

WORLD

Islamic State expands two fronts during battles in Iraq, Syria
Page 9

WORLD

Gaza cease-fire slows violence, but tensions in region still simmering
Page 10

FACES

Marvel's 'Guardians' exceeds expectations with record opening
Page 14

NASCAR

Sweep at Pocono puts Earnhardt in driver's seat for Chase
Back page

Military: On tour, MOH recipient talks about fallen brothers » Page 3

STARS AND STRIPES.®

stripes.com

Volume 73, No. 78

©SS 2014

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2014

平成26年4月5日 第三種郵便物認可 日刊(土日除く)
発行所 星条旗新聞社 〒1106-0032 東京都港区六本木7丁目23番17号 定価 ¥50

50¢/Free to Deployed Areas

AIR FORCE

FALCONS



BROKEN CODE

AF Academy superintendent calls for investigation of athletic department transgressions » Page 4

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Blood was mixing with spilled water, like a waterfall."

— About Nijm, describing the scene after explosions hit Palestinians lined up for supplies at a United Nations shelter in the Gaza city of Rafah

See story on Page 10

MILITARY



RAHMAT GOL/AP

Afghan election commission workers sort ballot papers for an audit of the presidential run-off votes at a commission office in Kabul, Afghanistan, on Sunday.

TOP CLICKS ON STRIPES.COM

The most popular stories on our website:

1. Army to force out 550 majors; some in Afghanistan
2. More military armored surplus going to police departments
3. Army announces new camouflage uniform pattern
4. In historic first, German army general appointed USAREUR chief of staff
5. Army 'VIP culture' led to parachute accident that killed former JBLM officer

COMING SOON

Movies

"Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles"



TODAY IN STRIPES

- Business 18
- Classified 19, 22-23
- Comics 13
- Crossword 13
- Faces 14
- Opinion 20-21
- Shifting Gears 15
- Sports 23-32
- Weather 18

Audit proceeding with both Afghan candidates on board

The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Representatives of both presidential candidates in Afghanistan have now joined the internationally supervised audit of ballots from the June runoff, an election official said Monday.

The process is a key step toward

ensuring a peaceful transfer of power and determining the successor to Hamid Karzai, the only president the country has known since the 2001 U.S.-led invasion that ousted the Taliban.

Election commission spokesman Noor Mohammad Noor said observers from the team of former Foreign Minister Abdullah Abdullah also joined the audit on Monday. On Sunday, when the audit resumed after a holiday break, only representatives from former Finance Minister Ashraf Ghani were on hand.

Preliminary results from the June 14 runoff showed Ghani well ahead of Abdullah, but both sides alleged fraud. The audit of the more than 8 million votes is likely to take weeks.

In other developments, the National Security Council — the

country's top security body, chaired by Karzai — accused neighboring Pakistan of fomenting instability across Afghanistan. A statement after the meeting claimed the Pakistani military maintains a presence among Afghan Taliban insurgents.

Pakistan has denied such accusations in the past. The Afghan council offered no evidence for its claims.

"The National Security Council considers these actions by the Pakistani army a clear violation of Afghanistan's territorial integrity," the statement said.

The Foreign Ministry in Kabul also summoned Pakistan's ambassador for a formal protest over "rocket and artillery shelling" from across the border, saying the Pakistani military is "openly supporting the terrorists."

Correction

A story in the Saturday edition of Stars and Stripes incorrectly stated that the U.S. military widely issued the MultiCam camouflage pattern in Iraq, when in fact the pattern became standard in Afghanistan.

SERVING THE MILITARY IN GERMANY AND ITALY

SPECIAL SERVICE CREDIT UNION AND CAPITOL MOTORS PROMOTION



CAPITOL MOTORS

Kaiserslautern — Spangdahlem

Aviano — Vicenza

info@capitolmotors.com

www.capitolmotors.com



Stateside, factory and overseas delivery available.

Three easy ways to apply.

- ▶ At any of our branch locations
- ▶ Online at servicecu.org
- ▶ By phone 24/7 at 00800.4728.2000

LIVE PERSON SERVICE 24/7 • 00800.4728.2000 • 314.493.4384 • 314.493.4385 • SERVICECU.ORG/stripes

RATES AS LOW AS

.89% APR

SERVICE CREDIT UNION



Follow us on social media icons

*Rate shown is Annual Percentage Rate (APR) and is a special promotional rate offered to Capitol customers. Prior purchases and existing Service Credit Union loans excluded. Rate is accurate as of 6/23/2014. Offer ends 9/23/2014 and is subject to change or be discontinued without notice. Rate shown includes a .35% reduction for military direct deposit and automatic payment (earnings). 1.2% APR less .35% = .85%. Example: \$15,000 auto loan with a rate of .89% APR for 60 months. Monthly payment is approximately \$257.71. Total finance charge is approximately \$942.16. Loan approval and APR subject to credit worthiness. Floor rate is .89%. No other discounts apply. Direct deposit of entire net pay and automatic payment must be maintained. Individual must be a member of Service Credit Union or eligible for membership to apply. Qualifying member must apply, qualify and be approved for a Service Credit Union loan. Approval based on credit worthiness. If total income reportable equals \$600 or more in a taxable year, the credit union may issue you a 1099-MISC. Certain restrictions apply on dealer financing. Private, non-commercial loan rates and terms are excluded from this promotion. Offer subject to change without notice.

MILITARY

Pitts says MOH story about his fallen brothers

BY NANCY MONTGOMERY
Stars and Stripes

VICENZA, Italy — He was too tired to watch his appearance on “Late Show with David Letterman.” His congratulatory phone call from President Barack Obama is a blur.

Visiting Vicenza last week, Ryan Pitts, 28, the nation’s newest and ninth living recipient of the Medal of Honor from the Afghanistan and Iraq wars, was battling jet lag midway through his grueling, almost monthlong “outreach tour.”

Still, he was game for another interview about the early morning attack six years ago that killed nine of his buddies, wounded 26 more and left him alive and bestowed with laurels.

“Generally, I’m fine talking about that day,” said the former staff sergeant, a New Hampshire who is now a husband, father and business development consultant with Oracle, the computer technology corporation.

“What’s hard is talking about me. I don’t like talking about me. People see the individual; I see the team.”

The Army arranged Pitts’ tour, as the services have done for each recent living recipient of the medal, to provide a platform for the honored warrior to tell his story.

Pitts was happy to oblige, although he said he doesn’t think of it as his story, exactly, but that of his late brothers-in-arms. “When I think of the actions of that day, my actions don’t really stick out

in my mind,” he said. “I think of that day in appreciation and awe of what they did.”

It can be difficult, Pitts said, being singled out for praise and honor in the midst of so much heroism by others — and so much loss.

“What made it ‘bearable’ to be awarded is that it’s ours,” he said.

“I don’t have to shoulder it alone.”

“Nobody decides, I’m going to do something valorous,” he said. “Nobody gets to sit it out. It’s necessity and dedication to each other.”

Obama awarded Pitts the medal on July 21, and by now his actions in what became known as the Battle of Wanat — one of the deadliest battles of the war — are well known.

On July 13, 2008, Pitts and eight other soldiers from the 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, were keeping watch over a small patrol base from an observation post near the village of Wanat in Afghanistan’s Nuristan province.

Ryan Pitts
Medal of Honor
recipient

“What’s hard is talking about me. I don’t like talking about me. People see the individual; I see the team.”



Ryan Pitts greets a soldier from 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, on Friday in Vicenza, Italy. He is the ninth living veteran of Afghanistan or Iraq to receive the Medal of Honor.

OPAL VAUGHN/Courtesy of the U.S. Army

The valley exploded with fire from all sides, and more than 200 insurgents attacked. They were so close they could be heard on Pitts’ radio contacts with his commander at the patrol base. Seven paratroopers were hit in the first wave of the attack, five of them mortally.

As his fellow soldiers lay dead or wounded around him, Pitts, with serious shrapnel wounds to both legs, bleeding and unable to stand, held off the Afghans with hand-thrown grenades, a grenade launcher, a machine gun and his radio, calling in enemy positions and airstrikes.

He fought off waves of attacks on the observation post for upward of two hours, keeping the Afghans from taking the post, with its perch over the patrol base, and preventing what could have been many more paratrooper

deaths.

And he did it, for some time, all alone.

“I didn’t feel alone,” Pitts said last week, pointing out that paratroopers at the patrol base came back for him. Sgt. Mike Denton volunteered, Pitts said. “He came to save me.”

Denton, who was later awarded the Silver Star, survived, but three other reinforcements were killed. Sgt. Israel Garcia, hit by a rocket-propelled grenade, died in Pitts’ arms.

“I kind of laid there with him, and we talked,” Pitts said. “He wanted me to tell his wife and his mother that he loved them. ... I hope that it was some comfort for them.”

One of the nine who died was killed at the patrol base as the battle began.

Pitts was the third soldier with

the 173rd’s 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, to be awarded the military’s highest honor for combat in Afghanistan.

He happily returned to Vicenza, where the unit is based, to visit with troops after receiving an invitation to the brigade ball, held Friday night.

He feels it’s his duty to enjoy life.

“I don’t think I should be [alive]. They gave me a gift,” he said. “They don’t get to have good days. So I need to try to have as many as I can.”

He always names Garcia and the eight others who died that day: Spc. Sergio Abad, Cpl. Jonathan Ayers, Cpl. Jason Bogar, 1st Lt. Jonathan Brostrom, Cpl. Jason Hovater, Cpl. Matthew Phillips, Cpl. Pruitt Rainey and Cpl. Gunnar Zwilling.

montgomery.nancy@stripes.com

VA reform bill saves program for veterans with TBI

BY TRAVIS J. TRITTEN
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama on Thursday will sign into law landmark reform of the troubled Department of Veterans Affairs. The stroke of his executive pen will also save an unrelated effort to rehabilitate veterans with traumatic brain injuries.

The massive \$16.3 billion VA overhaul passed by Congress last week included a measure sponsored by Sens. Cory Booker, D-N.J., and Dean Heller, R-Nev., extending for three years a unique VA pilot program that provides assisted living and therapy to those with moderate to severe TBI.

White House Press Secretary Josh Earnest said Monday that Obama will sign the bill during an event at Fort Belvoir, Va.

More than 300,000 servicemembers have suffered TBI since 2000, according to the Department of Defense, and the injuries have become a grim signature of

“It is about giving them their practical skills that they need to return to their communities and live independently.”

Sen. Cory Booker
D-N.J.

the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan where improvised explosive devices were widely used to attack convoys and foot patrols.

As such injuries ballooned, Congress directed the VA to test out how assisted-living services could help veterans with rehabilitation, quality of life and reintegration. In 2011, the department signed up 20 certified residential brain injury rehabilitation providers for services at 150 sites across the United States.

“It is about giving them their practical skills that they need to return to their communities and live independently,” Booker said while supporting the bill on the Senate floor. “That is what is so special about

this program.”

He said it has been a “miracle” for veterans in the program, who receive 24-hour team-based care at the facilities to improve speech, mobility and memory. Patients were able to advance from wheelchairs to canes and gain self-respect from being more independent.

“The VA now offers no alternative program that provides the same comprehensive rehabilitation care in a residential setting,” Booker said.

The pilot program, which has helped dozens of vets, was slated to expire in October, and it appeared uncertain until last week whether Congress could rally enough

support to keep it going.

Booker said veterans would have been discharged from the nationwide network of contracted facilities, including several sites in his state of New Jersey.

The TBI program extension was tucked into a raft of measures meant to fix the VA health care system after months of public outrage over dangerously long patient wait times and widespread records manipulation by staff.

The legislation was a hard-fought compromise by Congress passed just hours before lawmakers left for a monthlong August recess.

It is mainly aimed at expanding veteran access to private health care, increasing VA treatment capacity with more medical staff and hospitals and reining in staff misconduct by easing restrictions on firing senior employees.

tritten.travis@stripes.com
Twitter: @Travis_Tritten

MILITARY

AF Academy athletics under scrutiny

Superintendent calls for investigation amid findings of sexual assault, drug use, cheating

By TOM ROEDER

The Colorado Springs, Colo. Gazette

U.S. Air Force Academy cadet athletes flouted the sacred honor code by committing sexual assaults, taking drugs, cheating and engaging in other misconduct at wild parties while the service academy focused on winning bowl games and attracting money from alumni and private sources in recent years, a Gazette investigation has found.

The findings are egregious enough that academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Michelle Johnson told *The Gazette* that she has called for an Inspector General's investigation of the athletic department.

"These efforts will help in eliminating subcultures whose climates do not align with our institutional core values," she said in a statement released Thursday exclusively to *The Gazette*. Johnson said the academy has taken steps to correct the problems within the athletic department. "Despite all of our efforts, I expect we'll still have issues with a few young people who will make poor choices," she wrote.

Documents newly released to *The Gazette* reveal how serious those "poor



Johnson

choices" of the past have been. They detail parties dating to 2010 where cadets, including a core group of top football players, smoked synthetic marijuana, drank themselves sick and may have used date-rape drugs to incapacitate women for sexual assault.

The culture was so wild that academy leaders canceled a planned 2012 sting out of concern that undercover agents and confidential informants at a party wouldn't be enough to protect women from rape.

The *Gazette* investigation also found that athletes cheated on tests, and in one instance, an economics professor created a special course for two basketball players — and taught it around their game and practice schedules.

The number of athletes involved was a fraction of the 1,000 cadets who participate in academy sports programs. But those who misbehaved sent shockwaves through the school and its teams. The bulk of those brought under scrutiny played football for Air Force.

The allegations are shown in hundreds of pages of documents released by the Air Force under the Freedom of Information Act and were confirmed through dozens of interviews with academy brass and sports officials.

As cadets hit the field in recent days to get ready for a new football season, misconduct and preferential treatment at the academy will no longer be tolerated, Johnson told *The Gazette*.

She and the athletic director say coaches and other leaders will be held accountable for cadets' off-field conduct.

More than a dozen problem cadet athletes have left the academy in the past three years — and without some stars on the field, the football team slumped to 2-10 last year in what commentators called the worst season in the academy's history. A few years ago, the football team was a bowl game victor and a perennial contender for the coveted Commander-in-Chief's Trophy.

Johnson, who took command a year ago, has ordered reforms to fix the culture in the school's athletic department. There are new recruiting standards, and coach-

es have been told to keep a closer watch in the locker room.

Johnson has asked that the academy's inspector general investigate the climate in the athletic department and whether sports programs promote the academy's ideals.

Gone, apparently, is a culture that insiders was driven by hands-off management and a willingness to accept risky athletic recruits in a bid to win on game day.

Allegations of a wild party

In the early days of December 2011, agents of the Office of Special Investigations at the school were told about a party where cadet athletes used spice, a synthetic marijuana, and allegedly engaged in gang rape.

It was the most stunning set of allegations after nearly two years of investigations into off-campus parties, drug use and athletes' conduct.

The blowout was held in the woods west of Colorado Springs on Dec. 2, 2011, a week after the football team ended its regular season with a 45-21 thumping of Colorado State.

"The girls' drink, or Captain Morgan with the blue lid, was only for girls to drink," OSI confidential informant cadet Eric Thomas told investigators in a written statement obtained by *The Gazette*. The blue-capped bottle, he explained, was laced with "roofies," a street term for flunitrazepam, a powerful sedative known as a date-rape drug.

Thomas told investigators that "four or five females did not recall what occurred the following day after the party."

In one bedroom during the party, "multiple male cadets had sexual intercourse with other unknown females," Thomas alleged.

Reports show Thomas talked to investigators four days after the party.

Acting on that and other tips, OSI ran a dragnet that probed the activities of 32 cadets, including 16 football players and several other athletes. While the probe started with the party, the investigation was wide ranging and uncovered questionable conduct before and after the event, officials said.

According to Johnson, three of the 32 cadets were court-martialed, sentenced and

discharged — two football players and a women's basketball player. Five more cadets received administrative punishment that resulted in their dismissal — three basketball players and two football players. Another half-dozen cadets resigned. Three more cadets were kicked out for unrelated misconduct.

Of the 16 football players investigated, seven made it through graduation.

While pains were taken to punish the cadets for the conduct, there's little evidence that academy leaders asked wider questions about whether the misconduct of so many athletes exposed deeper problems within the sports programs.

After academy leaders were told about the allegations of rape and drug use, OSI agents planned their own party, one with informants in the crowd and special agents nearby to bust bad actors. But leaders determined that the risk that women would be raped was so high that the idea of a January 2012 sting was quashed, academy officials said.

While the party sting plans failed, OSI didn't quit. A wider probe dubbed "Operation Gridiron" began.

OSI special agent Brandon Enos, who worked on the investigation at the academy, describes the operation on his LinkedIn page on the Internet: "Case agent and responsible for Operation Gridiron at the United States Air Force Academy," his page says in a section touting his award as "Rookie Agent of the Year" for 2012. "This operation identified and proactively removed approximately 18 starting division one football players and 20 other collegiate athletes from the United States Air Force Academy for controlled substance use and distribution and sexual assaults. This was the largest and most successful operation in the history of the Air Force Office of Special Investigations Region 8 and the United States Air Force Academy."

Enos hasn't responded to requests for an interview.

The numbers cited by the agent don't match the numbers released by the academy, but describe a large effort.

There were no charges brought from alleged activities at the Dec. 2, 2011, party, but other allegations of misconduct sent athletes to court.

Inabacker Jamil Cooks was convicted of abusive sexual contact after a woman said Cooks sexually assaulted her. He was sentenced to the five months he'd already spent in pretrial confinement and discharged.

Wide receiver Anthony Daniels was convicted in March 2013 of attempted sodomy after two women testified about alleged sexual assaults. He was sentenced to eight months behind bars.

Recruited athlete Stephan Claxton was convicted of wrongful sexual contact in June 2012 after women testified that he groped them. Claxton got six months and a discharge.

The convictions were a shocking departure of the ideals of honor and duty set at the academy's founding 60 years ago.

SEE ACADEMY ON PAGE 5

THE LOWDOWN

The athletes: The troubled group included two football stars who were court-martialed. Other cadets were kicked out of the academy.

The experts: Experts blame big-money sports like football and a drive to win for corrupting service academies. The Pentagon is cracking down on teams to stem sexual assault.

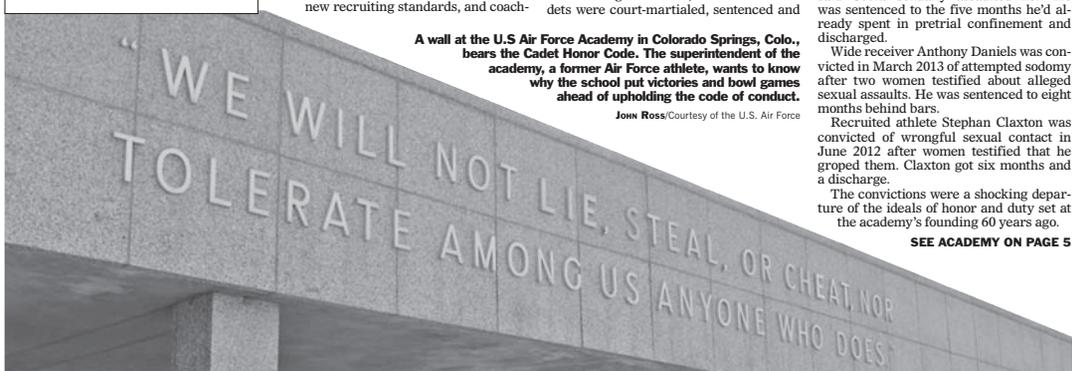
The leaders: At Air Force, leaders are reacting to the allegations of misbehavior by tightening recruiting standards, beginning new programs and ordering an investigation to ensure athletes meet the school's strict conduct rules. Superintendent Lt. Gen. Michelle Johnson has ordered a review of whether the athletic department aligns with academy values.

The cadets: Cadets have started new groups to stop sexual violence, including a leadership council to keep the Falcons football team on the right path.



A wall at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., bears the Cadet Honor Code. The superintendent of the academy, a former Air Force athlete, wants to know why the school put victories and bowl games ahead of upholding the code of conduct.

John Ross/Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force



MILITARY

Academy: Private funding keeps sports teams functioning at academy

FROM PAGE 4

Teams more tied to private money

The Air Force was formed in 1947, and President Dwight Eisenhower signed a law establishing the academy on April 1, 1954.

"Throughout its history, one theme has been constant and persistent — our Commitment to Excellence," the academy's history of the school says.

Cadets wrote the school's honor code and take an oath to uphold it: "We will not lie, steal, or cheat, nor tolerate among us anyone who does. Our terms are honesty, to do my duty and to live honorably."

At any given time, 1,000 of the academy's 4,000 cadets participate in intercollegiate sports, with more than 100 of them playing football. The group of athletes that got in trouble represented a small fraction of the athletes.

Academy athletes are different from their counterparts at other Division I schools. They face basic training, military discipline and a regimented life that makes them earn privileges like television in their rooms. Another difference: Cadets are paid for their time at the taxpayer-funded academy, and get free clothing, housing and food. Graduates from the academy are required to serve a minimum of five years in the military.

Some teams are increasingly tied to the flow of private money, mostly generated by football, that funds their programs.

As the Pentagon has tightened its belt — cuts are projected to eliminate \$900 billion in spending over a decade — the academy has built up ways to bring in nongovernment cash.

The school established the Air Force Academy Athletic Corp. last year to solicit donations and funnel the money raised by teams, especially football, the biggest financial force in the athletic department.

"Every coach here understands that without football, their programs wouldn't be where they are," said Air Force Academy athletic director Hans Mueh. "It allows the TV revenue, it allows the concession revenue, it allows the gift shop revenue."

It also helps pay for the Air Force's highest-paid employees — its coaches. While Calhoun makes up to \$1 million a year, Johnson makes \$184,770 for supervising every aspect of the school.

In a recent round of budget cuts that saw the academy eliminate 69 positions and 10 academic majors — a third of the majors offered at the school — Johnson chose to keep the sports teams. "It's an immense pressure to shutter some of them to save cash."

The athletic department lost 30 government-funded positions, including nine assistant coaches, but Mueh said private donations are showing up in the sports programs, from fencing and volleyball to hockey and football, that help cadets learn through competition.

Robert Goldich, a retired congressional researcher from Virginia who has studied the influence of sports at service academies,



MIKE KAPLAN/Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

ties, said the cash flowing toward football is no surprise.

Goldich claims that big-money boosters and cheering alumni pressure the academies to win on the field, even if that means overlooking the conduct and aptitude of athletes.

"They are so rah-rah about football that they don't care about what happens" off the field, he said.

Sexual assaults a problem

Sexual assault and substance abuse have been problems at the Air Force Academy for decades. And in the past two years, the academy has recorded more reports of sexual assault than the nation's other two service academies combined.

In the 2012-2013 academic year, cadets reported 45 sexual assaults, representing nearly two-thirds of the 70 reported assaults at all three major military academies.

Commanders have repeatedly said that the reason there are so many sexual assaults reported at Air Force is that their aggressive steps have made cadets more comfortable in discussing one of the nation's most under-reported crimes.

"The greater number of reports seen at USAFA is not likely due to a higher crime rate," the Pentagon said in a 2013 report to Congress. But athletic programs at the academy may drive a subculture that denigrates women.

While Johnson contends that no one can tell whether a prospective cadet will behave at the academy, a great deal of care is put into weeding out those who don't meet standards long before they set foot on campus.

Eight cadets are turned down for every one who's accepted. But there's a back door that's a boon to sports programs.

Dozens of athletic recruits who can't meet the academy's high academic standards are ushered into the Prep School each summer. The school is designed to tutor below-standard recruits so they can succeed as freshmen the following year. In addition to athletes, the Prep School trains former enlisted airmen and other candidates for academy admittance.

"The Prep School does a fine job of preparing anyone who has any gaps in their education to come to the academy," said Andy Armacost, the academy's dean of faculty.

All the while, those athlete recruits play and practice on junior varsity squads.

Coaches are willing to accept a level of academic and even moral risk to recruit top-level athletes.

They dispute allegations that those risky athletes get academic breaks in class.

"If their numbers aren't that great but there's something else there, there's some leadership, we will take a risk," Mueh said.

Dozens quizzed over party

Cooks spent a year in the Prep School before his 2010 debut as a freshman linebacker.

When Cooks wasn't on the field for spring practice in March 2012, Calhoun offered an easy answer for a Gazette sports reporter.

"Strep throat," the coach said. Cooks may have had strep. He also had a large legal problem. In February 2012, a female cadet came forward and accused the linebacker of forcing her into sex acts in an academy dorm room in May 2011, court-martial records show.

Calhoun said he wasn't told about the allegations until July 2012.

When Cooks and four other pre-

WELL-PAID COACHES

■ In 2009, Air Force Academy coach Troy Calhoun, left, signed a \$4 million, five-year deal. By 2013, his base salary was \$882,000 per year before bonuses that could push it past \$1 million.

■ Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel is paid \$200,000 per year.

■ Hired in 2013, academy basketball coach Dave Pilipovich also brings home more than his bosses. He signed a five-year deal with an average of \$340,000 per year. If he wins on the hardwood, the coach could earn far more — an additional \$136,000 — if he takes the team to the NCAA's Final Four.

■ Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Michelle Johnson makes \$184,770 per year for supervising every aspect of the school.

tenced, academy leaders had known about trouble with cadets and athletes for three years.

Cadets were punished for misconduct, but serious management reforms, including holding coaches and other officers accountable for the acts of their subordinates, weren't on the agenda.

The issue first sounded alarms after a Teller County house party in the fall of 2010 that followed Air Force's defeat of the Navy football team 14-6.

Four-hundred pages of documents released by OSI under the Freedom of Information Act showed the post-game party involved binge drinking and widespread use of the marijuana substitute "spice," which is illegal under military law.

On a porch at the party, cadets gathered to smoke spice in between games of beer pong, the documents say.

Dozens of cadets were quizzed in the weeks after the party. Some pointed to members of the football team as suspects.

In January 2011, OSI investigators raided six dorm rooms on the campus looking for spice. They found it.

Nearly three dozen cadets were investigated for using spice, with 21 kicked out of the school and five more resigning. A breakdown of athletes in that investigation and punishment wasn't offered.

Gold emailed Col. Tammy Rank on the morning of the raid, ordering her to give news of the spice investigation to his boss at the Pentagon.

"Pass short, factual summary — without causing undue over-concern," Gold ordered, according to documents obtained by The Gazette under the Freedom of Information Act.

Gold ran the academy for three years before passing command to Johnson in 2013. The former academy football star required his staff to provide weekly updates on efforts to instill what he called "fanatical institutional pride" in cadets.

He ended most emails with "Go Falcons!" Johnson ends her emails with "Respectfully."

Cheerleading at the academy

Gold had everybody on campus cheering for the sports teams, including professors.

Former academy economics professor David Mullin remembered one meeting of the academy staff. "They had half the auditorium shout 'Knowledge!'" he said. "The other half of the room shouted 'Power!'"

SEE ACADEMY ON PAGE 6



Click today...cash today
www.militaryloans.com



"We love to say yes"

MILITARY

IG cites former Pentagon official

By DAN LAMOTHE
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Defense Department's top watchdog cited a former senior official overseeing chemical and biological technology for a variety of ethical lapses and misconduct, including improperly arranging to have people he knew outside the government hired to do work for the Pentagon's Defense Threat Reduction Agency.

Alan Rudolph, the former director of the agency's chemical and biological technologies directorate, recruited people he knew to work for him and had several organizations, including George Mason University, hire them as employees to do work for his organization, according to findings by the Defense Department inspector general's office.

The investigation was sparked by complaints that Rudolph was hiring his friends outside regulations.

Rudolph wanted to "recruit certain individuals" and manipulated the contracting process, which required the positions to be filled through a competitive bidding process, the report found.

The report, dated Nov. 1, was obtained by The Washington Post through a Freedom of Information Act request. It was completed months after Rudolph left the Fort Belvoir, Va.-based DTRA in February 2013. He was named the vice president of research at Colorado State University in August 2013, while the investigation was ongoing.

Under the advice of his legal counsel, Rudolph declined to be interviewed by investigators unless they granted him immunity from criminal prosecution, the report said. The inspector general's office declined, and Rudolph responded through his attorney.

The report said the lawyer, who is not identified, disagreed with the inspector general's findings, saying that Rudolph did not improperly push for additional personnel. The contractors, not Rudolph, had the ultimate decision on whom to hire, his attorney said.

Rudolph said Thursday in an email that he stands by his attorney's comments in the report. He said he believes the inquiry was "motivated by those who wish to distract from the lack of performance" by the DTRA in dealing with chemical and biological weapons defense. He also cited a decision, reported in 2011, in which the Pentagon cut back a \$1 billion effort to develop new drugs that could help troops and civilians infected in germ warfare after the effort failed to yield enough results.

Eliza A. Pentagon spokeswoman, declined to respond to Rudolph's allegation. The inspector general's office, however, discounted in the report Rudolph's contention that the third-party organizations had primary responsibility for ensuring that government regulations were followed in the hiring of employees contracted out to the DTRA.



JOSEPH SCANLAN/Courtesy of the U.S. Marine Corps

Maintaining the fleet

Lance Cpl. Jordan Thomas, a motor transportation mechanic with 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, installs an oil filter on a Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicle at Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan. Thomas, a native of Garvin, Minn., and four other lance corporals are the five mechanics responsible for all maintenance performed on vehicles in the battalion.

Academy: AD says cadets must uphold school's values

FROM PAGE 5

All that cheering was aimed at helping the academy move on from years of low morale after the school's 2003 sexual assault scandal that saw scores of women come forward with claims that leaders of the school had mishandled or ignored their claims of sexual assault.

But, Mullin said, professors had been asked to do more than cheer.

"Specifically, I was asked personally to run a section of microeconomic theory where I taught it to two students — the two star basketball players on the team at that time," Mullin said. "Not just basketball players — only the two stars."

Mullin said he gave in to the request by his boss in 2005 and taught the course to the smallest class he'd seen — center Nick Welch and guard Antoine Hood, who had led the team to the 2004 NCAA Tournament, where they were knocked out in the first round.

"Antoine Hood received an A- and Nick Welch received a B. How did that happen? I tailored meeting times around their playing schedule," Mullin wrote in an email to The Gazette. "There was a stretch where we didn't meet for two weeks. Everything was customized. I watched over them as they did their homework. We had the DFIG (Department of Economics and Geosciences) conference room regularly booked for our meetings.

"Welch initially was given an incomplete but was allowed to complete the course several months later. This was also most unusual."

Armacost, the dean, admits that the basketball stars got special treatment, but denies there was wrongdoing.

Often, he said, cadets — athletes and non-athletes — encounter scheduling conflicts that require special arrangements. The two stars, he said, needed a class time that didn't conflict with basketball practice.

"I would say what we were trying to do is accommodate the needs of an economics major," Armacost said.

'Culture of noncompliance'

Maj. Gen. Gregory Lengyel, who served as the school's commandant of cadets until

this summer, had a term for the misconduct that took place in recent years across the academy, including on sports teams: a culture of noncompliance.

A few months into his tenure, Johnson said she saw it, too: Cadets were more loyal to teams, cliques and friends than they were to Air Force ideals and the school's honor code.

The code is the essence of character, leaders say, at an institution that turns out lieutenants who will fly bombers or grasp the keys that can launch nuclear missiles.

That's part of the reason past behavior was so upsetting to Johnson that she called coaches to the carpet in December.

In her statement to The Gazette, she described her view of it in milder terms.

"This past behavior was troubling and suggested certain subcultures that were inconsistent with the culture of commitment and climate of respect we work hard to uphold," Johnson wrote in response to the Gazette's findings. "In part, recognition of this prior misconduct has caused us to refocus on our culture and climate."

Johnson has pledged to hold those who run the academy's sports teams and its athletic department responsible for upholding the school's values.

"I've personally visited the Athletic Department on several occasions to meet with the coaches and administrators to communicate my expectations and to highlight their important role in cadet development," she wrote. "The Athletic Department has responded."

A major step in changing the culture of the athletic department is ensuring recruits will uphold the school's values, Mueh said.

"I think everybody now, we have heightened awareness," he said. "We have been hurt by the actions of these really bad actors."

"From here on, the recruiting process will be much more intensive in terms of character."

Calhoun said his coaches are taking a deeper look at the character of recruits. Teachers, school janitors, parents and neighbors are quizzed about the background of prospective athletes, he said. On character issues, anything less than per-

fection is a no-go, he said.

And coaches are on notice that if they turn a blind eye to a recruit's flaws or an athlete's misbehavior on or off the field, consequences will be swift.

"If you're an enabler in any way, if you're tolerating — that's out of line," Calhoun said. "You're not going to work here."

Johnson said she's increasing minimum entrance requirements at the Prep School to weed out weak cadet candidates. Entry requirements had been eased in recent years, the academy said.

The tougher standards for entry to the Prep School will make it harder for athletes who struggle academically to join the cadet wing and academy teams.

"We'll see that in the incoming class," she said.

Another step is demanding that cadets buy into a "culture of commitment."

The academy over the past year has ordered cadets to take greater responsibility over discipline. If they see the kind of partying that took place in the past, they're expected to act. They're ordered to intervene to protect victims and take steps to see that lawbreakers are punished.

"Accountability is a huge part of this and understanding what 'right' looks like," Johnson said.

Thursday, the football team hit the field for its first summer practice.

The players, Calhoun said, are steeped in the academy's values.

"If you have problems with personal skills in regard and respect for others, we don't want you," he said.

Calhoun dodged questions about whether coaches had a responsibility to detect and deter the misconduct that investigators found on the football team. He attributed the trouble to individual cadets who didn't meet his stern standards for conduct.

He said he was shocked by previous athletes' behavior.

Players are told the rules before their first day at the academy, he said.

"To be able to play here, it has to be based upon your merits," he said.

Asked whether he was saddened to see players he mentored gone from the team, Calhoun was stone-faced.

"They don't belong."

NATION

Second missionary with Ebola headed to US

By BILL BARROW
AND KRISTA LARSON
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — A second American missionary stricken with Ebola is expected to fly Tuesday to the U.S. for treatment, following a colleague who was admitted over the weekend to Emory University Hospital's infectious disease unit.

A Liberian official confirmed to The Associated Press plans for Nancy Writebol to depart with a medical evacuation team. The official, Information Minister Lewis Brown, said the evacuation flight was scheduled to leave West Africa between 1 a.m. and 1.30 a.m. local time Tuesday.

Writebol's son, Jeremy Writebol, said his mother "is still struggling" but that "there seems to be improvement" and that the family is optimistic she will recover amid a spreading Ebola outbreak that has killed at least 729 people in Liberia, Guinea and Sierra Leone.

The Writebols' mission team partner, Dr. Kent Brantly, also was impaled Sunday after he was admitted to Emory's quarantine unit a day earlier, according to a statement from his wife.

"Our family is rejoicing over Kent's safe arrival, and we are confident that he is receiving the

very best care," Amber Brantly said, adding that she was able to see her husband Sunday.

Brantly and Nancy Writebol served on the same mission team treating Ebola victims when they contracted the virus themselves. Brantly was serving as a physician in the hospital compound near Monrovia, Liberia, when he became infected. Writebol worked as a hygienist whose role included decontaminating those entering or leaving the Ebola treatment area at that hospital.

Ebola has no vaccine or antidote. However, both Brantly and Writebol were given an experimental treatment last week, according to international relief group Samaritan's Purse. Brantly works for the group, and the group originally said that only Writebol got the treatment. Brantly also received a unit of blood from a 14-year-old boy, an Ebola survivor, who had been under his care, according to the organization.

Emory, where Brantly already is quarantined, boasts one of the nation's most sophisticated infectious disease units. Patients are sealed off from anyone not in protective gear. Lab tests are conducted inside the unit, ensuring that viruses don't leave the quarantined area. Family members see and communicate with patients through barriers.



ORLIN WAGNER/AP

Jeremy Writebol holds a photograph of his mother and father in Wichita, Kan., on Sunday. Jeremy is the son of Nancy Writebol, a missionary stricken with Ebola. Nancy Writebol is expected to fly Tuesday to the U.S. for treatment.

Writebol has now received two doses of an experimental treatment and is showing marked improvement, said Palmer Holt, a spokesman for SIM, the aid organization for which she works.

On Sunday, she was in stable but serious condition. On Monday, she was walking with assistance, Holt said.

Ebola, which causes hemorrhagic fever, kills at least 60 percent of the people it infects in Africa. Ebola spreads through close contact with bodily fluids and blood, meaning it is not spread as easily as airborne influenza or the common cold. Africa's underdeveloped health care system and inadequate infection controls

make it easier for the Ebola virus to spread and harder to treat.

Any modern hospital using standard infection-control measures should be able to handle it, and Emory's infectious disease unit is one of about four in the U.S. that is specially equipped to test and treat people exposed to the most dangerous viruses.

Ala. abortion clinic law ruled unconstitutional

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — An Alabama law restricting doctors at abortion clinics is unconstitutional because it would unduly hamper women's ability to obtain the medical procedure, a federal judge ruled Monday.

U.S. District Judge Myron Thompson, in a 172-page opinion and an accompanying order, said state lawmakers exceeded their authority when they passed a law last year requiring doctors at abortion clinics to have hospital admitting privileges.

Thompson extended an earlier order blocking enforcement of the law and said he would issue a final order after considering more written arguments from lawyers.

Family of 5 found shot to death in Va. home

CULPEPER, Va. — A family of five, including three children, was found shot to death inside their home in a quiet area of north-central Virginia, and authorities said Monday that they're investigating the case as a murder-suicide.

A family member discovered the bodies of the two adults, both 35, and three school-aged children Sunday night, Detective Angela Deavers with the Culpeper County Sheriff's Office said.

The shootings were apparently a murder-suicide, Deavers said. She said she did not have other details, and Virginia State Police would say only that it is assisting in the investigation.



Before you go shopping for a home of your own, get the best loan rates available for veterans from a veteran-owned and operated company that partners with veteran nonprofits and carefully selected lenders.

STARS AND STRIPES

VA Loan Center

Get Real Time Pricing on VA Loans

visit stripes.com/valoans today!

Powered by  VA Loan Captain

NATION

Crews clear mudslides caused by Calif. storms

The Associated Press

MOUNT BALDY, Calif. — About 2,500 people were stranded early Monday after thunderstorms caused mountain mudslides in Southern California. One person was found dead in a flooded creek, authorities said.

Mud, rocks and debris several feet deep blocked roads in the communities of Oak Glen and Forest Falls. All residents in the two towns were accounted for and no injuries were reported, he said.

To the west, a body was found Sunday in a car that was swept into the rain-swollen water course in Mount Baldy and overturned, San Bernardino County Fire spokesman Chris Prater said. No other details were provided.

About 1,500 residents of Oak

Glen and another 1,000 residents of Forest Falls were unable to get out because of thick debris flows caused by flash floods. The stranded include 500 children and adults who had arrived at a Forest Falls campground Sunday morning.

“Our concern is that they’re isolated at that campground and no longer have access out of the mountain,” Kyle Hauducoer, another county fire spokesman, said.

Authorities made reverse 911 calls to urge residents to stay put while crews clear the roads with bulldozers. The muck was so thick it submerged a van in Forest Falls, while on Mount Baldy water swept a hot tub into the road.

Flash floods led to the rescue of several people. Hauducoer said a woman in Mount Baldy was

rescued from her house before it was buried in mud. Four additional homes in the Bear Creek area were damaged by the debris flow, he said.

San Bernardino County resources were stretched thin by the storm. Scores of swift-water rescue teams and fire engines had been dispatched to far-flung areas, county fire Capt. Josh Wilkins told the Los Angeles Times.

“Every rescue unit we have, every fire engine we have in San Bernardino County” had been sent out, Wilkins said. “We are literally approaching the maximum right now in terms of our call volume.”

In the Mount Baldy area, creeks swelled into rivers, submerging cars, Wilkins said. Authorities issued an order telling residents to shelter in place. One group res-



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

An official of the Forest Home Christian Conference Center in Forest Falls, Calif., inspects damage on the property following thunderstorms on Sunday.

cued by emergency crews had been trapped in a home that was threatened by flooding and moving debris.

In the Angeles National Forest, a group of four or five people and a dog were airlifted to safety.

A U.S. Forest Service spokesman told KNBC-TV some campers had seconds to evacuate before a torrent of water washed their tents and belongings.

“It sounded like a freight train

coming through,” Robert Ethridge said.

Monsoonal moisture brought brief but fierce storms to mountain, desert and inland areas. In and around Palm Springs, knee-deep water flooded city streets and stranded vehicles.

The downpour dumped as much as 3½ inches of rain on Forest Falls and nearly 5 inches on Mount Baldy, the National Weather Service said.

Wildfires blackening parts of Calif.

The Associated Press

BURNEY, Calif. — Firefighters were focusing on two wildfires near each other in Northern California that have burned through more than 100 square miles of terrain. One of them was menacing a small town and prompted the evacuation of a long-term care hospital.

The Shasta County sheriff had Burney on an evacuation watch after ordering residents of three small neighboring communities to leave on Saturday night. The state Department of Forestry and Fire Protection said more than 700 residences were threatened.

The two fires, among 14 burning in the state, started within a day of each other in Lassen National Forest and had expanded into private property. About 102 square miles had been scorched as of late Sunday night, up from 39 square miles a day earlier.

Burney was threatened by the more destructive of the two, prompting officials at Mayer Memorial Hospital to evacuate their 49-bed annex for patients with diabetes and other conditions requiring skilled nursing. The patients were transferred to a hospital in Redding, about 55 miles away, the hospital reported on its website.

Authorities reported that eight homes had burned.

Evacuations also remained in effect for a community on the edge of the second fire, which was sparked by lightning Wednesday. About 40 homes were at risk, officials said.

State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection spokesman Dennis Mathisen said Sunday that



CLAY DUDA, RECORD SEARCHLIGHT/AP

Smoke rises from a fire in Burney, Calif., on Sunday.

the two fires were burning through timber and brush left parched by the state’s extended drought. He predicted that the coming week promises not to be any easier.

“Today we are looking at slightly cooler temperatures, but Northern California continues to be hot and dry and breezy in some areas, and in fact we are looking at a fire weather watch going into effect Monday morning for a large portion of Northern and northeast California and possible thunderstorms, which could mean more lightning,” he said.

Gov. Jerry Brown declared a state of emergency Saturday, saying the circumstances and magnitude of the wildfires are beyond the control of any single local government and will require the combined forces of regions to combat.

Siskiyou County, which borders Oregon, also was contending with two major fires, both started by

lightning last week. One of them, which began in Oregon, threatened hundreds of structures and charred nearly 58 square miles in both states as of late Sunday, including 14 square miles on the California side. It burned three homes and other structures, and evacuations remained in place for several neighborhoods in both states.

Federal fire officials said that along with working to protect homes, one of their priorities was to safeguard a water station that supplies the city of Yreka. Brown secured a federal grant to cover 75 percent of the cost to fight the blaze.

Meanwhile, federal officials asked residents in two communities southwest of Yreka to start preparing to evacuate because of advancing flames from a cluster of blazes that had charred 8.6 square miles by Sunday.

Toledo lifts ban on drinking tap water

By NOLAN ROSENKRANS
The Toledo, Ohio Blade

TOLEDO, Ohio — The ban on drinking water in northwest Ohio was lifted early Monday after tests of Toledo water showed safe levels of the toxin microcystin.

Toledo Mayor D. Michael Collins announced at a 9:30 a.m. news conference that all tests in the city showed nondetectable levels of the toxin, meaning that a ban on consumption of the water that had been in place since early Saturday morning was lifted.

“Our water is safe,” he said.

To demonstrate his confidence, Collins finished the cup of Toledo water.

“Here’s to you, Toledo. You did a great job,” he said.

City leaders said the cost of dealing with the crisis was high, but said they did not yet know a dollar amount. Residents were told to flush their water systems if they had not used water since Saturday. Directions on how to flush homes and businesses would be put on the city’s website.

Those who followed a water regularly since the ban could use the system safely immediately. City officials stressed that residents should not overburden the water system by everyone turning on their water at once.

The news followed a late-night news conference at which Collins announced that the advisory against drinking the city’s tap water or returning to normal usage operations would stay in effect until further notice.

That was despite test results from the Ohio Environmen-



PAUL SANCTA/AP

Toledo Mayor D. Michael Collins drinks a glass of tap water after a news conference in Toledo, Ohio, on Monday.

tal Protection Agency and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency that suggested the algae-induced toxin has probably dissipated to safe levels.

The level in two samples of water taken by city employees was found to be approaching 1.0 ppb in one of them and just over 1.0 ppb in the other, Collins said. While there is no state or federally mandated limit for microcystin — the potentially deadly toxin in a harmful form of blue-green algae known as microcystis — the World Health Organization has recommended that the drinking water concentration be kept at 1.0 ppb or less.

The latest tests performed by the Ohio EPA and the U.S. EPA had both come back negative even though the tests were performed differently.

WORLD

Islamic State takes on Kurds, Lebanon

By MITCH PROTHERO
McClatchy Foreign Staff

IRBIL, Iraq — The Islamic State expanded two fronts Sunday, defeating Kurdish troops protecting a major dam and, in Lebanon, attacking a series of army posts along the border with Syria. It was the worst spillover of fighting into Lebanon since the start of the civil war in neighboring Syria.

Fighting on both fronts, which has previously been limited to small-scale clashes between local security forces and fighters from the Islamic State, began Saturday as it appeared the newly announced Islamic caliphate was pushing to expand on both its eastern and western borders into new territory, the first such expansion into new territory since it took over much of northern and central Iraq and merged it with previously held territory in eastern Syria to form a caliphate announced last

month by the group's leader, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi.

After repelling an attack by militants on Saturday, Kurdish troops in Zummar, a small village adjacent to Mosul Dam, the largest in northern Iraq, were overrun Sunday and local media reported that the dam itself fell later in the evening.

A Kurdish intelligence official, who could not speak on the record about security matters, confirmed that Zummar and the western Iraqi town of Sinjar had fallen to the Islamic State on Sunday but denied that the dam, which controls most of the agricultural water flow in northern Iraq and has been described by officials in the past as poorly maintained, had fallen to the radicals.

"The Mosul Dam remains secure, The propaganda reports from the Baghdad television stations are just trying to cause panic," he said. "We are moving reinforcements into the area and will begin an opera-

tion to retake these lost villages and possibly confront the terrorists with an attack on Mosul in the coming days."

The loss of the dam would not only put the Islamic State in control of one of Iraq's largest supplies of water, but also could flood most of the neighboring provinces should the levee break — a realistic concern, according to one expert.

"That dam is a nightmare," said a security consultant for a western oil company with operations in northern Iraq. "It's poorly maintained and while it doesn't control drinking water, it does put all of the irrigation water from here to Baghdad in the hands of Daesh (the Arabic acronym for the Islamic State). And if it failed, the flooding would be catastrophic."

The strategic loss of Zummar and possibly the Mosul Dam was compounded by a potential humanitarian catastrophe as the radical rebels also overran the town of Sinjar.

Iraq offers Kurds air support

BAGHDAD — Iraq's Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki has called upon his country's armed forces to help Kurdish forces battle a Sunni militant offensive in northern Iraq that has caused tens of thousands of people from the minority Yazidi community to flee their homes.

Iraqi military spokesman Lt. Gen. Qasim al-Moussawi said Monday that al-Maliki has commanded the air force to provide aerial support to the Kurds in the first sign of cooperation between the two militaries since Iraq's second-largest city, Mosul, was captured by the militants on June 10.

Iraq is facing its worst crisis since the 2006 civil war when the Islamic State group captured large swaths of land straddling the Syria-Iraq border with the goal of establishing a self-styled caliphate.

From The Associated Press

Conflicting accounts given on Ukrainian soldiers in Russian

By LAURA MILLS
The Associated Press

MOSCOW — A Russian border security official said Monday that more than 400 Ukrainian soldiers have crossed into Russia, although both sides gave conflicting accounts as to why they had decided to cross the border.

The Russian official said the soldiers deserted the Kiev government and the Russian side opened a safe corridor. A Ukrainian military official, who did not give a number for the soldiers involved, said they were forced into Russian territory by rebel fire after running out of ammunition.

Pro-Russia separatists in eastern Ukraine have been battling the Kiev government since April, a conflict that has claimed at least 1,129 civilian casualties, according to a U.N. estimate. Ukraine and Western countries have accused Russia of providing the rebels with equipment and expertise, a claim that the Russian government has repeatedly denied.

The West has also accused Russia of most likely providing the eastern and western regions of air missiles that may have been used to shoot down a Malaysia Airlines passenger jet over rebel-held territory on July 17, killing all 298 people on board.

A Dutch plane carrying victims of the disaster from the crash site took off from Kharkiv on Monday. The plane was also carrying personal belongings of victims back to the Netherlands.

The Interfax news agency reported Monday that Russia's air force began military drills in eastern and western regions of the country, a move that could spark further fears that Moscow is ready to flex its military muscle in Ukraine.

The drills will start Monday and last through Friday, air force chief Igor Kilimov was reported as saying, and will involve more than 100 fighter jets and helicopters.



DMITRY LOVETSKY/AP

A man walks past a pro-Russia rebel army's agitation poster, left, in the city of Donetsk, eastern Ukraine, on Monday. In Ukraine fighting, meanwhile, there are conflicting accounts of Ukrainian soldiers crossing the border into Russia.

Vasily Malayev, head of the Federal Security Service's border patrol in the Rostov region, said that 438 Ukrainian soldiers had crossed into Russian territory on Monday. He said the Russian side had allowed the soldiers to safely enter the country overnight.

The ITAR-Tass news agency quoted Malayev as saying that 180 of the soldiers had requested to be sent back to Ukraine, and that the Russian side would help them travel back.

Russia's Defense Ministry couldn't immediately be reached for comment.

The Ukrainian military confirmed that part of a brigade had most likely crossed into Russian territory, although it disputed Russia's version of events and wouldn't say how many soldiers went over.

A spokesman for the Ukrainian military operation in the east, Olexsij Dmitrashkovsky, said troops from the army's 72nd Bri-

gade were penned into their position and came under a sustained barrage of fire from separatist forces. Rebel fighters used tanks, mortars, artillery and Grad missile launchers over four hours, Dmitrashkovsky said, and eventually the brigade was forced to divide up into two sections.

"One was meant to break out and join forces with a support unit. The other unit had the task of providing fire cover," Dmitrashkovsky said. "In doing that they fired their weapons until no ammunition remained, after which they abandoned their position and reached a place near a border crossing on Russian territory."

Dmitrashkovsky said it was too early to confirm how many soldiers had crossed into Russia.

"We do not have such information. The Russians are capable of claiming anything they want," he said.

Grand Plastic Surgery

YOU CAN HAVE IT ALL WITH GRAND PLASTIC SURGERY

EYES & NOSE CORRECTIONS	FACIAL CONTOURING	BREAST CARE	BODY CONTOURING	ANTI AGING
-------------------------	-------------------	-------------	-----------------	------------

Bringing out your true *beauty*



Before After



Before After



Actress *Clara*

Open Weekdays : 10am - 7pm
Open Saturday : 10am - 5pm
 Closed on Sunday and Public Holidays

FOR MORE INFORMATION
Phone (+82)70-7119-1580 / (+82)10-7156-6546
E-mail eng.grandplasticsurgery@gmail.com
Website http://eng.grandsurgery.com

Grand plastic surgery, combining expertise with excellence

- For a Flawless and a natural look
- Korea's biggest plastic surgery center with 9 specialized clinics and 2 plastic surgery centers
- Using the world's leading technology and the most specialized team
- Reliable, safe and effective
- Personalized surgery for the individual body features
- Allowing the body to be more balanced and well shaped



GRAND PLASTIC SURGERY

WORLD



ODED BALLY/AP

Israeli soldiers, friends and relatives mourn over the grave of Israeli Army 2nd Lt. Hadar Goldin during his funeral at the military cemetery in the central Israeli city of Kfar Saba on Sunday.

Cease-fire slows, but doesn't end, violence in Gaza

By **IRAHIM BARZAK** AND **PETER ENAV**
The Associated Press

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — An Israeli-declared temporary cease-fire and troop withdrawals slowed violence in the Gaza war Monday, though an attack on an Israeli bus that killed one person in Jerusalem underscored the tensions still simmering in the region.

Several cease-fires have broken down during the 3½-week war — including Friday when an internationally negotiated truce collapsed amid violence and mutual recrimination between Israel and Hamas.

But with Hamas rocket fire tapering off over the last 24 hours and Israel's ground operation in Gaza winding down, violence in a war that officials say has killed more than 1,880 Palestinians and over 60 Israelis appeared — for the moment — to be waning.

The lull was broken by the Jerusalem assault, which saw a man ram the front end of a construction excavator into an Israeli bus. Police described the incident as a "terrorist attack," indicating Palestinian involvement.

The attack occurred on a main thoroughfare near Jerusalem's light-rail line. The area is near the unofficial line between Jewish West Jerusalem and east Jerusalem, the section of the city captured by Israel in 1967 and which is home to most of the city's Arab population. Israeli media said the attacker came from an Arab area of the city.

Israel's Channel 10 TV showed cellphone video of what it said was the attack, with the yellow excavator slamming its large shovel into the bus. Police spokesman Mickey Rosenfeld said a police officer in the area opened fire and killed the attacker. A pedestrian also

was killed, Jerusalem district Police Chief Yossi Piranti said.

In the past, Palestinian attackers have gone on deadly rampages with bulldozers in Jerusalem traffic.

"Because of the quick reaction of the police an even graver incident was avoided," Piranti said.

Shortly after the excavator attack, Israeli media reported that a gunman on a motorcycle shot and seriously wounded an Israeli soldier. Police searched for the shooter in east Jerusalem.

Before the attacks, a seven-hour Israeli cease-fire in Gaza went into effect. While Israel continued hitting at selected Palestinian targets, the level of the fighting was much lower than in previous days.

However, the Israeli military said the cease-fire would not apply to areas where troops were still operating and where they would respond to any attack. The southern strip town of Rafah, which saw heavy fighting Sunday, was excluded from the truce, the military said.

Shortly after the cease-fire started at 10 a.m. (7 a.m. GMT), an Israeli strike hit a house at the Shati refugee camp in the northern Gaza Strip, killing three people and wounding at least 30, Gaza health official Ashraf al-Kidra said. The Israeli military said it targeted an "operative threat" and rocket fire in the strike "around 10 a.m."

A separate Israeli strike killed Daniel Mansour, a commander in the Islamic Jihad group, a close ally of Gaza's militant Palestinian Hamas rulers, the group said.

Hamas spokesman Sami Abu Zuhri said his group remained skeptical about the announced Israeli truce.

"We do not trust such a calm any more on our people to take caution," Zuhri said.



KHALIL HAMRA/AP

Palestinian medics treat a wounded girl at the Kuwaiti hospital at Rafah refugee camp in southern Gaza Strip on Monday. Israel withdrew most of its ground troops from the Gaza Strip on Sunday.

'This madness must stop,' UN chief says after Gaza refuge is shelled

By **AURA KING** AND **BATSHEVA SOBELMAN**
Los Angeles Times

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Once again, a place of refuge proved a deathtrap.

At least two explosions rocked a boys' school in the southern Gaza city of Rafah that had been designated as a United Nations shelter for Gazans fleeing days of fighting. Palestinian officials said at least 10 people were killed and about three dozen others injured in blasts at the gates of the compound.

The Israeli military said it was investigating the incident, the latest of at least half a dozen deadly strikes on or near U.N. facilities in Gaza during nearly four weeks of fighting. Israel has acknowledged accidentally bombarding one school where people were sheltering, but has blamed other strikes on errant Palestinian rocket fire or said its troops were hitting back at a source of fire from suspected Hamas fighters.

"This madness must stop," U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, who has taken part in failed mediation efforts, said in a statement. However, he did not assign blame for the attack.

A strongly worded U.S. statement appeared to suggest Israel was to blame for shelling near the school run by the U.N. Relief and Works Agency.

"The United States is appalled by today's disgraceful shelling outside a UNRWA school in Rafah sheltering some 3,000 displaced persons, in which at least 10 more Palestinian civilians were tragically killed," said State Department spokesman Jen Psaki.

The State Department comments were among the strongest to date criticizing Israel for the rising civilian death toll. In previous statements, the Obama administration had been careful to avoid assigning blame and fre-

France: Israel rights don't justify 'carnage'

PARIS — Israel's right to security does not justify the "massacre" of civilians, France's foreign minister said Monday in unusually harsh language against a close ally. The French president said Gaza was among the wars that called into question any ability to remain neutral.

"How many more deaths must there be to stop what must be called the carnage in Gaza?" Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius said. "The tradition of friendship between France and Israel is old and Israel's right to security is total, but this right does not justify the killing of children and the

massacre of civilians."

Fabius said a cease-fire, followed by a two-state solution, is needed and "should be imposed by the international community because, despite numerous attempts, the two sides have shown themselves to be incapable of concluding negotiations."

In a speech commemorating the 100th anniversary of the start of World War I, French President Francois Hollande said wars raging near Europe's borders called neutrality into question.

"How can we remain neutral, when in Gaza a deadly conflict endures for nearly a month?" Hollande said. "There is an obligation to act."

From The Associated Press

quently focused on Israel's right to respond to Hamas rockets.

The stronger rhetoric may reflect a growing U.S. frustration with the reluctance by both sides to resolve the conflict.

Last week, after Hamas was blamed for breaking a cease-fire agreement and killing three Israeli soldiers, the U.S. called the attack an "outrageous violation."

Witnesses in Rafah, a bedraggled town on the Egyptian border that has been the scene of intense battles since Friday, described a chaotic scene after explosions hit Palestinians lined up for much-needed supplies outside the school. The facility was used as a U.N. shelter, and thousands of displaced people were taking refuge there. Some inside the grounds were hurt as well, medics said.

Children were among the dead and injured, according to witnesses and officials. Television footage showed overwhelmed medical personnel cradling limp, blood-soaked bundles, able to offer only

rudimentary open-air treatment to most of the wounded.

"Blood was mixing with spilled water, like a waterfall," said Abou Nijem, who lives close to the site of the explosions.

Rafah and its environs have been pummeled by Israeli airstrikes since militant fighters emerged from a tunnel Friday morning, ambushing and killing two Israeli soldiers.

A third, 2nd Lt. Hadar Goldin, had been feared captured. But Sunday, the Israeli military said that based on evidence gathered from the scene, he had been declared dead. His funeral Sunday drew thousands of mourners.

Israel's minister of defense, Moshe Yaalon, also revealed a familial tie to Goldin, which was withheld while the soldier was missing. Yaalon's grandfather was brother to Goldin's great-grandmother, he said on Twitter, and he had known the lieutenant since he was a child.

WORLD



PHOTOS BY VIRGINIA MAYO/AP

A young girl releases a white balloon in front of Belgian King Philippe during a ceremony at the Cointe Allies' Memorial in Liege, Belgium, on Monday to mark the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of World War I.

Former enemies unite to mark WWI

By VIRGINIA MAYO
AND RAF CASERT
The Associated Press

LIEGE, Belgium — Former enemies during World War I united for ceremonies surrounding the 100th anniversary of the start of the conflict, with Belgium, France, Germany and Britain standing together at an Allied memorial Monday to commemorate one of the great early battles.

In a spirit of reconciliation, Belgian King Philippe and Queen Mathilde welcomed German President Joachim Gauck under cloudy skies for the late-morning ceremony amid pomp and military honor.

Germany invaded neutral Belgium on Aug. 4, 1914 as part of a planned attack on France. By nightfall, Britain had joined the war.

The war wasn't expected to last long. Instead of weeks, the continent was plunged into unknown hardship and misery for more than four years.

Gauck will join British Princes William and Harry at the Saint Symphorien cemetery late Monday for a similar remembrance. In Britain, there will be ceremonies in Glasgow, Scotland, and a candlelit vigil at London's Westminster Abbey.

On Sunday, an intense hug between Gauck and French President Francois Hollande during a

remembrance ceremony in eastern France close to the German border sealed again the friendship between the two neighbors, which have become the cornerstones of the European Union.

Monday's ceremony in Liege was significant since the battle for the forts around the city meant the first delay for Germany's enveloping move through Belgium, the so-called Schlieffen Plan strategy to defeat France in a matter of weeks.

Liege held much longer than expected and allowed the allied forces to gather strength and keep Germany at bay within dozens of miles of Paris.

By the end of autumn 1914, both sides dug in, and from the early battles the war quickly changed into trench warfare on the Western Front, with hundreds of thousands of casualties in a barren landscape where poison gas often wafted through the air.

The battlefield scars would slowly and agonizingly rip across Europe, ravage whole communities and millions of families. It produced a moral wasteland in Germany that would become fertile ground for the rise of Nazism. Four empires would disappear.

The U.S. joined the allies against the German and Austro-Hungarian empires in 1917 and provided a decisive impetus to break the deadlock before the Nov. 11, 1918, armistice.



French President Francois Hollande, left, embraces German President Joachim Gauck at the World War I commemoration Monday.

Stronger Bertha set to pass along East Coast

PROVIDENCIALES, Turks & Caicos Islands — A strengthened Tropical Storm Bertha swirled northward across open sea early Monday after brushing the Turks & Caicos Islands and southeastern Bahamas, while forecasters predicted the storm likely won't make landfall as it passes along the U.S. East Coast.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami said the storm also was likely to miss Bermuda while beginning to curve north-northeastward and stay out in the Atlantic.

Scores of survivors dug out from China quake

KUNMING, China — Rescuers found scores of survivors on Monday as they dug through homes shattered by an earthquake in southern China that killed at least 398 people and injured more than 1,800. Rainstorms were expected to continue to hinder rescue efforts over the coming days.

About 12,000 homes collapsed when the quake struck Sunday afternoon in impoverished Ludian county, around 230 miles north-east of Yunnan province's capital, Kunming, the official Xinhua News Agency reported.

Medics were reporting severe shortages of medicine and an inability to perform operations on the severely injured, Xinhua said.

Ferry carrying hundreds capsized in Bangladesh

LOUHAJONG, Bangladesh — A passenger ferry carrying hundreds of people capsized Monday in central Bangladesh, killing at least two people and probably many more as horrified villagers watched from the shore, authorities said.

Local media said there were about 250 passengers on board the M.V. Pinak.

Azizul Haque, who survived by swimming to shore, said he jumped overboard when it became clear the ferry was going down.

"The ferry went out of control due to wind and current hitting from one side to the other," Haque, 30, said. "Then the captain jumped out because he probably understood it was sinking."

Guam man found guilty of murder in rampage

HAGATNA, Guam — A jury convicted a Guam man Monday of murdering three Japanese tourists in a crash and stabbing rampage last year that hurt 11 others.

The panel rejected the mental illness defense of Chad Ryan DeSoto, 22. His lawyers argued he spiraled out of control into psychosis after his grandfather died and his girlfriend moved to Utah.

The jury agreed with prosecutors who say DeSoto knew what he was doing during the attack in a busy tourist spot on Feb. 12, 2013. DeSoto was accused of barreling his car down a busy sidewalk, crashing it into a convenience store and getting out and stabbing people who were nearby.

DeSoto faces life in prison without the possibility of parole when he is sentenced Sept. 25.

From The Associated Press

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Police: Teens made drug brownies during break-in

PA COLLEGEVILLE — Police say two 17-year-old boys have been charged in juvenile court with breaking into a southeastern Pennsylvania home — and baking drug-laced brownies while they were inside.

Police in Perkiomen Township aren't identifying the boys because they've been charged in Montgomery County Juvenile Court.

Police said the incident happened about 10 p.m. July 22, though the department didn't publicly report the incident until late last week.

Police said the boys were also found with more than two pounds of the unspecified drug used to make the brownies, and other drug paraphernalia.

Boy lost in NYC calls it 'greatest day of my life'

NY NEW YORK — A 9-year-old boy who got separated from his family at the Central Park Zoo said being lost for two hours in New York City was the greatest day of his life.

The Daily News reported that Chris Villavicencio, of Union City, N.J., got separated from his parents and younger sister Saturday afternoon.

He left the zoo and wandered around Times Square until police found him at the Port Authority Bus Terminal more than a mile away.

Meanwhile, the boy's panicked parents reported him missing to police in Central Park.

When the family was reunited, Chris's father clutched him tightly and wept.

The boy told the Daily News, "This was the greatest day of my life because this was the first day I was at the police station!"

Police: Drunk entered car with officers inside

PA PITTSBURGH — Pittsburgh police said a drunken woman tried to drive away in an unmarked police car — with two officers still inside.

According to a criminal complaint, Ria Buford, 32, got into the car about 2:15 a.m. Saturday outside a nightclub that was hosting a party after a Wiz Khalifa concert. Police said she sat in the driver's seat and told the two plainclothes officers in the back that she intended to drive the vehicle to where her own was parked.

Police said Buford was arrested before she could drive anywhere. A man who intervened in her arrest also was charged.

Online court records don't list an attorney for Buford. She faces a preliminary hearing Thursday on charges of robbery of a motor vehicle, disorderly conduct and public drunkenness.

Schools consider banning spanking

NC JACKSONVILLE — Onslow County, N.C., schools are considering banning the spanking of students.



HEATHER LEIPHART, THE (PANAMA CITY, FLA.) NEWS HERALD/AP

Prize possum

U.S. Rep Steve Southerland, R-Fla., grins after winning an auctioned opossum Saturday in Wausau, Fla., during the Wausau Possum Festival, typically a must-attend event for statewide candidates.

The Daily News of Jacksonville reported the school board will discuss a ban on corporal punishment at Tuesday's meeting.

A report says spanking is rarely used in the district. Just one instance of paddling was reported in the county during the 2012-13 school year.

Children's advocacy group NC Child says only six school districts in the state still allow corporal punishment, and only two of them have used it more than a few times.

The group sent a letter to districts that still allow spankings asking them to stop because they think it is a poor way to enforce discipline.

Plane diverted over disruptive passenger

TN NASHVILLE — An American Airlines plane flying from Dallas to Boston was diverted to Nashville after a passenger became disruptive and reportedly ran toward the plane's cockpit.

American Airlines spokesman Kent Powell told The Associated Press on Sunday that Flight 2214 landed in Nashville about 9 p.m.

Powell did not identify the passenger or provide details about what she did. However, according to WKRN-TV, police identified the woman as Mary Lentz, 55, of New Mexico.

Police said a passenger ran toward the cockpit of the Boeing 737 aircraft and allegedly kicked several officers during her arrest.

Lentz was charged with three counts of assault on an officer, assault with bodily injury, disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

She was being held in the Davidson County Jail on \$30,000 bail.

Mechanical explosion at eggnog lab injures 2

NJ TOTOWA — A fire official said a mechanical failure apparently caused two explosions at a food laboratory in northern New Jersey, leaving two workers with cuts and bruises.

Totowa Fire Marshal Allen Del Vecchio told The Star-Ledger he felt the blast from Pharmachem Laboratories in Totowa at his house a mile away.

Pharmachem produces ingredients that flavor foods. Workers

say they had just started on a new recipe for eggnog when the blast occurred.

Del Vecchio said the first explosion apparently came from a furnace-like device that was heating a vat containing eggnog flavoring ingredients. A subsequent blast apparently involved a pocket of hot air or gas that had built up inside the vat.

Teen gets probation in sexting case

VA MANASSAS — A Virginia teenager has been given a year on probation in a sexting case that once included a search warrant for a picture of his genitals.

A judge on Friday placed the teen on probation and said he would consider dismissing the two child pornography counts against the teen if he stays free of trouble for a year.

The case drew attention because police at one point sought to take pictures of the teen's erect penis in order to prove the case against him. Police and prosecutors faced criticism, and police later said they would not seek the photos. Police wanted the pictures

to compare with images he is accused of sending to his girlfriend, who was 15 at the time.

Family gets Vietnam vet bracelet, 44 years later

TX DALLAS — The family of a soldier who died in captivity in Vietnam has received a prisoner-of-war bracelet engraved with his name, four decades later.

LaWanna Williams said that in 1970, she purchased a POW bracelet with the name of Staff Sgt. Dennis Hammond, held in captivity by the Viet Cong.

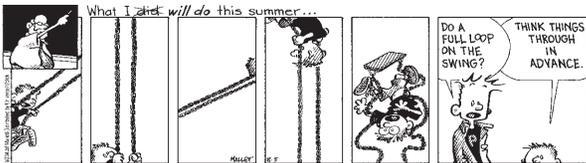
Williams prayed for Hammond and considered the bracelet a companion through graduate school. She prayed for him regularly for the next 44 years.

It wasn't until earlier this year that she searched the Internet to see what happened to him. He had died after trying to escape a prison camp.

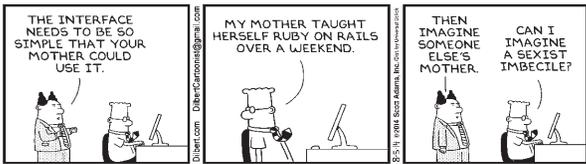
Williams tracked down Hammond's sister, Carlene Tackitt, and eventually mailed her the bracelet. Tackitt said she was surprised and comforted by the unexpected gift.

From wire reports

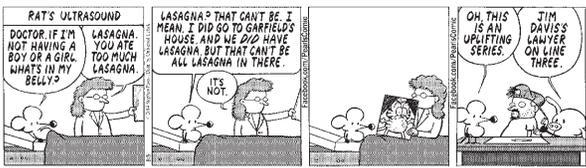
Frazz



Dilbert



Pearls Before Swine



Non Sequitur



Candorville



Get Fuzzy



Doonesbury



Fort Knox



Eugene Sheffer Crossword

1	2	3	4		5	6	7		8	9	10	11	
12						13				14			
15					16				17				
		18					19	20					
21	22	23				24							
25					26					27	28	29	
30					31						32		
33			34							35			
					36					37			
38	39	40						41					
42						43	44				45	46	47
48										49		50	
51										52		53	

ACROSS

- 1 Transmit
- 5 Gratitude
- 8 Begged
- 12 Equal
- 13 Weeding implement
- 14 Anger
- 15 Making changes
- 17 One-named supermodel
- 18 Greek consonants
- 19 Avaricious
- 21 Bit part for a star
- 24 Coloring agents
- 25 Elliptical
- 26 Showing a connection
- 30 Gender
- 31 Wasn't well
- 32 Sticky stuff
- 33 Awkward romantic situation

DOWN

- 13 Take five
- 23 Long skirt
- 24 Secluded valleys
- 26 Stiffness
- 27 Borodin's Prince
- 28 Mrs. Nick Charles
- 29 Soccer score
- 31 Singer-songwriter
- 34 In Paul
- 5 "— above all ..."
- 6 Charged bit
- 7 "Fever" singer
- 8 Church VIP
- 9 Hobbling
- 10 "Zounds!"
- 11 Say it isn't so
- 16 Carnival city
- 20 Peruse
- 21 Expenditure
- 22 State with certainty
- 34 In dreamland
- 35 Type of 2-Dow
- 37 Larry's pal
- 38 Luxuriate (in)
- 39 Wings
- 40 Like a lot
- 41 Ollie's partner
- 44 Ultramodern (Pref.)
- 45 "Norma —"
- 46 Donkey
- 47 Allow

Answer to Previous Puzzle

D	A	H	S	A	I	N	T	C	O	B
O	D	E	O	S	C	A	R	A	B	E
C	A	R	P	A	T	H	I	A	R	O
		O	R	O	L	I	M	P	E	D
R	A	C	I	E	R	S	L	O	E	
A	L	A	D	I	P	S	O	N	G	S
G	A	R	P	A	E	S	S	T	A	T
A	S	P	E	R	G	E	M	E	M	U
		O	D	A	S	R	O	A	R	E
M	A	O	I	S	T	A	L	F		
O	I	L	C	A	R	P	E	T	B	A
A	D	E	A	G	N	E	S	I	V	Y
B	A	R	L	E	A	S	T	G	A	M

8-5

CRYPTOQUIP

R U T I F D P K H H C T X U L K B G
 F L D R M L U C G K D F L D R D C K U B L
 C T K H H M R D L K D L D . X L K F L
 K U R P P I U R C V B T P P I U R C V .
 Yesterday's Cryptquip: I LIKED THIS SO MUCH MORE AFTER I WAITED AROUND A FEW YEARS. WHAT A DIFFERENCE A DELAY MAKES!
 Today's Cryptquip Clue: H equals L

FACES



Disney-Marvel

Gamora (Zoe Saldana), Peter Quill/Star-Lord (Chris Pratt), Rocket Raccoon (voiced by Bradley Cooper), Drax The Destroyer (Dave Bautista) and Groot (voiced by Vin Diesel) are a motley group in "The Guardians of the Galaxy." The movie set a record for the best August opening ever with \$94 million.

Obscure Marvel tale surprisingly successful, sets August record with \$94 million opening

By MARK OLSEN
Los Angeles Times

A raccoon in space and a talking tree might not seem the stuff of box-office magic, but "Guardians of the Galaxy" exceeded expectations with an estimated \$94 million in the U.S. and Canada this weekend at the box office.

That set a record for the biggest August opening of all time and is the third-highest opening of 2014. Only "Transformers: Age of Extinction" and "Captain America: The Winter Soldier" opened better than "Guardians" this year.

Though it's part of the same Marvel Studios brand behind the "Captain America," "Iron Man" and "Avengers" movies, "Guardians of the Galaxy" was not the most obvious mega-budget blockbuster. Drawn from a relatively obscure comic book within the universe of Marvel titles, the film, starring Chris Pratt, Zoe Saldana, Bradley Cooper and Vin Diesel, got some unexpected comedic snap from director and co-screenwriter James Gunn.

Audiences and critics alike have responded well, with an A grade from audience polling firm Cinemascore and a more than 90 percent positive rating on the Rotten Tomatoes website.

The movie's surprise success (studio projections and audience surveys had predicted an opening of \$60 million to \$75 million heading into the weekend) is an indicator of pent-up moviegoer demand during a slumping summer, said Dave Hol-

lis, Walt Disney Studios' executive vice president of theatrical distribution. He acknowledged that "Guardians" benefited from being under Marvel's umbrella while also offering a new story, one that is more space adventure than superhero movie. "This, as a choice — of course it's genius today, but was fraught with risks and challenges," Hollis said on Sunday. "It was a departure from the traditional superhero fare that had been so successful for Marvel. But the brand has such extraordinary momentum."

The weekend's other big opener was "Get On Up," a biopic of the singer James Brown starring Chadwick Boseman, which came in third with an estimated \$14 million. The Luc Besson-directed action romp "Lucy," starring Scarlett Johansson, brought in an estimated \$18.3 million in its second week to take the No. 2 spot over the weekend. Universal Pictures also had the No. 7 film for the weekend, the low-budget horror-thriller sequel "The Purge: Anarchy," which made an additional \$5.6 million. With a cumulative gross of \$63 million, the film is expected to overtake the 2013 original this week.

"Hercules," starring Dwayne Johnson, came in No. 4 for the weekend with an estimated \$10.7 million, bringing its cumulative total to almost \$53 million in its second week of release.

Paramount's "Transformers: The Age of Extinction," the year's highest-grossing film to date, crossed the \$1 billion mark worldwide.

Director accepts Spielberg invitation 12 years later

The Associated Press

Steven Spielberg asked Lasse Hallstrom to work with him more than a dozen years ago, but the Swedish filmmaker only recently accepted the invitation.

Hallstrom said he experienced "traumatic suffering" when he had to decline the chance to direct 2002's "Catch Me If You Can," which Spielberg went on to direct himself.

The trauma was finally resolved, Hallstrom said, when the two filmmakers joined forces on "The Hundred-Foot Journey," which Hallstrom directed and Spielberg produced, along with Oprah Winfrey and "Ted Talks" curator Juliet Blake. "I've been admiring him for a very long time," Hallstrom said of Spielberg, giddily noting the two are about the same age. (Hallstrom is 68, Spielberg is 67.)

"To work with him as a producer, that was heavenly," Hallstrom said during a recent interview to promote the film. "To have him in the editing room for a couple days giving his ideas on it, and to have his comments on the dailies, (was) really helpful. And good ideas for the script, too. "So it was like we made it together, me and Steven Spielberg." "The Hundred-Foot Journey" stars Helen Mirren as the prickly, prideful owner of a Michelin-rated French restaurant who bristles when an Indian family opens their own eatery across the street. The film opens Friday.



Hallstrom



Spielberg

Annenberg school, which examined the top 100 grossing films in 2013.

Seventy-four percent of the actors were white, compared with a U.S. population that's 63 percent white.

Black characters represented about 14 percent of speaking roles, which is comparable to America's 13 percent black population. But 17 percent of the films examined in the study did not have a single black actor.

Asians filled 4 percent of roles, compared with their 5.3 percent of the U.S. population.

Police: 'The Wire' actor stabbed at US nightclub

Authorities say actor Anwan Glover, known for playing a gang member in the TV series "The Wire," has been treated for a laceration after he reportedly being stabbed and kicked at a Washington, D.C., nightclub.

Authorities say Glover was treated for a laceration to the torso at George Washington University Hospital. His condition wasn't immediately known.

The 41-year-old actor lives in most recently appeared in the Oscar-winning movie "12 Years a Slave."

Other news

■ "American Idol" contestant Michael Johns, who appeared in season 7 of the hit Fox singing competition and was voted off in an eighth-round stunner, died Aug. 1. He was 35. A cause of death was not immediately available.

■ Robert Kennedy Jr. and "Curb Your Enthusiasm" actress Cheryl Hines married Aug. 2 at the Kennedy compound in Hyannis Port on Cape Cod. Kennedy, 60, is an environmental lawyer and activist, and son of the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy and nephew of President John F. Kennedy and the late Sen. Edward Kennedy. It is his third marriage. Hines, 48, has been nominated twice for Emmys for her role playing Larry David's wife on HBO's "Curb Your Enthusiasm."

Few roles for Hispanics in top Hollywood movies

A new study shows that Hispanic actors are underrepresented in top Hollywood films.

Hispanics, while making up 17 percent of the U.S. population, had only 4.9 percent of film roles, according to the study by University of Southern California's

Trombone Shorty replaces teen's stolen instrument

By JANET MCCONNAUGHEY
The Associated Press

A 14-year-old whose trombone was stolen at gunpoint has a new one thanks to musician Troy Andrews, much better known as Trombone Shorty.

Bill Taylor, executive director of the Trombone Shorty Foundation, said he delivered the instrument, which is engraved with the name "Trombone Shorty," on Aug. 2.

He was like speechless. And I got Troy on the phone. As soon as I gave him the horn I had Shorty

on the line and gave him the phone," Taylor said.

Andrews described the phone call in an emailed statement: "He was full of joy, thankful and happy. I think we were both very excited to speak to each other. He seems like a cool kid and I'm happy that after a situation like that, I can help to put a smile on his face."

The foundation didn't release the boy's name. The mother accepted the offer of the new trombone after receiving assurances that the boy's name wouldn't be released because she feared for

his safety.

He was walking home from band practice Thursday night in the middle-class neighborhood around his school when a gunman jumped from a van and grabbed his shirt, demanding his trombone, New Orleans police said.

The boy yanked himself away and ran, but dropped the instrument when he heard gunshots.

The trombone was delivered before Andrews went on stage Aug. 2 at the Newport Jazz Festival, Taylor said. Trombones cost anywhere from \$80 to thousands of dollars.



MICHAEL DWYER/AP

Trombone Shorty performs at the Newport Jazz Festival in Newport, R.I., Aug. 2. Shorty arranged for a new trombone to be delivered that day to a teen in New Orleans who had had one stolen last week.

SHIFTING GEARS

Chrysler visionary Exner driven to changes

By MARK PHELAN
Detroit Free Press

Virgil M. Exner, king of the tail fin and the designer who helped save Chrysler with an injection of style that shook up the industry, got his due July 27 when the Concours d'Elegance of America honored some of his finest works.

"He was one of the giants of the golden years of automotive design," said Matt Anderson, curator of transportation at the Henry Ford museum and Greenfield Village in Dearborn, Mich. "He was also one of the few who worked with other giants."

Exner began his career at General Motors in 1934, hired by Harley Earl, the man who created the very concept of automotive design. After rising to director of Pontiac design in a few years, Exner left GM to work with another towering figure, Raymond Loewy, whose work ranged from the Studebaker Avanti to the blue-and-white delivery of Air Force One to the Coca-Cola



Exner

machine — but not, as is often reported, the original Coke bottle.

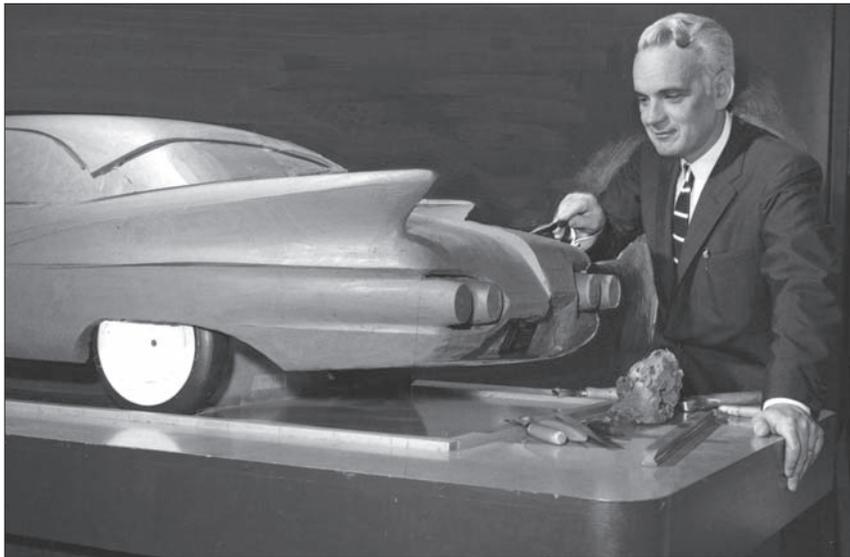
A man of vision and convictions, Exner was miscast playing second banana to anybody. While Exner was working for Loewy's firm during World War II, the president of Studebaker grew frustrated with the slow pace of work and asked Exner to sketch some designs on his own time, without Loewy's knowledge.

When Studebaker picked Exner's design over Loewy's proposal for what would become America's first postwar new car, Loewy fired Exner. Studebaker hired him the next day, creating its first internal design department.

The dramatic new 1947 models gave Studebaker a jump on Detroit's Big Three, but GM and Ford responded with striking new designs for 1948. Chrysler design was near an all-time low in those years. After buyers spurned the radical Airflow designs in the 1930s, Chrysler management distrusted designers with flashy ideas. Despite that, the company hired Exner to create concept cars in 1949.

"Exner totally turned Chrysler around," historian and curator Ken Gross said. "He had a vision."

While Exner's concepts won praise, its production cars flopped. He didn't hide his disdain, and the company's conser-



vative management told him to put his money where his mouth was.

"They asked Exner if he could do better, and if he could have a new family of cars ready in 18 months," Anderson said. "He did."

The result was the futuristic "forward look" 1955 models that propelled Chrysler to its best sales year ever, doubling 1954 to nearly 1.6 million vehicles.

"The cars were years ahead of their time. He had a great interest in aerodynamics and modern design," said Greg Cockerill, a GM engineer who helped put together the Concours' collection of about 20 Exner production cars and two concepts.

Exner enlisted Italy's famous Carrozzeria Ghia styling house to help him convince Chrysler's hard-heller engineers that designers could contribute more than pretty shapes and bright colors. He put Giovanni Savonuzzi's space-age Gilda concept car in the company's wind tunnel. When it proved that fins conferred an aerodynamic benefit, Exner was off to the races.

In addition to the Imperials and Furies at the Concours, the 1960 Plymouth XNR and '56 Chrysler Diablo concept cars demonstrate Exner's affinity for aerodynamics, tail fins and Ghia.



PHOTOS ABOVE BY MANDI WRIGHT, DETROIT FREE PRESS; TOP PHOTO COURTESY OF DETROIT FREE PRESS/MCT

Top: Car designer Virgil M. Exner works on a clay sculpture of one of his designs. A 1959 Plymouth Fury, above left, and a 1957 Chrysler Imperial Crown Sedan, above right, both designed by Exner, are displayed at the Concours d'Elegance at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth, Mich., on July 27.

Sadly, Exner's tenure at Chrysler was cut short.

"The brightest flame burns the quickest," Anderson said. "He was doing another total redesign for 1957 when he had a heart attack in 1956."

Exner came back to work in a wheelchair, and the '57 line was another triumph.

"Suddenly, it's 1960," ads for the 1957 Plymouth boasted. "For the first time, GM and Ford were forced to follow Chrysler's styling lead."

"Harley Earl and Bill Mitchell got the accolades in that era, but the '57 Plymouth was a stunning car," Gross said. A 1957 Plymouth Fury will be among the cars on display at the Concours.

Despite his successes, Exner's poor health made him an easy target for corporate politics,

When Chrysler guessed wrong and downsized its new models while GM and Ford built larger cars in 1961, Exner's designs took the blame for the inevitable flop. He left Chrysler not long after,

turning to projects that included work for Esquire magazine, Dow Chemical and U.S. Steel.

"He built Chrysler into a company that values style," Anderson said. "That's his legacy."

SPECIAL RATES FOR OUR CUSTOMERS

RATES AS LOW AS **0.89%** APR



CAPITOL MOTORS

info@capitolmotors.com

US MILITARY AND DIPLOMATIC SALES IN GERMANY



NATION

DRIVE-INS GO



Jen and Phillip Mason, with sons Skyelar, left, and Trysten, watch the previews at the Saco Drive-In in Saco, Maine.

Movie venues

BY PATRICK WHITTLE
The Associated Press

MANY IN THE movie industry feared the need to convert to digital could be the death knell for drive-ins, but drive-in operators are finding creative ways to afford the switch.

Drive-in movie theater operators say more than 200 of the remaining 348 drive-ins in the country have made the expensive conversion from film to digital, which typically costs more than \$70,000. Theater owners say conversions escalated quickly in 2013 and will help keep the drive-ins in business for now, promising news for an industry that peaked in the 1950s and '60s, then with more than 4,000 drive-in theaters nationwide.

These days, moviegoers in **44 states** can take in a drive-in movie from the comfort of their own vehicles, according to the most drive-ins, with nearly **30 each**; **Indiana** has **20** and **California** has **17**. **Alaska, Delaware, H**

DIGITAL

Use creativity to afford switch

Some drive-ins are raising money using crowd-funding platforms such as Kickstarter while others are taking advantage of financing programs or renting out their theaters as flea markets during off-hours.

Ry Russell, general manager of Saco Drive-In, launched a social-media campaign to win an \$80,000 digital projection system in a contest sponsored by Honda. His drive-in theater in Saco is celebrating its 75th anniversary by welcoming hundreds of cars to its giant roadside screen to watch the latest films on a new digital projection system.

"We're just seeing Darwinism kind of take over," Russell said. "The ones that survive will prosper."

It's a story that's playing out at drive-ins all over the country, where conversion to digital is the

key to survival, said John Vincent Jr., president of the United Drive-In Theatre Owners Association. Studios are phasing out 35mm film prints as Hollywood moves toward all-digital distribution. Even older movies are difficult to obtain on film because many repertory companies have gone digital, Vincent said, noting that people in the industry expect this season to be "the last summer of film."

In Westbrook, 15 miles up the road from Saco, the owners of the 62-year-old Pride's Corner Drive In are struggling just to keep business alive — they can show movies only in 35mm film and have raised just \$1,350 of the \$100,000 they need to convert to digital.

"When they stop making film, that's it," said Andrew Tevanian, operator of Pride's Corner. "Then you're out in the cold."



Above: A customer stops at the box office at the Saco Drive-In in Saco, Maine.



Left: Mike and Naomi Gibel and their children, Norah, 4, left, and Issak, 7, watch a movie from the back of a pickup truck at the Saco Drive-In.

PHOTOS BY ROBERT F. BUKATY/AP



United Drive-In Theatre Owners Association. **New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania** have **Hawaii, Louisiana, North Dakota and Wyoming** are the only states **without them.**

Stripes SERVICE DIRECTORY

The Daily Guide to Navigating the European Business Market



Attorneys 178

NICKEL
US & German Attorneys
 US & German Divorces • Employment
 Wills and Probate • Support Issues
 Personal Injury • Tax
 Contractor Issues
 Call 069-299-2069-0
 Email: maiss@nickelonline.de

EUROPE'S PREMIER MILITARY DEFENSE FIRM

COURT & CARPENTER
 Over 45 years defending servicemembers
 Heilbronner Strasse 150,
 70191 Stuttgart, Germany
 Phone in Germany: 0711 490 04320
 www.militarylawfirm.eu

Law Offices Joseph K. Kelso U.S. Attorney at Law
 Specializing in:
 U.S. Federal Employment Law,
 Administrative Boards, Personal Injury and
 Medical Malpractice, Claims, International
 Contracts and Immigration Law.
 Frankfurt am Main
 Tel: (06108) 797579 • Fax: (06108) 799622
 joseph-kelso@t-online.de

Military Items 720

DEPENDABLE
 We test each bag we add to our line
 Over 1000 bags
 All branches
 All camo types
 Check our reviews
 on Facebook
MILITARYLUGGAGE.COM

Transportation 944

VEHICLE SHIPPING SERVICES

- International Shipping
- Import & Export
- Inland trucking (U.S. & Europe)
- Door to door pick-up/delivery service
- Customs clearance
- All Risk Marine Insurance
- Auto Insurance (Germany only)

For Further Information Please Contact

GERMANY +49-6134-2592730 0800-CARSHIP (Germany only) info@transglobal-logistics.de www.transglobal-logistics.de	UNITED KINGDOM +44-117 938 1919 0800-7839251 (UK only) info@carshipuk.co.uk www.carshipuk.co.uk	U.S.A +1-972-602-1670 +1-800-268-8167 (US only) info@tgalus.com www.tgalus.com
--	--	---

For 2nd POV Shipments - Offices / Agencies near Military Installations

Trans Global
 LOGISTICS EUROPE GMBH

Dental 902

American Dental Care
Services Offered:
 Family Dentistry
 Certified Orthodontics
 Crowns and Veneers
 Implant Surgery
 Zoom Teeth Whitening
 Wisdom Teeth Surgery
 Nitrous Oxide
 Saturday & Evening Appointments
 Caring, Friendly American Staff

LOCATIONS

Wiesbaden Dental Care
 06119 887 2650
 Bahnstrasse 14, 65205 Wiesbaden
 Wiesbadendental.com

Ramstein Dental Care
 06371 406230
 Post Strasse 1, 66877 Ramstein
 Ramsteindental.com

Certified American Dental Hygienists
 TRICARE Preferred Provider

Dental 902

Over 90% Non-Extraction

Member American Association of Orthodontists
 Convenient Payment Plans
 No Referral Necessary
 Evening & Weekends
 Tricare Provider

American Orthodontist
 Dr. Michael Dillon, DDS, MS (Orthod)
 Univ of Maryland, Former USAF
 All Treatment Fees in US \$
06371-918911
 www.dillonortho.com

Financial Services 904

LOANS up to \$10,000

For Active Duty U.S. Military

Call Toll Free
 Germany: 0800 YES-LOAN
 Italy/Belgium: 00800 YES-LOANS
 Stateside: +1-931-802.6522

www.yesomni.com

omni
 MILITARY LOANS
 "We love to say yes!"

© Overse Financial - ALL RIGHTS RESERVED. All loans subject to approval.

Want a better picture?

You'll get one - just by reading Stars and Stripes military news coverage.
In print • Online at stripes.com • Mobile for Android, iPhone & iPad
 No one covers the bases the way we do.

Dillon Orthodontic Care

Off Duty? Amuse Yourself!

Concerts, events, TV, movies, music, video games, celebrity antics...

Get entertained with...

Interglobal Shipping GmbH
 Specialized Shipping to/from the US & Canada
 Autos, Household Goods, Personal Belongings
 Contact your Pro's at the Docks today!!!
 info@interglobalshipping.de
 www.interglobalshipping.de
 Tel: (0421) 340-650 Fax: (0421) 340-6565
 Toll Free 0800-000631

Ship Cars and Containers to and from the USA

OPENING HOURS: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mon - Fri
 0800-522-6274 or 800-WSA-SHIP (972-7447)
 For a free rate request, please email: info@worldwide-ship.de
 Visit our Website: www.worldwide-ship.de

STARS AND STRIPES

Max D. Lederer Jr., Publisher
 Richard Braun, General Manager, Europe
 Lt. Col. Jeff Myer, Europe commander
 Lt. Col. Brian Choate, Pacific commander
 Terry M. Wegner, Pacific Business Operations

EDITORIAL

Terry Leonard, Editorial Director
 leonard.terry@stripes.com
 Robert H. Reid, Senior Managing Editor
 reid.robert@stripes.com
 Sam Amrhein, Deputy Managing Editor
 amrhein.sam@stripes.com
 Tina Croley, Enterprise Editor
 croley.tina@stripes.com

BUREAU STAFF

Europe/Mideast
 Teddie Weyr, News Editor Europe/Mideast
 weyr.teddie@stripes.com;
 +49(0)631.3615.9310; cell
 +49(0)173.315.1881; DSN (314)583.9310

Pacific
 Paul Alexander, News Editor Pacific
 alexander.paul@stripes.com
 +81-3 6385.5377; cell (080)5883.1673
 DSN (315)225.5377

Washington
 Patrick Dickson, Washington Bureau Chief
 dickson.patrick@stripes.com
 (+1)(202)761.0908; DSN (312)763.0908
 Brian Bowers, Assistant Managing Editor, News
 bowers.brian@stripes.com
 Joe Gromelski, Assistant Managing Editor, Web
 gromelski.joe@stripes.com
 Sean Moores, Assistant Managing Editor,
 Sports, Features and Graphics
 moores.sean@stripes.com

CONTACT US

Washington
 tel: (+1)202.761.0900; DSN (312)763.0900;
 fax: (+1)202.761.0890
 529 14th Street NW, Suite 350, Washington, DC
 20045-1301

Reader letters
 stripes@stripes.com

Additional contacts
 stripes.com/contacts

OMBUDSMAN

Ernie Gates

The Stars and Stripes ombudsman protects the free flow of news and information, reporting, editing, or endorsing by the U.S. government to undermine the newspaper's independence. The ombudsman also responds to concerns and questions from readers, and monitors coverage for fairness, accuracy, timeliness and balance. The ombudsman welcomes comments from readers, and can be contacted by email at ombudsman@stripes.com, or by phone at 202.761.0587.

Stars and Stripes (USPS 0417900) is published weekdays (except Dec. 25 and Jan. 1) for 30 cents Monday through Thursday and for \$1 on Friday by Pacific Stars and Stripes, Unit 45002, APO AP 96338-5002. Periodicals postage paid at San Francisco, CA. Postmaster: Send address changes to Pacific Stars and Stripes, Unit 45002, APO AP 96338-5002.

This newspaper is authorized by the Department of Defense for members of the military services overseas. However, the contents of Stars and Stripes are unofficial, and are not to be considered as the official views or endorsed by the U.S. government. As a DOD newspaper, Stars and Stripes may be distributed through official channels and use appropriated funds for distribution to remote locations where overseas DOD personnel are located.

The appearance of advertising in this publication does not constitute endorsement by the Department of Defense or Stars and Stripes of the products or services advertised. Products or services advertised shall be made available for purchase, use or patronage without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status, physical handicap, political affiliation or any other nonmerit factor of the purchaser, user or patron.

© Stars and Stripes 2014
 stripes.com

OPINION

How US can help Africa meet its potential

By KOFI ANNAN

There have been few more powerful symbols of the changing African narrative than this week's staging of the first U.S.-Africa Leaders Summit in Washington. The White House sees this event as a chance to strengthen ties with a dynamic part of the world that is an increasing contributor to global prosperity. With seven of the world's fastest-growing economies on the continent, and a rapidly rising middle class, the emphasis of U.S. relations with Africa has shifted decisively to investment opportunities and partnership.

The United States, of course, enjoys a special place in the imaginations of Africans — something that was reinforced by the election of President Barack Obama. Young people continue, as I did when I came to study here many years ago, to look to the United States for inspiration, viewing this country as a place of economic opportunity built on a platform of democracy, human rights and religious tolerance.

America's acute awareness of the cross all of Africa, where people also seek ways to improve life for their families. They aspire to choose — and reject — their leaders at the ballot box, to create courts that deliver impartial justice, to speak their minds without fear and to enjoy a free press that helps hold governments to account. But for many of them, these goals remain out of reach.

Beyond the continent, a peaceful and economically strong Africa can be a major part of the solution to many of the world's great challenges. It can help drive global growth, reduce poverty and inequality, improve health and counter the threats of terrorism and climate change.

So what can the United States do to help Africa to achieve this potential?

First, it is important that the cultivation of stronger links with African countries not become a reason to downplay democracy and human rights. The United States must, of course, work with today's African leaders, but ignoring political reality is not in the interests of Africa or America.

After two decades of democratic progress, there are worrying signs of backsliding from leaders reluctant to step down or genuinely test their popularity at the polls. In the long run, Africans will remember who supported their democratic aspirations. The United States should throw its weight behind the continent's own efforts to improve standards, such as through the African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance.

Second, U.S. security assistance must be focused on those who respect democratic norms. The wars on terror and drugs should not be conflated nor used as a justification for providing military assistance to regimes that abuse or neglect their people. Such aid can backfire, as we have seen in Mali.

Third, the summit offers the perfect opportunity for the United States to show leadership on the critical issue of transparency of payments to governments by the oil, gas and mining industries. The Dodd-Frank Act included a landmark requirement that publicly traded U.S. companies disclose all such payments, but the Securities and Exchange Commission has not begun enforcing the provision, which is crucial to reducing corruption in Africa. The United States must also continue to promote the global standards needed to prevent tax evasion on the continent. Africa loses twice as much in illicit financial outflows as it receives in international aid. Public disclosure of company ownership is essential to combating this problem.

Fourth, Africa needs wider investment, as well as more trade and greater access to services that help expand prosperity. Agriculture, which still employs two-thirds of Africa's workforce and makes up a third of its gross domestic product, must be a priority. Africa remains the only continent that cannot feed itself — a deeply worrying fact given that its population is projected to double by 2050 and that climate change is forecast to hit Africa hard. U.S. investment and technical know-how to support sustainable farming techniques is vital. A green revolution has the potential to enable

Africa not just to feed its own people but also to export food to the rest of the world.

Fifth, U.S. aid to Africa should not be diminished. While investment and trade may be the most important drivers of growth, development assistance still has a significant role to play, even if that role must evolve. The impact of U.S. assistance to combat HIV/AIDS in Africa shows what can be achieved. The recently launched Power Africa initiative, sponsored by USAID, can show how public-private partnerships can make a difference in providing energy. We need a similarly imaginative effort to improve the continent's poor transportation links.

Finally, through its membership in international bodies such as the United Nations and the World Bank, the United States must encourage practices that put people at the center of economic policy-making. This includes the steps needed to meet the U.N.'s 2015 Millennium Development Goals. Many of these goals remain out of reach for a number of African countries. As the international community considers the post-2015 agenda, the United States can help ensure that the new goals reflect the complexity and diversity of the development challenges on the continent and commit sufficient resources to help meet the targets.

Africa will only become a stable and vibrant partner for the United States, and the world, if it provides opportunities for all its people. This requires peaceful, stable and democratic government.

My experience has taught me that there can be no long-term development without security and no long-term security without development. Nor will any society remain prosperous for long without the rule of law and respect for human rights. That is the enduring lesson of the American experience that Africa should aim to emulate and that the United States should seek to encourage.

Kofi Annan, U.N. secretary-general from 1997 to 2006, is chairman of the Kofi Annan Foundation and the Africa Progress Panel. This column first appeared in The Washington Post.

Judges, remember: Cross is a Christian symbol

Los Angeles Times editorial

There has been a disturbing willingness on the part of some judges in recent years to treat the Christian cross as a symbol that isn't, well, just Christian. The most high-profile and problematic example of this was Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia's suggestion that a large cross that had been erected on public land in the Mojave Desert wasn't really the symbol of one religion, but could be considered a fitting symbol for all Americans honoring the war dead.

That's ridiculous. There is no clearer symbol of Christianity than the cross, so both Christians and non-Christians can agree.

And yet there are times when displaying a cross, or any other religious symbol, can be appropriate in a public setting. A federal appeals court properly remembered that last week when it ruled that a cross known as the "Cross at Ground Zero" could remain on display at the National September 11 Memorial & Museum in New York.

In this case, the cross was not built and pressed on the museum to add a religious aspect to the commemoration of the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center. Rather, it was part of the story of the attack, a found object created when a column was struck by a crossbeam. Workers on the rescue and demolition crews that cleared the rubble saw that it resembled a cross and began going to it to pray and leave notes. The cross is an artifact of the site's history and deserves a place at the museum. It is part of a larger exhibit about how people tried, some through religion and others in different ways, to find meaning after the attack. Also in the exhibit are gifts from foreign nations that include symbols of other religions.

There was some disturbing wording in the ruling by a three-judge panel of the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, especially the assertion that the cross had become a "symbol of hope and healing for all persons." Crosses are symbols of hope and healing for Christians, not for the Americans who hold other beliefs and make up

23 percent of the U.S. population. It is demeaning to non-Christians for judges to contend that the symbol of the dominant religion is meaningful to all; that's practically the definition of government establishment of one religion over another.

The judges were on firmer ground when they concluded that the presence of the cross would clearly be understood by visitors as a symbol of "how some people used faith to cope with the tragedy," and as one artifact among many to help tell the complete story. Similarly, a cross at the Marine Corps base at Camp Pendleton appropriately marks the site of the first baptism in California in 1769.

Just as the courts shouldn't allow crosses to dominate public landscapes only because someone wanted to erect one, they should not allow people who are uncomfortable with such symbols to suppress them when they are a valid part of our collective history.

There is no clearer symbol of Christianity than the cross, so why are some judges giving it broader meaning?

Tell us what you think

Stars and Stripes welcomes your comments on editorials and columns that are published in the newspaper, and values letters on topics of importance in the lives of our readers. All letters must be signed, and must include the writer's address or base and telephone number. Please limit all letters to 300 words. We reserve the right to edit letters for length, taste and clarity. To write us, please refer to the Reader letters information on this page.

OPINION

Israel still lets bombs fall where they may

BY JONATHAN KUTTAB

Unlike most Palestinians, I don't believe that Israel attempts to kill a maximum number of Palestinian civilians, especially children. At the same time, I don't accept the Israeli claims that Hamas militants use Palestinian civilians as human shields. Yet the statistics are undeniable. More than 1,300 Palestinian civilians have killed, and among them hundreds of children. What gives?

To decipher this apparent contradiction one needs to understand two things: the asymmetric nature of the conflict, and the failure to strictly apply international humanitarian law as the instrument to check military's overreach.

In relation to Palestinians under their occupation, Israel is extremely powerful militarily, financially and politically. Israel controls all the significant factors in the conflict, which has led to an exaggerated approach to protecting its interests, and to maintain its positions at practically no cost to itself. The average income of Israeli in 2012 stood at around \$32,000 annually, while a Palestinian's yearly income doesn't pass \$2,900. Its preponderant advantage in all aspects of military power is phenomenal. It controls the battlefield, the airspace, and all entry and exit borders. Because of that, Israel's Israelis engage in defense of their people while being generally insensitive to the suffering of the other side.

The result is an extremely low tolerance of anything that scratches the normal life of Israelis while paying little attention to the effect their actions have on Palestinian settlers. Amnesty International's carelessness toward Palestinians recently by rapping Israel for its action against Palestinians, even if such actions are preceded by a warning.

"Issuing a warning does not absolve an attacking force of its obligations to spare civilians. Issuing such warnings and other necessary precautions to minimize civilian casualties and damage to civilian struc-



TONY GUTIERREZ/AP

Logan Bowers participates in a pro-Palestinian protest in Dallas on Sunday.

tures," Amnesty said in a statement.

This one-sided approach is not limited to the Israeli army. But that is where international law steps in, to regulate both the initiation of hostilities, the behavior of an occupier toward occupied populations (who are entitled, incidentally to resist it) as well as the conduct of the hostilities themselves.

The Fourth Geneva Convention regarding the treatment of civilians under military occupation prohibits collective punishment and wanton destruction of property, and imposes obligations regarding the needs of the population, including water, electricity, food and medical supplies. Israel claims that since it withdrew its settlers and army from the Gaza Strip, that turns Gaza into an independent neighboring sovereign country, from whose

borders rockets are fired that should be silenced.

But even if the war is viewed as an international conflagration, there are clear requirements of warfare, including proportionality, prohibition on targeting civilian structures, and collective punishments, as well as sieges.

In recent years, Israel has routinely violated with impunity international law, not only by erecting illegal settlements but also by placing a seven-year land and water siege on the 1.8 million Palestinians living in the Gaza Strip. Such a blockade is automatically considered an act of war under humanitarian law.

In referring to the Gaza blockade, 22 International organizations called it "cruel and illegal." With the violence erupting, Amnesty noted accurately that the block-

ade restricted civilians' abilities to escape the violence. Ironically it took a U.S. comedian, Jon Stewart, to bring home the absurdity of the Israeli military action while not allowing Palestinians living in the tiny Gaza Strip any chance to flee the violence. If you disregard international law, you will necessarily have high civilian casualties, even if that is not your intention.

Perhaps the most significant reason for the high casualty rate among Palestinian civilians is the fact that Israel feels no fear of being held accountable for its actions and lack of restraint when it comes to the consequences of its military acts toward the civilian population. Attempts in the past to hold Israel accountable have either faced a U.S. veto in the United Nations Security Council or extreme peer pressure, as was heaped on South African Judge Richard Goldstein, who headed a U.N. human rights delegation that found that Israel had committed war crimes in its war on Gaza in 2009.

To remedy this imbalance, a way must be found to give international law teeth. One idea that is being seriously discussed by Palestinian leaders is joining the Rome statutes, which would allow the newly recognized nonmember state of Palestine to pursue Israeli war criminals. Such provisions that exist in the international jurisprudence could go a long way in checking the bloodlust of Israel politicians and the military who act with impunity when it comes to the Palestinian civilian population.

The Israeli nonmember state of Palestine to increase civilian Palestinian casualties, but they show little effort to curtail the craving of politicians and generals to solve political problems simply by massively shelling and bombing a trapped civilian population. Only dealing with the underlying causes of the decades-old conflict by ending the occupation, its settlements and the similarly illegal blockade will lead to the peace that both Israelis and Palestinians desire.

Jonathan Kuttab is an international lawyer who is a member of the New York, Israel and Palestinian bar associations. He is co-founder of the Al Haq human rights organization.

Terrorists' transformation changes how US combats them

BY ROBERT H. SCALES
AND DOUGLAS OLLIVANT

Military transformations can be hard to detect. They generally occur over decades, sometimes even a century. Soldiers are usually the first to recognize them, but for the perceptive, the signs of a sea change developing on today's battlefields are there. Look carefully at media images of ground fighting across the Middle East, and you will notice that the bad guys are fighting differently than they did in the past.

In the immediate aftermath of the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, the West confronted terrorists who acted like, well, terrorists. In Iraq and Afghanistan, al-Qaida and other militant groups relied on ambushes, roadside bombings, sniper fire and the occasional fire and run tactic to inflict a rocket attack to inflict casualties on U.S. forces.

When terrorists were stupid enough to come out of the shadows, they fought as a mob of individuals. One rip of a Kalashnikov or a single launch of a rocket-propelled grenade was enough. If they stood to reload, they risked annihilation at the hands of their disciplined, well-trained and heavily armed American opponents.

Today, it's different. We see Islamist fighters becoming skilled soldiers. The thrust of the Islamic State down the Euphrates River illustrates a style of warfare that melds old and new. U.S. soldiers

fighting in Iraq used to say, "Thank God they can't shoot." Well, now they can. They maneuver in reasonably disciplined formations, often aboard pickup trucks and captured Iraqi Humvees. They employ mortars and rockets in deadly barrages. To be sure, parts of the old terrorist playbook remain: They butcher and execute prisoners to make unambiguously clear the terrible consequences of resistance. They continue to display an eager willingness for death and the media savvy of the "propaganda of the deed."

We see these newly formed pseudo-armies emerging across the Levant as well. The Darwinian process of wartime immersion has forced them to either get better or die.

Some observers of the transformation admit that Hezbollah now is among the most skilled light infantry on the planet. And now there is Hamas. Gone are the loose and fleeting groups of fighters seen during Operation Cast Lead in 2008. In Gaza they have been fighting in well-organized, tightly bound teams under the authority of connected, well-informed commanders. Units stand and fight from building hideouts and tunnel entrances. They wait for the Israelis to pass by before ambushing them from the rear. Like Hezbollah and the Islamic State, they are getting good with second-generation weapons such as the Russian RPG-29 and, according to as-

yet-unconfirmed reports from the fighting in Gaza, wire-guided anti-tank missiles.

These fighters are now well-armed, well-trained and well-led and are often flush with cash to buy or bribe their way out of difficulties. While the story of the disintegration of the Iraqi army is multicausal, the fact that it was never trained to face such an opponent as competent as the Islamic State was certainly a factor.

This frightening new age is emerging due to several factors that neither the United States nor Israeli forces anticipated. First is the influence of foreign fighters. Iranian advisers throughout the Middle East are getting better at their craft. Radicalized fighters from the Chechen and Bosnian conflicts serve Islamic State forces as mentors. The terrorists of the last decade generated one-shot suicide bombers of little strategic consequence. Now they have learned to build fighting units and teach weapons and tactics very well.

Second, the bloody Syrian war has served as a first-rate training ground for the Islamic State and Hezbollah. The crucible of that terrible war permitted them to forge leaders, practice tactics, train to maneuver on the urban battlefield and build political and military institutions with mass and resiliency. Perversely, having these two Islamist organizations in conflict with each other has made each one stronger, not weaker.

Third, these new armies talk to each other, even occasionally across ethno-sectarian divisions. Social media and strategic intercessions in Syria, Lebanon, Gaza and Iraq have created a body of well-informed and battle-hardened leaders and soldiers who share lessons learned.

Fourth, while these new armies are becoming more professional, they retain the fanaticism, brutality and strategic intercessions in Syria, Lebanon, Gaza and Iraq have created a body of well-informed and battle-hardened leaders and soldiers who share lessons learned.

What we see in Gaza, Syria and Iraq should serve as a cautionary tale for any Beltway guru calling for a return of U.S. forces to Iraq. U.S. soldiers and Marines are still the global gold standard, but their comparative advantage has diminished. As the terrorist group grows, demanding their fanatical dedication with newly acquired tactical skills, renewed intervention might generate casualties on a new scale — as the Israelis have been painfully learning.

Robert H. Scales, a retired Army major general, is a former commandant of the U.S. Army War College. He is a senior advisor to the director of the New America Foundation's Future of War project. This column first appeared in the Washington Post.

CLASSIFIED
Go to Stars.com to place your free ad. Sell fast/Buy fast

FREE Ad Guidelines:
Free ads are available only DOD ID Card holders selling personal merchandise.
Ads may contain up to 32 words. All Ads must contain price and contact information.
No websites will be accepted in free ads.

EUROPE MIDDLE EAST PACIFIC
Wayne Victor wayne@stars.com
Robert Reisman robert@stars.com
Yuko Saito yuko@stars.com
Mari Matsumoto mmatsumoto@stars.com

When you see this camera icon go to stars.com to view the uploaded photo.

Classified EUROPE For information on Commercial Rates: CIV: 0631-3615-9012 or DSX: 583-9012

SCAM FADS
Classified scams can target both sellers and buyers with classified advertisements.
Be aware of the common red flags.
Some of the latest scam fads include:
- Vehicles buyers wanting to buy unseen and have the vehicle shipped through an agent using paying.
- People saying Free Dog (offences breeds) for adoption.

Automotive 140
SELLER 140
Individuals placing classified advertising should use discretion in concluding the sale of their property.
Not all potential buyers are reputable or honest. Stars and Stripes suggests that you take precautions to ensure that potential buyers are reputable and will be able to fulfill the terms of the sale.
Stars and Stripes is not liable for the content of advertisements placed by sellers and buyers of merchandise advertised in the newspaper or on the web site.

Autos for Sale -Germany 142
Ford, Mondeo, 1998 \$400.00
Opel, Tigra Twin Top, 2000 \$2000.00
Pontiac, Grand Prix GT, 2000 \$3000.00
Mercedes, CR-V EX, 2003 \$7000.00

Autos for Sale -Germany 142
Opel, Tigra Twin Top, 2000 \$2000.00
Pontiac, Grand Prix GT, 2000 \$3000.00
Mercedes, CR-V EX, 2003 \$7000.00

Autos for Sale -Germany 142
VW, Rabbit (Golf), 2009 \$800.00
Peugeot 207, 14R, 2011 \$1500.00
Peugeot 207, 14R, 2011 \$1500.00

Furniture 510
Contemporary chair \$25.00
IKEA storage and chair \$100.00
File cabinet, black wood \$20.00

CSS Education Focus 1035
ADVANCE THROUGH THE RANKS WITH AN ONLINE DEGREE FROM CSU
GET STARTED TODAY!
COLUMBIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
Online Degrees. Affordable Tuition. Superior Service.

Automotive 140
IDEAL, Digital, Multi-meter, 61-609, 2014 \$700.00

Autos for Sale -Germany 142
BMW, X3, 2.5, 2004 \$8000.00
Mercedes, SLK 200, 2004 \$11500.00

Autos for Sale -Germany 142
Mercedes-Benz, CLK 200, 2004 \$11500.00
Toyota, Corolla GT, 2003 \$5500.00

Autos for Sale -Germany 142
Peugeot 207, 14R, 2011 \$1500.00
Peugeot 207, 14R, 2011 \$1500.00

Autos for Sale -Italy 142
Peugeot 207, 14R, 2011 \$1500.00
Peugeot 207, 14R, 2011 \$1500.00

Furniture/Appliances 511
IKEA shelves & dresser, white \$60.00
Refrigerator, German, stainless steel \$250.00

Online Degrees. Affordable Tuition. Superior Service.
www.ColumbiaSouthern.edu/Stars
800.361.0857

Autos for Sale -Germany 142
Patrol Military Automotives
www.patrolauto.net
Auto - Quality Pre-owned US SPEC Vehicles

Automotive 140
BMW, 318i, 1993 \$500.00
BMW, 320i, 1997 \$200.00

Automotive 140
Mercedes, SLK convertible, 2004 \$11500.00
Toyota, Corolla GT, 2003 \$5500.00

Automotive 140
Volvo, V40, 2011 \$2500.00
Volvo, V40, 2011 \$2500.00

Automotive 140
Harley-Davidson, Road King \$1450.00
Harley-Davidson, Road King \$1450.00

Automotive 140
Harley-Davidson, Road King \$1450.00
Harley-Davidson, Road King \$1450.00

Home Electronics 570
TV, DVD, Game Star Receiver, 2004 \$800.00
Microwave, 220w, white \$40.00

Automotive 140
BMW, 318i, 1993 \$500.00
BMW, 320i, 1997 \$200.00

Automotive 140
Mercedes, SLK convertible, 2004 \$11500.00
Toyota, Corolla GT, 2003 \$5500.00

Automotive 140
Volvo, V40, 2011 \$2500.00
Volvo, V40, 2011 \$2500.00

Automotive 140
Harley-Davidson, Road King \$1450.00
Harley-Davidson, Road King \$1450.00

Automotive 140
Harley-Davidson, Road King \$1450.00
Harley-Davidson, Road King \$1450.00

Automotive 140
Harley-Davidson, Road King \$1450.00
Harley-Davidson, Road King \$1450.00

Home Electronics 570
TV, DVD, Game Star Receiver, 2004 \$800.00
Microwave, 220w, white \$40.00

Automotive 140
BMW, 318i, 1993 \$500.00
BMW, 320i, 1997 \$200.00

Automotive 140
Mercedes, SLK convertible, 2004 \$11500.00
Toyota, Corolla GT, 2003 \$5500.00

Automotive 140
Volvo, V40, 2011 \$2500.00
Volvo, V40, 2011 \$2500.00

Automotive 140
Harley-Davidson, Road King \$1450.00
Harley-Davidson, Road King \$1450.00

Automotive 140
Harley-Davidson, Road King \$1450.00
Harley-Davidson, Road King \$1450.00

Automotive 140
Harley-Davidson, Road King \$1450.00
Harley-Davidson, Road King \$1450.00

Home Electronics 570
TV, DVD, Game Star Receiver, 2004 \$800.00
Microwave, 220w, white \$40.00

Automotive 140
BMW, 318i, 1993 \$500.00
BMW, 320i, 1997 \$200.00

Automotive 140
Mercedes, SLK convertible, 2004 \$11500.00
Toyota, Corolla GT, 2003 \$5500.00

Automotive 140
Volvo, V40, 2011 \$2500.00
Volvo, V40, 2011 \$2500.00

Automotive 140
Harley-Davidson, Road King \$1450.00
Harley-Davidson, Road King \$1450.00

Automotive 140
Harley-Davidson, Road King \$1450.00
Harley-Davidson, Road King \$1450.00

Automotive 140
Harley-Davidson, Road King \$1450.00
Harley-Davidson, Road King \$1450.00

Home Electronics 570
TV, DVD, Game Star Receiver, 2004 \$800.00
Microwave, 220w, white \$40.00

Stars.com supplies constant updates, on news of interest - including reports from our overseas military bases in Europe, Pacific, Southwest Asia and the Mideast, and coverage of the Pentagon and Capitol Hill. Also available on mobile apps for iPhone and Android and in a Tablet Edition for iPad.

Round-the-world news for America's military.

STARS AND STRIPES
Mobile • Online • Print

SCOREBOARD

Sports on AFN

Go to the American Forces Network website for the most up-to-date TV schedules. myafn.net

Pro soccer

MLS		Eastern Conference		Western Conference		
Team	W L T Pts	Team	W L T Pts	Team	W L T Pts	
Portland Timbers	11	5	6	39	32	20
Seattle Sounders	11	5	6	37	20	14
San Jose Earthquakes	8	7	5	29	30	12
Toronto FC	8	7	5	29	30	12
New York Red Bulls	6	6	10	28	33	13
Colorado Rapids	6	6	10	28	33	13
New England Revolution	8	12	2	26	35	33
Philadelphia Union	8	12	2	26	35	33
Houston Dynamo	1	11	4	22	34	40
Chicago Fire	3	9	2	24	36	34
Montreal Impact	3	13	5	21	39	39

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

Saturday's games
 New York City, Portland 1
 Los Angeles 2, New England 1
 FC Dallas 1, Columbus 1
 Vancouver 1, San Jose 1
 Seattle 1, Chicago USA 1

Sunday's games
 D.C. United 0, Chicago USA 0
 FC Dallas 1, Kansas City 0
Wednesday's game
 Houston 1, San Jose 1
Friday's game
 San Jose at Los Angeles

Sunday
Dynamo 1, United 0
D.C. United 0-0
 Second half-1, Portland, Bruin 8
 Goals-D.C. United, Bill Hamid; Houston, Tally Hall.

FC Dallas 1, Chivas 0
 Goals-FC Dallas, Raul Fernandez
Portland 1, Houston 0
 Goals-Portland, Brad Davis
Seattle 1, Chicago 0
 Goals-Seattle, Steve Zakuani

FC Dallas 1, Chivas 0
 Goals-FC Dallas, Raul Fernandez
Portland 1, Houston 0
 Goals-Portland, Brad Davis
Seattle 1, Chicago 0
 Goals-Seattle, Steve Zakuani

Barclay Championship
Sunday
At Montreux Golf and Country Club
Yardage: 7,172; Par 72

Note: Under the modified Stabeford format, the top 90 finishers receive a double bogey or worse -3 for 3.
Greg Ogilvy, \$540,000 1 12 114-49
Robert Streb, \$324,000 2 13 114-50
Jonathan Byrd, \$174,000 3 7 113-47
Tommy Fleetwood, \$170,000 4 13 114-50
Pain Román, \$120,000 11 5 111-35
Paul Casey, \$104,250 12 14 112-36
Matt Kuchar, \$104,250 14 11 112-36
Ricky Barnes, \$84,000 15 6 112-34
Paul Lawrie, \$84,000 16 6 112-34
Nick Watney, \$84,000 18 6 112-34
Paul Casey, \$84,000 19 6 112-34
Ernie Els, \$66,000 11 4 113-33
Scottie Scheffler, \$66,000 11 4 113-33
Chad Campbell, \$54,000 13 10 112-36
Bryce Molder, \$54,000 10 10 112-36
Robert Streb, \$54,000 10 10 112-36
Mangel Campbell, \$45,000 10 10 112-36
Tommy Fleetwood, \$45,000 10 10 112-36
Joe Dart, \$45,000 9 11 111-31
Steve Stricker, \$42,400 1 9 111-30
Morgan Hoffmann, \$32,400 6 6 113-40
Wes Roache, \$32,400 12 10 112-30
David Howell, \$32,400 12 10 112-30
Brendan Stewart, \$25,200 9 11 110-29
Derek Ernst, \$20,400 4 10 112-28
Lee Jayne, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
David Howell, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Lee Jayne, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Robert Streb, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Jonathan Byrd, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Tommy Fleetwood, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Paul Casey, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Nick Watney, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Paul Casey, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Ernie Els, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Scottie Scheffler, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Chad Campbell, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Bryce Molder, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Robert Streb, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Mangel Campbell, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Tommy Fleetwood, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Joe Dart, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Steve Stricker, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Morgan Hoffmann, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Wes Roache, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
David Howell, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Brendan Stewart, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Derek Ernst, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Lee Jayne, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
David Howell, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Lee Jayne, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Robert Streb, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Jonathan Byrd, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Tommy Fleetwood, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Paul Casey, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Nick Watney, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Paul Casey, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Ernie Els, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Scottie Scheffler, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Chad Campbell, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Bryce Molder, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Robert Streb, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Mangel Campbell, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Tommy Fleetwood, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Joe Dart, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Steve Stricker, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Morgan Hoffmann, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Wes Roache, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
David Howell, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Brendan Stewart, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Derek Ernst, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Lee Jayne, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
David Howell, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Lee Jayne, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Robert Streb, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Jonathan Byrd, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Tommy Fleetwood, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Paul Casey, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Nick Watney, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Paul Casey, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Ernie Els, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Scottie Scheffler, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Chad Campbell, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Bryce Molder, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Robert Streb, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Mangel Campbell, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Tommy Fleetwood, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Joe Dart, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Steve Stricker, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Morgan Hoffmann, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Wes Roache, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
David Howell, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Brendan Stewart, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Derek Ernst, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Lee Jayne, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
David Howell, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Lee Jayne, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Robert Streb, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Jonathan Byrd, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Tommy Fleetwood, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Paul Casey, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Nick Watney, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Paul Casey, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Ernie Els, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Scottie Scheffler, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Chad Campbell, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Bryce Molder, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Robert Streb, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Mangel Campbell, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Tommy Fleetwood, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Joe Dart, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Steve Stricker, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Morgan Hoffmann, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Wes Roache, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
David Howell, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Brendan Stewart, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Derek Ernst, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Lee Jayne, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
David Howell, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Lee Jayne, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Robert Streb, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Jonathan Byrd, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Tommy Fleetwood, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Paul Casey, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Nick Watney, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Paul Casey, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Ernie Els, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Scottie Scheffler, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Chad Campbell, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Bryce Molder, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Robert Streb, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Mangel Campbell, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Tommy Fleetwood, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Joe Dart, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Steve Stricker, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Morgan Hoffmann, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Wes Roache, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
David Howell, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Brendan Stewart, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Derek Ernst, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Lee Jayne, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
David Howell, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Lee Jayne, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Robert Streb, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Jonathan Byrd, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Tommy Fleetwood, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Paul Casey, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Nick Watney, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Paul Casey, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Ernie Els, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Scottie Scheffler, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Chad Campbell, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Bryce Molder, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Robert Streb, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Mangel Campbell, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Tommy Fleetwood, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Joe Dart, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Steve Stricker, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Morgan Hoffmann, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Wes Roache, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
David Howell, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Brendan Stewart, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Derek Ernst, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Lee Jayne, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
David Howell, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Lee Jayne, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Robert Streb, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Jonathan Byrd, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Tommy Fleetwood, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Paul Casey, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Nick Watney, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Paul Casey, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Ernie Els, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Scottie Scheffler, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Chad Campbell, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Bryce Molder, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Robert Streb, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Mangel Campbell, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Tommy Fleetwood, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Joe Dart, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Steve Stricker, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Morgan Hoffmann, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Wes Roache, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
David Howell, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Brendan Stewart, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Derek Ernst, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Lee Jayne, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
David Howell, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Lee Jayne, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Robert Streb, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Jonathan Byrd, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Tommy Fleetwood, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Paul Casey, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Nick Watney, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Paul Casey, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Ernie Els, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Scottie Scheffler, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Chad Campbell, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Bryce Molder, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Robert Streb, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Mangel Campbell, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Tommy Fleetwood, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Joe Dart, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Steve Stricker, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Morgan Hoffmann, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Wes Roache, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
David Howell, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Brendan Stewart, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Derek Ernst, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Lee Jayne, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
David Howell, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Lee Jayne, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Robert Streb, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Jonathan Byrd, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Tommy Fleetwood, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Paul Casey, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Nick Watney, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Paul Casey, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Ernie Els, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Scottie Scheffler, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Chad Campbell, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Bryce Molder, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Robert Streb, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Mangel Campbell, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Tommy Fleetwood, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Joe Dart, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Steve Stricker, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Morgan Hoffmann, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Wes Roache, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
David Howell, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Brendan Stewart, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Derek Ernst, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Lee Jayne, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
David Howell, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Lee Jayne, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Robert Streb, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Jonathan Byrd, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Tommy Fleetwood, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Paul Casey, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Nick Watney, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Paul Casey, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Ernie Els, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Scottie Scheffler, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Chad Campbell, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Bryce Molder, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Robert Streb, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Mangel Campbell, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Tommy Fleetwood, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Joe Dart, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Steve Stricker, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Morgan Hoffmann, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Wes Roache, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
David Howell, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Brendan Stewart, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Derek Ernst, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Lee Jayne, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
David Howell, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Lee Jayne, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Robert Streb, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Jonathan Byrd, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Tommy Fleetwood, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Paul Casey, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Nick Watney, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Paul Casey, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Ernie Els, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Scottie Scheffler, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Chad Campbell, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Bryce Molder, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Robert Streb, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Mangel Campbell, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Tommy Fleetwood, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Joe Dart, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Steve Stricker, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Morgan Hoffmann, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Wes Roache, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
David Howell, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Brendan Stewart, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Derek Ernst, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Lee Jayne, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
David Howell, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Lee Jayne, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Robert Streb, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Jonathan Byrd, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Tommy Fleetwood, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Paul Casey, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Nick Watney, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Paul Casey, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Ernie Els, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Scottie Scheffler, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Chad Campbell, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Bryce Molder, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Robert Streb, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Mangel Campbell, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Tommy Fleetwood, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Joe Dart, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Steve Stricker, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Morgan Hoffmann, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Wes Roache, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
David Howell, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Brendan Stewart, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Derek Ernst, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Lee Jayne, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
David Howell, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Lee Jayne, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Robert Streb, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Jonathan Byrd, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Tommy Fleetwood, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Paul Casey, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Nick Watney, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Paul Casey, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Ernie Els, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Scottie Scheffler, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Chad Campbell, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Bryce Molder, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Robert Streb, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Mangel Campbell, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Tommy Fleetwood, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Joe Dart, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Steve Stricker, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Morgan Hoffmann, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Wes Roache, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
David Howell, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Brendan Stewart, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Derek Ernst, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Lee Jayne, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
David Howell, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Lee Jayne, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Robert Streb, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Jonathan Byrd, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Tommy Fleetwood, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Paul Casey, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Nick Watney, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Paul Casey, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Ernie Els, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Scottie Scheffler, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Chad Campbell, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Bryce Molder, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Robert Streb, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Mangel Campbell, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Tommy Fleetwood, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Joe Dart, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Steve Stricker, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Morgan Hoffmann, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Wes Roache, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
David Howell, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Brendan Stewart, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Derek Ernst, \$20,400 4 8 113-28
Lee Jayne, \$20,400 4 8 113-28

SPORTS BRIEFS

Favre to join Packers' Hall of Fame in '15

The Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Former Green Bay Packers quarterback Brett Favre will be inducted into the team's Hall of Fame and have his jersey retired next year.

Favre writes on his official website that it will be an honor to have his name placed among others such as Bart Starr, Curly Lambeau, Ray Nitschke and Vince Lombardi, to name a few.

Favre says it wouldn't be possible if not for the foresight of former general manager Ron Wolf, who he says is the greatest GM in the history of the NFL.

The team planned an official announcement Monday afternoon. Favre will join by teleconference.

It's been six years since Favre 'retired' from the Packers, tried to return, then went on to play for the New York Jets and rival Minnesota Vikings.

Giants rally, beat Bills in Hall of Fame game

CANTON, Ohio — Rookie Andre Williams scored on a 3-yard run in the New York Giants' 17-13 victory over the Buffalo Bills on Sunday in the preseason-opening Hall of Fame Game.

Rookie receiver Corey Washington secured the win with a 73-yard touchdown catch up the right sideline from Ryan Nassib with 13:17 left. Williams provided the Giants' ground game some punch with David Wilson sidelined by a second neck injury in less than a year.

Williams had seven carries for 48 yards, filling the No. 2 spot behind newly acquired starter Rashad Jennings.

Bills backup quarterback Jeff Tuel hit Robert Woods with a 2-yard touchdown pass.

Giants starter Eli Manning went 6-for-7 for 43 yards, but lost a fumble. Buffalo's EJ Manuel was 2-for-7 for 19 yards.

In other NFL news:

■ The Cleveland Browns have claimed injured offensive line-

man Michael Bowie off waivers from the Seattle Seahawks. Bowie was a seventh-round pick a year ago and made eight starts during his first NFL season. But he needs shoulder surgery that will sideline him for four to six months, and he was cut by the Seahawks on Saturday.

■ Atlanta Falcons rookie defensive end Ra'Shede Hageman does not have a fractured wrist stemming from his fight with center Joe Hawley. Coach Mike Smith said Monday that Hageman had X-rays but did not elaborate on the injury. Hageman left Sunday's practice after hurting his wrist.

Dynamo beats DC, halts 8-game winless streak

HOUSTON — Will Bruin scored in the 91st minute to give Houston a 1-0 victory over D.C. United on Sunday night, ending the Dynamo's winless streak at eight and the Washington club's winning streak at four.

Houston (6-11-4) dominated throughout the match and finally broke through off a defensive blunder by United defender Steve Birnbaum. United (11-6-4) dropped to 0-10-1 in Houston.

■ **FC Dallas 1, Chivas USA 0:** Tesho Akindele scored in the 49th minute in FC Dallas' victory over host Chivas USA. Fabian Castillo set up the goal, passing to Akindele for the easy tap-in. Castillo nearly extended the lead in the 92nd minute with a shot that bounced squarely off the near post.

Force captures NHRA Northwest Nationals

KENT, Wash. — John Force raced to his third Funny Car victory of the season and record 14th overall win Sunday in the NHRA Northwest Nationals at Pacific Raceways.

The 65-year-old Force beat former teammate Gary Densham in the final with a run of 4.173



MORRY GASH/AP

Brett Favre will be inducted into the Green Bay Packers' Hall of Fame and have his jersey by the franchise retired next year. Favre wrote on his official website that it will be an honor to have his name placed among others such as Bart Starr, Curly Lambeau, Ray Nitschke and Vince Lombardi, to name a few.

seconds at 302.48 mph in a Ford Mustang. Densham's Chevrolet Impala lost traction early and finished in 5.808 at 120.44.

Force has raced in four consecutive finals, winning twice.

"I want to win," Force said. "That is what it is all about. But we were having so much fun down there in the staging lanes. I know you are supposed to be seri-

ous because it is race day but you are racing a friend.

"He comes up here on a budget. Look how good he does. Steps up and races with these guys after only being out a few times all year and being in the finals. I always say, 'If I lose to my teammates I didn't lose.' If I had lost to Gary Densham I would not have lost."

Doug Kalitta won in Top Fuel,

and Jason Line topped the Pro Stock division.

Kalitta raced to his second victory of the season, beating Antron Brown with a 3.844 at 318.84. Kalitta has 35 career victories to tie Don Garlits for fifth place on the Top Fuel list.

Line edged teammate Greg Anderson in the final with a 6.611 at 210.67 in a Chevy Camaro.

Serena Williams wins Bank of the West title

STANFORD, Calif. — Serena Williams won her WTA-leading fourth title of the season Sunday, beating third-seeded Angelique Kerber 7-6(1), 6-3 in the Bank of the West Classic.

Playing her first tournament since her departure from Wimbledon because of equilibrium problems, the top-ranked and top-seeded Williams won the hard-court event for the third time.

Kerber, 0-4 in finals this season, won five straight games to go up 5-1 and was serving for the first set at 5-2. Williams saved two set points and went to win five games in a row.

■ In other tennis tournaments: Two-time major champion Svetlana Kuznetsova of Russia ended her four-year WTA title drought Sunday, beating Kurumi Nara of Japan 6-3, 4-6, 6-4 in the Citl Open in Washington.

It was the 14th tournament victory for the 29-year-old Kuznetsova, but her first since she won at San Diego in August 2010. Her collection includes trophies from the 2004 U.S. Open and 2009 French Open.

Michigan suspends WR York indefinitely

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Michigan wide receiver Cson'te York has been suspended indefinitely.

Coach Brady Hoke released a statement Sunday saying York failed to meet "team standards" and will not report for fall camp.

We've Got You Covered...

Purchase Selected Toyota Vehicles
& Your 1st Year of

CAR INSURANCE Is On Us!*



For a limited time only at militaryautosource.com

See Your MAS Representative For More Details

*Offer expires 9/30/14. Valid only in Germany on selected Toyota vehicles in stock and must take delivery between 10/31/14. Insurance contracts will be issued through AIG Europe Limited and is valid for vehicles being registered in Germany while the vehicle remains in Germany. This insurance offer is available to anyone who has no claims in the last three years. Any claim within the last three years is subject to additional review from AIG on a case by case basis. AIG may grant approval with no further action, require additional premium at customer's expense or deny insurance coverage. Insurance deductibles are 15000 Euro for comprehensive claims and 50000 Euro for collision claims. Optional equipment up to Euro 50000 (Euro for carbase claims). Ask your MAS sales representative for complete details. Vehicle shown are for illustration only and may contain optional equipment available at additional cost. Program and guarantees are subject to terms and conditions. Offered by AIG Exchange Kraftfahrzeug-Händler GmbH (AIGB07).

MAS
MILITARY AUTOSOURCE

NFL

Broncos' Ball over butterflies

Second-year RB now comfortable starting after being unnerved lining up with Manning

By ARNIE STAPLETON
The Associated Press

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — Montee Ball acknowledges he was "a little bit" intimidated by Peyton Manning last year, something he says contributed to his slow start. Trying to please the famously meticulous quarterback is enough to unnerve any rookie, even one who ran for an NCAA-record 83 touchdowns in Wisconsin.

"He did a great job of calming me down, though, keeping me comfortable, working with me after practice," Ball said. "But I'm still a little nervous, of course. I'm only human."

A jittery Ball failed to win the starting job last year after he whiffed on Seattle middle line-backer Bobby Wagner in the preseason and Manning got squished. Then, after fumbling just twice in 924 carries in college, he matched that total in his first 31 runs in the NFL.

Again, butterflies.

"I was nervous, trying to do too much," Ball said.

That Ball was a bundle of nerves around Manning came as somewhat of a surprise to offensive coordinator Adam Gase.

"You don't usually hear anybody saying anything when they're going through it. Now that we're a

year removed, I'm sure he's kind reflects back and says, man, I felt like this. But if he was like that, he hid it pretty good," Gase said Friday. "I just kind of looked at it like he was a rookie and there were a lot of things going on and he just locked up a little bit.

"And I watch him now and I feel like he can just play football now."

Ball finally settled down and by December he had a tight grip on both the football and his role in Denver's record-breaking offense. He finished his rookie year with 559 yards rushing and four TDs.

"The first half I was a little shaky in there," Ball said. "I'm man enough to admit that I was making terrible mistakes early on. But it finally came along. Like they say, better late than never. And I took off from there."

When Knowshon Moreno took his 1,586 all-purpose yards, 14 touchdowns and balky knees to South Beach this offseason, Ball assumed the featured role in the Broncos' backfield.

Money, health and Ball's emergence all played a role in letting Moreno leave even though none of the Broncos' remaining running backs had started an NFL game.

Running backs coach Eric



CHRIS SCHNEIDER/AP

Denver running back Montee Ball struggled in the preseason last year as a rookie, but overcame his jitters in the second half of the season. He and the Broncos say he's ready to be the feature back.

Studeville shrugged off the notion that heading into a Super Bowl-or-else season without any starting experience in the backfield is risky business.

"Oh, the whole starting thing is hard for me, because really the guys that start the game are either on kickoff or kickoff return, you know?" Studeville said. "That's kind of inconsequential to me."

Gase also called it a non-issue, suggesting he could even start bruising tight end Virgil Green, who had a 6-yard run in the playoffs: "I never even think about it. I'll put Virgil out there. These

guys are NFL players."

Ball downplayed any concern, too, noting that by last season's end, "it was pretty much 1A and 1B, Knowshon and me."

"We felt good about both of them at the end," Studeville agreed. "We felt like we had two really good backs that we could trust in there at all times, and they were kind of interchangeable."

Joining Ball in the backfield are third-year pro Ronnie Hillman and second-year C.J. Anderson, who have one combined career touchdown run, along with undrafted free agents Juwan Thompson, Brennan Clay and

Kapri Bibbs.

This youth movement has forced Studeville to alter his coaching style.

"You can't say this is a veteran guy who's seen this for six years, so he knows what this is. No. We've got to talk about everything from Square 1," Studeville said. "And that makes it fun to go back to the beginning because now you've kind of got to defend all of your techniques and all your philosophies and everything. And it's good for me. It's rejuvenated me as a coach in a lot of ways just because I love going back and teaching the basics."

Jennings feeling more comfortable in Minnesota

By JON KRAWCZYNSKI
The Associated Press

MANKATO, Minn. — You can hear it in the way Greg Jennings talks about the Minnesota Vikings offense under new coordinator Norv Turner.

You can see it in his smile when he playfully opens his media sessions with a joke or a dig.

You can feel it in the light and airy way the veteran receiver carries himself both on the field and off during training camp.

Jennings just seems a lot more comfortable in his second season in Minnesota than he did in his first.

"When you've gone through something and have experience at it, you gain more knowledge and have more understanding and you develop a comfort level," Jennings said. "That's what's taken place."

Last year, Jennings arrived in Minnesota after spending the first seven seasons of his career with the Green Bay Packers. When he decided to leave for a big contract with the NFC North rival, the split wasn't smooth. The two sides traded a few bit-



CHARLIE NEBERGALL/AP

Minnesota Vikings wide receiver Greg Jennings talks with head coach Mike Zimmer at training camp on Sunday in Mankato, Minn.

ing, but mostly harmless, barbs and the questions that came from the media put him on the defensive early.

After establishing himself as one of the team spokesmen during his time in Green Bay because of his candor and his accessibility,

tive lack of production.

Jennings had 68 catches and four touchdowns in 2013, but his 11.8 yards per catch was the lowest full-season average of his career and his 804 yards receiving were his lowest output in a full season since his rookie year.

Musgrave was fired along with head coach Leslie Frazier after the season ended, and new coach Mike Zimmer brought in Turner, widely considered one of the most innovative minds in the game, to revamp the offense.

"We were heavy, heavy, heavy run game," Jennings said. "Now we're going to take a lot more stress off of Adrian. He's still going to get a heavy dosage of run. But I think with what Norv brings to the table, he's going to bring a more balanced offense."

The prospect of being more heavily involved in the game plan from week to week seemed to have emboldened Jennings, who will turn 31 in September.

"I think that he has done especially well since we have started camp the last four days," Turner said. "He has really zeroes in and focused in. He is important in what we do, playing in the slot

in the third down and then he is the guy that can move around and create some matchup things with him, so I like what I have seen."

Jennings also is no longer asked about the Packers, about quarterback Aaron Rodgers and about his decision to leave the organization and his reasons for it. That's all in the past now, and this is home.

He's serving as a mentor to second-year pro Cordarrelle Patterson, helping rookie quarterback Teddy Bridgewater get up to speed and also resigning the chemistry he had with veteran quarterback Matt Cassel.

"Greg always looks comfortable," receiver Jerome Simpson said. "That guy's a smooth guy, man. I look up to him myself being a veteran because he's just always cool and calm. He runs great routes."

It appears he even has a new nickname. Receivers coach George Stewart has taken to calling Jennings the team "encyclopedia."

"Just like you look at an encyclopedia," Simpson said, "you look at him to get techniques and look up things about this game."

MLB

This week in baseball

Athletics, Tigers locked in AL arms race

Trade deadline acquisitions sets up possible third straight playoff matchup

By NOAH TRISTER
The Associated Press

DETROIT maybe this year they'll play seven.

When the Oakland Athletics and Detroit Tigers met in the postseason the past two years, they pushed each other to the limit — which in the Division Series means Game 5. Justin Verlander pitched the Tigers to victory both times, but that will feel like a mere prelude if there's another rematch this October.

The A's have baseball's best record, while Detroit has the game's biggest division lead. The postseason is familiar ground for both franchises, but it's been 25 years since Oakland's last World Series title, and 30 since Detroit's.

And if the trade deadline was any indication, the A's and Tigers are both willing to go for broke.

Oakland acquired left-hander Jon Lester on Thursday, only for Detroit to answer a few hours later by trading for lefty David Price. It was all part of an arms race precipitated by two of the game's best general managers — Billy Beane of the Athletics and Dave Dombrowski of the Tigers.

"It didn't surprise me because Dave Dombrowski, he knows how to make big deals," Beane said. "He's been doing it for a long time. Dave is very good at what he does and he's very good at making big deals."

There's been nothing subtle about Detroit's pursuit of a championship. The Tigers may have baseball's most recognizable roster in terms of star power. Every American League Cy Young Award and MVP winner from 2011-13 currently plays for Detroit.

Oakland is known for its modest payrolls, but this year's A's look nothing like an underdog. They boldly traded top prospect Addison Russell to the Chicago Cubs in a deal for starting pitchers Jeff Samardzija and Jason Hammel.

Then Oakland decided that wasn't enough and added Lester, too.

There's a long way to go before the A's and Tigers can start preparing for another postseason matchup, but if they meet this year, perhaps it'll be in the AL championship series — and if that happens, five games may not be enough. Here are five things to watch around the majors this week:

1 One by one: Those three Cy Young winners in Detroit's rotation are Max

Stat of the week

There are currently 26 pitchers with ERAs at 3.00 or below, led by Clayton Kershaw, right, of the Dodgers at 1.71. Boston's Pedro Martinez led baseball 15 years ago with a 2.07 ERA, but only four other major leaguers were at 3.00 or below — Randy Johnson, Kevin Millwood, Mike Hampton and Kevin Brown.



World Series rematch this week, but the last-place Red Sox are already looking to the future after trading Lester, John Lackey, Stephen Drew and Jake Peavy before the deadline. Lackey was traded to the Cardinals, but he is not scheduled to start against his former team.

5 Race to watch: The most compelling division down the stretch might be the NL Central, where Milwaukee, St. Louis and Pittsburgh are now separated at the top by only 1 1/2 games. The fourth-place Cincinnati Reds are only 4 1/2 games behind the division-leading Brewers. Even with two wild cards in each league now, there won't be enough room in the postseason for all of them. One or more of them won't get a seat at the postseason table.

Scherzer, Price and Justin Verlander — and they'll start in that order at Yankee Stadium in a series that began Monday.

2 Local rivals: This is what baseball fans in the nation's capital envisioned when the game returned to Washington in 2005: The first-place Nationals hosted the first-place Orioles on Monday night. The two division leaders played only the one game, however. It's a makeup of a rainout from last month.

3 Local rivals, part II: The Dodgers and Angels play a four-game series — two in each team's ballpark — which started Monday. Both Los Angeles teams are in tight division races. The Dodgers lead San Francisco by 2 1/2 games in the NL West going into Monday's game, while the Angels trail the A's by only one in the AL West.

4 Rematch: This certainly isn't what the Boston Red Sox had in mind when the schedule first came out. They'll play at St. Louis in a



Oakland Athletics' Jon Lester

GEORGE NIKITIN/AP



Detroit Tigers' David Price

OSCAR DOMINGUEZ/AP

ENTER FOR YOUR CHANCE TO OWN A PIECE OF HISTORY

2015 MUSTANG GT
50 Years Limited Edition

ACT FAST!
ONLY 8 AVAILABLE!

Speak to your Sales Representative on base or visit encs.com to enter.

Exchange Ford
REVISED 8/5/14
encl.com/ford

Authorized Independent Distributor
To The U.S. Armed Forces For Ford

All programs and guarantees are subject to terms and conditions. Visit www.encl.com or visit your Sales Representative for complete details. All illustrations and specifications are to the best of our knowledge correct as of the date of publication. They are subject to change made by the manufacturer and the laws or regulations of any federal, state or local government agency. Ford is an authorized contractor of the Exchange and NEXCOM. Exchange New Car Sales is an authorized distributor to sell and distribute Ford vehicles. This advertisement does not express or imply endorsement by the Exchange, NEXCOM, DOD components, or the Federal Government and is not sponsored by them. (F4303_MustangGT15_Drawing_S5)

NEX X
EXCHANGE

MLB

Cardinals rally to win in Lester's debut

St. Louis takes two of three from Milwaukee to close gap in NL Central to one game



CHRIS LEE, ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH/AP

St. Louis Cardinals' Oscar Taveras aches after driving in the game-winning run with a single in the seventh inning on Sunday against the Milwaukee Brewers in St. Louis. The Cardinals won 3-2.

By R.B. FALLSTROM
The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — John Lackey was as advertised, and the St. Louis Cardinals rewarded their new pitcher with a late rally.

"It worked out good, got a win," Lackey said after the Cardinals rallied for three runs in the seventh inning to beat the Milwaukee Brewers 3-2 on Sunday. "You obviously want to do well in a new place, for sure."

"It's a great baseball town and the atmosphere was awesome." Rookie Oscar Taveras got the go-ahead hit for the Cardinals, who took two of three from NL Central-leading Milwaukee and pulled within one game of the division lead.

St. Louis acquired Lackey in trade deadline deal with Boston on Thursday, capitalizing on the sell-off by the slumping Red Sox. He won the clinching Game 6 of the World Series against the Cardinals last fall and arrived with the reputation of a big-game pitcher.

Manager Mike Matheny de-

ferred to the 6-foot-6 right-hander in his final inning, leaving him in the game after pinch-hitter Lyle Overbay singled for the Brewers' second straight hit, raising his career average to .364 against Lackey.

After Matheny and the entire infield huddled at the mound, Lackey got Carlos Gomez on a popout.

Matheny said he went to the mound "open-minded," but wanted to make sure Lackey still felt strong in 87-degree heat.

"He wanted the ball and I wanted him to have the ball," the manager added. "We're going to need him to be one of our horses and he's going to thrive on situations like that."

The 35-year-old Lackey (1-0) allowed two runs and seven hits. He went 11-7 with Boston this year.

"That's the same old Lackey," said the Brewers' Mark Reynolds, who hit his 19th homer in the second. "We just couldn't get the big hit."

Lackey got a big cheer when he walked to the dugout after warm-

ing up and again when he left the mound after the seventh.

"It wasn't a huge deal, honestly, as far as butterflies," Lackey said. "Maybe kind of like maybe opening day or something like that. I started locating some balls struck as the game went on."

Trevor Rosenthal struck out Gomez with two on for his major league-leading 34th save in 38 chances.

Milwaukee starter Matt Garza was pulled for a pinch hitter after allowing one hit in six innings, a curious move at the time given there was no immediate medical update. After the game, manager Ron Roenicke said Garza had "tweaked a left oblique" and the team believed the injury is minor.

"It was bad enough where I had to take myself out of the game and I don't do that," Garza said. "I could have kept going and could have made it worse and I could have been out probably the rest of the year. There's too much left in the season and I thought I'd make the smart play."

Roundup

Sanchez strikes out 12 as Tigers sweep Rockies

The Associated Press

DETROIT — Victor Martinez loves hitting homers, though even he had to laugh Sunday when he was asked about breaking out of a power slump with a pair of weekend three-run shots.

His third-inning shot to left was all that Anibal Sanchez needed to finish off a weekend sweep of the Colorado Rockies with a 4-0 victory Sunday.

Before homering Saturday and Sunday, Martinez hadn't hit a ball out since July 3, a 16-game stretch that also included eight days off recovering from a back strain. However, he did hit .281 during his "slump," and the two this weekend gave him 23 on the season, only two short of his career high, so he's not too worried.

"I think I was on pace for 100 homers there for a while, and I have to tell you, I wasn't going to keep that up," he said. "This game is tough, and all you do is go up there and try to have a good at-bat every time up. A lot of times, that's not going to mean a homer, even if you do your job. I've just got a couple on the barrel in the last two days."

Sanchez (8-5) became the third straight Tigers starter to dominate the Rockies, striking out a season-high 12 in seven innings. He only allowed two hits and a walk.

"I had the life back in my fastball, and I just kept going to it," Sanchez said. "When you know you can throw your fastball on every pitch, and you know you can put it anywhere, it makes your other pitches even more dangerous."

Joba Chamberlain allowed one hit in a shutout eighth inning, and Joakim Soria did the same in the ninth.

Jorge De Le Rosa (11-7) gave up four runs on six hits in 6½ innings. All six hits came with two outs, but Detroit grouped three of them to create a big third inning.



CARLOS OSORIO/AP

Detroit Tigers designated hitter Victor Martinez watches the flight of his three-run home run during the third inning of Sunday's game against the Colorado Rockies in Detroit. The Tigers tacked one more run in the inning to beat the Rockies 4-0.

Yankees 8, Red Sox 7: Brett Gardner hit a tiebreaking homer in the sixth inning for one of his three hits, helping visiting New York beat Boston. Esmil Rogers (1-0) earned the victory in his Yankees debut by throwing three hitless innings, striking out three and allowing one walk.

Nationals 4, Phillies 0: Stephen Strasburg struck out 10 batters while pitching three-hit ball for seven innings, earning his first win in a month as host Washington blanked Philadelphia. Strasburg (8-9) had been 0-3 in his previous five starts, losing his last three outings.

Giants 9, Mets 0: Madison Bumgarner (13-8) pitched a two-hitter and struck

out 10 and Hunter Pence homered twice to lead visiting San Francisco past New York. Brandon Belt and Buster Posey also went deep for the Giants.

Padres 4, Braves 3: Everth Cabrera singled in the winning run in the 10th inning as host San Diego sent Atlanta to its sixth straight loss. Tim Lincecum (4-2) pitched one inning for the win.

Reds 7, Marlins 3: Billy Hamilton scored three times to help visiting Cincinnati break out of an offensive slump and beat Miami. Todd Frazier had a season-high four hits and Devin Mesoraco hit a two-run single for the Reds, now 5-11 since the All-Star break.

Cubs 7, Dodgers 3: Edwin Jackson (6-11) pitched six innings for his first victory in six weeks and Chris Coghlan hit a tiebreaking two-run homer as visiting Chicago beat Los Angeles. The NL West-leading Dodgers dropped two of three to the team with the majors' third-worst record.

Diamondbacks 3, Pirates 2: Arizona runner Nick Ahmed put his arms up as he slid into second base and deflected a potential double play relay in the 10th inning as the Diamondbacks beat visiting Pittsburgh.

Orioles 1, Mariners 0: Chris Tillman (3-5) pitched seven innings of three-hit ball to outduel Hisashi Iwakuma and Nick Markakis hit his first career leadoff homer as host Baltimore beat Seattle.

Royals 4, Athletics 2: James Shields pitched eight sharp innings for his first win in nearly a month as visiting Kansas City beat Oakland. Shields (10-6) retired his first 15 batters before Josh Reddick hit a leadoff homer in the sixth. Reddick homered again in the eighth.

Angels 7, Rays 5: Mike Trout hit RBI double to key a five-run first inning as visiting Los Angeles beat Tampa Bay in a game delayed by a 19-minute power outage at Tropicana Field.

Twins 16, White Sox 3: Rookie Danny Santana had five hits and four RBIs as Minnesota scored nine times in the eighth inning of a romp over host Chicago.

Astros 6, Blue Jays 1: Scott Feldman worked around eight hits in his first complete game in nearly a year, and Chris Carter and Matt Dominguez each had two RBIs as host Houston beat Toronto.

Indians 4, Rangers 3: Michael Brantley homered to lead off the bottom of the 12th inning as host Cleveland swept Texas. Brantley sent a full-count pitch from Phil Klein (0-1) into Texas' bullpen in right field.

GOLF

Woods suffers setback

After withdrawing from Bridgestone, status for PGA in doubt

By Doug Ferguson
The Associated Press

AKRON, Ohio — Tiger Woods was at Firestone, and the scene looked all too familiar.

Except he wasn't hoisting a trophy. He could barely bend over to pick up his tee.

Right when Woods thought he was making small progress toward his return from back surgery, he suffered a scary setback Sunday when he was stricken with more back pain and withdrew after eight holes from the Bridgestone Invitational.

How bad was it? Woods headed home to Florida to find out if he could play the PGA Championship this week.

But as he stood next to his car, he struggled to even take off his golf shoes before his caddie drove him away into an uncertain future.

The lasting images of Woods at Firestone were not of him winning, like he did last year for the eighth time. They were of Woods wincing, hobbling and twitching. Those were the scenes from earlier this year when he coped with recurring back pain that forced him to withdraw from the Honda Classic and eventually led to back surgery March 31.

In his third tournament since returning from surgery, this had the look of a serious setback.

Woods injured himself playing a shot from the edge of a bunker on the par-5 second hole. With all his weight on his right leg, he took an awkward slash at the ball, fell back toward the sand and landed with a thud, and kept jogging out of the bunker from sheer momentum of the steep drop.

"I just jarred it, and it's been spasming ever since," Woods told a PGA Tour official before leaving.

Woods kept playing, hitting a number of shockingly bad shots. He hit one into the water from the fairway on No. 3, coming up some 30 yards short of the flag. And on the par-5 fifth hole, his tee shot was 65 yards short of the hole. From a bunker left of the seventh green, he blasted out and back into the fairway and made double bogey.

He grimaced at impact when he hit a 315-yard drive into the left rough on No. 9. Woods slowly stooped over with his right hand on his leg, reached toward his back and slowly bent down to remove the tee from the ground. Moments later, he stepped into a cart and headed for the parking lot.

"It's just the whole lower back," Woods said. "I don't know what happened."

Masters champion Bubba Watson said he didn't see Woods hit the shot that hurt him on No. 2, though he could tell as the round went on that something wasn't right.

"He hit some shots that we're not used to seeing Tiger hit, even



MARK DUNCAN/AP

Tiger Woods makes an awkward fall through after hitting from the lip of a fairway bunker on the second hole during the final round of the Bridgestone Invitational on Sunday. Woods withdrew on the ninth hole with pain in his back, four months after his back surgery.

‘As I've said all along, I would pick Tiger Woods if he's healthy and playing well. This doesn't bode well right now.’

Tom Watson
U.S. Ryder Cup captain

when he's coming back from an injury like this," Watson said. "So obviously, something was bothering him. ... Like I told him when I shook his hand, I said, 'I'm praying for you. Hope everything turns out good. Hope to see you next week.'"

With the pain he showed leaving the course — and just four months removed from back surgery — it would seem unlikely that Woods plays next week at Valhalla, where he won the PGA Championship in 2000. Woods is scheduled to play the opening two rounds with Phil Mickelson and Padraig Harrington.

Mickelson was on the 11th hole — not far away from No. 9 — when he noticed Woods leaving.

"It didn't look good. It looked like he was really in pain," Mickelson said. "I hope he's OK. I hope he's able to play next week. I hope it's a muscle and nothing serious because I'm really looking forward to playing with him. We rarely get paired together. If we do, it's been early Saturday.

"As much as I love playing with him, playing against him, trying to beat him, we all want him in the field. We all want him back. I just hope he's OK."

If Woods does not play in the PGA Championship, that would be the end of his season. He has to win the PGA to be eligible for the FedEx Cup playoffs.

And now with another injury, Ryder Cup captain Tom Watson might have an even more difficult time picking him for the American team.

Watson said Monday that Woods' latest back injury "doesn't bode well right now" for Woods playing in the Ryder Cup. Watson told SiriusXM PGA Tour Radio he was watching the final round of the Bridgestone Invitational when Woods withdrew after hitting his tee shot on the ninth hole because of another injury to his back.

"I just hope that maybe it's just an isolated problem that he can turn around and possibly play this week at the PGA."



PHIL LONG/AP

Rory McIlroy, right, is congratulated by Sergio Garcia after McIlroy won the Bridgestone Invitational by two shots over Garcia on Sunday.

McIlroy surges past Garcia, up to No. 1

By Doug Ferguson
The Associated Press

AKRON, Ohio — Winning the British Open wasn't enough to make Rory McIlroy want to take the rest of the year off to celebrate. Neither was the first World Golf Championship he won Sunday at Firestone.

Another major awaits this week. McIlroy can't wait to get there.

Two weeks after his wire-to-wire win at Royal Liverpool, McIlroy took his game from the links of Britain to the parkland of America and made the game look just as easy. With another powerful performance, he wiped out a three-shot deficit to Sergio Garcia in three holes, closed with a 4-under 66 and returned to No. 1 in the world with a two-shot victory in the Bridgestone Invitational.

He looked just as good as the last time he reached No. 1 in the world during his torrid stretch at the end of 2012.

"This is better," he said. "Mentally, I'm really sharp. I didn't start to think about score. I didn't start to think about where I was in the tournament. I just playing shot after shot after shot. So yeah, it's good."

Garcia wasn't at his best and closed with a 71. He's not sure it would have mattered.

"Everybody saw it," Garcia said. "He played very, very well. He drove the ball miles and very, very straight for the most part. He gave himself a lot of birdie looks."

McIlroy finished the third round with two straight birdies, and not even one day and a rain delay slowed him. He punched an 8-iron out of the rough, under the trees and up the slope to an elevated green to 3 feet to open with a birdie. He drilled a 4-iron from 219 yards into 25 feet for a two-putt birdie at the second, and then followed with a gap wedge 8 feet for a third straight birdie. Garcia made bogey from the rough, and McIlroy was 3 strokes behind. The Spaniard never caught up.

McIlroy became the 13th player with a major and a World Golf Championship, and he joined Tiger Woods as the only players to win them in consecutive starts.

Woods wasn't around to see it. He injured his lower back on the

second hole. He withdrew after a tee shot on the ninth hole, bending over slowly and struggling to remove the tee from the ground.

McIlroy heads south to Valhalla with a full head of steam. After a brief celebration with the claret jug, he was determined to move forward and chase more titles in the final four months of the year. He backed it up with a powerful performance on a soggy Firestone course to take the top spot in the world from Adam Scott.

"That's the most pleasing thing about this week is not dwelling about what happened at Hoylake," he said. "That's what I'll have to do after this, as well. I've just got to keep moving forward."

McIlroy finished at 15-under 265 and won \$1.53 million, leaving him \$765 short of Bubba Watson on the PGA Tour money list.

More important was the world ranking.

He lost the No. 1 position in March 2013 when his game was in a downward spiral as he was adjusting to a new equipment deal and going through another management change. But since winning the BMW PGA Championship at Wentworth at May, his game looks as strong as ever.

"Obviously, Rory is in incredible form at the moment," Scott said. "He'll be the man to beat next week by the look of things. And I'll be gunning for him, for sure."

Garcia was a runner-up to McIlroy for the second straight time.

The Spaniard had the daunting task of making up a seven-shot deficit at the British Open, and Garcia put up a great fight until finishing two shots behind at Hoylake. Staked to at three-shot lead at Firestone, it didn't go much better.

Garcia missed a 6-foot birdie on the par-5 second hole with a putt that never looked as if it was going in. His lead down to one. Garcia pulled his tee shot into the gallery on the third hole, striking a woman on the hand and knocking the diamond out of her ring. The diamond was found, about the lone bright spot in his day. Garcia made bogey, and McIlroy rolled in another birdie putt to take the lead.

AUTO RACING



MATT SLOCUM/AP

Dale Earnhardt Jr. poses with a broom after winning the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race at Pocono Raceway on Sunday in Long Pond, Pa. Earnhardt swept both NASCAR races at Pocono this year.

Broom: Earnhardt holds off Harvick for first Pocono sweep since 2006

FROM BACK PAGE

Earnhardt held off the hard-charging Kevin Harvick to become the first driver to sweep both races at the track since Denny Hamlin in 2006.

"It's not a bad spot to be in," Earnhardt said. "But definitely the pressure's on that last restart, when you got Kevin lining up beside you. I knew how confident Kevin was going to be going into turn one and I had to have that same confidence in my car."

He tweeted "Lookin for a broom" last week when he landed in Pocono.

He found one in Victory Lane.

"This group all really enjoys each other," Earnhardt said. "We want to see everybody happy."

They had tons of fun inside the Pocono media center.

Steve Letarte acted hurt when his nameplate didn't have the same three winner's stickers that were on Earnhardt's card. Earnhardt also brought a Make-A-Wish Foundation tent to the podium and made sure he'd have his own namecard and stickers.

"This is my buddy, Chris. Does he get one," Earnhardt said.

They all got their stickers — the same ones applied to the No. 88 Chevrolet.

Earnhardt has his most wins since he won six times in 2004. His three wins are one shy of his combined total from 2005-2013. His win Sunday was the 22nd of a career still without a Cup championship.

Earnhardt and Letarte are clicking in their final season together. Hendrick Motorsports named Greg Ives the crew chief for 2015 once Letarte heads to the broadcast booth.

"I think he's going to make me look bad," Letarte said. "Mr. Hendrick has a remarkable talent of matching drivers with crew chiefs."

Harvick, who clinched a spot in the Chase, was second, followed by Joey Logano, Clint Boywer and Greg Biffle.

Here are five things from Pocono Raceway:

1 Gordon's milestones: Jeff Gordon followed his record fifth Brickyard 400 victory with a few more milestones. He just couldn't make it back-to-back wins. Gordon had a strong No. 24 Chevrolet for most of Sunday's race at Pocono Raceway and finished sixth. He led a race-high 63 laps and hit 24,000 career laps led and 1,000 laps led at Pocono. He does hold a 17-point lead over

Hendrick Motorsports teammate and winner Dale Earnhardt Jr. Earnhardt, though, would hold the No. 1 seed in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship because he has three wins to Gordon's two. Gordon had his sixth top-10 finish in the last eight races. "It's just so awesome and encouraging and has got my confidence sky high," he said. "I just can't wait to get to the next race."

2 The big one: Dale Earnhardt Jr. had few cars left to hold off on the lead lap after several potential contenders got knocked out. Denny Hamlin triggered a 13-car wreck with 43 laps after he got sideways coming out of a turn. Brian Vickers tried to avoid Hamlin and slammed into Matt Kenseth to send cars all over the track. Tony Stewart's No. 14 Chevrolet rested atop Paul Menard's No. 27 Chevy. Aric Almirola said he slammed on the breaks as hard as he could, but still got "creamed from behind and pushed into the wreck."

3 Tire woes: Danica Patrick hit the wall with a right rear flat and finished 30th. Six-time champion Jimmie Johnson finished outside the top 10 for the fourth straight race. He fell a lap down after his rear right tire smacked the wall, rebounded to run fifth, then a second blown tire forced him to the garage. "It wasn't the best weekend and we still gave ourselves a chance at a win, if not a top five, today and came up a little short," Johnson said.

4 New chief: Denny Hamlin finished ninth in his first race with an interim crew chief. Team engineer Mike Wheeler filled in for the suspended Darrian Grubb. Grubb was suspended for six races for rules violations last week at the Brickyard. "He called the race nice," Hamlin said. "Good communication and we were on the same strategy as far as what I was thinking and what he was thinking, so that was good. Pretty seamless for the most part."

5 You again? Dale Earnhardt Jr. was the fifth straight Hendrick Motorsports driver to win at Pocono. Owner Rick Hendrick was not at the race, though he did talk to his winning driver on the phone on pit road. "I told him thanks for believing in me and making my life better," Earnhardt said. Earnhardt's sweep followed Kasey Kahne and Jimmie Johnson last year and Jeff Gordon in the August 2012 race.

IndyCar

Dixon goes from worst to first

CGR driver wins at Mid-Ohio after qualifying last

BY RUSTY MILLER
The Associated Press

LEXINGTON, Ohio — Scott Dixon went from last in qualifying to capture his fifth win at Mid-Ohio in the last eight years, coasting in on low fuel to end Target Chip Ganassi Racing's victory drought in 2014.

"It was probably around Lap 30, we had to really go for it and switch it up," he said about the altered game plan to go hard and then conserve fuel while playing keep-away with the lead.

The 34-year-old New Zealander, who started last in the 22-car field, also won on the twisty road course between Cleveland and Columbus in 2007, 2009, 2011 and 2012.

"To come from last to even a top-10 here was going to be extremely difficult to do," he said. "But we laid down some quick laps, passed some people and then hung on."

Target Chip Ganassi has won the last six races at the track, including all four of Dixon's triumphs. It finally broke through in a familiar place.

Dixon took advantage of a gaffe by Josef Newgarden and his pit crew to pull away.

Pole-sitter Sebastien Bourdais of France was a distant second, with James Hinchcliffe third, rookie Carlos Munoz fourth and favorite son Graham Rahal fifth.

"(Starting) 17th to (finishing) third sounds impressive until you talk about Scott," Hinchcliffe joked. "He's got to go and show-bow, like he always does here."



TOM E. PUSKAR/AP

Scott Dixon won the IndyCar Honda Indy 200 race in Lexington, Ohio on Sunday. Dixon won the race from the last starting place on the grid. It was his fifth victory at Mid-Ohio in the last eight years.

Dixon led a total of 45 laps, strategically winning the pit-stop battle against the top contenders while capturing his 34th series win and first since Houston last October.

After qualifying last on Saturday, Dixon said, "Not the best qualifying we've had this year, I can tell you that. There just wasn't any grip to be found out there. We'll have to come up with a great strategy tomorrow to dig us out of this hole."

That's exactly what they did.

Australia's Will Power, second in the drivers' standings coming in, took over the No. 1 spot when leader Helio Castroneves of Brazil had throttle problems on a pace lap. Power finished sixth while Castroneves, who would end up with the fastest lap of the race, was 19th.



TOM E. PUSKAR/AP

Marco Andretti (25) collides with Tony Kanaan (10) in a first-lap crash during the IndyCar Honda Indy 200 race on Sunday, while Takuma Sato (14), of Japan, and Ryan Briscoe (8), of Australia, try to avoid the crash.

SPORTS



Arms race?

Trade deadline moves set stage for postseason rematch | Page 27



NASCAR

Clean sweep

Earnhardt Jr. breaks out the broom at Pocono Raceway

By DAN GELSTON
The Associated Press

LONG POND, Pa. — Dale Earnhardt Jr. put a handy twist on his Victory Lane party.

After he popped champagne, was doused in beer and snapped selfies, Earnhardt reached for the appropriate tool for a bash this big.

A broom.

Earnhardt could have used it to clean up the mess around him. But it was much more fun hoisting it high over his head in celebration. He needed it after he completed a season sweep at Pocono Raceway, the third win in a season that has

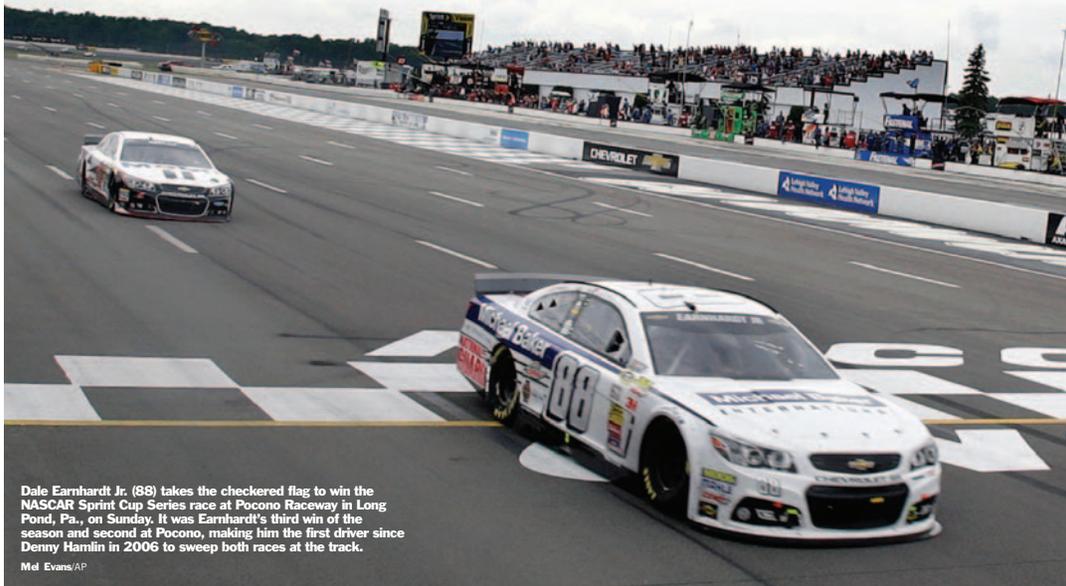
served as a career renaissance for NASCAR's most popular driver.

"Everything about life right now has been great," Earnhardt said.

Earnhardt now holds the No. 1 seed in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship.

The legion of Junior Nation fans roared when Earnhardt stormed ahead of the pack off the final restart with three laps left for the lead. His third win — he also won the Daytona 500 — tied him for the most in Sprint Cup this season.

SEE BROOM ON PAGE 31



Dale Earnhardt Jr. (88) takes the checkered flag to win the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race at Pocono Raceway in Long Pond, Pa., on Sunday. It was Earnhardt's third win of the season and second at Pocono, making him the first driver since Denny Hamlin in 2006 to sweep both races at the track.

Mel Evans/AP

Mclroy chases down Garcia to win Bridgestone Invitational | Page 30

Woods aggravates back, status for PGA Championship uncertain | Page 30



027664463149