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## Getting down to brass tacks

### Joint Chiefs: Pay and benefits cuts needed to stop the readiness bleeding

By TRAVIS J. TRITTEN  
*Stars and Stripes*

WASHINGTON — The military is “hemorrhaging” readiness and must reduce troop pay raises and popular benefits this coming year or risk a force that is ill-equipped and unprepared to fight, the Joint Chiefs of Staff told Senate lawmakers Tuesday.

All members of the Joint Chiefs testified in a rare gathering before the Senate Armed Services Committee to warn of the dangers of a shrinking defense budget and press for support of a 1 percent pay raise and reductions to commissary, housing and health care benefits.

The Department of Defense included the reforms in its annual budget, proposed in March, but Congress is putting

together its own budget plan, and many on Capitol Hill worry the cuts break promises made to servicemembers and could also harm the country’s defense. Last week, the House approved a draft budget that rejects the DOD proposals, and Senate debate opens this week.

Adm. James Winnefeld, vice chair-

man of the Joint Chiefs, told senators on the Armed Services Committee that the reforms are “fair and gradual,” despite some public outcry.

“Some say we are cutting pay,” Winnefeld said. “That is not true. We quickly eliminated any proposal ... that would do that.”

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Above, from left: Gen. James Amos, commandant of the Marine Corps; Adm. Jonathan Greenert, chief of naval operations; Adm. James Winnefeld, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Gen. Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Gen. Ray Odierno, Army chief of staff; Gen. Mark Welsh III, Air Force chief of staff; and Gen. Frank Grass, chief of the National Guard Bureau, testify before the Senate Armed Services Committee on Tuesday.

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## American Legion calls for Shinseki’s resignation

By CHRIS CARROLL  
*Stars and Stripes*

WASHINGTON — The head of one of the nation’s major veterans service organizations on Monday called on Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki and top department leadership to step down following reports of delays and neglect at VA

health centers around the nation.

American Legion National Commander Daniel M. Dellinger said Monday the incidents “are part of what appear to be a pattern of scandals that has infected the entire system.”

In a speech at the organization’s headquarters in Indianapolis, he also called for the resignations of Undersecretary for

Health Robert Petzel and Undersecretary for Benefits Allison Hickey.

Dellinger’s call comes on the heels of whistleblower allegations that more than 40 veterans may have died awaiting treatment while the Phoenix VA Health Care System maintained a secret waiting list designed to cover up delays in delivering care.

He also pointed to an outbreak of Le-

gionnaires’ disease at the VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System that he attributed to “continuous management failures,” as well as delays in providing gastrointestinal services to veterans in Georgia that he said may have hastened the deaths of three cancer patients.

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Ray LaMontagne expands his sound on new album

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Taking a QB in top 10 can be risky proposition

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# QUOTE OF THE DAY

"As soon as he could talk, I told (him) he's the man of the house. That's what he did. He's a hero."

— The mother of an 8-year-old boy who grew up without a father and was killed while trying to protect his sister from an assault

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# MILITARY



### Sikorsky unveils King Stallion

Dignitaries look over the newly unveiled Sikorsky CH-53K heavy-lift helicopter, called the King Stallion, during an official rollout Monday at the Sikorsky Aircraft Corp. in Jupiter, Fla. The largest helicopter ever designed and built by Sikorsky, the CH-53K will replace the CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter for the U.S. Marine Corps beginning in 2019. It is equipped with three new 7,500-horsepower engines that provide 57 percent more power than the CH-53E but use less gas.

WLR/REO LEE/AP

# Legion: VA, White House defend Shinseki's abilities

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Dellinger also referred to a report this week in USA Today about a VA investigation that showed clerks at a VA clinic in Fort Collins, Colo., were told to falsify records so it would appear doctors were seeing patients within approved time frames.

Shinseki, who was wounded during the Vietnam War, retired from the Army in 2003 after serving as chief of staff. He was nominated by President Barack Obama and took over as VA secretary in January 2009.

White House officials said Obama is taking the VA allegations seriously and has ordered an investigation by the Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General.

"The president remains confident in Secretary Shinseki's ability to lead the Department and to take appropriate action based on the IG's findings," the White House said in a statement.

In a statement emailed to Stars and Stripes, VA spokesman Drew Brookie defended Shinseki's record, saying he had overseen a nearly 50 percent reduction in the disability claims backlog and a 24 percent reduction in veteran homelessness. Under Shinseki's leadership, VA has also enrolled 2 million more veterans in VA health care and provided post-9/11

GI benefits to more than 1 million students, he said.

"Secretary Shinseki has dedicated his life to his fellow veterans, and nobody is more committed to completing the work that lies ahead," Brookie said. "As the secretary says, providing veterans the quality care and benefits they have earned through their service is our only mission at VA."

Dellinger said it saddened him to demand the resignations, and he praised Shinseki's patriotism and sacrifice for the country while serving in the military.

"However, his record as the head of the Department of Veterans Affairs tells a different story," Dellinger said in his prepared remarks. "It's a story of poor oversight and failed leadership."

The head of the Veterans of Foreign Wars issued a statement Monday opposing the Legion's demand.

But VFW National Commander William A. Thien acknowledged

Shinseki has plenty of explaining to do.

"It is paramount that Secretary Shinseki get publicly in front of this immediately to address the valid concerns of veterans and their families, and to re-establish the credibility of the entire VA health and benefits systems, and that of his own office," Thien said in a news release.

"The VFW looks forward to the swift completion of the ongoing VA Inspector General's investigation, and we also support closer congressional oversight to help ensure that the VA does not fall in its mission to care for wounded, ill and injured veterans and their survivors," he added.

The head of the Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America said the organization is surveying its membership on whether Shinseki should remain and would soon share the result. However, Paul Rieckhoff, IVA founder and CEO, said Congress must give

Shinseki the power to effectively manage the VA.

"It's not just about leadership, it's also about giving leadership the tools they need," he said in an emailed statement. "Congress can do its part by passing H.R. 4031, the VA Management Accountability Act, introduced by Jeff Miller (R-Fla.), chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee. We need this legislation to strengthen accountability by giving the VA secretary complete authority to fire or denote employees who have failed to serve veterans."

American Legion officials said the last time the organization called on a federal official to resign was in 1941, when it demanded Labor Secretary Frances Perkins step down.

Dellinger said veterans need assurance they will be safe receiving treatment at VA health care centers.

"Errors and lapses can occur in any system," he said. "But the American Legion expects when such errors and lapses are discovered, that they are dealt with swiftly and that the responsible parties are held accountable. This has not happened at the Department of Veterans Affairs."

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Drew Brookie  
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MILITARY

# House GOP spares benefits in budget plan

By DONNA CASSATA  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Republicans spare aircraft, bases and personnel benefits from defense budget cuts by chipping away at money the Pentagon spends in preparing the military for war.

Rep. Howard “Buck” McKeon, R-Calif., the chairman of the Armed Services Committee, unveiled the \$601 billion measure on Monday that reflects smaller military budgets after more than a decade of war in Iraq and Afghanistan and the clout of congressional deficit hawks determined to cut federal spending.

Forced to make trade-offs within spending limits, the bill would spare the U-2 spy plane, born during the height of the Cold War, by barring any money to the Pentagon to retire the aircraft. Amid the clamor in Congress, the bill also would force the Pentagon to keep the A-10 Warthog in storage rather than retire the plane.

To offset those moves, the bill rejects the Pentagon’s plea for another round of military base closures to shutter unnecessary facilities and cuts some \$1.4 billion for training, repairs and other operation and maintenance.

The committee plans to consider McKeon’s blueprint, known as the chairman’s mark, and vote on it Wednesday.

A committee statement faulted President Barack Obama for the cuts even though some congressional Republicans have backed the reductions as part of a bipartisan agreement.

“In developing this proposal, Chairman McKeon, together with members from both parties, worked hard to find savings in less critical areas that do not pose the threat of irrevocable damage to the force or the potential to harm recruiting or retention,” the committee said. “Still, at current resource levels, tough choices must be made.”

The panel’s top Democrat, Rep. Adam Smith, of Washington state, warned that the rejection of some of the Pentagon proposals would degrade the military’s readiness.

“While it is not our role to accept the defense budget entirely as it is presented, it is also not our role to make significant changes that cause the Department of Defense harm based on parochial interest,” Smith said in a statement.

The bill would reject Pentagon plans to slightly increase the out-of-pocket expenses for servicemembers for housing and ask military families to make significant changes to pay more for health care. The Pentagon also wanted to reduce the \$1.4 billion in direct subsidies to military commissaries where military families can buy name-brand groceries and other items at reduced cost.

The bill would provide \$100 million of the \$40 million in requested cuts to commissaries in the budget for the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1.

Overall, the legislation would provide \$495.8 billion for the core defense budget, \$17.9 billion for energy programs within Pentagon spending and \$79.4 billion for the war in Afghanistan and other overseas operations.



‘If Congress does not accept our proposals, you must end sequestration now.’

Gen. Ray Odierno  
chief of staff of the Army

PHOTOS BY RICK VASQUEZ/STARS AND STRIPES

Gen. Ray Odierno, Army chief of staff, testifies before the Senate Armed Services Committee on Tuesday, making the case that cuts to pay and benefits are necessary to maintain military readiness.

## Brass: Joint Chiefs call for end to sequestration as cuts are weighed

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He also said the DOD is not proposing to immediately close stateside commissaries. Instead, he said, the stores would be forced to be more efficient.

Pentagon officials have acknowledged, however, that cutting more than two-thirds of the commissary subsidy would likely result in the closing of some stateside stores.

In addition to the 1 percent pay raise, the DOD proposes cutting subsidies to base supermarkets from \$1.4 billion to \$400 million annually, reducing housing allowances until servicemembers pay about 5 percent for residences and utilities, and consolidating what Winnefeld called a “bewildering” Tricare health care system.

Overall, the reforms would save the military about \$2 billion in fiscal 2015 and \$31 billion over five years. The DOD is under intense pressure to trim costs due to the Budget Control Act of 2011, also called sequestration, which forces automatic budget cuts after Congress could not reach a deal to reduce federal spending.

Joint Chiefs Chairman Gen. Martin Dempsey — who made the “hemorrhaging” remark — said the military has studied the pay and benefits issues and does not want to wait on the budget decisions until the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission completes a congressionally mandated review in February. “We have enough information to make these changes now,” he said.

If the costs of benefits are not significantly reduced, the money would need to come from training and equipment programs, according to the Joint Chiefs. Gen. Ray Odierno, Army chief of staff, said he fully supports all the pay and benefit changes and that Congress’ lack of support for cuts now would cause soldiers with less train-



Gen. Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, testifies before the Senate Armed Services Committee on Tuesday.

ing and less modern equipment to bear the “miscalculations” on the battlefield.

“If Congress does not accept our proposals, you must end sequestration now,” Odierno said.

Sen. James Inhofe, R-Okla., ranking member of the Armed Services Committee, echoed the sentiment of Republicans in the House, saying the DOD proposal to reform pay and benefits represents a false choice between making good on promises to troops and ensuring they can accomplish their mission.

“We are telling them that we are looking for a way out of our commitments to them,” Inhofe said. “The effects of these cuts are undermining the military’s ability to protect the nation.”

Armed Services Chairman Carl Levin, D-Mich., said ignoring the \$2 billion in reforms this year comes at a steep cost to the military.

He said sequestration could in future years force further reductions in force

strength, retirement of the entire KC-10 tanker fleet and the latest version of the Global Hawk surveillance drone, fewer purchases of the Joint Strike Fighter aircraft and drones, and the elimination of an aircraft carrier and carrier air wing.

“We surely must do all that we can to minimize the adverse impact of these proposals,” Levin said. “But as long as the statutory budget caps remain in place, we do not have the option of simply rejecting these compensation proposals. We would have to make alternative cuts.”

Other senators on the committee took aim at sequestration, though Congress has been unable to kill it.

“The biggest problem really is sequestration,” Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said. “Unless Congress and the president work together, all these problems will pale in comparison to the challenge of sequestration.”

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## MILITARY

# Deal extends US lease on Djibouti base

By ZACHARY A. GOLDFARB  
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WASHINGTON — The United States has reached agreement with the government of Djibouti to preserve a key military base in the Horn of Africa that has been central to U.S. counterterrorism efforts in East Africa and previously served as a key launching point for drone strikes throughout the region.

President Barack Obama announced the agreement Monday at the White House during a meeting with Djibouti's president, Ismail Omar Guelleh. An administration official said the U.S. government would pay \$630 million over the next decade to Djibouti to lease the base, called Camp Lemonnier. At \$63 million per year, the fee is almost double the \$38 million that the United States has been paying.

**‘Camp Lemonnier is extraordinarily important not only to our work throughout the Horn of Africa but throughout the region.’**

President Barack Obama

“Camp Lemonnier is extraordinarily important not only to our work throughout the Horn of Africa but throughout the region,” Obama said.

The military base, which houses 4,000 personnel, had been the launching site for key elements of the Obama administration's counterterrorism strategy in East Africa and Yemen. U.S. military forces have spent years trying to counter the presence of al-Qaida in Yemen and al-Shabab in Somalia. Since its establishment in 2001, the base

— which shares an airstrip with Djibouti's commercial airport — was secretly transformed into one of the most active sites for launching drone strikes outside the Afghanistan-Pakistan region.

Last year, the military was forced to relocate drones after a series of crashes led to intense fears that civilians could be killed at the airport. The military now uses airstrips in more remote parts of the country. Obama credited Djibouti with aiding the fight against terrorism in Somalia.

“There's a significant presence of soldiers from Djibouti who are participating in the multinational force that has been able to push back al-Shabab's control over large portions of Somalia,” Obama said.

According to the terms of the base agreement, the United States and Djibouti can renew the lease for another 10 years at the same rate of \$63 million a year. They can then renew the lease for another 10 years at a renegotiated rate.

“The fact that we welcome the U.S. forces in our country show our support for international peace and for peace in our region as well,” Guelleh said. “We do that for all for peace in the world and for peace in Africa.”

At the meeting, Obama also pledged to increase financial aid to Djibouti outside of the base agreement, including helping to expand skills training and foreign aid.

## Guantanamo inmate to skip parole hearing to avoid body search

From wire reports

An inmate at the U.S. prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, is not attending his parole board hearing because he does not want to submit to what he considers an overly intrusive body search, according to a statement released Friday from a military official appointed to represent him.

Mohammed al-Shimrani, who has been held at the U.S. base in Cuba without charge for 12 years, was scheduled to appear Monday before the Periodic Review Board,

which was to consider whether he can be transferred back to his native Saudi Arabia.

The review process began last year as part of a renewed effort by President Barack Obama to close the prison and the board is expected to evaluate about half of the 154 men still held there.

Shimrani, 39, said he would not attend because the body search, in which guards touch the area near his genitals, is “humiliating and degrading,” according to the statement.

The personal representative, a military officer appointed to represent him at the review board, said the prisoner has refused meetings at the prison and turned down dental appointments because of the searches.

Lawyers for prisoners have said in the past that prisoners at Guantanamo have refused meetings and phone calls because of the searches, which are required each time they move from one section of the prison to another. Complaints about the practice emerged in the

context of the prison's long-running hunger strike.

In July 2013, in response to a legal challenge, U.S. District Court Judge Royce Lamberth found that the searches were blocking prisoners' access to counsel and ordered the military to halt the practice. The government appealed to a higher court, arguing that the searches, imposed after a detainee suicide, are necessary to prevent the smuggling of contraband within Guantanamo.

The court authorized the search-

es while a ruling is pending.

The Periodic Review Board can go on without the participation of Shimrani. He has been held as a suspected recruiter for al-Qaida and the Taliban who joined the jihad in Afghanistan.

A U.S. intelligence profile of the prisoner, created recently for the board, calls Shimrani a “problematic and unpredictable detainee” who has “used his authority as a religious leader to encourage other detainees not to cooperate with detention staff.”



Courtesy of the U.S. Army

## Troops in Kabul get treat from country star

Country singer Craig Morgan visits troops from the XVIII Airborne Corps in Kabul. Morgan, who served in the Army for 19 years, is on a tour to perform for deployed servicemembers. Morgan autographed a guitar belonging to one of the soldiers that he used to play for the troops.

## 3 Afghanistan police killed in bombing

The Associated Press

KABUL — A roadside bombing on Tuesday killed three policemen and wounded two in the country's western Herat province, a security official said.

District police chief Shir Agha Alokozay said the attack took place in the province's Obe district on Tuesday morning when the police vehicle the officers were riding in hit the roadside bomb.

Alokozay said the bomb was set off by a remote-control device and that the police have caught a suspect with the remote control.

Another roadside bomb killed four policemen and wounded four others in the same province the previous night, according to Border Police Chief Gen. Mohammad Juma Adeel. He added that the four were in critical condition after the bombing in Ghoryan district.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attacks but Afghan security forces are frequently targeted by insurgents and violence has intensified in the country as most international troops prepare to withdraw at the end of the year.

MILITARY

# Crushed Orions declared total loss

## Navy aircraft suffered damage in roof collapse after Japan snow

By ERIC SLAVIN  
Stars and Stripes

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — At least three of the Navy's four P-3 Orion surveillance aircraft damaged when snow collapsed a Japanese contractor's hangar in February were crushed beyond repair, according to a media report.

A spokeswoman at Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Md., told the Navy League's Seapower magazine on May 5 that Navy damage assessments concluded that the P-3s were totaled by unusually heavy snowfall at the NIPPI Corp. maintenance facility near Naval Air Facility Atsugi.

"Of the four aircraft, three have been assessed as a total loss," said LaToya Graddy, spokeswoman for the Navy's Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Aircraft Program Office. "The remaining aircraft will be assessed for serviceability once the roof structure is removed. All four aircraft were receiving normally scheduled depot-level maintenance.

"As of April 2014, we have 115 P-3Cs in inventory," Graddy said. "Of that, 82 are available."

The remaining are either in the depot for modifications or repairs, or they are scheduled for maintenance, she said.

The 550-foot-long hangar housed 10 aircraft, including the



A hangar with U.S. and Japanese military surveillance planes inside collapsed near Naval Air Facility Atsugi, Japan, on Feb. 15, due to heavy snow.

U.S. Navy planes and six variants of the Japan Self-Defense Force P-3. The 50-foot-high roof dated to the 1950s, Japanese officials said following the hangar collapse.

After a warmer-than-average winter with little snowfall, the Tokyo region, where the NIPPI facility is located, was blanketed by more than 30 inches of snow in February.

Japanese Defense Ministry officials were unavailable for comment Tuesday, which was a national holiday in Japan. NAF Atsugi officials were also unavailable for comment Tuesday afternoon.

The P-3 Orion has patrolled the Pacific on anti-submarine and surveillance missions since its introduction in the 1960s. Each four-engine turboprop aircraft

costs \$36 million, according to the U.S. Navy's Fact File website.

The Navy is slowly phasing out the P-3 in favor of the new P-8 Poseidon aircraft, which has an upgraded airframe and avionics enhancements.

The P-8 planes began arriving at U.S. bases in Japan in December.

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# Soldier dies from illness

Stars and Stripes

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — A U.S. Army private serving in Afghanistan died Saturday in Germany from a non-combat-related illness, the Defense Department said Monday.

Pfc. Daniela "Dani" Rojas, of Los Angeles, was medically evacuated to Germany on April 30 and immediately transferred to a German hospital in Homburg, a spokeswoman for the military's Landstuhl Regional Medical Center said.



Rojas

Military officials would not provide details about Rojas' illness.

Landstuhl spokeswoman Marie Shaw said Rojas was taken to Homburg after her medical evacuation flight landed at Ramstein Air Base because her illness "would have required treatment beyond our capability."

Homburg, a large university hospital with many specialties, is about 15 miles west of Landstuhl.

Rojas, 19, joined the Army in October 2012 and was assigned as a unit supply specialist to the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, based at Fort Carson, Colo.

She deployed to Afghanistan Feb. 1, according to service information provided by a Fort Carson official.

Rojas earned the Army Good Conduct Medal, as well as a handful of other awards for her service and deployment to Afghanistan, the official said.

## 1 killed, 3 injured in Fort Bliss helo crash

FORT BLISS, Texas — One soldier died and three others were injured when their helicopter crashed during weekend training exercises from a West Texas post.

Sgt. Dwight Burn, 27, died when the CH-47 Chinook he was in crashed Saturday night near Oro-

grande, N.M. Another crewmember and two pilots were injured.

All four soldiers are with the 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade from Fort Bragg, N.C.

The soldiers were conducting high-altitude mountainous environment training out of Fort Bliss in El Paso.

An investigation of the crash should take up to six months to complete.

From The Associated Press

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PACIFIC

# China drills in disputed area off Vietnam

By ERIC SLAVIN  
Stars and Stripes

**YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan** — China is drilling for oil in waters claimed by Vietnam in the latest dispute over territory in the South China Sea, a region that deeply concerns U.S. strategists focused on preserving freedom of navigation.

Vietnam Foreign Ministry spokesman Le Hai Binh said the Chinese deep water drilling rig was operating about 150 miles from Vietnam's coast, in an area "undeniably within Vietnam's exclusive economic zone and continental shelf."

"Vietnam resolutely protests any activity conducted by foreign countries in its waters without

permission," Binh said in a statement posted on the Foreign Ministry's website. "Such an activity is illegal and void."

International maritime law generally considers waters within 200 nautical miles of a country's borders to be part of its exclusive economic zone.

The drilling site is about 225 miles from China's Hainan Island, which is connected by a bridge to the Chinese mainland. However, the site is about 30 miles from the disputed Parcel Islands, which China declared part of the prefecture-level city of Sansha in 2012.

The islands and reefs themselves are of little value, but the surrounding waters are believed

to contain vast oil and natural gas resources.

China claims the islands — along with about 90 percent of the South China Sea — based largely on what it deems historical discovery. Its claims clash with those of Vietnam, the Philippines, Brunei, Malaysia, Indonesia and Taiwan, which base their claims mostly on international law, though Binh noted that Vietnam has "sufficient historical evidence and legal bases" to claim sovereignty over the Paracels.

Asked about Vietnam's protest, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying said the rig was operating "completely within the waters of China's Parcel Islands," according to Reuters. Hua

declined to elaborate.

The Maritime Safety Administration of China announced May 3 on its website that all ships should stay 1 mile away from the rig, called the Haiyang Shiyou 981.

China's move comes just after President Barack Obama's visit to Japan, South Korea, the Philippines and Malaysia. All except South Korea have territorial disputes with China.

During a news conference in Manila, Obama noted that the United States doesn't "go around sending ships and threatening folks" when it has territorial disputes, a pointed reference to China's actions.

In recent years, China has held multiple maritime standoffs with Vietnamese and Philippine ships. Recently, Chinese ships tried to block the resupply of a rusted barge manned by a small Philip-

pine garrison at the disputed Second Thomas Shoal.

Obama also voiced support for Manila's right to challenge Chinese claims in international court. The Philippines filed a 4,000-page brief at the international Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague on March 30, challenging a map that China uses to assert South China Sea control.

The U.S. Navy conducts freedom-of-navigation operations to assert international rights of sea passage in regions with "unlawful maritime sovereignty claims," according to the State Department. A report to Congress stated that the Navy carried out such operations on China and 10 other nations in fiscal year 2013, including allies like the Philippines.

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**A Vietnamese sailor works alongside U.S. sailors aboard the destroyer USS McCain during training in April at Da Nang, Vietnam. This week, Vietnamese officials condemned Chinese oil drilling in disputed waters near the Paracel Islands in the South China Sea.**

## AF airlifts injured fishermen

By TOSHIO SUZUKI  
Stars and Stripes

Air Force helicopters airlifted two seriously injured Chinese fishermen from a skiff in the Pacific Ocean on Tuesday, two days after rescuers jumped to their location to provide emergency medical care.

The injured fishermen, along with nine others, abandoned their sinking ship after a fire and were initially found by a Venezuelan fishing boat about 1,100 nautical miles off the coast of Mexico.

Two of the 11 sailors died from their wounds while the others were uninjured and later transferred to a nearby Chinese vessel. Another six were believed to be missing.

The Venezuelan ship called the

Air Force Rescue Coordination Center on Friday asking for medical assistance, starting the complicated pararescue effort from a team based at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Arizona.

When Pave Hawk choppers reached the Venezuelan ship Monday, it was about 600 nautical miles from the coast of Mexico.

It took two days to get the vessel closer to shore to help facilitate the helicopter rescue, said Maj. Sarah Schwennesen, a Davis-Monthan spokeswoman.

The six pararescue airmen used small speed boats and a skiff from the larger Venezuelan ship to create a safer, more level base for hoisting.

As seen in images provided by the Air Force, the injured Chinese sailors were attached to parares-

cue personnel when being lifted to the helicopters.

The Pave Hawks then flew to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, where the injured were transferred to a HC-130 for a flight to a burn unit in San Diego.

The two arrived Monday night. "All in all, the injured patients have been delivered to a higher level of care, and that was our mission," Schwennesen said.

Despite the fishing boat being moved closer to shore, the helicopter pilots still flew for nine hours, requiring refueling four times. The two HC-130J aircraft that dropped off the pararescue airmen and their zodiac boats took 11 hours and also required refueling.

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# UKRAINE UNREST

## Crisis in Ukraine deepens



A pro-Russia gunman stands next to the old Russian military flag and guards the local administration building in the center of Sloviansk, eastern Ukraine, on Tuesday.

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By PETER LEONARD  
AND YURAS KARMANAU  
The Associated Press

DONETSK, Ukraine — Ukrainian troops tightened a security cordon around a major insurgent-held eastern city Tuesday, but pro-Russia militia acted with impunity elsewhere in the turbulent region bordering Russia, surrounding a major Interior Ministry base.

Thirty pro-Russia insurgents and four government troops were killed Monday in operations to expunge anti-government forces around the city of Sloviansk, Ukraine's interior minister reported Tuesday. Rebels said 10 people — fighters and civilians — were killed by Ukrainian troops during clashes Monday. They would not elaborate, and there was no immediate way to reconcile the figures.

Gumbattles on Monday around the city of 125,000 were the interim government's most ambitious effort to date to quell weeks of unrest in Ukraine's mainly Russian-speaking east.

In the southwest, Kiev authorities also attempted to reassert control over the key Black Sea region of Odessa by appointing a new governor there Tuesday.

This nation of 46 million is facing its worst crisis in decades after its Moscow-leaning president, whose base was in the east, fled to Russia in February following months of protests. Ukraine's eastern regions, where armed

insurgents have seized dozens of government buildings and police stations in recent weeks, are now at odds with western and central Ukraine, which seek closer ties with Europe and largely back the government in Kiev.

Interior Minister Arsen Avakov posted the death toll on his Facebook page Tuesday, adding that 20 government troops were also injured during fighting in Sloviansk. He said about 800 pro-Russia forces in and around Sloviansk were deploying large-caliber weapons and mortars Monday.

By Tuesday morning, Ukrainian forces had taken hold of a key checkpoint north of the city, dealing a blow to insurgent lines of communication.

In Donetsk, a major city 75 miles south of Sloviansk, the airport was closed during the day to international flights following a government order but reopened later.

In the afternoon, about 30 pro-Russia militants armed with automatic rifles and grenade

launchers surrounded an Interior Ministry base in Donetsk, demanding that the troops inside not join any government operations against pro-Russia forces. While it was unclear whether they would attack, besieging a government-forces base marked an uptick in the offensive of the militants, who previously had focused on seizing police stations and government buildings.

In the southwest, Kiev authorities announced Tuesday that they were firing the acting governor in Odessa and replacing him with a member of parliament, Ihor Palutsya. Odessa's police chief was also fired over the weekend.

The move over the predominantly Russian-speaking region came after 46 people died Friday, many in a building fire, after a pro-Ukraine march in Odessa turned into a melee of fighting.

The concern that Odessa could be the next region to fall to pro-Russia forces — particularly after 67 people detained in Friday's rioting were released by police Sun-

day under pressure from an angry crowd — has sparked concern in Kiev.

Opposing sides of the Ukraine conflict have traded bitter recriminations over the Odessa deaths. As residents gathered on Tuesday to lay flowers near the building, they remained confused about exactly what caused the fire and suspicious of the police forces who for whatever reason did not stop the bloodshed.

Those who gathered to commemorate the victims, at least 15 of whom were buried Tuesday, fell in both the pro-Ukraine and pro-Russia camps. But most people placed responsibility for what happened on the police for standing aside during the violence and for later releasing the pro-Russia activists.

"I saw how the police were on the side of the pro-Russians — they broke rank when the Russians attacked and closed ranks when they stepped back," said Vitaly Khadyko, 46.

## US to apply tax law to Russian banks

By STEPHEN OHLEMACHER  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The United States is planning to use an anti-tax-evasion law to punish Russia for its actions in Ukraine, a tactic that could prove to be more costly than sanctions. The law was passed in 2010, long before the crisis in Ukraine. But it could become a powerful economic weapon.

Beginning in July, federal law requires U.S. banks to start withholding a 30 percent tax on certain payments to financial institutions in other countries unless those foreign banks have agreements in place to share information about U.S. account holders with the Internal Revenue Service. The withholding applies mainly to investment income.

Russia and dozens of other countries have been negotiating information-sharing agreements with

**It's a big problem for them.**

Mark E. Matthews  
former IRS deputy commissioner

the U.S. in an effort to spare their banks from such harsh penalties.

But after Russia annexed

Crimea and was seen as stoking

separatist movements in eastern Ukraine, the Treasury Department quietly suspended negotiations in March. With the July 1 deadline approaching, Russian banks are now concerned that the price of investing in the United States is about to go up.

"It's a huge deal," said Mark E. Matthews, a former IRS deputy commissioner. "It would throw enormous uncertainty into the Russian banking community."

The new law means Russian banks that buy U.S. securities after July 1 could forfeit 30 percent of the interest and dividend payments. The withholding applies to stocks and bonds, including U.S. Treasuries. Some previously owned securities would be exempt from the withholding, but in general, previously owned stocks would not.

Private investors who use Russian financial institutions to facilitate trades also face the withholding penalty. Those private investors could later apply to the IRS for refunds, but the inconvenience would be enormous.

"It's a big problem for them," Matthews said. "It decreases their competitiveness, and they may have capital flight elsewhere."

## Russia steps up military activity in Asia-Pacific

By SETH ROBSON  
AND JON HARPER  
Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Russian military planes and ships have been stepping up patrols in the Pacific in response to tensions in Ukraine, according to the commander of Pacific Air Forces.

"[There's been] a significant amount of increase in the amount of activity from Russia in the Asia-Pacific," PACAF commander Gen. Herbert Carlisle said Monday. "And we relate a lot of that to what's going on in the Ukraine."

Speaking at the Center for Strategic and International Studies think tank, Carlisle said Russia has been demonstrating its capabilities and gathering intelligence on U.S. military exercises in the Pacific.

The activity has included long-range air patrols near the coast of California and around the U.S. territory of Guam, he said.

"They're doing this to demonstrate their capability to detect, to gather intelligence in cases like

Foal Eagle and other exercises," Carlisle said.

A U.S. F-15 fighter jet recently intercepted a Russian strategic bomber near Guam. Russian air patrols have sharply increased around Japanese islands and Korea, and Russian ships also have been more active in the region, he said.

Reuters news agency reported last month that the number of Japan Air Self Defense Force scrambles against Russian planes rose to 359 during the year ended in March, up 45 percent from the previous year.

Japan also scrambled combat planes against Chinese aircraft 415 times during the same period, up 36 percent from a year earlier. It was the highest number since the North American Aerospace Country-specific figures in 2001. As a result, Japan's total scrambles over 12 months came to 810 — a 24-year high, Reuters reported.

PACAF public affairs officer Master Sgt. Victoria Boncz said the North American Aerospace Defense Command had inter-

cepted in excess of 50 Russian long-range bomber aircraft over the last five years. The upswing in Russian and Chinese military activity in the Pacific comes at a time when the U.S. defense budget is being slashed by billions of dollars.

"Today, I believe that we have more mission than we have money, manpower or time," Carlisle warned. "And it's going to stay that way, as I see it, for the foreseeable future."

Carlisle described Russia's behavior in the Ukraine as very aggressive.

"For many nations that have territorial disputes or internal unrest — I mean PRC (the People's Republic of China) being one — they have unrest challenges they face in their provinces and in Taiwan," he said. "So in some ways, that's disconcerting to them because of internal unrest. And then in other ways, quote-unquote, the ability to take what they believe is rightfully theirs in some method other than under international law, that's something that's concerning

on the other end of the spectrum." Despite the concerns, he said America's military rebalance to the Pacific is alive and well.

"I know people talk about, 'Is it actually happening during sequestration?'" he said. "Did it happen yet? It happened. ... I think the amount of engagement we're doing has gone up drastically. ... The rebalance is fully engaged."

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People wait outside a Veterans Affairs hospital after being evacuated on Monday in Dayton, Ohio. A shooting at the VA hospital left one housekeeping employee with a minor injury.

# Man charged in shooting at Ohio veterans hospital

By LISA CORNWELL  
The Associated Press

DAYTON, Ohio — Authorities say a man charged in a shooting at an Ohio veterans hospital intended to intimidate former co-workers he believed were having inappropriate relationships with his wife and daughter.

Federal authorities said in a statement that Neil Moore, 59, of Trotwood, was charged Tuesday in Dayton with assault with a dangerous weapon and use of a deadly weapon during the commission of a violent crime. It wasn't immediately known whether Moore has an attorney.

Court documents say Moore entered a room where several people were playing cards and

pointed a gun at them saying not to "mess" with his family.

Authorities said he fired three shots when a former co-worker lunged at him, wounding another one in the ankle. Dayton Police Chief Richard Biehl identified the victim as Paul Burnside, 61.

Police said Moore left the hospital after the shooting, but was taken into custody at another hospital where he was seeking psychiatric treatment.

"Somehow he was able to get from here to there," Biehl said. Moore worked in housekeeping for 27 years before retiring last October, according to a statement from the hospital. Burnside also was a housekeeping aide and started at the hospital in 1998.

Three people witnessed the

shooting, authorities said. In a 911 call, an officer with the Veterans Affairs office told a dispatcher the suspected gunman was wearing a jacket with a U.S. Marine Corps emblem and that they were searching for him on the first floor. The FBI said a revolver was found later inside the suspect's vehicle.

Moore's sister-in-law, Stephanie Brooks, told reporters outside the family's home in the Dayton suburb of Trotwood that they were devastated. "We're all confused and we're trying to find out what has happened," she said.

Myshalee Williams, a neighbor, said Moore was always kind and soft-spoken. "He is always so friendly and he really is a good family man," she said.

# Fired admiral to stay on duty as staff officer

By ROBERT BURNS  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Navy admiral fired last fall as the No. 2 commander of U.S. nuclear forces was given a letter of reprimand Monday and ordered to forfeit \$4,000 in pay but will be allowed to remain on duty as a Navy staff officer, the Navy said.

In a brief statement, the Navy said a superior officer determined that Rear Adm. Timothy Giardina's involvement in a casino gambling case violated the Uniform Code of Military Justice on two counts of conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman.

The first count involved Giardina lying to an investigator and the second related to his failure to surrender — and his subsequent use of — counterfeit poker chips that he claimed he had found at the casino, the Navy said.

Giardina accepted the so-called nonjudicial punishment from Adm. Bill Gortney rather than exercising his option to challenge it by requesting a court-martial.

The casino matter was investigated by the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, which was unable to determine with certainty how Giardina came into possession of the phony chips.

He acknowledged using three \$500 chips which were subsequently discovered by casino of-

ficials to have been counterfeited.

At the time of the incident at the Horseshoe Casino in Council Bluffs, Iowa, Giardina was deputy commander of U.S. Strategic Command

in Omaha, Neb., which is responsible for the full arsenal of U.S. nuclear weapons.

He is the second senior officer with responsibility for nuclear

weapons to be fired in recent months; the other was Air Force Maj. Gen. Michael Carey, who was commander of the land-based nuclear missile corps when he was relieved of duty last October after an alcohol-fueled episode in Russia last July.

Together the Giardina and Carey firings stirred questions about the quality of the military's nuclear leadership, particularly in the case of the Air Force, which also has suffered a series of missteps in training, security and inspections. In November, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel expressed concern about nuclear leadership lapses, and in January he ordered a broad review of nuclear forces.



Giardina

## 2 charged with hacking Navy, other systems

TULSA, Okla. — Federal prosecutors in Tulsa say two men are charged with conspiring to hack into computer systems of the Navy and more than 30 other government, business and university sites.

United States Attorney Danny C. Williams Sr. said Monday that Nicholas Paul Knight, 27, of Chantilly, Va., and Daniel Trenton Krueger, 20, of Salem, Ill., were trying to steal identities, obstruct

justice and damage a protected computer.

Williams said the Navy quickly discovered the breach and located the two suspects.

The case is being prosecuted in Tulsa because the Navy servers that were hacked are located in the city. The men allegedly hacked a system used to manage transfers for members of all branches of the military. The system stores personal information for 220,000 servicemembers.

Knight was in the Navy. From The Associated Press

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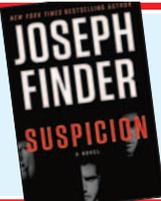
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NATION



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A firefighter works to extinguish a flare-up on Monday in Guthrie, Okla.

# Okla. residents surveying damage as wildfire burns

By KRISTI EATON  
The Associated Press

GUTHRIE, Okla. — Residents in an Oklahoma community where a wildfire killed one person, burned thousands of acres and destroyed at least six homes returned to survey the damage Monday as firefighters continued to battle the stubborn blaze.

The fire in Guthrie, about 35 miles north of Oklahoma City, went awry Sunday and swept through the parched countryside with wind gusts at 31 mph. Fire officials said Monday afternoon that the blaze was about 75 percent contained and they are investigating to determine whether any criminal conduct occurred when it was set. A burn ban was not in place at the time.

Forecasters say the fire danger will get worse before it gets better, though, with the weather to stay hot and windy. Temperatures are to reach 100 on Tuesday with daytime wind gusts to steadily grow stronger.

Authorities said the man who died in the fire Sunday night had refused to leave his mobile home. Guthrie Fire Chief Eric Harlow said 37 firefighters have been treated for heat-related issues.

A firefighter was struck in the chest when ammunition went off inside a structure, although it's not clear what hit him, said Stan May, a spokesman for the Oklahoma Incident Management Team. The firefighter was treated at a hospital and released, May said. The fire has burned 3,000 to 3,500 acres, Harlow said. In all, at least 30 buildings have been destroyed including the six homes and that number could rise as officials evaluate the damage, he said.

Officials also are assessing damage from some smaller wildfires in the state, including one in Pawnee County that claimed 1,500 acres and was threatening about 25 homes.

Gov. Mary Fallin declared a state of emergency Monday for counties throughout Oklahoma and a burn ban for 36 counties

mostly in western and south-central Oklahoma. Logan County, where the large wildfire started, is included in the ban.

"One thing I know about Oklahomans is we're strong. We're resilient," Fallin said after visiting with emergency management officials earlier in the day.

# Hash oil explosions rise with legalized marijuana

By SADIE GURMAN  
The Associated Press

DENVER — The opening months of Colorado's first-in-the-nation recreational marijuana industry have seen a rise in fiery explosions and injuries as pot users try to make the drug's intoxicating oil in crude home-based laboratories.

Since Jan. 1, when sales began, the state's only certified adult burn center has treated 10 people with serious injuries they suffered while making hash oil, compared with 11 in 2013 and one in 2012.

Law enforcement and fire officials, meanwhile, are grappling with how to respond, as the questionable legality of the process has made it difficult to punish amateur chemists. Some prosecutors are charging them with felonies, while others say hash oil production is protected under a provision of the new legal pot law.

"These today are the meth labs of the '90s," said police Sgt. Pat Long in Thornton, a Denver suburb where officers were puzzled

by the city's first hash oil explosion in January. "We have to change our thinking and what we're looking for."

Hash oil is typically made by packing the castoff leaves and stems of pot plants into a pipe and pouring highly flammable butane through it. The concoction is heated to make the potent oil for far cheaper than it can be purchased in stores.

The golden mixture can be up to 80 percent THC, marijuana's intoxicating chemical, and devotees say one or two drops can produce a more euphoric high than an entire joint. It can also be infused into baked goods or vaporized.

Without proper ventilation, butane fumes can linger. All it takes is a spark of static electricity to ignite a room.

Firefighters in the state have raced to at least 31 butane hash oil explosions this year, according to the Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area.

The data represents only reported and confirmed cases, and the actual number of explosions

could be higher, said Kevin Wong, an intelligence analyst for the agency.

The organization has started training police and firefighters on how to spot the signs of a hash oil explosion.

In recent years, there have been dozens of explosions and injuries in other states where residents can get access to the plant through medical marijuana systems, including California, Washington state and Oregon.

In Washington state, where home pot growing isn't allowed, officials were so concerned about the dangers of producing marijuana extracts for sale in state-licensed shops that they require licensed producers to have an expensive ventilation system.

Colorado marijuana businesses are allowed to manufacture hash oil using butane, but with strict rules. Colorado's pot laws allow adults 21 and older to grow up to six plants at home and cooks often use their own plants to affordably make hash oil in their kitchens or garages.

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## NATION

# For acrobats, hair tips are trade secrets

By MEGHAN BARR  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — “Hair hanging” is an incredibly painful, highly specialized aerial performance in the circus world, confined to certain families who pass their secrets about the tradition down through generations of performers.

Eight circus acrobats plummeted to the ground during a hair-hanging performance at the Ringling Bros. and Barnum and

Bailey circus Sunday in Rhode Island when the apparatus they were hanging from fell. Experts say the rare performance art — in which acrobats literally hang from the scalp as they fly through the air and perform various tricks — is practiced by fewer than a dozen circus families around the world, though it has existed for more than a century.

“It’s a very unique, traditional circus act,” said Elsie Smith, the artistic director at the New England Center for Circus Arts.

“And most circus schools that I’m aware of don’t teach it.”

Each acrobat’s hair is wrapped around a steel cable ring attached to rigging that hoists the performer upward.

Theoretically lies the secret: The specific technique used to secure the hair to the rigging is closely guarded.

“We all keep it to ourselves how we tie our hair and how we do it,” said Christopher Williams, 24, a hair hanger who counts some of

the injured performers among his friends. “No one really knows the secret.”

A third-generation hair-hanging circus performer who grew up on tour with his family, Williams has shiny brown hair that dangles down to his elbows. Like most hair hangers, he has a strict regimen that keeps his hair strong, including a regular treatment mixture of avocados, eggs, mayonnaise and vinegar.

The hair must be tied to the rig

in such a way that the load of the person’s weight is evenly distributed across the scalp. Otherwise, performers can literally scalp themselves accidentally or fluid can pool in one section of the head.

“It is very painful. There’s a reason that not many people do it,” said Williams, whose act includes juggling fire and hula-hooping while suspended high in the air. “We smile and we look like we’re not in pain.”

## Report gives new climate change alert

By SEB BORENSTEIN  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Global warming is rapidly turning America into a stormy and dangerous place, with rising seas and disasters costing citizens from flood-stricken Florida to the wildfire-ravaged West, according to a new U.S. federal scientific report.

Climate change’s assorted harms “are expected to become increasingly disruptive across the nation throughout this century and beyond,” the National Climate Assessment concluded in the report released Tuesday.

The report emphasizes how warming and its all-too-wild weather are changing daily lives, even using the phrase “climate disruption” as another way of saying global warming.

Still, it’s not too late to prevent the worst of climate change, says the 840-page report, which the White House is highlighting as it tries to jump-start often stalled efforts to curb heat-trapping gases.

However, if the U.S. and the world don’t change the way they use energy, “we’re still on the pathway to more damage and danger of the type that are described in great detail in the rest of this report,” said study co-author Henry Jacoby, co-director of the Joint Program on the Science and Policy of Global Change at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Jacoby, other scientists and White House officials said this is the most detailed and U.S.-focused scientific report on global warming.

Climate change, once considered an issue for a distant future, has moved firmly into the present,” the report says. “Corn producers in Iowa, oyster growers in Washington state and maple syrup producers in Vermont are all ob-



Cracks are visible in the dry bed of the Stevens Creek Reservoir in Cupertino, Calif., on March 13. A federal scientific report released Tuesday raises concerns over the disruptive impact of climate change.

servicing climate-related changes that are outside of recent experience.”

The report looks at regional and state-level effects of global warming, compared with recent reports from the United Nations that lumped all of North America together. A draft of the report was released in January 2013, but this version has been reviewed by more scientists, the National Academy of Science and 13 government agencies and had public comment. It is written in a bit more simple language so people could realize “that there’s a new source of risk in their lives,” said study lead author Gary Yohe of Wesleyan University in Connecticut.

Even though the nation’s average temperature has risen by as much as 1.9 degrees since record keeping began in 1895, it’s in the big, wild weather where the average person feels climate change the most, said co-author Kath-

arine Hayhoe, a Texas Tech University climate scientist. Extreme weather like droughts, storms and heat waves hit us in the pocketbooks and can be seen by our own eyes, she said.

And it’s happening a lot more often lately. The report says the intensity, frequency and duration of the strongest Atlantic hurricanes have increased since the early 1980s, but it is still uncertain how much of that is from man-made warming.

Winter storms have increased in frequency and intensity and shifted northward since the 1950s, it says. Also, heavy downpours are increasing — by 71 percent in the Northeast.

Heat waves, such as those in Texas in 2011 and the Midwest in 2012, are projected to intensify nationwide. Droughts in the Southwest are expected to get stronger. The sea level has risen 8 inches since 1880 and is projected to rise between 1 and 4 feet by 2100.

## More challenges are likely on rental ban for immigrants

The Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — The U.S. Supreme Court’s decision not to review a Nebraska city’s ordinance that bans renting homes to immigrants living in the country illegally could open the door to similar laws elsewhere, supporters said Monday, though they’re likely to encounter fresh legal challenges.

Attorney Kris Kobach, who defended the ordinance, said Monday’s decision gives a “bright

green light” for other cities within the 8th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals that want to adopt such laws. The circuit includes Arkansas, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, and the Dakotas.

Still, any city that chooses to adopt such an ordinance would almost certainly face a costly legal fight from advocacy groups that are working to stop them. Earlier this year, the justices declined attempts by two other towns — in Pennsylvania and Texas — to revive similar laws that had been

struck down by lower courts. Unlike the Pennsylvania and Texas ordinances, the Fremont rules do not impose penalties on immigrants.

The Fremont ordinance requires renters to get a \$5 permit and swear that they have legal permission to live in the United States. First approved in 2010, the ordinance has survived several legal challenges and an attempt to repeal it at the ballot box in February.

The high court on Monday let

stand an appeals court ruling that found the ordinance does not discriminate against Latinos or interfere with federal immigration laws.

“This is a final and complete victory for Fremont,” said Kobach, who serves as Kansas’ secretary of state.

Thomas Saenz, president and general counsel for the Mexican American Legal Defense Fund, said Fremont could still face challenges to its ordinance.

## Boy, 8, dies defending his sister

By LARRY O'DELL  
The Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — A teenager charged in the killing of an 8-year-old boy and the assault of the boy’s sister carried the bloody girl home and blamed someone else for the attack, the siblings’ mother said Monday.

The teenager has been charged with the murder and strangulation of the little boy, who is being hailed by the community for apparently trying to protect his sister when he was killed.

“As soon as he could talk, I told (him) he’s the man of the house,” his mother told The Associated Press, noting that the boy had grown up without a father. “That was what he did. He’s a hero.”

She said she was sitting outside her Richmond home Thursday when a 16-year-old neighbor walked into the front yard carrying her daughter, weeping and wearing only a T-shirt, on his back. The teenager, who is black, told her a white man had attacked the girl. The girl also initially blamed a white man and said he had raped her.

The Associated Press does not identify alleged victims of sexual assault and is not naming the girl, the mother or her brother.

Police said the teen intimidated the girl into backing his concocted story. He had a brief court appearance Monday and a juvenile court judge ordered him to remain in custody and set another hearing for May 20.

He has not been charged with sexual assault. His name was withheld by police because of his age.

Police have released few details of the attack, saying only that the boy suffered severe head trauma. His mother, sitting on the front steps of her home, said her son was a second-grader and “a mama’s boy” who didn’t talk much to other people. He was small for his age, but his tiny stature masked a fighting spirit, she said.

A few feet away in the front yard, a memorial carried that messages of her home. “A Real Hero Lived, Fought and Died Here.”

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TV's 'Enlisted' excellent vet portrayal

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By ALEX HORTON

Death had come to visit Kevin Biegel. He was a healthy 32-year-old on his honeymoon in Italy, and his heart suddenly stopped.

Perhaps it was a freak occurrence or a by-product of the daily stresses he dealt with as a Hollywood writer and producer. It wasn't cocaine, as some might have guessed. Doctors plugged stents into his heart but couldn't install anything to keep Biegel from obsessing about his own mortality. Thoughts about death crept into his children's playtime, on the highway and, most significantly, into his creative universe.

An alum of the "South Park" writing room, Biegel, now 37, created the TBS series "Cougar Town" and wrote for "Scrubs." The setting for "Cougar Town" looks much like his Florida hometown, but an important element from his life was missing: the military. His dad joined the Army just before the Vietnam War draft ended and his grandfather served in World War II. While on the set of "Cougar Town," he kept returning to an idea to swap out surgeons for soldiers: a workplace comedy in fatigues. A nagging insistence on authenticity drove him to write what he knew, which was how to be the Vietnam War draft evader and his grandfather served in World War II. While on the set of "Cougar Town," he kept returning to an idea to swap out surgeons for soldiers: a workplace comedy in fatigues. A nagging insistence on authenticity drove him to write what he knew, which was how to be the Vietnam War draft evader and his grandfather served in World War II. While on the set of "Cougar Town," he kept returning to an idea to swap out surgeons for soldiers: a workplace comedy in fatigues. A nagging insistence on authenticity drove him to write what he knew, which was how to be the Vietnam War draft evader and his grandfather served in World War II.

The result is Fox's "Enlisted," one of the only military TV comedies since M\*A\*S\*H and one that runs in a post-Vietnam age when veterans are lazily written into television and film as forgettable, forgettable men with weapons training. Goofy yet soulful, the show's view of life in and around a fictional military garrison is unique when compared with sensationalist portrayals of veterans in other programs. With the war in Afghanistan quietly humming in the background, "Enlisted" is a rare workplace comedy about women in a workplace not many Americans know or understand.

It also confronts the duality of an American society that applauds 30-second beer commercial bromides of returning soldiers while admitting that fears of having PTSD-added veterans in the workplace prevents some hiring managers from bringing on veterans and contributes to a relatively high unemployment rate for returning troops. Tragedies like the recent Fort Hood shooting also offer a reminder of the deep, ugly partitions between civilians and military personnel, the latter recast from heroes to pitiable, damaged victims. American society tends to view its military through those binary lenses, and neither view easily lends itself to an acceptance of military slapstick.

Indeed, most portrayals of veterans on TV and in film are decidedly negative. In "House of Cards," one war veteran is an



JORDIN ALTHAUS, FOX/MCT

From left, Parker Young, Geoff Stults and Chris Lowell star in "Enlisted," which airs on Fox.

opportunistic sadist, one discharges his weapon on a residential street and another botches a suicide bombing. In "Justified," a military Gulf War veteran Boyd Crowder menaces Harlan County, Ky., with a war buddy in a green Army surplus jacket, his service literally worn on his sleeve as a reminder. And in "NCIS," Iraq and Afghanistan serve as backdrops to countless PTSD-fueled crimes.

Yet it took a comedy to quickly produce the most nuanced portrait of post-traumatic stress disorder in modern popular culture. Geoff Stults plays swaggering but mentally struggling soldier Pete Hill, who brings a load of survivor's guilt home when

soldiers in his unit are killed in Afghanistan. "Enlisted" is an ensemble comedy, but it is really Hill's show. The characters around Hill help soften the landing of their leader back home; these include his two subordinate brothers, Derrick and Randy (Chris Lowell and Parker Young, respectively).

Flip the channel to any other show and war veterans are transformed into goons and monsters. On "Enlisted," Hill is traumatized but capable, afflicted yet undoubtedly competent. A running gag pits Hill against Jill Perez (Angelique Cabral) to determine who is the most squared-away soldier in their unit. Hill leads the rear-detachment unit in drill and ceremony exercises for an upcoming parade in a recent episode, and

in "Paint Cart 5000 vs. The Mondo Spider," his soldiers rely on his combat experience to win a training exercise.

Hill's soldiers know he deals with PTSD, but their conception of him as a leader is not affected by it. It's a groundbreaking way to illustrate the coexistence of professionalism and mental health challenges in order to erode the long-standing stigma of seeking help when you could kill the show before it starts. "Post-traumatic stress doesn't mean you're a crazy guy with a gun," Biegel told me in an interview, alluding to the stereotypical depiction. "It's a natural response to trauma that can happen to anyone."

With that guiding principle, Hill's character was created to reflect the hundreds of thousands of Iraq and Afghanistan veterans combating the symptoms of PTSD, which is linked to the military's ongoing suicide problem. "Enlisted" has done that better than any other show on television. But disappointing ratings paired with a public burned out on war could kill the show before it moves the needle on damaging cultural stereotypes.

Even if it goes off the air, Biegel is happy "Enlisted" will exist on DVD and other formats, and it could help alter the perception of veterans for some time.

At some point in the future, a hiring manager sitting across from a veteran might recall an old episode of "Enlisted," one where Pete Hill struggles with PTSD but remains a professional and capable leader. And maybe he'll tell her that she's hired because he thought of that show and not some other one.

Horton served as a U.S. Army infantryman in Iraq and recently worked in public affairs with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. This article first appeared in Foreign Policy.

Post-traumatic stress doesn't mean you're a crazy with a gun.

Kevin Biegel  
 "Enlisted"  
 creator

New rules will limit minors' use of e-cigarettes

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette editorial

Being large and ponderous, the federal government tends to move slowly but glaring problems can rouse it to action. That is what happened with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, which belatedly has decided to regulate electronic cigarettes as logic and law both demanded.

E-cigarettes do have some benign uses, such as providing an alternative for smokers who no longer wish to smoke conventional tobacco products. As they emit water vapor, not dirty smoke, they are cleaner and more socially acceptable than traditional cigarettes. But that has never been an argument against FDA regulation.

Adults should be free to "vape" if they

want, but the same does not apply to young people. Although e-cigarettes are not conventional cigarettes — the reason the FDA has not regulated them — these battery-powered devices deliver doses of nicotine, and other additives similar to the real thing.

Worse yet, the makers of e-cigarettes have been targeting the young, using the same tricks — such as kid-appealing flavors — that hooked new customers for the tobacco industry in the bad old days. A recent investigation by Democratic members of Congress found that manufacturers are giving away samples at music and sports events and advertising on radio and TV shows with youth appeal.

This is intolerable. While the practice is relatively new and studies aren't complete,

the available evidence does suggest that vaping is a gateway to young people taking up smoking. Why wouldn't it be? Nicotine is addictive no matter how it is delivered.

Belatedly, the FDA has recognized that the scourge of tobacco use has found a way to make a comeback. As part of its implementation of the 2009 Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act, the agency has proposed new rules to cover additional tobacco products that are unregulated, including e-cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco and water pipe (or hookah) tobacco.

The rules, which will be open for public comment for 75 days, will set minimum age and identification restrictions to prevent sales to underage youth, require health warnings and limit vending machine sales.

OPINION

# Spare pets the ordeal of a cycle of motherhood

BY LINDSAY POLLARD-POST

**F**or Lady, motherhood wasn't something to celebrate. Chained to a dilapidated doghouse in a patch of weeds and muck, the skinny brown dog had no way to escape the advances of roaming male dogs when she came into heat. Before long, she was pregnant. She spent the long weeks of her pregnancy outdoors and alone, tormented by flies during the day and struggling to find a bit of comfort on the cold, hard floor of her doghouse at night. Finally, she gave birth to her puppies at the end of her chain, on the muddy ground.

Lady loved those puppies, not only because they were her own, but also because they brought her some solace from the crushing loneliness of life on a chain. But not long after they were born, Lady's people took the puppies away from her and dropped them off at a local animal shelter. Lady was back to spending her days and nights in solitary confinement.

Worst of all, because she hadn't been spayed and there was an unneutered male dog living nearby, she was in danger of having to go through the same heartbreaking experience all over again.

A simple spay surgery (or a neuter surgery, for males) can spare animals like Lady so much suffering as well as prevent countless puppies and kittens from being born only to end up homeless. Preventing dogs and cats from being mothers (or fathers) is the kindest thing that we can do for them.

Spaying spares female animals the stress and discomfort of heat periods, greatly reduces their risk of mammary cancer and eliminates their risk of diseases of the ovaries and uterus. Spaying, however, which are often life-threatening and require expensive surgery and treatment. Spaying animals before they reach sexual maturity will ensure that they reap the full health benefits of the procedure. For example, female animals who are spayed before their first heat cycle have one-seventh the



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**Members of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals hold an event in Washington in June 2011 where they wore full-length coats in the summer heat and confined themselves to small cages.**

risk of developing mammary cancer that unspayed animals do.

Male animals are healthier if they are sterilized, too. Neutering reduces the risk of prostate cancer and prevents testicular cancer. Sterilization also makes male animals far less likely to roam or fight — behavior that can result in injuries and early death. And altered animals are less likely to contract deadly, contagious diseases such as feline AIDS and feline leukemia, which are spread through bodily fluids.

Spay and neuter surgeries are simple, routine procedures. Most animals experience relatively little discomfort (anesthesia is used during surgery, and pain medication is generally given afterward) and feel back

to normal within a day or two.

Most important, spayed and neutered animals can't contribute to our country's staggering cat and dog overpopulation crisis. They won't produce more puppies or kittens to add to the 6 million to 8 million animals who end up in shelters every year — or the 3 million to 4 million who must be euthanized each year for lack of a good home. Their babies will never end up on the streets, where they die from starvation, exposure, injuries, infections or worse or fall into the hands of cruel and neglectful people — as happens to so many unwanted animals.

Luckily for Lady, her first litter was also her last. Members of PETA's rescue team found her and whisked her off to be spayed

for free in their mobile clinic before she could become pregnant again. They gave her a sturdy doghouse stuffed with straw to snuggle in and moved her to an area of the yard with fresh grass, and they return often to check on her and to shower her with some of the love and attention that she desperately craves.

As many of our own mothers told us, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Let's take their advice and prevent animal suffering, homelessness and heartbreak by having our animals spayed or neutered and helping everyone we know do the same.

Lindsay Pollard-Post is a senior writer for the PETA Foundation.

# Employers, colleges together can boost US job training

BY ERIC SPIEGEL

**P**utting America back to work requires more than just vigorous economic growth and private-sector investments that lead to more hiring. We also have to make sure that the private employer — training — or returning to the workforce have the skills to succeed once they are hired.

The Obama administration's recent announcement of a new round of training grants to help Americans gain those skills can contribute toward achieving those goals.

Unemployment is a slow-motion disaster that disrupts families, robs capable workers of a prosperous future and saps American vitality. America will never achieve real long-term economic or job growth until we have a workforce that is prepared for success.

Unfortunately, many employers struggle to find candidates who have the training to take the jobs produced by our modern economy.

The Department of Labor recently reported that there were 4.2 million job openings at the end of February, up from 3.9 million in January. So jobs are available, but too often applicants' abilities and knowledge do not match the need.

While many people refer to this problem as a skills gap, I prefer to call it a training gap.

Training has taken on a much wider

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meaning than it once had, when people thought of it simply as "shop class" or vocational education. Today, training has become the responsibility of public schools, universities, governments and business alike. Community colleges, in particular, are increasingly central in these efforts.

The Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training grants require all these institutions to come together in public-private partnerships to tackle the challenge of closing the training gap.

While the grants have always required that the private sector be at the table, the latest round puts a much stronger emphasis on involving the business community, and we are glad of it.

Business wants to be a partner in training programs. We know what skills are required to keep our operations humming, and it is our responsibility to help those

who run educational and training systems be responsive to the demands of the marketplace.

If training and credential programs are not grounded in the skills that employers require, they are not effectively preparing the next generation of employees — and that's bad for business and for all hard-working Americans.

That is why companies large and small are at the forefront of efforts to close the training gap. We start at our own work sites.

For example, when Siemens could not find enough qualified workers for the expansion of our steam & gas turbine plant in Charlotte, N.C., we teamed up with Central Piedmont Community College. Under our apprenticeship program, students attend classes on advanced mechatronics half of the time. The other half of the time, they work in our advanced turbine plant. We pay them while they do it.

They will graduate with a mechatronics degree that combines expertise in the specialties of mechanical, computer and electronic engineering with software control and system design engineering. They will have a certificate from the state of North Carolina that says they are trained in that skill. And they are guaranteed a job in our plant when they graduate.

In California, Pacific Gas & Electric is collaborating with local community colleges, community-based training centers, the public workforce development system

and unions. That effort has successfully expanded the pool of qualified candidates for entry-level skilled craft and utility industry jobs.

Efforts are occurring on a larger scale, as well. AT&T is teaming up with the Georgia Institute of Technology College of Computing and Udacity, a for-profit educational organization, to make graduate degrees and certifications more accessible and affordable in an online course format.

The program eliminates barriers for many students who are otherwise unable to access advanced education while addressing the shortage of people with science, technology, engineering and math degrees.

Business Roundtable is partnering with the ACT Foundation, a leading workplace education think-tank in Austin, Texas, to make sure the new training programs and certifications are compatible across key industries and produce outstanding results in the workplace.

It's also essential that government at every level take oversight responsibility as we expand programs that deliver new hope of lasting employment.

To get Americans back to work and keep them employed, schools, government and industry must collaborate as never before. The announcement of the new federal training grants is a great step forward.

Eric Spiegel is president and chief executive of Siemens Corp. and the vice president of the Business Roundtable's Education and Workforce Committee.

WORLD

**Iran admiral: US ships a target in case of war**

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran will target American aircraft carriers in the Persian Gulf should a war between the two countries ever break out, the naval chief of Iran's powerful Revolutionary Guard warned Tuesday as the country completes work on a large-scale mock-up of a U.S. carrier.

The remarks by Adm. Ali Fadavi, who heads the hard-line Guard's naval forces, were a marked contrast to moderate President Hassan Rouhani's recent outreach policies toward the West — a reminder of the competing viewpoints that exist at the highest levels within the Islamic Republic.

Fadavi was quoted Tuesday by the semiofficial Pars news agency as saying the immense size of the U.S. carriers makes them an "easy target." He said contingency plans to target American carriers are a priority for the Guard's naval forces.

**Civilian diver dies in S. Korean ferry search**

SEOUL, South Korea — A civilian diver involved in searches for dozens of missing people from the South Korean ferry disaster died Tuesday, as other divers helped by better weather and easing ocean currents were picking up efforts to retrieve more bodies from the sunken ship.

The Seoul carried 476 people, most of them students from a single high school near Seoul, when it sank off South Korea's southern coast on April 16. Only 174 survived, including 22 of the 29 crewmembers. The sinking left more than 260 people dead, with about 40 others still missing.

On Tuesday, one civilian diver died at a hospital after becoming unconscious, government task force spokesman Ko Myung-seok said in a statement. He is the first fatality among divers mobilized following the ferry's sinking, according to the coast guard.

**6 injured in attack at Chinese railway station**

BEIJING — Chinese police shot and wounded a suspect who attacked passengers at a busy railway station in southern China on Tuesday, leaving six people injured in the third high-profile assault on civilians at a train station in a little more than two months.

There was no immediate word on a motive for the violence in the Guangdong provincial capital of Guangzhou.

The attack came despite heightened security measures in the wake of two deadly attacks at train stations blamed on extremists from far-western China. The country also has seen mass stabbings carried out by people with grudges against society or who were disgraced by a crime.

The latest incident happened late in the morning at the Guangzhou Railway Station, city police said on their microblog. Officers arrived as passengers were being hacked, and shot and subdued a man who fled after he failed to respond to a police warning, the statement said.

From The Associated Press

**Syrian opposition group gets upgrade**

'Foreign mission' designation is awarded to coalition offices in the US

By KAREN DEYOUNG  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration has designated the office of a Syrian opposition coalition as a "foreign mission" in this country, a category that gives the group a symbolic boost in status but falls well short of diplomatic recognition as a government.

The designation, announced Monday, was timed to coincide with a visit to Washington by coalition President Ahmad Jarba this week. The administration also will ask Congress to provide an additional \$27 million in nonlethal aid to the Syrian political opposition, bringing the U.S. total to \$287 million.

The foreign mission label gives the coalition additional banking privileges in this country and allows the administration to assist it with certain security functions. More important, said Jarba adviser Rime Alaf, it's a "clear sign" of legitimacy from the United States.

But the administration has no plans to give the coalition what it says it wants — a significant increase in the amount and sophistication of U.S. weapons aid and possible U.S. military assistance in carrying out a protected rebel zone inside Syria.

In recent months, the United States has worked to bring a new level of coordination to countries aiding the rebel fighters seeking to unseat President Bashar Assad. New agreements have been struck

**Activists: Roadside bomb kills local al-Qaida leader in Syria**

The Associated Press

BEIRUT — A roadside bombing in Syria killed a local al-Qaida leader and his wife, activists said Tuesday, an attack that may ignite a new round of fighting between rebel groups in the war-torn country.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said Ali al-Nuaimi, of the Nusra Front — al-Qaida's affiliate in Syria — and his wife were killed overnight while traveling in the southern Daraa province.

The bombing took place near the town of Busra al-Sham, according to the Observatory, which described the killing as an "assassination."

The pro-rebel Sham News Network also reported the incident, and its Daraa coordinator, Omar al-Hariri, said it wasn't immediately clear who killed al-Nuaimi. The Nusra Front did not mention the attack on the social networks it

typically uses.

The attack came after Nusra fighters seized a controversial Western-backed Syrian military commander, Ahmad al-Nuaimi, last Friday. It is unclear if the two men are related — the al-Nuaimi are a large tribe in the area. Also, it wasn't immediately clear if the two incidents were connected.

The bombing and the abduction risk igniting rebel infighting in the south between more moderate Syrian opposition fighters and the hard-line Nusra Front.

The abducted commander, Ahmad al-Nuaimi, was widely disliked by many rebels who accused him of abandoning his men in battle in the past and fleeing to Jordan.

A radical organization calling itself the "Islamic Courts of the Eastern Areas — Daraa" has confirmed it has Ahmad al-Nuaimi and another military commander, saying it would soon air their "confessions."

among Western and Persian Gulf allies in which groups of fighters should receive outside aid and on how to avoid sophisticated weapons falling into the hands of rebel

fighters who are linked to al-Qaida extremists.

The administration has also stepped up its efforts to bring cohesion to the fractious political op-

position represented in part by the coalition, even as Jarba has moved to consolidate his standing with a series of high-level visits.

Despite foreign-level U.S. attention, there has been little, if any, progress in shifting the balance of power on the ground toward the opposition.

"I don't think there's any single issue that is currently meriting as much debate — senior policy-level discussion and that kind of thing — than Syria," said a senior administration official provided by the State Department to brief reporters, on the condition of anonymity, about the Jarba visit.

"It's a very, very serious situation," the official said. "Unfortunately, it has not trended in the right direction. It's extremely frustrating."

In recent months, Assad's Russian-armed and Iranian-backed military has pummeled civilians and rebel fighters, using airstrikes and artillery, chemical weapons and, most recently, air-dropped "barrel bombs." An estimated 150,000 people have been killed and more than a third of Syria's population of 25 million has been displaced.

Russia's Kommersant newspaper reported Monday that nine Sukhoi Su-26 trainers, fighter jets, purchased by Syria under a \$550 million 2011 contract for 36 of the planes, would be shipped to Syria this year. The paper said that Syria had transferred an initial payment of \$100 million last year.

**Nigerian girl describes kidnapping; 276 still missing**

By MICHELLE FAUL  
The Associated Press

LAGOS, Nigeria — The girls in the school dorm could hear the sound of gunshots from a nearby town. So when armed men in uniforms burst in and promised to rescue them, at first they were relieved.

"Don't worry, we're soldiers," one 16-year-old girl recalls them saying. "Nothing is going to happen to you." The gunmen commanded the hundreds of students at the Chibok Government Girls Secondary School to gather outside. The men went into a store-room and removed all the food. Then they set fire to the room.

"They ... started shouting, 'Allahu Akhbar' (God is great)," the 16-year-old student said, "and we knew."

What they knew was chilling: The men were not government soldiers at all. They were members of the ruthless Islamic extremist group called Boko Haram. They kidnapped the entire group of girls and drove them away in pickup trucks into the dense forest.

Three weeks later, 276 girls are still missing. At least two have died of dehydration, and about 20 others are ill, according to an in-



Women attend a demonstration calling on the government to rescue girls kidnapped from a school in Chibok, Nigeria.

termediary who is in touch with their captors.

Their plight — and the failure of the Nigerian military to find them — has drawn international attention to an escalating Islamic extremist insurrection that has killed more than 1,500 so far this year, Boko Haram. The name means "Western education is sinful" — has claimed responsibility for the mass kidnapping and threatened to sell the girls. The British and U.S. governments have expressed concern over the fate of the missing students, and protests have erupted in major Nigerian

cities and in New York.

The 16-year-old was among about 50 students who escaped on that fateful day, and she spoke for the first time in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. The AP also interviewed about 30 others, including Nigerian government and Boko state officials, school officials, six relatives of the missing girls and soldiers in the war zone. Many spoke on condition of anonymity, fearing that giving their names would also reveal the girls' identities and subject them to possible stigmatization in this conservative society.

About 11 p.m. on April 14, a local government official, Bana Lawal, was told that about 200 heavily armed militants in 20 pickup trucks and more than 30 motorcycles were headed toward his town. Lawal alerted the 15 soldiers guarding Chibok, he said. Then he roused sleeping residents and told them to flee into the bush and the nearby hills. The soldiers sent an SOS to the nearest barracks, about 30 miles away. No help arrived.

When the militants showed up two hours after the warning, the soldiers fought valiantly, Lawal said. Although they were outnumbered and outfitted, they held off the insurgents for an hour and a half, desperately waiting for reinforcements. Many was killed. They ran out of ammunition and fled for their lives.

After the students realized the men were Islamic extremists, they obediently sat in the dirt. The men set the school ablaze and herded the girl's group onto the backs of three pickup trucks.

The trucks drove through three villages, but then the car of fighters following them broke down. That's when the girl and her friend jumped out and ran into the bush and hid.

WIRED WORLD

# Cyberarms race spurs industry growth

## Digital weapons makers follow money in building NSA arsenal

By JORDAN ROBERTSON AND MICHAEL RILEY  
Bloomberg News

WASHINGTON — On Florida's Atlantic coast, cyberarms makers working for U.S. spy agencies are bombarding billions of lines of computer code with random data that can expose software flaws the U.S. might exploit.

In Pittsburgh, researchers with a Pentagon contract are teaching computers to scan software for bugs and turn them automatically into weapons. In a converted textile mill in New Hampshire, programmers are testing the combat potential of coding errors on a digital bombing range.

Nationwide, a new league of defense contractors is mining the foundation of the Internet for glitches that can be turned to the country's strategic advantage. They're part of a cybermilitary industrial complex that's grown up in more than a dozen states and employs thousands of civilians according to 15 people who work for contractors and the government. The projects are so sensitive their funding is classified and so extensive that a bid to curb their scope will be resisted not only by intelligence agencies but also the world's largest military supply chain.

"We're in an arms race," said Chase Cunningham, the National Security Agency's former chief cryptologic technician. The competition to find exploitable bugs before an enemy does is as intense as "the space race and the Cold War combined."

The U.S. has poured billions of dollars into an electronic arsenal built with so-called zero-day exploits, manipulations of mistakes or oversights in code that can make anything that runs on a computer as vulnerable to hackers. They go far beyond flaws in Web encryption like SSL and OpenSSL, which the NSA has exploited for years without warning the public about it, according to people with knowledge of the matter.

### Undisclosed exploits

The agency's stockpile of exploits runs into the thousands, aimed at every conceivable device, and many are not disclosed even to the agency — a responsibility for defending U.S. government networks, people familiar with the program said.

Under a directive made public April 11, after Bloomberg News reported the NSA's utilization of a huge stockpile of undisclosed exploits, the agency denied — "The White House said exploits in which computers can be disclosed so computer users can protect themselves.

Michael Daniel, the White House cybersecurity coordinator, said in a blog post that "building up a huge stockpile of undisclosed vulnerabilities" while leaving

the Internet vulnerable and the American people unprotected would not be in our national security interest."

He said the U.S. would continue to develop and use those vulnerabilities to protect the country, however, and that the administration has established "a disciplined, rigorous and high-level decision-making process" when it comes to deciding whether to keep the flaws secret or to disclose them so they can be fixed.

The NSA referred to the White House blog in response to a request for comment.

### Impact uncertain

Because the White House directive said there should be exceptions for national security, the impact it will have is uncertain. Using just about any computer bug as a weapon can be justified as the Web plays an increasingly central role in intelligence gathering and kinetic conflict. During his confirmation hearing, Navy Vice Adm. Michael Rogers, director of the NSA and the U.S. Cyber Command, said it would be hard to imagine an international crisis not involving digital weapons.

As a start to imagine the U.S.'s increasingly sophisticated cyberspying and cyberwar operations without its deep arsenal of software exploits, according to current and former arms makers. Those operations would be slower and more susceptible to detection without zero days.

And like giving up sophisticated missiles and bombers, giving up an arsenal of highly valuable computer exploits could leave the country more vulnerable in a future national security crisis, those experts say. Pentagon contractors are working on developing them for the CIA, the Army's recently activated 780th Military Intelligence Brigade, the NSA's Tailored Access Operations corps and other units.

As conventional military spending has been cut back and funding for cyberoperations ramped up, Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman and others better known for jets and tanks are retooling for a new generation of armaments.

"The contractors that are developing industrial-strength cybercapabilities, certainly the U.S. is in the lead," said Nate Freier, a research professor at the U.S. Army War College in defense and military strategy. "The question is whether we understand it well enough to use it without encountering a significant amount of blowback or unintended consequences."

Spy agencies develop exploits themselves, buy them from contractors or steal them from rivals. The arsenal must be constantly refreshed, as the software



JULIA SCHMALZ/Bloomberg News

Michael Daniel, the White House cybersecurity coordinator, speaks in Washington in October.

at which they're aimed is updated and fixed. Some exploits are used for years; others only for a short time before the flaws on which they are based are patched.

### The hackers' arsenal

There are more than bugs in the government's arsenal. Hackers at the NSA's Tailored Access Operations, or TAO, have more than 1,000 special tools to aid them in stealing data or manipulating a rival's electronics. As described by three people briefed on the technology, the tools enable rapid, mix-and-match attack capabilities against the most widely used computers, servers and software.

If TAO wants to switch on a microphone in a computer running Microsoft Windows, covertly recording conversations of anyone nearby, a custom module does the job. If it needs to hijack the system that communicates between computers and the controls that operate train-track switches or dam flow gates, there's a plug-in for that. Dozens of the plug-ins can be loaded onto a single digital warhead, customized to the needs of the mission at hand.

The private sector provides support at all levels. When intelligence agencies were looking three years ago for holes in commercial software that runs video conferencing systems, they reached out to several contractors. Endgame, an Atlanta-based company that once specialized in weaponizing software bugs, provided the exploits, allowing U.S. spies to tap into the systems, according to a person familiar with the contract.

Sara Conneighton, a spokeswoman for Endgame, which is also working on commercial security applications, said she had no comment on business the company may have done with the U.S. government.

Most defense contractors have

launched cyberweapons programs; many have grown through acquisitions of boutique security and Internet-intelligence firms.

Northrop Grumman, which makes the Global Hawk drones, purchased Essex, a NSA supplier, in 2006. Combat radio-maker Harris Corp. purchased Crucial Security, which develops hacking tools, in 2009.

"Cyber money is not shrinking the way the rest of the defense budget is," said Dave Aitel, chief executive officer of Immunity, an offensive security firm in Miami. "That means that all the big belt-way bandits must invest heavily to build their cyberteams and that this market is going to continue to grow."

In President Barack Obama's proposed fiscal 2014 budget, the money for cyberoperations jumped 20 percent, to \$4.5 billion, and the Pentagon placed it on a list of priority programs, an unclassified comptroller's presentation shows.

The Defense Department foresees spending \$26.6 billion on cybersecurity efforts for the five years ending in 2019, and requested \$5.06 billion for fiscal year 2015, according to Pentagon budget documents.

### Poised for advantage

Of all the major defense contractors, Raytheon may be best positioned to take advantage of the shift through a little-noticed acquisition made six years ago. In 2008, it bought SI Government Solutions, the brainchild of a former computer science professor at the Florida Institute of Technology who developed a method to rapidly scan software code to find flaws that could be exploited by hackers. Since then, the Raytheon division has grown to become one of the most prolific U.S. cyberarms makers, said several people familiar

with the subsidiary.

Its engineers develop exploits not only for computers but for every conceivable device with a microchip, from heating and air conditioning systems to printers to industrial computers used in manufacturing, according to a person who was recruited by the company and received a detailed description of the program.

Jason Kello, a Raytheon spokesman, declined to comment on the company's role or to identify its clients. Ed Wallach, who recruits prospective employees for SI Government Solutions, said high demand and the need for specialized skills makes his job difficult, even though the 250-person subsidiary offers a more lucrative benefits package than the rest of Raytheon.

"We may not be building ships, but it's clear this is one area where the government is willing to spend money," he said.

ForAllSecure, a Pittsburgh company founded by researchers from Carnegie Mellon University, has a Pentagon contract to teach computers to scan for software vulnerabilities and automatically generate attack code.

Its product, called Mayhem, has been used to analyze more than 37,000 off-the-shelf software programs and found 14,000 bugs in them, including 152 for which the company has developed exploits, said David Brumley, an assistant professor in computer science and engineering at Carnegie Mellon University who is leading the work. Without automation, it can take months to turn a coding mistake into a weapon.

If the U.S. wanted to use an exploit to gather intelligence and not disclose the underlying error's existence, Brumley said he wouldn't object. "We have to be free to be able to strategically and appropriately use cyberweapons," Brumley said.

# AMERICAN ROUNDUP



JORDAN STEAD, SEATTLEPI.COM/AP

## Sea Gal contenders strut their stuff

Finalists for the 2014 Sea Gals squad perform at auditions at CenturyLink Field in Seattle on Sunday. Final auditions for the NFL Seahawks cheerleading squad included individual and group performances, along with a kick line section. Nearly 300 women tried out, but only 32 made the cut for the final squad.

### Woman survives 5 days after highway crash

**CO FAIRPLAY** — A Colorado woman is recovering after being stranded in her car for five days after crashing off a rural highway southwest of Denver.

Kristin Hopkins wrote pleas for help on a red-and-white umbrella that she managed to push through a broken window of her crashed car and open, hoping to attract the attention of drivers on a scenic highway above.

Still, it was five days before anyone spotted the flipped car 80 feet down an embankment on U.S. Highway 285 in a Colorado aspen grove.

Authorities said people driving Sunday over the high spot overlooking the sprawling ranchlands and surrounding mountains of the South Park area hiked down and alerted authorities that they thought there was a body inside the car, but rescuers later found Hopkins alive.

### Contractor strikes oil at state college campus

**IN TERRE HAUTE** — A contractor has struck oil at Indiana State University's campus, but it could be a while before school officials know how much it is worth.

A crew from Pioneer Oil, of Lawrenceville, Ill., began drilling work in December on a former industrial site owned by the university just east of the downtown Terre Haute campus.

The cold winter slowed work, but the onset of warmer weather

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The number of sea lions, elephant seals, harbor seals and fur seals that a marine mammal rescue group says it has brought in this year along the Northern and Central California coasts. The Marine Mammal Center in Sausalito, Calif., said the record number is up from 302 animals admitted over the same period last year and the previous high of 418 mammals in 1998. The animals include a sea lion spotted hopping through an almond orchard a mile from the San Joaquin River in Central California. An algae bloom is being blamed.

has allowed for intermittent oil pumping, said Diann McKee, Indiana State's vice president of business affairs and finance.

University President Dan Bradley presented board of trustees members with commemorative jars filled with the crude oil during a board meeting Friday, the Tribune-Star reported.

### Bystanders defend police officer in attack

**TN MEMPHIS** — Police in Memphis say bystanders helped subdue a pedestrian who climbed into a squad car and reached for an officer's gun.

A police news release said the officer saw a suspect walking in traffic Saturday afternoon and trying to hit passing cars. Suspect Alphonso Johnson reached into the squad car window and tried to grab the officer. Police said he crawled in the vehicle, tried to undo the officer's holster and yelled: "Give me your gun; I'm going to kill you."

According to the news release, people watching from the corner ran to the car, pulled the man out and helped subdue him until more officers arrived. Shelby County

jail records show that Johnson, 27, was being held on charges of attempted first-degree murder and resisting arrest.

### Man dies after jumping from party boat at night

**TX CONROE** — Authorities in Southeast Texas said a 26-year-old man died after he tried to jump off the top deck of a party boat.

Ross Lehmberg, of San Antonio, was found dead just after midnight Saturday in Lake Conroe.

Montgomery County constables said witnesses saw the man try to jump from the party boat — called "Just for Fun" — then hit the bottom deck and fall into the water. Several people on the boat went into the water but were unable to save him.

Authorities have not released the man's name.

### Poorly vented heater blamed for 5 deaths

**PA ELIMSPORT** — The deaths of two adults and three children in a small cabin in north-central Pennsylvania were caused by carbon monoxide poi-



soning caused by an improperly ventilated propane heater, a coroner said Sunday.

State police continued interviewing people about the tragedy, which followed a Friday night party that investigators said was attended by five or six adult friends.

The man who hosted the party, identified only as a relative of the cabin's owner, discovered the bodies Saturday. He had slept in his truck outside the cabin.

### Man who threatened Obama in trouble again

**IL PEORIA** — A Blooming-ton man who has already served time for threatening President Barack Obama now faces up to 10 more years in prison, this time for threatening to kill the judge who sentenced him.

The (Peoria) Journal Star reported that Phillip R. Porter pleaded guilty Thursday to sending a threatening letter to U.S. District Court Judge Joe McDade. His sentencing is scheduled for September. Until then, he'll be housed at a secure mental health facility.

In 2010, McDade sentenced Porter to nearly two years in pris-

on for the threats against Obama.

### Big-headed ants to be lured using spam bait

**CA COSTA MESA** — California agriculture officials are on the hunt for an invasive species of ant that's been spotted in an Orange County yard — and they'll use Spam as bait.

The Orange County Register reported that 1,570 bait stations were set up Monday in seven Orange County cities. The ants love the fatty, oily food.

An amateur bug lover spotted a colony last month in a Costa Mesa yard, and agriculture officials have been trying to determine if there are other colonies.

The species is native to Africa and has a huge head. If it spreads in California, it could threaten the state's agriculture.

### Frigid lake splash for vets draws crowds

**MI LUDINGTON** — The wake-up call for about 200 people in northern Michigan was cold — and very wet. They ran into Lake Michigan, splashed and some even went under water for a good cause Saturday in Ludington. A Mason County fund for veterans hoped to raise at least \$30,000.

The Ludington Daily News said it started as a stunt 14 years ago but now is a community tradition. The water temperature was below 40 degrees, and the air temperature wasn't much higher.

A state lawmaker, Ray Franz, said it took his breath away.

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# Out in the open

Singer-songwriter Ray LaMontagne feeling freer than ever after exploring different sonic palette

By KRISTIN M. HALL  
The Associated Press

It might be hard to recognize Ray LaMontagne behind all the reverb and distortion on his new album, but the singer-songwriter says it's the most exposed he's ever been on a record.

LaMontagne, known for his acoustic folk ballads, let the songs for "Supernova" lead him to a new sonic palette reminiscent of 1960s psychedelic rock, with airy layers of electric guitar, keyboards, drums and echoing background vocals.

"These songs, something about the way they came to me, it feels like it's a very unguarded Ray," LaMontagne said. "Maybe before I would have been hesitant to put it forward, even to the band I was playing with."

Following his Grammy-winning album, "God Willin' & The Creek Don't Rise," LaMontagne said he felt more creative freedom to let his instincts carry him toward the songs on his fifth studio album.

"This time, for some reason, I just feel like I am at a place now in my career where I can just be less critical when I am sifting through things," LaMontagne said in a phone interview from his home in western Massachusetts.

So it became a good fit as well to get producer and Black Keys guitarist

Dan Auerbach to record the album in Auerbach's Nashville studio. Auerbach picked LaMontagne's backing band, none of whom had met or worked with the singer.

Richard Swift, a producer and musician who plays with The Shins and The Black Keys, was brought in to play drums. He helped Auerbach with some of the arrangements since they both were heavily influenced by older musical styles.

"We don't want to just regurgitate what's already existed, but we do love old records," Swift said. "The idea is to make it timeless-sounding."

But he says the sounds were a departure from his previous records. "I can understand how people might have to disassociate what they normally think is a Ray LaMontagne record," Swift said. "But it's completely Ray."

The soft-spoken singer seems to stand out further when pushed into new places by the music, as on "Airwaves," in which he matches Swift's bongo drumbeat with short breathy shouts. Hard to imagine from a guy who was a reluctant performer early in his career.

"As far as performing goes, it just took a while," LaMontagne said. "I had to go to a very interior place to get to it. I'm no poster boy, as everyone knows."

The overall upbeat mood might not be what fans were expecting from the singer of emotionally heavy-type fare such as "Jolene," or his well-known song, "Trouble." But LaMontagne said those songs don't reflect him personally.

"When you deliver something, when you sing it, you want it to come from an honest, sort of emotional place so it translates to people can latch on to it," LaMontagne said. "They are not really personal songs. Not personal to me. But you want them to be accessible to people so they can make it their songs. That's what songwriters do."

With "Supernova," LaMontagne might have finally revealed a bit more of his personality.

"And I am not concerned whether anyone gets it or not," LaMontagne said. "Cause I really get it. It just feels right, this one."

# Coldplay dedicates song to Jagger during NYC show

The Associated Press

Coldplay dedicated its slow-tempo tune "Fix You" to Mick Jagger at a concert in New York City.

Chris Martin told the crowd Monday before singing the encouraging song about recovering, "It's for Mick Jagger."

Jagger's longtime girlfriend, fashion designer L'Wren Scott, committed suicide in March. A memorial was held in New York last week.

Martin doesn't quite have Jagger's moves, but the singer danced wildly on stage with his arms swinging as he sang tunes from the band's catalog, including songs from their new album "Ghost Stories," out May 19.

He played the piano and guitar throughout the hour-long set at the Beacon Theatre, performing well-known hits like "Speed of Sound," "Clocks" and "Viva la Vida" as colorful laser lights beamed and white stars hung from the ceiling above the stage. Confetti burst from the sides of the stage after they performed the dance-flavored tunes "Every Teardrop Is a Waterfall" and "A Sky Full of Stars."

Martin and Gwyneth Paltrow, who married in 2003, announced they were separ-

rating in March. While singing the song "Magic" — which features lyrics like "No I don't... want anybody else than you" — one girl yelled: "Hang in there, Chris!"

"Ghost Stories," the Grammy-winning group's sixth album, features production work from Paul Epworth, best known for producing and co-writing "Rolling In the Deep" and other tracks on Adele's colossal "21" album.

## Lambert leads CMT nods

Thanks to her friends in country music, Miranda Lambert leads the Country Music Television nominations by pairing with her husband Blake Shelton, her girl group Pistol Annies and good friend Keith Urban.

She's up for two individual awards for her video "Automatic," two for collaborating with the Annies on Shelton's song "Boys 'Round Here" and two more for singing with Urban on his song "We Were Us."

Lambert will be hard to beat this year, with three videos in the top category of Video of the Year and two in the Collaborative Video of the Year category. Luke Bryan and Florida Georgia Line have five nominations each, and Urban and Taylor

Swift are tied with four nominations.

Voting begins Monday at CMT.com and continues until June 1. The awards show will be held in Nashville on June 4.

## Judge sentences 2 Chainz

Rapper 2 Chainz has pleaded guilty to misdemeanor possession of a controlled substance in a case filed after his arrest at Los Angeles International Airport.

District attorney's spokeswoman Jane Robison said the rapper, whose real name is Tauheed Epps, was sentenced Monday to an 18-month drug diversion program, and a felony drug possession charge was dropped.

Robison said the misdemeanor charge will be dropped if Epps successfully completes the program.

The 36-year-old rapper was arrested in June after airport officials reported finding ingredients for the cough-syrup-based concoction known as "sizzurr" in his checked baggage.

## Other news

Police say country music singer Scotty McCreery, 20, was the victim of an early

morning home invasion near the campus of North Carolina State University, where he is a student. Raleigh (N.C.) Police spokesman Jim Sughrue says officers were called shortly before 2 a.m. Monday to an apartment about a mile from campus. Three suspects armed with guns are reported to have taken wallets, cash and electronic items.

Fox says it's ordering a series that delves into the early career of future "Batman" police commissioner James Gordon. Producer Warner Bros. Television said Monday that the show called "Gotham" also will include untold tales of DC Comics villains and introduce a new character, Fish Mooney. Jada Pinkett Smith will star as Mooney, with Ben Mendelsohn playing Gordon during his years as a detective.

The mother and sister of "Modern Family" star Ariel Winter have settled a guardianship dispute over who will care for the actress. Winter's mother Chrisoula Workman and sister Shanelle Gray announced the accord on Monday in Los Angeles just before a guardianship trial was set to begin. The 16-year-old actress will continue living with Gray, and Winter will decide whether to visit with her mother.



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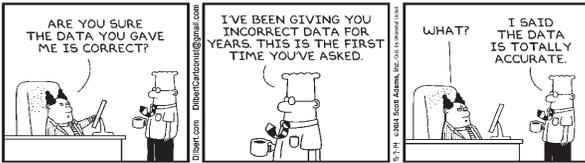
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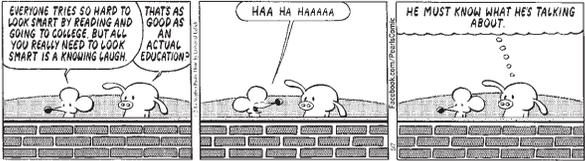
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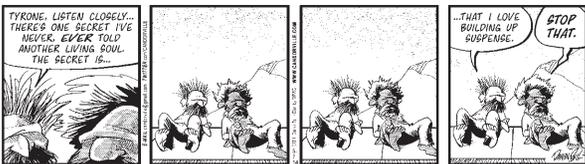
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- 20 Squeezing snake
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- 34 Missile shelters
- 35 Chaney of old movies
- 37 Heap
- 39 Pasta wheat
- 41 Greeting
- 43 "Hot Shots! Part ..."
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- 29 Pennsylvania port
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### Autos for Sale - Korea 148

**JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LARDO 4WD**, 2012 \$26500.00 2012 Jeep Grand Cherokee 4WD Laredo. This vehicle is in exceptional condition, loaded with many extras like black leather/leathered seats, parking sensors/camera, surround, Zest Tropical Protection and much much more. It has extremely low miles (11,600) and has a 7 year 75,000 major component coverage. Selling under Kelly Blue Book value for \$26,500, but get open to reasonable offers. SOA only please. 01026884747

### Motorcycles - Japan 166

**HARLEY DAVIDSON, FXSTC**, 1990 \$10000.00 JCI UNIT, JAN 2013, 4200M Mileage, Crane cam, chrome solo, 1st & 2nd gear, front inter cooler and fenders, and more. 01026884747

### Motorcycles - Korea 168

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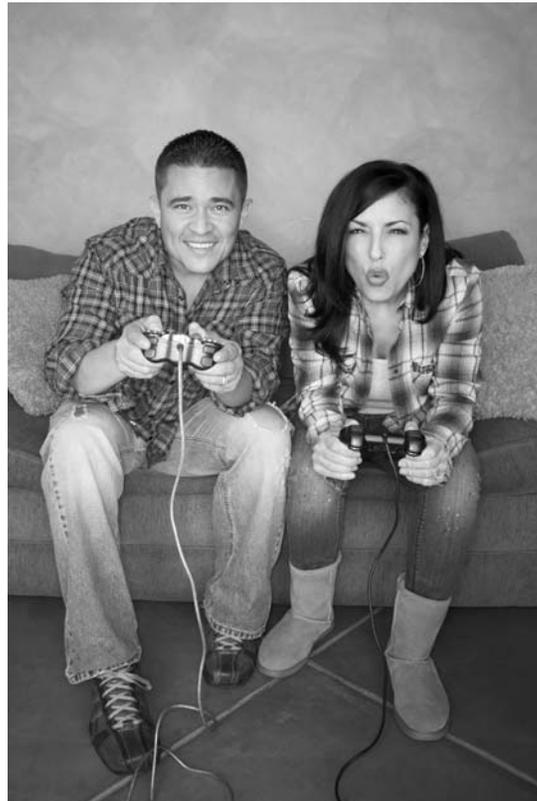
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## Deals

### Monday's transactions

**COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT** — Replaced the 10-day suspensions of Jamaican sprinter Dominique Blake for a drug of abuse under the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program.

**COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE** — Suspend Tampa Bay RHP Steve Geltz (Durham, N.C.) 50 games for a second positive test for a drug of abuse under the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program.

**AMERICAN LEAGUE CLEVELAND INDIANS** — Placed DH Jason Jaraman on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Sunday, reinstated C Yan Gomes from paternity leave.

**DETROIT TIGERS** — Assigned INF Jordan Lennert out to Toledo (PCL).

**HOUSTON ASTROS** — Designated LHP RHP Ryan Downes from Salt Lake, agreed to terms with LHP Dustin Richardson on a minor league contract. Sent RHP Dane De La Rosa to Salt Lake for rehab assignment.

**KANSAS CITY ROYALS** — Options of Jimmy Paredes to Omaha (PCL), INF Luis Jimenez to Salt Lake (PCL), recalled RHP Marcus from Salt Lake, agreed to terms with LHP Dustin Richardson on a minor league contract. Sent RHP Dane De La Rosa to Salt Lake for rehab assignment.

**MARINERS** — Options of Abraham Almonte to Tacoma (PCL), recalled OF James Jones from Tacoma.

**NEW YORK ANGELS** — Options of Anthony Gose to Buffalo (PCL), selected the contract of RHP Ryan Brown from Buffalo, sent 1B Adam Lind to Dunedin (FSL) and RHP Jason Janssen to New Hampshire (FLA) for rehab assignment.

**NATIONAL LEAGUE ARIZONA** — Placed RHP J.J. Putz on the 15-day DL, recalled RHP Ryan from Reno (PCL).

**BIRMINGHAM REDS** — Options of RHP Benji Gil to Louisville (PCL), recalled RHP Ryan from Reno (PCL).

**CINCINNATI REDS** — Options of RHP Ryan Wheeler to Colorado Springs (PCL), recalled the contract of RHP Nick Masche from Colorado Springs, transferred RHP Tyler Chatwood to the 60-day DL.

**INDIANAPOLIS PISTONS** — Options of RHP Stephen Fife to Albuquerque (PCL), recalled RHP Pedro from Chattanooga (FLA).

**MILWAUKEE PHILLIES** — Sent RHP Ethan Martin to Cleveland (FSL) for a rehab assignment.

**PITTSBURGH PIRATES** — Options RHP Casey Sadler to Indianapolis (IL), recalled RHP Mike from Indianapolis, 1B Lasp James **LOUIS CARDINALS** — Options of RHP Jason Pate and RHP Jason Motte to Springfield (FLA) for rehab assignments.

**SAN DIEGO PADRES** — Designated OF Ryan from Fresno (PCL), recalled INF Kyle Blanks from El Paso (PCL).

**SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS** — Recalled RHP Jake Dumain from Fresno (PCL), placed RHP Matt Cain on the 15-day DL, recalled RHP Ryan from Reno (PCL).

**WASHINGTON NATIONALS** — Options of OF Steven Souza Jr. to Syracuse (IL), recalled RHP Ryan from Reno (PCL), sent 1B D.C. Sent C Wilson Ramos to Harrisburg (EL) for a rehab assignment.

### FOOTBALL

**DENVER FOOTBALL LEAGUE** — Signed DT Marvin Austin.

**NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS** — Signed DE Will Smith.

**NEW ENGLAND EAGLES** — Signed DT Alejandro Villanueva.

**Canadian Football League EDMONTON SKINKERS** — Signed RB Tyler Thomas.

**EDMONTON BLUE BOBBERS** — Signed WR Donovan Kemp.

### HOCKEY

**NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE CAROLINAHurricanes** — Fired coach Peter DeWitt and assistant coach Steve MacLean and Dave Lewis. Reassigned goaltending coach Greg Stefan to the pro coaching department.

### COLLEGE

**FIESTA BOULDER** — Mike Nealy executed Director.

**WREIGHTON** — Announced men's basketball coach. Huff will transfer from Nevada.

**EASTERN KENTUCKY** — Agreed to terms with men's basketball coach John Schaefer on a contract extension through 2018.

**THE SALLE** — Named Matt Bloom director of men's basketball.

**MINNESOTA** — Named John Muth director of women's assistant basketball coach.

**NYU** — Named Aaron Walsh assistant basketball coach.

**OREGON STATE** — Fired men's basketball coach Craig Robinson.

## College baseball

### Baseball America Top 25

DURHAM, N.C. — The top 25 teams in the Baseball America poll with records through May 4 and previous ranking (by staff of Baseball America):

Rank	Team	Record	Pvs
1	Virginia	34-7	2
2	Oregon State	34-8	2
3	Louisiana-Lafayette	37-2	3
4	Florida	33-15	6
5	Florida State	36-11	6
6	Gronington	39-9	4
7	Cal Poly	38-9	4
8	Miami	34-14	10
9	South Carolina	35-12	11
10	Louisville	35-13	11
11	Texas Christian	35-13	11
12	Oklahoma State	35-13	11
13	Alabama	31-15	14
14	South Carolina	35-13	8
15	Houston	35-13	16
16	Arizona	34-16	12
17	Vanderbilt	36-12	20
18	Alabama	39-18	9
19	Texas A&M	30-19	20
20	Mississippi State	31-18	14
21	South Carolina	30-18	22
22	UC Irvine	32-14	17
23	Marcer	34-11	18
24	Arizona	34-15	19
25	Arizona	34-15	19

### Collegiate Baseball Poll

TUCSON, Ariz. — Collegiate Baseball poll with records through May 4. Voting is done by coaches, sports writers and sports informationists.

Rank	Team	Record	Pvs
1	Oregon State	37-9	41
2	Virginia	37-9	41
3	Louisiana-Lafayette	43-7	48
4	Florida	36-11	48
5	Miami	34-14	48
6	Florida State	35-11	48
7	Indiana	32-12	47
8	Washington State	32-12	47
9	Texas Christian	34-17	47
10	Cal Poly	38-9	46
11	Louisville	35-14	46
12	Mississippi State	35-14	46
13	Arizona	34-16	46
14	South Carolina	35-13	45
15	Louisiana State	35-13	45
16	UC Irvine	32-12	45
17	Washington State	32-12	45
18	Mississippi State	31-18	44
19	South Carolina	30-18	42
20	Miami	30-18	42
21	Rice	31-15	41
22	Appenderine	31-17	41
23	St. John's	30-15	41
24	San Diego	30-18	42
25	Florida	31-17	46
26	Central Florida	29-18	42
27	Washington State	30-18	42
28	Texas Tech	34-15	42
29	Texas	34-15	42
30	Liberty	30-15	42
31	Duke	30-15	42

### Monday's scores

Game	Score
Franklin Pierce 1, Bentley 3	ESAT
Stevens 8-7, East Tennessee 2-2	ESAT
Clemson 5, UNLV 2	ESAT
Duke 6, Longwood 1	ESAT
North Carolina Lutheran 2-5, Minnesota Presbyterian 11, Wofford 10, 10 Innings	ESAT
Duke 5, Longwood 1	ESAT
St. Francis 5, Winston-Salem 5, 2 Innings	ESAT
Presbyterian 11, Wofford 10, 10 Innings	ESAT
Duke 5, Longwood 1	ESAT
St. Francis 5, Winston-Salem 5, 2 Innings	ESAT
Presbyterian 11, Wofford 10, 10 Innings	ESAT
Augustana (Ill.) 10, Cornell 10, 4 Innings	MIDWEST
Bethune 14, Luther 17, 11 Innings	MIDWEST
Concordia (Ill.) 5, Illinois Wesleyan 0	MIDWEST
Ill. Wesleyan 4, Luther 17, 11 Innings	MIDWEST
Schlotzsky 4, Northland 3	MIDWEST
Northland 3, Luther 11-2, Carroll (Wis.) 8-0	MIDWEST
Wis.-Whitewater 3, Concordia (Wis.) 3	MIDWEST
Uthaly Valley 12, Mexico 8	MIDWEST

### Tournament

Game	Score
Michigan 5, Andrews 5, 13 Innings	First Round
Bryan 6, Reinhardt 5, 11 Innings	First Round
Cal (Ga.) 7, Union (Ky.) 7	First Round
Tenn. Wesleyan 8, Va. Intercomf 3	First Round
Commonwealth Coast Conference Championship	Final
Endicott 5, W. New England 3	Final
Mid-South Conference Tournament	Final
Cumberland (Tenn.) 12, St. Catherine 0	Final
Georgetown (Ky.) 7, Shawnee 5	Final
Shawnee 5, Bluefield South 1	Final
St. Catherine 4, Campbellsville 3	Final

### Pro football

Game	Score
May 7	NFL calendar
May 7	May 7 — NFL on Club to exercise right of first refusal for its restricted free agents.
May 10	2014 NFL Draft, New York.
May 19-21	Spring League meeting, Atlanta.
May 22-28	Rookie symposium, Aurora, Ohio.
May 29	3 Hall of Fame game, Canton, Ohio.
Sept. 4	Regular season begins, Green Bay, Wis.
Sept. 7-8	First full weekend of regular season.

## Tennis

### Madrid Open

**Monday**  
At Caja Magica Madrid, Spain  
Purse: Men, \$5.1 million; (WT1000); Women, \$5.5 million (Premier)

Round	Player 1	Player 2
First Round	K. Nishikori (10) Japan, def. Ivan Dodig, Croatia, 6-4, 6-4.	
First Round	Marius Copil (Romania), def. Marcel Granollers, Spain, 6-3, 6-4.	
First Round	Jarkko Nieminen, Finland, def. Robin Lindstedt, Netherlands, 6-3, 6-2.	
First Round	Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (11), France, def. Edouard Roger-Vasselin, France, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3.	
First Round	John Isner (9), United States, def. Teymuraz Gabashvili (10), Georgia, 6-3, 6-2.	
First Round	Dominic Thiem, Austria, def. Dmitry Pavluchenko, Ukraine, 6-2, 6-2.	
First Round	Marinko Matosevic, Australia, def. Philipp Kohlschreiber, Germany, 6-2, 6-2.	
First Round	Fernando Verdasco, Spain, def. Andrea Panatta, Italy, 6-3, 6-4.	
First Round	Mikhail Youzhny (15), Russia, def. Benjamin Becker, Germany, 6-3, 6-4.	
First Round	Grigor Dimitrov (22), Bulgaria, def. Pablo Carrero Busto, Spain, 6-2, 6-4.	

### Women

Round	Player 1	Player 2
Li Na (2), China, def. Kirsten Flipkens, Belgium, 7-1, 7-6 (7).		
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### Monday's scores

Game	Score
Kevin Anderson, South Africa, and Jurgen Melzer, Austria, def. Martin Cloutier, Croatia, and Lukas Dlouhy, Czech Republic, 7-5, 7-5.	
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### AP spotlight

1938 — Lawrin, ridden by Eddie Arcaro, won the Kentucky Derby by one length over Dauber.

1955 — Washa, ridden by Willie Shoemaker, won the Kentucky Derby by 1A lengths over Nashua.

1994 — The Los Angeles Lakers won their first NBA championship with a 114-107 victory over the Houston Rockets in Game 5.

2007 — Heavily favored Seattle Seahawks won Super Bowl by defeating the New York Giants by 17 points in the AFC Championship Game.

1997 — Wayne Gretzky of the Los Angeles Kings scores his 100th and 101st goal in a 7-4 victory over the Vancouver Canucks.

1994 — The Denver Nuggets, with a 98-94 overtime win against the No. 1 seed San Antonio Spurs, became the first eighth-seeded playoff team to win a series. The Nuggets come back from an 0-2 deficit to defeat the Spurs.

1995 — Reggie Miller scores eight points in the last 16 seconds to lead the

## Golf

### Ryder Cup points

At Gleneagles Hotel, Glasgow, Scotland  
Through May 4  
United States

Player	Points
1. Bubba Watson	6,258.984
2. Jimmy Walker	4,459.071
3. Matt Kuchar	3,925.313
4. Dustin Johnson	3,758.812
5. Tiger Woods	3,654.312
6. Patrick Reed	3,038.246
7. Jim Furyk	2,829.177
8. Matt Kuchar	2,754.974
9. Zach Johnson	2,719.913
10. Sergio Garcia	2,688.853
11. Jason Dufner	2,668.448
12. Chris Kirk	2,668.448
13. Ryan Moore	2,264.631
14. Webb Simpson	2,243.857
15. Kevin Stadler	2,165.320

### Europe

Player	Points
1. Victor Duboisson	2,297.438.1
2. Jamie Donaldson	2,165.473.17
3. Thomas Bjorn	1,932.696.94
4. Henrik Stenson	1,802.457.23
5. Ian Poulter	1,754.974.37
6. Joost Luiten	1,300.177.05
7. Victor Duboisson	1,246.438.1
8. Sergio Garcia	1,186.364.24
9. Miguel Angel Jimenez	1,186.364.24
10. Francesco Molinari	1,059.800.01

### World Points

Player	Points
1. Henrik Stenson	282.41
2. Sergio Garcia	203.86
3. Rory Mclroy	157.47
4. Thomas Bjorn	154.48
5. Victor Duboisson	150.56
6. Jamie Donaldson	140.28
7. Luke Donald	130.28
8. Matt Kuchar	128.28
9. Justin Rose	108.37
10. Miguel Angel Jimenez	99.66

### World Golf Ranking

Player	Points
1. Tiger Woods	8,206
2. Adam Scott	8,04
3. Rory Mclroy	7,578.97
4. Bubba Watson	7,29
5. Jimenez	7,29
6. Jason Day	6,78
7. Jordan Spieth	5,96
8. Matt Kuchar	5,96
9. Sergio Garcia	5,96
10. Henrik Stenson	5,96
11. Rory Mclroy	5,96
12. Justin Rose	5,96
13. Dustin Johnson	5,96
14. Jim Furyk	5,96
15. Victor Duboisson	5,96
16. Steve Stricker	5,96
17. Matt Kuchar	5,96
18. Luke Donald	5,96
19. Henrik Stenson	5,96
20. Keegan Bradley	5,96
21. Ian Poulter	5,96
22. Jimmy Walker	5,96
23. Victor Duboisson	5,96
24. Matt Kuchar	5,96
25. Brandt Snedeker	5,96
26. Henrik Stenson	5,96
27. Jamie Donaldson	5,96
28. Thomas Bjorn	5,96
29. Webb Simpson	5,96
30. Luke Donald	5,96
31. Matt Kuchar	5,96
32. Miguel Angel Jimenez	5,96
33. Henrik Stenson	5,96
34. Hunter Mahan	5,96
35. Jonas Blixt	5,96
36. Henrik Stenson	5,96
37. Ryan Moore	5,96
38. Victor Duboisson	5,96
39. Stephen Gallacher	5,96
40. Henrik Stenson	5,96
41. Joost Luiten	5,96
42. Matt Jones	5,96
43. Henrik Stenson	5,96
44. Ernie Els	5,96
45. Henrik Stenson	5,96
46. Francesco Molinari	5,96
47. Henrik Stenson	5,96
48. G. Fernandez-Castano	5,96
49. Gary Woodland	5,96
50. Henrik Stenson	5,96

## Pro soccer

### MLS

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Portland	4	2	4	14	10	10
New York	4	3	2	14	10	10
Chicago	3	2	3	12	10	9
D.C.	3	3	2	11	11	11
Philadelphia	3	3	2	11	11	11
Toronto	3	4	0	9	7	9
Philadelphia	3	4	0	9	7	9
Montreal	1	4	3	6	7	14
Chicago	1	4	3	6	7	14

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
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# SPORTS BRIEFS/AUTO RACING

## Briefly

# Pistorius accused of 'sinister' comment

The Associated Press

PRETORIA, South Africa — Oscar Pistorius was accused of making a "sinister" remark to a friend of Reeva Steenkamp in the courtroom Tuesday during a break in his murder trial.

Pistorius denied the allegation that he said to the close friend of the girlfriend he killed: "How can you sleep at night?"

The accusation by Kim Myers provided a bizarre twist during the trial of the world-famous double-amputee Olympian, who is facing 25 years to life in prison if convicted of premeditated murder for shooting dead Steenkamp, a 29-year-old model, at his home last year.

Pistorius, 27, denies murder and says he killed Steenkamp by mistake thinking she was an intruder when he shot her multiple times through a closed toilet door.

He also denied to reporters in the courtroom that he made any comment to Myers. Pistorius said he hadn't spoken to members of the Myers family for weeks, despite sitting a few feet away from them during proceedings. Myers' lawyer said she told him it happened.

Myers was approached by Pistorius and he made the remark to her in a "very sinister way," the lawyer for Myers told The Associated Press. Attorney Ian Levitt said Myers was "shocked" and did not know what it referred to. Levitt said she found it "extremely disturbing."

"It's important to confirm this. It was in front of witnesses. Journalists have witnessed this," Levitt said of the alleged comment. Levitt was not in the courtroom but said Myers phoned him to report it.

Reporters said Pistorius apparently made a comment to Myers as he walked close to the court benches reserved for family and friends of both Pistorius and Steenkamp. Levitt added that he made a complaint to state prosecution officials, although officials at South Africa's National Prosecuting Authority said they would not be acting on the report.

The Myers family was very close to Steenkamp. Steenkamp lived with them after moving to Johannesburg to further her modelling career and they referred to themselves as her second family. They have attended much of Pistorius' trial.

Pistorius' lawyer, Brian Webber, said Pistorius also told him that the allegation regarding the remark was untrue.

"I've asked the client and he denies that he said it," Webber said.

During trial proceedings, two women who lived on either side of the house where Pistorius killed Steenkamp were called by the defense as witnesses and were asked to make high-pitched wails while testifying. The defense was trying to show that Pistorius' cries on the night of the shooting could be confused with a woman's screams.

The neighbors were briefly cross-examined by chief prosecutor Gerrie Nel who asked, simply, to show that they had heard events after the fatal shooting and their testimonies were irrelevant to a possible fight between the couple.

During the testimony, Pistorius sat on his wooden bench looking impassively at times at his former next-door neighbors, who all described him as friendly and a good neighbor. His legal team says they could wrap up presenting his defense by next Tuesday.



ANDRES KUDACKI/AP

**Maria Sharapova celebrates her second-round victory at the Madrid Open against Christina McHale on Tuesday.**

### Sharapova averts Madrid upset

MADRID — Maria Sharapova avoided an early exit from the Madrid Open on Tuesday, rallying to beat Christina McHale to reach the third round while Roger Federer withdrew from the men's event.

Trailing 4-1 in the final set, Sharapova steadied her erratic service game and took command again to beat the 36th-ranked American 6-1, 4-6, 6-4 on clay at the Magic Box tennis center.

The ninth-ranked Russian looked to be cruising before McHale broke late in the second set to tie the match and then took her commanding lead in the final set after breaking Sharapova.

However, Sharapova didn't surrender a point after that as McHale netted to be broken to see her advantage dip to 4-3, and Sharapova eventually fired an ace down the middle to eliminate McHale for the second straight year.

In other sports news: ■ Toronto Raptors coach Dwane Casey has agreed to a three-year contract extension after Toronto won a franchise-record 48 games this season.

This was Casey's third season in the team. Toronto won the Atlantic Division for the second time and ended a six-year playoff drought, but lost to Brooklyn in seven games in the first round.

■ St. Louis Cardinals left-hander Jaime Garcia does not appear seriously injured after being struck on the elbow by a pitch during a rehab start in the minors.

General manager John Mozeliak said Monday that Garcia had some significant swelling right after the game, but it had "gone down quite a bit" by morning.

■ Jason Giambi is back on the disabled list. He could soon have familiar company.

The Indians placed Giambi on the 15-day DL with a strained right calf muscle on Monday and the team may soon have to make a roster move with center fielder Michael Bourn, who missed his second straight game with a tight hamstring — the same one he had surgically repaired in October.



JOHN BAZEMORE/AP

**Brad Keselowski (2) and Trevor Bayne (21) block the path of other drivers coming out of Turn 4 during the Aaron's 499 at Talladega Superspeedway on Sunday.**

# Keselowski undeterred after Talladega mishaps

CHARLOTTE, N.C.

It's apparently bad news for Brad Keselowski day and he's OK with that.

The 2012 NASCAR champion has pretty thick skin, so he can handle the barbs hurled his way since his poor showing Sunday at Talladega Superspeedway.

His day took a turn for the worse awfully fast, just 13 laps into the race, when he charged to the front to take the lead from Danica Patrick. Only there wasn't a ton of real estate when he slid in front of Patrick. She tapped him, and he spun in front of the entire field.

Maybe it was her fault; maybe it was his fault. Fans are split on placing blame.

But Keselowski's crew chief ruled it a risky move: "We weren't clear enough to make that call at that. We weren't clear enough to make that move," Paul Wolfe told the driver.

Keselowski's car slid through the grass and shot back up onto the track. He was lucky they didn't have a serious pileup. But there was enough damage to the No. 2

Ford, causing Keselowski to fall six laps off the pace while his car was repaired.

And that's when Keselowski made a decision: He wasn't going to ride around wasting his day just because he was in a hole. Instead, he decided to race hard with the leaders in an attempt to slowly get his laps back and maybe put himself back in position to win.

That didn't sit well with his rivals, especially after he spun in the middle of the pack to trigger a 14-car accident that wrecked former champions Jeff Gordon, Matt Kenseth, Tony Stewart and Jimmie Johnson.

The jeers came fast and furious, particularly from Kenseth, who had tangled with Keselowski a week earlier while the two raced for the win at Richmond. Keselowski stopped down pit road and shouted and pointed in Kenseth's direction. Kenseth wondered Sunday if Keselowski wasn't a bit of a hypocrite.

"If it was the other way around and it was anybody else except for him, we'd all be getting lectured," Kenseth said.

Kenseth is absolutely right. Keselowski is outspoken as a driver's direction, and when he thinks he's been wronged, he lets everybody know.

That's because Keselowski has always lived by his own code. When he says what's on his mind or races in a way that serves only his best interests, he doesn't care who gets upset. While other drivers attempt to race by an unwritten code or respect on-track etiquette, Keselowski does his own thing.

He's always been that way, and he made no apologies for it as he scratched and clawed his way into NASCAR. His family poured every cent into racing, extended themselves far beyond the normal effort to help Brad and his older brother,

Brian, race. More than once, the money ran out and the family was forced to make difficult decisions.

Keselowski, so desperate for that one big break that would jump-start his career, simply could not afford to play the nice guy. He viewed every race as an opportunity to make a name for himself, and he worried he'd run out of chances before he proved his worth.

It led to a yearlong feud with Denny Hamlin, with Hamlin throwing his hands up in disgust after a 2009 Nationwide race at Phoenix over Keselowski's refusal to calm down on the track. He had multiple scrapes with Carl Edwards, and NASCAR was forced to mediate several times.

None of it deterred Roger Penske, who freed him in late 2009 from a dead-end driver development deal with Hendrick Motorsports. Keselowski was the Nationwide champion the next season, and in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship in 2011.

One year later, he was NASCAR's newest champion, beating Johnson in a round-four round tie fight that gave Penske his first career Cup championship in 40 years.

Keselowski believed that championship validated his bumpy road to the top and earned him the respect of his peers. He badly wanted to play his role as champion into a leader of the sport. In his heart, he was certain he'd earned that right.

Only nothing changed.

Before his title defense even began, he found himself inside NASCAR headquarters explaining his comments he made in a USA Today article to NASCAR chairman Brian France and Lesa France Kennedy, head of International Speedway Corp. His opinions were not popular, and voicing them got him into hot water time and again last season.

He also learned over the course of the season that the respect he thought he'd earned from his peers wasn't there. Keselowski very much wants to be one of the faces of NASCAR. When his title didn't make it happen, he tried to rein himself in a bit to see if that would do the trick.

Instead, his performance suffered. He failed to make the Chase and won his only race of the season in Week 31. During that span, he chose not to shove Kyle Busch out of his way at Watkins Glen — a move that would have given him a win and put him in the Chase.

Keselowski learned the hard way that "life provided me a unique opportunity to have my cake and eat it, too. My read was wrong, though. That opportunity is further down the road if I keep doing what I did before 2013."

So that's what you've seen on track from Keselowski this season and Sunday at Talladega.

Sure, he made everybody mad with some noises. But if it wins him races, Keselowski doesn't care.

## In the Pits



BY JENNA FRYER • AP

NFL DRAFT

# Mack separates himself from the pack

## Buffalo linebacker is projected as a top 5 pick after a dominating senior season

By JOHN WAWROW  
The Associated Press

**L**OU BUFFALO, N.Y. — You Tepper knew exactly what button he could push to motivate linebacker Khalil Mack in the week leading up to Buffalo's daunting season-opening test against Ohio State last year.

The Bulls defensive coordinator began referring to Mack as "JAG — Just A Guy."

"I don't know who it was, but somebody from (the Buckeyes) staff said he was 'just a guy,'" said Tepper,

the former Illinois head coach, who has a lengthy history of developing college linebackers. "So after that, we started to call him all that week a 'JAG.' And there's no question that he was motivated to prove that he belonged."

Mack can no longer be dismissed.

Beginning with his lights-out performance in a 40-20 loss to the Buckeyes in which he had nine tackles, 2½ sacks and returned an interception for a touchdown, Mack capped a dominating senior season that has him projected to be a top-five selection in the NFL draft, which begins Thursday in New York.

"It was funny," Mack said this week, recalling Tepper's motivational play. "But even then, I knew what he was trying to do."

As for the lingering sting of the nickname, Mack said he's just getting started when it comes to separating himself from the pack.

"That's the thing, I'm still working hard to prove it," he said.

He's accomplished much already during a season in which he helped the Mid-American Conference team earn its second bowl berth. Mack won the Jack Lambert Award and finished second to Alabama's C.J. Mosley in the Butkus Award voting — both honoring the nation's top linebackers. He set a conference record with 16 career forced fumbles. His 75 career tackles for a loss tied current Jaguars defensive end Jason Babin's college numbers, and were the most at the NCAA level since 2000.

At 6-foot-2 and 251 pounds, Mack is touted to have the speed, strength and versatility to play any linebacker position in either a 3-4 or 4-3 system. At the NFL combine in February, Mack topped linebacker prospects in four of six categories: the 40-yard dash (4.65 seconds), 20-yard shuttle (4.18 seconds), vertical jump (40 inches) and broad jump (128 inches).

Though Mack was already on NFL scouts' radars after considering entering the draft last year, he began upping his value following the game against Ohio State.

Buckeyes coach Urban Meyer was left impressed, saying: "His stock in the draft just went up."

After struggling a week later in a loss to Baylor, Mack was difficult to contain against MAC competition. He was a one-man wrecking ball in forcing three fumbles and getting three sacks in a late-season win over Miami, Ohio.

NFL general managers, scouts and draft experts have taken notice, too.

"The guy looks like the real deal," Browns GM Ray Farmer said. "When he got on bigger stages, he demonstrated he could perform."

Added former Dallas Cowboys executive and NFL.com senior



BILL WIPPERT/AP

Kent State's Trayvon Durham (34) is brought down by Buffalo's Khalil Mack (46) during a Sept. 19, 2012 game in Amherst, N.Y. Mack had 10½ sacks, three interceptions, five forced fumbles and scored two touchdowns last season in winning the Lambert Trophy, given annually to the country's best linebacker. He also helped the Bulls earn their second bowl bid in school history.

analyst Gil Brandt: "There's nine guys that could be the first pick in the draft, and he's one of the nine

guys." All 32 teams were represented at Buffalo's pro day in March. That

group included two general managers, Buffalo's Doug Whaley and Oakland's Reggie McKenzie, and newly hired Browns coach Mike Pettine.

"The sky's the limit on him," Whaley said. "He can do whatever you need him to do."

Over the past month, Mack limited his predraft visits to six teams, including those owning the first three selections, Houston, St. Louis and Jacksonville. He's also drawn interest from Atlanta (No. 6 pick) and Detroit (No. 10).

The Bulls, who made the jump to the MAC in 1999, aren't accustomed to having such attention. Since the NFL merger, no Buffalo player has been drafted higher than the fourth round.

Mack has a history of being overlooked, too.

A devastating knee injury sustained while playing basketball limited him to playing just his senior season at high school in Fort Pierce, Fla. Liberty was the only school to initially offer him a scholarship. The Bulls didn't become interested until Liberty assistant Robert Wimberly was hired by Buffalo and made Mack an offer.

Mack acknowledged he thought his chances of playing football were over when he injured his knee.

"I felt terrible," he said. "It was a thing where I knew I had to get ready to do something else with my life that didn't involve sports."

Some six years later, Mack is both anxious and eager to start the next chapter of his career.

"To know what I've been through, and know what I experienced, this means so much," Mack said. "If anything, a lot of hard work is paying off."

"I'm trying to embrace this process because it's only going to happen once. And I'm trying to make the most out of it."

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NFL

### Scouting report: The quarterbacks

By RALPH D. RUSSO  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A brief scouting report on the quarterbacks players available in the 2014 NFL draft, which will be held Thursday-Saturday in New York. It is an intriguing group of talent with no one a lock to be an early first-rounder.



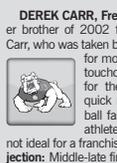
**JOHNNY MANZIEL**, Texas A&M (5-foot-11, 207 pounds). 2012 Heisman Trophy winner was one of most exciting and productive players in college football history. How well his game, which featured plenty of spectacular but unscripted plays out of the pocket, translates to NFL is big question. Mechanics and recognition of defenses need work and size is not ideal, but athleticism and competitiveness are enticing. **Projection:** First round.



**BLAKE BORTLES**, Central Florida (6-5, 232). Blossomed into one of college football's best quarterbacks last year, leading Central Florida to the most successful season in the history of the program. Has drawn comparisons to Ben Roethlisberger because of his combination of size and mobility. Some questions about his ability to throw deep accurately after playing in an offense that featured many short passes and quick throws. **Projection:** First round.



**TEDDY BRIDGEWATER**, Louisville (6-2, 214). Three-year starter who took over as freshman and helped Louisville to consecutive double-digit win seasons in his final two years. Solid mechanics, reads field well, stays disciplined under pressure and has shown willingness to play hurt. Relatively small frame and lack of high-end arm strength are question marks which could keep him from being first quarterback taken. **Projection:** First round.



**DEREK CARR**, Fresno State (6-2, 214). Younger brother of 2002 first overall draft pick David Carr, who was taken by the Houston Texans. Threw for more than 3,000 yards and 30 touchdowns in a season three times for the Bulldogs. Quick feet and quick release, helps him get rid of ball fast and avoid pressure. Good athlete. Forces throws and size is not ideal for a franchise quarterback prospect. **Projection:** Middle-late first round.



#### Other early-round possibilities

**AJ McCarron**, Alabama. Knows how to execute and operate an offensive game plan well. Often brushed off as a product of a winning program, but he was productive and the Crimson Tide was better because of him.

**Jimmy Garoppolo**, Eastern Illinois. Has the quickest release of any QB in the draft and his athleticism allows him to get throws off in situations where most QBs would take a sack or throw the ball away.

**Zach Mettenberger**, LSU. Made some of the most impressive NFL level throws, but a late season ACL injury clouds his immediate NFL future.

**Tom Savage**, Pittsburgh. Easily one of the strongest arms in the 2014 draft class. Has prototype measurables for a classic pocket passer, but consistency issues are troublesome because of lack of in-game experience.

# Question: Cost of a first-round miss on a QB now higher than ever in NFL

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whiff on Christian Ponder (the 12th choice in 2011) and other high-profile busts on the radar of top decision-makers around the league, Spielman will be wary of taking a quarterback so high again — if there are significant questions about the player's skill set.

There are seniors with more polish such as Derek Carr of Fresno State, Alabama's A.J. McCarron or Zach Mettenberger of LSU. But if they're consistently ranked below the top three, then they've got their own limitations.

So here's the multi-billion-dollar question, considering the context of the money-making entertainment machine that is the NFL: Is this truly the hardest position on the roster to draft and develop successfully? Or are the mistakes simply more magnified because the profiles of quarterbacks are so high?

"It's a tough position to play. So drafting it, getting it right? If anyone had the answer, they'd be doing it," San Francisco general manager Trent Baalke said. "It's a tough position. There is so much that goes on from a mental standpoint, a physical standpoint. It's just a very difficult position to play. Some have mastered, some are at the level of trying to master it, and some never will master it."

The cost of a first-round miss at quarterback is steeper than ever, given the critical nature of the job and the infrequency of opportunities to procure another one. The best ones are locked up with long-term contracts and rarely hit free agency, and if an established quarterback is available in a trade he will almost always be on the downside of his career.

"All you have to do is look at the playoffs. Quarterback play is a huge, huge part of winning playoff games," Indianapolis general manager Ryan Grigson said. "We're very fortunate and blessed to have Andrew Luck and what he brings to the table. Because great quarterbacks don't come along all that often and if you don't have one, you're going to have to bolster every other facet of your team to be able to get on the level of a team that has a great one."



GERALD HERBERT/AP

Expert analysts have Texas A&M quarterback and former Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Manziel (2) rated everywhere from first off the board to out of the first round for the upcoming NFL draft.

### Did you know

Just 10 of the past 28 QBs taken in the first round of the NFL draft have been picked for the Pro Bowl.

SOURCE: The Associated Press

Over the past 10 drafts, 28 quarterbacks have been taken in the first round, including 16 in the top 10 picks and seven first overall. Though Eli Manning (first, 2004) and Ben Roethlisberger (11th, 2004) have two Super Bowl rings each, only four of the 28 first-rounders have won championships. Aaron Rodgers (24th, 2005) and J.E. Flacco (18th, 2008) are the others.

Just 10 of the 28 have been picked for a Pro Bowl.

Here's the flip side of the story: Most of the elite quarterbacks come from the top of the draft, so waiting for a Tom Brady, Drew Brees or Russell Wilson in later rounds is far from a tried-and-true strategy. Those are the only three Super Bowl winners of the past 10 who came after the first round.

"First and foremost, he has to be a guy." He has to have the locker room. He has to walk into the meeting room and make the players know, "Hey, this guy's got us. He's got it." That character aspect," said Seattle general manager John Schneider, whose selection of Wilson in the third round in 2012 helped spark the team to a Super Bowl championship.

Those teams still searching for the solution must keep spinning the wheel, feeling perhaps a little more pressure during the draft than those who have theirs.

"You're going to make some mistakes," Jacksonville coach Gus Bradley said, "but you hope it's limited, and especially at that position."

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## MLB

## AL roundup

# Scherzer sharp as Tigers beat Astros

The Associated Press

**DETROIT** — Max Scherzer is pitching so well, he's tough to beat.

The Detroit Tigers are pretty good, too, at the plate and in the field.

Scherzer pitched three-hit ball and struck out nine in eight innings, leading Detroit past the Houston Astros 2-0 Monday night for its season-high sixth consecutive victory.

The reigning Cy Young Award winner will get credit for the win, but acknowledged he had plenty of help.

Alex Avila threw out three runners. Austin Jackson sprinted toward the center field wall to catch a deep drive. Andrew Romine perfectly placed a punt down the third base line to hit Nick Castellanos in scoring position for Rajai Davis. Davis broke a scoreless tie with an RBI single in the seventh inning.

"Those are the little things that go on," Scherzer said. "That's why as a team, we're successful."

Victor Martinez hit a solo homer in the eighth inning and Joe Nathan pitched the ninth for his sixth save in eight chances for the AL-leading Tigers.

"You definitely enjoy the winning streaks," Scherzer said. "You play 162 games, if you don't enjoy these, you're just going to beat yourself up."

Scherzer (4-1) earned his fourth straight win. He has struck out at least seven in each of his seven starts this season, the only pitcher to pull off that feat in franchise history and the first for any team since San Francisco's Tim Lincecum in 2010.

"He's a Cy Young winner for a reason, but Jarrod (Cosart) matched him pitch for pitch," Astros managers Bo Porter said. "That was a great performance, but we couldn't get him a win."

Cosart (1-3) allowed an unearned run and four hits in seven innings. Nick Castellanos reached in the seventh because first baseman Marc Krauss dropped a perfect throw from third baseman Matt Dominguez.

**Twins 1, Indians 0 (10):** Eduardo Escobar homered to lead off the 10th against Cleveland closer John Axford, giving the visiting Minnesota the victory.

Escobar, who entered as a pinch-hitter in the seventh, connected on a 1-0 pitch from Axford (0-3), driving it over the wall



PAUL SANCYA/AP

**Max Scherzer (4-1) struck out nine in eight innings on Monday, earning his fourth consecutive win as the host Detroit Tigers defeated the Houston Astros 2-0.**

in right for his first homer since June 20 and fourth of his career in 344 at-bats.

**Caleb Thielbar (2-0)** pitched a perfect ninth and Glen Perkins struck out two in the 10th for his eighth save.

**Mariners 4, Athletics 2:** Stefan Romero hit his first major league home run to break a deadlock in the fifth as Seattle beat Oakland for its third consecutive victory and eighth in 10 games.

Chris Young (2-0) allowed two hits over six strong innings to win his second straight start.

The right-hander faced the minimum through three and didn't allow a hit until Jed Lowrie's one-out single in the fourth. Brandon Moss hit a tying two-run homer two batters later.

Scott Kazmir (4-1), off to the best start in his career, was tagged for eight hits and four runs in six innings.

**Angels 4, Yankees 1:** Los Angeles scored three runs off five successive walks in the eighth inning after Jared Weaver escaped a bases-loaded jam with no outs in the top half as the Angels beat

visiting New York.

Yankees relievers Shawn Kelley (0-2), Matt Thornton and Preston Claiborne walked six overall in the eighth, the most walks in an inning by New York since 1990.

Weaver (3-2) allowed a run and six hits in eight innings, struck out seven and walked one.

Weaver bounded off the mound pumping his fist and shouting in excitement after getting Derek Jeter to ground into an inning-ending double play in the eighth.

## NL roundup

# Carpenter, Cardinals hand Braves 7th consecutive loss

The Associated Press

**ATLANTA** — When Andrelton Simmons botched a grounder, the St. Louis Cardinals seized their opportunity.

For the Atlanta Braves, it was another night of missed chances.

Matt Carpenter's two-run double helped carry St. Louis past the slumping Braves, who shook up their lineup but still lost their seventh in a row, 4-3 on Monday.

The Cardinals scored three runs in the fifth inning, taking advantage of shaky defense by Atlanta's Gold Glove shortstop. In fact, Simmons had a couple of plays that could've been scored errors but were initially ruled hits. The second one was changed to an E-6 and turned out to be especially costly, leading to a pair of unearned runs.

St. Louis built a 4-0 lead and barely held on to win the series opener.

"It was big," Carpenter said. "Especially when we got out to a big lead, to be able to hold them off, that was big for us."

Desperate for more offense, Braves manager Fredi Gonzalez batted pitcher Aaron Harang eighth and pulled second baseman Ramiro Pena in the ninth spot.

Pena had two hits, including a seventh-inning homer that brought the Braves within a run, but they couldn't overcome a 4-0 deficit.

**Blue Jays 3, Phillies 0:** Jose Reyes hit a leadoff homer and J.A. Happ allowed three hits in five innings of work as Toronto beat host Philadelphia.

Facing his former team, Happ (1-0)



JOHN BAZEMORE/AP

**Cardinals third baseman Matt Carpenter follows through on a two-run double in the fifth inning against the Atlanta Braves on Monday. St. Louis won 4-3.**

walked four and pitched out of trouble often in his first start of the season. The left-hander was filling in for injured righty Brendan Morrow. Four relievers finished the seven-hit.

**Marlins 4, Mets 3:** Casey McGehee hit a sharp grounder that caromed into right field off the back of reliever Gonzalez

Germer's foot, allowing the winning run to score, as Miami bailed late from a three-run deficit to beat visiting New York.

Jarrod Saltalamacchia hit a tying double in the eighth off Daisuke Matsuzaka, who failed to retire any of the five batters he faced in relief of Jonathon Niese. Giancarlo Stanton had an RBI single and the Marlins scored another run on shortstop Omar Quintanilla's fielding error in the eighth.

**Nationals 4, Dodgers 0:** Anthony Rendon hit a two-run homer in the first, and — thanks to an odd-moving storm that produced a long rain delay — host Washington didn't finish off Los Angeles until six hours later on Tuesday morning, gaining sole possession of first place in the NL East.

Jordan Zimmerman pitched four shut-out innings before the game was halted, and five relievers threw an inning apiece after play resumed. In between, there was a delay of 3 hours, 17 minutes while a narrow, cigar-shaped storm took its time soaking D.C. and not much else.

**Giants 11, Pirates 10 (13):** A throwing error by pitcher Jared Hughes on a sacrifice bunt by reliever Jean Machi in the 13th allowed San Francisco to score the winning run and overcome a six-run deficit to beat host Pittsburgh.

Hughes (1-1) came on to start the 13th. With one out, he walked Hunter Pence and hit Juan Perez with a pitch. Machi (5-0), in just the second plate appearance of his four-year career, then dropped down a bunt, which Hughes fielded and threw wildly past first as Pence scored from sec-

ond base.

**Brewers 8, Diamondbacks 0:** Carlos Gomez hit a home run and drove in three runs to lead Milwaukee over visiting Arizona.

Martin Maldonado and Jean Segura also homered for Milwaukee, which had lost four of its last five entering the game. The Brewers still have the best record in baseball at 22-11.

## Interleague

**White Sox 3, Cubs 1 (12):** Marcus Semien hit a tiebreaking RBI double in a two-run 12th and Jose Quintana allowed one hit in seven innings for the visiting White Sox.

Quintana and five relievers combined on a four-hitter, and the White Sox came away with the win after dropping four straight and six of seven to their cross-town rivals.

**Rockies 8, Rangers 2:** Troy Tulowitzki homered twice and Jordan Lyles pitched eight strong innings as Colorado beat visiting Texas.

Nolan Arenado also homered to extend his hitting streak to 25 games. It is the longest in the majors this season.

**Padres 6, Royals 5 (12):** Will Venable hit a two-run single in the 12th to give host San Diego a victory over Kansas City.

Venable singled off Tim Collins (0-2) and over the head of right fielder Lorenzo Cain to score Chris Denorfia with the tying run and Yonder Alonso with the winning run from second base.

# NHL PLAYOFFS

# Kings ride momentum to 2-0 lead

## Los Angeles heads home after second win in Anaheim and sixth in a row

By GREG BEACHAM  
The Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — When the Los Angeles Kings are on top of their formidable defensive game, they revel in the silence they can create in a frustrated road arena.

Although they're not used to the cheers and chants that filled Honda Center while Jonathan Quick composed his latest shut-down symphony Monday night, they plan to ride that momentum right back up the freeway.

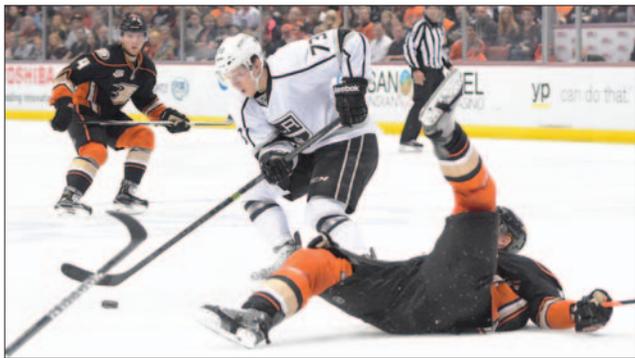
Quick made 36 saves, Marian Gaborik scored his third goal in two games and the Kings beat the Ducks 3-1 to take a 2-0 lead in their second-round series.

Alex Martinez also scored for the Kings, who opened their first playoff series against their local rivals with two victories at a road arena packed with their own fans. The Ducks' faithful had almost nothing to cheer during a remarkable effort by the NHL's best defensive team.

"It doesn't even feel like being on the road," Kings coach Darryl Sutter said. "We played really good in this building in the regular season. It was the same for us here."

Game 3 is Thursday at Staples Center.

Dwight King added an empty-net goal for Los Angeles, which has won six straight postseason games and is halfway to its third straight trip to the Western Conference finals. Less than two weeks ago, the Kings were down 0-3 in their first-round series against San Jose.



MARK J. TERRILL/AP

Los Angeles Kings center Tyler Toffoli skates around fallen Anaheim Ducks right wing Corey Perry in the second period of Game 2 on Monday in Anaheim, Calif. The Kings won 3-1 to take a 2-0 lead in their best-of-7 Western Conference second-round series. Game 3 is Thursday in Los Angeles.

The Kings' defense is just that good — and they're also scoring just enough goals to beat even the high-powered Ducks.

"We could only dream of this, really," said Kings defenseman Drew Doughty, who played more than 26 minutes. "They might say we don't deserve it, but we won two games here, and that was our goal."

Los Angeles didn't need any last-minute heroics from Gaborik, who scored in the opening minute

instead. Martinez added another first-period goal, and King scored after a bad pass by Cam Fowler with an extra Anaheim attacker.

NHL postseason scoring leader Anze Kopitar had another assist for the Kings, who followed up their overtime victory in the opening game of the first postseason Freeway Faceoff with a methodical defensive performance against the high-flying Ducks.

Los Angeles managed just nine shots in the final two peri-

ods, but Quick comfortably sat on a one-goal lead for more than 46 scoreless minutes until King's empty-netter.

"We found a way to squeak one out tonight because we have the best goal in the world," captain Dustin Brown said.

Patrick Maroon scored a power-play goal and Jonas Hiller stopped 14 shots for the Ducks, who couldn't crack the Kings' NHL-best defense despite controlling play for long stretches.

## Scoreboard

### Second round

#### (Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

#### EASTERN CONFERENCE

**Montreal 1, Boston 1**  
Montreal 4, Boston 3, 2OT  
Boston 5, Montreal 3  
**Tuesday:** at Montreal  
**Thursday:** at Montreal  
**Saturday:** at Boston  
**x-Monday:** at Montreal  
**x-Wednesday, May 14:** at Boston  
**Pittsburgh 2, N.Y. Rangers 1**  
N.Y. Rangers 3, Pittsburgh 2, OT  
**Pittsburgh 3, N.Y. Rangers 0**  
**Monday:** Pittsburgh 2, N.Y. Rangers 0  
**Wednesday:** at N.Y. Rangers  
**Friday:** at Pittsburgh  
**x-Sunday:** at N.Y. Rangers  
**x-Tuesday, May 12:** at Pittsburgh

#### WESTERN CONFERENCE

**Chicago 2, Minnesota 0**  
Chicago 5, Minnesota 2  
Chicago 4, Minnesota 1  
**Tuesday:** at Minnesota  
**Friday:** at Minnesota  
**x-Sunday:** at Chicago  
**x-Tuesday, May 13:** at Minnesota  
**x-Thursday, May 15:** at Chicago  
**Los Angeles 2, Anaheim 0**  
Los Angeles 3, Anaheim 2, OT  
**Monday:** Los Angeles 3, Anaheim 1  
**Thursday:** at Los Angeles  
**Saturday:** at Los Angeles  
**x-Monday, May 12:** at Anaheim  
**x-Wednesday, May 14:** at Los Angeles  
**x-Friday, May 16:** at Anaheim

### Monday

#### Kings 3, Ducks 1

Los Angeles	2	0	1-3
Anaheim	1	0	0-1
<b>First Period—</b> 1, Los Angeles, Gaborik 6 (Kopitar, Brown), (34), 2, Anaheim, Marmora 2 (Getzlaf, Fowler), 9:40 (pp), 3, Los Angeles, Martinez 2 (Toffoli, Pearson), 12:07.			

**Third Period—**4, Los Angeles, King 1 (Williams), 15:02 (en).

**Shots on Goal—**Los Angeles 8-5-4—17, Anaheim 5-3-7.

**Power-play opportunities—**Los Angeles 0 of 3; Anaheim 1 of 4.  
**Goalsies—**Los Angeles, Quick 6-3-0 (37 shots-36 saves), Anaheim, Hiller 2-1-0 (16-15).

A-17,281 (17,174), T-233.

#### Penguins 2, Rangers 0

Pittsburgh	2	0	0-2
N.Y. Rangers	0	0	0-0
<b>Second Period—</b> 1, Pittsburgh, Crosby 11 (Malkin, Lettner), 2:34, 2, Pittsburgh, Jokinen 5, 15:20.			

**Shots on Goal—**Pittsburgh 7-7-1—15, N.Y. Rangers 4-3-7.

**Power-play opportunities—**Pittsburgh 0 of 1; N.Y. Rangers 0 of 1.  
**Goalsies—**Pittsburgh, Fleury 6-3-0 (35 shots-35 saves), N.Y. Rangers, Lundqvist 5-0 (15-13).

A-18,006 (18,006), T-231.

# Crosby, Pens blank Rangers, take control of series

By IRA PODELL  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Sidney Crosby scored his first goal. Marc-Andre Fleury posted his second straight shutout.

The New York Rangers' power play still is proving to be nothing more than a problem for the Broadway Blueshirts.

So it is no surprise the Pittsburgh Penguins have taken control of an Eastern Conference semifinal that suddenly seems one-sided.

Crosby snapped a 13-game playoff goal drought in breaking a second-period scoreless tie, Jussi Jokinen added a goal, and Fleury turned aside 35 shots in a 2-0 victory in Game 3 on Monday night.

"The main thing is that you get chances and that you are out there creating things, making it tough on them," Crosby said. "That's the first step. Eventually you trust that it will go in."

Coupled with Fleury's 22 saves in a 3-0 victory one night earlier in Pittsburgh, the Penguins have reclaimed home-ice advantage and lead the best-of-seven series 2-1.

Fleury has 51 career postseason shutouts and a team-record eight wins.

"I don't think there was any question he was the best player on the ice," Penguins coach Dan Bylsma said.

New York's futile power play had already slowed down the offense, but now the Rangers can't score at all. They were 0 for 5 with the advantage Monday, pushing their streak to 34 failed opportunities.

"You might be frustrated right now, but it does no good," Rangers forward Brad Richards said. "We are in the middle of a series, and out of those three games, we played two real good ones."

The Rangers haven't scored since winning the opener in overtime. Game 4 is Wednesday in New York.

Henrik Lundqvist made 13 saves for the Rangers, who played for the fifth time in seven days. They have consecutive losses in these playoffs for the first time.

"We put our best foot forward in each and every game. Now we've got a full day to recover," Rangers coach Alain Vigneault said.

The tide turned in Pittsburgh's



KATHY WILLEMS/AP

Teammates congratulate Pittsburgh Penguins center Sidney Crosby (87) who scored his first goal of the playoffs in the second period of Game 3 against the New York Rangers on Monday in New York. It was Crosby's first goal in his past 13 playoff games as the Penguins won 2-0 to take a 2-1 lead in the best-of-7 series.

favor in the second period for the third straight game.

New York had 2:15 remaining on a 4-minute power play that began in the first, but couldn't cash in. To make matters worse for the Ran-

gers, Crosby took a long stretch pass from defenseman Robert Boruzzo, outraced Marc Staal, and beat Lundqvist between the pads from the left circle 19 seconds after James Neal left the

penalty box. It was Crosby's 41st career playoff goal.

The Penguins struck for their second goal right after killing another penalty. Jokinen jumped out of the box and got to a loose puck in the neutral zone when Rangers forward Mats Zuccarello failed to connect on a backward pass in the Pittsburgh end.

Jokinen came in alone and scored his fifth of the playoffs with 4:40 left in the second — 38 seconds after his penalty ended.

"The Jokinen one, just stepping out of the box and finding his way onto that puck, and making it 2-0. That obviously is a tough pill to swallow," Bylsma said of the Rangers.

New York was suddenly down by two to two and had the weight of its anemic power play enveloping the team even more. During the Rangers' last advantage in the second period, the Madison Square Garden crowd implored them to "Shoot the puck!" They did, but to no avail.

"It's the first to four wins," Lundqvist said. "We will take a deep breath and get ready for Wednesday."

# NBA PLAYOFFS

## Scoreboard

### Conference semifinals

**(Best-of-7)  
(X-if necessary)  
EASTERN CONFERENCE**  
**Miami vs. Brooklyn**  
Tuesday at Miami  
Friday at Miami  
Saturday at Brooklyn  
Monday, May 12, at Brooklyn  
x-Wednesday, May 14, at Miami  
x-Friday, May 16, at Brooklyn  
x-Sunday, May 18, at Miami  
Washington 1, Indiana 0  
Monday, Washington 10, Indiana 96  
Wednesday, at Indiana  
Friday, at Indiana  
Sunday at Washington  
x-Tuesday, May 13, at Indiana  
x-Thursday, May 15, at Washington  
x-Sunday, May 18, at Indiana

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**  
**San Antonio vs. Portland**  
Tuesday at San Antonio  
Thursday at San Antonio  
Saturday at Portland  
Monday, May 12, at Portland  
x-Wednesday, May 14, at San Antonio  
x-Friday, May 16, at Portland  
x-Sunday, May 18, at San Antonio  
**L.A. Clippers 1, Oklahoma City 0**  
Monday: L.A. Clippers 122, Oklahoma City 105  
Wednesday: at Oklahoma City  
Friday: at L.A. Clippers  
Sunday: at L.A. Clippers  
x-Tuesday, May 13, at Oklahoma City  
x-Thursday, May 15, at Oklahoma City  
x-Sunday, May 18, at Oklahoma City

# Paul sets tone in Clippers' win

By CLIFF BRUNT  
The Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Chris Paul got the best of Russell Westbrook in a matchup of two of the league's best point guards.

Paul made a career-high eight three-pointers and scored 32 points to help the Los Angeles Clippers beat the Thunder 122-105 Monday night in Game 1 of their Western Conference semifinal.

Paul, who had never made more than five three-pointers in a game, also had 11 assists.

"It was just one of those nights," he said. "This one will definitely go down in the history books for me. Don't count on it for Game 2, I can tell you that."

Though Paul is a career 36 percent three-point shooter, he doesn't usually shoot that so often. Once he started hitting them, he became increasingly aggressive. He made eight of nine on the night.

"When somebody's got it going like that, you just try to stay out of the way as much as possible, but also help keep that fire going," Clippers forward Blake Griffin said.

Westbrook led the Thunder with 29 points on 9-for-14 shooting, but he had six turnovers and just four assists. Kevin Durant had 25 points and Serge Ibaka added 12 for the Thunder.



SUE OROGOW/AP

**Thunder guard Russell Westbrook tries to drive against the Clippers' Chris Paul during the first quarter of Monday's Game 1 of the Western Conference semifinals. Paul got the better of the matchup.**

Oklahoma City thought it defended Paul relatively well.

"I thought on a lot of those threes, especially early in the game, we had a hand in his face and a hand in his shots," Thunder guard Thabo Sefolosha said. "So we did a decent job, but those shots went in, and that boosted their whole team."

The Thunder suffered their worst home loss since moving to Oklahoma City.

"We have to get more physi-

cal," Durant said. "I'm not talking about hard fouls, I'm talking about jamming the lane, fighting through screens and not letting guys run free. We just have to be more physical."

Griffin scored 23 points, Jamal Crawford had 17 and J.J. Redick added 12 for the Clippers.

Game 2 is Wednesday night in Oklahoma City.

Both teams were coming off Game 7 wins in the first round on Saturday night, but only the Thun-

der looked weary. Oklahoma City opened by hitting a 16-10 lead, but the Clippers responded with a 24-6 run. Paul hit five three-pointers in the first quarter, matching his career high for threes in a playoff game in the first 12 minutes. The Clippers shot 67 percent in the first quarter to take a 39-25 lead.

"I've never seen him this aggressive," Clippers coach Doc Rivers said. "He felt like he needed to set the tone."

Los Angeles extended its lead to 24 points in the second quarter and took a 69-52 halftime lead, with Paul getting 22 points and six assists.

Durant and Westbrook scored 16 points each in the first half, but the Thunder committed 11 turnovers before halftime.

A quick three-pointer and a pull-up jumper by Paul pushed the Clippers' lead to 78-56 in the opening minutes of the third quarter. The Clippers reached 100 points with just over a minute left in the period and led 104-78 heading into the fourth quarter.

The score that matters to the Thunder is 1-0. They were behind 2-1 and 3-2 against Memphis in the first round and rallied to win the series.

"We just understand that we don't go into Game 2 with a 17-point deficit," Paul said. "You know, you've just got to come back and be hungry and not be satisfied with one."

### Monday

**Wizards 102, Pacers 96**  
WASHINGTON — Ariza 7-10 2-4 22, Nene 6-16 3-4 15, Gorat 4-12 4-6 12, Wall 4-9 0-13 16, Beal 3-5 1-2 15, Booker 3-6 0-0 0, Webster 0-1 0-0 0, Miller 2-0 2-3 2, Scola 2-2 0-2 2, Temple 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 35-84 21-102.

**INDIANA** — George 4-17 9-9 18, West 6-14 3-4 13, Hibbert 1-1 0-1 1, Griffin 3-13 1-8, Stephenson 4-13 2-12, Mahmini 12-20 2-2 2, Turner 2-2 0-0 0, O'Quinn 9-9, Scola 6-11 0-2 12, Copeland 1-1 0-0 3, Totals 33-81 22-96.

Washington 28 28 13 33-102  
Indiana 15 28 29 34-96  
Three-Point Goals—Washington 10-16 (Ariza 6-6, Beal 3-5, Miller 1, Griffin 1, Wall 0-3), Indiana 8-17 (Gill 3-6, West 3-4, Hibbert 1-1, Turner 1, O'Quinn 1-1, George 1-5). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Washington 65 (Gortat 15), Indiana 52 (Hibbert 12). Assists—Washington 23 (Wall 9), Indiana 16 (George 5). Total Fouls—Washington 23, Indiana 26. Technicals—Gortat, West A—18,165 (18,165).

### Clippers 122, Thunder 105

**L.A. CLIPPERS** — Barnes 4-10 0-0 10, Griffin 7-16 9-12, Jordan 3-3 1-8 7, Paul 12-14 0-2, Redick 3-11 1-2, Granger 1-1 5-3 4-5, Crawford 6-11 2-3 17, Davis 3-0 0-6, Dudley 1-2 0-3, D.Collins 2-6 1-2 5, Sullcock 1-0 0-2, Green 0-1 0-0 0, Hollins 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 45-82 17-30 122.

**OKLAHOMA CITY** — Durant 9-19 5-8 25, Ibaka 6-9 0-12, Perkins 1-1 2-3, Westbrook 9-14 9-10 29, Sefolosha 2-3 0-5, N.Collison 2-5 0-0 4, Butler 1-0 0-3, Adams 0-0 0-0, Jackson 1-8 2-4, Fisher 2-5 0-0 4, Lamb 3-8 1-8, Jones 3-6 0-0 8. Totals 39-85 18-23 105.

Clippers 28 30 35 102  
Oklahoma City 25 27 26 105  
Three-Point Goals—L.A. Clippers 15-29 (Paul 9-9, Crawford 3-3, Griffin 1-1, Redick 1-1, Dudley 1-2, Granger 0-3), Oklahoma City 9-28 (Jones 2-4, Durant 2-5, Westbrook 2-5, Sefolosha 1-2, Lamb 1-3, Butler 1-4, Fisher 0-1, Ibaka 0-1, N.Collison 0-1, Jackson 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—L.A. Clippers 47 (Jordan, Granger, Griffin 5), Oklahoma City 44 (Ibaka 14, Lamb, Butler 5). Assists—Clippers 26 (Paul 10), Oklahoma City 17 (Jackson). Total Fouls—L.A. Clippers 24, Oklahoma City 22. Technicals—Durant, Ibaka. A—18,203 (18,203).

### Scoring leaders

James, MIA	4	39	125	30.0
Aldridge, POR	6	17	96	16.0
Durant, OKC	9	82	51	23.4
Harden, HOU	6	50	45	16.2
Westbrook, OKC	7	72	28	26.0
Hawthorn, HOU	6	58	40	19.6
Lillard, POR	6	27	23	25.5
DeRozan, TOR	7	45	71	16.7
Griffin, LAC	8	73	40	18.6
George, IND	9	39	47	15.1
Curry, GOL	7	57	161	23.0

### Rookie of the Year voting

Selected by a national panel of 124 sportswriters and broadcasters, players who finish in the top five in a first-place vote, three points for a second-place vote and one point for a third-place vote:

Player	1st	2nd	3rd	Pts
M. Carter-Williams, PHI	104	21	15	569
Victor Oladipo, ORL	16	17	17	96
Trey Burke, Utah	1	13	52	96
Blake Griffin, OKC	8	21	8	86
Tim Hardaway Jr., NY	1	2	12	23
George King, Minn.	—	—	—	3
Devin Harris, OKC	—	—	—	3
G. Antetokounmpo, Mil	—	—	—	1
Nick Calathes, Mem	—	—	—	1

# Wizards steal another road opener

By MICHAEL MAROT  
The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Washington keeps finding ways to break through old, stubborn barriers.

Even in the unlikelyst place of all — Indiana.

Bradley Beal scored 14 of his 25 points in the fourth quarter, Trevor Ariza added 22 and the Wizards held off the Pacers with a stout defense over the final 7½ minutes Monday night to get a 102-96 win in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference semifinals.

It was Washington's first second-round win in 32 years.

"We know it's a tough building to play in. We haven't won here in a while," Ariza said after the Wizards snapped a 12-game losing streak in Indy. "Why wouldn't this be the best time to come here and get a win — in the playoffs?"

The Wizards know there is a lot more work to do in this best-of-seven series. Game 2 is Wednesday in Indianapolis.

So far, though, things have gone well for the upstart Wizards.

After clinching their first playoff berth since 2008, the Wizards have advanced to the second round for the first time since 2005, won at Indiana for the first time since April 18, 2007, and have their first second-round win since April 28, 1982. Washington has opened these playoffs with four straight road wins and put the pressure right back on the top seed in the Eastern Conference.

It doesn't get better than that for a young team that beat Chicago 4-1 in the opening round. "The way I think about it, I'm 20 years old, I'm playing in the playoffs, something I've always dreamed of. I'm not embracing it?" Beal said. "Why not accept the challenge and have

fun with it? That's all I'm doing — having fun."

For the Pacers, it was another kick in the pants. After salvaging their season with two straight wins to beat Atlanta in seven games, Indiana lost Game 1 for the second straight series and for many of the same reasons.

They were outbounded 53-36 and were outscored 19-5 on second-chance points. They got beat outside as Washington made a franchise playoff-record 10 three-pointers with Ariza going 6-for-6. They got no points and no rebounds from 7-foot-center Roy Hibbert, who has looked nothing like the All-Star he was during the first half of the season.

And when they were desperately trying to rally in the fourth quarter, Indiana went seven minutes without a basket.

Things got so frustrating that even the emotional Lane Stephenson lost his cool and snapped at coach Fran Vogel when he was yanked with 1 minute to play in the third quarter. Vogel said he took Stephenson out because he didn't want him playing 48 minutes, Stephenson said he was mostly mad at himself.

"I waited too late," Stephenson said. "Third quarter was too late to turn [it] up. I mean we need to come out first quarter and turn [it] up and get everybody going so the second half we could already have that pace."

Paul George and George Hill scored 18 points each to lead the Pacers, though half of Hill's points came on three threes in the final minute when it was too late to come back. David West added 15 points and 12 rebounds.

The Wizards trailed once all game, 31-30, and immediately retook the lead.

But Washington won this one in large part because it beat Indiana at its own game.

Marcin Gortat had 15 rebounds, six on the offensive end where Washington held a 17-6



MICHAEL CONROY/AP

**The Wizards' John Wall, right, makes a pass around the Pacers' Roy Hibbert during the first quarter of Game 1 of the Eastern Conference semifinals in Indianapolis on Monday. Washington won 102-96.**

advantage. The defense limited Indiana to 40.7 percent shooting and never allowed them to get closer than six points until the final minute of the game.

By then it was too late.

# SPORTS

## Majestic run

Kings go up 2-0 on Ducks with sixth straight playoff win | **NHL, Page 30**

## NFL DRAFT

# Billion dollar question

Texas A&M's Johnny Manziel won a Heisman Trophy, but general managers, scouts and analysts are split over his viability as a franchise QB.

L.G. PATTERSON/AP

## Franchise QBs: Hardest to pick, or is a bust more magnified?

BY DAVE CAMPBELL  
The Associated Press

**W**ith a record 102 early entrants declaring for this NFL draft, the depth of talent is obvious. Quarterbacks are no exception, with a trio of potential top-10 picks and another half-dozen or so prospects projected as viable mid-round options.

This ought to be an ideal scenario, then, for teams in this pass-driven league missing a long-term solution at the most important position in the sport.

So why isn't taking a Blake Bortles, Teddy Bridgewater or Johnny Manziel at the start of Thursday night's proceedings a slam dunk?

While more media coverage is a factor in Bortles, Bridgewater and Manziel being poked and prodded to near-pulp, all of them left college early. Bortles brings the least experience out of Central Florida. Bridgewater, from Louisville, has shown accuracy problems. Manziel is relatively short, and his well-documented time and exploits at Texas A&M

**Lack of experience for Central Florida quarterback Blake Bortles could be a red flag in the eyes of NFL general managers.**

STEPHEN M. DOWELL, ORLANDO SENTINEL/MCT

raised concerns about maturity.

"I don't think they're physically ready. I don't think they're far along mentally. I think they might be a work in progress for six months or a year," said ESPN analyst and former NFL head coach Jon Gruden, considered a quarterbacks guru.

Minnesota general manager

Rick Spielman, one of those executives under pressure to find the right guy, describing the predraft scheming as "torturous" in a recent interview?

"Nothing is a sure thing. There's no Andrew Luck, no Peyton Manning. It is such a mixed bag with each player. Every one of them has positives. Every one of them has negatives. And if that's the way you end up feeling, why don't you just wait 'til later in the draft and take someone with the first pick you're sure will help you right now?"

**Louisville QB Teddy Bridgewater looks to be the most NFL-ready QB, but accuracy is a question.**

JOSHUA C. CRUIEY, ORLANDO SENTINEL/MCT

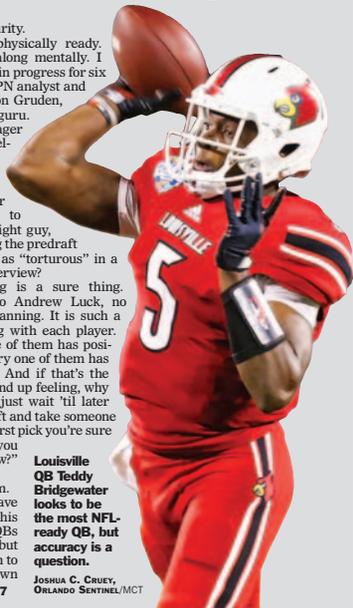
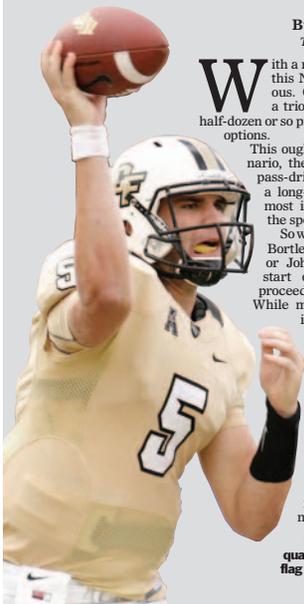


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Spielman could well have been trying to smoke-screen his desire to select one of the QBs with the eighth overall pick, but there was surely some truth to his explanation. With his own

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