-5, Lamb 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Memphis 37 (Leuer 7), Oklahoma City 45 (Westbrook 10), Assists—Memphis 22 (Conley 9), Oklahoma City 22 (Westbrook 10), Total Fouls—Memphis 22, Oklahoma City 28. Technicals—Adams, A—18,203 (18,333).	
Washington 10, Chicago 95	Washington 100, Chicago 99	Washington 98, Chicago 69	Pacers 92, Hawks 80	
Washington 98, Chicago 69	Washington 98, Chicago 69	Washington 98, Chicago 69	ATLANTA — Carroll 1-7 0-0 2, Millsap 6-21 3-15, Antic 0-0 0-0, Teague 5-16 6-16, Korver 6-13 2-3 19, Scott 5-14 2-2 15, Williams 0-3 0-0 0, Davis 2-12 0-13, Brand 1-0 0-0. Totals 29-92 13-16 57.	
San Antonio 3, Dallas 3	San Antonio 96, Dallas 85	San Antonio 96, Dallas 85	Portland 126 108 126 126	
Dallas 13, San Antonio 96	Dallas 113, San Antonio 108	Dallas 113, San Antonio 111	Portland 122, Houston 120, OT	
San Antonio 109, Dallas 103	San Antonio 93, Dallas 89	San Antonio 109, Dallas 103	Houston 121, Portland 116, OT	
Dallas 113, San Antonio 111	Dallas 113, San Antonio 111	Dallas 113, San Antonio 111	Portland 123, Houston 120, OT	
Sunday: at San Antonio	Oklahoma City 4, Memphis 3	Oklahoma City 100, Memphis 96	Houston 108, Portland 98	
Oklahoma City 111, Oklahoma City 106, OT	Memphis 18, Oklahoma City 95, OT	Oklahoma City 92, Memphis 89, OT	Friday: Portland 99, Houston 98	
Oklahoma City 95, OT	Oklahoma City 104, Memphis 84	Oklahoma City 104, Memphis 84		
Saturday: Oklahoma City 120, Memphis 109	L.A. Clippers 4, Golden State 3	Golden State 109, L.A. Clippers 105		
Golden State 109, L.A. Clippers 105	L.A. Clippers 138, Golden State 98	L.A. Clippers 98, Golden State 96		
Golden State 118, L.A. Clippers 97	L.A. Clippers 111, Golden State 103	Golden State 100, L.A. Clippers 99		
Golden State 121	Portland 4, Houston 2	Portland 122, Houston 120, OT		
	Portland 121, Houston 120, OT	Houston 121, Portland 116, OT		
	Portland 123, Houston 120, OT	Houston 108, Portland 98		
	Friday: Portland 99, Houston 98			
	Saturday			
	Clippers 126, Warriors 121			
	D.GREEN 16-33 (Iguodala 5-9 1-3 14, Collison 1-0 0-0, Davis 4-9 5-6 13, Curry 7-17 16-33, Thompson 4-11 5-6 15, H.Barnes 0-1 0-0, Jo.Crawford 5-9 1-17, O'Neal 1-1 0-0, Speights 5-9 0-1 10, Armstrong 0-0 0-0 0, Blake 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 39-79 29-35 121.			

NBA PLAYOFFS

Pacers return to form in Game 7 victory

Hibbert awakes from slumber to stifle Hawks

By MICHAEL MAROT
The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana salvaged its season Saturday by reverting to form: its first-half form.

Paul George scored a career playoff-high 30 points, Lance Stephenson added 19 and Roy Hibbert finally came up big against the more nimble Atlanta Hawks as the Pacers survived a first-round scare with a 92-80 victory in the decisive seventh game.

Two days after staving off elimination in Atlanta, the top-seeded Pacers did it again and advanced to a second-round series against Washington that starts Monday in Indiana.

George sparked the two biggest runs, finished 11-for-23 from the field and grabbed 11 rebounds for a league-leading sixth double-double in the playoffs.

Stephenson added nine rebounds and five assists, and wiggled his hips after a game-clinching dunk with 80 seconds to go. Hibbert awoke from his recent slumber with 13 points, seven rebounds and five blocks.

Indiana's regular starters won back-to-back games for the first time since mid-March, rallying from a 3-2 deficit to win a series for the first time in franchise history.

"We know that when he is locked in offensively, his defense is off the charts. That's when he becomes special," George said of Hibbert. "I thought he was very special for us."



AJ Mast/AP

Pacers center Roy Hibbert blocks the shot of Hawks forward Paul Millsap during Game 7 of their first-round playoff series in Indianapolis. Hibbert finished with 13 points, seven rebounds and five blocks after totalling just 20 points in the first six games of the series.



Sue Osorecki/AP

Thunder guard Russell Westbrook had a triple-double in Saturday's Game 7 win.

OKC stars shine in win over Memphis

By CLIFF BRUNT
The Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Kevin Durant got back to playing like he's used to against a Memphis team that had to change things up at the worst possible time.

Durant scored 33 points, Russell Westbrook had a triple-double, and the Oklahoma City Thunder beat the Grizzlies 120-109 on Saturday night in Game 7 of their first-round Western Conference playoff series.

Durant looked like his usual self after struggling against Memphis' rugged defense for much of the series. The regular-season scoring champion made 12 of 18 field goals and all five of his three-pointers after struggling from long range throughout the series.

"I got out of my own way," he said. "I was thinking too much. I was worrying about what you guys (the media) were saying. I was worrying about what shots I was going to shoot throughout a game. I was thinking too much, and the game of basketball is played off of instincts.

"I just released everything and enjoyed myself. And I knew if I just put the work in



Sue Osorecki/AP

Oklahoma City's Kevin Durant scored 33 points as the Thunder won Game 7 of their opening-round playoff series against the Memphis Grizzlies on Saturday.

for my team, the results would show."

With top scorer Zach Randolph suspended, the Grizzlies shook things up and traded their grind-it-out style for Oklahoma

City's faster pace.

It worked for a while, but eventually, the explosive Thunder were just too much.

Randolph was punished for punching Thunder center Steven Adams in the jaw late in Game 6, forcing Memphis coach Dave Joergel to make changes. Guards Tony Allen and Mike Miller started for the first time in the series in place of Randolph and Tayshaun Prince. The Grizzlies led by 11 points in the first half before the Thunder overwhelmed them and shot 66 percent after the break.

Westbrook had 27 points, 16 assists and 10 rebounds. His assist total tied the franchise record for a playoff game set in 1987 by Nate McMillan when the team was still in Seattle. It was Westbrook's second triple-double in the past three games. He made 10 of 16 shots from the field, both of his three-pointers and five of his six free throws.

"I think he chose his spots very well tonight, getting everybody involved, rebounding the basketball," Durant said. "But when we needed a basket, he was aggressive enough to get to the rim and make his pull-up jump shot. He just played a full game tonight."

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Hollywood ending

Favorite California Chrome pulls away late for easy victory | **Page 23**

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Rise above hate

Clippers persevere through adversity, hold off Warriors

By GREG BEACHAM
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — When the final buzzer sounded on the longest two weeks of the Los Angeles Clippers' careers, they felt more exhaustion than elation. While coach Doc Rivers high-fived fans and pumped his fist at the crowd, Blake Griffin and Chris Paul quietly congratulated each other.

They had just persevered through seven exhausting playoff games amid enormous distractions leading to their owner's lifetime banishment from the NBA.

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Los Angeles Clippers forward Blake Griffin (32) goes up against Golden State Warriors during the second half of Game 7 of their first-round playoff series on Saturday in Los Angeles.

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