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## PUSHING THE LIMITS

Young, active war wounded drive medical advances

By JULIE WATSON ■ *The Associated Press*

**T**he blood is not the most jarring part of the photograph taken shortly after the bomb blew off Marine Gunnery Sgt. Brian Meyer's leg and hand.

It's his smile.

The bomb technician had asked a team member to take the picture. He

knew his defiance in the face of death would keep his comrades going and ease the torment caused by what they had witnessed.

His attitude set the tone for the long journey the double amputee is taking along with nearly 2,000 troops who lost one or more limbs from combat injuries in Iraq and Afghanistan.

It's also pushing military medicine to find better ways to accommodate such a large population of young, severely disabled combat veterans who want to maintain an active lifestyle. Many wear out their prosthetic limbs in a matter of months doing everything from mountain climbing to running marathons.

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Retired Marine Gunnery Sgt. Brian Meyer swings his prosthetic leg over his motorcycle before a ride in Murrieta, Calif.

GREGORY BULL/AP

## Iraq lacks ability to fly F-16s it seeks

By DANA PRIEST AND AARON GREGG  
*The Washington Post*

WASHINGTON — Despite complaints by Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki that the United States has been slow in its delivery of F-16 fighter jets, no Iraqi pilot team has qualified to fly the aircraft in combat and none will be ready before mid-August, according to an official at the U.S.-based program where the pilots are being trained.

That problem is one of many of the Obama administration is confronting as it tries

to speed more equipment to the Iraqi air force to help it defeat the Islamic insurgency engulfing the country. There are also challenges in providing or quickly deploying laser-guided Hellfire missiles and Apache combat helicopters, and concerns that the weaponry going to Iraq could be used against political targets.

As the crisis worsens, the Pentagon and Congress are scrambling to send hundreds of Hellfires to Iraq, but only two planes in the Iraqi air force are capable of firing them, both turboprop Cessnas. The U.S. military is rushing to figure out how to retrofit other rudimentary aircraft that the Iraqis can fly.

For the moment, the United States has been left with accelerating the shipment of 1,132 Hellfires that Congress has approved for sale to Iraq. A Pentagon spokesman said that more than 400 have been delivered this year and that Congress is interested in sending hundreds more beyond the current order.

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# QUOTE OF THE DAY

“He’s like a myth. His [fighters] see him as some kind of god, their spiritual god. They say that Kony can see what you’re doing in the bush even if you’re many miles away.”

— Ugandan Lt. Col. John Kagwisa, describing the reputation of infamous warlord Joseph Kony

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# FOURTH OF JULY



MICHAEL DWYER/AP

## Early celebration

Petty Officer 1st Class Jason Thompson, of Detroit, and Megan Schinker, 13, of Stow, Ohio, watch a reading by Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick during a concert on the Esplanade in Boston on Thursday. The annual Boston Pops Fourth of July concert was moved up a day because of potential heavy rain ahead of Hurricane Arthur.

## Chowhound Chestnut still top dog at eating contest

By JULIE WALKER  
The Associated Press

High-ranking chowhound Joey “Jaws” Chestnut dropped to one knee and proposed to his long-time girlfriend before Friday’s annual hot dog eating contest, then packed away 61 franks and buns to hold onto his coveted mustard yellow winner’s belt.

The San Jose, Calif., man fell far short of his record last year of 69 dogs and buns, but he still easily beat second-place finisher Matt Stonie, who also of San Jose, who downed just 56.

Chestnut, 30, took a quick timeout before the annual Nathan’s Famous Fourth of July Hot Dog Eating Contest at Coney Island, N.Y., to make it official with his longtime girlfriend, Neslie Ricasa, who is also a competitive eater.

In the women’s division, three-time defending champion Sonya Thomas lost her title to Miki Sudo, 28, of Las Vegas, who wolfed down 34 franks and buns in 10 minutes to win the women’s division of the contest.

The Thomas, 47, a native of South Korea who now lives in Alexandria, Va., was able to devour only 27 3/4 hot dogs and buns. She scarfed down a record 45 dogs and buns last year.

Chestnut has won eight times in a row now. In 2010, his former rival, Takeru Kobayashi, refused to sign an exclusive contract with Major League Eating, the food equivalent of the NFL, and was banned from competition.

This year, the Japanese native, nicknamed the Tsunami, will compete against five other competitive eaters at a separate event on Fifth Avenue in New York in a quest to down the most hot dogs without buns in 10 minutes.



Chestnut

# US troops become citizens

## At naturalization ceremony, Obama touts immigration reform

By DARLENE SUPERVILLE  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Celebrating the ethnic diversity of America, President Barack Obama said more than two dozen foreign-born servicemembers who became U.S. citizens at a White House ceremony on the Fourth of July are vivid reminders that the country is, and always has been, a nation of immigrants.

He said the vast range of backgrounds and experiences that made America a melting pot for more than 200 years also makes it stronger, but that the immigration system has to be retooled for the U.S. to keep its place as the greatest nation on earth.

“If we want to keep attracting the best and the brightest from beyond our shores, we’re going

to have to fix our immigration system, which is broken,” Obama said after 25 servicemembers from 15 countries collectively raised their right hands and pledged allegiance to the United States. “Pass common sense immigration reform. We shouldn’t be making it harder for the best and the brightest to come here, create jobs here, grow our economy here. We should make it easier.”

The hot-button issue of immigration is earning renewed attention after the influx to the U.S. of tens of thousands of unaccompanied children from Central America. Under U.S. law, they must be sent back across the border with Mexico to their home countries, which has upset immigration advocates who already take issue with Obama’s strict enforcement

of deportation policy. They want Obama to allow the children to stay; he says he must follow the law.

At the same time, Obama blames House Republicans for delaying action on immigration legislation. A comprehensive measure the Senate passed last summer has been blocked by House leaders who also have done little to advance their own immigration proposals.

Obama announced earlier this week that, as a result of inaction on Capitol Hill, he will pursue non-legislative ways that he can adjust U.S. immigration policy without waiting for Congress to send him a bill.

“I’m going to keep doing everything I can to make our immigration system smarter and more efficient,” Obama said.

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## MILITARY

# EU urges wider fraud probe in Afghan elections

By AMIR SHAH  
The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan—The European Union called on Thursday for a more extensive investigation into allegations of irregularities in Afghanistan's presidential election, citing "highly worrying indications of potentially widespread fraud."

The statement came a day after the Afghan commission overseeing the vote postponed the release of preliminary results until next week so it could audit the ballots from 1,930 polling stations that had at least 599 votes in 30 different provinces.

Thijs Berman, the head of the EU's election monitoring team in Kabul, welcomed that step but said the commission's choice to audit "only polling stations with 599 votes and over significantly limits the possible detection of fraud."

Other factors also should be ex-

amined, including highly improbable votes for one single candidate in polling stations, or unlikely discrepancies between votes cast by women and men he added.

Altogether, the number of problematic polling stations could well exceed 6,000 of the 22,828 stations nationwide, Berman said at a news conference in Kabul.

"An additional in-depth audit of the votes is necessary, given these highly worrying indications of potentially widespread fraud," he said. "This is technically possible without much delay."

Abdullah Abdullah, a former foreign minister and one-time aide to a famed warlord during the Afghan anti-Soviet guerrilla campaign, garnered the most votes in the first round of voting on April 5 but failed to get the majority needed to win outright. He has alleged widespread ballot box stuffing and other efforts to rig the June 14 runoff vote in favor of his rival,



RAMHAT GUL/AP

Smoke rises from the Kabul airport after an attack on Thursday.

Ashraf Ghani Ahmadzai, a former finance minister and World Bank official.

Ahmadzai's team also has registered complaints of fraud but called for the Independent Election Commission's process to be respected.

Whoever wins will replace President Hamid Karzai, the only leader the country has known

since the 2001 U.S.-led invasion that ousted the Taliban. He was constitutionally barred from seeking a third term.

Karzai's 2009 re-election also was marred by widespread ballot box stuffing and proxy voting, leading Abdullah, who was runner-up at the time, to refuse to participate in the runoff.

Insurgents, meanwhile, have

stepped up attacks as part of their annual summer offensive when they take advantage of warmer weather to move more freely in the mountainous country.

Taliban fighters fired two rockets into the military side of the Kabul International Airport on Thursday, striking Karzai's helicopter as it sat empty on the tarmac, an official said.

Abdul Wahab Wardak, the commander of the military airport, said only one of the two rockets exploded and no casualties were reported. But he said the Russian-made military helicopter used to transport Karzai was set on fire.

The U.N., meanwhile, said the number of child casualties caused by the conflict in Afghanistan rose by 30 percent in 2013 compared to the previous year, with at least 545 children killed and 1,149 wounded.



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## Going for the watermelon-eating win

Jericho Darnell eats on to win the children's watermelon-eating contest at the "Freedom Rocks" celebration put on by Morale, Welfare and Recreation at Naval Support Activity Bahrain on Thursday. For more photos of the event, go to [stripes.com](http://stripes.com).

## US military grounds F-35 jets after fire

By DAVID LERMAN  
Bloomberg News

WASHINGTON — The U.S. military grounded its entire fleet of F-35 fighter jets made by Lockheed Martin as a safety precaution after a fire on one of the planes forced an aborted takeoff.

The Navy and Marine Corps versions of the jets were taken out of service, the Defense Department said in a statement Thursday, a week after the Air Force halted flights. Engine inspection results will determine when the jets can fly again, according to

the statement.

The actions are a blow to the F-35, the costliest U.S. weapons system, which is being built while it remains under development.

Defense Department officials acted after an emergency at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida on June 23, when a fire in the rear of one plane forced the pilot to abort a takeoff. The cause is under investigation, according to the statement.

A decision will be made early next week on whether the F-35 can participate in international air shows in Britain this month,

the Pentagon said in the statement. The Defense Department and Bethesda, Md.-based Lockheed are counting on international sales to help pay the costs of the jet.

The F-35 has been plagued by a costly redesign, bulkhead cracks, excessive weight and delays in software.

Building all 2,443 planes is projected to cost \$398.6 billion, a 71 percent increase in inflation-adjusted dollars since the contract with Lockheed, the largest U.S. defense contractor, was signed in 2001.

## DOD rebuts lawmakers' charges of wasted ammo

By TOM VANDEN BROOK  
USA Today

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon is disputing the contention made by the chairman and ranking member of a Senate oversight committee that it could be wasting billions of dollars through inadequate accounting of its bullets and missiles.

Sens. Tom Carper, a Delaware Democrat and the chairman of the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, and the ranking Republican, Tom Coburn, of Oklahoma, called on the Pentagon to develop a schedule to modernize its ammunition inventory systems, writing that the antiquated methods lead to "millions, if not billions, of dollars in wasteful purchases."

In April, the Government Accountability Office found that the military's poor tracking of its \$70 billion worth of conventional ammunition had left it with an extensive stockpile destined for destruction, including some munitions that could still be used by troops.

For instance, the GAO found instances in which troops retrieved workable missiles from its scrap heap to meet their needs. Another problem: The services' inventory systems cannot share data directly despite working for decades to develop a single database.

The result: potential waste of taxpayer dollars, according to the GAO.

There may be some waste, Pentagon spokesman Mark Wright said, but not on the scale alleged by the senators. He also rejected the implication that the military destroys usable ammunition.

"The Department of Defense is not wasting millions or billions of dollars on ammunition purchases," Wright said in a state-

ment. "The GAO report fairly states the [Defense Department] is not as efficient as it could be if conventional ammunition inventory systems were modernized."

The Pentagon has a \$15.9 billion stockpile of ammunition awaiting destruction, Wright said. Those munitions are obsolete, unusable or their use is banned by international treaty. It will cost \$1 billion to dispose of them.

Carper and Coburn called on the Pentagon in a letter dated June 17 to develop a plan by July 30 for improving its inventory systems. Carper urged the changes to prevent "shortchanging our war fighters." Rep. Steve Cohen, D-Tenn., also signed the letter.

"The GAO showed us that our military's antiquated systems lead to millions of dollars in wasteful ammunition purchases," Carper said in a statement. "Now it's up to the [Pentagon] to follow through with GAO's recommendations and efficiently manage its ammunition stocks."

The problems with ammunition reflect the Department of Defense's poor stewardship of tax dollars, Coburn said.

"The DoD's continued mismanagement of supply chain inventories are just symptoms of the core issue of poor financial management at the department," Coburn said. "Until DoD fundamentally changes the way it manages its business, we will continue to see millions wasted needlessly due to poor internal controls and mismanagement, with little accountability for such waste."

The Pentagon plans to make a decision on developing a single database for ammunition for all the services by the end of September, Wright said.

## MILITARY

# Man dies waiting for ambulance in VA hospital

BY RUSSELL CONTRERAS  
The Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — A veteran who collapsed in an Albuquerque Veteran Affairs hospital cafeteria — 500 yards from the emergency room — died after waiting around 20 minutes for an ambulance, officials confirmed Thursday.

It took between 15 and 20 minutes for the ambulance to be dispatched and take the man from one building to the other, which is about a five-minute walk, officials at the hospital said.

Kirtland Air Force Medical Group personnel performed CPR until the ambulance arrived, VA spokeswoman Sonja Brown said.

Staff followed policy in calling 911 when the man collapsed on Monday, she said.

**‘There’s no reason for it. They have so many workers. They could have put him on the gurney and run faster than that ambulance.’**

Lorenzo Calbert  
Vietnam War veteran

“Our policy is under expedited review,” Brown said.

That policy is a local one, she said.

The man’s name hasn’t been released.

News of the man’s death spread Thursday at the Raymond G. Murphy VA Medical Center among veterans who were visiting for various medical reasons.

Lorenzo Calbert, 65, a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War, said it was sad

that a fellow veteran had to die so close to where he could have received help.

“There’s no reason for it,” he said. “They have so many workers. They could have put him on the gurney and run faster than that ambulance.”

Paul Bronston, a California emergency-room physician and chair of Ethics and Professional Policy Committee of the American College of Medical Quality, said

## New statistics show ballooning wait times for appointments

BY TRAVIS J. TRITTON  
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Statistics released Thursday by the Department of Veterans Affairs show dramatically increased numbers of veterans who waited more than 30 days for health care appointments in June compared to the prior month.

The wait-listed vets doubled or even tripled at nearly all VA hospitals and clinics across the country last month, according to the most recent data released in the VA’s effort at more transparency as it tackles bureaucratic dysfunction and scheduling manipulation that erupted into a national scandal.

Overall, the number of veter-

ans waiting more than a month rose from 242,059 in mid-May to 636,436 in mid-June.

Acting VA Secretary Sloan Gibson has warned that average wait times will grow as the department stamps out inappropriate scheduling practices and reaches out to veterans who were not receiving the health care they requested. In many VA facilities, staff were fudging records or creating off-the-books lists to meet a VA standard of offering appointments within two weeks of a request.

“As we continue to address systemic challenges in accessing care, these regular data updates enhance transparency and provide the most immediate informa-

tion to veterans and the public on improvements to veterans’ access to quality health care,” Gibson said in a released statement Thursday.

Gibson said the department is attempting to regain public trust following revelations of wrongdoing that outraged many.

The VA scandal began in April at a hospital in Phoenix where a whistleblower doctor alleged 40 veterans may have died while languishing on a secret wait list kept by staff. A series of audits have since proven such problems are widespread among 731 VA-run hospitals and clinics that serve 6.5 million vets each year, though the connection to deaths is still under investigation by the

VA inspector general.

The new data released Thursday shows veterans waiting more than a month for care in the Phoenix hospital increased from 6,712 to 11,066 between May and June — a jump that was typical among other VA facilities nationwide.

■ A VA hospital in Honolulu went from having 480 to 2,057 veterans waiting for care.

■ In New Orleans, the number went from 708 to 3,624.

■ A Boston VA hospital went from 1,389 to 3,506 veterans.

The data sheds new light on the extent of the department’s health care access crisis. Increased waits come from a combination of new patients and proper scheduling.

Gibson said the VA has contacted 140,000 vets in the wake of the scandal to offer care and schedule appointments.

Despite the dire picture, the statistics do show at least one bright spot — the VA appears to be shrinking the number of veterans with extremely long waits for care.

In May, 57,436 veterans out of about 6 million who requested medical appointments waited more than three months, according to data released by the VA last month.

That figure shrank to 46,236 in June while overall appointments increased.

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## Golden Knights drop into Iowa

A member of the Army’s Golden Knights Parachute Team jumps over Dubuque, Iowa, on Wednesday. The team also performed for the annual firework display over the Mississippi River on Thursday night.

## Navy officer pleads guilty in ‘Fat Leonard’ bribery case

BY CRAIG WHITLOCK  
The Washington Post

A retired U.S. Navy officer pleaded guilty Thursday to federal charges of arranging kickbacks on behalf of an Asian defense contractor, marking an escalation of a long-running bribery scandal that has shaken the ranks of the Navy.

Edmond Aruffo, who retired as a lieutenant commander in 2007 after serving 20 years in the Navy, pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to defraud the U.S. government as part of a deal with federal prosecutors in San Diego.

After leaving the Navy, Aruffo worked for three years as an executive with Glenn Defense Marine Asia, a Singapore-based contractor that supplied and serviced Navy ships at ports across Asia until the bribery investigation became public in September.

Aruffo is the fourth person to plead guilty in the case, along with a Navy petty officer, a senior agent with the Naval Criminal Investigative Service and another executive with Glenn Defense Marine.

Three others are awaiting trial,

including two Navy officers and the company’s president, Leonard Glenn Francis, a large and wealthy man known in Navy circles as “Fat Leonard.”

In addition, the Navy has said that two admirals and two captains are under investigation, although those individuals have not been charged with a crime.

According to a copy of the plea agreement filed Thursday in federal court in San Diego, Aruffo arranged an elaborate kickback scheme in Japan that defrauded the Navy of between \$1 million and \$2.5 million between July 2009 and September 2010.

During that time, Aruffo worked as the country manager in Japan for Glenn Defense Marine. The court papers state that he conspired with Japanese subcontractors to overbill the Navy for basic services virtually every time one of its ships docked in a Japanese port, naming 19 different vessels that did so.

Aruffo and Glenn Defense Marine used some of their ill-gotten gains to provide meals, drinks and gifts to Navy officers, according to the plea agreement, although the document did not divulge specific amounts.

# MILITARY

## Wounded: Positive attitude key to recovery, doctors say

### FROM FRONT PAGE

With survival rates reaching historic highs during the two wars, the Naval Health Research Center is launching a major, six-year study on wounded warriors to track their quality of life and better understand the road to recovery.

So far, 1,500 people have signed up for the Wounded Warrior Recovery Project study. The Navy aims to recruit 10,000.

About 50,000 military personnel have been injured in the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, with 16,000 hurt so severely that they likely would not have survived previous conflicts.

Doctors say a positive attitude is key to recovery, so the study will also examine mental resilience and why some troops have it and others don't. It will rely on Web-based, telephone and mailed surveys conducted every six months about mobility, ability to function and social activity. Researchers will also analyze military databases detailing clinical encounters with each servicemember injured while deployed.

The study aims to provide one of the broadest reviews yet of how post 9/11 veterans with a variety of combat injuries are coping and enjoying life, and how much their quality of life impacts their long-term care.

Meyer is not yet part of the study but intends to participate. His case was featured in the New England Journal of Medicine in May to demonstrate the success of battlefield trauma care over the past decade.

The retired Marine has benefited from a host of new medical strategies used by the military, including laser treatments.

Cmdr. Peter Shumaker, chief of dermatology at Naval Medical Center San Diego, helped pioneer the use of an ablative laser — commonly used to smooth wrinkled or acne-scarred skin — to ease Meyer's scar tissue, dramatically improving the range of motion in his fingers, among other things.

"It's a privilege to work with soldiers and Marines, like Brian, because they're young and motivated and have a lot of heart and go farther than we ever thought," Shumaker said. "They don't want to just walk, they want to do things that their colleagues are doing, their friends are doing."

Meyer was hospitalized for a month after the 2011 bomb blast in Afghanistan. He lost his right leg above the knee, and his right hand above the wrist. Only his pinky and ring finger remained intact on his left hand.

After multiple surgeries, he was outfitted for prosthetic legs and learned to walk again. But Meyer, 29 at the time, wanted full independence.

He turned down offers to install wheelchair ramps in his home. He debated before accepting a handicap parking permit. He did not want to avoid the struggle



Retired Marine Gunnery Sgt. Brian Meyer gets treatment from Navy Cmdr. Peter Shumaker, left, at the Naval Medical Center in San Diego. AP photos



Above: Meyer grimaces as he grips an exercise machine with a prosthetic arm and two fingers at the Wounded Warrior Hope & Care Center in Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Left: Meyer smiles in 2011 for a photo as he waits to be evacuated after a bomb he was trying to deactivate exploded in Afghanistan.

to reintegrate. He wanted to go anywhere.

"I focus on what I have left, not what I lost," Meyer said.

His prosthetic arm has a flashlight so at night he can see where he plants his prosthetic foot. His prosthetic arm has the knobs and battery pack positioned to one side so he can shoot a bow and arrow.

Thanks to the laser treatments on his scar tissue, he can now hold a toothbrush, write with a pen, dial his phone and pull the trigger of a hunting rifle. Laser treatments also removed a sore, allowing him to withstand his prosthetic leg for 18 hours a day.

Shumaker and Dr. Chad Hivnor, who recently retired from Lackland Air Force Base, helped pioneer the method. Hivnor also discovered botulinum toxin A injections decrease perspiration where the prosthetic limb attaches, helping stop it from slipping off while the person is exercising or in hot climates.

The findings were recently presented to the American Academy of Dermatology to promote the treatment for severely scarred people in the general population.

"These are not special, scar lasers or special, wounded warrior lasers," Shumaker said. "We've taken these techniques that are primarily used for cosmetic purposes and altered them a bit to apply to trauma rehabilitation."

Such unconventional treatments make a big difference in daily life, veterans and their doctors say. One soldier's scar tissue has softened so he can grasp his daughter's hand; another can now type.

A week after a recent treatment, Meyers rode on his motorcycle through a shopping district in Murrieta, 60 miles northeast of San Diego. His pinky and ring finger operated the throttle that has been put on the left side because he only has a left wrist. It has a side car that can carry another amputee, wheelchair or his dog.

Meyer and two others have started the nonprofit organization, Warfighter Made, which modified his motorcycle. It also customizes sports cars, off-road vehicles and other transportation for veterans, who can join in the work.

"What we want is for a guy in the coolest car to drive into a handicap spot and have people be like, 'What's this guy doing?' Then they see him get out with his prosthetic

legs," said Meyer, whose prosthetic leg sports a sticker of Bill Murray and the word "Laugh."

Meyer works for the Injured Marines Semper Fi Fund, counseling fellow combat veterans. He loves the photograph taken after he was injured because "it's the exact opposite of what somebody expects you to do. So when I show it to people and they are inspired by it, instead of being shocked, I know they get it."

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## IRAQ CRISIS

## Demsey: Iraq might need help to reclaim territory

By JON HARPER  
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The nation's top military officer suggested Thursday that the battle between the Iraqi security forces and Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant militants has reached a stalemate, and left open the possibility that much more U.S. military assistance will be needed to roll back the militants.

"After some initial gains and ... some pretty significant and rapid advances, [ISIL is] stretched right now; stretched to control what they've gained and stretched across their logistics lines of communication," Gen. Martin Dempsey, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told reporters at the Pentagon.

Meanwhile, the Iraqi military's defenses seem to be improving after folding in the face of ISIL attacks in recent weeks.

"Some initial insights [from U.S. assessment teams on the ground] are that the ISF is stiffening, that they're capable of defending Baghdad," Dempsey said.

However, the chairman suggested that it would be difficult for them to roll back ISIL gains.

"They would be challenged to get to the front mostly because of logistical shortcomings, according to Dempsey.

Dempsey's assessment is that the ISF would "probably not" be able to be able to recapture the territory they lost without outside help, and suggested the door remains open to greater U.S. mili-

tary involvement.

Right now, the U.S. has about 200 advisers on the ground assessing the security situation in Iraq, as well as ISF and ISIL capabilities. Another 450 or so troops are in country providing security for the U.S. Embassy, the Baghdad International Airport, and other facilities.

Dempsey said defending the airport is key to preparing for potential future operations.

"That part ... that we need for logistics, resupply, and potentially for evacuation, we are projecting that part of the airport for that purpose," Dempsey said.

A joint operations center was set up in Baghdad last month. On Thursday, Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel announced that a second has been established in the northern Iraqi city of Irbil.

When asked what the U.S. military might contribute to help the Iraqis launch a major counteroffensive against the ISIL, Dempsey said "that's not a question that we're prepared to answer just yet."

Dempsey said the U.S. first must determine whether it has a reliable Iraqi partner that is committed to overcoming sectarian differences.

"If the answer to that is no," he said, "then the future is pretty bleak."

The chairman said the U.S. military does not envision sending in large numbers of troops like it did in during the 2003 invasion of Iraq. And he emphasized

that right now the mission isn't one of combat.

"This is a very different approach ... than we've taken in the past. I mean, assessing and advising and enabling are very different words than attacking, defeating and disrupting," he said.

Dempsey addressed concerns about potential "mission creep" in Iraq and the possibility of further troop deployments as the advisory effort develops.

"There's a tendency to think of this as kind of industrial strength, you know, where we're going to put a mountain of supplies ... someplace, and then that's going to require us to protect it, and then we got to move it forward into the hands of the Iraqis to ensure that they use it and use it responsibly and effectively. And that's obviously one possibility, but it's not one that, personally, I think the situation demands," he said.

If a decision is made to give additional help to the Iraqis, Dempsey envisions the U.S. military contributing "special skills, leadership and niche capabilities that we uniquely possess." He did not elaborate.

Still, Dempsey would not rule out a major U.S. military effort against the ISIL.

"We may get to that point, if our national interests drive us there, if ISIL becomes such a threat to the homeland that the president of the United States decides with our advice that we have to take direct action ... [But] we're not there yet," he said.



PABLO MARTINEZ MONSIVALS/AP

**Joint Chiefs Chairman Gen. Martin Dempsey, left, speaks to reporters Thursday at the Pentagon as Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel looks on.**

President Barack Obama has said that he is considering airstrikes against ISIL targets. Last month, Dempsey told lawmakers that the U.S. needed better intelligence to be able to use air power successfully.

"We have a much better intelligence picture than we had two weeks ago, and it continues to get better," Dempsey told reporters Thursday.

It will still be difficult, however, to distinguish ISIL fighters from the Sunni groups that have joined forces with them recently due to grievances with the central government in Baghdad, according to Dempsey.

"That's going to be ... a tough challenge to separate them, if we were to take a decision to strike," he said.

Dempsey argued that attacking all insurgent groups without discriminating between the ISIL and other Sunnis would be counterproductive because it would fuel a sectarian war and would have negative long-term consequences for Iraq's political future.

Dempsey also was asked about

Iranian military involvement in Iraq. He said it has recently become "more over," including the provision of military equipment to the Shia-dominated government in Baghdad and the use of drone aircraft.

In remarks that appeared to be out of sync with previous Pentagon statements, Dempsey did not say cooperating with Iran militarily was off the table.

"We do not intend at this time to coordinate them. [But] it's not impossible that in the future we would have reason to do so," he said.

Dempsey foresees the U.S. confronting groups like the ISIL indefinitely.

"The ideology that stretches from South Asia across the Arab world and into north and west Africa ... which is essentially an anti-Western, very conservative religious, and in some cases a radically violent ideology — we're stuck with that for the foreseeable future; a generation or two," he said.

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## F-16s: Some fear Iraqi government will use fighter jets against Sunnis

FROM FRONT PAGE

Lukman Faiy, Iraq's ambassador to the United States, said in Washington this week that Baghdad had asked the administration again and again for air support such as Apache helicopters and without it, Iraq has been forced to turn to Russia for fighter jets. "We don't have choices," said Faiy. "The situation on the ground is pushing us to choose whoever will support us." Russia sent several disassembled Su-25 fighters to Iraq this week and Iran also has supplied Su-25s.

The United States also has approved the sale to Iraq of Apache helicopters, which are capable of carrying Hellfire. But as of Jan. 27, when the State Department officially notified Congress of the deal, Iraq had not signed the sales contract, said a State Department official who spoke on the condition of anonymity because he is not authorized to speak publicly.

Iraq's aging attack helicopters are armed only with .50-caliber guns and 2.75-inch rockets that can only reach targets when the aircraft fly low, making them more vulnerable.

The United States has given Iraq more than \$1 billion in equipment during the past decade to create an air force.

A delivery date for the F-16s is uncertain, in part because Balad Air Base, which would have housed the jets, is no longer secure. On June 12, militants from the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, now known as the Islamic State, neared the base 40 miles north of Baghdad and forced U.S. contractors working on security there to leave the area.

But at the Pentagon last week, spokesman Rear Adm. John Kirby told reporters, "We're still committed to the sale and the process continues to churn, even given the unrest in Iraq."

There are concerns within the U.S. government that the Iraqi air force will use the Hellfire missiles not only to kill terrorist leaders but also to intensify a sectarian campaign against Sunni political foes, according to senior U.S. military officials and experts.

Now, the United States is faced with another dilemma: either push for a new coalition government for Iraq and endure a cha-

otic transition, or continue to arm and strengthen the Maliki government, with the possibility that it will use its weapons to further divide the country.

Some argue that stemming the crisis takes precedence.

The United States should rush more planes, smart bombs and other help there immediately, James Jeffrey, U.S. ambassador to Iraq until June 2012, said in an interview. "It would be absurd under any circumstances, let alone the existential one the Iraqis are in now, to think they will only use [Hellfire missiles] on high-value targets as we would use them. They will hit anything that moves that they halfway think is the ISIS or Sunni insurgents."

Maliki reiterated this week that his priority is to defeat the insurgency and then deal with Iraq's internal political situation. "I don't believe there is anything more important than mobilizing people to support the security situation," he said in a speech broadcast on state television.

"Other things are important, but this is the priority," he said.

For the United States, the larger

concern is not simply to safeguard the F-16s and their classified technology, but also to prevent their misuse. Using the bombs to kill Sunni political foes will lead "back to the same cycle," said the senior intelligence official. "The more people you kill, the more terrorists you produce."

"Everything they are doing is running contrary to what we want them to do, because all they are doing is creating more fear and distrust," said Richard Brennan, a senior political scientist at the Rand Corp. who studies Iraq's air force. "There are a lot of indiscriminate attacks."

Human Rights Watch says Iraqis forces have also repeatedly struck Fallujah General Hospital this year, injuring doctors and staff. Iraq also reportedly dropped "barrel bombs" filled with scrap metal and explosives on Fallujah, a Sunni-dominated city, and the surrounding areas during a two-week period in May. Maliki's office denies both charges.

Proponents of training foreign air forces in targeted killings say the tactics will decrease the number of civilians killed. But even

supporters recognize the risks inherent in arming unstable allies with such lethal technology.

Iraq is buying 36 F-16s, which will give it a greatly enhanced ability to kill people from a distance. In 2011, Iraq delayed a pending \$1 billion contract for the first 18 of the planes, saying it could not afford them because it needed the money for food aid to the poor. The contract was restarted in late 2012.

Twelve of the 18 Iraqi pilots undergoing F-16 training are at an Air Force facility in Tucson. Two have advanced to the final stage and should be certified to fly as lead pilots in mid-August, according to Tom Fox, a civilian government employee who manages the F-16 training program. Six others have qualified as wingmen who would accompany the lead pilot in separate planes, and four are in basic training, Fox said. The plan is to train a total of 54 pilots. Fox said Iraq was having trouble paying the agreed-upon price for the training, so the Air Force created a payment plan to make it more affordable and keep it on track.

## NATION



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A man crosses a flooded Highway 64 as wind pushes water over the road as Hurricane Arthur passes through Nags Head, N.C., on Friday.

## NC coast slammed by Arthur

By EMERY P. DALESIO

The Associated Press

**KILL DEVIL HILLS, N.C.** — Hurricane Arthur hit North Carolina's Outer Banks overnight, creating a Fourth of July holiday that saw flooding and tens of thousands of power outages.

Arthur strengthened to a Category 2 storm with winds of 100 mph Thursday evening before passing over the southern end of the Outer Banks — a 200-mile string of narrow barrier islands with about 57,000 permanent residents. The islands are susceptible to high winds, rough seas and road-clogging sands, prompting an exodus that began Wednesday night.

By 9 a.m. Friday, Arthur had weakened to a Category 1 hurricane with maximum sustained winds of around 90 mph with additional weakening expected, the U.S. National Hurricane Center said.

The storm was moving northeast Friday morning after turning slightly west late Thursday, which increased the threat to mainland communities from flooding, tornadoes and intense winds.

But officials in some coastal areas in North Carolina reported few problems Friday morning. Emerald Isle, along the Bogue Banks, posted on its website that the July 4 fireworks were still scheduled for Friday evening. The curfew also was lifted. Dare County officials said the northern end of the county, where Kill Devil Hills and Kitty Hawk are located, had reopened.

Hatteras Island on the southern end remained closed because of flooding on North Carolina Highway 12.

From their home in Salvo, Jesse and Carol Wray could see that Highway 12 was submerged under several feet of water Friday morning. The 6-foot-tall lamp-post at the end of their driveway was under water except for its top, and that was after the sound



A vehicle sits in rising waters as Arthur passes through the Nags Head area.

a quarter-mile away had receded several feet since first light, said Jesse Wray, 68, a retired Norfolk, Va., firefighter.

"I'm surprised that it got this bad. There's all kind of debris floating around here. I know a lot of people who lost their houses around here" if they were built on the ground instead of elevated, he said. Wray's home is on pilings 9 feet off the ground, so flooding was averted.

About 7 miles south on the island, Frank Polk, 70, said his brick home on a rise in Buxton suffered no damage. Tomato plants in his garden were twisted and broken, but "overall it's not bad," he said. "I've been losing electricity, but I slept through the night pretty well."

Paul Wernock said water about 3 feet deep surrounded his Rodanthe, N.C., home but was receding early Friday. "We have one giant mess" from tree damage and debris, but no obvious structural damage to homes on his side street, he said.

As of Friday morning, more than 41,000 customers in North Carolina were without power, State Emergency Operations spokesman Rick Martinez said. Carteret County had 11,000 outages, the most of any county, he said.

Before the storm hit, tourism of-

ficials had expected 250,000 people to travel to the Outer Banks for the holiday weekend.

After passing over North Carolina early Friday, Hurricane Arthur was expected to weaken as it traveled northward and dumped rain along the East Coast. The annual Boston Pops Fourth of July concert and fireworks show were held Thursday night just before a heavy downpour from Arthur, while fireworks displays in New Jersey and Maine were postponed until later in the weekend.

As of 9 a.m. Friday, Arthur was centered about 130 miles east of Norfolk, Va., and was moving northeast at near 23 mph.

Arthur, the first named storm of the Atlantic season, prompted a hurricane warning from the southern North Carolina coast to the Virginia border. Tropical storm warnings were in effect for coastal areas as far north as Cape Cod, Mass. Tropical storm watches and warnings were in effect for Nova Scotia in Canada.

Commanders at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in Goldsboro, about 150 miles from the coast, sent four KC-135R Stratotankers and more than 50 F-15E Strike Eagles to another base near Dayton, Ohio, to avoid the risk of damage from high winds.

## Calif. wildfires burn homes, threaten more

The Associated Press

**JULIAN, Calif.** — A wildfire destroyed two homes, threatened hundreds more and forced the cancellation of a Fourth of July parade and celebration in a historic gold-mining town in San Diego County.

The blaze that broke out Thursday near the mountain town of Julian was one of several burning across the state, including one in Northern California's Napa County that had also burned two homes and had grown to more than 6 square miles.

The San Diego County fire erupted around 10:30 a.m. and prompted the mandatory evacuation of 200 homes in and around Julian. The evacuations were canceled by the end of the day as firefighters had the 150-acre blaze 15 percent contained, state fire Capt. Kendall Bortisser said.

But the threat to homes remained, and the city would take the year off from its festive Fourth of July celebration that usually draws from 3,000 to 5,000 people.

"It's a big day for Julian," Michael Hart, publisher of local paper The Julian News told U-T San Diego.

The same area near Cleveland National Forest is where an 11-square-mile blaze destroyed more than 100 mountain cabins just a year ago.

Meanwhile, the fire in Napa that broke out Tuesday raced up steep and rugged terrain, forcing firefighters to build containment

lines without bulldozers, said Alicia Amaro, a spokeswoman for the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

The blaze had scorched more than 4,300 acres by its third day, state fire spokesman Daniel Berlant said. It has damaged nine structures, including the two homes.

The fire was burning to the north, away from the county's famed vineyards.

**'This fire is taking a very aggressive run.'**

**Daniel Berlant**  
California fire spokesman

order was lifted Thursday afternoon, but 180 others remained threatened, state fire officials said.

Despite the fire-containment level plateauing at 30 percent, the nearly 1,100 firefighters on the scene were making steady progress as temperatures climbed into the mid-90s, Berlant said.

However, "it's still growing at a faster rate than we can build containment lines. We're also seeing a bit of a warming pattern, and the winds are picking up as well," Berlant said. "This fire is taking a very aggressive run."

Neither fire has brought any injuries, and the causes of both remain unknown.

## Chicken recalled after Calif. firm tied to salmonella case

By ANDREW DALTON

The Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES** — A California chicken producer has issued its first recall since being linked to an outbreak of an antibiotic-resistant strain of salmonella that has been making people sick for more than a year, company and federal food officials said Thursday night.

The U.S. Department of Food and Agriculture said it has found evidence directly linking Foster Farms boneless-skinless chicken breast to a case of Salmonella Heidelberg, an antibiotic-resistant strain of the disease that has sickened more than 500 people in the past 16 months and led to pressure from food safety advocates for federal action against the company.

As a result, Foster Farms issued a recall for 170 different chicken products that came from its Fresno facilities in March.

The USDA said its investigators first learned of the salmonella case on June 23, and the recall was issued as soon as the direct link was confirmed. The location of the case and identity of the person were not released.

Foster Farms said the products have "use or freeze by" dates

from March 21 to March 29 and have been distributed to California, Hawaii, Washington, Arizona, Nevada, Idaho, Utah, Oregon and Alaska.

The long list of products in the recall include drumsticks, thighs, chicken tenders and livers. Most are sold with the Foster Farms label but some have the labels FoodMaxx, Kroger, Safeway, SamMart, Walbert and Sunland. No fresh products currently in grocery stores are involved.

The company emphasized that the recall was based on a single case and a single product, but the broad recall is being issued in an abundance of caution.

"Our first concern is always the health and safety of the people who enjoy our products, and we stand committed to doing our part to enhance the safety of our nation's food supply," Foster Farms said in a statement.

The federal Centers for Disease Control said 574 people from 27 states and Puerto Rico have been sickened since the outbreak began in 2013, leading to increasing pressure from food safety advocates for a recall or even an outright shutdown of Foster Farms facilities.

## NATION

# Solid US job gains point to a stronger economic recovery

By Josh Boak

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The 5-year-old U.S. recovery is gaining momentum from a surprisingly robust job market and moving the economy closer to full health.

Employers added 288,000 jobs in June and helped cut the unemployment rate from 6.3 percent to 6.1 percent, the lowest since 2008. It was the fifth straight monthly gain above 200,000 — the best such stretch since the late 1990s tech boom.

The stock market signaled its approval. The Dow Jones industrial average surged 92 points to top 17,000 for the first time.

The breadth and consistency of the job growth are striking in part because of how poorly the year began. The economy shrank at a steep 9 percent annual rate in the January-March quarter as a harsh winter contributed to the sharpest contraction since the depths of the recession.

Yet employers have shrugged off that setback. They've kept hiring.

The unemployment rate dipped from 6.5 percent in May to its lowest level since the financial crisis struck with full force in the fall of 2008, when the Wall Street firm Lehman Brothers went bankrupt.

"This has now become a

textbook jobs expansion," said Patrick O'Keefe, director of economic research at the consultancy CohnReznick. "It is both broad and accelerating."

At least one nagging doubt is dampening the enthusiasm: Can the stepped-up hiring lead to higher incomes? Wages have yet to outpace inflation for most workers. Eventually, analysts say, the falling unemployment rate should cause pay to rise more sharply. But no one knows precisely when.

The jobs report did make clear that five years after the recession officially ended, the U.S. economy is showing more vitality even as major economies in Europe and Asia continue to struggle.

Last month's solid hiring followed gains of 217,000 jobs in May and 304,000 in April, figures that were revised upward by a combined 29,000.

During the past 12 months, the economy has added nearly 2.5 million jobs — an average of 208,000 a month, the fastest year-over-year pace since 2006.

Economists say the steady U.S. hiring is expected to fuel more purchases of goods from Asia and Europe and to strengthen those economies at least slightly. Much of Europe is suffering from high unemployment, and China is trying to moderate its economy's growth without slowing it too much.

# Journal has 'concern' over Facebook study

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — The scientific journal that published a study by Facebook and two U.S. universities examining people's online mood swings regrets how the social experiment was handled.

In a note of contrition, the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences concluded that the decision to manipulate the content appearing on the Facebook pages of about 700,000 people without their prior consent may have violated some principles of academic research.

The journal also pointed out that, as a for-profit company governed by its own terms of service, Facebook had no obligation to adhere to those scientific principles.

"It is nevertheless a matter of concern that the collection of the data by Facebook may have involved practices that were not fully consistent with the principles of obtaining informed consent and allowing participants to opt out," wrote Inder Verma, the Washington, D.C.-based journal's

editor in chief.

The unusual "editorial expression of concern" surfaced Thursday, a day after Facebook Inc. Chief Operating Officer Sheryl Sandberg apologized, acknowledging that the world's largest social network should have done a better job communicating about the experiment.

Facebook allowed researchers to manipulate the content that appeared in the main section, or "news feed," of small fractions of the social network's nearly 1.3 billion users.

The data scientists conducted the study during one week in January 2012. They were trying to collect evidence to prove their thesis that people's moods could spread like an "emotional contagion" depending on what they were reading.

Although their findings were published a month ago, the experiment didn't trigger outrage until the past few days, after blogs and essays in The New York Times and The Atlantic raised red flags about the ethics of treating people like laboratory rats without their permission.



DAVID BAUMAN, THE (RIVERSIDE, CALIF.) PRESS-ENTERPRISE/AP

Protesters turn back three buses carrying 140 immigrants as they attempt to enter a U.S. Border Patrol station for processing on Tuesday in Murietta, Calif.

# California city is latest immigration flash point

By Matt Hamilton

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — When American flag-waving protesters forced busloads of migrants to leave Murietta earlier this week, the Southern California city became the latest flash point in an intensifying immigration debate that could heat up even more as patriotism surges on the Fourth of July.

The city's mayor has become a hero to those seeking stronger immigration policies with his criticism of the federal government's efforts to handle the thousands of immigrants, many of them mothers and children, who have flooded the Texas border.

Some of those immigrants were flown to California and were supposed to be processed at a Border Patrol facility in Murietta, a fast-growing community in the conservative-leaning Inland Empire region. But protesters blocked the road, forcing federal officials to take the immigrants elsewhere.

A second protest was planned for July 4, when another convoy of buses with immigrants was rumored to arrive.

"We've had it," said Carol Schlaepfer, a retired Pomona resident who protested Tuesday in Murietta. "We all want a better life. ... You can't come to our country and expect American citizens to dole out what you need, from grade school till death."

People on both sides of the issue want immigration reform, but immigrant-rights advocates say anti-illegal-immigration demonstrators chastise the mostly women and children crossing the border.

"It's sad that some community members don't see the big picture," said Luz Gallegos, co-founder of the immigration legal aid center TODEC in nearby Perris.

Thousands of children and families have arrived on the Texas border in recent months fleeing violence, murders and extortion from criminal gangs in Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras. Since October, more than 52,000 unaccompanied children have been detained.

The crunch on the border in Texas' Rio Grande Valley prompted U.S. authorities to fly immigrant families to other

Texas cities and to Southern California for processing.

The Border Patrol is coping with excess capacity across the Southwest, and cities' responses to the arriving immigrants have ranged from welcoming to indifferent. In the border town of El Centro, Calif., a flight arrived Wednesday without protest.

The same day, 140 miles north in Murietta, an overflow crowd filled a school auditorium for a town hall convened on immigrant arrivals. Those in the crowd chanted "Send them back!" at a Border Patrol official.

Some local leaders said the outrage among some residents is justified, given the already stressed social services infrastructure and the stagnant Inland Empire economy. Murietta has a population of about 106,000.

"It's not the 140 we're concerned about," Riverside County Supervisor Jeff Stone said of the number of people on the three buses turned away by Murietta protesters. "It's the thousands more that will follow that will strain our resources and take away the resources we need to care for our own citizens."

# Target to customers: Leave guns at home

By Anne D'Innocenzo

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Target is "respectfully" asking its customers to not bring firearms into its stores, even where it is allowed by law.

In a statement posted Wednesday on the retailer's corporate blog, interim CEO John Mulligan said that Target wants a "safe and inviting" atmosphere for its shoppers and employees.

"This is a complicated issue, but it boils down to a simple belief: Bringing firearms to Target creates an environment that is at odds with the family-friendly shopping and work experience we strive to create," he said.

In many states, carrying concealed guns in public is legal.

Molly Snyder, a Target spokeswoman, said that Target's move is a "request and not a prohibition." "We don't have any plans for proactive communication to

guests beyond what Target leadership shared today," she added.

Target does not sell guns in its stores or on its website.

Target Corp. made the announcement as it faced pressure about its policy on the "open carry" of firearms in its stores. A group called Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America gathered nearly 400,000 signatures for a petition asking Target to prohibit shoppers from carrying guns into its stores.

## NATION

## Free birth control becoming standard in US

By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — More than half of privately insured women are getting free birth control under President Barack Obama's health law, a major coverage shift that's likely to accelerate.

This week the Supreme Court allowed some employers with religious objections to opt out, but most companies appear to be going in the opposite direction.

Recent data from the IMS Institute document a sharp change during 2013. The share of privately insured women who got their birth control pills without copayments jumped to 56 percent, from 14 percent in 2012. The law's requirement that most health plans cover birth control as prevention, at no additional cost to women,

took full effect in 2013.

The average annual saving for women was \$269. "It's a big number," said institute director Michael Kleinrock. The institute is the research arm of IMS Health, a Connecticut-based company that uses pharmacy records to track prescription drug sales.

The core of Obama's law — taxpayer-subsidized coverage for the uninsured — benefits a relatively small share of Americans. But free preventative care — from flu shots to colonoscopies — is a dividend of sorts for the majority with employer coverage.

Expanded preventive coverage hasn't gotten as much attention as another bonus for the already insured: the provision that allows young adults to remain on their parents' policies until they turn 26. That may start to change with

all the discussion of birth control.

Business groups and employee-benefits consultants say they see little chance that employers will roll back contraceptive coverage as a result of the Supreme Court ruling. The court carved out a space for "closely held" companies whose owners object on religious grounds. Most companies don't fit that niche.

"I don't think you will see a broad impact," said Neil Trautwein, the top employee benefits expert for the National Retail Federation. "It's a commonly offered benefit for many employers, including retailers."

The court decision involved "a very unique set of facts," Trautwein added. "Intense religious beliefs, closely held companies and the vehement objection to contraceptive coverage."

Before the Supreme Court ruling, some "grandfathered" plans unchanged since the health care law passed were already exempt from covering prevention at no cost, but that number is expected to shrink over time as employers make coverage changes.

IMS, which is still to employ to discern the health care law's ultimate impact on birth control.

At least for now, it doesn't seem like more women are going on birth control because it's free. The number of prescriptions for oral contraceptives that were filled grew in 2013, but at about the same rate as in recent years.

There's also not much evidence of a shift to costlier, long-acting contraceptives, such as hormonal implants. More reliable than the pill, they are gaining popularity in other economically advanced

countries.

Birth control use is virtually universal in the United States, but about half of all pregnancies are still unplanned. Forgetting to take the pill is a major reason.

As recently as the 1990s, many health insurance plans didn't even cover birth control. Protests, court cases and new state laws changed that. Obama's law is taking it another step.

Many medical groups see a strong rationale for free birth control. Contraception can help make a woman's next pregnancy healthier by spacing births far enough apart, generally 18 months to two years. Closely spaced births carry a risk of such problems as preterm, low birth weight, even autism. And even modest copayments for medical care can discourage its use.



KELLY J. HUFF, MARIETTA (GA.), DAILY JOURNAL/AP

Justin Ross Harris is escorted out of Cobb County Magistrate Court on Thursday in Marietta, Ga., after being denied bail in the death of his toddler son.

## Police: Dad intentionally left boy in hot car

By KATE BRUMBACK  
The Associated Press

MARIETTA, Ga. — Prosecutors say a man unhappy in his marriage exchanged nude photos with several women as his son died in a hot vehicle in a criminal case that quickly gained attention across America.

Justin Ross Harris, 33, faces murder and child cruelty charges in the death of his 22-month-old son, Cooper, who police say was left in a vehicle for about seven hours on a day when temperatures in the Atlanta area reached at least into the high 80s. The medical examiner's office has said the boy died of hyperthermia — essentially overheating — and has called his death a homicide.

During a three-hour hearing Thursday, prosecutor Chuck Bort questioned a police detective at length, outlining evidence he said proves Harris intentionally left his young boy in the hot

SUV on June 18. But defense attorney Maddox Kilgore argued the evidence was insufficient and that the boy's death was a tragic accident. Friends and family say Harris was a devoted and loving father who talked about his toddler son often.

A judge declined at the end of the hearing to grant Harris bail, meaning he will remain in jail as law enforcement officers continue to investigate and present their findings to the Cobb County district attorney, who will decide how to proceed with the case.

Harris told police that on the day of the boy's death, he had watched cartoons in bed with Cooper, then had breakfast with him at a Chick-fil-A restaurant. Surveillance video from the restaurant showed a child who "appeared wide awake and happy," Stoddard said. Harris told police he forgot to drop the boy off at day care, instead driving straight to work.

Harris told police he realized the boy was still in the car as he drove to the movies after work. A defense witness testified that Harris appeared to be upset after pulling into the parking lot, trying to do CPR on his son.

But Cobb County Police Detective Phil Stoddard said witness accounts were not consistent. Harris never called for help but was on his phone when officers arrived, Stoddard said. Harris twice refused an officer's request to get off the phone and was arrested when he used profanity, Stoddard said. Harris showed no emotion while being interviewed by investigators, Stoddard said.

Evidence uncovered by investigators shows Harris was unhappy in his marriage and was practically leading a double life, Stoddard said. He was exchanging nude photos with several women, including at least one teenager, even on the day his son died when he was at work, Stoddard said.

## Raid at Denver pot club raises questions

By SADIE GURMAN  
The Associated Press

DENVER — A police raid at an Amsterdam-style cannabis lounge in Denver has triggered a debate over where adults can smoke pot in a state that allows recreational marijuana consumption — but not in public.

Denver police showed up last week at Maryjane's Social Club, one of dozens of private pot-smoking clubs in Colorado operating in a legal gray area. The officers handcuffed smokers, seized drug paraphernalia and ticketed the club's owner for violating state law banning indoor cigarette smoking. Three people were cited for smoking in public.

Colorado law prohibits recreational pot consumption "openly and publicly or in a manner that endangers others." And state lawmakers say that smoke-free laws also appear to ban indoor pot smoke-outs.

But marijuana advocates argue the increasingly popular private pot dens are permissible because marijuana isn't sold, nor is food or drink. Like Maryjane's, the clubs

are only for members, who bring their own weed.

The officers entered Maryjane's on Friday to investigate "illegal activity" — public marijuana consumption — when they issued the citations, department spokesman Sonny Jackson said.

He said police is not targeting other private pot clubs but that all pot-related businesses, including private lounges, are under new scrutiny since recreational sales began in Colorado in January. Kandice Moss, who was inside Maryjane's at the time, said she recognized the plainclothes detectives because they had been inside the club before, posing as new members.

One of them told her the club was a public place before they started issuing citations.

"I asked, 'Where is it safe?'" Moss said. "He said, 'You're legal to possess it and smoke it at home, and that's it.'"

But Denver attorney Rob Cory, who represents one of those cited, said the club is private. It doesn't host events, and it requires memberships to get in, even if to smoke there for just one night.

## 4 awarded \$185K over 2004 arrests at protest

NEW YORK — Four people arrested at an anti-war march during the 2004 Republican National Convention have been awarded \$185,000 in the first trial stemming from lawsuits over protest arrests surrounding the GOP gathering.

Coming about six months after the city reached an \$18 million settlement with about 1,800 other RNC protesters, Wednesday's federal jury verdict casts a lingering chapter in the legal saga that followed the arrests, nearly all of which ended with cases dismissed

or defendants acquitted.

The four plaintiffs in the trial had rejected the settlement. Jurors awarded each \$40,000 in compensatory damages for being wrongfully arrested, more than what individual protesters got in the settlement, which included about \$7 million in attorneys' fees. The jury also awarded a total of \$25,000 in punitive damages against police Deputy Chief Thomas Monahan, who led the response to the march.

City lawyers said they were disappointed by the punitive damages.

The Associated Press

## WORLD

# Funeral sparks clashes in Israel

By YOUSUR ALHLOU  
The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israeli police clashed with hundreds of Palestinian protesters in Jerusalem on Friday as an Arab teenager, who Palestinians say was killed by Israeli extremists, was brought to rest in the neighborhood where he lived.

Thousands of people chanting and waving Palestinian flags greeted the body partially wrapped in a traditional headscarf as it arrived by ambulance at a mosque before burial on Friday afternoon. Mourners carried the body aloft on a stretcher through the thick crowd.

Police had earlier beefed up security in and around the mosque. Extra precautions were taken as the funeral coincides with the first Friday prayer services of the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan.

Spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said police clashed with hundreds of Palestinians in Ras al-Amud and Wadi Joz in the eastern sector of the city. The day had been calm before Friday prayers, police said, following two days of protests since the boy's death. The burned body of Mohammed Abu Khdeir, 16, was found Wednesday in a forest after he was seized near his home in east Jerusalem. The teen's funeral is set for later in the day.

News of his death prompted outrage in his east Jerusalem neighborhood of Shuafa. Protesters clashed with police for two days, throwing rocks and firebombs while security forces responded with tear gas and stun grenades. Abu Khdeir's family set up a large tent outside the home for people seeking to pay condolences and distributed posters mourning his death.

The boy's father, Hussein, said doctors completed an autopsy Thursday evening, and the family was expecting to receive the body after prayers.

Protesters have accused Israeli extremists for the killing, saying it was a revenge attack for three Israeli teens that were recently abducted and killed in the West Bank.

Israeli police said an investigation into the motives remained unclear.

The killing was widely condemned by Israeli leaders.

Protests broke out in a few areas after Muslim prayers, police said. Hundreds of Palestinians threw rocks at police who responded with stun grenades, police said.



RODNEY MUHUMUZA/AP

Ugandans and Americans examine the belongings of three fighters who defected from the Lord's Resistance Army rebel group in Central African Republic on June 25.

## Central African Republic rebel leader Kony 'hibernates,' evades jungle hunt

By RODNEY MUHUMUZA  
The Associated Press

NZACKO, Central African Republic — The African troops hoped the latest defector from the Lord's Resistance Army rebel group would have fresh insight into the location of infamous warlord Joseph Kony.

But Sam Opi, a senior rebel commander who defected last week, shook his head and said he hadn't seen rebel leader Kony since 2010.

He is not alone. All recent defectors have denied seeing or communicating with Kony in the last few years, complicating the work of U.S.-backed Ugandan troops who are hunting down rebels in the dense, often-impenetrable jungles of Central Africa that cover the size of France. An Associated Press reporter recently trailed soldiers tracking a small group of rebels.

Ugandan commanders lead the chase for Kony, who is wanted by the International Criminal Court over many atrocities, from Obo, a

**'Where is [Kony] now? My guess is as good as yours. That's how elusive he is.'**

Ugandan Col. Michael Kabango  
commander of Ugandan troops  
in Central African Republic

tactical base set up in the middle of a sprawling bush in the south-eastern part of Central African Republic. Their mandate — to kill or capture Kony — sets a high bar for foot soldiers who may also be at a disadvantage against a man who has spent all of his adult life in the bush.

"He's like a myth," Ugandan Lt. Col. John Kagwisa, the intelligence officer for military operations against the rebels, said of Kony. "His [fighters] see him as some kind of god, their spiritual god. They say that Kony can see what you're doing in the bush even if you're many miles away."

Kony has gone into what Ugandan commanders call "hibernation."

Kony has a wide theater in which to operate and stay ahead of his pursuers. He now eschews any use of hi-tech devices, leaving soldiers heavily reliant on any human intelligence they can glean from defectors or civilians who encounter rebels scattered through Congo and Central African Republic.

Kony now uses personal couriers to send out his orders, so even senior commanders for the Lord's Resistance Army may spend years without seeing their boss, they said.

"Where is he now? My guess is as good as yours. That's how elusive he is," said Ugandan Col. Michael Kabango, commander of Ugandan troops in Central African Republic.

Despite the challenges, commanders say the daily slog in the jungle is justified because it keeps rebels on the run and unable to regroup. Hundreds of rebels have defected since 2008.

### French police: Mom kills teacher in class

PARIS — Police say the mother of a pupil at a French preschool has stabbed a teacher to death in front of her class on the last day of the school year.

French President Francois Hollande expressed outrage at "this abominable drama" and sent the education minister to the school in Albi in southern France.

A police official in Albi said the mother attacked the teacher Friday morning at the Edouard Herriot preschool. The official, who was not authorized to be publicly named speaking about ongoing investigations, would not comment on possible reasons for the attack.

The teacher was leading a class of 5- and 6-year-olds, according to the Albi mayor's office.

### Putin tells Obama he wants better relations

MOSCOW — Russian President Vladimir Putin has told Barack Obama in an Independence Day message that he hopes the countries can improve relations.

In a statement published on the Kremlin website on Friday, Putin said "regardless of difficulties and disagreements" he hoped that Russia and the U.S. could "successfully develop relations on pragmatic and equal grounds."

### German intel worker accused of US spying

BERLIN — Chancellor Angela Merkel's spokesman says she has been informed of the arrest of a German man who, according to media reports, is an intelligence service employee accused of spying for the U.S.

German federal prosecutors said a 31-year-old German man was arrested Wednesday, suspected of spying for foreign intelligence services. They did not identify the suspect or the intelligence services.

Der Spiegel magazine and the daily Sueddeutsche Zeitung reported Friday, without naming sources, that the man worked for the Federal Intelligence Service and is accused of spying for the U.S.

### Chinese ships arrest 6 Vietnamese fishermen

HANOI, Vietnam — Chinese patrol ships arrested six Vietnamese fishermen in waters off China's Hainan Island, officials said Friday, an incident likely to heighten tensions between the nations as they spar over a territorial dispute.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Hong Lei said the arrests occurred Thursday 8 miles off the island, a location that heightens tensions between the nations' territorial waters.

However, Nguyen Ky, an official in the district where the fishermen came from, said the arrests took place in disputed waters near the Gulf of Tonkin, which lies off Hainan. He said his information came from fishermen's territorial waters. He was briefly detained and reported the incident via radio.

From The Associated Press

## China sentences Christian pastor to 12 years

By DIDI TANG  
The Associated Press

BEIJING — The pastor of a Christian church in central China was sentenced to 12 years in prison on Friday in what supporters say is a crackdown aimed at curbing fast-growing religious activity, his lawyer said.

Zhang Shaojie, of the Nanle County Christian Church in Henan province, was convicted of fraud and of gathering crowds to disturb public order, according to lawyer Yang Xingquan.

Zhang's church is sanctioned by the Communist government,

which allows worship only in state-monitored groups, but has been involved in a dispute with local authorities over land for a new building.

China also has a large number of unsanctioned underground, or home, churches that have attracting millions of worshippers and have been targeted in repeated crackdowns.

By official estimates, China has 23 million Christians, but many believe the total exceeds 35 million if home churches are counted.

The ruling party is wary of religion as a possible rallying point

to challenge its rule and is uneasy about the fast spread of Christianity three decades after Beijing loosened social controls in pursuit of economic development.

In the eastern Zhejiang province, where Christianity has been particularly popular, local governments have been tearing down crosses of Christian churches, even if they have been officially sanctioned, on the grounds that they lack construction permits.

In Nanle, phone calls to the county court rang unanswered Friday, Yang said. Zhang had told the court that he would appeal.

## NATION

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# Medical history

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Houston police officer Austin Huckabee, left, demonstrates how to apply a tourniquet to officers Angeline Cotter, right, and Thomas Emmite Jr. at the police academy in Houston on June 3. Cities across the country are training and equipping police officers to use tourniquets and combat gauze.

## Tourniquets make comeback with US police after use in Iraq, Afghanistan

By RAMIT PLUSHNICK-MASTI  
The Associated Press

**HOUSTON** — Rushing into a Houston home, police officer Austin Huckabee encountered a drunken, combative man bleeding profusely on the kitchen floor. He quickly realized the blood was spurting in rhythm with the man's heart and cardiac arrest was moments away.

Pulling a tourniquet from his belt, the former Army captain and his partner restrained the man, wrapped the band around his arm and twisted an attached rod to tighten it until the bleeding stopped. Then Huckabee waited for paramedics, knowing a life had been saved.

The tourniquet, one of the world's oldest and most easily used medical tools, is making a comeback on American streets after more than a decade of war in Iraq and Afghanistan showed how a simple, 20-second procedure could save lives.

Law-enforcement agencies nationwide are equipping officers with the blood-stanching bands in an effort to du-

PLICATE that battlefield success.

“The only silver lining that comes from any war is improvements in medical care and specifically in trauma care,” said John Holcomb, director of the Memorial Hermann Texas Trauma Institute, who is leading the push to give Houston police tourniquet kits.

Tourniquets fell out of favor during the Civil War, when prolonged use invited amputation, particularly for wounded men who lay on the battlefield for days. Those fears lingered, and tourniquets were rarely used, even in Vietnam.

Today, battlefields are often cleared in less than an hour, Holcomb said, and doctors know how little time they have to save both life and limb.

Instead of a cloth and metal, modern tourniquets feature Velcro and a plastic rod known as a windlass. But the basic operating principle has not changed since the Civil War: The device compresses damaged limbs to the point that blood vessels are squeezed shut and bleeding stops.

In Houston, all 5,000 officers are expected to be carrying the kits by September. Dallas officers got the same equipment late last year. Boston police received tourniquets shortly after last year's marathon attack. New York and Los Angeles are in the process of obtaining them.

One of the most common emergencies encountered by officers is a motorcycle accident like the one that severed Jeremy Brooks' right leg in May. Brooks barely remembers the crash, but he recalls clearly being told by doctors that the person who put the tourniquet on his severed limb at the scene probably saved his life — and possibly his knee. The knee will make it easier for him to be fitted for a prosthetic.

“I was surprised someone knew how to do it ... It's not common nowadays,” said Brooks, who plans on learning how to use a tourniquet and carrying a kit himself.

When the U.S. went to war after the Sept. 11 attacks, most of the military did not have

tourniquets, said Frank Butler, chairman of the Committee on Tactical Combat Casualty Care in the Army Medical Research and Materiel Command.

Change began in 2004 when Holcomb, a seasoned combat surgeon, was asked to help research battlefield deaths. The study found that deaths from blood loss were largely unchanged since Vietnam, when about 7.4 percent of fatalities bled to death. In the early years of the war in Afghanistan, hemorrhaging caused about 7.8 percent of deaths.

Doctors concluded that applying a tourniquet could cut those numbers. By 2011, deaths from bleeding extremities had decreased to 2.6 percent.

The tool comes with some risks. The Red Cross and others warn that tourniquets can cause damage if used incorrectly. Without the windlass, Holcomb noted, it can be ineffective.

Like other officers who served in the military, Huckabee carried tourniquets before the department distributed them. He was thankful for that experience last August when he encountered the bloody kitchen.

“This,” he tells the officers in training, “is near and dear to my heart.”

**7.8**

Percentage of fatalities who bled to death during the early years of the war in Afghanistan.

**2.6**

Percentage of deaths from bleeding extremities in Afghanistan by 2011, an improvement attributed to the use of tourniquets.

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OPINION

Hobby Lobby employees still covered

By KEVIN BAINE

Virtually all of the criticism of the Supreme Court's Hobby Lobby decision has assumed that women who work for Hobby Lobby and other religious businesses will lose their free contraceptive. That's false. As Justice Samuel Alito explained in his opinion for the court, the effect of its ruling on these women's access to contraception is "precisely zero."

The reason is this: The regulations under the Affordable Care Act already provide that if a religiously affiliated employer has a genuine religious objection to including those services in its insurance plan, the insurer must provide them separately at no cost to the employee. The government had limited that work-around to nonprofit organizations — such as universities and hospitals. The Supreme Court simply held that religiously oriented for-profits should get the same accommodation. In other words, when there is an alternate way of providing services to employees without forcing religiously motivated businesses to compromise their principles, the government must choose the path that is "least restrictive" of religious freedom.

The result is that the women employed by Hobby Lobby will receive reproductive care from their insurer, same as if the government had won — at no cost to them — as long as the Obama administration tweaks the existing regulation to conform to the court's ruling. Yes, this requires action by the administration, but having argued so strongly that women must receive cost-free access to these services, why wouldn't the administration agree? It doesn't need congressional approval, and the court already approved.

Critics who say that the Hobby Lobby

opinion undermines women's right to reproductive health care do not seem to have read the opinion. The court could not have been clearer in reaffirming that "women (and men) have a constitutional right to obtain contraceptives." And the court took it for granted that the government's interest in guaranteeing cost-free access to contraception is a "compelling" one. The issue in the case was not whether female employees will receive free contraceptive services under the Affordable Care Act, but rather who will pay for them. Some perspective is required to answer that question.

The right to free exercise of religion protects not only the right to believe what one chooses, but to exercise one's religion in all phases of one's life, including one's professional life. That right is protected explicitly by the first clause of the First Amendment to the Constitution. The right to reproductive freedom is also protected by the Constitution. But there is no constitutional right to have the government, much less a private employer, subsidize one's reproductive choices. Here the court simply said that the government should not make a religiously motivated employer pay for services that it views as the moral equivalent of abortion — specifically, the morning-after pill and two types of intrauterine devices — if there is another way to fund those services without imposing the cost on the women employees themselves.

Of course, the significant legal issue in this case was whether for-profit businesses have rights of religious freedom at all. More precisely, as the court saw it, the question was whether individuals forfeit their right to run their businesses according to their religious principles when they choose to organize as a corporation. The court held that merchants should not

have to decide between giving up their right to religious liberty and forgoing the benefits of incorporation (principally, the limitation on personal liability) that their competitors enjoy. Constitutional scholars can debate that point. But the debate is not a simple liberal-conservative one. Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Sonia Sotomayor dissented on the point, but Justices Stephen Breyer and Elena Kagan did not join that portion of the dissent. They wrote separately to say that they need not decide this issue, suggesting that the question was a close one.

The government, however, saw the question as clear-cut. For the second time in two years, the administration staked out a strong position in opposition to a claim of religious liberty, only to be slapped down by the Supreme Court. In the 2012 *Hosanna-Tabor* case, the government argued that a religious school's supposedly unjust dismissal of a teacher who led students in daily prayers violated religious freedom classes did not implicate the free exercise of religion at all — a position that Kagan called "amazing" at oral argument and the court later rejected 9 to 0.

In this case, the government argued that the right to free exercise of religion was not implicated at all in a merchant's religiously motivated conduct. This time it lost that argument 5 to 2. So if one is looking for winners and losers in this case, one should count the decision as a significant victory for religious liberty, a substantial defeat for the government, and no less than a draw for women's rights.

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Tinder lawsuit isn't just about tech sexism

By LEONID BERSHIDSKY

Bloomberg News

Tech-industry sexism is well-documented, yet the harassment and discrimination lawsuit brought by Whitney Wolfe against the mobile app company Tinder, its parent Match.com and majority shareholder IAC is especially poignant: Tinder is a dating app that owes its success partly to Wolfe's marketing efforts targeting young women.

The story described in the lawsuit could be a movie script. In 2012, Wolfe, then in her early 20s, worked as a marketer with a start-up team at an IAC-funded incubator. She lobbied successfully for the team to switch from developing a customer-loyalty app to a dating one, which would let users find dates based on their locations, according to the suit. She suggested promoting it on campuses and even came up with the name: "Tinder helps to light a flame, which had obvious dating analogies."

Since Wolfe was the app's public face and the media lit on her as that rare animal in tech — a female executive — Tinder CEO Sean Rad allowed her to call herself a co-founder. In an article quoted in the lawsuit, *The Wire* wrote that women accepted Tinder in part because "one of its four founders, Whitney Wolfe, is a woman."

Tinder quickly became a hit. It is now No. 1 in the Lifestyle category in the U.S. App Store and the 45th most downloaded app overall. It has 10 million users. In February, it reported making 10 million matches a day (two users have to like each other's

profiles to produce a Tinder match).

Then Rad hired Justin Mateen as chief marketing officer and Wolfe's boss, the suit claims. Within two months, by November 2012, he was allegedly interested in Wolfe romantically and she responded to him. It didn't work out: Mateen proved intensely jealous and Wolfe found him too controlling. Their text exchanges, attached as exhibits to the suit, paint a too familiar picture of a deteriorating relationship, in which Wolfe goes from trying to calm Mateen ("I won't engage when you're attacking and accusing. If I want to be sweet and loving I'm happy to respond") to trying to break off communication ("And please stop for the last time. You are harassing me").

According to Wolfe, Mateen took his frustration out on her at work and at corporate events, calling her names and bad-mouthing her to colleagues. She took the matter to Rad, but allegedly he took no action. In April 2014, Wolfe resigned, with Rad treating her as a legal threat. That exchange is also attached to the lawsuit. "I just want to leave peacefully," Wolfe texted at one point. "I am not suing anyone OMG!" Rad was implacable: "Email me now saying you're quitting ... No more texts."

If Wolfe's chronicle of what happened is accurate, Mateen and Rad were in the wrong. Mateen used his position as Wolfe's boss to damage her, and Rad failed to intervene. After the lawsuit was made public, IAC moved to suspend Mateen. Still, Wolfe's treatment should be seen as more than just another exhibit in the sorry pantheon of tech sexism, from the frat emails

of Snapchat founder Evan Spiegel, to the HBO sitcom "Silicon Valley," in which the only recurring female character is an executive assistant.

According to a survey of HR professionals conducted last year by the Society for Human Resource Management, 42 percent of companies have policies that limit workplace romance, compared with 20 percent in 2005. In 99 percent of the companies that have adopted such policies, relationships between bosses and subordinates are verboten. Tech startups probably won't have adopted these rules, but there is a good reason why companies are doing so: Not all matches are made in heaven and some deteriorate into hell, making it impossible for people to keep working together. When that happens, chances are that the boss (usually the man) will stay and the underling will have to leave.

Wolfe makes her ex-boyfriend and Rad out to be misogynists, who repeatedly omitted her from the list of Tinder co-founders because she was a young woman who "showered the company." If so, she did a great job of fighting that perception. She was rewarded with a high profile in the media as well as the share options due to a co-founder. Then she got involved with Mateen and lost it all. In another company, with better workplace rules, one of the two would have had to move departments or resign once they began dating — and that's the smart thing to do, with or without rules.

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## OPINION

## American way of war: It may surprise you

BY JOSEPH J. ELLIS

"We must resist our dreams of managing history."

—Reinhold Niebuhr, "The Irony of American History" (1952)

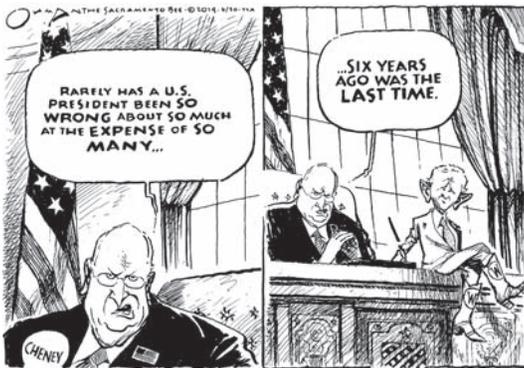
When you study how the U.S. goes to war, there is a prevalent though not perfect pattern. The triggering event is often a sudden crisis that galvanizes popular opinion and becomes the immediate occasion for military intervention but subsequently is exposed as a misguided perception or outright fabrication.

The Mexican War began when President James K. Polk cited an attack on American troops in Texas — troops he had deliberately placed there to provoke Mexico. The Spanish-American War began when President William McKinley claimed that the battleship Maine had been blown up by Spanish saboteurs; subsequent investigations showed that the explosion originated inside the ship, probably due to an accidental fire in the munitions compartment.

More recently, the Vietnam War moved into high gear when President Lyndon B. Johnson used an incident in the Gulf of Tonkin to justify massive military intervention in Southeast Asia. The incident occurred in disputed waters, and one supposed gunboat attack never really happened. The enemy might very well have been a pod of whales.

This pattern is not perfect. The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor was not the invention of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's imagination. Nor have subsequent conspiracy theories arguing that he was willfully negligent, searching for a "back door to war" against Germany, stood the test of time.

American military intervention in Iraq, however, fits the pattern perfectly. As we watch the enormous U.S. investment in blood and treasure over the last 11 years dissolve in Iraq, history requires that we remember the reasons we went to war, why



they were untrue and why the current sectarian chaos in Iraq was always both predictable and inevitable.

President George W. Bush, apparently persuaded by the unburdened convictions of Vice President Dick Cheney, argued that Saddam Hussein possessed weapons of mass destruction, including a nuclear capacity, and that there were clear connections between Iraq and the al-Qaida terrorists responsible for the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Both claims were concocted.

But the dark shadow of 9/11 hung ominously over all deliberations at that moment, so the CIA bent the arc of the evidence to fit the fabrication, a cover-up Congress went along and the bulk of the American media endorsed the deception. Dissent became unfashionable.

When the facts became clear and the

justification for our military intervention evaporated, a new rationale needed to be invented. We were, it turned out, committed to the creation of a democratic government in the middle of the Middle East.

As recent events in Iraq have clearly demonstrated, this democratic dream was always an illusion. And all those political and journalistic pundits who got it dead wrong the first time around, and who now blame President Barack Obama for failing to maintain a residual U.S. military presence in Iraq, need to be called on their credibility. For they fundamentally underestimated the tribal, ethnic and religious loyalties that dominate the Middle East and make any Jeffersonian version of a secular state in Iraq impossible for the foreseeable future.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki is never going to create an inclusive, pluralistic gov-

ernment, not just because he is stubborn but because the Iraqi people do not want one. In truth, there is no such thing as the Iraqi people. All those Shiite Muslim militia members currently gathering are not volunteering to preserve a united Iraq but rather to protect their religious shrines.

What we are witnessing now is the partitioning of Iraq into three regional over-entities — Shiite, Sunni and Kurd — which was always the inevitable consequence of our toppling of Saddam.

Commentators focus on what military or political actions the United States should take to control the damage, thereby exposing the same hubristic assumptions that led us into this morass. The sectarian forces raging in Iraq and much of the Middle East are beyond our control. And any permanent U.S. military presence will only further empower the Islamic extremists in the ensuing conflict.

Big mistake was not failing to leave a residual force in Iraq in 2011 but evacuating the country in 2003. The gargantuan embassy we constructed in Baghdad is destined, sooner rather than later, to become a relic that symbolizes American folly. Start replaying those old tapes of helicopters landing on the roof of the U.S. Embassy in Saigon in 1975.

The recent decision to send 300 American troops back into Iraq reveals that even Obama does not get it. He apparently believes that the United States can overcome more than 1,000 years of history to transform the Middle East. We can't, and we never could.

And if some horrific incident befalls one of our ships in the Persian Gulf, or if catastrophe strikes our so-called military advisers, prompting calls for more American troops, my advice to all reporters is to double-check history, and your sources.

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## Iran overplaying its hand, and its interests are at risk

BY DAVID IGNATIUS

WASHINGTON

With the sudden rise of the terrorist Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, a little-noted aspect is that Gen. Qassem Suleimani, the supposed strategic genius of the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps, has blundered disastrously. By overreaching in Iraq and Syria and triggering a violent counterreaction, Iran now faces dangerous instability on its border for years to come.

Most commentary on the Iraq situation has focused on American errors and potential dangers to U.S. interests, and there are plenty of both. But on this July 4, perhaps we can put aside our national myopia and look at what recent events mean for Iran, which shares a 900-mile border with Iraq and desperately wants political hegemony there. It's not a happy picture.

Suleimani's orchestration of brutal military campaigns in both Syria and Iraq set the stage for the Sunni Arab response turning to extremism," explains Derek Harvey, a longtime Iraq intelligence analyst who now teaches at the University of South Florida. Harvey lists some of Suleimani's mistakes: "He missed opportunities for moderation while still protecting Iranian interests. His partnership with extremism in Syria resulted in the loss of territory in Syria and rebounding to Iraq. His refusal

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to counsel some moderation and inclusion by [Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-] Maliki developed a fertile environment for [ISIL] and others to exploit."

Suleimani's reversals are significant because he has become something of a cult figure among those who follow the paramilitary Quds Force he directs. I have likened him in past columns to John Le Carré's fabled spymaster, Karla. The New Yorker's Dexter Filkins chronicled what Arabs call Suleimani's "*Khilbi*, or understated charisma," in a memorable profile last September. Suleimani seemed a man who could run circles around rival commanders. Not anymore.

Viewed from Iran's perspective, there was a catastrophic aspect to ISIL's declaration of a caliphate in northwestern Iraq and neighboring areas of Syria. Iran is now rushing to mobilize its Iraqi allies to stop the marauding Sunni insurgents from seizing Baghdad's airport. The Iranians,

watching the collapse of the U.S.-trained Iraqi army, have turned to Shiite militias that are trained and run by Suleimani's operatives. But this reliance on sectarian militias only deepens the potential for violence; indeed, it's probably the polarizing response ISIL hoped to trigger.

Another aspect of Suleimani's unfolding disaster is that the rise of ISIL has hastened Kurdish independence. After the collapse of Iraqi government forces in Mosul and Tikrit, the Kurds quickly pushed west to seize the disputed area of Kirkuk and its oilfields. Kurdish leader Massoud Barzani has called for a referendum on Kurdish self-determination, and Israel's prime minister has already declared support for a sovereign Kurdistan. A Kurdish state could rouse nationalist feelings among Iranian Kurds, who make up at least 10 percent of Iran's population, creating domestic instability.

Unfortunately for Suleimani, his best chance to keep Kurdistan part of Iraq is by reducing his Shiite allies' control in a future Iraqi federal state. Similarly, the best way to suppress ISIL — short of a potentially ruinous, all-out attack by Iranian-backed troops — is by empowering Sunni tribal fighters and their patrons in Saudi Arabia. For Suleimani, it's a lose-lose situation.

The Quds Force chief has preferred a "light footprint" in Iraq and Syria, operating through proxies such as Lebanon's Hezbollah and the Iraqi Shiite militias, argues

Farzan Sabet in the "War on the Rocks" blog. But this light touch won't be sufficient now, with Iranian allies overstretched on two fronts.

"The creation of a hostile Sunni Arab state on Iran's frontiers may give its regional foes the perfect vehicle for destabilizing its already fragile western border," writes Sabet.

Gene, too, is Suleimani's hope that Iran can avoid being seen as a Shiite, Persian power of a predominantly Sunni Arab world. Suleimani tried to convey that secular breadth by allying with Christians in Lebanon, Alawites in Syria, and Sunnis in the Palestinian territories. "What they've done in Syria and Iraq has exposed Iran as a sectarian power," argues Karim Sadjadpour of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

"Suleimani is a reflection of an Iranian political culture that believes compromise, projects weakness and that tends to prioritize tactics over strategy," says Sadjadpour. It's this unyielding culture that has crashed against the rocks of ISIL.

These reversals come as negotiations over Iran's nuclear program are hitting a decisive final stage in Vienna. It must be said that Iran is playing a somewhat weaker hand than it might have hoped a few months ago.

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# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Turtle, cat, squirrel, tree blamed in wreck

**TX** BRYAN — Police say a man arrested for drunken driving blamed a turtle, a cat, a squirrel and an over-hanging tree in a Central Texas wreck.

When police arrived at the scene just southeast of College Station on Tuesday, the 33-year-old, slurring driver was still in his seat and unaware of his location. A witness told officers the driver passed him on the right shoulder, hit a guardrail, left the road and struck a tree.

The North Zulch man told officers he swerved to avoid the critters and hit the tree.

Police didn't buy the explanation and charged the man with drunken driving. Records show it's his second such arrest, and he could face a year in jail. He's free on \$7,500 bail.

## Runaway tortoise halts traffic in Santa Fe

**NM** SANTA FE — A 150-pound runaway tortoise brought traffic to a halt before being rescued in Santa Fe.

Santa Fe police said animal service officers responding to calls of traffic backing up on Old Santa Fe Trail Tuesday morning found the 15-year-old African spurred tortoise named Plato, which had escaped from a home.

According to police, Plato's owner said the tortoise was likely searching for her granddaughter, Lola, who came to visit from San Diego and left on Sunday. The owner told police the tortoise loves 8-year-old Lola, who sings to him and feeds him kale. She said Plato even lets the girl ride on his back and gets depressed when she leaves.

Police said Lola was overjoyed to hear Plato was rescued.

## Bear freed after head gets stuck in cookie jar

**NJ** RINGWOOD — A frightened bear cub got its head stuck in an oversized cookie jar while rummaging through some trash and had to be rescued from a tree in New Jersey.

Environmental Protection Department spokesman Larry Ragonese said the 6-month-old cub apparently found the animal crackers jar Friday night in Ringwood, near the New York border.

As the 28-pound animal tried to eat what remained in the jar, he apparently pulled it over his head and it got stuck.

The cub became spooked when approached and went up a tree, but wedged about 40 feet up.

DEP staffers arranged netting in case the bear fell to the ground. After the animal was tranquilized by a DEP biologist, it was brought down and local firefighters gingerly cut the jar off its head.

## Man with hundreds of rats accused of cruelty

**AZ** BLACKCANYONCITY — A man is accused of animal cruelty after hundreds of domesticated rats have been

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The number of years before a letter sent by a Maine schoolteacher in 1931 to her mother 150 miles away was finally delivered. Miriam McMichael, then 23, sent the nine-page letter from Houllton to Dolienna McMichael in Pittsfield. Both women have since died. The letter was found only recently at the Pittsfield post office. The postmaster and town officials tracked down the family. Ann MacMichael, 69, of Cornwall, Miriam's niece and Dolienna's granddaughter, said the irony is that the writer apologizes for not writing sooner. The spelling of the family name has changed.



STAN CARROLL, THE (MEMPHIS, TENN.) COMMERCIAL APPEAL/AP

## Soaring dreams

Darrion Williams, 6, inspects a War Hawk rocket he would like for the Fourth of July holiday, but the Southaven, Miss., boy was overruled by his uncle, Randolph Williams, on Tuesday in Horn Lake, Miss. For safety reasons, "I'm getting things we can set up on the ground," said Randolph Williams. "I don't want anything flying up."

found dead or dying in a north-central Arizona travel trailer.

Yavapai County Sheriff's officials said Jeffrey Wendorff, 28, was arrested Monday on suspicion of cruel mistreatment of animals and neglect/abandonment of animals.

County Health Services officials said they got a call about numerous rats around a trailer in Black Canyon City.

Sheriff's deputies and county animal control officers said there were between 300 and 500 rats in pens at the front and back of the trailer and the odor was overwhelming.

Inside the trailer, authorities found several aquariums with newborn and adult rats.

Wendorff told authorities he had stopped caring for the rats recently, but had been in a business partnership to breed and sell rats.

## Brooklyn Bridge facade section collapses

**NY** NEW YORK — Authorities say a section of the facade inside an underpass of the Brooklyn Bridge has collapsed, injuring five people.

It happened just before 8 p.m. Wednesday in Brooklyn during a passing thunder shower.

A fire department spokesman said the collapse involved a roughly 25-foot wide section of the facade.

All of the injuries were minor. It wasn't immediately known who was hurt.

## Ranger plucks dog from cliff ledge in park

**AK** JUNEAU — A ranger at Kenai Fjords National Park in Alaska plucked a dog off a cliff ledge near Exit Glacier.

Sadie was brought down in the backpack of ranger John Anderson on Monday.

"I could tell when he had lassoed the dog because the crowd kind of, yep, applauded," chief ranger Mark Thompson, who helped in the rescue, said Tuesday.

The park's chief of interpretation, Kristy Sholly, said she didn't know how long the dog had been there, and it blended in with the rocks. Sadie was probably a bit dehydrated, and she was coaxed into the backpack after refusing to walk on her own, Sholly said.

Park officials began hearing re-

ports late last week of a dog in the area, on the glacier and along the Resurrection River near Seward, Alaska. But Sholly said rangers hadn't able to find it.

Anderson had to be lowered by rope Monday to rescue the dog from the ledge.

## Los Alamos admits nuke waste permit violation

**NM** ALBUQUERQUE — Los Alamos National Laboratory says it made mistakes in packaging the waste that has been linked to a radiation leak at the government's underground nuclear waste dump in southeastern New Mexico.

In a letter released by state regulators Friday, lab officials say their internal probe of the handling of the toxic waste from decades of nuclear bomb building has uncovered several violations of its Hazardous Waste Facility permit. But lab officials say it's unclear if the violations are to blame for the February leak at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant in Carlsbad that contaminated 22 workers and shuttered the repository indefinitely.

## Hamptons might ban alcohol on beaches

**NY** EAST HAMPTON — Those who come to the Hamptons — known for its swanky cocktail parties and sweeping vineyards — looking for alcohol-fueled parties on the beach could soon be out of luck.

East Hampton lawmakers are close to an alcohol ban at Indian Wells Beach — a usually family-friendly stretch that peeved residents are now calling "Frater Beach" after rowdy out-of-towners held wild, spring break-style parties there the last two summers.

Officials said the worst offenders would drink themselves to oblivion, stumble drunkenly into the surf, use the sand dunes as toilets and expose other beachgoers, including children, to an uncensored array of unseemly acts.

In addition to being the only municipality on the east end of Long Island that allows alcohol on the beach, East Hampton is one of the few tourist destinations in the country where drinking on the beach is still allowed.

From wire reports

## VIDEO GAMES



The puzzle elements make up the bulk of "Valiant Hearts: The Great War," but there are a few action set pieces scattered throughout that help break up the routine.

Photos courtesy of Ubisoft

# A heroic effort in gaming

## Fans of puzzle-solving games will love 'Valiant Hearts: The Great War'

By MICHAEL S. DARNELL  
Stars and Stripes

“Valiant Hearts: The Great War,” the latest game from Ubisoft Montpellier, the same studio that brought us “Beyond Good & Evil” and “Rayman Origins,” is a puzzle-packed adventure game set in the European countryside with World War I acting as the backdrop.

Like most of their recent games, “Valiant Hearts” is a game that takes a fair amount of chances — from the setting, to the art style, to gameplay itself. There aren’t too many video games based on World War I, and even fewer that are puzzle/adventure titles. This new title will pleasantly surprise any doubtful gamer who gives it a chance.



At first glance, “Valiant Hearts” appears to be a comedy. The cartoony visuals, powered by the eye-opening UbiArt Framework engine, are initially used to render cute caricatures of the main characters, but eventually are used to depict some truly horrific images of trench warfare. The story unfolds in a similar manner, with the opening chapters reflecting the relative optimism of the characters, and then subsequent chapters showing that cheerfulness slowly fading away as the war progressed. There are moments that will make you laugh, and there are moments that will make you realize how terrifying warfare must have been when mustard gas attacks were commonplace.

The focus on four characters helps convey a uniquely human element, as their stories intertwine throughout the years of the war. Anna, the medic introduced partway through the venture, is most often used as a plot device, but the other three — Karl, the unwilling German conscript; Emile, the duty-bound Frenchman; and Freddie, the American freelancer out for revenge — have well-defined motives that help move the story along.

Their story is told through narration at the beginning of each chapter, which also happens to be the only dialogue in the game. The rest of the interaction between characters is shown through a series of pictographs, which also serve as the backbone for the puzzle-heavy gameplay. Each chapter begins with a series of obstacles to overcome, and the pictographs are the clues. For instance, a soldier will “speak” with an image of a sock, and you’ll have to solve a series of puzzles in order to get him not only a sock, but a clean, dry one.

There are some action sequences interspersed throughout “Valiant Hearts,” most notable being a few driving sequences that sync up with the music beautifully, but the vast majority of the game revolves around solving puzzles to get from point A to point B. None of the puzzles are particularly hard, which might or might not be a positive for some players. I found most of them to hit a nice balance in the difficulty level, but more seasoned puzzle fans might find them too simplistic. Truth be told, I was happy to have puzzles that provided some challenge, but that didn’t get in the way of the storytelling. In fact, most of the puzzles helped reinforce the story.

For example, the aforementioned sock puzzle, combined with the detailed visuals, illustrates the terrible living conditions sol-



The dialogue between characters is handled through pictographs that double as mission objectives and clues.

diers faced in the trenches. Troops in WWI went through extreme measures to keep their feet dry, as the alternative often led to amputation. While it’s a bit dark, “Valiant Hearts” does a decent job of trying to keep the reality of the war in the forefront of the story.

The locations in “Valiant Hearts” take inspiration from the real battlefields of Western Europe, and at each new location, colored photos and historical context from the war are unlocked. Exploration opens up short histories on WWI artifacts. These can range from recruiting posters to the decidedly unhygienic genesis of the gas mask. When the credits rolled, I knew more about the First World War than I had before the game began, and I was still en-

Overall grade: **B+**

tertained every step of the way.

That’s not to say the game is strictly historical. The historical aspects often butt against some of the more cartoony elements, like the evil Baron and his decidedly unhistorical giant tank. The main characters happen to run into each other at the most opportune times, and there are many moments that stretch credibility, even within the frame of the story being told. The game features an incredibly intelligent dog doing things cartoon animals have been doing in Saturday morning cartoons for decades, and then shift suddenly to imagery of mountains of corpses. That doesn’t really detract from the game, but it’s worth noting for people who might be sensitive to drastic tonal shifts, as “Valiant Hearts” is full of them.

The game is priced at \$14.99, an appropriate price for its length. I finished the game in two sittings, which could be an issue for some. Personally, I found the story and production values to be well worth the price of admission. I can easily recommend “Valiant Hearts: The Great War” to gamers who value quality storytelling, fans of puzzle games in general and anybody who might be looking for something a little to the left of ordinary.

**Bottom line:** B+ While a little short, “Valiant Hearts: The Great War” does a great job of using a refreshing take on the puzzle genre in order to tell an emotionally resonant story.

**Platforms:** PC (reviewed), PS4, Xbox One, PS3, Xbox 360

**Online:** valianthearts.ubi.com



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## MUSIC

## NEW ALBUMS



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## Old Crow Medicine Show

Remedy (ATO)

"We're talking happiness here," banjo wiz Critter Fuqua says as an aside a few minutes into "Remedy," which neatly sums up the latest album from Old Crow Medicine Show. Lickety-split tempos and kitchen-sink arrangements make for a set that's foot-stomping, thigh-slapping and grin-inducing.

The string band's wide range of influences ensures plenty of variety. "Brave Boys" recalls the Fogues, "Doc's Day" is hillbilly blues, and a composing collaboration with Bob Dylan results in "Sweet Amarillo," which would fit on "The Basement Tapes."

All are terrific, as are songs about a fallen vet, hating on haters and a certain creek one goes up without a paddle. The hilarious "Brushy Mountain Conjugal

Trailer" is a celebration of liberation, while "The Warden" offers a darker perspective on prison in lovely five-part harmony.

Five-part is nothing — all seven band members sing on a couple of tunes, and the result is a glorious chorus. In fact, from start to finish, "Remedy" creates a mighty roar.

— Steven Wine  
The Associated Press



## Passenger

Whispers (Black Crow/Nettwerk)

Mike Rosenberg, the man behind the inescapable breakup ballad "Let Her Go," is out with a new album that is full of songs that sound an awful lot like his breakthrough pop hit.

Rosenberg, the British singer-songwriter who performs under the moniker Passenger, has a wonderfully natural voice, and his touching guitar approach remains adorable. But there



are no gems on "Whispers," and his fifth solo album comes off as little more than a rote display of comfort-level songwriting. "Coins in a Fountain"

challenges the senses right off the bat, opting for an odd blend of world-beat-styled percussion and rhythm.

The song is full of painfully corny similes dished out in rapid-fire succession. And on the title track, Rosenberg longs for bits of solitude in a world filled with too much of, well, everything. But the poignant message is buried under layer after layer of instruments.

Rosenberg, 30, reached international success when his 2012 song "Let Her Go" became a surprise hit late last year, peaking at No.

5 in America and selling close to 4 million tracks. His new album, though, seems to borrow too much from what made him a recognizable name, and that's unfortunate.

The singer shines on the single "Heart's on Fire." It's a heart-wrenching song about a love torn apart and one person's patience in hoping it will return. Rosenberg sings like he's been there — and means every word.

— Ron Harris  
The Associated Press



JASON SAEZ/Courtesy of Black Crow

## MUSIC

By MIKAEL WOOD  
Los Angeles Times

**E**d Sheeran's new album grew out of a question: What if James Taylor made a club record?

That's what the young British singer-songwriter said Pharrell Williams asked while the two were working on "Sing," the lead single from Sheeran's "x." Then, Sheeran recalled, the rainmaking pop producer made a prediction: "People would go nuts for it."

It's an unlikely recipe for success for Sheeran, who slowly built a devoted fan base in this country with plaintive, modestly scaled folk songs like "The A Team." A sympathetic ballad about a troubled woman, the tune sold more than 2 million downloads and was nominated for a Grammy Award for song of the year.

Nuts, though, is precisely what people have gone for "Sing," Sheeran's biggest hit to date and

a track he said was modeled on the crackling soul-funk sound of Justin Timberlake's solo debut, "Justified." Last month, the singer performed the song for an enthusiastic crowd at the Hollywood Bowl, where he headlined a concert presented by L.A.'s 104.3 MYfm. And the single helped drive "x" to No. 1 on the iTunes chart as soon as the album was released on June 23.

The anticipated follow-up to Sheeran's 2011 debut, "4" (call the records "plus" and "multiply"), "x" reflects that rise to pop stardom, which also included a stint opening arena gigs for his friend Taylor Swift. Beyond "Sing," the album features glossy collaborations with other top 40 veterans such as Rick Rubin and Benny Blanco, known for their work with Jay Z and Katy Perry.

But "x" also seeks to preserve the thoughtful-misfit vibe that won Sheeran his most ardent admirers.

"I have weird tattoos and weird hair—I'm a weird person," he said backstage at the Bowl. Dressed in jeans and a characteristically rumpled shirt, Sheeran, 23, was curled up on a small sofa in a dressing room crammed with the luggage of a jet-setting musician. "And I don't think I've lost that yet."

To the extent that some of Sheeran's new songs address subjects not typically found on pop radio—or address familiar ones with an uncommon intimacy—he's right. In "Afire Love," the singer recounts his grandfather's descent into what sounds like Alzheimer's disease, while "The Man" worries about the temptations that accompany celebrity status.

But not everything is so dark. Like "4,"

"x" comes loaded with tenderly phrased love songs such as the hushed "Tenerife Sea" and "Thinking Out Loud," which pairs a lyric about a steadfast romance—"When my hands don't play the strings the same way/I know you will still love me the same"—with a classic-sounding soul-rock arrangement.

As graceful as they are cleverly constructed, these tunes would've fit on the earlier album, which Sheeran said was more or less how he thought "x" would turn out before he began working on it. "But then you start getting calls from people like Rick Rubin and Pharrell Williams," he said, "and you start thinking, 'Do I stick with what I know, or do I take these opportunities?'"

He described the studio experience as one of trial and error, recalling a session with Williams where he turned down the producer's first nine ideas. Finally, he allowed Williams (who oversaw much of Timberlake's "Justified") to persuade him to try writing over the beat that became "Sing."

"He was like, 'People enjoy listening to your music, but you don't have anything that makes them want to dance,'" Sheeran said. "I figured there wasn't any harm in trying it."

Though "x" expands his sound considerably, Sheeran insisted he has no immediate plans to ramp up his live show, which consists of him, his acoustic guitar and a bank of looping pedals he operates with his feet. The stripped-down presentation distinguishes him from flashier acts, he reasoned, and it helps keeps costs down.

He's equally forthright about his ambition for the new album and its world tour: "I'm on the right trajectory," he said, adding that stadium shows like those Swift plays are "definitely the next step."



## Ed Sheeran

"x" (Atlantic Records)

Armed with only his acoustic guitar and his charming personality, Sheeran quickly established himself as an arena-filler with his brutally honest tales like "The A Team."

On his follow-up, "x," Sheeran manages a remarkably difficult task—broadening his sound without losing the immediacy of his raw, intimate stories.

Astonishingly, superstar Sheeran is still willing to wear his heart on his sleeve. (No other arena headliner is likely to be as revealing as Sheeran is in "I'm a Mess"—except maybe his BFF Taylor Swift.) But he's also ready to hide it away for a bit.

The Pharrell-produced "Sing," with its Justin Timberlake-influenced falsettos and unshakable groove, is a musical shock from Sheeran. But he makes it work because, at his core, Young Ed is a storyteller, and "Sing" is a great story.

"The Man" is an even better one, as Sheeran raps about how "success is nothing if you have no one there left to share it with" and then sings his own hook of "I don't love you, baby." His worries about falling into a booze-and-weed-fueled spiral that leads him to "die from a thrill" at 27 is both eloquent and poignant.

However, Sheeran's strength is still the acoustic guitar ballad, though "One" and "Tenerife Sea" show how he has improved in structuring those songs as well. And, as powerful a pop statement as "Sing" is for Sheeran, it's likely that the lovely "Thinking Out Loud" will outlast it.

— Glenn Gamboa  
Newsday



Atlantic Records

# Pop stardom's thoughtful misfit

Ed Sheeran wears heart on his wrinkled sleeve on new album, 'x'

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## HEALTH &amp; FITNESS

Despite better labeling,

## Sunscreen is often misused

By DEBBIE CARLSON  
Chicago Tribune

Summertime means being outside, whether it's at the beach, a street festival or just in the backyard.

As good as it might feel to soak up the sun, doctors warn that people need to take more seriously their use of sunscreen to avoid premature aging or worse — skin cancer.

It's getting a little easier to do that.

In 2012, new rules from the Food and Drug Administration took effect governing label information regarding sunscreen. Included in the new rules are defining the term "broad spectrum," which means a sunscreen offers protection from both ultraviolet A (UVA) and ultraviolet B (UVB) rays in proportional amounts. Before, sunscreens did not address UVA radiation, which causes skin cancer and early aging but not necessarily the telltale signs of sunburn.

Additionally, claims such as "waterproof," "sweatproof" or "sunblock" are no longer allowed.

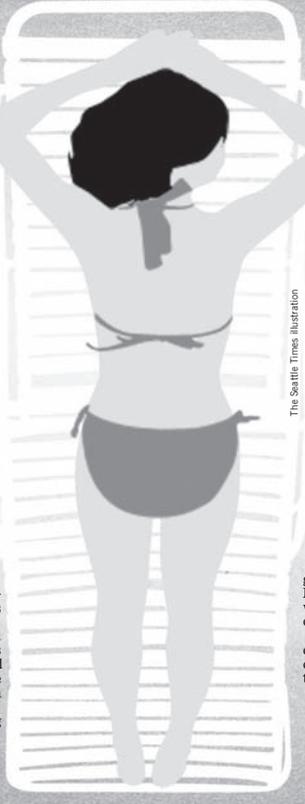
Somya Lunder, senior analyst at the Environmental Working Group, said despite greater awareness of the damage sun can do and products with higher sun protection factors (SPF), melanoma rates are still increasing. Melanoma is one of the most deadly forms of skin cancer.

"No one really knows why," she said. "We think mismarketing of sunscreen really contributes to that problem by giving consumers the idea that they can rely on sunscreen and be out all day safely in the sun. People misuse sunscreen and get more sunburns, not fewer."

Dermatologists said there's a lot of sunscreen misuse, and the biggest problem is most people don't use enough.

"Nobody uses enough, ever, ever, ever. You're supposed to use one ounce, which is as much as a shot glass to cover all of your exposed body areas," said Dr. Jason Reichenberg, vice chair at the University of Texas Southwestern at Austin department of dermatology.

Apply it at least 15 minutes before going



The Seattle Times illustration

out, and that amount needs to be reapplied every two hours — more often if the person is sweating a lot or swimming, he said.

Wear sunscreen on a cloudy day too. "You can still get a bad sunburn on a cloudy day as the ultraviolet rays still pass through," said Dr. Elizabeth Martin, a dermatologist with Pure Dermatology & Aesthetics, in Hoover, Ala.

Being "sun smart" is just as important as sunscreen use, Martin and Reichenberg said. That includes trying to avoid the sun between the hottest time of the day, which is usually between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., wearing a wide-brimmed hat, sunglasses and preferably long pants and long-sleeved shirts, they said.

And forgoing sunscreen to get vitamin D exposure from the sun is a bad idea, the dermatologists stressed. Instead, take a supplement or eat foods rich in vitamin D like fatty fish, or drink fortified orange juice.

And never, ever go to a tanning booth. "It's a myth to get a 'base tan,'" Martin said. "All you do is damage the skin."

For over-the-counter sunscreens, the dermatologists recommend buying a broad spectrum with an SPF of at least 30. Additionally, the dermatologists and Lunder say the mineral-based sunscreens, those with zinc oxide and/or titanium dioxide, offer the best coverage.

For chemical-based sunscreens, a key ingredient is avobenzone, which is one of the best UV filters. However, Lunder said it breaks down quickly, which is why sunscreen needs to be reapplied.

Some over-the-counter brands the dermatologists recommend are Aveeno, CeraVe, Cetaphil and Neutrogena. The Environmental Working Group's website has a searchable database based on different types of sunscreens.

Although spray sunscreens are popular with parents, the experts frown on these because it's difficult to tell if the sunscreen was properly applied, not to mention the chance of inhaling the spray.

Sunscreens can be used the next year, but, "if you have a bottle left from last year, you didn't use enough," Martin said.

## Aggressive allergies: When a rose might not smell so sweet

By POHLA SMITH  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

It's possible that there are more chemicals being used in perfumes and sprays that are hurting more people than 10 or 20 years ago. "That is definitely accurate," said Dr. Merritt Fajt, an allergist at the University of Pittsburgh Asthma Institute at UP Medical Center and an assistant professor of medicine at the school.

"One reason that fragrant sensitivities are on the rise is that the use of fragrances is becoming a lot more prominent in this world, and now there are about 500 different fragrances and even more if you combine the different fragrances."

Allegheny Health Network allergist Dr. Deborah Gentile agreed that there are now "four or five hundred types of these chemicals." These newer chemicals are used in fragrances, perfume and air fresheners.

"Some of these chemicals may cause breathing problems, irritation in the nose

or chest, headaches, stomach aches," Gentile added. "You can treat them, using allergy medications like antihistamines."

Liz Sandhagen, 48, of Whitehall, Pa., a patient of Gentile's partner, Dr. David Skoner, said she has a list of allergens that includes household cleaners, scented candles, perfume and smoke.

"I don't go places where there might be smoke, and nobody comes to the house and smokes. There are no perfumes or colognes in our house either," she said.

The growing popularity of fragrances has caused at least one person to have a terrible allergic reaction that has no treatment available yet. He's Brandon Silk, 16, of Bethlehem, Pa. He has been terribly allergic to the Axe body spray others his age have been wearing since he was in the fifth grade.

"One day (in the fifth grade) he went into anaphylactic shock," said his mother, Rosa, who wrote a story to raise awareness about his problem. "He stayed for days in

the hospital as doctors tried to figure out what was the cause. ... They came to the conclusion that it was something airborne that he must have been exposed to."

Eventually he came home from the hospital, but the terrible problem continued. "... Every time he went to school he was sick with headaches, trouble breathing, welts on his face and arms, blurred vision, stomach pains to the point where he had to be homebound for weeks at a time before he could go back to school."

The physicians never were able to conclude what was causing Brandon's symptoms, but he figured it out himself. He walked into a school hall, felt the familiar allergic reaction starting and at the same time recognized a scent. It was Axe body spray.

In a recent interview with the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Brandon's mother said that one doctor got the list of Axe's fragrance ingredients. But his work was of no help. That doctor "indicated there is no testing

for the chemicals," she said. She said she was not given the list, that the doctor was not allowed to pass it along because Axe's content is considered proprietary information, or a trade secret.

Brandon's case is far more difficult than even the most highly allergic patients, said UP's Fajt, who has not seen the young man as a patient.

"The majority of patients we see with a true fragrance or perfume allergy get a dermatitis skin rash," she said. "I would say that (Brandon) appears to be an extremely unique case."

Fajt added, "The new types of allergies are difficult to diagnose objectively because our traditional tests for allergies focus on environmental allergens — trees, grasses — so the traditional tests, blood or skin, have been developed to detect those type of agents. For a dermatitis rash that can result from a perfume sensitivity, skin testing — known as patch testing — can be done. But they take up to three days to get results."

## MOVIES

New comedy 'Tammy' is Melissa McCarthy's

## DREAM PROJECT

BY REBECCA KEEGAN  
Los Angeles Times

One humid night last June, on a dock along one of Wilmington, N.C.'s winding creeks, Melissa McCarthy and Kathy Bates took their places for a scene in the new movie "Tammy." Five years earlier, McCarthy and her husband, Ben Falcone, had written the role with Bates in mind — the Oscar winner was to deliver a needed dressing down to McCarthy's title

character, a perennial screwup. For much of the movie, McCarthy plays the kind of character audiences have come to expect of her — an outrageous woman with big appetites and little judgment. But there are also dramatic moments, like the one with Bates on the dock, that reveal the beating heart underneath all the funny wigs, oversized T-shirts and unflattering shoes.

"Tammy" is part of a transition McCarthy is trying to make in her career. Make no mistake, she's still a peerless physical comedian who uses her size and foul mouth to side-splitting comic effect. But she's also a relatable human being here, one whom audiences won't just laugh at.

McCarthy has the opportunity to try this evolution thanks to her increasing power in Hollywood as a rare female star who can guarantee an audience for a film.

For the actress, "Tammy" is a dream project. It's one she and Falcone — making his feature directing debut — started planning long before her breakout performance in 2011's "Bridesmaids," and starring roles in the subsequent box office hits "Identity Thief" and "The Heat" earned her the kind of career where dreams come true.

"(Ben) said, 'I think I can write something so that you can actually get to do what you like doing, which is being kind of an extreme character but then actually being able to play the heart of it,'" McCarthy said. "It would be nice to write something so you could do that, which was incredibly sweet of him, and at the time the odds of us doing it were ... I don't think we ever thought it was gonna be an actual movie."

In person, McCarthy projects a polish and a sweetness that seem antithetical to many of her characters and in

particular to Tammy, who spends a lot of the film dropping F-bombs while wearing a shirt with a cartoon bear on it and a pair of Crocs.

After losing her job, her husband and her dignity, Tammy piles into a late-model Cadillac to drive to Niagara Falls with Pearl, her alcoholic, diabetic grandmother, played by Susan Sarandon in a frumpy wig and prosthetic swollen ankles.

Falcone has a small part as Tammy's unsympathetic boss at a fast-food restaurant; Mark Duplass is Bobby, a charming guy Tammy meets along the way in a bar; and Bates is Lenore, Tammy's highly functional cousin, a no-nonsense businesswoman with a giant plantation-style home and a happy marriage to Susanne (Sandra Oh).

"I love all the women I've played," McCarthy said. "I know why they mess up. They want to hurt somebody before they get hurt ... They're trying so hard to be better people. I really always think they have a valid point in their point of view. Maybe I like them too much; I'm defensive for them."

Falcone, 40, and McCarthy, 43, both grew up in Illinois but first met as members of Los Angeles' improv comedy group the Groundlings in the late 1990s, quickly discovering a shared appreciation of the absurd.

In one skit they performed together, as the Jethro Tull song "Locomotive Breath" played in the background, McCarthy was a woman working unhappily at a train station. Falcone, dressed in a silver suit, noticed people at the station to be nicer to her. At some point during the song's instrumental interlude, McCarthy pulled a flute out of her sleeve.

"I thought she was real cute and funny," Falcone said. "We had a quick connection where I felt like, 'she's here, and she makes this room good,' and then I was like, 'Oh, wait, she makes other rooms good — hey, she's making everything good.'" Falcone and McCarthy married in 2005 and have two daughters, Vivian, 7, and Georgetown, 4.

The character

Twenty minutes later when the shoot was done, McCarthy rose, walked to the end of the dock and started crying, overwhelmed by the emotion of the moment.

"It's a scene we wrote for Kathy Bates, dreamed of her doing, she's actually here doing it and now she's summoned all of her power, which is a lot," McCarthy said, explaining her reaction back in Los Angeles last month. "It was a palpable, amazing feeling. It felt like a lightning bolt ripping through my chest."

Tammy, with all of her immaturity, shares DNA with McCarthy in her 20s, the actress admits, a time when she made coffee at a Starbucks in Santa Monica, Calif., among other jobs, while attempting to get her performing career off the ground.

"All through my 20s I worked so hard, so many jobs, but still, you'd go out one night and it's like, there goes a chunk of my rent money," McCarthy said. "It's a feeling of, 'I don't want to grow up, I want it to be easier.' ... All of us, you run in those cycles where you know exactly what you're screwing up doing."

"Intentionally you always know what your faults are, how to fix them, what would make it better. Engaging in those practices is entirely another thing. Those are lifelong struggles for people ... One of the most fun things to figure out in a character is, 'What's the struggle? What do they know is better, and what do they choose?'"

Melissa McCarthy, left, and husband Ben Falcone star in "Tammy." Falcone makes his directorial debut with the film, which he co-wrote with his wife.

CHRIS PIZZELLO, INVISION/AP



# ARCHIVE

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# BUSINESS/WEATHER

## Dow tops 17K after strong jobs report

By Ken Sweet  
The Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — The Dow Jones industrial average topped 17,000 for the first time Thursday, another in a string of records for the index that has lifted portfolios in a five-year bull market for stocks.

The gain pushed the 118-year-old Dow, the oldest gauge for tracking stock prices, past its first 1,000-point milestone this year. The record came after another day of good news for the economy: The government reported surprisingly robust job gains in June, underscoring a recent trend of stronger hiring and healthy manufacturing.

The Dow's rise this year has been built on tiny gains, barely noticeable day by day, a stark contrast to last year's bigger moves that drove the index up 27 percent. Thursday followed the recent script. The index rose from the start of trading, but

ended the day just half a percentage point higher. Trading was also extremely light. The market closed early ahead of the Fourth of July holiday.

Investors also pushed the Standard & Poor's 500 index within striking range of its round-number milestone — just 15 points from 2,000. "Right now the story is onward and upward," said Neil Massa, senior trader at John Hancock Asset Management.

On Thursday, the government reported that U.S. employers added 288,000 workers to their payrolls in June and the unemployment rate fell to 6.1 percent. The U.S. economy is now creating about 231,000 jobs each month in 2014, compared with roughly 194,000 per month last year.

"It topped even some of the most optimistic of forecasts," Massa said.

The jobs report is the latest piece of data to show the economy continues to improve steadily.

On Wednesday, payroll processor ADP said private businesses added 281,000 jobs in June, up from 179,000 in May. Also this week, the Institute for Supply Management said the U.S. manufacturing expanded for the 13th consecutive month.

Also helping stocks are solid corporate earnings and continued support from central banks. That has pushed prices higher despite a harsh U.S. winter and worries about fighting in Ukraine and Iraq.

The Dow rose 92.02 points to finish at 17,068.26. The S&P 500 closed up 0.82 points, or 0.6 percent, to 1,985.44 and the Nasdaq composite gained 28.19 points, or 0.6 percent, to 4,485.93.

While the Dow's passing of 17,000 is notable, most Wall Street professionals don't focus on it. The vast majority of mutual funds and investors use the broader S&P 500 as their benchmark for how they are performing.

The Dow has lagged behind the

rest of the stock market this year. The index is up 3 percent compared with the S&P 500's rise of 7.4 percent.

"That said, investors should be feeling good about Dow 17,000," Scott Wren, a senior equity strategist with Wells Fargo Advisors, wrote in a note to investors. "The stock market has more than recovered from levels seen during the financial crisis more than five years ago. Slow and steady can win the race; and it has."

### MARKET WATCH

Dow Jones Industrials	+92.02
17,068.26	
Nasdaq composite	+28.20
4,485.93	
Standard & Poor's 500	+10.82
1,985.44	
Russell 2000	+96.65
1,208.15	

### EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	\$1.3996
Euro costs (July 5)	€0.7145
Dollar buys (July 5)	¥117.76
Japanese yen (July 5)	¥99.00
South Korean won (July 5)	₩195.00

### Commercial rates

Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3771
British pound	\$1.1751
Canada (dollar)	1.0634
China (Yuan)	6.2120
Denmark (Krone)	\$4.7869
Egypt (Pound)	1.7155
Hong Kong (Dollar)	\$1.3609/0.7348
Hungary (Forint)	227.76
Israel (Shekel)	3.1460
Japan (Yen)	109.20
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2821
Norway (Krone)	6.1880
Philippines (Peso)	43.57
Poland (Zloty)	3.1044
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7506
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2471
South Korea (Won)	1,099.15
Switzerland (Franc)	0.8934
Taiwan (Dollar)	32.40
Turkey (New Lira)	12.177

(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, which has your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one 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
Discount rate	0.10
Federal funds market rate	0.10
3-month bill	0.04
30-year bond	3.47

## WEATHER OUTLOOK

### SATURDAY IN THE MIDDLE EAST



### SATURDAY IN EUROPE



### SUNDAY IN THE PACIFIC



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

### Saturday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	Chatanooga	88	65	Cir	Fort Wayne	79	59	Cir	Louisville	84	63	Cir	Pocatello	95	57	Cir	Sioux City	87	70	Cldy
Ablene, Tex	94	73	Pcldy	Cheyenne	93	59	Cir	Fresno	104	71	Cir	Lubbock	93	68	Cir	Portland, Maine	76	56	Cir	Sioux Falls	86	69	Pcldy
Akron, Ohio	78	55	Cir	Chicago	81	67	Pcldy	Goodland	99	64	Cir	Macon	90	67	Pcldy	Portland, Ore.	82	62	Cir	South Bend	80	62	Pcldy
Albany, N.Y.	92	67	Cir	Cincinnati	80	57	Cir	Grand Junction	96	65	Pcldy	Madison	80	65	Pcldy	Providence	81	61	Cir	Spokane	82	60	Cir
Albuquerque	91	68	Cldy	Cleveland	77	59	Cir	Grand Rapids	78	62	Pcldy	Meaford	96	61	Cir	Pueblo	100	59	Pcldy	Springfield, Ill.	81	64	Cir
Allentown, Pa.	81	55	Cir	Colorado Springs	93	61	Pcldy	Great Falls	90	56	Cldy	Memphis	87	65	Cir	Raleigh-Durham	85	60	Cir	Springfield, Mo.	85	66	Pcldy
Amarillo	92	67	Cir	Columbia, S.C.	92	66	Pcldy	Indianapolis	80	65	Pcldy	Miami Beach	88	78	Cir	Rapid City	89	78	Cir	St. Louis	89	78	Cir
Anchorage	72	55	Pcldy	Columbus, Ga.	90	70	Cir	Jacksonville	87	61	Cir	Midland-Odessa	93	69	Pcldy	Roanoke	82	59	Cir	Tallahassee	95	69	Pcldy
Asheville	80	57	Cir	Columbus, Ohio	80	57	Cir	Harrisburg	82	57	Cir	Milwaukee	78	63	Pcldy	Richmond	84	62	Cir	Tampa	90	77	Cldy
Atlanta	86	67	Pcldy	Concord, N.H.	78	50	Cir	Hartford	82	59	Cir	Minneapolis	83	67	Cir	Rockford	82	59	Cir	Tucson	98	78	Cldy
Atlantic City	81	57	Cir	Corpus Christi	94	73	Pcldy	Helena	91	60	Pcldy	Missoula	88	55	Pcldy	Rochester	78	61	Cir	Topeka	88	73	Cir
Austin	91	71	Pcldy	Dallas-Ft. Worth	95	75	Pcldy	Honolulu	88	75	Cir	Monterey	83	67	Cir	St. Petersburg	89	65	Pcldy	Tulsa	92	73	Pcldy
Baltimore	83	62	Cir	Dayton	79	57	Cir	Houston	93	74	Pcldy	Montgomery	91	68	Pcldy	Sacramento	95	59	Cir	Tulsa	92	73	Pcldy
Baton Rouge	92	68	Cir	Daytona Beach	91	75	Cir	Huntsville	86	63	Cir	Nashville	86	65	Cir	St. Louis	84	68	Pcldy	Tulsa	92	73	Pcldy
Bilings	98	63	Cir	Denver	96	64	Pcldy	Indianapolis	80	65	Pcldy	New Orleans	91	75	Pcldy	St. Petersburg	89	78	Cir	Tulsa	92	73	Pcldy
Birmingham	89	68	Cir	Des Moines	80	69	Rain	Jackson, Miss.	89	63	Cir	New York City	81	65	Cir	St. Thomas	89	80	Cir	Waco	94	72	Pcldy
Bismarck	94	65	Pcldy	Detroit	80	61	Cir	Jacksonville	93	72	Cir	Newark	85	65	Cir	Salem, Ore.	88	58	Cir	Wichita	94	63	Cir
Boston	96	63	Cir	Duluth	82	65	Cir	Janeau	64	49	Cir	Norfolk, Va.	80	67	Cir	Salt Lake City	97	69	Cir	Wichita Falls	94	73	Pcldy
Bridgeport	78	63	Cir	El Paso	94	77	Cir	Kansas City	85	72	Cir	North Platte	95	65	Cir	San Antonio	95	72	Pcldy	Wichita Falls	94	73	Pcldy
Brownsville	92	76	Pcldy	Erie	78	51	Cir	Key West	82	62	Pcldy	Oklahoma City	81	67	Cir	San Antonio	92	74	Pcldy	Wichita Falls	94	73	Pcldy
Buffalo	77	61	Cir	Eugene	85	57	Pcldy	Lake Charles	91	73	Pcldy	Orlando	93	74	Pcldy	San Diego	79	68	Cir	Wichita Falls	94	73	Pcldy
Burlington, Vt.	80	56	Cir	Evansville	84	64	Cir	Lansing	82	62	Pcldy	Pasadena	85	61	Cir	San Francisco	72	56	Pcldy	Wilmington, Del.	82	59	Cir
Caribou, Maine	65	51	Rain	Fairbanks	80	55	Cir	Las Vegas	100	85	Cir	Pendleton	91	60	Pcldy	Santa Fe	88	59	Cir	Youngstown	77	54	Cir
Casper	95	56	Cir	Fargo	87	69	Pcldy	Lexington	82	61	Cir	Peoria	82	65	Pcldy	St. Marie	74	59	Pcldy				
Charleston, S.C.	89	70	Pcldy	Flagstaff	78	51	Rain	Little Rock	80	70	Cir	Philadelphia	83	63	Cir	Savannah	90	72	Pcldy				
Charleston, W.Va.	81	57	Cir	Flint	79	59	Cir	Los Angeles	84	66	Pcldy	Pittsburgh	79	54	Cir	Seattle	75	58	Cir				
Charlotte, N.C.	85	63	Cir	Fort Smith	89	70	Cir																

Natural temperature extremes  
Hi: Thu., 121, Death Valley, Calif.  
Lo: Fri., 32, Spinlock Lake, Mich.





# TENNIS/SPORTS BRIEFS



PAVEL GOLOVNIK/AP

Roger Federer celebrates defeating Milos Raonic in their men's singles semifinal match at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships in Wimbledon, London, on Friday.

# Federer, Djokovic set to meet in Wimbledon final

## Old guard prevails over the new in semifinals

BY STEPHEN WILSON  
The Associated Press

LONDON — Roger Federer and Novak Djokovic will meet for the Wimbledon title after the old guard held off the new in the semifinals Friday at the All England Club.

Federer, chasing his record eighth Wimbledon championship, swept past Canada's Milos Raonic 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 to reach his 25th Grand Slam final.

Federer, who owns 17 Slam titles, is back in a major final for the first time since winning Wimbledon in 2012.

The top-seeded Djokovic ran off six of the final seven points in the tiebreaker to beat Grigor Dimitrov 7-4, 3-6, 7-6 (2), 7-6 (7) to advance to his third Wimbledon final in four years.

Djokovic, the 2011 champion and runner-up last year, overcame the loss of five straight games in the second set, seized control with a more aggressive game and took advantage of eight double-faults by Dimitrov — including three in a row in the third game of the fourth set and one in the final tiebreaker.

Djokovic is going for his seventh Grand Slam title. He lost in his last two major finals, falling to Rafael Nadal at the French Open last month and at the 2013 U.S. Open.



Ben Curtis/AP

Novak Djokovic smiles after defeating Grigor Dimitrov in their men's singles semifinal match on Friday.

"All these matches, (I) could have won, so I'm looking forward," Djokovic said. "It's a big challenge, it's a big match. Whoever I play in the finals, I have to be on top of my game. This is Wimbledon final, and it's the biggest event we have in (our) sport."

## Briefly

# Damon wants one more shot at majors

The Associated Press

Teams looking for a proven hitter to help them down the stretch might want to call Johnny Damon.

The three-time All-Star, two-time World Series champion and five-time .300 hitter is staying in shape, swinging the bat and eager to return to the majors. "The 40-year-old Damon last played for Cleveland in 2012, but isn't quite ready for retirement.

"When you feel you can still outfit at least half the league and you don't get that call, it's rough," Damon told The Associated Press in a phone interview Friday. "The biggest reason to play is to have a chance to win. Obviously, 3,000 hits would be great but winning is the reason I started playing this game. I'm going to continue to stay in shape and I'll be ready."

Over the next few weeks before the non-waiver trade deadline on July 31, contending clubs will contemplate dealing prospects to acquire a player they feel will help them make a postseason run. It'll be hard to find someone with Damon's résumé available for nothing.

Damon, who is best known for helping the 2004 Boston Red Sox end an 86-year championship drought, has a .284 career average with 235 home runs, 1,139 RBIs and 408 stolen bases. He has 2,769 hits and his lifetime on-base percentage of .352 is higher than every current leadoff hitter this season except Jose Altuve, Coco Crisp, Matt Carpenter, Shin-Soo Choo and Brett Gardner.

## Prosecutor: Pistorius acted methodically

PRETORIA, South Africa — Oscar Pistorius armed himself and took other methodical steps before he killed his girlfriend, the chief prosecutor said Thursday, trying to cast doubt on the athlete's account that he reacted instinctively to a perceived intruder.

Prosecutor Gerrie Nel made the argument while cross-examining sports physician Wayne Derman, who testified that the Paralympian acted on a "fight or flight" impulse in which he chose to confront what he thought was an attacker because his disability prevented him from fleeing. Derman has testified Pistorius for years.

Pistorius, 27, says he killed Steenkamp by mistake, thinking there was a dangerous intruder in his home. He shot her through a closed toilet door while on his stumps. The prosecution says he intentionally killed the 29-year-old model after the couple had a Valentine's Day argument last year.

During cross-examination, Nel said Derman was giving "character evidence" rather than "expert evidence" and questioned whether the witness was capable of giving testimony in "perpetuity or against Pistorius' defense.

He suggested Pistorius acted methodically on the night he killed Steenkamp because he had to locate his gun, which was not where he normally kept it, then take the weapon out of his holster and then move down a passage from the bedroom to the bathroom while scanning for the perceived threat.

"The accused was careful before he entered the passage," Nel said.

Pistorius, who is free on bail, faces 25 years to life in prison if found guilty of premeditated murder, but he could also be sentenced to a shorter prison term if convicted of murder without premeditation or negligent killing. Additionally, he faces separate gun-related charges.

## NFL bans three for doping, substance abuse

Indianapolis Colts backup wide receiver LaVon Brazill was suspended for the 2014 NFL season for substance abuse.

Brazill was suspended for the first four games last season for violating the league's substance abuse policy. He said at the time it was for marijuana use.

Brazill played in 10 games last season, finishing with 12 catches for 161 yards and two touchdowns. In two seasons, he has 23 catches for 347 yards and three touchdowns. He was drafted in 2012.

The league banned two others for four games.

Miami Dolphins defensive end Dion Jordan was suspended for doping, and Kansas City Chiefs backup offensive lineman Rokevious Watkins for undisclosed violations.

Jordan said in a release from the team that he tested positive for a stimulant, and takes "full responsibility."

Jordan was the third overall pick in the 2013 draft. He said he added more than 15 pounds of bulk this offseason in an effort to improve his game. He played in all 16 games with Miami a year ago, with 26 tackles and two sacks.

Watkins was in his third season in the NFL after playing in one game for St. Louis in 2012 and three for Kansas City last year, including one start. He was drafted in 2012.

## Summitt remains head coach emeritus

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Pat Summitt will remain Tennessee women's basketball head coach emeritus next season and can keep the position as long as she wants it.

That's according to a new contract signed in May and obtained Thursday night through a public records request. It states that Summitt will have the title head coach emeritus "in perpetuity or until she chooses to relinquish it."

## Scoreboard

Friday  
At The All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club  
London  
Purse: \$42.5 million (Grand Slam)  
Surface: Grass-Outdoor

### Singles

Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, def. Grigor Dimitrov (11), Bulgaria, 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (2), 7-6 (7).

Roger Federer (4), Switzerland, def. Milos Raonic (8), Canada, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.

### Women

Bob and Mike Bryan (1), United States, def. Michael Llodra and Nicolas Pietrangeli (12), France, 7-6 (4), 6-3, 6-2.  
Vasek Pospisil, Canada, and Jack Sock, United States, def. Leander Paes, India, and Radek Stepanek (5), Czech Republic, 7-6 (5), 6-3, 6-4.

### Men

Sara Errani and Roberta Vinci (2), Italy, def. Andrea Hlavackova, Czech Republic, and Zheng Jie (9), China, 6-3, 6-2.  
Tímea Babos, Hungary, and Kristina Mladenovic (14), France, def. Andrea Petkovic, Germany, and Magdalena Rybarikova, Slovakia, 6-1, 6-3.

### Mixed

Max Mirnyi, Belarus, and Chan Hao-ching (14), Taiwan, def. Jamie Murray, Britain, and Casey Dellacqua (10), Australia, 6-2, 3-6, 6-4.

Aisam-ul-Haq Qureshi, Pakistan, and Vera Dushkevina (16), Russia, def. Neal Skupski and Naomi Broady, Britain, 6-4, 6-3.

Men's Grand Slam wins  
Through Friday

Player	Wins
Roger Federer, 1999-14	23
Jimmy Connors, 1970-92	274
Andre Agassi, 1986-06	224
Ivan Lendl, 1978-94	202
Roy Emerson, 1954-71	217
Pete Sampras, 1988-02	203
Rafael Nadal, 2003-14	187
Stefan Edberg, 1983-91	178
Novak Djokovic, 2005-14	174
Ken Rosewall, 1951-78	171

# AUTO RACING



TERRY RENNA/AP

Joey Logano drives back to the garage as a storm approaches Thursday in Daytona Beach, Fla.

## Five things to know

# Drivers increase speed as rain affects practice

By Mark Long  
The Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Inclement weather washed out much of Sprint Cup practice Thursday at Daytona International Speedway.

The most laps any driver turned during the first of two practice sessions were 26, and the second one was canceled because of heavy rain around the famed track.

"We stayed out on the track until almost the end and there was a big lightning bolt out there in turn one and that was a pretty neat picture out of the window there," Carl Edwards said.

The shortened practice had high speeds and tight-knit drafting, which Edwards said was because drivers knew the starting grid for Saturday night's race would be determined by practice speeds if other sessions and qualifying got rained out Friday.

Aside from practice, here are five things to know about what's happening at Daytona:

**1 Pace setters:** The two cars from Chip Ganassi Racing led the field in the only Sprint Cup Series practice Thursday.

Jamie McMurray turned a lap at 201.954 mph and rookie Kyle Larson was second at 201.889 in the rain-shortened, 45-minute practice session. NASCAR had been scheduled to hold an 90-minute practice, but it was canceled because of severe weather.

Six other drivers eclipsed the

201 mph mark: Clint Bowyer, Brad Keselowski, Jeff Gordon, Joey Logano, Ricky Stenhouse Jr. and Greg Biffle.

**2 Safer Daytona:** Daytona International Speedway is seemingly safer these days.

The track recently installed 2,400 feet of Steel and Foam Energy Reduction (SAFER) barriers on the outside wall of the entire frontstretch.

Former Daytona 500 champion Kevin Harvick was outspoken after his February crash at the superspeedway, saying the soft walls should be everywhere, especially at high-speed tracks like Daytona and Talladega. Daytona added the extra SAFER barriers last month, but didn't put any on the inside wall where Harvick took a hard hit during the season-opening Daytona 500.

**3 Twitter pro:** It's been a little more than four months since Dale Earnhardt Jr. started tweeting, and the two-time and reigning Daytona 500 champion doesn't seem to be losing interest.

Junior's Twitter following has grown from 235,000 to more than 700,000 and counting.

"Sometimes I feel like I'm tweeting too much," he said Thursday. "Sometimes I think Twitter has got filters on my account to keep me from seeing all the negative stuff. It's fun. It's been so positive. I really underestimated how enjoyable it would be. I enjoy sharing what I think's cool and what's important to me, and I enjoy seeing that feedback

and having that conversational interaction about topics."

**4 White House:** Jimmie Johnson probably doesn't need a tour guide at the White House.

The six-time Sprint Cup champion made his latest visit to 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue last week — and it was special because he got to take his entire Hendrick Motorsports team and his family.

Johnson first visited the White House in 2003, when the series' top 10 drivers in the final points standings were invited to Washington. Johnson made his first solo visit in 2007 after winning his first Cup title and has been a regular nearly every year since.

**5 Champions honored:** Brian Vickers is bringing national champion Florida State along for a ride at Daytona.

Vickers' No. 55 Toyota will feature a paint scheme honoring the college football champions for the Coke Zero 400.

"It's always good to have the home state, at least where I live, on the car," said Vickers, who lives in south Florida. "It always bodes well for the fan interaction. We usually get some pretty great cheers out of it. It's cool. What this team accomplished is no small feat, and the task we have ahead of us is no small feat. Putting this car in Victory Lane would be huge to the FSU fans, but also to this team." A win at Daytona would be huge. We're going to do everything we can to make it happen."

## Around the track

### SPRINT CUP

**This week:** Coke Zero 400 at Daytona, Fla.

**TV:** Delayed, AFN-Xtra, noon. Sunday, Central European Time.

**Track:** Daytona International Speedway (tri-oval, 2.5 miles).

**Race distance:** 400 miles, 160 laps.

**Last year:** Jimmie Johnson won to become the first driver since Bobby Allison in 1982 to sweep the season races at the track. Tony Stewart was second.

**Last week:** Brad Keselowski dominated at Kentucky Speedway for his second victory of the season.

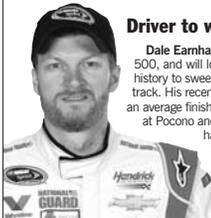
**Next race:** Camping World RV Sales 301, July 13, New Hampshire Motor Speedway, Loudon, N.H.

**Online:** nascar.com

### DRIVER STANDINGS

1. Jeff Gordon	618
2. Jimmie Johnson	594
3. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	594
4. Brad Keselowski	560
5. Matt Kenseth	555
6. Carl Edwards	536
7. Joey Logano	519
8. Ryan Newman	514
9. Kevin Harvick	509
10. Kyle Busch	508
11. Paul Menard	488
12. Kyle Larson	474
13. Greg Biffle	474
14. Clint Bowyer	473
15. Kasey Kahne	465
16. Tony Stewart	455
17. Denny Hamlin	460
18. Austin Dillon	455
19. Brian Vickers	442
20. Marcos Ambrose	438

### Driver to watch



**Dale Earnhardt Jr.** won the season-opening Daytona 500, and will look to become just the sixth driver in history to sweep the season's Sprint Cup races at the track. His recent string of solid results has resulted in an average finish of 5.0 and includes his first career win at Pocono and top-five at Sonoma, where the driver hadn't fared well in the past. With a victory

Saturday, he could cement his status as a Chase title contender. Earnhardt has three wins, 11 top-fives, 17 top 10s and one pole at Daytona.

### NATIONWIDE SERIES

**This week:** Subway Firecracker 250.

**TV:** AFN-Xtra, 1:30 a.m. Saturday, Central European Time.

**Track:** Daytona International Speedway (tri-oval, 2.5 miles).

**Race distance:** 250 miles, 100 laps.

**Last year:** Matt Kenseth pulled away on the final restart.

**Last week:** Kevin Harvick won at Kentucky Speedway for his second victory of the season.

**Next race:** Sta-Green 200, July 12, New Hampshire Motor Speedway, Loudon, N.H.

**Online:** www.nascar.com

**Next event:** Mile-High NHRA Nationals, July 18-20, Bandimere Speedway, Morrison, Colorado.

**Online:** www.nhra.com

### FORMULA ONE

**This week:** British Grand Prix, July 6, Silverstone Circuit, Silverstone, England.

**Track:** Silverstone Circuit (road course, 3.667 miles)

**Race distance:** 190.6 miles, 52 laps.

**Last year:** Mercedes' Nico Rosberg raced to the second of his two 2013 victories in the event marred by exploding tires.

**Last race:** Rosberg won the Austrian Grand Prix on June 22, edging teammate Lewis Hamilton in Mercedes' sixth 1-2 finish in the first eight races of the year.

**Online:** www.formula1.com

### VERIZON INDYCAR

**This week:** Pocono Indycar 500 at Long Pond, Pa.

**TV:** Delayed, AFN-Xtra, 6 a.m. Monday, Central European Time.

**Track:** Pocono Raceway (triangle, 2.5 miles).

**Race distance:** 400 miles, 160 laps.

**Last year:** Scott Dixon won in IndyCar's return to Pocono, leading Chip Ganassi Racing's sweep of the first three spots.

**Last week:** Dale Coyne Racing's Carlos Huertas won the rain-soaked doubleheader opener in Houston, leading Colombian podium sweep with Juan Pablo Montoya and Carlos Munoz. Simon Pagenaud won the second race for his second victory of the season, and Sam Schmidt teammate Mikhail Aleshin finished second.

**Next race:** Iowa Corn Indy 300, July 12, Iowa Speedway, Newton, Iowa.

**Online:** www.indycar.com

### CAMPING WORLD TRUCK

**Last week:** Kyle Busch made it 5-for-5 this season in the series, holding off Kyle Busch Motorsports teammate Darrell Wallace Jr. at Kentucky Speedway. Busch has six straight series victories dating to last season and 40 overall in 120 starts.

**Next race:** American Ethanol 200, July 11, Iowa Speedway, Newton, Iowa.

**Online:** www.nascar.com

### NHRA MELLO YELLO DRAG RACING

**This week:** Summit Racing Equipment Nationals at Norwalk, Ohio.

**TV:** Delayed, AFN-Xtra, 4 p.m. Monday, CET.

**Track:** Summit Motorsports Park.

**Last year:** Johnny Gray won in Funny Car, Khalid al-Baloshi in Top Fuel, Mike Edwards in Pro Stock, and Matt Smith in Pro Stock Motorcycle.

**Last week:** Matt Hagan won the Route 66 Nationals in Joliet, Ill., for his first Funny Car victory of the year. Antron Brown won in Top Fuel, Vincent Noble in Pro Stock, and Hector Arana Jr. in Pro Stock Motorcycle.

## NBA/NHL



RODGER MALLISON, FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM/MCT

The Dallas Stars re-signed center Vernon Fiddler to a two-year, \$2.5 million contract on Thursday.

## Free agency roundup

## Stars re-sign Fiddler to two-year contract

The Associated Press

DALLAS — The Dallas Stars re-signed center Vernon Fiddler to a two-year, \$2.5 million contract Wednesday.

The 34-year-old Fiddler will provide depth behind Tyler Seguin and Jason Spezza, who was picked up in a trade with Ottawa on Tuesday.

Fiddler had six goals and 17 assists in 76 games last season, when the Stars ended a five-year playoff drought and lost to Anaheim in six games in the first round. He has 77 goals and 129 assists in 656 games in 11 seasons with Nashville, Phoenix and Dallas.

The Stars also signed 22-year-old Brendan Ranford to a three-year entry-level contract. He spent his first pro season with the American Hockey League champion Texas Stars.

Also:

■ The New York Rangers agreed to terms with free-agent forward Nick Tarnasky.

■ The 29-year-old center had 13 goals, nine assists and 144 penalty minutes in a career-high 76 games last season for Montreal's Hamilton affiliate in the American Hockey League.

Tarnasky also led Hamilton in penalty minutes and tied for fifth on the team in goals and power-play tallies (four).

In 245 career NHL games during five seasons with Tampa Bay, Nashville, and Florida, Tarnasky has 13 goals, 17 assists and 297 penalty minutes. His last NHL appearance was with Florida during the 2009-10 season.

■ The Buffalo Sabres have signed free-agent defenseman Tyson Strachan to a one-year

contract.

The 29-year-old Strachan had two assists in 18 games with the Washington Capitals last season. Selected by Carolina in the fifth round in 2003, he also played for St. Louis and Florida, while spending most of his eight-year professional career in the minors.

Strachan has a goal and 14 assists in 138 career NHL games, and 16 goals and 71 assists in 276 American Hockey League games.

Strachan is expected to spend next season with Buffalo's AHL affiliate in Rochester.

■ The Carolina Hurricanes are bringing back Tim Gleason.

General manager Ron Francis said Thursday that the team and Gleason have agreed to a one-year, \$1.2 million contract.

Carolina traded the 31-year-old defenseman to Toronto on Jan. 1 for John-Michael Liles and a prospect. The Maple Leafs placed Gleason on unconditional waivers this week for the purpose of buying out his contract.

The Hurricanes also agreed to one-year, two-way deals with two minor leaguers.

Right wing Jared Staal — the younger brother of Eric and Jordan Staal — will make \$550,000 at the NHL level or \$65,000 in the minor leagues. Michael Jordan will make \$550,000 in the NHL or \$200,000 in the minor leagues with a guarantee of \$225,000.

■ The Toronto Maple Leafs signed forwards Mike Santorelli and Petri Kontiola to one-year contracts on Thursday.

Santorelli spent last season with the Vancouver Canucks.

Kontiola will reportedly make \$1.1 million.

## Briefly

## Source: Cavaliers meet with LeBron's agent

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Four years after their messy breakup, the Cavaliers and LeBron James are at least talking about a reunion.

Cavs officials met with James' agent, Rich Paul, this week about the free-agent superstar's possible return. The sides visited as James continued his family vacation, a person with knowledge of the details told The Associated Press on Thursday night.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitive nature of the talks.

It was not immediately clear if owner Dan Gilbert was at the meeting.

James recently opted out of the final two years of his contract in Miami. The two-time NBA champion has gone to four straight Finals with the Heat. However, after the team was throttled by San Antonio in this year's Finals, James said he would weigh his options this summer.

One of them could be re-signing with the Cavs, the team he spent seven seasons with before leaving in 2010.

James' decision to leave Cleveland — Thursday was the four-year anniversary of the team's last pitch to him — prompted Gilbert to condemn him in a scathing letter to Cavs fans. The owner also told The AP he felt James had quit during games in the playoffs.

ESPN has reported that Paul also met with representatives for the Phoenix Suns, Houston Rockets and Dallas Mavericks. A photo of Mavericks owner Mark Cuban in Cleveland circulated on Twitter, though he said he was there for a commitment for his TV show, "Shark Tank."

The Cavs have waited patiently for their chance to try and convince the Akron, Ohio, native to come home. In the past few weeks, the Cavs have hired new coach David Blatt, selected Kansas swingman Andrew Wiggins with the No. 1 overall pick and gotten All-Star point guard Kyrie Irving to agree to a five-year, \$90 million contract extension.

In order for James to play again in Cleveland, he and Gilbert would have to have some sort of reconciliation. Gilbert's letter — famously typed in comic sans font — was a blistering attack on James, who had carried the Cavs to the NBA Finals in 2007 but failed to deliver on his promise of a championship. Gilbert had guaranteed the Cavs would win a title before James, but later regretted the prediction.

"Looking back now, that probably was not the most brilliant thing I've ever done in my life," Gilbert said.



J PAT CARTER/AP

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## Source: Mavs, Nowitzki agree on 3-year deal

Dirk Nowitzki and the Dallas Mavericks have agreed on what could be the final contract for the big German.

A person with knowledge of the deal told The Associated Press on Thursday that Nowitzki would get a three-year contract worth roughly \$30 million. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the deal has not been announced.

New contracts can't be signed until next Thursday.

The 36-year-old Nowitzki is taking a big pay cut with a contract similar in value and structure to the one Tim Duncan signed with San Antonio two years ago.

The pursuit of other stars is urgent with Nowitzki getting close to the end of what figures to be a Hall-of-Fame career. The 2011 NBA Finals MVP put off finalizing the deal until after the Mavericks met with free agent Carmelo Anthony, which happened Wednesday night.

Mavericks owner Mark Cuban recently acknowledged that he couldn't offer Anthony a max contract, so Dallas figures to be stressing the 2011 title led by coach Rick Carlisle, Nowitzki and center Tyson Chandler, who recently rejoined the team in a trade with the New York Knicks.

## Spurs' Ginobili has stress fracture

SAN ANTONIO — The San Antonio Spurs say Manu Ginobili has a stress fracture of the lower fibula of his right leg.

The injury could knock the key reserve for the NBA champion Spurs out of the upcoming World Cup of Basketball, where he was scheduled to play for Argentina.

The tournament starts at the end of August in Spain. Ginobili wrote Tuesday on his Facebook page that his availability will depend on how he feels in about three weeks, but that he remains optimistic.

It's unclear when Ginobili was injured. He averaged 14.4 points in the NBA Finals, when the Spurs beat Miami in five games to give Ginobili his fourth championship.

Also:

■ A person with knowledge of the details says San Antonio Spurs guard Patty Mills will undergo to repair a torn rotator cuff in his right shoulder on Thursday in Dallas.

There is no timetable for the return of Mills, an Australian.

Despite his injury, Mills has agreed to re-sign on a multiyear deal with the Spurs, according to reports. Contracts can't be signed until July 10.

# MLB SCOREBOARD

## American League

East Division			
	W	L	Pct GB
Baltimore	46	39	.541 -
Toronto	47	38	.553 -
New York	42	42	.500 3½
Boston	38	47	.447 8
Tampa Bay	38	50	.432 9½
Central Division			
	W	L	Pct GB
Detroit	48	24	.685 -
Kansas City	44	40	.524 5
Cleveland	41	43	.488 8
Chicago	40	46	.465 10
Minnesota	37	48	.452 11
West Division			
	W	L	Pct GB
Oakland	52	33	.612 -
Los Angeles	48	36	.571 3½
Seattle	47	38	.553 5
Texas	46	38	.545 6
Houston	36	51	.414 17

## National League

East Division			
	W	L	Pct GB
Atlanta	47	38	.553 5
Washington	46	38	.548 ½
San Diego	41	43	.488 8
New York	37	48	.435 10
Philadelphia	37	48	.435 10
Central Division			
	W	L	Pct GB
Milwaukee	51	25	.693 -
St. Louis	49	27	.644 1
Pittsburgh	44	41	.518 6½
Cincinnati	41	42	.494 9
Chicago	37	46	.446 12½
West Division			
	W	L	Pct GB
Los Angeles	49	29	.557 -
San Francisco	47	35	.553 ½
San Diego	46	36	.561 1
Colorado	36	50	.419 12
Arizona	35	51	.414 12½

## Wednesday's games

Tampa Bay 6, N.Y. Yankees 3
Detroit 5, Oakland 3
Kansas City 4, Minnesota 0
Seattle 5, Houston 2
Baltimore 6, Texas 4
Chicago White Sox 3, L.A. Angels 2
Toronto 7, Milwaukee 4
Cleveland 5, Dodgers 4
San Diego 3, Cincinnati 2
Washington 4, Colorado 3
Pittsburgh 5, Arizona 1
Chicago Cubs 16, Boston 9
Atlanta 5, N.Y. Mets 1
Miami 5, Philadelphia 0
St. Louis 5, San Francisco 0

## Thursday's games

Baltimore 5, Texas 2
Detroit at Tampa Bay 1
N.Y. Yankees 7, Minnesota 4
Oakland 4, Toronto 1
L.A. Angels 5, Houston 2
St. Louis at San Francisco 2
Philadelphia 5, Miami 4
Arizona 10, Pittsburgh 2
L.A. Dodgers 3, Colorado 2

## Friday's games

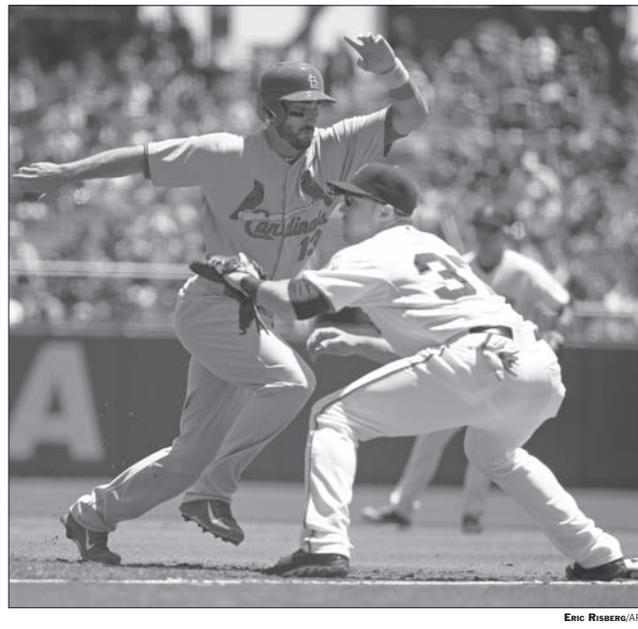
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N.Y. Yankees at Minnesota 2
San Diego 3, Colorado 2
Kansas City at Cleveland 2
Tampa Bay at Detroit 1
Seattle at Chicago White Sox 1
Houston at L.A. Angels 4
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh 1
Chicago Cubs at Washington 1
Milwaukee at Cincinnati 1
Texas at 6 Mets 1
Los Angeles at St. Louis 1
N.Y. Yankees at Atlanta 1
Arizona at Colorado 2
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Tampa Bay (Achter 4-5) at Detroit (Hase 2-2)
Kansas City (Guzler 5-6) at Cleveland (Hase 2-2)
Baltimore (Ujiri 3-8) at Boston (Hase 2-2)
Houston (Feldman 4-5) at L.A. Angels (Sanbartolo 0-7)
Holliday (Beahm 10-5) at Oakland (Kane 2-2)
Molina (Heaney 3-0) at St. Louis (Miller 7-7)
Texas (Samsardji 2-7) at Washington (Gonzalez 5-4)
Philadelphia (D'Uchiano 4-4) at Pittsburgh (Perez 3-3)
Arizona (Bolsinger 1-4) at Atlanta (Haren 4-4)
L.A. Dodgers (Haren 4-4) at Colorado (De La Cruz 5-6)
Milwaukee (Garza 5-4) at Cincinnati (Bailey 4-4)
San Francisco (Hudson 7-5) at San Diego (Despaigne 2-0)
Los Angeles (Lowe 5-5) at N.Y. Mets (Scolio 8-6)

## Sunday's games

Kansas City (Duffy 5-7) at Cleveland (Richards 3-2)
Baltimore (Undecided) at Boston (Peay 1-7)
Los Angeles (Kuroda 5-6) at Minnesota (Nolasco 5-6)
San Francisco (Walker 1-0) at Chicago White Sox (Nespi 2-6)
Houston (Hutchinson 4-7) at L.A. Angels (Richards 3-2)
Toronto (Hutchinson 6-6) at Oakland (Lowe 5-6)
Tampa Bay (Garza 5-7) at Detroit (Perez 3-3)
Milwaukee (Pillitteri 5-5) at Cincinnati (Bailey 4-4)
Texas (N.Martinez 1-6) at N.Y. Mets (Za-Wheller 3-8)
San Francisco (Lowe 5-6) at Atlanta (Mets 2-6)
Chicago Cubs (Arrieta 5-1) at Pittsburgh (Zimmermann 6-4)
Philadelphia (Barnett 5-7) at St. Louis (Gonzalez 1-1)
San Francisco (Beckett 5-5) at Colorado (Flande 1-1)
San Diego (Lincom 7-5) at San Diego (Hahn 4-1)

St. Louis				San Francisco			
	W	L	Pct GB		W	L	Pct GB
McCrp3b	4	1	2	Pence rf	4	0	1
Holliday lf	4	0	1	Parik2b	3	0	0
Mdm3b	4	1	0	Adams3b	3	0	0
Hunter1b	2	2	0	Sandoz3b	1	0	0
Yanof1b	4	1	0	Colvin1b	1	0	0
Taters1b	4	1	0	Briggs1b	3	0	0
MELi2b	4	1	0	Wf3rf	4	0	1
Desca2b	1	0	0	GBlan cf	4	1	0
Byrf	2	1	0	Arns ph	1	0	1
CMrnp2	2	1	0	Shonsp1	1	0	0
Shonsp1	1	0	0	HRnp2	0	0	0
Sfrmp	0	0	0	HSchzp cf	0	0	0
Mansp	0	0	0	HRnp2	0	0	0
Motte p	0	0	0	LJlopez p	0	0	0
				ERicks ph	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>100-7</b>

T-312, A-41, B11 (41,915).



ERIC RISSBERG/AP

St. Louis' Matt Carpenter, left, makes it first base on a pick-off attempt as San Francisco first baseman Adam Duval waits for the throw during Thursday's game in San Francisco.

## Thursday Tigers 8, Rays 1

Tampa Bay				Detroit			
	W	L	Pct GB		W	L	Pct GB
Dings of	4	1	0	Alexan cf	4	0	1
Zobrist ss	3	0	0	Kinsler 2b	5	1	2
Long3b	3	0	0	McArr2b	4	4	3
Jonny1b	4	0	0	Wtrec2b	3	2	2
Loney1b	3	0	1	McCn c	4	1	0
Belton dh	3	0	1	Beltran dh	4	1	3
Liney lf	3	0	1	Trout rf	3	2	2
Belton dh	3	0	1	ZeWrl3b	4	0	2
Kiermf r	3	0	1	Suzuki rf	3	2	2
Hanig c	3	0	1	ECoscr ss	3	1	1
CFigur 2b	3	0	1	Fuld of	1	1	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>000</b>	<b>1-0</b>

DP—Tampa Bay, LOS—Tampa Bay.

2b, Detroit 7, 2B—DeJennings (20), M.Cabrera 2 (32), HR—Kinsler (11), V.Martinez (21), TorHunter (10), SF—Loring.

HR—Tigers 1, HR—Rays 0.

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## Yankees 7, Twins 4

New York				Minnesota			
	W	L	Pct GB		W	L	Pct GB
Gardnr lf	4	0	1	Dozier 2b	4	1	2
Jeter ss	4	0	1	KSuzuk c	4	0	1
Ellisur cf	4	0	1	Parml2b	4	0	1
Taveris lf	4	1	0	McArr2b	4	0	1
McCn c	4	1	0	Wtrec2b	3	2	2
Beltran dh	4	1	3	Arca rf	4	0	1
Trout rf	3	2	2	Plouff3b	4	1	1
ZeWrl3b	4	1	2	ECoscr ss	3	1	1
Suzuki rf	3	2	2	Fuld of	1	1	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>

DP—New York 2, Minnesota 2, LOS—New York 2, Minnesota 3, 2B—Ryan (3), K.Suzuki (16), Parmelee (5), Plouffe (24), HR—Betran (9), Ze Wheeler (1).

HR—New York 1, HR—Minnesota 0.

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## Athletics 4, Blue Jays 1

Toronto				Oakland			
	W	L	Pct GB		W	L	Pct GB
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## MLB

## Roundup

# Dodgers rally past Rockies

The Associated Press

**DENVER** — Zack Greinke challenged baseball's hottest hitter. The Los Angeles right-hander won the battle with Troy Tulowitzki and the Dodgers went on to win the game.

Greinke pitched eight solid innings, Juan Uribe hit the go-ahead single in the ninth inning and Los Angeles beat the Colorado Rockies 3-2 Thursday night.

Uribe finished with three of the Dodgers' six hits. Los Angeles moved into first place in the NL West, a half-game ahead of San Francisco.

Greinke (11-4) got the win despite giving up the lead in the eighth inning. His teammates rallied in the ninth of reliever LaTroy Hawkins to help Greinke tie for the major league lead in wins.

Kenley Jansen worked the bottom of the inning to get his NL best 26th save in 29 chances.

**Yankees 7, Twins 4:** Carlos Beltran gave his founding team a jolt with a three-run homer, lifting Masahiro Tanaka to his major league-leading 12th win and helping visiting New York end a season-worst five-game skid.

Zelous Wheeler homered in his big league debut after eight years in the minors as the Yankees started an 11-game road trip with

a sigh-of-relief performance that put their record back at the .500 mark.

Tanaka (12-3) allowed a season-high four runs.

**Athletics 4, Blue Jays 1:** Sonny Gray allowed four hits over seven innings to bounce back from his worst start of the season for host Oakland.

The Blue Jays scored their only run with the help of an odd relay challenge by manager John Gibbons, who wanted to have his own player called out.

Stephen Vogt scored the winning run on a passed ball in the second inning and the A's made it hold up behind Gray and two relievers.

**Tigers 8, Rays 1:** Max Scherzer allowed two hits in eight outstanding innings, and host Detroit backed its star right-hander with three early homers.

Ian Kinsler, Victor Martinez and Torii Hunter all went deep as part of a five-run first inning for the AL Central-leading Tigers, who snapped Tampa Bay's five-game winning streak with their 12th victory in 14 games.

**Angels 5, Astros 2:** At Anaheim, David Freese hit a two-run double, Matt Shoemaker pitched in and out of trouble for six innings, and Los Angeles won the opener of a four-game series.



DAVID ZALUBOWSKI/AP

**The Dodgers' Juan Uribe smacks an RBI-single to drive in the go-ahead run against the Colorado Rockies in the ninth inning of Los Angeles' 3-2 victory in Denver on Thursday.**

Shoemaker (6-2) allowed two runs, seven hits and three walks. He had seven strikeouts against the Astros, giving him 57 through his first 10 big league starts and breaking the franchise record of 56 set by Bo Belinsky in 1962.

**Orioles 5, Rangers 2:** Steve Pearce had a career-high four hits and drove in two runs, and Wei-Yin Chen shut down Texas again as Baltimore completed a four-game sweep.

The Rangers have lost nine consecutive road games — their longest skid since 2005 when cur-

rent Orioles manager Buck Showalter was at the helm.

Baltimore (46-39) completed its first four-game sweep against Texas since 2004 and improved to a season-high seven games over .500.

**Cardinals 7, Giants 2:** Jhonny Peralta hit a two-run homer, Carlos Martinez earned his second win as a starter, and visiting St. Louis beat reeling San Francisco.

Martinez (2-3) also drove in a run for the Cardinals, who won their second straight after losing three in a row.

**Diamondbacks 10, Pirates 2:** David Peralta had three hits, including a two-run homer, and drove in four runs to help visiting Arizona avoid a series sweep.

The Pirates are 0-for-8 in chances to sweep this season.

**Phillies 5, Marlins 4:** Ben Revere scored the go-ahead run in the ninth, and visiting Philadelphia rallied to snap a six-game losing streak.

Tony Gwynn Jr. led off the ninth with a walk and eventually scored the tying run against Miami closer Steve Cishek (4-4).

## Flavor: International talent pool spawning All-Star players

### FROM BACK PAGE

Yu Darvish (Japan), Koji Uehara (Japan), Yoanis Cespedes (Cuba) and Julio Teheran (Colombia) also have impressive stats, putting them in position to join familiar stars such as Miguel Cabrera (Venezuela) and Robinson Cano (Dominican Republic) from more common talent pools outside the United States.

And some of these players, such as Tanaka (Japan) and Abreu (Cuba), have only been here for a matter of months.

"It's not surprising that some of these guys are able to play at such a high level right when they come over here, because they're just that good," said Tampa Bay's Ben Zobrist, a two-time All-Star.

"You think of a rookie generally as a young kid that is getting his first experience on a very tough stage, and these guys have already played on high international stages — even if it wasn't the major leagues. And they're very polished players."

Derek Jeter is on track for one last trip in his final season; the Yankees captain led American League shortstops in fan balloting when the latest update was released this week.

But one big name now sure to be missing is Mauer, the three-time batting champion from St. Paul, Minn.

Tabbed as an All-Star ambassador to help Major League Baseball promote the game, Mauer was placed on the 15-day



JIM MONE/AP

**New York shortstop Derek Jeter appears on track for one last All-Star game in his final season. The Yankees' captain leads all American League shortstops in fan balloting.**

disabled list Wednesday with a strained muscle on his right side. And while it's an unfortunate injury for the Twins, it does save MLB and American League manager John Farrell from the Boston Red Sox the trouble of dealing with a delicate situation.

Despite a recent hitting streak, Mauer is having his worst season at the plate. And since he moved from catcher to first base

this year to protect his health, he now plays the same position as several of the AL's best hitters.

To put him on the roster only because the game is in Minneapolis would have been awkward — and it would have cost some other deserving player a spot.

However, it also would have felt strange for the \$184 million face of the Twins to

be left out of the festivities. Especially for Minnesota fans.

Mauer's injury eliminates all that. The six-time All-Star and 2009 AL MVP can play some sort of role in the pregame ceremonies and soak in a well-earned ovation without it feeling forced.

"It's tough to describe," Mauer said. "I definitely wanted to be a part of this as a player, but I guess that's out of the question now."

Other choices remain difficult, even for fans and players who vote.

Cabrera or Abreu at first base for the American League? Adam Wainwright or Clayton Kershaw on the mound for the NL? And all five members of the Dodgers' rotation have their own worthy credentials.

"I'm looking forward to being a part of the game, but I'm not necessarily looking forward to the fact there's going to be some guys left out that have had All-Star-caliber seasons," said St. Louis Cardinals skipper Mike Matheny, who will manage the NL team and help choose his reserves. "You just look especially at the starting pitching, it's just one guy right after another with very similar numbers."

There are 34 spots on each roster, and at least 13 go-to pitchers.

Plus, every club must be represented. So it certainly gets complicated.

"I don't anticipate making everyone happy," Farrell said.

## WORLD CUP

## Messi may not be enough against Belgium

Argentina facing foe with attacking power that rivals its own

By KARL RITTER  
The Associated Press

So far none of Argentina's opponents have been able to stop Lionel Messi.

Perhaps Belgium has what it takes. But even if doesn't, the Red Devils present a fresh challenge for Argentina at this World Cup.

For the first time in Brazil, Argentina faces an opponent with attacking potential that rivals its own.

"We will have to adapt, but what really interests me is to see how they will adapt to us," Belgium coach Marc Wilmots said.

Argentina has struggled on its road to the quarterfinals, relying on single moments of Messi magic to break stalemates against mostly defense-oriented teams.

On Saturday in Brasilia, it's up against a young, sparkling team that's considered a dark horse for the title. Even though it needed extra time to prevail against the United States, Belgium unleashed offensive qualities in that game that could present major problems for Argentina's at times shaky defense.

Belgium fired 38 shots, half of them from midfielders Kevin de Bruyne and Eden Hazard, and strikers Divock Origi and Romelo Lukaku. An impressive performance by U.S. goalkeeper Tim Howard kept the score down.

Meanwhile, Argentina's attack hasn't been as fearsome as predicted. Center for-



VICTOR R. CARVANO/AP

Argentina's Lionel Messi, second from left, jogs with teammates during a training session. Messi has been spectacular so far in the World Cup, but Argentina's attack has lacked the balance displayed by Belgium's potent offense.

ward Gonzalo Higuain is scoreless after four games and his attacking partner Sergio Aguero is out injured. Ezequiel Lavezzi is replacing the Manchester City striker but was largely ineffective against Switzerland.

Then there's Messi.

The little genius has delivered when Argentina needed him most, scoring in every group stage match and setting up Angel Di Maria's extra-time winner against Switzerland in the round of 16.

In a tight game, the Swiss shackled him successfully until his decisive run in the 118th minute.

"We knew that we would face a situation

like that, but that's football and we had luck on our side," Messi said. "We're aware that all matches are going to be very close and that details will make the difference."

Wilmots was unwilling to compare the strengths of the two teams but noted that except for a few players, Argentina's performance at the World Cup has exposed some weaknesses.

"Obviously they have Di Maria, Lavezzi, Higuain and Messi," Wilmots said. "But I also saw they showed a lack of balance within the team and that they had problems."

If Messi is in extraordinary form, he will

cause problems for Belgium, Wilmots conceded Thursday.

"But if you ask me as a coach whether I prefer a good collective or one great player, I prefer the team."

Belgium and Argentina haven't met in the World Cup since the 1980s, when they were both at their peak.

In 1982, Belgium beat Argentina 1-0 in their World Cup opener. Four years later Diego Maradona scored both goals in a 2-0 semifinal win on Argentina's road to its second World Cup title.

Associated Press writer Raf Casert in Mogi Das Cruzes, Brazil, contributed to this report.

## Costa Rica coach learned from Dutch master

By MIKE CORDER  
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RIO DE JANEIRO — At this point in the World Cup, the Dutch know plenty about Costa Rica — once one of the surprise packages of the tournament. What they may not have heard is that Costa Rica's Jorge Luis Pinto learned his coaching from the Dutchman who invented "total football."

Pinto, a Colombian, studied at the University of Cologne early in the 1980s when Dutch coach Rinus Michels was coaching the city's Bundesliga club.

"In those years I spent my time watching him training and talking to him," Pinto said. "When I didn't have classes, I went to see the club practice. I saw many things and learned a lot."

Michels was a good teacher — a few years later he led the Netherlands to its one and only international title, the 1988 European Championship, having pioneered the "total football" approach —



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Costa Rica head coach Jorge Luis Pinto is no stranger to the Dutch game.



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## Scoreboard

**Round of 16**  
**Saturday, June 28**  
Brazil 1, Chile 1, Brazil advanced 3-2 on penalty kicks  
Colombia 2, Uruguay 0  
**Sunday, June 29**  
Netherlands 2, Mexico 1  
Costa Rica 1, Greece 1, Costa Rica advanced 5-3 on penalty kicks  
**Monday, June 30**  
France 2, Nigeria 1  
Germany 2, Algeria 1, ET  
**Tuesday, July 1**  
Argentina 1, Switzerland 0, ET  
Belgium 2, United States 1, ET

## Quarterfinals

**Friday, July 4**  
At Fortaleza, Brazil  
Brazil vs. Colombia  
At Rio de Janeiro  
Germany 1, France 0  
**Saturday, July 5**  
At Salvador, Brazil  
Netherlands vs. Costa Rica  
At Brasilia, Brazil  
Argentina vs. Belgium

where players can change their positions during a game.

Now Pinto aims to stop the Dutch taking another step toward their first world title when his Costa Rica team meets the Netherlands

on Saturday in the quarterfinals at Salvador's Arena Fonte Nova.

It is not only Pinto who knows the Dutch game well. Bryan Ruiz had a successful spell with FC Twente before joining Fulham and now plays at PSV Eindhoven alongside likely Netherlands starter Georginio Wijnaldum and super-sub Memphis Depay.

Ruiz said he has shared what he knows about the Dutch players with his coach.

"Pinto asked me about it and I provided a bit of analysis of the ones I know," he said Thursday. "I haven't had any contact with Memphis or Georginio," he added. "Of course, the day of the match, we will get each other, chat a bit and then get focused."

Ruiz has teamed up with a strong, fast-paced striker in Joel Campbell, propelling Costa Rica to the surprise top spot in a Group D that also included England, Italy and Uruguay. Pinto's team also has a miserly defense that

has conceded just two goals in the tournament so far.

"Costa Rica has a very good team," in-form Dutch forward Arjen Robben said. "I think before a not a lot of people would have expected them to go through to the next round but I think they are a very strong team and it's going to be another very difficult game for us where we have to give everything to go through to the semifinals."

Not surprisingly, Costa Rica will be attempting to shut down the Dutch striking partnership of Robben and Robin van Persie, who are looking to get back on the scoring sheet after combining for six goals in their team's first two matches but failing to find the net since.

"We just can't afford to give them any room to maneuver," midfielder Celso Borges said. "They can make you pay if they get an opening."

AP writers Eric Nunez and Santiago Torrado contributed to this story.

## WORLD CUP

# Fashion and football?

## Unique haircuts a standout feature

By STEVE DOUGLAS  
The Associated Press

**I**T WAS AN odd place to find three international footballers on the eve of a crucial World Cup game, inside a small hair salon located on the forecourt of a gas station on the outskirts of a remote Brazilian city.

But there they were, Nigeria stars Emmanuel Emenike, Kenneth Omeruo and Ahmed Musa, eager for a new style and color touch-ups for the big match against Bosnia-Herzegovina.

"They are very vain," said Dirce Cardoso, owner of the Salao de Beleza Aeroporto in southern Cuiaba. "They wanted to be pampered."

So Cardoso obliged. She canceled her other appointments, closed the salon and gave the footballers the full VIP treatment. Two of them got a Mohican and two of them had their hair dyed black.

Total cost: \$71 — and Cardoso was even treated to a ticket for the match.

It seems like we have a new addition to the footballer's pre-match routine — healthy meal, massage, a few media interviews ... and a new haircut.

This World Cup has been a tournament full of goals, surprise results and breath-taking skills, but also some of the wackiest, most outrageous hairstyles you'll find in sports.

Rat tails, Mohicans, dreadlocks, braids, bleached blond, outlandish side-partings, the "Afro" — you name a hairstyle, and at least one player is certain to have had it.

And it's been the talk of Twitter during games. Footballers appear to be pre-occupied with their hair like never before.

CUIABA, Brazil

"I found out that my haircut got quite a lot of people talking on social media," France defender Mathieu Debuchy told The Associated Press, sporting a hairstyle that can best be described as shaved on the sides with a lizard-shaped comb-over/side-parting.

"So much the better if people talk and communicate about it. I feel good this way, I like it and that's the main thing, no?"

Ever-changing hairstyles used to be the domain of David Beckham, who experimented with the shaved head, the cornrows, the Fauxhawk and bleach-blond look, among others, in the blink of an eye. Now everyone is at it, and the styles are getting bolder and bolder.

Take Portugal superstar Cristiano Ronaldo, for example. The world player of the year had a different hairstyle for each of his three games at the World Cup — for the second, against the United States, he had a zig-zag-style engraving on the right side of his head.

The Mohican is becoming increasingly popular among players and has been best demonstrated at the World Cup by enigmatic Italy striker Mario Balotelli, France midfielder Paul Pogba and Portugal's Raul Meireles.

In fact, Meireles' overall appearance has been one of the sights of the tournament, complementing his wacky hair with a bushy beard and tattoos that appear to cover almost all his body.

When Meireles and U.S. midfielder Kyle Beckerman — famous for his messy dreadlocks — collided in a challenge during their teams' group-stage match, it was more a clash of the haircuts. U.S. Soccer posted on Twitter: "Dreads vs. Mohawk/Beard" with a photo.

Here are five of the craziest hairstyles at the World Cup:

■ **Rodrigo Palacio, Argentina:** With his shaved head except for a rat's tail at the back, Palacio arguably has the most jaw-dropping haircut at the World Cup.

■ **Raul Meireles, Portugal:** His Mohawk has been compared to the one sported by Robert De Niro in 'Taxi Driver.' His thick beard and all-over body tattoos add to his scary-looking appearance.

■ **Marouane Fellaini, Belgium:** The king of the football "Afro" but maybe not for much longer. Fellaini has vowed to chop it all off if Belgium wins the World Cup.

■ **Kyle Beckerman, United States:** Let his curly hair go wild after leaving home some years ago. Now Beckerman looks like the U.S. squad's very own Bob Marley.

■ **Paul Pogba, France:** Not satisfied with having a bleached line through his Mohawk, Pogba also has two bleached stripes on the shaved sides.

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Portugal's  
Raul Meireles  
PAULO DUARTE/AP



MATTHIAS SCHRADER/AP

United States midfielder Kyle Beckerman

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Japan's Masahiro Tanaka, left, and Cuba's Yasiel Puig, center, and Jose Abreu are newcomers expected to be selected to this year's All-Star Game.

# Adding foreign flavor

## More All-Stars from overseas?

By **MIKE FITZPATRICK**  
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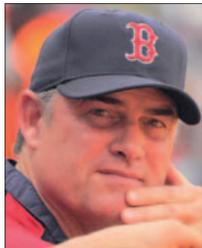
**A**ll-Stars from all over the world are ticketed for the Twin Cities, where hometown favorite Joe Mauer will be conspicuously absent from the lineup.

Still new to the majors, Masahiro Tanaka, Jose Abreu and Yasiel Puig are just a few of the foreign-born players almost certain to get selected for the July 15 showcase in Minnesota. All-Star rosters will be announced Sunday night, and this year's game at Target Field fig-

ures to have a distinctive international flavor.

"I think it tells you something about how hard they've worked outside of our game to get to this point," New York Yankees manager Joe Girardi said.

"I think it tells you the level of baseball around the world and how good it is and the competition — and how hungry they are, in a sense, to be one of the best. Not just being happy with maybe signing a big deal and saying, that's enough. They want to continue to play and make a name for themselves. So it's pretty special what these guys have done."

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