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Dr. Faran Bokhari, head of the trauma department at Cook County's Stroger Hospital in Chicago, far right, and Dr. Jared Bernard, a lieutenant commander and trauma surgeon in the Navy, third from left, operate on a gunshot victim last month. A program launched in late spring has Navy doctors, nurses and medics training on the hospital's trauma patients.

Islamic State fight likely to embroil US for years

By HANNAH ALLAM
AND JONATHAN S. LANDAY
McClatchy Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — The U.S.-led international strategy to combat the Islamic State that President Barack Obama sketched out Friday is likely to require years of thorny diplomacy and deeper U.S. military involvement in conflicts that he's struggled to avoid.

Obama's remarks at the end of a NATO summit in Wales offered the administration's most in-depth explanation to date of how it plans to fight the Islamic State, the transnational extremist group that has seized control of an area as large as Jordan straddling the dividing line between Syria and Iraq.

The nascent strategy calls for working with European and Arab allies to confront the group not only in Iraq, where the U.S. is conducting airstrikes to assist government-aligned fighters, but also in Syria, where the United States has failed to fulfill its yearslong promise to help build a moderate rebel force.

"We are going to have to find effective partners on the ground to push back against ISIL," Obama said, using the government's acronym for the Islamic State and referring specifically to its sanctuary in Syria.

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NATO media campaign puts positive spin on its Afghan legacy

By JOSH SMITH
Stars and Stripes

NEWPORT, Wales — Like many servicemembers lately, Army 1st Lt. Josh Pitcher recently returned from what's likely to

be his last deployment to Afghanistan. However, Pitcher completed his tour with only one leg.

Since losing his leg in 2012 during his first deployment to Afghanistan, Pitcher has joined the small contingent of soldiers who

have done what it takes to return to combat after losing a limb.

Now, Pitcher is one of the faces of NATO's new interactive media campaign to define its legacy in Afghanistan.

When NATO leaders gathered

in Wales for the last summit before the withdrawal of all combat troops at the end of this year, unfinished business in Afghanistan hung over the summit, even as new threats from Russia and Islamic extremists dominated the discussions.

Launched just days before the summit, a slick website called "Return to Hope" focuses on the individual feel-good stories that NATO officials find lacking in most media coverage.

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"It's a once-in-a-lifetime thing. The community is everything you would want for a party town."

—Christine Lyerly, a part-time resident of Crested Butte, Colo., where Anheuser-Busch has taken over this weekend to film an over-the-top commercial for Bud Light beer and its "Up for Whatever" ad campaign

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Official: Afghan result could stir unrest

By JASON STRAZIUSO
The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — "Radicals" backing Afghan presidential candidate Abdullah Abdullah could foment postelection violence if he isn't given an equitable share of power, his spokesman warned Saturday ahead of a meeting with his rival aimed at resolving a monthslong election dispute.

The camps of the two candidates — former Foreign Minister Abdullah and former Finance Minister Ashraf Ghani — said the two were expected to meet late Saturday or Sunday to negotiate a final deal on what powers should be given to a proposed chief executive position, the final sticking point of a national unity government.

Ominously, a spokesman for Abdullah — the man most here

believes is behind in the official ballot count — insinuated that the election could still end violently. In what appeared to be either a threat or a negotiating tactic, the spokesman said Abdullah's powerful factional supporters are pressuring their candidate to not cede any power to Ghani.

"If we agree and the terms of the agreement are providing an equal opportunity for both camps and defuses that tension, it might reduce the prospect of violence," Mujib Rahman Rahimi, an Abdullah campaign spokesman, told The Associated Press.

"But imagine if you have an agreement that insults one side and promotes the other side and each side firmly believes he is a winner — that could be a recipe for radicals to re-emerge and challenge the leadership and say this is not acceptable," he said.

Abdullah won the election's first round in April but did not secure enough votes to avoid a June runoff. A preliminary count showed Ghani winning the second round, but both sides alleged widespread fraud. Abdullah's camp says it believes some 2.5 million votes out of a total 8 million cast were fake.

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry helped broker a deal this summer under which all ballots would be recounted, a process that concluded Friday. On a parallel track, the candidates have been trying to agree on a national unity government that would see one of them hold the as-yet undefined position of chief executive.

A spokesman for Ghani said the former World Bank official is committed to a national unity government, but he also said that giving the losing candidate chief

executive power over cabinet ministers violates Afghanistan's constitution.

"We know that our constitution is very clear about that specific issue, but again this is up to both candidates," said Mohammad Taher Zohari.

The international community had hoped for a smooth transition of power as most foreign forces withdraw by the end of the year. The United States wants the next Afghan president to quickly sign a security agreement to allow some 10,000 troops to remain to assist with counterterrorism operations and training Afghan forces.

President Hamid Karzai, in power since the 2001 U.S.-led invasion that ousted the Taliban, has refused to sign the accord. Both candidates have said they would sign it; one must be sworn in first.

Army hero honored for saving man from train

By CARL NOLTE
San Francisco Chronicle

After two tours of combat duty in Afghanistan and one in Iraq, the morning commute on BART from Orinda to San Francisco must have seemed pretty routine to Adam Czekanski, a career Army officer, one day last winter.

He got to the station just in time and could hear a train coming into the station. But then he saw something else. A man standing at the edge of the platform began slowly leaning forward and then toppled onto the tracks, directly in front of the oncoming train.

The commuters on the platform froze in horror, "as if they were paralyzed," Czekanski, 37, said later. But he knew exactly what to do. He ran from the top of the escalator to the edge of the platform and jumped onto the tracks to help the fallen man.

"He was lying there, flat on his back," Czekanski said. "I pulled him away from the tracks and got him under the lip of the platform. I know it sounds like a cliché," he said. "But I did what I had to do."

It was much more than he had to do. On Thursday, Czekanski, a major in the Army Corps of En-

gineers, received the Soldier's Medal, the Army's highest award for valor in a noncombat setting.

The incident occurred just after 7 a.m. on Jan. 24. The victim, later identified as Adrian Malagon, had what BART police later thought was a seizure.

Malagon, himself, could not say what it was. He told BART police he remembered nothing at all from the time he blacked out until he regained consciousness in an ambulance on the way to John Muir Hospital in Martinez.

But Czekanski remembers it clearly. His Army training, he said, "helps us to make quick decisions."

He saw Malagon on the tracks, saw the train approaching and jumped in.

"The guy had a gash on his head and was bleeding," Czekanski said. He was not responsive.

"He opened his eyes, but he did not say anything. I told him not to move, and hollered for others to call 911," Czekanski said.

In the meantime, Monique Marshall, who was operating the BART train, had noticed what she thought was a black jacket fall onto the tracks, just as the



Courtesy of the U.S. Army

In addition to the Soldier's Medal, Maj. Adam Czekanski also has received the Bronze Star three times and the Purple Heart once.

train was slowing for the station. She slammed on the emergency brake and the train stopped.

Czekanski, however, was already on the track and the train was bearing down on him and the injured man. "I hope that someone would do the same for me," he said.

Wesley Riggins, another BART

patron, rushed to help Czekanski with the injured man. The Orinda Fire Department and an ambulance responded.

The medal was presented by Brig. Gen. Mark Toy at a ceremony at the Army Corps of Engineers San Francisco Area headquarters on Market Street.

Toy is the commanding officer of the Corps' San Francisco area. Czekanski, 37, is the deputy commander. He has been a soldier for 16 years.

This is not Czekanski's first award for valor. He received the Bronze Star three times and the Purple Heart once for service in the Middle East. He served as a company commander, a battalion executive officer and a battalion operations officer in his combat tours. He also earned the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

The Soldier's Medal is rarely given, only a few times per year for the whole Army, according to J.D. Hardesty, public affairs officer for the Corps of Engineers San Francisco District.

Czekanski never heard again from Malagon, the injured man. The Chronicle was unable to contact Malagon.

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MILITARY

Violence-prone Chicago provides training ground for Navy doctors

By DON BABWIN
The Associated Press

The patient had been shot on the streets of Chicago, but when Dr. Jared Bernard stood over his open body in the operating room, he could see that the single bullet had unleashed the same kind of massive infection inflicted by roadside bombs in Afghanistan.

Although the wounded man lay in a modern American hospital, saving his life would be no different than caring for a soldier wounded by a bomb exploding under a Humvee. That's why the Navy is sending its doctors, nurses and medics to Stroger Hospital, a Cook County facility in Illinois that, in its own way, stands in the middle of a war zone.

600

The number of gunshot victims treated at Stroger Hospital in Cook County, Ill., last year. The facility also treated 260 people with stab wounds and almost 900 people injured in traffic collisions.

Because the Navy doesn't have any trauma training facilities in the U.S., military

medical teams can't get experience dealing with penetrating wounds, inserting IVs in emergencies and other techniques common to combat areas, said Bernard, 37, a lieutenant commander who has been deployed to Afghanistan. He's a trauma surgeon at the Lovell Federal Health Care Center in North Chicago, where the Navy teams work when they aren't at Stroger.

Launched this past spring, the program is one of two of its kind in the country. The other is at the Los Angeles County-University of South California Medical Center.

Navy doctors, nurses and medical corpsmen rotate through Stroger because its trauma unit is one of the busiest in the U.S., a result of the nearly constant gun violence in some troubled neighborhoods on Chicago's South and West sides.

Last year, Stroger treated nearly 600 gunshot victims, more than 260 people with



Dr. Faran Bokhari, head of the trauma department at Cook County's Stroger Hospital in Chicago, performs surgery on a gunshot victim with the help of medical personnel from the U.S. Navy. PHOTOS BY NAM Y. HUN/PT

Translatable trauma

'Land mines and IEDs ... and high-speed car crashes can cause similar types of injuries. So we need to do hemorrhage control here or there.'

Dr. Faran Bokhari
head of Stroger Hospital's trauma department

stab wounds and almost 900 people injured in traffic collisions — all categories represented over the July 4 weekend when Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Dwight Kooztk helped treat a man whose body was riddled with bullet holes.

After helping cut the man's clothes off, Kooztk's chores included putting little EKG discs on all the bullet holes to help doctors quickly understand what they were up against — an exceedingly tough job given how tiny bullet wounds can be and how much blood can pour out of them.

"He had 15 holes in him," Kooztk said of the man, one of dozens of gunshot victims rushed to Stroger during a particularly bloody weekend. "It took about two hours for us to get him stable enough to get him to

surgery." The man survived, he said.

Working at Stroger gives medics a chance to help treat patients who have been shot in the chest, abdomen and pelvis — wounds that have become rare in combat zones because of body armor. Learning to treat those kinds of injuries is invaluable because bullets and shrapnel do occasionally find gaps in soldiers' Kevlar vests.

At the same time, the hospital staff gets to watch the work of military medics who have performed their jobs under enemy fire, to see the kind of decisiveness required when there is no doctor around and a single corpsman is the difference between life and death for a wounded Marine, soldier or sailor.

Stroger's reputation for treating gunshots is so strong that police officers have been known to insist on being taken there after being wounded. So there may be no better place to learn what happens after a piece of metal pierces a body and tumbles through the tissue, shredding everything in its path.

There are no IEDs exploding in Chicago, and Navy medical professionals seldom see wounds from small-caliber handguns. But there can be striking parallels between the two worlds.

"Land mines and IEDs ... and high-speed car crashes can cause similar types of injuries," said Dr. Faran Bokhari, the head of Stroger's trauma department who helped establish the partnership with the Navy. "So we need to do hemorrhage control here or there."

Back in the operating room, the infection inside the Chicago man rages. His organs are so swollen that it is impossible to close his body each time the doctors go in and cut away more dead tissue.

Three weeks have passed since he was shot. In that time, the infection has spread like a slow-motion version of an IED blast that hurls shrapnel, dirt and other nearby material into a soldier. The stool inside the



Dr. Jared Bernard, a lieutenant commander and trauma surgeon in the Navy, compared wounds of one patient to something he'd see in Afghanistan.

bowels spills throughout the body, triggering a widespread infection and eroding blood vessels.

"From that standpoint, this is almost the exact same thing as the IED," Bernard said.

As with the bomb blasts, it is the infection from the gunshot, not the bullet itself, that often forces doctors to amputate limbs or large parts of them as the infection advances. The concern with this man is that he, too, might lose at least one of his legs.

"Because the infection goes down into the pelvis ... the only way to control it is to take his leg and part of his pelvis," Bernard said. "We need to clear all the dead tissue out."

For Bokhari, the man's treatment helps explain why he wanted the Navy to come to his hospital.

"What we do here with him," he said, "will be translatable to what they do on the front lines."



Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Dwight Kooztk stands inside one of the operating rooms.

WAR/MILITARY

Iran: Expenses, paperwork led to plane diversion

The Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Iran ordered a commercial aircraft chartered by the U.S.-led military coalition in Afghanistan to land in the Islamic Republic so it could pay expenses and complete paperwork, an official there said Saturday.

The comments by Mousour Haghighatpour, a member of the parliamentary committee on national security and foreign policy,

‘Americans should know that Iran strongly defends its territory in land, sea and air.’

Mansour Haghighatpour
parliamentary committee member, as quoted by Fars News Agency

are the first official word from Iran over the diversion Friday of the chartered flight from Dubai-based low-cost carrier Dubai Aviation Corp.

The plane, on its way from Bagram airfield north of Kabul to Dubai, was allowed to depart after spending several hours on the ground in Bandar Abbas, southern

Iran. The flight path goes through Iranian airspace.

“The plane was ordered to land in order to pay related expenses and doing paperwork to continue its flight,” the semi-official Fars News Agency quoted Haghighatpour as saying. “Americans should know that Iran strongly defends its territory in land, sea and air. They should observe international measures in this regards. Otherwise, they will face such an attitude.”

Jassem Jaderi, the governor of

Hormozgan province, of which Bandar Abbas is the capital, told Iranian news website yjc.ir that of 140 passengers on the diverted flight, 110 were American.

Iranians radioed the plane’s crew to say they did not have the proper paperwork and to return to Bagram, a U.S. official said Friday. The pilots said they did not have enough fuel to return so the Iranian authorities told them to land in Iran.

Legacy: Joint operations during conflict ‘galvanized’ NATO alliance

FROM FRONT PAGE

The site was professionally produced by a Belgian company that also counts Coca-Cola, Godiva, and Nike as clients, but NATO officials refused to disclose how much money was spent on the effort.

The site features video interviews and written accounts from people, including Pitcher, who have been involved in Afghanistan since NATO’s International Security Assistance Force mission began there more than a decade ago.

The website paints a picture of a coalition that deployed to Afghanistan as peacekeepers or humanitarian workers, but was thrust into a conflict it wasn’t fully prepared for. As a representation of how NATO views its involvement in Afghanistan, the website highlights years of sacrifice that have led to a better Afghanistan.

“We’ve been guests of the Afghan people for a really long time now,” Pitcher told Stars and Stripes before an appearance at the NATO summit, three weeks after returning from his deployment. “It’s time for Afghanistan to be run by Afghans.”

Western officials plan to keep about 12,000 troops in Afghanistan into next year. At the summit, donor countries affirmed their commitment to spend more than \$5 billion per year to fund the Afghanistan’s 350,000 security forces — \$4.1 billion of which is supposed to come from the United States.

But the future of NATO involvement in Afghanistan is uncertain as a leadership crisis resulting from a disputed presidential election has prevented the signing of agreements that would provide the legal framework for an extended military training mission.

Despite NATO leaders’ praise for the ISAF mission, the drawn-out and often bloody war in Afghanistan will likely have them thinking twice about wading into another conflict without a clear endgame, said Afzal Ashraf, a fellow at the Royal United Services Institute in London.

“Afghanistan is one of the worst examples of mission creep there has ever been,” he said. “A lot of it goes back to a can-do attitude in the military, which wants to show it’s relevant. At some point, they’re going to need to learn to say ‘no’

to politicians. Military operations can provide time and space for a political solution, but it cannot provide the solution itself.”

Looking at the current situation in Afghanistan, it’s hard not to be pessimistic, said Ashraf, who as an ISAF official in 2011 and 2012 advised the Afghan Interior Ministry on security issues. “Unless something desperate changes in the next few months, NATO’s legacy will be a whole load of weapons and people who know how to use them. Relatively little has been done to solve the underlying political crisis that caused the invasion in the first place.”

To be sure, NATO doesn’t shy away from acknowledging future uncertainty and some past mistakes like civilian casualties.

But the new website’s messages

‘We have learned the hard way how to work together.’

Anders Fogh Rasmussen
NATO secretary-general

That’s a message that was also presented by NATO leaders as they met on Thursday to discuss Afghanistan for the last time before coalition combat troops depart after 13 years.

“I believe we can be proud of what we have achieved there,” said British Prime Minister David Cameron, in remarks before leaders entered a private meeting to discuss Afghanistan. “The terrorist threat has been substantially reduced. We have trained up the Afghan forces so they can provide security across the whole country.”

He said NATO countries remain dedicated to helping Afghanistan face future challenges. “The best way to honor our fallen soldiers is by remaining vigilant and ensuring that we enable the Afghan people to stop their country from once again becoming a haven for terrorists,” Cameron said.

NATO’s drawdown has coincided with the unresolved election that has left Afghanistan without a new president, leading to fears of civil violence. That hasn’t been lost



ALEX PERA / Stars and Stripes

1st. Lt. Josh Pitcher stands watch outside Camp Mike Spann in Mazar-e-Sharif, Afghanistan.

on the Taliban, who have launched significant offensives in key provinces throughout the summer. “The foreign occupiers considered free and fair elections to be their greatest achievement in Afghanistan,” the insurgent group said in a statement released online during the NATO summit. “Those elections that the foreigners considered the fruition of their 13 year old occupation, is now seen as a historical shame.”

But both Western and Afghan officials say they remain optimistic, as long as international support continues.

“The people of Afghanistan remain grateful for everything that NATO and the international community, with the U.S. in the lead, have done to help build the Afghan security forces, and we continue to look forward to that commitment for the long haul,” Afghan Defense Minister Bismullah Khan Muhammad told Stripes during the summit.

Speaking to reporters on the final day of the summit, President Barack Obama honored the price paid by international troops in Afghanistan while highlighting the alliance’s plans to shift roles.

“We pay tribute to all those from our ISAF mission, including more than 2,200 Americans, who have given their lives for our security in Afghanistan,” he said. “NATO’s combat mission ends in three months, and we are prepared to transition to a new mission focused on training, advising and assisting Afghan security forces.”

He noted that the years of working together with both NATO al-



Courtesy of Josh Pitcher

Pitcher takes his first steps with a new prosthetic limb after losing his left leg in an IED attack in Kandahar province in mid-2012.

lies and coalition partners like Georgia have laid the groundwork for continuing joint operations in the future.

“We’re launching a new effort with our closest partners, including many that have served with us in Afghanistan, to make sure our forces continue to operate together,” Obama said.

Even more than in Iraq, Afghanistan featured close cooperation among the allies, said Ashraf. “One of the things that Afghanistan did more than Iraq was to galvanize the coalition,” he said. “There was a much greater emphasis on combined operations.”

NATO Secretary-General An-

ders Fogh Rasmussen said Afghanistan was the fire that forged the alliance’s ability to conduct joint operations, a legacy that can now be applied as it faces threats in other areas.

“We have learned the hard way how to work together,” he said at a news conference on Friday. “We need to keep those skills as our largest operation in Afghanistan draws to a conclusion. So we will offer our partner countries more opportunities to work and train with us — so that we can remain effective when we deploy, and tackle security challenges together.”

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EUROPE

Obama prevails on Europe trip

Foreign leaders eager to align themselves with US despite criticisms on Ukraine, Iraq response

By JULIE PACE
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — For President Barack Obama, it was a brief glimpse of his good old days in Europe.

On the continent that cheered his ascent to the White House, Obama was enthusiastically welcomed in Estonia by Baltic leaders who see American military power as the best safeguard of their own security. And at the NATO summit in Wales, Obama gathered numerous statements of support for his call to confront Islamic State militants in the Middle East.

"I did not get any resistance or pushback," Obama declared as he closed a three-day trip.

But Air Force One sped Obama back to a far different landscape in Washington, where he returned late Friday. He has faced harsh criticism not only from Republicans, but also some Democrats, for being overly cautious in his response to the Islamic State militant threat and Russia's provocations in Ukraine. A few days in the warm embrace of European allies was unlikely to dramatically shift that dynamic.

The criticism of Obama's foreign policy has thrust the White House into a defensive posture and sent the president's approval ratings on international matters tumbling. In Europe, too, Obama has grappled with allies who have both quibbled with his perceived lack of focus on the continent and resisted his calls for more aggressive action against Russia and in the Middle East.

But with both crises escalating, Europe appeared willing — and at times even eager — to stand squarely with a weakened American president.

During meetings in Estonia, Baltic leaders heaped praise on Obama, making clear their desire to have a beefed up U.S. military presence in their country as they warily watch Russia's provocations in Ukraine. The president gave them most of what they wanted, agreeing to a NATO plan for a rapid response force that would be headquartered in Eastern Europe.

"We are grateful to the United States and to you personally for your leadership, your commitment, and your support to Estonia," Estonian President Toomas Hendrik Ilves said Wednesday during Obama's 11-hour stop in the capital of Tallinn.

In Wales, it was Obama, along with British Prime Minister David Cameron, who dictated much of the discussion during the two-day NATO meeting. The American and British leaders set the tone for the summit with a joint editorial released Thursday that urged their allies to put aside an "isolationist approach" and join a coalition to degrade extremists in the Middle East.

The support appeared to buoy the president. There was a notable difference between his demeanor during his news conference in Wales on Friday and his appearance before reporters at the White House a week earlier, when he conceded that he did not yet have a strategy for going after the Islamic State in Syria.

That one line set off a fresh torrent of criticism in Washington. Yet after his meetings in Europe, Obama confidently embraced what he called a "systematic and methodical" approach to tackling the militant threat.

"That deliberation allows us to do it right," he said.



SERGEI GINTIS/AP

A man looks at a destroyed Ukrainian army tank near the village of Lebedynske, on the highway joining Mariupol and Novozovsk, in Ukraine on Saturday.

Ukraine cease-fire fragile, but holding

By JIM HEINTZ
AND LAURA MILLS
The Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine — After more than four months of bloodshed, a cease-fire in Ukraine's rebellious east largely held back fighting Saturday, but appeared fragile as both sides of the conflict claimed the others had violated the agreement.

Col. Andriy Lysenko, a spokesman for Ukraine's national security council, told reporters that rebels had fired at Ukrainian forces on 10 occasions after the cease-fire was to take effect, but all the incidents he detailed were on Friday night.

In Donetsk, the largest city controlled by the Russian-backed separatists, the night passed quietly — a rarity after several months of daily shelling in residential areas. But Alexander Zakharchenko, the top separatist leader from Donetsk, told the Russian news agency RIA Novosti that the cease-fire had been violated with two rounds of shelling in the town of Amvrosiivka, about 30 miles southeast of Donetsk.

"At this time the cease-fire agreement is not being fully observed," he said. He didn't say when the supposed breach was to have occurred.

Lysenko said Ukrainian forces were strictly observing the cease-fire and suggested that Zakharchenko's claim was a provocation.

Ukraine had received information that the rebels on Friday "were preparing a press conference for two days (in which) one of the points was the condemnation of the Ukrainian military for violation of the cease-fire," Lysenko said through a translator. "So we do not exclude that they tried to

provoke the Ukrainian military to fire."

Earlier Saturday, the mayor's office in Donetsk said there had been no reports of shooting or shelling there although some shelling had been heard late Friday afternoon.

Ukraine, Russia and the Kremlin-backed separatists signed the cease-fire deal Friday in Minsk, the Belarusian capital, in an effort to end more than four months of fighting in the region. The negotiators also agreed on the withdrawal of all heavy weaponry, the release of all prisoners and the delivery of humanitarian aid to devastated cities in eastern Ukraine.

If the cease-fire holds, it would be a landmark achievement for both sides. Fighting between pro-Russia rebels and Ukrainian government troops has ravaged the already teetering Ukrainian economy, claimed at least 2,600 civilian lives and left hundreds of thousands homeless, according to United Nations estimates.

But Western leaders voiced skepticism over Russia's commitment to the deal.

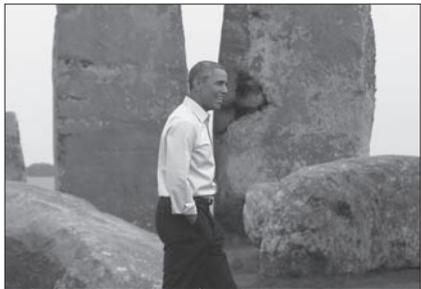
A previous 10-day cease-fire, which each side repeatedly accused the other of violating, yield-

ed few results at the negotiating table.

Both the U.S. and the European Union have prepared even tougher sanctions on Moscow, and President Barack Obama stressed that the most effective way to ensure the cease-fire's success was to move ahead with those measures and maintain pressure on Russia. According to an EU diplomat, these new measures would target Russia's access to capital markets and trade in arms and defense technology, dual-use goods and sensitive technologies. The new sanctions were given preliminary approval Friday night and could be implemented as early as Tuesday.

"If certain processes get underway, we are prepared to suspend sanctions" against Russia, German Chancellor Angela Merkel said.

Ukraine, NATO and Western nations have accused Russia of backing the separatists with weapons, supplies and thousands of regular troops. Moscow has denied this, but a NATO military told The Associated Press that the number of Russian soldiers directly involved in the conflict has grown past the alliance's earlier estimate of at least 1,000.



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President Barack Obama visits Stonehenge after leaving the NATO summit in Newport, Wales, on Friday.

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Fight vs. militants makes strange bedfellows

By KAREN DEYOUNG

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The urgent fight to keep Islamic State forces from taking over more of Iraq has led the Obama administration to tolerate, and in some cases even approve, things it once would have loudly protested.

When Iraqi Shiite militias, backed by Iran and long branded illegal by the administration, retook the town of Amerli from the Sunni Muslim militants, U.S. officials declared a sigh of relief.

Qassem Soleimani, the head of the Iranian Revolutionary Guards Corps' Qods Force and usually described as an archenemy of the United States, reportedly was present during the battle and was seen days later in an Internet-posted photo shaking hands with a militia fighter.

Further north in Iraq, Kurdish fighters have recaptured the oil-rich city of Kirkuk, a prize the Kurds

have long claimed but which lies outside regional boundaries. The fighters recognized by both Baghdad and Washington. Far from insisting the fighters withdraw, the administration is glad that someone is defending the city from the Islamic State group.

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Bernadette Meehan

National Security Council spokeswoman

has become a luxury in the battle to push back the militants, who President Barack Obama on Friday called “a savage organization” that “poses a significant threat” to the United States and its allies.

It is not, as one administration official said with significant understatement, an ideal situation, and there is widespread recognition that situations are being created on the ground that are likely to cause problems in the future.

But for now, the existential battle being waged in Iraq is one that has made at least indirect confederates of forces that are neither allies nor partners nor often even on speaking terms.

While the administration has acknowledged discussing the Iraqi crisis with Iranian officials on the margins of separate talks about Iran's nuclear program, “We do not coordinate military action or share intelligence with Iran and have no plans to do so,” National Security Council spokeswoman Bernadette Meehan said Friday.

“At the same time, we have been clear that ISIL,” one of several acronyms for the Islamic



PHOTOS BY SEBASTIAN MEYER/The Washington Post

Kurdish peshmerga fighters take pictures of themselves holding Islamic State and Kurdish flags on Friday in Suleimna Beg, Iraq.

State, “represents a threat not only to the United States, but also — and most immediately — to the entire region. We believe that all countries, regardless of their differences, should work toward the goal of degrading and ultimately

defeating ISIL,” Meehan said.

Asked whether there was a role for Iraq in the international coalition the administration is forming to fight the militants in Iraq and, ultimately, in Syria, a senior administration official last week

said, “I don't know.” But, the official acknowledged, “they already ... have a role on the ground.”

Iranian contributions have extended beyond weapons and advisers to the Shiite militias. Despite Tehran's concerns about

separatism within its own Kurdish community, it “was the first country to provide us with weapons and ammunition” to fight the militants, Kurdish President Massoud Barzani said late last month during a visit of Iran's foreign minister.

Iran is also believed to have conducted airstrikes against the Islamic State group, according to U.S. officials.

The United States has vied with Iran for influence in Iraq ever since the majority Shiite government was installed after the 2003 U.S. invasion that overthrew Sunni leader Saddam Hussein. Iran was accused of supplying improvised explosive devices to the militias, which used them to blow up hundreds of American soldiers during the previous decade.

In recent years, the militias have laid low as an organized force. But when the Iraqi army fled northern cities in advance of the Islamic State group's blitz through the country this summer, they quickly re-emerged and entered the fight. U.S. protests were largely pro forma.

When former Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki stepped down under U.S. pressure last month, Iran signaled its approval by congratulating his successor and calling for an inclusive government.

The strong administration preference is for Shiite militia members — as well as Sunni tribesmen in western Iraq — to join the Iraqi security forces and fight the militants under the government's banner. But U.S. officials, who were not authorized to discuss the administration's strategy on the record, said they would take what they could get until the militants are driven back.

The United States is not the only actor on the ground that finds the situation uncomfortable. While the administration credited U.S. airstrikes with helping drive the Islamic State group out of Amerli, militiamen on the ground restated their enmity toward the Americans and said the strikes were inconsequential in the victory they had won.

Iran's Fars News Agency said Friday that the idea that U.S. action had been decisive in Amerli was a figment of the American imagination.

“The West has launched media hype to show the U.S. as the savior of Iraq,” the agency said, quoting an Iranian military source.

When the BBC reported Friday morning that Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, had approved cooperation with the U.S. military against the Islamic State group, senior government officials quickly denied it.

“It's impossible,” Esmail Kowsari, deputy chairman of the Iranian parliament's National Security and Foreign Policy Commission, told Bloomberg News. “We don't need the U.S. We know how to take care of the [Islamic State group] ourselves.”

Bonds dissolve after successful battles

By GREG JAFFE

The Washington Post

AMERLI, IRAQ — For weeks, Iraqi Kurdish fighters had joined an unusual alliance to free this dusty highway town besieged by Islamic State fighters. Shiite militias, Iranian trainers and U.S. military pilots had all contributed, finally wresting the city from the Sunni extremists and saving the 15,000 residents from starvation or brutal murders.

But on Friday, as the Kurdish peshmerga fighters approached the city to greet the residents they helped save, they were treated less like liberators and more like intruders. “Peshmerga forces are not allowed to enter this city!” yelled a Shiite militiaman with Kataba Hezbollah, an Iraqi group. He waved his rifle at them and the peshmerga retreated.

“We fought for three months here and now we have to fight these bastards,” said one of the peshmerga, who regard this area as part of their territory. “If this continues, we'll have another war.”

“They are just like animals,” said a second peshmerga fighter. “They are mules.”

The Obama administration's strategy in Iraq is predicated on the country's competing militia groups, as well as its battered army, setting aside their differences over territory, ethnicity and religion to form a grand coalition to battle the radical Sunni members of the Islamic



A member of a Shiite militia on Friday stands over exhumed bodies of five civilians killed by Islamic State militants in Suleimna Beg, Iraq.

State group. The aftermath of the fighting in Amerli shows how quickly this hodgepodge of militia forces can turn on each other as they fight for influence and the spoils of battle.

The road to Amerli also offers a glimpse of how the last few months of fighting have destroyed virtually every vestige of the Iraqi state in the north. After being turned away from Amerli, the peshmerga fighters returned to their base, just 3 miles away, passing through a half-dozen other Shiite militia checkpoints. Some belonged to the Badr Brigades, others to Saraya al-Salam and Asaib Ahl al-Haq. All were vying for influence in the area. Each flew their own militia flag; the Iraqi flag was nowhere to be seen.

The fractured landscape offered

no sign after another of how difficult it would be for northern Iraq to return to the multiethnic, religiously mixed society it had once been.

The U.S. government has largely looked at the Kurds, who live in a semi-autonomous zone in northern Iraq, as a stabilizing force in the region. But the months of fighting are wearing on the peshmerga troops, who have begun to view everyone with distrust. The peshmerga forces — which are divided into two groups that report to the two major Kurdish parties — even suspect each other.

The Sunnis and Shiites, meanwhile, believe the Kurds are using the chaos to grab territory well beyond the Kurdistan region's traditional borders with an eye to independence.

MIDEAST

Messy Syria conflict confounds US efforts to strike Islamic State

By ZEINA KARAM
The Associated Press

BEIRUT — The U.S. and its allies are trying to hammer out a coalition to push back the Islamic State group in Iraq. But any serious attempt to destroy the militants or even seriously degrade their capabilities means targeting their infrastructure in Syria.

That, however, is far more complicated. If it launches airstrikes against the group in Syria, the U.S. runs the risk of unintentionally strengthening the hand of President Bashar Assad, whose removal the West has actively sought the past three years. Uprooting the Islamic State group, which has seized roughly a third of Syria and Iraq, may potentially open the way for the Syrian army to fill the vacuum.

The alternative would be to finally get serious about arming the mainstream Western-backed rebels fighting to topple Assad. But here is a reason the administration of President Barack Obama has been deeply reluctant to throw its weight behind them: The relatively moderate rebel factions fighting in Syria are in tatters. There are no secular groups, and the strongest factions are Islamic groups, many of which work with al-Qaida's official branch in Syria, the Nusra Front.

The Nusra Front, which has somewhat dropped from international headlines because of the Islamic State group's exceeding brutality, is on the U.S. list of terrorist groups and is still very active.

It and other rebels recently seized the Quneitra border crossing between Syria and the Israeli-held Golan Heights, taking 45 United Nations peacekeepers hostage. It was also among a group of militants that recently overran a Lebanese border town and is holding several Lebanese soldiers and policemen captive.

While the U.S. and its allies are now arming Kurdish peshmerga fighters in Iraq against the Islamic State group, Syrian rebels complain they are largely on their own, battling both the militants and the tyranny of Assad.

The Syrian opposition and many Syria observers are convinced that the rapid rise of the Islamic State group is a result of the U.S. having left the Syrian conflict fester for so long.

Obama kicked up a storm of criticism late last month when he said "we don't have a strategy yet" for dealing with the Islamic State group in Syria.

"It is very important from my perspective that when we send our pilots in to do a job, that we know that this is a mission that's going to work, that we're very clear on what our objectives are, what our targets are," Obama said.

His statement epitomizes the caution that many say has been at the heart of U.S. foreign policy on Syria the past three years. For better or for worse, Obama has avoided wading into the Syria mud, resisting pressure to directly arm the rebels in part because of fears the weapons would only end up in extremists' hands.

Last year, the U.S. threatened to bomb Assad's forces following a deadly chemical



KHALID MOHAMMED/AP

Kurdish Peshmerga fighters take cover during airstrikes targeting militants of the Islamic State group outside of the city of Irbil in northern Iraq on Aug. 8.

weapons attack blamed on his government. It backed away at the last minute. Though he had to give up his chemical weapons stockpile, an emboldened Assad made significant advances against outlawed rebels in key areas, particularly around the capital, Damascus.

Members of the Obama administration have said they recognize the need to address the Syria side of the equation. While meeting with NATO foreign and defense ministers on possible action in Iraq, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said there are obviously "implications about Syria in this."

A senior Obama administration official said Thursday that the U.S. wanted to establish a credible ground force in Syria by training more moderate rebels before taking military action there.

Obama signaled back in June that it hopes to enlist moderate Syrian opposition fighters in the battle against militant extremists. Obama sent Congress a \$500 million request for a Pentagon-run program

that would significantly expand previous covert efforts to support rebels.

The request is still pending.

Still, such a program faces the same questions hanging over U.S. policy the past three years — how to distinguish "moderate" rebels from others in an increasingly radical landscape and how to ensure weapons only reach those groups.

Airstrikes alone would likely do little to truly defeat the Islamic State if there is no force on the ground to seize territory as the radicals retreat. Western leaders have categorically rejected the notion of partnering with Assad, whom they accuse of committing war crimes on his own people.

So that means greater coordination with rebel factions.

"Unless such groups are able to capitalize on any airstrikes against the Islamic State in Syria, the Syrian armed forces may be able to fill the vacuum," said Torbjorn Soltved, a senior analyst at the British risk analysis firm Maplecroft.

Embroid: Enlisting Mideast support fraught with issues

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"The moderate coalition there is one that we can work with," Obama said. "We have experience working with many of them. They have been, to some degree, outgunned and outmanned, and that's why it's important for us to work with our friends and allies to support them more effectively."

There was little fanfare to Obama's announcement, which comes just a week after his controversial admission that there was no U.S. strategy to fight the Islamic State in Syria. U.S. officials still appear to be keeping expectations low, an acknowledgment of the fraught negotiations and unpalatable options that come with enlisting Middle Eastern powers, already warring among themselves, to rally around the common cause of defeating the Islamic State.

Even limited success for this new effort, analysts say, hinges on an unenviable to-do list for the Obama administration: foster cozier relations with Iran, gamble on the so-called "moderate" Syrian rebels, strong-arm Iraq's Shiite Muslim leaders into power-sharing with the Sunni Muslim minority, and persuade Sunni-ruled

nations in the Persian Gulf region not to undermine the whole effort by striking out on their own.

'It's now being defined in counter-terrorism concepts as opposed to regime change.'

Jeffrey White
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Institute for Near
East Policy

being equal, in a perfect universe, the Saudis would like to harness a group like IS. The problem is, IS doesn't say, 'Oh, sir, how high do I jump?'" said Kamran Bokhari, an adviser on Middle East and South Asian affairs with the global intelligence company Stratfor.

Still, analysts say, the old Sunni bulwarks have little choice but to support, at least cosmetically, a U.S. coalition, since the Islamic

State is at their borders and unwilling to act as a proxy for them against Shiite foes such as Iran and Hezbollah. They'll push for the creation of a Syrian rebel force strong enough to fight both the Islamic State and the Iranian-backed Assad regime.

Jeffrey White, a former senior Defense Intelligence Agency analyst, said it appears that Obama has been forced by the Islamic State's military successes and its growing threat to undertake a serious effort to build and arm a Syrian opposition force capable of defeating the Islamist extremists with the help of U.S. air power.

Obama's language Friday on Syria reinforced the idea that crushing the Islamic State has replaced Assad's ouster as the main U.S. priority in Syria, White said.

"We're not talking about backing forces that can fight the regime, but enhancing forces that can fight the Islamic State," White said. "It's all focused on the Islamic State, and that in a sense makes it more likely that something will happen here. It's now being defined in counterterrorism concepts as opposed to regime change."



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NATION



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The ambulance transporting Dr. Rick Sacra, 51, who was infected with Ebola while serving as a family medicine doctor in Liberia, arrives Friday at the Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, Neb.

3rd aid worker returned to States for Ebola treatment

By MARGERY A. BECK
The Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — A doctor who became infected with Ebola while working in Liberia — the third American aid worker sickened with the virus — is sick but in stable condition and communicating with his caregivers at the Nebraska Medical Center.

Dr. Rick Sacra, 51, is being treated at a 10-bed special isolation unit, the largest of the United States' four, officials said Friday. It was built to handle patients with highly infectious and deadly diseases, according to Dr. Mark Rupp, chief of the infectious dis-

ease division at the center.

Sacra arrived at 6:38 a.m. Friday at the Omaha hospital. Sacra was wheeled on a gurney off the plane at Offutt Air Force Base, was transferred to an ambulance and then was wheeled into the hospital, said Rosanna Morris, chief nursing officer for the medical center.

Sacra was conscious Friday and was able to communicate with medical staff, Morris said.

The first two American aid workers infected by Ebola — Dr. Kent Brantly and Nancy Writebol — have recovered since being flown to Emory University Hospital in Atlanta for treatment.

Sacra came to Omaha instead of Atlanta because federal officials asked the medical center to treat him in order to prepare other isolation units to take more Ebola patients if needed.

Sacra, a doctor from Worcester, Mass., who spent 15 years working at the Liberia hospital where he fell ill, said he felt compelled to return after hearing that two other missionaries with the North Carolina-based charity SIM with whom he'd worked were sick. He delivered babies at the hospital, and was not involved in the treatment of Ebola patients, so it's unclear how he became infected with the virus.

Texas state senator Davis reveals abortion

By WILL WEISSERT
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The Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Texas Democratic gubernatorial candidate Wendy Davis, who became a national political sensation by delaying her state's tough, new restrictions on abortion, discloses in her upcoming memoir that she had an abortion in the 1990s after discovering that the fetus had a severe brain abnormality.

In "Forgetting to be Afraid," Davis also writes about ending an earlier ectopic pregnancy, in which an embryo implants outside the uterus. Davis says she considered revealing the terminated pregnancies during her nearly 13-hour speech — as part of a parliamentary maneuver — on the floor of the Texas Senate last summer — but decided against it, saying "such an unexpected and dramatically personal confession would overshadow the events of the day."

The Associated Press purchased an early copy of the book, which goes on sale Tuesday. Both pregnancies happened before Davis, a state senator from

Fort Worth, began her political career and after she was already a mother to two young girls. Davis catapulsed to national Democratic stardom after her filibuster temporarily delayed passage of sweeping, new abortion restrictions.

She's now running for governor against Republican Attorney General Greg Abbott, who is heavily favored to replace Republican Gov. Rick Perry next year. The second pregnancy happened in 1996.

Davis writes that during her second trimester, she took a blood test that could determine chromosomal or neural defects, which doctors first told her didn't warrant concern.

But a later exam revealed that the brain of the fetus had developed in complete separation on the right and left sides, Davis says. Doctors told her the baby



Davis

would be deaf, blind and in a permanent vegetative state if he survived delivery, she writes.

"I could feel her little body tremble violently, as if someone were applying an electric shock to her, and I knew then what I needed to do," Davis writes. "She was suffering."

She goes on to say that an "indescribable blackness followed" the pregnancy and that the loss left her forever changed.

The ectopic pregnancy happened in 1994, and terminating it was considered medically necessary, Davis writes.

Such pregnancies generally aren't considered viable, meaning the fetus can't survive, and they can endanger the mother's life. But Davis writes that in Texas, it's "technically considered an abortion, and doctors have to report it as such."

Davis' filibuster in June 2013 set off a chaotic scene in the Texas Capitol that extended past midnight. Thousands of people watched it online, with President Barack Obama at one point tweeting, "Something special is happening in Austin tonight."

Officials pledge tighter ethics rules in Virginia

By ALAN SUDERMAN
The Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — The days of no-limit Virginia politics could be coming to an end.

The Old Dominion has long eschewed caps on money in politics that are routine in many other states. Campaign contribution limits? Don't have 'em. Want to fly a state House delegate to the Masters golf tournament? Treat some state senators to a Redskins game in a luxury box? There's no state law stopping you.

The ethics ethos in Virginia has long been focused on disclosure, meaning that politicians were free to take what they wanted — for their campaigns or even for themselves — as long as they reported it to the public. Few questioned the approach when Virginia enjoyed a reputation for having a cleanly run government.

But the epic fall from grace by former Republican Gov. Bob McDonnell, who was convicted Thursday of 11 corruption counts, has the potential to spark a major overhaul of the way state politicians behave.

"This is a dynamic change blowing up Virginia political culture," said Robert D. Holsworth, a Virginia Commonwealth Uni-

versity political science professor who sat through most of the five-week federal trial.

McDonnell and his wife, Maureen, were convicted of doing favors for wealthy vitamin executive Jonnie Williams in exchange for more than \$165,000 in gifts and loans they admitted taking. During the trial, Bob McDonnell spent five days on the stand carefully detailing how he didn't substantively break Virginia law.

While captivating a state audience with its soap opera-like details of marital discord, the McDonnell trial also highlighted the yawning gulf between what a federal jury thinks is acceptable behavior for a public official versus what Virginia law allows. And it's a gap that caused a growing chorus of calls from public officials both for new limits on what they can take, as well as for greater disclosure requirements.

"We need ethics reform here in the commonwealth," said Democratic Gov. Terry McAuliffe, who signed an executive order capping gifts at \$100 for himself, his family and his staff shortly after taking office. "You go into office, you have to serve the public good. Nobody should be giving you anything of value."

IRS lost emails from 5 more employees

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service has lost emails from five more employees who are part of congressional probes into the treatment of conservative groups that applied for tax-exempt status, the tax service disclosed Friday.

The IRS said in June that it could not locate an untold number of emails to and from Lois Lerner, who headed the IRS division that processes applications for tax-exempt status. The revelation set off a new round of investigations and congressional hearings.

On Friday, the IRS issued a report to Congress saying the agency also lost emails from five other employees related to the probe, including two agents who worked in a Cincinnati office processing applications for tax-exempt status.

The disclosure came on the same day the Senate's subcommittee on investigations released competing reports on how the

IRS handled applications from political groups during the 2010 and 2012 elections.

The Democratic report, released by Sen. Carl Levin of Michigan, said both liberal and conservative groups were mistreated, revealing no political bias by the IRS. The Republican report, issued by Sen. John McCain of Arizona, said conservative groups were clearly treated worse.

The IRS inspector general set off a firestorm last year with an audit that said IRS agents singled out tea party and other conservative groups for inappropriate scrutiny when they applied for tax-exempt status.

Lerner's lost emails prompted a new round of scrutiny by Congress, the Justice Department, the inspector general and at least two federal judges.

The IRS blamed computer crashes for all the lost emails. In a statement, the IRS said all the crashes happened well before Congress launched its investigations.

NATION

Officials: Obama to put off immigration action

By JIM KUHNHEIN
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Abandoning his pledge to act by the end of summer, President Barack Obama has decided to delay any executive action on immigration until after the November congressional elections, White House officials said.

The move instantly infuriated immigration advocates while offering relief to some vulnerable Democrats in tough Senate reelection contests.

Two White House officials said Obama concluded that circumventing Congress through executive actions on immigration during the campaign would politicize the issue and hurt future efforts to pass a broad overhaul.

The officials, who spoke on the condition

of anonymity to discuss the president's decision before it was announced, said Obama made his decision Friday as he returned to Washington from a NATO summit in Wales.

The officials said Obama had no specific timeline to act, but that he still would take his executive steps before the end of the year.

In a Rose Garden speech on June 30, Obama said he had directed Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson and Attorney General Eric Holder to give him recommendations for executive action by the end of summer. Obama also pledged to "adopt those recommendations without further delay."

Obama faced competing pressures from immigration advocacy groups that wanted

prompt action and from Democrats worried that acting now would energize Republican opposition against vulnerable Senate Democrats.

Obama advisers were not convinced that any presidential action would affect the elections. But the officials said the discussions around timing grew more pronounced within the past few weeks.

Ultimately, the advisers drew a lesson from 1994 when Democratic losses were blamed on votes for gun-control legislation, undermining any interest in passing future gun measures.

White House officials said aides realized that if Obama's immigration action was deemed responsible for Democratic losses this year, it could hurt any attempt to pass a broad overhaul later on.

Immigration advocates reacted strongly Saturday.

"The president's latest broken promise is another slap to the face of the Latino and immigrant community," said Cristina Jimenez, managing director of United We Dream. "Where we have demanded leadership and courage from both Democrats and the president, we've received nothing but broken promises and a lack of political backbone."

Mary Kay Henry and Rodio Saenz, president and executive vice president, respectively, of the Service Employees International Union, also expressed disappointment.

"The White House's decision to delay executive action forces countless families to continue to wait in the shadows of fear," they said in a joint statement.

Senate races proving to be rocky for both parties

By CHARLES BABINGTON
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Labor Day week ought to have started clarifying the partisan battle to control the Senate, but if anything, the picture just got muddier and the map bigger.

After a lull throughout last year, conservative Kansas is suddenly abuzz. An independent candidate drove the Democrat from the race and positioned himself to consolidate discontent with three-term Republican Sen. Pat Roberts.

Washington-based GOP strategists are rushing to help Roberts, who's accused of sleepwalking through the race in the deeply Republican state.

If Kansas brought welcome news to Democrats, Alaska did not.

First-term Sen. Mark Begich initially was seen as running a smart campaign with excellent TV ads. But he endured withering criticism for a new ad, which he clumsily scrambled to remove from the airwaves.

The ad alluded to a sensational Alaska crime and accused the Republican nominee, Dan Sullivan, of being soft on criminals. Sullivan was state attorney general at the time, but he had nothing to do with the prison sentence in question.

Critics denounced the ad, the crime victims' relatives demanded its removal, and Begich's image suddenly went from savvy campaigner to truth-shaving attacker. Democrats acknowledge that it hurt Begich, who's running in a state that President Barack Obama lost by double digits in 2008 and 2012.

"But it hasn't shifted the dynamic that Dan Sullivan is still going to be held accountable for his record," which includes appointments to two state posts and being born outside Alaska, unlike



CHARLIE RIEDEL/AP

Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kan., waves to the crowd as he campaigns in a parade in Gardner, Kan., on Aug. 2. His campaign for re-election is one of several close races in the country that will determine control of the Senate.

Begich, said Democratic strategist Ty Matsdorf.

For all the noise in Alaska and Kansas, the overall Senate campaign landscape is as tight and unpredictable as before, strategists of both parties say.

"It's within the margin of error almost everywhere," said Republican consultant Mike McKenna, who has conducted recent surveys in several pivotal states.

In terms of gaining new seats, he said, "Republicans can go plus three, or plus 10. It's too close to call."

Nearly all candidates are struggling, McKenna said.

"The Republican brand has been in trouble a long time," he said, thanks to a government shutdown and other steps that raised questions about Republicans' ability to govern.

Yet Obama is damaging the "Democratic brand," McKenna said, by being indecisive on prob-

lems such as the racial tension in Ferguson, Mo., and Islamic extremists' in Syria.

Republicans need six net seats to gain the Senate majority. They are heavily favored to win three where Democratic senators are retiring: West Virginia, South Dakota and Montana. The most promising targets elsewhere are the four Democrats seeking re-election in states Obama lost, mostly by big margins: Arkansas, Louisiana, Alaska and North Carolina.

The two parties and outside groups are pouring millions of dollars into these states, mostly for TV ads.

But in the end, voters may not care so much about either party's candidate, said Paul Shumaker, a consultant for Thom Tillis, the Republican candidate in North Carolina's Senate race. "Midterm elections are referendums on the president," he said.

White House adds Ebola funds to spending request

By ANDREW TAYLOR
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The White House on Friday sent Congress a request for \$30 million to pay for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention efforts to help contain the Ebola outbreak in western Africa.

The administration wants the money added to a spending bill to keep government agencies running until mid-December and comes on top of \$58 million it requested above current levels to speed the production of promising drugs to fight the deadly disease.

The White House is also seeking additional flexibility for the Homeland Security Department to cope with the thousands of unaccompanied Central American children still arriving at the southern border.

Meanwhile, it's also telling lawmakers that it wants to include extending the charter of the Export-Import Bank in a must-do temporary spending bill that's required to prevent a government shutdown at the end of the month. The bank helps foreign buyers purchase U.S. exports.

The requests are contained in White House budget office documents sent to Capitol Hill's appropriations committees as they prepare the temporary funding measure slated for votes the next two weeks. The measure would freeze government agency budgets at current levels into December. The roster of so-called anomalies was requested to deal with urgent cases a budget freeze could not accommodate.

For instance, Friday's \$30 million request would pay for agency epidemiologists and intelligence officers who are tracing the spread of the disease in Africa, boosting the number of staff from 100 to 150 or more. It would also pay for support staff in the U.S.

An earlier \$58 million request for the CDC would help the agency ramp up production and testing of the experimental drug

ZMapp, which has shown promise in fighting the Ebola epidemic in western Africa. It would also help keep the development and manufacturing of two Ebola vaccines on track. The White House request seeks to use \$10 million in unused balances at the Department of Health and Human Services to help with the Ebola outbreak in Africa.

The administration also is requesting flexibility for Customs and Border Protection to spend more money dealing with the influx of unaccompanied Central American children.

The request also seeks permission for HHS to maintain higher spending rates to house and care for unaccompanied immigrant children but added that that's just a stopgap solution until supplemental funding is approved later in the year.

The request to keep the Export-Import Bank alive comes as House GOP leaders seek to smooth over divisions between the two party lawmakers opposed to renewing the bank's charter and more establishment, pro-business Republicans who support it. Critics say the bank benefits big corporations like Boeing because its foreign customers get to purchase exports at lower interest rates than they would otherwise pay. Supporters say boosting exports creates jobs.

GOP aides have privately signaled that some sort of benefits bin of the bank's charter is likely to be attached to the temporary funding bill.

The document also contains a request by the Pentagon to devote \$250 million of its budget for overseas military operations to remove unexploded shells and other ordnance. From training ranges in Afghanistan as U.S. ground troops withdraw. Otherwise, Afghan civilians could be at risk.

It seems no detail is too small. For instance, the request asks for authority to use unspent CDC money to keep a freezer construction project at Fort Collins, Colo., campus on track.

NATION

Study: Calif. blue whales at historical levels

By DEBORAH NETBURN
Los Angeles Times

Good news, whale lovers: A new analysis suggests that there are as many blue whales living off the coast of California as there were before humans started hunting them to near extinction 110 years ago.

"Today, there are roughly 2,200 blue whales who range from Mexico in the south to Alaska in the north. In the 1930s, that number was closer to 750.

"For us, this is a great conservation success story," said Cole Monnahan, a doctoral student in ecology and resource manage-

ment at the University of Washington. "We caught way too many whales from this population, but when we left them alone, they recovered."

"And that is really good news," he added. "That it is possible."

Blue whales are the largest animals in the world. They can weigh up to 330,000 pounds and can grow up to 110 feet in length.

These giants of the ocean are found throughout the world, but for this study, published Friday in *Marine Mammal Science*, the researchers looked at the relatively small population of whales that live in the eastern North Pacific.

During the height of whaling in the 1930s, this population dropped to between 500 and 1,000 individuals, the researchers said. After whaling became illegal in the 1970s, however, their numbers began to bounce back. By the 1990s, the population had grown to about 2,200, according to research from NOAA scientists and that is currently where it is today.

To see whether this number represented a complete rebound, the team looked at previously published data of how many California blue whales there are currently, the number of California

blue whales that were reportedly killed by whalers in the 20th century (3,400) and how many whales are killed each year by ship strikes (probably about 11).

After feeding all this information into a mathematical model, they concluded that the number of California blue whales swimming around today is 97 percent as large it was before 1905.

This analysis could explain why the number of California blue whales leveled off in the early 1990s.

The analysis also suggests that even if ship strikes increased elevenfold, the California blue

whale population would still not be significantly depleted.

Not everyone is convinced it's time to jump for joy, however.

Jay Barlow, a NOAA research scientist who studies blue whales, said that to accept the authors' good-news conclusion, you also have to accept that there truly were only 3,400 California blue whales killed in the 20th century, because that was an important data point for the analysis.

If more whales were killed during that time, and perhaps not recorded, that would suggest the population originally may have been bigger.



P. SOLOMON BANDA/AP

Workers install a "Welcome to Whatever, USA" sign Wednesday in Crested Butte, Colo. Anheuser-Busch agreed to pay \$500,000 to convert the town into a set for a Bud Light commercial.

Colorado town becomes set for a Bud Light commercial

By P. SOLOMON BANDA
The Associated Press

CRESTED BUTTE, Colo. — Up for whatever? For some in the tiny and tony Colorado resort town of Crested Butte, that would be a no.

They aren't too thrilled with a virtual takeover by Anheuser-Busch this weekend to film an over-the-top commercial for Bud Light beer and its "Up for Whatever" ad campaign.

Some didn't take too kindly to the secretive event, arranged between Anheuser-Busch and town leaders. Others embraced it.

The beer giant agreed to pay \$500,000 to Crested Butte to paint several blocks of a central street blue. Dozens of workers installed a sand volleyball court, a multi-story cowboy boot statue, a gorilla and a director's chair that comfortably seats six people. Some

1,000 revelers were to be flown in for the event — and outsiders were banned for the duration.

And for two days, Crested Butte was becoming Whatever, USA. All painted in "Bud Light Blue." "It's been a very divisive thing in town, for sure," said Shaun Horne, owner of the Oh-be-Joyful Gallery. "Some people are not into putting a corporate label on the town."

Further upsetting some: The whole plan was secret until about two weeks ago. Business owners worried about losing customers during the weekend. And their town's character, even if for only two days.

Crested Butte, population 1,500, is more of a craft beer town, home to art galleries, artists and second-home owners. It can be reached by one paved highway or two dirt roads over mountain passes. There are no fast food

restaurants or chain stores.

Anheuser-Busch scrambled to build support for "Whatever."

"There was a level of fear around the uncertainty of what we were trying to do, and we completely understand that," company spokesman Nick Kelly said.

The commercial is a sequel to a Bud Light "Up for Whatever" Super Bowl ad that featured Don Cheadle, Arnold Schwarzenegger and OneRepublic.

A steady stream of residents lined up Thursday to get brackets to join the party. Several noted that Crested Butte has hosted the Winter X Games and survived.

"It's a once-in-a-lifetime thing. The community is everything you would want for a party town," said Christine Lyerly, a part-time resident.

And as for Bud Light Blue, "it's not an actual color like school bus yellow," Kelly joked.

Mystery shrouds couple's plane crash off Jamaica

The Associated Press

KINGSTON, Jamaica — A search-and-rescue operation resumed at first light Saturday off Jamaica's northeast coast as crews hope to solve the mystery of a small private plane carrying a prominent upstate New York couple who were taken on a ghostly 1,700-mile journey after the pilot was apparently incapacitated at the controls.

Maj. Basil Jarrett of the Jamaica Defense Force said early Saturday that possible wreckage of the high-performance plane was spotted Friday evening by a military aircraft flying off the island's northeast coast. He said military personnel were trying to recover the floating debris roughly 24 miles off the coastal town of Port Antonio and it was too early to determine whether it was indeed wreckage from the plane.

"However, the debris appears consistent with the missing aircraft, and this has been corroborated by the United States Coast Guard," Jarrett said early Saturday. "The recovery effort is currently under way."

The single-engine turboprop Socata TBM700 was carrying Rochester real estate developer Laurence Glazer and his entrepreneur wife, Jane — both experi-

enced and enthusiastic pilots.

On Friday, U.S. fighter pilots were launched to shadow the unresponsive aircraft observed the pilot slumped over and its windows frosting over. Officials say the plane slammed into the Atlantic off Jamaica's northeast coastline.

The plane's pilot had indicated there was a problem and twice asked to descend to a lower altitude before permission was granted by an air traffic controller, according to a recording of the radio conversation. Radio contact with the plane was lost a short time later.

Son Rick Glazer said that his parents were both licensed pilots. He said he could not confirm they were killed, adding that "we know so little."

The crash was the second in less than a week in which a private pilot has become unresponsive during a flight. On Saturday, a pilot lost consciousness and his plane drifted into restricted airspace over the nation's capital. Fighter jets were launched in that case and stayed with the small aircraft until it ran out of fuel and crashed into the Atlantic.

Laurence Glazer co-founded Buckingham Properties. Jane Glazer started QCI Direct, which produces two national retail catalogs.

Maine mom fights state over no-resuscitation order

The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Maine — A teenage mother is fighting a do-not-resuscitate order imposed on her brain-damaged daughter, saying she should be responsible for medical decisions. Child welfare officials who intervened after the baby was severely injured say life-saving measures in the event she stops breathing would only prolong her suffering.

The mother, Virginia Trask, 18, originally agreed to the do-not-resuscitate order. At one point, the infant was removed from life support and was placed into her

arms to die, then opened her eyes and began breathing.

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Maine and Christian Civic League of Maine are joining the Alliance Defending Freedom, an Arizona-based conservative legal group, in supporting Trask's request to lift the judge-approved order.

"Everyone deserves a fighting chance to live," said Steve Aden, from the Alliance Defending Freedom, which filed a friend-of-the-court brief. "All she's doing is fighting for her baby."

Maine's Supreme Court will hear arguments later this month.

WORLD



ANIUM NAVEED/AP

A Pakistani army helicopter hovers to rescue trapped people Friday from a flooded area on the outskirts of Islamabad.

Monsoon rains, flooding kill 110 in Pakistan, 108 in India

By MUNIR AHMED
The Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — Heavy monsoon rains and flash floods have killed 110 people in Pakistan and 108 people in India, officials said Saturday, as forecasters warned of more rain in the coming days and troops raced to evacuate people from deluged areas.

The annual monsoon season has struck hard across the region, leaving people to wade through rushing water in towns and villages across Pakistan and in Indian-controlled areas of Kashmir, where authorities say they are seeing some of the worst flooding in decades.

Ahmad Kamal, a spokesman for Pakistan's National Disaster Management Authority, said at least 61 people died in the eastern Punjab province since Thursday. He said another 38 people died in the Pakistan's portion of Kashmir and 11 died in northern Gilgit Baltistan province.

Kamal said officials believe all those were killed when the roofs of their homes collapsed. He said the deluge has injured 148 people across the country.

"We are dispatching tents and other relief items for those who have been affected because of rains and floods," he said. He said the army helicopters and boats were evacuating people from af-



K.M. CHAUDRY/AP

People mourn the death of a family member killed after the roof of his house collapsed due to heavy rain in Lahore, Pakistan, on Friday.

fected areas.

In India, authorities put the death toll at 108 people, including some 30 people killed when a bus filled with those attending wedding washed away in a flooded stream. Four passengers managed to swim away, but others remain unaccounted for, officials said.

At least 300 federal rescue workers have joined thousands of state police and soldiers to rescue tens of thousands of people stranded across the region. Dozens of bridges have been damaged or washed away.

Authorities fear the death toll

may rise in the region as more flooding and rain is forecast for the coming days.

State-run Pakistan television showed inundated villages, submerged roads and damaged homes across Pakistan and in its portion of Kashmir.

In a statement, Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif said the deaths and destruction caused by the rains and floods were a great loss, noting that some 650 homes have been destroyed already.

"The government will leave no stone unturned to help the people in distress," Sharif said.

Bahrain activist's detention extended

The Associated Press

MANAMA, Bahrain — A defense lawyer says a Bahraini court has ordered human rights activist Maryam al-Khawaja to remain in detention for a further 10 days as authorities continue to investigate her case.

Lawyer Mohammed al-Jishi

said the order came at a court hearing Saturday, a week after al-Khawaja was arrested as she arrived in Bahrain to visit her activist father, who is on hunger strike to protest a life sentence he is serving in connection to his role in 2011 anti-government protests.

Al-Khawaja has dual Danish and Bahraini citizenship. She has been detained since her arrest and denies the charge of assaulting police officers at the airport.

Bahrain has faced more than three years of unrest as a Shiite-led opposition presses for greater rights from the Sunni monarchy.

Somalia warns of attacks to avenge militant

By ABDI GULED
The Associated Press

MOGADISHU, Somalia — Somalia's government has credible intelligence that Islamic militants are planning attacks following the death of their leader in a U.S. airstrike Monday, a top official said.

In a televised speech Friday night, Gen. Khalif Ahmed Ereg, Somalia's national security minister, said targets including medical and educational institutions could be targeted. Ereg said the government is vigilant and prepared its armed forces to prevent such attacks.

President Barack Obama confirmed Friday Ahmed Abdi Godane, the leader of al-Shabab, was killed by the U.S. airstrike.

Godane had publicly claimed al-Shabab was responsible for the deadly Westgate Mall attack in Nairobi, Kenya, almost a year ago that left 67 people dead.

Al-Shabab has not issued any statements about Godane's death. The implications for al-Shabab following Godane's death are unclear. Some analysts predict a power struggle for the leadership that could splinter the group.

Ereg described the killing of Godane as "delightful victory." He called on militants still fighting for the Al-Qaeda linked group to surrender to get a "brighter" livelihood from the government.

The U.S. State Department declared al-Shabab a terrorist organization in February 2008.

French president Hollande in trouble, in public and private

By SYLVIE CORBET
The Associated Press

PARIS — Things can't get much worse for French President Francois Hollande: The economy is lagging; his new government is already under fire; and his private life has just been exposed in a ravaging book by the former first lady.

Adding to his concerns is the possibility that his chief rival — conservative Nicolas Sarkozy — will launch a political comeback this weekend.

The developments have helped push Hollande's popularity to new record lows. Three polls released in recent days show that he has lower approval ratings than every other French president in modern times.

This week, ex-partner Valerie Trierweiler described Hollande as a mean liar in a book released seven months after they broke up, amid reports that he was having an affair with French actress Julie Gayet.

Not only did Trierweiler spread intimate details of Hollande's infidelities, but she also depicted the Socialist leader as someone who despises the poor — a grave political sin for a left-wing leader who won election in 2012 on promises of social justice.

According to Trierweiler, Hollande once disdainfully referred

to the poor as those with "no teeth" — a reference to people who can't afford dental care.

The expression shocked many and immediately became the top hashtag on Twitter in France, seized upon by Hollande's critics. Some right-wing activists dubbing themselves the "no teeth" movement held a small protest near the Elysee Palace on Friday evening.

A visibly indignant Hollande defended himself at a news conference, insisting that serving the poor is his "reason for being."

This new political storm comes just days after Hollande appointed a new Cabinet to silence ministers who had openly criticized his economic policy, and to send a pro-business signal to the European Union.

But with unemployment over 10 percent and no economic growth, the new government had no grace period.

A remark by new Economy Minister Emmanuel Macron that he would be open to rethinking France's 35-hour work week caused big uproar in the French left.

A few days later, Labor Minister Francois Rebsamen said he wanted the country's unemployment services to better monitor job-seekers — causing uproar among unions.

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OPINION

Germany doesn't want job of leading EU

By CLIVE CROOK
Bloomberg News

The gap between the European Union's pretensions and capacities has never looked so wide. Its stagnant economy and the crisis in Ukraine point to gross failures of leadership. In both cases, Europe's de facto leader — Germany — is especially to blame.

The EU's current economic policy is indefensible: The EU has chosen to extend the recession by rejecting available remedies. As far as its foreign and security policy goes, this can barely be said to exist. Europe didn't make Russian President Vladimir Putin the ruthless outlaw he is, but it provoked him while knowing it was unwilling or unable to deal with the consequences.

Germany's input to these mistakes has been disproportionate. It isn't just that the size and strength of Germany's economy have made Berlin the de facto capital of Europe. It's also that the errors are characteristically German — postwar German, that is. Germany's morbid dread of inflation and what can follow has paralyzed Europe's economic policy; and its overweening desire for commerce with Russia and reluctance to confront threats with force has defanged the EU's security policy.

Don't misunderstand me. Germany's desire to head the lessons of its modern history is noble. Better this, no doubt, than financial recklessness combined with resurgent militarism. But 70 years after the war it's ashamed of, Germany is still — how to put this? — overcompensating.

Fiscal austerity and monetary stringency are imposing huge economic costs and threatening Europe with outright deflation.

Germany's pathologically orthodox policymakers have set their faces against fiscal relaxation and rejected the European Central Bank's timid moves to loosen monetary conditions. Quantitative easing of the sort used by the Federal Reserve is needed to support demand. Europe's suffocating fiscal rules, set down in the Stability and Growth Pact, could be adjusted too, given the will. These initiatives wouldn't be entirely without risk, but fears of a 1920s-style hyperinflation are absurd in current circumstances. They need to be expunged from the discussion.

The desire for peace and commerce isn't absurd and doesn't need expunging — but Europe must be capable of showing Russia sufficient resolve to make Putin think twice. In Germany, the EU has dragged its feet over sanctions against Russia since the crisis in Ukraine began. Aside from reducing the immediate costs to Russia of its actions in Ukraine, this timidity calls into question Europe's willingness to defend itself and its NATO partners. Russia is seizing foreign territory by force — and Europe flinches at the idea of tough economic sanctions. What does that say about the credibility of promises to fight for Poland and the Baltic states if the need arises?

Earlier I mentioned that Europe provoked Putin over Ukraine. How so? Under Germany's leadership, Europe has greatly enlarged its union to the east. It brought in Poland and the Baltic states at a time when Russia was cowed and preoccupied with its own internal problems. Binding those countries to the West was a bold move and, since the timing was right, also wise. But when the EU in effect asked Ukraine to choose between Europe and Russia — as it did in 2011 — it acted imprudently.

Republicans shouldn't hope Obama will save them

By RAMESH PONNURU
Bloomberg News

What does it mean for a candidate party to run on an agenda — a list of priorities and policies they intend to pursue in office — and how important is it?

I recently argued that Republicans are relying on the president's unpopularity as a substitute for an agenda, and that the last time they tried that, in 1998, it ended badly.

Two other writers have also recently taken up these questions, in ways that reinforce my view that Republicans would be better off if they outlined what they plan to do after the elections in November.

My Bloomberg View colleague Jonathan Bernstein says that the Republicans of 1998 were, in fact, running on an agenda: impeaching Bill Clinton over lying about his affair with Monica Lewinsky. Whatever their ads said, he argues, they were engaged in impeachment and voters were bound to respond to their actions rather than their spin.

Matt Levin, of the Daily Caller, advanced several arguments against running on an agenda. It's not necessary, as Democrats showed when they won a congressional landslide in 2006 without one. It may even be harmful, because an agenda can be a target. And with Republicans divided on everything from tax reform to foreign policy, what would the agenda be? Better to wait for someone to win the presidential nomination and then set an agenda.

I don't think Bernstein is right about

1998. That year, the House hadn't taken much action on impeachment by election time. It had voted to begin an inquiry, true, with the support of 31 Democrats. But the effort hadn't gone very far, and once the Republicans were defeated it was widely expected that they would abandon it. Nor was the talk of impeachment so loud that it was all voters could hear. In exit polls, it ranked last among their priorities, and most people said their votes weren't cast in support of Clinton or in opposition to him.

But the reason I brought up 1998 in the first place was to make a point about what Republicans should be saying this year. My unprovable suspicion is that they would've been better off in 1998 if they had either made the case for impeachment or said they were going to pursue tax cuts and missile defense and made the case for that. Instead, they didn't try to make the case for anything — they just counted on the president's unpopularity.

That's what Lewis claims the Democrats did in 2006. But those Democrats did present an agenda: They wanted to raise the minimum wage, end the War on Drugs, fund stem-cell research, expand the federal-state health program for kids and so on. It's true that this agenda probably wasn't at the forefront of voters' minds. For most people the election ended up being a referendum on Republican rule. But talking about an agenda contributed to the perception that Democrats would do better than those dismal Republicans — that they weren't tired, or corrupt, or out-of-touch. The positive result was the negative; an agenda complemented a criticism.

An agenda can also have value beyond

By this time Russia under Putin was looking to reassert its place in the world. Ukraine with aspirations to join both the EU and NATO threatened to bring the Western military alliance to the Russian border and defeat Putin's ambition to rebuild Russia's sphere of influence. Moreover, Ukraine has a large Russian-speaking minority and a special historical significance to Russia. It's hard to say which would be more stupid — to deliberately provoke Putin on a scheme to marry Ukraine to the West, or to offer the betrothal without planning for the possibility that Putin might object.

In any event, when he did object, what were Europe's options? Despite repeated warnings and pledges dating back to the building of the first pipeline in the 1980s, it had allowed Putin to run out of Russian gas. It prizes the export opportunities of trade with Russia. And it has spent recent years diminishing its commitment to its own defense. Again, in all three respects, Germany has taken the lead. NATO members have informally promised to spend 2 percent of gross domestic product on defense. Last year, the United States spent more than twice that — about the same share of GDP that Russia spends. Europe's NATO members spent, on average, 1.6 percent. Germany spent 1.3 percent.

Considering the 20th century alternative, it's good that a commerce-seeking, peace-loving Germany leads Europe. But the Age of Aquarius hasn't quite dawned. Apparently, there are some bad people out there and one or two countries still haven't adopted Germany's modern Weltanschauung. If Germany expects to lead, it had better understand this, and accept the obligations that go with the job.

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the election. It can make it easier to assemble legislative majorities after the victory, to figure out what votes to schedule, and to give the party's presidential candidates something to run on. Without a "Contract with America," in 1994, House Republicans wouldn't have known how to spend their first months in office after their landslide victory. For Democrats, the 2006 race helped clarify the 2008 primaries: The party was unified on policy, and the question became who would be most likely to see that agenda through, the veteran pragmatist or Mr. Hope-and-Change.

To get back to this year, I suspect that Republicans would do better if they embraced a health care plan like the one proposed by Sen. Tom Coburn and others. An actual plan would reassure conservatives of their commitment to getting rid of Obama's health care law, and it would offer an answer to Democrats who say that doing so would take away people's insurance. There would be criticisms of the plan, of course, but it's hard to believe that the cost of those criticisms would exceed the costs of doing nothing at all.

Lewis' notion that an agenda is a target is widespread among Republicans. That's why they're not offering one. This isn't a healthy instinct in general. Follow this line of thinking too far, and you'll never try to accomplish anything. Which raises the question of what the point of winning those elections is in the first place.

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OPINION

As protests subside, lessons from Ferguson

By REKHA BASU

Des Moines (Iowa) Register

Life is said to be moving back to normal in Ferguson, Mo., three weeks after an unarmed 18-year-old was shot to death by a police officer. Michael Brown has been buried. Shops closed in the wake of early looting are reopening. "I Love Ferguson" signs are popping up in front yards.

But the outward calm cannot mask the lingering pain of residents who felt failed not once but twice. First, by what many say are regular assaults on their civil liberties and freedom of movement. Second by the massive military response that made it seem as if police were at war with them.

On a visit to Ferguson last month, I saw people desperate for someone to know about the indignities they say they experience regularly. Instead they got the National Guard and armored trucks in the Target shopping plaza. They got state and local police flooding the streets in riot gear like an occupying army, firing tear gas, and making arrests.

"This has been brewing in St. Louis County," said Christian Santana, 24, who was picketing by day on a downtown street across from the police and fire departments. "People just want a change," said Santana, who's Latino, a staff sergeant in the Army National Guard and a premed student who has served in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Despite his exemplary record, he has been detained four times in St. Louis just for walking.

"They always said I looked suspicious," he said.

Brown was walking with a friend on a dead-end street in daylight when officer Darren Wilson pulled up by them. The Ferguson police chief said they were blocking the street. Witnesses said Brown was fired at after running away from the police car with his hands up in surrender. Wilson has told friends Brown was coming at him. An autopsy commissioned by Brown's family found he was shot six times.

Like all but three of the 53 Ferguson police officers, the shooter is white. Ferguson is 60 percent black. Tony Smith, 41, an African-American landscaper from neighboring Berkeley, told me he's been stopped for no reason while driving, and that an officer told him not to come through his town again. He said police "set up reasons to harass us."

Bishop Edwin Bass of the Church of God in Christ, who was there to help keep the peace, cited U.S. Justice Department statistics showing 86 percent of police stops, 92 percent of searches and 93 percent of arrests in Ferguson in a year were of black people.

"So many black males have been violated that their tolerance is really low," said Pastor Chris Harris of the Pentecostal Church of God in Christ in Illinois, there for the same reason.

In Ferguson, Michael Brown's death seems to have been a tipping point, and it isn't just minorities sounding the alarm. A white home-schooling parent named Sarah Shafer had taken her 7- and 10-year-old children to the daytime protest to show

them "we don't support police brutality."

"As a white person, I have a responsibility to stand up and say, 'I am not cool with this at all, and you should not be either,'" she said of other "white people of privilege."

A police response was certainly needed after businesses were burned and Molotov cocktails were thrown at officers soon after Brown's shooting. But as the days wore on the barricades and massive presence just exacerbated the tension. When the cause of unrest is a police action, the last way to quell it is pack an area with armored vehicles and officers with high-powered weapons.

After local and county police arrested reporters, Missouri's governor temporarily put the Highway Patrol in charge, but later limited their role to daytime. He may have done better not to, as highway police seemed genuinely interested in engaging with people along West Florissant, where nightly demonstrations took place. "We've sat here on the corner and talked about sports, politics, matters of art," said the highway patrol's Republic Cpl. John Christensen.

As for nights, he said, "I've seen a lot of peaceful, lawful, constitutionally sound protests." The same few tend to get arrested every night, he said.

The inciters are believed to be mostly from out of town. Bass describes them as "anarchist, anti-establishment, racist." During a night protest, a man wearing a T-shirt with an obscenity against police was flaunting it in front of officers, ignoring appeals from a local peacekeeper not

to provoke trouble. I asked the man why he was doing that. "They've messed with us for no reason," he said. "I want them to feel how I do."

He was out of line. But if authorities listened to the people I heard from, they would have realized what they're desperate for is to have their grievances heard and taken seriously. Instead, by the middle of that week, more than 160 people had been arrested, the majority for "refusal to disperse." An officer from St. Ann was suspended for pointing a semi-automatic weapon at a peaceful protester and threatening to kill him.

Just as our nation needs to learn how to use diplomacy rather than tanks to defuse tensions abroad, it needs to learn it at home.

There is reason for hope. People are reaching beyond class and race divisions to stand together. Even some business people whose stores were threatened have been profiled, and support the protests. Clergy and nonprofits are stepping up to answer needs and encourage civic engagement. The coverage is opening Americans' eyes to an overlooked crisis. From Republican Sen. Rand Paul to Democratic Attorney General Eric Holder, public officials are paying attention.

Whether or not a grand jury decides to charge Wilson next month, the momentum must be tapped. Ferguson police need more diversity and better outreach. Law-enforcement everywhere needs to put down their arms and focus on building trust.

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My client's off death row and free, but I'm still furious

By KENNETH ROSE

Watching an innocent client walk out of prison is every defense lawyer's dream, especially for those of us who represent people condemned to die. This month, I got to watch my client, Henry McCollum, North Carolina's longest serving death row inmate, regain his freedom after 30 years behind bars. New DNA evidence turned up by the N.C. Innocence Inquiry Commission proved that another man, a serial rapist and murderer, was the perpetrator in the crime for which Henry and his brother, Leon Brown, were sentenced to death in Robeson County in 1984.

Finally proving Henry and Leon's innocence was a great victory, but what I cannot forget is that this case is, above all, a tragedy. Two innocent men — both intellectually disabled — spent three decades of their lives being, essentially, tortured by the state of North Carolina.

For Henry, it began when officers held him in an interrogation room for five hours and promised him he could go home if he signed a confession. He was naive enough to believe them. Then the 19-year-old spent three decades watching other inmates be hauled off to the execution chamber. He became so distraught during executions that he had to be put in isolation so he wouldn't hurt himself.

During those years in prison, he was a man convicted of raping and murdering an 11-year-old living among a population that is notoriously unfriendly to child sex offenders. He wasn't able to hug his family, or even hold their hands. He saw them only on the infrequent occasions when they were able to travel from New Jersey to Raleigh on an eight-hour trip. His mother and the grandmother who helped raise him



MICHAEL BIESSECKER/AP

James McCollum, facing camera, embraces his son Henry following the younger man's release from Central Prison in Raleigh, N.C., on Wednesday. Henry McCollum spent more than 30 years on death row for a rape and murder he didn't commit.

died while he was in prison.

Both Henry and Leon got new trials in 1991. Leon's murder charge was dropped, but he was convicted of rape and sentenced to life in prison. Leon was also exonerated and freed from prison this month.

Even 30 years of appeals aren't always enough to dig up the truth.

I have been Henry's attorney for 20 of those years, and he and his family pleaded with me to prove his innocence. But I couldn't help Henry in a system where the deck was stacked against him. He had signed a detailed confession before a

change in laws to require confessions to be videotaped. I had no way to prove that the details in the confession police wrote for Henry — down to the brand of cigarettes smoked by the perpetrator — were all provided by law enforcement.

I was told that the police file on Henry's case had been lost, so I could tell how much evidence police had to ignore to pin this crime on two disabled boys with no history of violence. Until the Innocence Inquiry Commission unearthed that missing file, I didn't know that Roscoe Artis, the man whom DNA showed to be the true perpe-

trator, was a convicted rapist who lived one block from the crime scene, or that, at the time of Henry and Leon's arrest, Artis was wanted for another, almost identical rape and murder.

I also didn't know until I saw the file that, three days before Henry's trial began, law enforcement asked the State Bureau of Investigation to test a fingerprint found at the crime scene for a match with Artis. This was an important request, considering that no physical evidence linked Henry or Leon to the crime. Unbelievably, the test was never completed, and the district attorney tried Henry and Leon for their lives. Artis' name was never mentioned at the trial.

It took the Innocence Inquiry Commission, working for four years and spending hundreds of thousands of dollars, to finally prove my client's innocence. Sadly, only a handful of defendants ever get that kind of attention and resources. In many other cases, biological evidence is lost, contaminated or never existed to begin with.

Now, with Henry finally free, some people expect me to feel satisfied, or even happy. The truth is: I am angry.

I am angry that we live in a world where two disabled boys can have their lives stolen from them, where cops can die and intimidate with impunity, where innocent people can be condemned to die and where justice is so difficult to bring to light.

As I lie awake at night, mulling the maddening details of this case, I wonder: How many more Henry McCollums are still imprisoned, waiting for help that will never come?

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AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Plenty of light! Feds are selling off lighthouses

ME YORK — Lighthouses for sale! Actually, lots of lighthouses for free.

Technological advances and a desire to purge unneeded properties have paved the way for the federal government to get rid of more than 100 lighthouses over the last 14 years, and it intends to keep selling and giving them away. The sold lighthouses, located on both coasts and in the Great Lakes states, have become everything from museums to bed-and-breakfasts.

Sixty-eight of the lighthouses have gone for free to preservationists, while 36 others sold at public auction thanks to the National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act of 2000, which allows the government to dispose of federally owned lighthouses. The act turns 14 next month. The Coast Guard, which maintains lighthouses, has 71 other lighthouses queued up to go through the transfer process, and four are at auction now.

Swarms of tiny toads migrating from lake

WY JACKSON — Swarms of toads could make picnicking on the scenic shore of Jackson Lake in Grand Teton National Park a lot less appealing for some people, but others are thrilled an uncommon species is staking out new territory in huge numbers.

Tens of thousands of tiny, just-metamorphosed boreal toads have been migrating away from the lake lately, prompting park officials to close a picnic area to vehicles.

Boreal toads top out at 3-4 inches, but these toads are just babies, measuring a half-inch long, said Debra Patla, of the Northern Rockies Conservation Cooperative. Conservation groups in the southern Rockies have unsuccessfully petitioned to protect the boreal toad under the Endangered Species Act.

'Clothing optional' B&B has new owner

LA NEW ORLEANS — An uptown New Orleans bed-and-breakfast that bills itself as a "clothing optional guest house" with a heated indoor swimming pool and two hot tubs has sold for \$817,000.

Sellers' agent Ben Jacobson said the new owners probably will keep the property as a B&B, but he doesn't know whether the new owners plan to keep that option or how they plan to run it, New Orleans CityBusiness reported.

The Dive Inn website claims testimonials from actor Dennis Quaid and musician Eric Burdon, lead singer of the Animals. It quotes Burdon as saying, "One of my favorite places to stay in New Orleans. In fact, you could say that Dive Inn turns me into an animal!" Quaid said, "This place is awesome. It feels just like old New Orleans."

Drunken driving cases drop to 20-year low

MN ST. PAUL — The number of arrests and



RIK BOWNER/AP

Partaking in Comic Con

Cheyenne Marquez stands in line for Comic Con at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City on Thursday. Festival organizers say they expect nearly 130,000 people at the event, which runs through Saturday. The convention has become a pop-culture phenomenon and features the best in movies, television shows, gaming, sci-fi/fantasy and comic books. Many attendees dress up as their favorite characters.

criminal convictions for drunken driving in Minnesota has dropped to the lowest level in 20 years.

Authorities credit changing attitudes about driving drunk and improved enforcement.

Law enforcement across the state made 25,719 impaired-driving arrests last year, down from a two-decade high of 41,951 in 2006, according to a report by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety. Criminal convictions for impaired driving charges fell to 19,036, also a 20-year low.

An average of 70 people were arrested for drunken driving every day in Minnesota last year, and 40 percent of people at the wheel during a fatal crash had

previously been convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol, according to the report.

Statistics show that of the state's 4 million licensed motorists, one in seven has a drunken driving conviction.

Man who killed officer, driver gets life in prison

NY MINEOLA — A parolee convicted of killing a New York police officer during a traffic stop and then a driver while he was fleeing has been sentenced to life in prison without parole.

Nassau County Court Judge Gerald Carter told defendant Darrell Fuller on Friday that the sentence

would be a "pretude to the hell that may await you."

Fuller was convicted in the killings of Officer Arthur Lopez and carjacking victim Raymond Facey in 2012. Prosecutors said that after the killings, Fuller had a friend shoot him in the leg to make it appear he was a victim.

The judge also held up photos of the victims and called the defendant "despicable."

Court dismisses driver's impersonation charge

MA QUINCY — A Massachusetts man charged with impersonating a police officer for driving a Maserati that

THE CENSUS

12K The number of crab pots that are lost in Washington state's Puget Sound every year, costing an estimated \$700,000 in lost harvest revenue and, more poignant, damaging the sea floor environment. Using sonar to find the pots, divers and scientists venture into the waters to clean up and learn more about why pots are lost.



resembled a police cruiser is off the hook.

The Patriot Ledger reported that a clerk magistrate in Quincy District Court on Thursday dismissed the charge, saying Zhang Zhijun, 23, of Braintree, hadn't taken any actions such as pulling over other drivers or pretending to be an officer.

Zhijun was cited on Aug. 9 when police pulled him over. He wasn't arrested. He had decorated his luxury Italian car to look like the character Barricade from the "Transformers" movies. It was painted black and white with a police-style shield on the doors and police-related decals. The car did not have flashing blue lights.

Two women appeal backyard animal ticket

MI GRAND RAPIDS — Two Grand Rapids women are appealing to a city housing board after inspectors ticketed them for violating rules related to backyard farm animals. The Grand Rapids Press reported that Claire McGinn and Kendra Ritter have 10 chickens, five ducks, a turkey, two giant rabbits and a pig nicknamed Spencer in their backyard.

McGinn was ticketed this summer for violating a city code that says livestock can't be within 100 feet of any city dwelling. She was also cited for a strong animal waste odor from some of the animals.

The Housing Board of Appeals started hearing the case last month and will reconvene this week.

Festival that falls on Jewish holiday axed

MD ROCKVILLE — Montgomery County's newly minted parks director has canceled a 24-year-old festival because it coincides with the holiest day on the Jewish calendar, angering some fans of the annual event.

Director Mike Riley announced Wednesday that he's canceling the Harvest Festival, which had been set for Oct. 4, because it falls on Yom Kippur.

The event draws about 4,000 people to activities including sheepdog demonstrations and country music performances.

From wire reports

ENTERTAINMENT

By ANN HORNADAY
The Washington Post

“**W**hat a wonderful time for women on television,” Juliana Margulies said Aug. 25, upon accepting her latest Emmy, for her performance in the dramatic series “The Good Wife.”

And what a strange time for women on film — especially this summer, when the contradictions of progress were evident in full force. I’ve taken to calling it the

COMMENTARY “B.A., but ...” effect.

B.A., in this instance, stands for Badass, a word thrown upon not only by editors of discerning taste and discretion, but also impressionable readers. But how better to say what’s been one of the cardinal trends of this summer? From the #yesallwomen trend that took hold on Twitter in May to Mo’Nique Davis’s scorching fastball and last month’s BeyMAs, women claimed a new pride of place in the culture over the past few months, a phenomenon that was mirrored with encouraging symbolic and economic force at the movies.

First, Angelina Jolie brought her A-game and ice-sculpture cheekbones to “Maleficent,” a revisionist take on “Sleeping Beauty” in which women save each other rather than waiting around for a prince. The sisterhood-is-powerful fairy tale became an early summer blockbuster, earning more than \$700 million worldwide.

In short order, “Maleficent” was followed by “The Fault in Our Stars,” “Tammy” and “Lucy” — all dramatically different in tone, genre and audience but each a big success in its own right and each led by a female character who defied retrograde notions of what it means to act like a woman. Just as Jolie’s evil enchantress harbored a maternally incorrect loathing of kids, Shailene Woodley’s Hazel, the feisty heroine of “The Fault in Our Stars,” wasn’t a typical love-sick teenager. For one thing, she really was sick, bravely enduring a childhood cancer diagnosis. Smart, sharp-witted, adamantly unromantic, Hazel does fall in



Scarlett Johansson in “Lucy”
UNIVERSAL PICTURES/AP

Melissa McCarthy in “Tammy”
WARNER BROS. PICTURES/AP

Mixed message

Despite kicking butt and taking names, women still stereotyped in summer movies

love in the course of the weepie romance, but it’s on her own self-aware, headstrong terms.

Perhaps the most startling portraits of female power came in the form of “Tammy” and “Lucy,” a one-two punch starring Melissa McCarthy as a foul-mouthed, dim-witted force of nature and Scarlett Johansson as a cool, preternaturally sharp-witted force of nature, respectively. Neither Tammy nor Lucy is a heroine we would necessarily want our daughters to emulate. But their I-don’t-give-a-fig compartment, their willingness to flout traditional feminine norms, their steadfast refusal to beg to

be liked, was viscerally bracing nonetheless.

In many ways, this summer was simply the most full-blown fulfillment of a promise made back in 2010, when an unknown actress named Jennifer Lawrence astonished audiences with her steely portrayal of a girl trying to save her rural Ozarks family in “Winter’s Bone.” That was the same year that gave us Chloe Grace Moretz’s destructive dervish Hit Girl in the action flick “Kick-Ass.” It didn’t take long for “Brave” and Lawrence’s star vehicle, “The Hunger Games,” to come tumbling triumphantly after.

Dear reader, do you detect a pattern? As bracing as these portraits of female potency and swagger are, they seem strangely strained, relegated to the realms of animated fables, retooled fairy tales or action-driven fantasy. There’s no question that with “Maleficent” and “The Fault in Our Stars,” women and girls helped save Hollywood’s bacon this summer. But the industry has repaid that kindness by giving them only a very narrow range of permissibly powerful characters — a spectrum roughly defined by the sexy, cyborg-like title character of “Lucy” on one end and the outrag-

eous, slapstick overstatement of “Tammy” on the other.

The mixed message: You can be B.A., but ... You need to be young, blessed with sci-fi superpowers or otherwise imaginary. You can be faster and smarter and generally better than boys, but you’ll have to lose something in the bargain, preferably a cherished family member — or even the boy himself. Under no circumstances are you to grow into a recognizable adult with a job, career, family or other signifier of functional, if flawed, adulthood.

Those prizes, apparently, are reserved for TV. Just a cursory glance at Margulies’s fellow Emmy winners and nominees revealed an enviably rich environment for awesome, admirable, sometimes subversively antisocial women who also happen to be recognizable adults, from Margulies in “The Good Wife” to Robin Wright in “House of Cards,” Claire Danes in “Homeland” and Kerry Washington in “Scandal.”

The lack of sophisticated, mature roles for women can surely be blamed on the market: Hollywood is still stuck in the rut of making movies for and about young people, ignoring the fact that the girls who made “Twilight” and “The Fault in Our Stars” big hits often went with their mothers. But the market excuse also reflects a tautology having to do with structural sexism, a notoriously wimpy, risk-averse business model and a collective failure of imagination — the wash, rinse, repeat cycle of franchise properties and their endless sequels, reboots and spinoffs.

Thus, when the creakily over-compensating “Expeditious 3” fails to perform at the box office, its parent studio doesn’t reconsider its strategy, look at the summer’s winners and losers, and dare to try something new. It announces that the flaccid franchise will launch a spinoff called — I kid you not — “The Expeditiouses,” due out in 2015.

It doesn’t take a lot of hveuos to say: That’s not B.A., that’s just plain pathetic. It might be a wonderful time for women on TV, but as far as movies go, we still have to take more than our share of work with the wonder.

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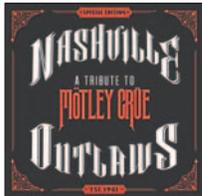
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NEW ALBUMS



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Nashville Outlaws:
A Tribute to Motley Crue
(Big Machine/Eleven Seven)

Country artists have long paid tribute to rock acts compatible with country music, from the Eagles to Buddy Holly to country-loving British acts the Beatles and Rolling Stones. But a heavy-metal act like Motley Crue? For anyone listening to the recent arena-rock crunch in country music, country covering the Crue isn't a surprise at all.

What might be a surprise is how ferociously some of country's more mild-mannered acts rise to the occasion. Rascal Flatts has never come close to rocking as hard as on its version of "Kick-start My Heart," which rightly opens the album and sets the bar for others to match.

Florida Georgia Line pales in comparison with the formulaic "If I Die Tomorrow."

Highlights include Justin Moore's "Home Sweet Home," with its Lynyrd Skynyrd-guitar tone and soulful vocals, The Mavericks using a Latin rhythm on "Dr. Feelgood" to bring out its dramatic story line, Eli Young Band's sweetly melodic "Don't Go Awey Mad" and Lee Ann Rimes' swinging "Smoking In The Boys Room."

— Michael McCall
The Associated Press



Jessica Hernandez & The Deltas

Secret Evil (Instant Records)

When "Secret Evil" wraps, it leaves a large shadow behind. That weird melancholia you get after returning from a vacation is conjured, the desire to instantly return to that intoxicating locale. Thankfully, this destination is a play button away. Push it, and you're not only back in one of 2014's most deftly sequenced, produced, written and performed albums, but you're in the midst of an enthralling netherworld you will feel more hesitant to leave with each visit.

— Cole Waterman
PopMatters.com



Ace Frehley

Space Invader (eOne)

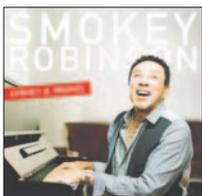
With seven-plus years of sobriety under his belt, the original Kiss lead guitarist has recorded his best solo album since his self-titled effort in 1978.

With walls of wailing guitars, droning feedback and snarling solos, Ace Frehley launches an old-school '70s-style hard rock jam fest. It kicks off with him talk-singing his way through the title track, about a well-intentioned extraterrestrial who comes to save the Earth, and it includes a sudden tempo change for the guitar solo just like he did on "Snowblind" and "I'm In Need of Love" on his '78 debut.

"Gimme A Feelin'" is a timeless rocker, with thick guitar chords, and "I Wanna Hold You" and "What Every Girl Wants" could be melodic hits. On "Change" and "Inside the Vortex," Frehley showcases impressive growth as a songwriter and arranger.

The only weak track is a remake of Steve Miller's "The Joker" that adds nothing to the original, but apparently was too much for Frehley to resist with its "Space Cowboy" intro.

— Wayne Parry
The Associated Press

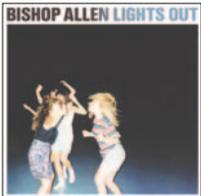


Smokey Robinson

Smokey & Friends (Veve)

The biggest problem with Smokey Robinson's "Smokey & Friends" is also its biggest strength: There's no Smokey died. So, do we really need to hear what he sounds like with Elton John on "Tracks of My Tears" or with Jessie J on "Cruisin'"? No offense to Elton, but no. What keeps "Smokey & Friends" on track, though, is the good-natured spirit of collaboration that rolls through some of these songs, especially the wild ending of "You Really Got a Hold on Me" with Steven Tyler, and the laid-back, bluesy reworking of "Ain't That Peculiar" with James Taylor.

— Newsday



Bishop Allen

Lights Out (Dead Oceans)

When Bishop Allen debuted in 2003, the band embodied nearly everything of the moment.

Ivy Leaguers Justin Rice and Christian Rudder made two music about their 20-something lives and released it on their own label. In their spare time, Rice starred in mumblecore movies and Rudder co-founded the on-line dating service OKCupid.

That much hip simply could not last. And on their fourth album, "Lights Out," Bishop Allen clearly understands that and explains why they're OK with the changes.

"There was everybody getting tired of drinking every night," Rice sings in "Why I Had to Go," over a bouncy synth-pop backdrop. "There was a little left to believe in, which is how I really knew I should be leaving."

In "Start Again," they seem positively thrilled about rebooting their sound into something poppier and more complex. "Lights Out" might not be as timely as the previous albums, but that might work in its favor.

— Newsday



Literature

Chorus (Slumberland)

On one hand, the Philadelphia-based group sort of recalls British Invasion-type bands through their nonstop hooks and the kind of British-sounding vocals. My visual image when I listen is a young, cheery, head-nodding band; hot new sensations, something like the band in the film "That Thing You Do" but cooler and better. At the same time, in spirit and sound there's just as much, or more, '80s UK indie-pop: Field Mice, Felt, etc. And other '80s touchpoints: a Cure-like bassline here, some New Order synths there.

There's lushness, romanticism and an inherent siding with the lonely and the sad that recalls that era even when there are audible echoes of earlier rock-pop eras and styles.

— Dave Heaton
PopMatters.com



Kimbra

The Golden Echo (Warner Bros.)

In a year in which many big-ticket records have stressed brevity and focus, there's something to be said for New Zealand pop iconoclast Kimbra's "The Golden Echo."

Best known in America for her vocals on the smash "Somebody That I Used to Know," the magnetic multi-instrumentalist on her second solo album moves through a strange and often surprising set of tones and approaches.

A virtual layer cake of futuristic funk pop, contemporary R&B and maximalist Top 40 music slathered with the purple icing of Prince, "The Golden Echo" swaps styles with gleeful — and at times reckless — abandon, an apt pop offering for this pattern-on-pattern cultural moment.

A remarkable chameleon, at various points Kimbra swings her voice to suggest Chaka Khan, Amy Winehouse, The xx's Romy Madley Croft and Janelle Monae, and weaves her tone through music thick with structural experimentation.

— Randall Roberts
Los Angeles Times



Opeth

Pale Communion (Roadrunner)

"Pale Communion" is the sound of a band slipping comfortably into the rhythms that we've come to expect of it. It's an album that has the ebb and flow of "Blackwater Park" and the Comus-indebted prog of "Heritage," Opeth's last effort.

Listening to "Pale Communion," it's much easier to see the shortcomings of "Heritage," and in so doing it clarifies just how far Opeth has come, and casts new light on the (mis)steps the group has taken in wholeheartedly embracing vintage prog. "Pale Communion" is perhaps the defining document of this group's ability to make progressive rock feel genuinely progressive.

— Bruce Ezell
PopMatters.com



Tank

Stronger (Atlantic Records)

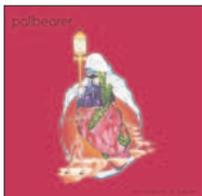
Tank made a mark in R&B over the years for earnestly pouring his heart out on ballads such as "Maybe I Deserve" and "Please Don't Go," as well as writing songs for Jamie Foxx, Aaliyah and others.

Showing passion is Tank's strong suit, but the singer lacks some of that fervor on his latest release, "Stronger." He sounds like a different version of himself on the first half of his sixth album, and that's not a good thing. On the upbeat tracks "Dance With Me" and "I Gotta Have It," he fails with simple lyrics and draggy production. "Same Way" is also an unattractive melody that lacks spirit and swagger.

Tank finds his stride toward the end of the 10-track album, especially flourishing on "Hope This Makes You Love Me," as he looks to prove his worth to his mate.

The title song is also a winner, saving Tank's album from being a total disappointment.

— Jonathan Landrum Jr.
The Associated Press



Pallbearer

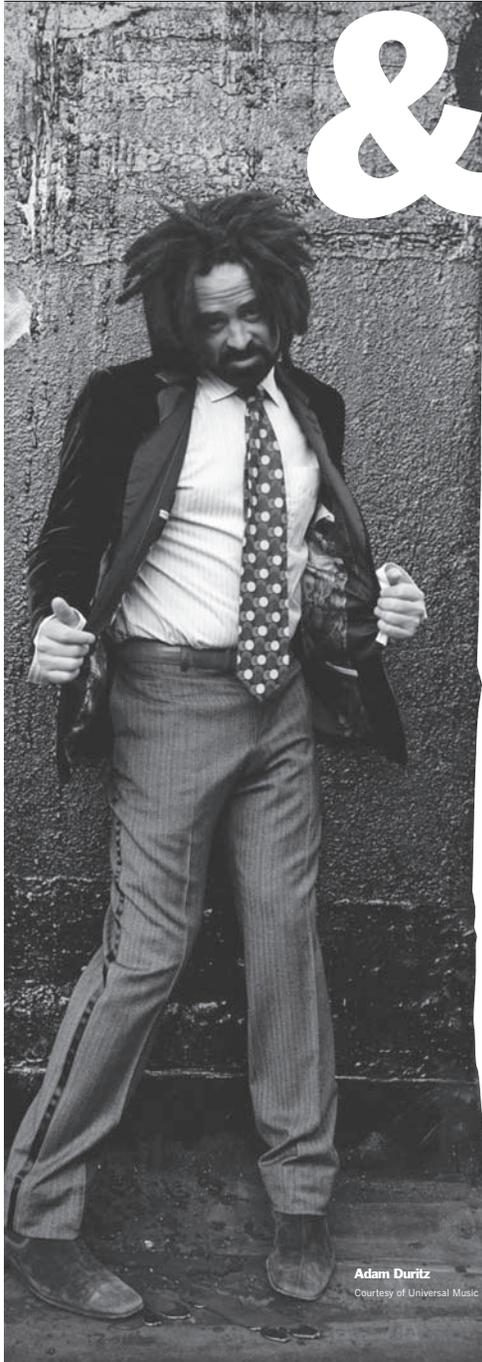
Foundations of Burden (Profound Lore)

"Foundations of Burden" has the unenviable task of being the sophomore release of a tremendously well-received debut. Novice listeners are pretty much thrown into the deep end with the ten-minute opening track "Worlds Apart." Without a catchy riff or much in terms of show-off musical theatrics, "Worlds Apart" carefully unfolds its list.

It's a logical extension of "Sorrow and Extinction's" lengthy jams, but with a noticeably clearer production. The crisper sound is partly credited to producer Billy Anderson, whose studio work has included Mr. Bungle, Swans, High on Fire, Impaled, and Sleep's stoner classic "Dopesmoker."

— Sean McCarthy
PopMatters.com

MUSIC



Adam Duritz
Courtesy of Universal Music Group

& Peak cheesiness painful sincerity

New music from Maroon 5, Counting Crows

BY ALLISON STEWART
Special to *The Washington Post*

Keith Richards calls it “lead vocalist syndrome.” Its symptoms include a bloated self-regard that often masks a profound insecurity, a susceptibility to flattery and a refusal to attend sound check. It’s almost always terminal.

Counting Crows lead singer Adam Duritz and Maroon 5’s Adam Levine are, unfairly or not, poster children for this affliction. They’re the most maligned frontmen of their respective generations. They’re captains of profoundly uncool bands famous for their offstage exploits, canyon-dwelling lotharios who have a fondness for Victoria’s Secret models that borders on encyclopedic (Levine) and who dated two-thirds of the female cast of “Friends” during a brief but legendary period in the mid-’90s (Duritz).

This week, their bands dropped new albums that neatly encapsulate everything you might love or hate about either group, although their approaches vastly differ. For Duritz, a former English major who has been open about his struggle with mental illness, albums are life-and-death artistic expressions of what is probably a really complicated id. For Levine, the reigning Sexiest Man Alive who recently married a supermodel, albums are things that help move ancillary product, such as his Kmart line of clothing or his fragrance (“Adam Levine,” with notes of amber and sandalwood).

Maroon 5 began as a limpid soul-pop band and diversified into funky, dance-floor pop after the like-minded “Moves Like Jagger” resuscitated the band’s flat-lining career. Its last release, “Overexposed,” wasn’t a cohesive album but a grab bag of post-“Jagger” hopefuls manned by hitmakers such as Max Martin and engineered for chart domination. “Overexposed” was a shameless race to the bottom, but “V” (pronounced “five”) is better. It’s what happens when a talented band unburdens itself of its few remaining scruples, hires a small army of boldface super-producers and aims for peak cheese.

“V” is a more cohesive disc than its predecessor, and it hits every guilty-pleasure nerve bundle. There are songs that imitate the Police, songs that imitate Bruno Mars imitating the Police, and exercises in giddy, Prince-ified disco funk (“Sugar”) and falsetto-happy warp-speed dance pop (“Feelings” when it comes to song titles, Maroon 5 does not over-achieve).

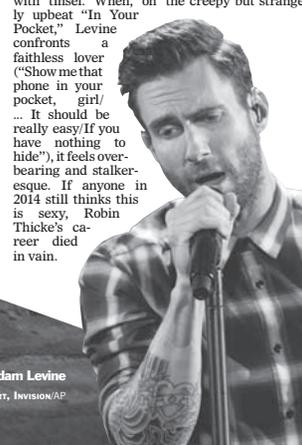
The record-closing, weepy “My Heart Is Open” is a duet with Gwen Stefani. Levine’s fellow judge on “The Voice” and his closest living female analogue. In fulfillment of the band’s one-thoughtful-song-per-album mandate, everyone pretends to be contemplative and sad, but Levine wasn’t made for that — he was built to be callow and slippery, and he’s commendably good at those things. To hear him try to compute any emotion other than lust or mid annoyance feels artificial and awkward, like watching a dog try to play Words With Friends.

If Maroon 5 has a sincerity deficit, Counting Crows are the opposite — they’re painful sincerity personified. They began life as the world’s most accomplished Van Morrison tribute band and have pretty much stayed that way, specializing in earnest and rootsy pop-folk that is roomy enough to encompass country, exaggeratedly twangy mock country, Deadhead jam folk and even the manic pop of “Accidentally in Love,” the band’s 2014 hit and its only flirtation with a “Moves Like Jagger”-style career realignment.

“Somewhere Under Wonderland,” its first album of original material in six years, might be the band’s best since its 1993 debut, “August and Everything After,” with a handful of songs (the sprawling, almost prog-y opener, “Palisades Park,” the lean ballad “God of Ocean Tides”) that rank among the band’s finest. Its bedrock sound and lyrical themes remain largely unchanged — love mystifies, fame alienates, Middle America is a comforting blank space — with enough art-pop name-dropping (Elvis, Alex Chilton, Johnny Appleseed) to rival Thomas Pynchon.

The disc’s best track, “Earthquake Driver,” contains one of the most apt descriptions of rock stardom in memory: “I am a cipher/I am a blank space/Filled up with words you remember/From whenever you saw my face.” It’s a bouncy, Mumfordian exercise in cognitive dissonance even Levine might recognize.

“V” is both shinier and darker than any of his band’s past work, festooning even its sourest songs with tinsel. When, on the creepy but strangely upbeat “In Your Pocket,” Levine confronts a faithless lover (“Show me that phone in your pocket, girl/... It should be really easy/If you have nothing to hide”), it feels over-bearing and stalker-escue. If anyone in 2014 still thinks this is sexy, Robin Thicke’s career died in vain.



Adam Levine

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LIFESTYLE



Composer Irving Fields, 99: "I take chances now on things I couldn't do, and it works."



Clarinetist Sol Yaged, 91: Performing has changed since their younger years because "We get paid now."



Comedian Fyvush Finkel, 91: "To me, every show is an opening night."

Living on a high note

In their 90s, lifelong performers feel that music keeps them young

By MESFIN FEKAU
The Associated Press

An Aug. 11 concert held at Baruch College at the City University of New York had nothing to do with students. The performers were in their 90s, and one is even older than the Manhattan school founded in 1919.

Pianist and composer Irving Fields, who recently turned 99, performed a show dubbed "I am Going Strong" at the college along with Emmy-winning comedian Fyvush Finkel and clarinetist Sol Yaged, both 91. The concert celebrated their passion and commitment to music and live performance at this stage in their lives.

"I call myself 99 years young. Age is just a number," Fields said in an interview. "Music keeps me younger. ... I play 10 notes, I'm 40 years younger. I play a whole crescendo, I'm like Benjamin Button!" (Button was the title character of an F. Scott Fitzgerald short story — also made into a film starring Brad Pitt — about a man who ages in reverse.)

The trio's concert was their second in a month at the 175-seat Engelman Recital Hall in the Baruch Performing Arts Center. Tickets went for \$35.

Of their first show, Fields said: "It was so successful. It was jam-packed."

The performers have played music since their teenage years and enjoyed success by writing songs and appearing on television, in films and onstage. Fields, who recorded many albums, has written songs recorded by Sarah Vaughan and Dinah Shore. He also composed "Miami Beach Rhumba," which was used in Woody Allen's "Deconstructing Harry."

During a rehearsal one August afternoon, the men chatted away, sipping coffee and eating bagels. They have known one another for years and say their passion for music remains strong.



PHOTOS BY RICHARD DREW/AP

From left, Sol Yaged, Fyvush Finkel and Irving Fields chat at an August rehearsal at the Baruch Performing Arts Center in New York.

"What key are we in?" Yaged, holding his clarinet, says to Fields.

"I said D! I'll give you my hearing aid. I have an extra one," Fields replies as Finkel laughs.

Later, while performing together, Fields speeds up on piano. "I'm not ready for your tempo yet!" Yaged yells.

"I love you, but you drive me nuts," Fields replies.

Despite some tense moments, there was a sense of love — for one another and for music — that was evident once they tightened their lips and played their instruments.

Yaged, who was heavily influ-

enced by Benny Goodman, performed with a five-piece band during the "90 and Going Strong" concert. During rehearsals, he played a clarinet he remembers buying in 1935 for \$125, which he earned from shining shoes. He charged customers a nickel.

Finkel, too, recalls his first paying gig at a Jewish theater in Brooklyn when he was 9.

"A dollar a night. I was the hero of the family," said the actor, singer and comedian, who opened the show at Baruch College.

Finkel earned an Emmy in 1994 for his role as lawyer Douglas Wambaugh in the CBS drama series "Picket Fences." He

has appeared in various films and television shows, including "Boston Public."

They want audiences to not be fooled by their age — they say they feel stronger than ever in their 90s. When asked how different performing today is compared with their earlier years, Finkel says: "Big difference. I'll tell you the difference."

"We get paid now," Yaged chimes in.

"Our least interest is to get paid. But to get on we get such a thrill," Finkel added. "In fact, we do things better now than we did before. To me, every show is an opening night."

Fields, who performs regularly at Nino's Tuscani in New York City, echoed Finkel's sentiment.

"I've lived longer. I've seen more of life," he said. "I take chances now on things I couldn't do, and it works."

Fields is working on a documentary about his career and has penned a song honoring the Statue of Liberty called "Here's to the Lady."

He says he doesn't plan to slow down in his career.

"I'm only 99, and, well, I hope I live to be 109," Fields said. "I want to at least get to 100. I am so fulfilled when I play your favorite song."

GADGETS & CHARTS



JA E. HONG/AP

Amiibo characters for Wii U are on display June 10 at the Nintendo booth during the Electronic Entertainment Expo in Los Angeles. Pikachu and Link will be among the first characters coming to "amiibo," the upcoming toys-meet-game franchise set for release this year.

Nintendo launching 'amiibo'

By DERRIK J. LANG
The Associated Press

Pikachu and Link will be among the first characters coming to "amiibo."

Nintendo announced Aug. 29 that 12 characters will initially be part of its upcoming toy-game franchise set for release this year. In addition to the "Pokemon" and "Legend of Zelda" leading men, the starting line-up will include Mario, Princess Peach, Yoshi, Donkey Kong, Samus Aran, Kirby, Fox McCloud, Marth, the "Wii Fit" Trainer and the Villager from "Animal Crossing."

The figures in the "amiibo" toy-game line will each cost \$12.99 and work in tandem with several of the Japanese gaming giant's upcoming titles, beginning with "Super Smash Bros."

"We wanted to make sure that the breadth of characters we had for the initial 'amiibo' lineup supported the fan favorites, as well as showcase the variety of people Nintendo speaks to — from kids to adults," Nintendo of America President Reggie Fils-Aime said. "For example, you've got a character like Marth from the 'Fire Emblem' series. We thought exposing Marth to a wider collection of consumers through 'amiibo' made a ton of sense, but, of course, we had to have Mario, Princess Peach and Donkey Kong in that initial lineup, as well."

Similar to Activision's "Skylanders" and "Disney Infinity," the characters' virtual histories will be stored on the plastic figures and transmitted through the Wii U GamePad, the controller for the Wii U console that features a touch-

screen and near field communication (NFC) capabilities. Unlike the Activision Blizzard Inc. and Walt Disney Co. franchises, the "amiibo" figures will work with several games from different genres and won't be required to play the games.

"Our vision is to have these 'amiibo' figures be your playable friends that allow you to enhance the overall experience," said Fils-Aime. "It's a different approach from Activision and Disney, which is more to unlock something in the game. You're going to want to have your 'amiibo' figure because it's going to allow you to enhance your skills, upgrade your character and take the experience over to a friend's house."

Nintendo first unveiled "amiibo" at the Electronic Entertainment Expo in June. The company plans to release more figures over the next year and include "amiibo" functionality in future games, as well as compatibility with its handheld Nintendo 3DS system.

The Kyoto, Japan-based company is hoping the figurines will help boost its bottom line and sales of its beleaguered Wii U console, which has been on the rise since the May release of "Mario Kart 8." Despite the success of the latest installment in the cartoony Nintendo racing series, Wii U sales trail behind the PlayStation 4 and Xbox One consoles from rivals Sony Corp. and Microsoft Corp.

"Call of Duty" and "Assassin's Creed" publishers Activision and Ubisoft Entertainment recently said they wouldn't bring the new installments of those popular series to the Wii U later this year.

GADGET WATCH

ZVOX gives television great 3-D sound

By GREGG ELLMAN
McClatchy-Tribune News Service

All-in-one best describes the ZVOX SoundBase 320.

The 24-inch speaker system produces 3-D sound and the right amount of bass without external speakers, subwoofer or messy wires to connect them. The TV can sit on top of the 23.7-by-11.5-by-3.5-inch speaker for a nice clean look.

According to the ZVOX website, the SoundBase 320 works best with 32- to 47-inch TVs. The site also lists other models for TVs ranging from 22 to 70 inches.

The speaker has a fabric-covered front grill so the sound can pass through, and the body has a wood finish.

The 3-D sound is produced by three 2-inch speakers and a 5.25-inch subwoofer.

Setting it up is pretty simple; just choose between the RCA analog, optical or the coaxial digital inputs.

The speaker is perfect for a secondary family room or larger bedroom.

There's also a 3.5mm port on the front for connecting other media sources and a wireless remote controls the volume and some sound settings.

Online: zvoxaudio.com; \$199

The SoundFree Pocket Kick is another great-sounding and space-saving speaker with its wireless (Bluetooth 4.0) feature and pocket-sized design.

Measuring just 2.5 x 5.9 x 1.2 inches with rounded edges, it fits nicely in your pocket, and when you take it out and fire it up, the big sound kicks in.

I'm a big fan of portable sound, and this speaker undeniably proves that bigger isn't always better. The audio is produced from a pair of speaker drivers and a passive bass radiator inside a metal grill.

For those who still don't have a Bluetooth-enabled device, there's a 3.5mm line-in port. A built-in microphone allows for hands-free calling, and a built-in rechargeable battery provides up to 10 hours (can vary depending on volume levels) of use before a microUSB charge is needed. A wrist lanyard is also included.

Online: soundfree.com; \$99, available in black, gold and platinum

The Xceria 1000x compact flash cards are the latest from Toshiba, which have a maximum read speed of 150MB/s and maximum write speed of 120MB/s.

This allows the cards to maintain the faster writing speeds of today's high-end digital SLR



ZVOX/MCT

The ZVOX SoundBase 320 is small, but it can fill a room with rich, satisfying 3-D sound.

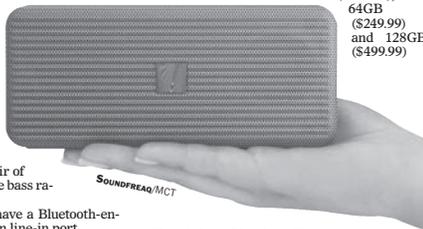
cameras, and then download the images to your computer with blazing speed.

I hit the shutter on a 14 frame-per-second camera, and the card had no problem keeping up with the still images. It did the same with high-definition video.

You also get a free one-year copy of Toshiba's data recovery software, along with a five-year standard limited warranty. The warranty does not cover your images: backup, backup, backup.

Online: Toshiba.com/us; available in 32GB (\$129.99)

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The Airframe Plus from Kenu

is one of those products you don't think you'll need until you have it.

It holds many of today's bigger smartphones within reach, mounted to the car's air vents.

The expandable bracket has rubber holders on the top, bottom and sides to put a firm grip on your device. It can hold devices with a screen size up to 6 inches, measured diagonally.

Once mounted with the rubber jaw grabbing on to the vent, the Airframe Plus can turn from landscape to portrait viewing positions just by turning it.

Online: Kenu.com, \$29.99

ITUNES MUSIC

Top 10 songs on the iTunes Store for September 3:

- "Shake It Off," Taylor Swift
- "All About That Bass," Meghan Trainor
- "Bang Bang — Single," Jessie J, Ariana Grande & Nicki Minaj
- "La La Lala," Penatonix
- "Break Free (featuring Zedd)," Ariana Grande
- "Maps," Maroon 5
- "Tides — Single," Jack & Jack
- "Jackie and Wilson," Hozier
- "Rafter Be (featuring Jess Glynne)," Clean Bandit
- "Stay With Me," Sam Smith

— Compiled by MCT

SPOTIFY MUSIC

The top streamed tracks on Spotify from Aug. 25-31:

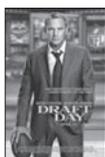
- "All About That Bass," Meghan Trainor
- "Break Free," Ariana Grande
- "Stay With Me," Sam Smith
- "Bang Bang — Single," Jessie J
- "Chandelier," Sia
- "Black Widow," Iggy Azalea
- "Rude," MAGIC!
- "Anaconda," Nicki Minaj
- "Problem," Ariana Grande
- "Fancy," Iggy Azalea

— Compiled by The Associated Press

ITUNES MOVIES

Top 10 movies downloaded from the iTunes Store for September 3:

- "Draft Day"
- "Blended"
- "Godzilla"
- "The Other Woman"
- "The Amazing Spider-Man 2"
- "Divergent"
- "Neighbors"
- "Labor Day"
- "The Fault In Our Stars (Extended)"
- "Belle"



— Compiled by MCT

VIDEO GAMES

Game Informer ranks the Top 10 games for September:

- "Diablo III: Ultimate Evil Edition," P54, Xbox One
- "The Walking Dead Season 2 Episode 5 — No Going Back," P53, 360, PC, Vita, iOS
- "The Last of Us: Remastered," P54
- "Metro Redux," P54, Xbox One, PC
- "Divinity: Original Sin," PC
- "Professor Layton vs. Phoenix Wright: Ace Attorney" 3DS
- "Madden NFL 15," P54, Xbox One, P53, 360
- "Inflamous: First Light," P54
- "Lichdom: Battlemage," PC
- "Danganronpa 2: Goodbye Despair," Vita

— Compiled by MCT

APPS

Top 5 new paid apps for September 3:

- ANDROID
- Five Nights at Freddy's
 - Afterlight
 - Unpossible
 - ALONE ...
 - Time Tangle — Adventure Time
- Top 5 paid apps for September 3:
- APPLE
- Heads Up!
 - Castle of Illusion Starring Mickey Mouse
 - Minecraft — Pocket Edition
 - Afterlight
 - Sleep Cycle alarm clock

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INDEPENDENT NEWS FOR THE U.S. MILITARY COMMUNITY

Whenever They Fight and Wherever They Live

The first Stars and Stripes was printed during the Civil War, when a band of Union soldiers published a handful of editions.

During World War I, Stars and Stripes reappeared in Paris on February 8, 1918, to serve the doughboys of the American Expeditionary Force (AEF), under order of General of the Armies John J. Pershing. An all-military staff produced it weekly until the war's end.

A second renaissance began on April 18, 1942, when a small group of servicemen began publishing a four-page weekly Stars and Stripes in London. They sold each copy for "tuppence" (about 5 cents) and in no time doubled their page count to eight pages, printing daily instead of weekly.

The first World War II edition of Stars and Stripes featured an interview with Gen. George C. Marshall, Army Chief of Staff. Marshall quoted Gen. Pershing, World War I Commander of the AEF, who described Stripes as a major factor in sustaining morale. Stars and Stripes later found a champion and protector in Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Allied Commander and later president of the United States.

Eisenhower enforced a hands-off policy in regard to Stars and Stripes that continues to the present day.

Operations expanded, following GIs to the battlefield to bring them the news. During the war, Stars and Stripes published over 30

separate editions, running up to 24 pages per issue.

At one time, Stars and Stripes had some 25 printing locations in Europe, North Africa, the Middle East and the Pacific. The Pacific edition was launched a week after VE day (Victory in Europe, May 8, 1945).

The war ended—but Stars and Stripes kept going. Its reporters and photographers continued to join American troops in the field, throughout the Korean and Vietnam conflicts, during the 1990s Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, and in Bosnia and Kosovo.

From the 2003 outset of Operation Enduring Freedom, Stars and Stripes was there to report first-hand. The war in Afghanistan continues to receive steady coverage. And during Operation Iraqi Freedom, Stripes reporters embedded with military units in Kuwait and Iraq, as well as on Navy ships in the region.

Stars and Stripes today is a multimedia news organization. The majority of Stars and Stripes unique reporting efforts is read now in digital form, either online at stripes.com or via mobile offerings for iPhone, Android and iPad, in over 200 countries around the world.

The print newspaper is still available for servicemembers, government civilians and their families in



Europe, the Middle East and the Pacific—and in contingency areas. Washington, D.C., hosts the Central office, where daily editions are transported to printers in Afghanistan, Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait, and Djibouti, as well as in Germany, Italy, UK, Japan, and South Korea. Stars and Stripes also publishes several weeklies (Stripes Guam, Japan, Korea and Okinawa), designed to serve the

needs of their respective military communities.

A U.S. edition comprised exclusively of Stars and Stripes reports from around the world now serves stateside forces and veterans. The U.S. edition is published in partnership with commercial newspaper publishers who serve communities with large military populations.

STARS AND STRIPES RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE

2014 VFW News Media Award – For outstanding contribution to a better understanding of our American way of life and its institutions and interests by honest and forthright reporting.

2013 Best American Newspaper Narrative Writing Contest – Notable Narrative Winner
Recipient: Martin Kuz: "Soldiers Recount Attack"

2013 Military Reporters and Editors Awards – Notable Narrative Winner
Recipient: Laura Rauch

2013 National Headline Awards – Second Place: News Series (Forever After: A Warrior Wounded; A Family Challenged)

2013 min Best of Web: Redesign – Honorable Mention
Stripes UK website

2011 Military Photographer of the Year – Honorable Mention
Recipient: Joshua DeMotts

2011 Sigma Delta Chi Award – Breaking News Photography (Newspaper Circulation 100,001+ or Affiliated Website/National Magazine) Recipient: Laura Rauch: "For those love I will sacrifice"

2011 John Reagan "Tex" McCrary Award for Excellence in Journalism – Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation

2010 Military Reporters and Editors Awards – Overseas coverage (< 100,000 circulation)
Recipient: Jon Rabinoff

2010 National Headline Awards – First Place: Public Service (Forcing Change) – Third Place: News Series (Coming Home: The Men of Triple Deuce)

2009 George Polk Awards in Journalism – George Polk Award for Military Reporting
Recipients: Charlie Reed, Leo Shane III and Kevin Baron

2009 min Editorial & Design Awards – Editorial Print / Special Supplement: HEROES 2009; Custom Publication Design: Stripes GAMER

2007 Military Reporters and Editors Awards – Overseas coverage (< 100,000 circulation)
Recipient: Monte Morin

2006 Military Reporters and Editors Awards – Overseas coverage (< 100,000 circulation)
Recipients: Monte Morin, Joe Giordano; Honorable mention: Nancy Montgomery Photography; Fred Zimmerman

2005 Military Reporters and Editors Awards – Overseas coverage (< 100,000 circulation)
Recipient: Steve Lower Photography; Terry Boyd

2004 American Legion Excellence in Journalism Award – Ground Truth Hero

2003 Scripps Howard Foundation National Journalism Award – First Amendment, Finalist

BUSINESS/WEATHER

Experts: Weak jobs data usual for Aug.

By VICTORIA STILWELL

Bloomberg News

WASHINGTON — “‘Fluke.’” “‘Volatile.’” “‘Statistical blip.’” “‘Subject to revision.’”

Those were the words that economists turned to as they described Friday's August report on U.S. employment.

Payrolls climbed by 142,000 workers, less than the 230,000 median forecast of economists surveyed by Bloomberg and the smallest gain this year, data from the Labor Department showed Friday. The unemployment rate fell to 6.1 percent from 6.2 percent in July as people left the workforce.

Some are chalking up the miss to the tendency for August jobs numbers to initially come in low, only to show stronger gains as the figures are adjusted over the following months. Payrolls for the month have been revised up in each of the past four years, data show.

During this recovery, “the first report has come in low, and it's been revised substantially upward,” said Robert Stein, deputy chief economist at First Trust Portfolios in Wheaton, Ill., and the top-ranked payrolls forecaster over the last two years, according to data compiled by Bloomberg. “This is a complete statistical blip, and it will be revised upward over the next couple of months.”

Jim O'Sullivan, chief U.S. economist at High Frequency Economics in Valhalla, N.Y., said his below-consensus forecast for job gains of 195,000 “reflected the apparent tendency in recent years for August gains in particular to be under-reported initially, only to be revised up later,” he wrote in a note to clients. “We do not believe the trend has weakened and caution against extrapolating.”

After revisions, payrolls were boosted by 55,000 on average for the month of August from 2010 through 2013, according to

Bloomberg calculations. Estimates for payrolls last month in the Bloomberg survey of 91 economists ranged from increases of 190,000 to 310,000 after a previously reported 209,000 July gain. The August advance interrupted six straight months of payroll gains exceeding 200,000. Revisions to prior reports subtracted a total of 28,000 jobs from overall payrolls in the previous two months.

Friday's data were particularly surprising in light of recent reports, said Guy Lebas, chief fixed-income strategist at Janney Montgomery Scott in Philadelphia. Initial jobless claims have been hovering near historical lows, with the total number of people on benefit rolls falling last month to the lowest level since June 2007, a Labor Department report showed Thursday.

“I'm not one to say that a data point is totally meaningless, but the magnitude of the miss given

all the other indicators this month seems a little bit large,” Lebas said in an interview.

Meanwhile, service providers such as retailers and construction firms expanded in August at the fastest pace since August 2006, with ISM's non-manufacturing index climbing to 59.6. Households are also feeling better, as Bloomberg's weekly measure of consumer sentiment rose to the second-highest level in a year last week.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Sept. 8)	\$1,3395
Dollar buys (Sept. 8)	€0.7516
British pound (Sept. 8)	\$1.68
Japanese yen (Sept. 8)	102.00
South Korean won (Sept. 8)	997.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3771
British pound	\$1.6331
Canada (Dollar)	1.0886
China (Yuan)	6.1405
Denmark (Krone)	7.4657
Egypt (Pound)	71.525
Euro	\$1.2958/0.7117
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.5201
Hungary (Forint)	242.10
Israel (Sheqel)	3.6039
Japan (Yen)	105.06
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2856
Norway (Krone)	6.2833
Philippines (Peso)	43.26
Poland (Zloty)	3.25
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7507
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2537
South Korea (Won)	1,024.34
Switzerland (Franc)	0.9309
Thailand (Baht)	31.99
Turkey (Lira)	2.1594

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

MARKET WATCH

Sept. 5, 2014

Dow Jones Industrials	67.78	17,137.36
Nasdaq composite	20.61	4,582.90
Standard & Poor's 500	10.06	2,007.71
Russell 2000	2.92	1,170.13

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	0.75
Federal funds market rate	0.09
3-month bill	0.09
30-year bond	2.24

WEATHER OUTLOOK



Sunday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Ablene, Texas	83	69	Cir	Chatanooga	84	67	Cldy	Fort Wayne	75	52	Cir	Louisville	81	59	Pcldy
Akron, Ohio	75	50	Cir	Cheyenne	77	52	Pcldy	Fresno	98	60	Cir	Madison	76	53	Cir
Albany, N.Y.	71	43	Cir	Chicago	77	60	Cir	Goodland	82	57	Cir	Medford	94	57	Cir
Albuquerque	79	62	Cir	Cincinnati	78	57	Cir	Grand Junction	84	60	Pcldy	Memphis	84	65	Pcldy
Allentown, Pa.	79	54	Cir	Cleveland	74	54	Cir	Greensboro, N.C.	81	64	Cir	Milwaukee	74	58	Cir
Amarillo	79	61	Cir	Colorado Springs	81	53	Pcldy	Harrisburg	77	54	Pcldy	Mpls-St Paul	77	57	Cir
Anchorage	58	42	Cir	Columbus, Ga.	90	72	Rain	Helena	84	49	Cir	Missoula	83	46	Cir
Ashville	79	61	Rain	Columbus, Ohio	79	55	Cir	Honolulu	90	75	Pcldy	Mobile	91	64	Rain
Atlanta	87	70	Rain	Concord, N.H.	76	45	Cir	Houston	93	74	Cir	Montgomery	92	71	Rain
Atlantic City	80	61	Cir	Corpus Christi	90	75	Rain	Huntsville	86	68	Rain	Nashville	83	63	Cir
Austin	92	74	Cir	Dallas-Ft Worth	89	74	Cir	Indianapolis	77	56	Pcldy	New Orleans	90	77	Cir
Baltimore	80	62	Pcldy	Dayton	77	54	Cir	Jacksonville	89	69	Cir	New York City	80	62	Cir
Baton Rouge	90	73	Cir	Daytona Beach	91	75	Rain	Janeau	56	45	Cir	Norfolk, Va.	81	70	Rain
Birmingham	87	69	Cir	Denver	82	56	Pcldy	Kansas City	74	58	Cir	North Platte	79	57	Pcldy
Bismarck	82	55	Cir	Des Moines	76	56	Cir	Key West	90	83	Cir	Oaklahoma City	83	66	Cir
Boise	90	56	Cir	Duluth	72	52	Cir	Knoxville	83	65	Cir	Omaha	76	57	Cir
Boston	78	58	Cir	El Paso	79	69	Cir	Lake Charles	89	63	Rain	Orlando	91	74	Rain
Burlington	81	59	Pcldy	Portland	74	54	Cir	Lansing	74	53	Cir	Paducah	80	56	Cir
Brownsville	91	76	Cir	Erie	71	54	Cir	Las Vegas	96	78	Cir	Pendleton	87	57	Cir
Buffalo	72	51	Cir	Eugene	86	52	Cir	Lexington	77	58	Pcldy	Peoria	77	58	Pcldy
Burlington	71	43	Cir	Fargo	78	59	Cir	Lincoln	77	57	Cir	Philadelphia	81	62	Pcldy
Caribou, Maine	67	43	Cir	Flagstaff	71	51	Rain	Little Rock	83	63	Cir	Phoenix	94	80	Cir
Charleston, S.C.	82	65	Cir	Fort Smith	86	67	Cir	Los Angeles	90	71	Cir	Pittsburgh	75	53	Cir
Charleston, W.V.	79	59	Cir												
Charlotte, N.C.	84	68	Rain												

National temperature extremes
 Hi: Fri., 115, Death Valley, Calif.
 Lo: Fri., 22, Stanley, Idaho

SPORTS BRIEFS

Dodgers' Beckett won't return this season

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Josh Beckett won't return to the mound for the Los Angeles Dodgers this season, and the injured pitcher is mulling retirement.

He went on the disabled list for the third time Aug. 4 with a left hip impingement after being on the DL in July for the same injury. The 34-year-old right-hander was 6-6 with a 2.88 ERA in 20 starts, including a no-hitter May 25 in Philadelphia.

Beckett's first time on the DL was in March, when he had a bruised right thumb.

He doesn't think he can continue his career without having surgery, and he won't make that decision until the offseason. He also plans to discuss with his wife whether he wants to attempt another comeback next year.

"They're tough decisions, but they are definitely things I'm going to have to think about in the offseason that I've never had to think about," Beckett said.

If he decides not to pitch next year, Beckett said he would likely have surgery in May, giving him the summer to rehab in Texas, where he makes his offseason home.

In other baseball news:
 ■ Left-hander Bruce Chen has been released by the Kansas City Royals.

The 37-year-old pitcher was designated for assignment Aug. 29, a day after he gave up six runs in the 10th inning of an 11-5 loss to Minnesota.

Curry's six threes send US to worlds quarters

BARCELONA, Spain — Stephen Curry made six three-pointers and scored 20 points, leading the U.S. national team into the quarterfinals of the Basketball World Cup with an 86-63 victory over Mexico on Saturday.

The Golden State Warriors All-Star was 7-for-10 from the field and 6-for-9 behind the arc, con-



JAYNE KAMIN-ONCELA/AP

Dodgers pitcher Josh Beckett won't return to the mound for the Dodgers this season, and the injured pitcher is mulling retirement.

tinuing to improve upon a dismal start to the tournament for one of the game's best shooters.

Warriors teammate Klay Thompson added 15 points for the Americans, who advance to a game Tuesday against either Slovenia or Dominican Republic, who they are a combined 3-0 against this summer. The U.S. beat both easily in exhibition play, then handled the Dominicans again during the group stage in Bilbao.

Curry was just 4-for-17 overall in his first two games, though shot the ball over the next three. He saved his best performance for Barcelona, where the Americans are used to them.

Gustavo Ayon scored 25 points for Mexico, which won last year's FIBA Americas tournament to qualify and then advanced as the No. 4 team out of Group D despite a 2-3 record.

In other basketball news:
 ■ Greg Monroe has signed a \$5.48 million, one-year qualifying offer with the Detroit Pistons, according to a person with knowledge of the deal.

The person spoke on condition

of anonymity Friday because no announcement had been made. The move sets the stage for the 6-foot-11 Monroe to become an unrestricted free agent after this season.

Harbaugh: McDonald will play against Dallas

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — San Francisco 49ers coach Jim Harbaugh said defensive end Ray McDonald, who was arrested in a domestic violence case last week, will play against the Dallas Cowboys on Sunday.

"As it stands now, yes he will play," Harbaugh said Friday. "There are two principles woven together here. I feel the way the facts are, what's known, he has the liberty to play the game."

McDonald has been late for practice at least twice this week taking care of personal business, but Harbaugh said the seven-year veteran has been fine in practice.

McDonald has missed four games since 2008 with injuries. As a rookie, he was limited and appeared in nine games. The

49ers are 4-7 when he's out of the lineup.

In other NFL news:
 ■ Arizona's dynamic running back Andre Ellington missed practice Friday with a foot injury.

The Cardinals did not reveal the severity of the injury or whether it would keep him out of Monday night's season opener against San Diego.

Donovan gets 2 goals, 2 assists for Galaxy

CARSON, Calif. — Landon Donovan, Gyasi Zardes and Baggio Husic scored two goals apiece to help the Los Angeles Galaxy to a 6-0 victory over the 10-man Colorado Rapids on Friday night.

Los Angeles (14-5-7) won its fifth straight game, while Colorado (8-13-6) lost its seventh consecutive match.

Colorado goalkeeper Joe Nasco was shown a red card in the first minute of the match for a take-down of Alan Gordon inside the 6-yard box. Donovan's penalty kick caught backup goalkeeper Clint Irwin diving the wrong way. Donovan converted another penalty kick in the 47th minute.

Busch never trails in victory at Richmond

RICHMOND, Va. — Kyle Busch led from start to finish, usually by plenty, and ended an eight-race NASCAR Nationwide Series winless streak Friday night with his fifth career victory at Richmond International Raceway.

Busch started on the pole, routinely built leads of several seconds and was never really challenged.

It was the second time in Busch's career that he led a race in the series from start to finish. He also was the last person to accomplish the feat, the first time coming in Phoenix in February 2011.

Kevin Harvick appeared to be closing in on him with about 40 laps to go, and said his car was stronger than Busch's on long runs, but that the final caution eliminated any chance he had of overtaking the leader.

Nationwide Series points leader Chase Elliott overtook Harvick after the final restart to claim second. Harvick was third, followed by Blaney and Brian Scott. Regan Smith, who is second in points, finished sixth and went from 15 points down to 19.

In other auto racing news:
 ■ Lewis Hamilton broke Mercedes teammate Nico Rosberg's recent stranglehold on pole position by qualifying ahead of the championship leader at the Italian Grand Prix on Saturday — although the rivalry between the pair remains as heated as ever.

Rosberg had taken four straight poles and six of the last seven.

Hamilton clocked 1 minute, 24.109 seconds at the Monza circuit in Monza, Italy. Rosberg was second in 1:24.383 and Valtteri Bottas of Williams qualified third in 1:24.697.

Garcia takes the lead at Cherry Hills

CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE, Colo. — Sergio Garcia hit great shots that led to eagle, birdie and par Friday. They carried him to a 6-under 64, giving him a one-shot lead going into the weekend at the BMW Championship on ever-changing Cherry Hills.

Garcia holed out from a green-side bunker for birdie on the second hole. He holed a lob wedge for eagle on the short, par-4 seventh hole. And after hitting into the water going for the green on the par-5 17th hole, he escaped with a par by getting up-and-down with a wedge to a foot.

He needed them all. Ryan Palmer also made eagle with a short wedge on the seventh hole, and he finished birdie-birdie for a 64 to end up a shot behind.

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Marlins 11, Braves 3

Atlanta		Miami	
ab	r	h	bi
Heyward rf	4	0	1
Smits ss	4	0	1
Ffrench 1b	4	1	1
Lipton lf	4	0	0
Gattis c	4	0	1
Castellano 2b	4	0	0
Chisen 3b	2	1	0
Bjouton cf	3	0	1
Harang p	1	0	0
Hale p	0	0	0
Conzinz ph	0	0	0
Russell p	0	0	0
Jank's p	0	0	0
Bonifac ph	1	1	0
Schirp c	0	0	0
Avilan p	0	0	0
Totals	32	3	5

Totals		3811 1811	
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Atlanta	202	201	22x-11
Miami	100	100	12x-3

DP—Atlanta 1, 9B—Atlanta 3, Miami 8, 2B—Heyward (24), Velich (26), Stanton (30), Ozuna 2 (24), Bour (12), HR—Ffrenchman (18), 5B—Stanton (11), S—Cosart 2.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Atlanta						
Harang L10-10	3 2/3	10	6	6	1	3
Hale	1 2/3	1	0	0	0	0
Russell	1	2	1	1	0	1
Jank's	1	2	2	2	0	0
Schirp	1	2	2	2	0	0
Avilan	1 2/3	0	0	0	0	0
Miami						
Cosart W4-1	7 2/3	5	3	3	1	6
DeJernings	1 2/3	0	0	0	0	0
Slyson	1	0	0	0	0	1
T—2:48, A—19,951 (37,442).						

Calendar

Sept. 30 — Postseason begins.
Oct. 22 — World Series begins, city of American League champion.
November TBA — Deadline for teams to make qualifying offers to their eligible former players who became free agents, fifth year after World Series.
November TBA — Deadline for free agents to accept qualifying offers, 12th day after World Series.
Nov. 10-12 — General managers' meetings, Phoenix.
Dec. 2 — Last day for teams to offer 2015 contracts to unsigned players.
Dec. 8-11 — Winter meetings, San Diego.
Dec. 8 — Hall of Fame golden era (1947-72) vote announced, San Diego, 2015.
Jan. 13 — Salary arbitration filing.
Jan. 16 — Salary arbitration figures exchanged after World Series.
Feb. 1-21 — Salary arbitration hearings.
July 14 — All-Star game, Cincinnati.
July 17 — Deadline for amateur draft picks to sign.
July 31 — Last day to trade a player without securing waivers.
Sept. 1 — Active rosters expand to 40 players.
Dec. 7-10 — Winter meetings, Nashville, Tenn.

Peavy waits, shuts down Tigers



Jose Juarez/AP

San Francisco pitcher Jake Peavy pitched six innings without allowing an earned run during Friday's road victory over Detroit.

Long rain delay can't keep Giants pitcher from returning to mound

By Noah Trister
The Associated Press

DETROIT — After waiting out a rain delay that lasted about as long as a normal game, Jake Peavy was convinced he could go back to the mound.
 Giants manager Bruce Bochy wasn't about to stop him.
 "He was so adamant that he was good to go," Bochy said. "I think it would have crushed him not to go back out there. You just trust Jake."

Peavy ended up pitching six innings — three before the delay and three after it — without allowing an earned run, and San Francisco routed the Detroit Tigers 8-2 on Friday night.

Pablo Sandoval homered for the Giants, who are two games behind the first-place Los Angeles Dodgers in the NL West.

The Tigers fell two games behind first-place Kansas City in the AL Central — and now trail Seattle by a half-game for the second wild card.

The Giants scored six runs in three innings against Rick Porcello (15-10) and led 6-0 when a severe storm came through downtown Detroit, delaying the game for 2 hours, 42 minutes.

When play resumed, Peavy (4-4) stayed in. He allowed two un-

earned runs in the fifth, but that was it.

"You just listen to your body. I felt good," Peavy said. "Tonight was a big one. Every game's big. We know that."

Playing in Detroit for the first time since winning the World Series there in 2012, the Giants scored a run in the first, three in the second and two in the third. Porcello allowed five earned runs and 10 hits in three innings, and also dealt with an injury scare when a comebacker by Brandon Crawford hit his right foot in the third.

"The ball hit me between the ankle and the heel, and it's sore, but I'll be fine," Porcello said.

Porcello stayed in the game and got the third out of the inning. After the Tigers batted in the bottom half, the heavy rain moved in.

Sandoval's solo homer in the sixth — his 16th of the year — made it 8-2.

San Francisco opened the scoring on Sandoval's RBI single in the first, and Travis Ishikawa added one of his own in the second. Angel Pagan's run-scoring groundout made it 3-0, and Joe Panik's infield single brought another run home.

Peavy allowed six hits and struck out three.

Roundup

Brewers halt skid, cut Cardinals' lead to 3 games

The Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — In less than a month, Mike Fiers has jumped from minor league starter to playoff-race stopper.

Scooter Gennett drove in three runs and Fiers pitched into the seventh inning to lead Milwaukee past St. Louis 6-2 Friday night, snapping the Brewers' nine-game losing streak and trimming the Cardinals' lead in the NL Central to three games.

Fiers (5-2) gave up two runs and seven hits in 6 2/3 innings, improving to 5-1 in six starts since being called up from Triple-A Nashville on Aug. 9 and giving him half of the Brewers' 10 wins in 28 games and walked one.

"It's big. We needed a win here pretty soon," said Fiers, who also helped himself with a pair of key sacrifice bunts. "I just wanted to give them a quality start, keep the runs as low as possible and give our team a chance to win. It's a big relief, but we have more work to do tomorrow.

Jonathan Broxton, acquired Aug. 31 from Cincinnati, pitched a perfect eighth and Francisco

Rodriguez got the last three outs.

Milwaukee moved one game ahead of Atlanta for the NL's second wild-card spot. The Braves lost 11-3 at Miami.

Cardinals starter John Lackey (2-2) gave up all six runs and nine hits in six innings.

Mariners 7, Rangers 5: Kendry Morales hit two of his team's four homers and visiting Seattle beat Texas, handing the Rangers their seventh straight loss.

Royals 1, Yankees 0: James Shields took a two-hitter into the ninth inning and Nori Aoki lined a run-scoring single in the third following Chase Headley's two-base error, leading visiting Kansas City over New York.

Rays 3, Orioles 0: Alex Cobb and two relievers combined on a six-hitter against Baltimore for host Tampa Bay's AL-best 19th shutout this season.

Pirates 3, Cubs 3 (7): The game between visiting Pittsburgh and Chicago was suspended by rain with one out in the top of the seventh inning.

The teams were scheduled to resume their game Saturday afternoon before their regularly scheduled matchup.



MORRY GASH/AP

Milwaukee's Scooter Gennett follows through on a two-run single during the third inning of Friday's home game against St. Louis.

Red Sox 9, Blue Jays 8 (10): Yoanis Cespedes had four hits, including a game-winning single that capped a three-run 10th inning, and host Boston rallied to beat Toronto.

Phillies 9, Nationals 8 (11): Rafael Soriano blew another save, and an error by Bryce Harper on

a routine fly ball in the 11th inning led to the go-ahead runs, giving visiting Philadelphia a win over Washington.

Marlins 11, Braves 3: Jarrod Cosart pitched into the eighth inning and Marcell Ozuna had four hits and four RBIs to lead host Miami.

Indians 2, White Sox 1 (10): Pinch-hitter David Murphy drove in the winning run with a bases-loaded single in the 10th inning and host Cleveland defeated Chicago.

Rockies 3, Padres 0: Tyler Matzek pitched a three-hitter for his first career shutout, Nolan Arenado and Drew Stubbs homered, and host Colorado beat San Diego.

Mets 14, Reds 5: Curtis Granderson and Travis d'Arnaud each hit a three-run homer and drove in four runs, powering visiting New York to its third straight victory.

Angels 7, Twins 6 (10): Kole Calhoun had three hits and scored four times, sliding home for the go-ahead run in the 10th inning to give visiting Los Angeles a victory over Minnesota.

Dodgers 2, Diamondbacks 1: Dan Haren pitched well in two extra days of rest and Matt Kemp homered to lead host Los Angeles past Arizona.

Aster 4, Athletics 3: Chris Carter hit his 36th homer and drove in three runs against his former team to help visiting Houston beat slumping Oakland.

US OPEN/COLLEGE FOOTBALL



DARRON CUMMINGS/AP

Medical personnel rush to assist Shuai Peng as she drops to her knees in pain during the semifinals of the U.S. Open against Caroline Wozniacki on Friday in New York. Peng left the court in a wheelchair and retired from the game, forfeiting it to Wozniacki.

Wozniacki, Williams set to meet in US Open final

By Howard Fendrich
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Overcome by heat and humidity in the second set of her U.S. Open semifinal, China's Shuai Peng paused between points to clutch at her left thigh and put her weight on her racket as if it were a cane.

Still, she tried to continue Friday against Caroline Wozniacki.

One point later, Peng dropped her racket and grabbed at her right knee, then staggered toward the wall behind the baseline and leaned against it, wiping away tears, until a trainer ran to her side. Others arrived, too: a doctor, the chair umpire, a tournament official, a security guard, a ballkid with an umbrella to offer shelter from the sun.

Fighting pain in both legs and her back, a limping Peng was helped over to a hallway adjacent to the court, where it was determined she had heat illness and needed treatment. In all, it was a 10-minute delay, which Wozniacki used to practice serving. Yet again, Peng tried to play on. She stuck it out for six more points, before collapsing to the ground, resting on her hands and knees as Wozniacki walked around the net to check on her. Peng stopped while trailing 7-6 (1), 4-3, allowing Denmark's Wozniacki to reach her second Grand Slam final.

At a news conference more than four hours later, Peng said she was feeling better. She was not sure whether, in the end, she was the one who said she had to retire or was told to (although tournament director David Brewer said it was Peng's decision).

Peng, who is 28, did recall how she reacted when the doctor suggested it might be a good idea to quit.

"I said, 'No, no, no. I don't want to give up. I want to try one more time,'" said Peng, who was playing in her first semifinal in 37 career major tournaments. "I knew I'm not going to stay maybe too long, but I just want to try, you know. I just wanted to challenge her one more time."

Eventually, Peng was taken away in a wheelchair, closing the scary and surreal scene.

It was really hard to watch," said the 10th-seeded Wozniacki, who lost the 2009 U.S. Open title match. "To see her struggling out there — I just wanted to



MIKE GROLL/AP

Serena Williams reacts after defeating Ekaterina Makarova during the women's semifinals.

make sure she was OK."

In Sunday's final, Wozniacki will face good pal Serena Williams, who overwhelmed 17th-seeded Ekaterina Makarova of Russia 6-1, 6-3 to extend her U.S. Open winning streak to 20 matches. If she can make that 21 in a row, the No. 1-ranked Williams will become the first woman since Chris Evert in the 1970s to win three consecutive titles at the tournament.

NCAA extends Georgia Tech's probation to 2017

By Charles Odum
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Georgia Tech athletic director Mike Bobinski said Friday he hopes the school's extended NCAA probation announced this week is "the last time we go down this road."

Georgia Tech had its NCAA probation extended two years, to June 13, 2017, after coaches were found to have made hundreds of impermissible calls and texts to recruits in 2011 and 2012. The NCAA on Thursday announced its ruling that Georgia Tech "failed to monitor its sports programs."

In 2011, Georgia Tech was forced to vacate its 2009 Atlantic Coast Conference football championship and placed on probation for four years due to NCAA rules violations.

The NCAA said coaches made at least 478 impermissible calls and sent at least 299 impermissible text messages to a total of 140 prospects.

The NCAA said there were violations in nine programs in 2011 and 2012, most in the men's and women's basketball and football programs.

In a letter to Georgia Tech president Bud Peterson obtained by The Associated Press in an open records request, Greg Sankey, the chief hearing officer on the NCAA's committee on infractions, said self-imposed sanctions suggested by the school were accepted but not sufficient.

"In considering appropriate penalties, the panel reviewed and adopted the institution's self-imposed penalties and corrective measures; however, the panel was troubled by the fact that this is the institution's second major infractions case in the past three years and that the case involved both intentional violations and individuals' conscious decisions not to

report identified violations," Sankey said in the July 23 letter.

The NCAA decision made public on Thursday noted there were impermissible phone calls made by men's basketball coaches only three days after Georgia Tech appeared before the NCAA committee for major violations in its football and men's basketball program in April 2011.

Brian Gregory was named the new basketball coach on March 28, 2011. He replaced Paul Hewitt, who was fired on March 12, 2011. "What transpired in 2011-12 and the 'failure to monitor' finding are not things that sit well with me or with any of us here at Georgia Tech," Bobinski said.

"This is not a label I intend to wear beyond the point of our extended probation period. We are pleased the NCAA accepted our self-imposed sanctions and corrective measures, but our clear intentions are that this is the last time we go down this road as an Institute."

Bobinski was named athletic director in 2013.

In 2011, the NCAA ruled Georgia Tech must pay a \$100,000 fine and return its 2009 ACC championship trophy as punishment for allowing an ineligible player, receiver Demaryius Thomas, to compete. The school was given recruiting restrictions and placed on probation for four years.

Georgia Tech's appeal was denied in 2012, when the NCAA noted the school "was cited for preferential treatment violations, a lack of cooperation during the investigation and a failure to meet the conditions and obligations of membership."

The NCAA said Thomas, now a star with the Denver Broncos, should have been declared ineligible after he accepted gifts from a former player who was working for an agent.



JOE MANONEY/AP

Denver Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning (18) celebrates with teammate Demaryius Thomas during an NFL football game in Denver last season. In 2011, the NCAA ruled Georgia Tech must pay a \$100,000 fine and return its 2009 ACC championship trophy as punishment for allowing Thomas, who was found to have accepted gifts from a former player working for an agent, to compete.

NFL

Colts' Wayne ready to prove doubters wrong

35-year-old WR always believed he would be back after ACL injury

By MICHAEL MAROT
The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Reggie Wayne never doubted he could get back to being himself on the football field.

Not last October when his right knee gave out late in the Colts' win over Denver. Not when he put in hours after hours strengthening the torn ACL on his own. Not even when the Colts played it safe in the preseason. Nope, Wayne always expected his knee would heal, his speed would return, his cuts would be crisp and the critics who counted him out would be wrong.

All he has to do now is prove he's back. It starts Sunday night against the defending AFC champion Broncos and old friend Peyton Manning.

"I know what I'm capable of doing," Wayne said Friday as he enters the final year of his contract. "When you're rehabbing two or three times a day there's no time for doubt, and if you have doubt, there's no sense in getting up at 5 o'clock in the morning to rehab. It's time to show everyone what four to eight hours a day, every day, away from your family was all about. It's time to show everyone I'm the Reggie of old, if not better."

Those inside the Colts organization never doubted Wayne's comeback would be different.

Instead of giving up on the guy who befriended coach Chuck Pagano at the University of Miami in the late 1990s, who



AJ MAST/AP

Indianapolis Colts wide receiver Reggie Wayne runs from the tunnel before an NFL preseason game on Aug. 23 against the New Orleans Saints in Indianapolis. With a deep group of receivers, two workhorse running backs, two versatile tight ends who can stay on the field for each play and a more confident defense, the defending AFC South champs may finally have the right combination to challenge perennial AFC favorites Denver and New England for the conference championship.

gave up money to re-sign with the Colts in 2012 and delivered the season's signature moment with a career-best 212-yard day in an incredible 30-27 comeback victory over Green Bay — days after Pagano left the team to start his battle against leukemia — everyone supported Wayne.

Wayne's first real game in 10½ months is, ironically, against the team he sustained the injury against and against the same quarterback who helped him emerge as one of the NFL's best receivers.

For a handful of hours Sunday, Wayne acknowledges, Manning will be a foe — not a friend — and that Manning will feel the same way about him until it's over. But for the first time since getting hurt, Wayne will be under no restrictions.

Star: Indianapolis QB Luck doesn't fit mold of typical NFL superstar

FROM BACK PAGE

He spent his final college season trying to get the Cardinal in the national title hunt, ignoring all the talk about him being the No. 1 pick. Indianapolis used the pick on Luck over 2011 Heisman Trophy winner Robert Griffin III. Because he was replacing Manning, he faced constant comparisons to the future Hall-of-Famer.

As rookies, Luck and Griffin both led their teams to the playoffs. Griffin bested Luck to earn the NFL's Offensive Rookie of the Year Award.

Last year, it looked like Luck would surpass Griffin — who struggled to return from a knee injury — and become the league's top young quarterback. Luck beat Manning's Broncos and eventual Super Bowl champion Seattle, won the AFC South title and orchestrated the second-biggest playoff comeback in NFL history. But the championship went to 2012 draft classmate Russell Wilson and the Seahawks.

Luck says he never worries about who is seen as the best quarterback. Instead, he focuses on self-improvement.

While many players dreamed of striking it rich in pro football, Luck spent part of his childhood in Europe developing an affinity for soccer and travel. He learned



TOM UHLMAN/AP

Indianapolis Colts quarterback Andrew Luck learned how to handle media attention by watching how his father Oliver Luck — a former NFL, World League, and NFL Europe quarterback — maneuvered through reporters' questions.

lessons watching his father — a former NFL quarterback who held jobs in the World League of American Football and NFL Europe — maneuver through reporters' questions.

"I think subconsciously, I really did learn a lot of stuff from my dad," Luck said. "I'd watch and

pick things up. I was admonished by him once for doing an interview when I was in high school. ... He said 'You have to understand the weight of what you say. You can't take it back.'"

Luck didn't make that mistake again, even as he attempted to answer all those questions about the

comparisons with Manning. Time after time, Luck had the same response: Anyone who attempted to match Manning's numbers would eventually go crazy.

Luck's father isn't surprised that his son doesn't quite fit the mold of the typical NFL star.

"He's always been a pretty curious kid," Oliver Luck said. "We didn't really know how long we were going to be in Europe when we went over there, so we tried to take advantage of the weekends to go to Paris or the Alps or whatever, so they got to see a lot. A lot of guys fly around the world in the offseason because they have the resources to do it. In his case, I think he really enjoys Europe."

And his approach to stardom has been different. Instead of filming commercials for extra money during his rookie season, Luck immersed himself in film study and became a steady influence on one of the youngest teams in the NFL.

Then, in Year 2, Luck cut down on his mistakes, and like Manning, won a division title.

But after throwing seven interceptions in two playoff games, Luck changed the offseason script.

"I think I handled the business side of things a little better, the endorsements and this and that and what it all entails," he said. "With

time, you understand how to approach those things a little better."

That sounded awfully familiar to Colts quarterbacks coach Clyde Christensen.

"Peyton was great at those things. He studied it, and every year he'd see if he could improve that (time management) by 1 percent. ... I think Andrew will get there," Christensen said. "I think each year he (Luck) gets wiser, and each year, he gets more of an ability to say no. He's such a nice guy, it's hard to say no and sift through that stuff."

The Colts have gradually given Luck more responsibility.

Offensive coordinator Pep Hamilton has allowed his prized pupil to install part of the offense at each of the last two training camps, and this year, the Colts plan to use more no-huddle.

It's one of the few trends Luck's friends have seen him embrace.

"One thing that I love about him is that he hasn't changed," receiver Reggie Wayne said. "He came in loving the game of football, wanting to be the best, wanting to do everything he can to help the team win and he's still the same guy. I really believe he's going to be that dude when it's all said and done. He's worthy of being the first pick of the draft. He's worthy of replacing an all-time great."



GAMEDAY

WEEK 1

TELEVISED GAMES



New Orleans Saints (0-0) at Atlanta Falcons (0-0)

AFN-Sports
7 p.m. Sunday CET

Series: The Falcons lead 46-43 but the Saints have won 13 of the past 16.

Last meeting: The Saints won 17-13 on Nov. 21, 2013, in Atlanta.

Notes: The Saints ranked second in passing offense (307.4 yards per game) and passing defense (194.1) last season. ... Falcons quarterback Matt Ryan passed for 4,515 yards last year, his third consecutive 4,000-yard season. He's 36-10 at home in his career.



New England Patriots (0-0) at Miami Dolphins (0-0)

AFN-Atlantic
7 p.m. Sunday CET

Series: The Dolphins lead 50-44, but the Patriots have won seven of the past nine.

Last meeting: The Dolphins won 24-20 on Dec. 15, 2013, in Miami.

Notes: The Patriots have won 10 or more games for 11 straight seasons, the second-longest streak in history. ... In the teams' last meeting, Dolphins quarterback Ryan Tannehill passed for 321 yards and three touchdowns without throwing any interceptions.

Marquee matchup

Indianapolis Colts (0-0) at Denver Broncos (0-0)

AFN-Sports, 2:30 a.m. Monday Central European Time

SERIES RECORD: Broncos lead 11-9; Colts have won past five.

LAST MEETING: Colts beat Broncos 39-33, Oct. 20, 2013.

COLTS OFFENSE (2013): OVERALL (15), RUSH (20), PASS (17).

COLTS DEFENSE: OVERALL (20), RUSH (26), PASS (13).

BRONCOS OFFENSE: OVERALL (1), RUSH (15), PASS (1).

BRONCOS DEFENSE: OVERALL (19), RUSH (7) PASS (27).

STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES: In 2013, Colts

quarterback Andrew Luck became first quarterback selected No. 1 overall to start a playoff game in each of his first two

seasons. He also passed for more yards (8,196) than any other QB in history in his first two seasons. In the last meeting between the two teams, Luck passed for 228 yards and accounted for four touchdowns (three rushing, one passing). ... Since 2012, Colts running back Trent Richardson has 14 rushing TDs; tied for fourth in the AFC. ... Colts wide-receiver Reggie Wayne (1,006 receptions) is one of nine players in history to reach 1,000 career catches. The Colts are the only team in history with two 1,000-catch players (Marvin Harrison has 1,102). Wayne Needs 19 receptions to surpass Isaac Bruce (1,024) for seventh all-time. ... The Broncos set the all-time single-season record for points in 2013 (6,006) and became the first team in history to have five players score 10 or more TDs in one season. ... Broncos QB Peyton Manning set the season passing record for yards (5,477) and TDs (65) in 2013. He ranks second in career yards (64,964), completions (5,532) and TDs (491). Selected No. 1 overall in 1998, Manning spent 14 seasons (1998-2011) with the Colts.



Colts running back Trent Richardson
SAM RICHE/MCT

Game capsules compiled from nfl media.com



San Francisco 49ers (0-0) at Dallas Cowboys (0-0)

AFN-Sports
10 p.m. Sunday CET

Series: The 49ers lead 14-11-1, but the Cowboys have won the past three and four of the past five.

Last meeting: The Cowboys won 27-24 in overtime on Sept. 18, 2011, in San Francisco.

Notes: 49ers coach Jim Harbaugh is the first head coach since the 1970 merger to lead his team to the conference championship game in his first three seasons. ... Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo is 2-0 in his career against the 49ers.



Carolina Panthers (0-0) at Tampa Bay Buccaneers (0-0)

AFN-Atlantic
10 p.m. Sunday CET

Series: The Panthers lead 16-11 and have won four of the past six.

Last meeting: The Panthers won 27-6 on Dec. 1, 2013, in Charlotte.

Notes: The Panthers won the NFC South last season and tied a team record with 12 victories. ... Panthers running back DeAngelo Williams is the franchise leader in yards (6,627) and touchdowns (46). ... Buccaneers wide receiver Vincent Jackson had a career-high 78 catches for 1,224 yards last year.

Also on AFN:
Cincinnati Bengals (0-0) at Baltimore Ravens (0-0), AFN-Xtra, 7 p.m. Sunday CET

EXPANDED STANDINGS

American Conference

	East							AFC			NFC			Div
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	
Buffalo	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	
Miami	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	
New England	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	
N.Y. Jets	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	
Houston	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	
Indianapolis	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	
Jacksonville	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	
Tennessee	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	
Baltimore	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	
Cincinnati	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	
Cleveland	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	
Pittsburgh	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	
Denver	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	
Kansas City	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	
Oakland	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	
San Diego	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	

National Conference

	East							AFC			NFC			Div
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0		
Dallas	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	
N.Y. Giants	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	
Philadelphia	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	
Washington	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	
Atlanta	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	
Carolina	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	
New Orleans	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	
Tampa Bay	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	
Chicago	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	
Detroit	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	
Minnesota	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	
Green Bay	0	1	0	.000	16	36	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	
Seattle	1	0	0	1.000	36	16	1-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	
Arizona	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	
San Francisco	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	
St. Louis	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	

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Minnesota at St. Louis
Buffalo at Chicago
Washington at Houston
Tennessee at Kansas City
Cleveland at Pittsburgh
Jacksonville at Philadelphia
Oakland at N.Y. Jets

Monday

N.Y. Giants at Detroit
San Diego at Arizona

Thursday, Sept. 11

Pittsburgh at Baltimore
Dallas at Tennessee
New England at Minnesota
Miami at Buffalo
Jacksonville at Washington
Houston at Kansas City
New Orleans at Cleveland
Atlanta at Cincinnati
Detroit at Carolina
Seattle at San Diego
St. Louis at Tampa Bay
Houston at Oakland
Kansas City at Denver
N.Y. Jets at Green Bay
Chicago at San Francisco

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Growing up Luck

Never one to embrace spotlight, Colts' QB still adapting to NFL stardom

‘I really believe he’s going to be that dude when it’s all said and done. He’s worthy of being the first pick of the draft. He’s worthy of replacing an all-time great.’

Reggie Wayne
Indianapolis Colts wide receiver

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Andrew Luck has always tried to deflect the spotlight.

As a highly recruited high school quarterback in Houston and as a Heisman finalist at Stanford, he was often the reluctant center of media attention. Even now, he tries to avoid the sideshows that come with being an elite quarterback.

He’s selective about endorsement deals. He’s been known to ride a bike to pick up take-out food just for the workout. He goes to Europe in the offseason so he can walk around without being recognized.

“He’s so, so humble. He’s always been that way,” said Eliot Allen, Luck’s coach at Stratford High School in Houston. “My basic job was, one, to stay out of the way and, two, to steer him clear of the media. I just think he was really uncomfortable because he was worried what his teammates would think about him talking to the media. He didn’t want to be the guy up front.”

Luck can’t avoid being up front this week, with Sunday night’s season opener against former Colts star Peyton Manning looming.

In 2010, the Heisman Trophy runner-up was billed as the most polished college quarterback since Manning graduated in 1998, but he gave up the big bucks to return to Stanford.

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Indianapolis Colts quarterback Andrew Luck has been in the spotlight since he emerged as a highly touted high school quarterback in Houston. That spotlight only grew during his time as a Heisman finalist at Stanford. Now entering his third season in the NFL, Luck is quickly becoming one of the league’s most recognizable faces, despite not quite fitting the mold of the typical NFL star.

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