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## Military worried by CIA's Afghan pullback plan

Agency decision to shutter spy bases outside Kabul comes as fighting season heats up, defense officials say

By DAVID S. CLOUD  
Tribune Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — The CIA has made plans to close its network of secret bases in Afghanistan and pull its personnel back to Kabul this summer, an unexpectedly abrupt withdrawal that the U.S. military fears will deprive it of

vital intelligence while thousands of American troops remain in the country, U.S. officials said.

CIA Director John Brennan informed U.S. military commanders in March that his agency would start to shutter Afghan operations outside Kabul, removing CIA clandestine officers and analysts as well as National Security

Agency specialists responsible for intercepting insurgents' communications, which have been a rich source of daily intelligence, the officials said.

Pentagon officials warn that the CIA drawdown is coming at a time when insurgent attacks normally intensify, after a winter lull. As a result, the plan has strained

relations between the agency and military commanders in Kabul, the officials said.

"They are beginning their own retrograde and they kind of sprung it on the military, which is raising concern," said a senior military official, who asked for anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss classified CIA plans.

Intelligence officials confirmed the drawdown would occur, but said the pace remained uncertain and no final plan had been approved.

They linked the move to the steady pullout of U.S. combat troops from America's longest war.

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Russia displays military might for holiday amid fierce fighting in Ukraine

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PAVEL GOLOVIN/AP

Russian troops march during a Victory Day parade, commemorating the 1945 defeat of Nazi Germany, at Red Square in Moscow on Friday in a proud show of the nation's military power amid escalating tensions over Ukraine.

## Guard never analyzed NASCAR sponsorship

By TRAVIS J. TRITTEN  
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The Army National Guard continued spending on NASCAR sponsorship for about a decade without analyzing the program or looking into why all active service branches found it too expensive and ineffective, the guard's acting director told a Senate panel Thursday.

Maj. Gen. Judd Lyons said the service's oversight of the NASCAR spending was inadequate, and a review of its sports marketing programs is underway and should be completed within 30 days.

The Guard spends \$32 million a year on a NASCAR sports marketing contract that splashes its logo across race events, and sponsors car and driver visits to public schools across the country. But a Senate Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight investigation, headed by chairwoman Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., reported Thursday that the spending resulted in zero new guard recruits in 2012 and last year only about 8,000 of the 1 million leads needed to meet recruiting goals.

**\$32M**

The amount the Army National Guard spends per year on a NASCAR marketing contract.

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## "What numbskull in the White House arranged this?"

—Former Labor Secretary Robert Reich, in a Facebook post on the decision for President Barack Obama to hold Wal-Mart as a model of energy efficiency

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# MIDEAST

## What is that flying craft?

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While a column of troops in armored vehicles stay back, a mysterious triangular aircraft hovers in the distance. Suddenly, flashes appear from its lower fuselage and massive explosions just below engulf the craft in a plume of debris.

"That was f\*\*\*g badass!" an enthusiastic servicemember shouts in the aftermath.

Another day in Afghanistan ... another top secret American drone taking out a Taliban position.

Or maybe not. Although the YouTube video entitled "UFO ATTACKS TALIBAN CAMP!!!" March 2014" has spread across the Internet in the last few days, an expert on U.S. drone operations is dismissing it as a clear hoax.

"The video is pretty funny," said Samuel J. Brannen, a senior fellow at the Center for

Strategic and International Studies who specializes in drones and other unmanned military systems.

For one thing, the purported aircraft is far too close to the target, putting it in danger both from ground fire and from the blast of its weapons.

"I can't think of a pilot I know who would want to be that close to the target once they dropped ordnance," he said. "Unless it is both unmanned and you really don't care about what happens to it, why be that close?"

In the video, the aircraft itself appears fuzzy and jumps around in the frame, while the rest of the video appears fairly sharp and in focus, he said.

"I just don't think the physics of it work very well," he said.

What the video likely shows, he said, is a real airstrike from America's recent wars,



A screengrab from a YouTube video claiming to show a UFO attack in Afghanistan. It has been dismissed by a U.S. drone operations expert as a hoax.

with a crude computer-generated addition.

"It could have been a B-1 far overhead, it could have been a B-52, it could have been coming from an AC-130," he said. "It could have been all kinds of things. Minus the strange flying UAV, the effect that [airstrike] created on the battlefield is real."

The Pentagon itself has declined to comment on the veracity of the video.

# CIA: Agency cites change in global priority for withdrawal

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Soldiers and Marines have provided protection and logistics support for intelligence-gathering outposts, which often are inside U.S. military facilities. Hundreds of those frontline military bases and camps have now closed, although dozens are still operating.

"The CIA footprint is entirely dependent on the military's," a senior U.S. official said Thursday. "There is no stomach in the building for going out there on our own," said a former CIA operator who has spoken to current officers about the pullback. "We are not putting our people out there without U.S. forces."

John Maguire, who retired from the CIA in 2005 after 23 years as a case officer, noted that CIA officers on horseback were the first U.S. forces into Afghanistan after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. He criticized the spy service for the current drawdown.

"There is ample evidence and a long historical record of the agency working alone in any number of difficult and dangerous places, and if they can't do it by themselves without the military, then they should close the organization," he said.

The CIA also plans this summer to stop paying the salaries of Afghan paramilitary forces that it has armed and trained for more than a decade to help fight the Taliban-led insurgency in the

country's east, near the Pakistani border. It is unclear what will happen to the militias.

The Pentagon is trying to persuade the CIA to slow its withdrawal, arguing that keeping CIA and NSA operators in the field as long as possible would help prevent a surge in militant attacks before the end of the year, when most U.S. troops are due to leave.

About 33,000 U.S. troops remain in Afghanistan, down from a peak of 100,000 in 2011.

U.S. Marine Corps Gen. Joseph F. Dunford Jr., the top commander in Afghanistan, has offered to help the CIA close its intelligence-gathering installations and remove its equipment late this year. By taking on that task, he hopes to persuade the CIA to remain in the field until at least October, one of the officials said.

Pentagon officials also are exploring whether the military can take over financial support of the CIA-backed militias to keep the Afghans from leaving the fight or switching sides, officials said. Some of the frontline units already have been disbanded, according to a report in the Daily Beast.

Brannen told military officials that the CIA would be able to continue gathering intelligence and targeting militants even after pulling back to Kabul and the nearby Bagram Air Field, one official said.

The spy service already has sharply cut the pace of lethal

drone strikes in Pakistan, flown from airfields in Afghanistan. One official said the agency was making plans to continue operating the armed drones on a much smaller scale from Bagram.

Several al-Qaida commanders, including the terrorist network's leader, Ayman al-Zawahiri, are believed to be hiding in northwestern Pakistan. The tribal belt also serves as a base for fighters from the Haqqani network, which is allied with the Taliban and has launched numerous attacks against U.S. and NATO forces in Afghanistan.

Brannen told the military that the CIA faced other priorities outside Afghanistan and Pakistan that were compelling it to re-deploy staff, the official said.

The agency is increasingly focused on threats in Syria, Yemen and parts of Africa as al-Qaida has morphed into regional affiliates that are seen as more dangerous to the U.S. and its allies.

The dispute has arisen as the Obama administration keeps a decision on the size and mission of the force the U.S. hopes to keep in Afghanistan after this year.

Afghanistan's outgoing president, Hamid Karzai, a harsh critic of U.S. policy in his country, has refused for months to sign a bilateral security agreement his government negotiated with Washington to allow a residual U.S. military force to remain beyond the end of 2014.

The CIA's abrupt withdrawal plan may be an indication of growing support within President Barack Obama's inner circle for a small U.S. footprint centered on Kabul and Bagram.

Dunford is continuing to push for keeping more than 10,000 American troops to continue training and advising the Afghan military and police, as well as for counterterrorism operations, officials said.

Military officials hope to persuade the CIA to keep a presence in southern and eastern Afghanistan after this year if the White House approves Dunford's troop plan. It calls for deploying small numbers of advisers, trainers and special operations troops at a handful of locations outside Kabul.

Some White House aides are urging Obama to keep any U.S. force that remains focused on chasing the remnants of al-Qaida and its supporters.

These officials favor abandoning plans to continue training and advising Afghan troops after 2014, arguing that little more can be accomplished, given that the mission is scheduled only for another year or two.

Caitlen Hayden, spokeswoman for the National Security Council, said Obama had not made a decision on how many U.S. troops to keep in Afghanistan, if they are allowed to stay. For now, she said, the administration was making contingency plans.

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MILITARY

# Obama urged to address troubling reports about VA

By JENNIFER HLAJ  
Stars and Stripes

SAN DIEGO — Veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan on Thursday called for President Barack Obama to address allegations of neglect and mismanagement at Department of Veterans Affairs facilities in Arizona, Colorado and Texas.

“The question we have is, what’s next? Are there other VA facilities that are having this problem where people are allegedly cooking the books?” said Paul Rieckhoff, founder and executive director of Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America. “It feels like every week there’s a new VA controversy.”

Whistleblowers in Phoenix have alleged that at least 40 veterans died because of neglect and delays at the VA hospital there and that employees used a secret wait list to cover up the backlog. VA employees in Fort Collins, Colo., and in San Antonio and Austin, Texas, have also reported that employees at those clinics manipulated

data to make wait times appear shorter.

The American Legion and some members of Congress have called for VA Secretary Eric Shinseki to resign. The IAVA has not yet called for Shinseki’s resignation, but Rieckhoff wants to know why they shouldn’t.

**‘This is not blowing over. This is cutting to the heart of America’s trust in its VA.’**

**Paul Rieckhoff** “It’s clear IAVA there’s been a failure of leadership and accountability at the top,” he said.

Rieckhoff and a handful of other veterans gathered in front of the Balboa Park War Memorial Building to air their concerns the same day Obama landed in southern California for fundraising events.



JENNIFER HLAJ/Stars and Stripes

**Paul Rieckhoff, at the podium in front of the Balboa Park War Memorial building in San Diego, calls for President Barack Obama to address allegations of cover-ups and mismanagement at four Veterans Affairs facilities.**

David Curry, a Marine veteran who lives in San Diego, said he was “enraged” but not surprised, when he heard the recent allegations. Curry was medically retired from the Marine Corps and has also worked at the VA, he said.

In 2007, a friend and fellow former Marine suffering from severe post-traumatic stress disorder was turned away from two VA clinics in the Minneapolis area even though he told employees at both locations he was suicidal, Curry said. The man killed himself days later.

While the VA has many excellent employees, Curry said, there are also a significant number who do not make veterans the priority and who do not care about ef-

iciency and effectiveness. And, he said, supervisors and leaders often have their hands tied because it is so hard to demote or get rid of employees even if they aren’t doing good work.

Shinseki on Thursday ordered a nationwide audit of VA facilities, and the House Veterans Affairs Committee on Thursday voted to subpoena Shinseki for records relating to the Phoenix waiting list. But Rieckhoff said the president must meet with veterans groups to send the message that he’s serious about the issue.

“This is not blowing over,” he said. “This is cutting to the heart of America’s trust in its VA.”

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## Say what?

A sample of reader comments from stripes.com



### House finds money for raises, benefits

Despite pleas from Pentagon brass to keep personnel costs under control for the sake of readiness, the House Armed Services Committee on Wednesday voted to preserve the commissary benefit and do better than a 1 percent pay raise for servicemembers.

### Readers respond:

Get rid of 90% of the civil service positions held by double dipping retirees.

— spruywa

That will not reduce costs because you’d still be paying someone to do the job. Look up double dipping and understand what you are talking about.

— Mitchell Ryan

You want \$2 billion a year in spending somewhere? Cut \$2 billion off the \$131.9 billion in Welfare spent each year. That’s just a drop in the bucket. Stop punishing the military and sacrificing national defense for the sake of those who don’t want to lift a finger to contribute to society.

— Eric in Deutschland

Do not forget about corporate welfare. The Fortune 500 corporations alone accounted for more than 16,000 subsidy awards, worth \$63 billion — mostly in the form of tax breaks. The 965 companies in the report received over \$110 billion of public money.

— Lee Ames

Today’s general officer is no more than a career politician speaking out on subjects they know little about while lining their own pockets.

— wayne5600

Typical, go after the leaders. GI world does not understand they are responsible for thousands of lives, billions of dollars. But those swooping up at the motor pool, think GO’s should be paid minimum wage.

— Barney Deerfield

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## San Antonio VA clerk says delays not reported

Stars and Stripes

The accusation that Department of Veterans Affairs clinics are falsifying their appointment scheduling has spread to another city — San Antonio, Texas.

CNN reported Friday that clerks scheduling medical appointments for veterans said they were “cooking the books” at their bosses’ behest to hide the fact that some had to wait weeks, if not months, for appointments.

The Office of Inspector General told CNN that it has investigators on the ground in San Antonio looking into the allegations.

The allegations come as the VA fends off claims of potentially deadly delays at other facilities, including claims of a secret wait list in Phoenix.

The VA’s official policy is that all patients should be able to see a doctor, dentist or some other medical professional within 14 days of their requested or preferred date. Any wait longer than two weeks is supposed to be documented.

Brian Turner, a VA scheduling clerk in San Antonio, said Thursday that some who called to make appointments at his facility waited longer, yet such delays were never reported.

Some might be told the next available appointment wasn’t for several months, CNN reported Turner as saying. It would be scheduled for then, but marked in official files as if the patient had put off their appointment until then by choice.

“What we’ve been instructed was that — they are not saying ‘fudged,’ there is no secret wait list — but what they’ve done is come out and just say ‘zero out that date,’” Turner said. The “zero,” in this case, suggests the patient didn’t have to wait at all.

The VA public affairs office told CNN that Turner’s allegation

has been looked into, without any finding of wrongdoing.

“Based on our internal fact-finding conducted April 25-28, we found the claims by this employee were not substantiated,” the VA statement said. However, the OIG said it is conducting its own investigation. Turner told CNN he has been interviewed by OIG staff.

Turner, a former soldier who still works at the VA, said he has asked to be protected under federal whistleblower laws.

As to the VA’s earlier fact-finding efforts, Turner said no one asked him about his allegations.

## NASCAR: Senator describes marketing explanation as ‘gobbledygook’

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“It became apparent to me that management controls and oversight were not where they needed to be,” Lyons testified. “I share the subcommittee concerns — they are my concerns.”

Lyons, who became director in January, said he was frustrated by the handling of the sponsorship and ordered the ongoing review to determine how the guard should be spending its sponsorship dollars.

The NASCAR sponsorship is designed to boost the National Guard’s brand name, he said. The racing league is second only to the NFL for reaching its demographic of potential recruits, Lyons said.

Thousands of students are exposed to the idea of serving through sponsored race car visits to schools. For example, the service spon-

sored a visit by NASCAR star Dale Earnhardt Jr. to a high school in Kentucky.

The National Guard’s sponsorship of NASCAR dates back about 10 years and was approved by at least four previous directors, according to the service. But the recruiting value of the branding effort has never been fully known.

“Trying to tie that awareness directly down to an individual’s decision to join the National Guard is elusive,” Lyons said.

He said he was unaware of any Guard analysis that looked at the effectiveness of the program or alternative ways to spend the money. The sponsorship accounts for 57 percent of the Guard’s sports sponsorship budget.

Sen. Ron Johnson, R-Wis., the ranking member of the Senate oversight subcommittee, said he was confused by the Guard’s marketing

explanation and lack of data on the NASCAR spending.

“I understand marketing, and to me, this is gobbledygook,” he said.

According to the Senate, other services had tried spending money on NASCAR but determined it was not a wise expense. The Army abandoned it in 2012 after finding it was the most expensive sponsorship for generating possible recruits, and the Marine Corps stopped spending in 2006 because it could not measure the program’s success.

The Coast Guard generated only 350 leads on potential recruits after spending \$9.5 million.

“The data is very clear — you are not getting recruits off NASCAR,” McCaskill said. “We know because you told us.”

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## MILITARY

## A final salute

## Naval Academy program sends Middies to visit dying veterans

By SUSAN REIMER  
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BALTIMORE — Richard Harryman was wearing a crisp blue shirt for the occasion, and his hospital bed was in the living room.

There were punch and cookies on a table in the hall, and family and friends were waiting when a car arrived carrying four midshipmen.

Harryman, 85, served in both the Marine Corps and the Air Force. The midshipmen were there to deliver a final salute to a dying veteran.

In a program unique among the service academies, young people from the Naval Academy, on the threshold of their military careers, are visiting veterans at the end of their lives to acknowledge their service as only another member of the military can.

"Detail, cover," senior Kimberly Bernardy barked gently, and in unison the mids pulled their hats from beneath their arms and slowly put them in place.

"Detail, ready. Present arms," she said, and they slowly raised their hands in salute. Eyes straight ahead, still as statues, the midshipmen looked sharp and somber in their dark dress uniforms.

Harryman, more alert than he had been for some time, lifted his pale hand to return the salute.

"I feel like I have my military family with me," he said, barely above a whisper. His real family — wife, Jean, and his daughters Diane Gray and Deborah Rolig — rolled from tears to smiles and back again during the ceremony.

"From a future Marine to a Marine," said Bernardy, who will join the Corps when she graduates this month. She bent close to be sure that he heard her. "I thank you for your service."

Four years ago, Bernardy presented the Naval Academy brass with the idea. She was volunteering with Hospice of the Chesapeake, and the organization was looking for a meaningful way to honor veterans in its care.

"We were the perfect fit," she said.

"Kim is the champion of the program," said Michael McHale, president of Hospice of the Chesapeake, which serves Anne Arundel and Prince George's counties. "The program grew under her tutelage.



PHOTOS BY KIM HAIRSTON, BALTIMORE SUN/MCT

Jean Harryman, center left, watches her husband Richard Harryman return the salute of U.S. Naval Academy Midshipmen from left, Pete Severs, Kimberly Bernardy and Sarah Howard, as they salute from his bedside last month in Severna Park, Md. Midshipmen volunteers visit dying veterans to honor those who have served before them.



From left, Diane Gray and Deborah Rolig look at a quilt presented to their father by Midshipmen Pete Severs and Matt Robbins, as Jean and Richard Harryman look on during an "Honor Salute" ceremony at the Harryman home in Severna Park, Md.

"It is those who are just entering their military service and those who are exiting. These are private, tender moments."

It began with Bernardy and a couple of other midshipmen on Saturdays in November four years ago, in honor of Veterans Day.

The program, renamed the Honor Salute, is now year-round and has grown to include more than 140 midshipmen volunteers who have visited more than 50 veterans in hospice, hospitals, nursing homes and their own homes to offer a sign of respect and a sincere "thank you."

"These are members of the 'greatest generation,' and they are leaving us," said Bernardy, from Highland, Calif.

"It is incredibly difficult sometimes," she said. "It's not like I don't cry in the formation or cry in the car. But it is our duty before they leave to say, 'Good work,' and to thank them."

More than 16 million Americans served in World War II, and it is estimated that they are dying

at the rate of about 555 a day. A little over a million survive, and that number does not include veterans from Korea and Vietnam.

"I am so very proud of the men and women who participate in this act of giving back by honoring our veterans," said Naval Academy Superintendent Vice Adm. Michael Miller. "The Final Salute program is a wonderful opportunity for our midshipmen to pay the ultimate respect to those who have bravely served before them."

"I think it is outstanding," said Peter Geytan, executive director of the American Legion in Washington. As a member of the Air Force stationed at Dover Air Base, he was part of the honor guard that welcomed home more than 250 fallen servicemen.

"For these young people to understand how important it is to recognize those in hospice is a sign our younger generation understands the importance of honorable military service."

Richard Hood, Harryman joined the Marine Corps out of

high school — to grow up, and then attend his wife — and then he topped the University of Maryland on an ROTC scholarship from the Air Force, studying art. He spent six years in the Air Force. Though he did not see combat, he left with the rank of captain.

Harryman became a professional painter, and he spent his career teaching and capturing on canvas the Chesapeake Bay waterfront as well as familiar Annapolis scenes. He owned Chesapeake Gallery in Annapolis and founded the former Maryland College of Art and Design.

But now Harryman, whose paintings hang in shops and restaurants in Annapolis, is suffering from prostate cancer and multiple myeloma, and his memory has been ravaged by Alzheimer's disease, said Jean, his wife of 63 years.

After the salute on a recent afternoon, he gently fingered the two framed certificates the midshipmen presented from Hospice of the Chesapeake — one thanking him for his service to each branch of the military.

"We pay special tribute to you for your military service to America and for advancing the universal hope of freedom and liberty for all," the certificates read.

Matt Robbins, a plebe from Broadway, Va., pinned a flag pin on Harryman's shirt. And Sarah Howard, a rising junior from

San Diego who will take over the program next year, brought out a red, white and blue quilt covered with flags, made by a Hospice of the Chesapeake volunteer. She draped it carefully over the sheet covering his very thin legs.

"I can't believe this," said Jean Harryman, her face wet with tears. "This is more than I ever imagined. And he is enjoying it more than I ever expected."

It is a sad duty, to be sure, but the midshipmen, sitting together and discussing the salutes before the visit, all use the same word to describe the experience: "uplifting."

Howard recalled a visit to a dying Marine who was confined to bed and unresponsive. But when she said "Semper Paratus" at the end of the salute, he opened his eyes. "In that moment, there was a connection," she said.

Midshipmen have delivered honor salutes to a Tuskegee airman and to a Naval Academy graduate.

As her detail sipped punch and took a tour of the house, where so many of Harryman's paintings hang, Bernardy returned alone to the veteran in the hospital bed and touched his arm.

"You look sharp, Mr. Harryman," she said. "I thank you for all you have done. It is an honor to be in your house with your family."

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## NATION

# Obama visit to Wal-Mart backfires

By JIM KUHNHEIN  
The Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — President Barack Obama is showcasing Wal-Mart, often a target of labor groups and other Democratic constituencies, to promote advances in energy efficiency in his broader campaign to confront climate change.

Obama on Friday was to announce commitments from more than 300 companies and local and state governments to use solar energy technology.

He also was announcing executive actions aimed at increasing energy efficiency in buildings and appliances. The White House says the solar effort will power the equivalent of 130,000 homes and the administrative actions could reduce carbon pollution in an amount equal to taking 80 million cars off the road for one year.

The White House chose Wal-Mart because the company has committed to doubling the number of solar energy projects at its stores, Sam's Clubs and distribution centers.

But in choosing the giant retailer as the backdrop for his announcement, Obama triggered a backlash from labor unions and pay equity advocates who say Wal-Mart pays low wages and who archly noted that Obama has made pay equity a central issue of his presidency.

"What numbskull in the White House arranged this?" former Labor Secretary Robert Reich, who served in the Bill Clinton administration, said in a posting on Facebook on Thursday.

"While he's in California, I would hope President Obama would speak directly to Wal-Mart employees and hear from them about their daily struggles to pay the rent and put food on the table," said Maria Elena Durazo, the executive secretary-treasurer of the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO.

Wal-Mart says it pays wages that are competitive in the retail



SUSAN WALSH/AP

President Barack Obama greets people after arriving Thursday at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif. Obama's trip to California focused on raising money for the Democratic Party.

## Obama concedes limits to executive actions

By ZACHARY A. GOLDFARB  
The Washington Post

LA JOLLA, Calif. — President Barack Obama acknowledged Thursday that the executive actions he has been taking to work around an uncooperative Congress will go only so far in achieving his agenda, and said Democrats need to win control of the legislative branch to set the country on the right path in the final two years of his tenure.

The remarks at a fundraiser here were striking because Obama has released high-profile executive actions every few weeks as part of a "year of action" meant to bypass the Republicans who lead the House and who have refused to cede almost any legislative achievement to the president since taking control in 2010.

"Regardless of how hard I push, regardless of how many administrative actions I take, we're not going to be able to go

where we need to go, and can go, and should go unless I've got a Congress that's willing to work with me," Obama said at a fundraiser for the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee.

The comments underscored that despite many congressional battles, Obama still has a largely unfinished agenda with his remaining time in the White House disappearing. While his first two years in office — when Democrats were in charge of Congress — were notable for a range of legislative achievements, legacy-defining action on issues such as climate change and the economy has eluded him since 2010.

After his re-election, Obama tried to nurture relationships with congressional Republicans. When that failed to produce legislative achievements, he turned to executive actions while holding out hope that Republicans would cooperate on certain policies such as an

overhaul of immigration laws.

His comments Thursday suggested that while he is still open to compromise, Obama now believes that deals with Republicans, especially in the House, are unlikely and that Congress must return to full Democratic control for him to secure substantial achievements in the final two years of his presidency.

Obama was trying to remind the audience — already fervent supporters — that Democratic voters tend to sit out midterm elections more often than Republicans do.

That's because, he explained, they're often young, minority or working-class, and so burdened by the preoccupations of daily life that they have little time for politics.

Polls and forecasting models show Democrats locked in an extremely tight contest to retain control of the Senate and with almost no chance of capturing the House.

industry.

The clashing energy vs. jobs message is not new to the White House. Labor unions, for example, have pressed the Obama administration to approve the Keystone XL pipeline from Canada into the U.S. because it would create

jobs. Environmentalists oppose the pipeline, and the administration recently put off a decision on whether to approve it, likely until after the November congressional elections.

Obama was wrapping up a three-day trip mostly devoted to

raising money for the Democratic Party.

Complicating things for the White House, Obama on Thursday attended a fundraiser hosted by Yahoo CEO Marissa Mayer, who sits on Wal-Mart's board of directors.

## Dems air issues with Benghazi inquiry

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Democrats said Friday that before deciding whether to participate in a new investigation on the deadly attack on the U.S. diplomatic outpost at Benghazi, Libya, they want assurances from Speaker John Boehner that the Republican-run probe will be bipartisan and not a political spectacle.

Party leaders huddled with rank and file in a closed-door session to decide whether to take part in the eighth investigation of the Sept. 11, 2012, assault, or whether they should boycott the proceedings. Democrats are split over their involvement in the work of the select committee, which will have a 7-5 Republican edge in membership.

"If there is going to be a true bipartisan inquiry, we'll participate," Rep. Steve Israel, D-N.Y., told reporters following the meeting.

Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., had made several calls to Boehner on Thursday that went unanswered.

Rep. Gerry Connolly, D-Va., said the sentiment in the caucus was shifting away from a "boycott in favor of participating, but Democrats wanted to know the 'rules of engagement' first. They are concerned that their participation would grant legitimacy to what they believe will be a partisan forum. But they also worry that if they avoid it, they won't have the chance to counter GOP claims.

Four Americans, including U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens, were killed when militants stormed the diplomatic outpost. Republicans, who insist the Obama administration hasn't come clean on what happened, voted Thursday to create the special committee.

The panel's investigation means high-profile hearings in the months leading up to the elections, with Republicans grilling current and former Obama administration officials to counter GOP claims.

Benghazi has produced 13 public hearings, the release of 25,000 pages of documents and 50 separate briefings. The select committee won't be the only inquiry, as other GOP-led congressional panels continue their investigations, including a House Oversight probe which just last week took the extraordinary step of subpoenaing a Cabinet member, Secretary of State John Kerry.

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## NATION

# Overhaul of civil service urged

By LISA REIN  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The federal government, stuck with an outdated civil service system, is failing to hire the best talent, treating employees as “costs” rather than assets and facing a leadership crisis, a leading expert on the federal workforce said this week.

The dysfunction has gotten so bad that the system needs a complete overhaul, according to Max Stier, president and chief executive of the nonprofit Partnership for Public Service.

“There are obviously some great people in government,” Stier said Wednesday during a meeting with The Washington Post editorial board. “But the system is failing them.”

In a new report by the Partnership for Public Service and Booz Allen Hamilton, the 2-million-strong civil service system is depicted as increasingly obsolete, with its approach to pay, recruitment, management, competition for talent and dealing with poor performers virtually unchanged since Congress passed the 1978 Civil Service Reform Act.

Despite recent changes designed to shorten the process, an arcane hiring system remains a “mystery” that prevents managers from recruiting good people who would do the job well, focusing too much on experience and too little on talent, the report says. The 60-year-old General Schedule job classification system prevents agencies from aligning compensation with what comparable occupations in the private sector pay, undermining government’s ability to attract top performers.

Accountability is lacking. “Employees and managers view performance management as a paperwork exercise, an annual necessary evil that has little effect on their working lives,” the report concludes. Poor performers are rarely fired or retrained. And many senior executives in government are technical experts who are promoted because they’ve been in their jobs a long time rather than because they have records as seasoned managers, Stier said.

Many of these problems arise from excess pay in the name of the workforce. While clerical jobs once dominated the bureaucracy, professional occupations do today, and government needs to recruit and keep employees in fill those posts, the report says.

Accountability changes that would provide for more flexibility in hiring and management and a pay system that helps employees advance based on expertise. He would replace drawn-out litigation involving firings with a streamlined process. Automatic, senior-based pay raises would be eliminated, Stier said.



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Mark Desire, right, assistant director for forensic biology at the Office of Chief Medical Examiner, speaks as a criminalist prepares bone fragments for DNA testing at the training lab, in New York, in April. Forensic scientists are still trying to match fragments with DNA from those who died on Sept. 11.

# Scientists still working to ID victims from 9/11

By VERENA DOBNIK  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Thousands of vacuum-sealed plastic pouches filled with bits of bone rest in a Manhattan laboratory. These are the last unidentified fragments of the people who died in the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001.

On Saturday, the 7,930 pouches are to be moved in a solemn procession from the city medical examiner’s office to the new trade center site. They will be kept in a bedrock repository 70 feet underground in the National Sept. 11 Memorial and Museum, which opens May 21.

The remains will be accessible only to families of the dead and to the forensic scientists who are still trying to match the bone slivers to DNA from the more than 1,000 victims who never came home and have never been identified.

“Our commitment to return the remains to the families is as great today as it was in 2001,” says Mark Desire, who oversees the four-member World Trade Center team in the city’s Office of the Chief Medical Examiner.

The death toll stemming from the attacks at the World Trade Center stands at 2,753. Of those, 1,115 victims, or 41 percent, have not been identified through a DNA match to items provided by families — toothbrushes, combs, clothing or swabs from relatives.

With ever-advancing technology yielding results that were impossible a dozen years ago, the unique genetic code gleaned from the bits of bone is the only hope for families waiting for anything tangible to officially confirm what they already know: Their loved one is dead.



Mark Desire, right, prepares to enter the bone grinding room at the Office of Chief Medical Examiner in New York. Positive identifications of four Sept. 11 victims were made in the last year.

In some cases, scientists have gone back to the same bone fragment 10 or 15 times, using new technology to attempt to extract DNA diminished by fire, sunlight, bacteria and even the jet fuel that poured through the towers.

Four new identifications were made this past year.

Family members have long endorsed the ongoing identification process, even as some protested this weekend’s move of the remains to the museum site, which they fear could be prone to flooding.

“Don’t put them in the basement,” Rosemary Cain, who lost her firefighter son at the trade center, said at a protest Thursday. “Give them respect so 3,000 souls can rest in peace.”

Other victims’ families support the move, saying the repository is a fitting site for the remains.

“It will show the world the way we treat our dead,” Lee Ielpi, who lost his son in the attacks, said earlier in the week. “Let’s get them back to the site.”

By December, the latest technology will have been applied to every remnant in the medical examiner’s possession, exhausting the available methods, for now.

The question is: How long and at what cost will the forensic team keep working to identify these last 9/11 remains? The team’s annual budget is \$230,000, plus costs for follow-up work by other scientists and staff.

Charles Strozier, founding director of the Center on Terrorism at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice, said that work must continue “because our relationship to the Sept. 11 disaster hinges on being able to identify and pay respects to those who died.”

# House holds former IRS official in contempt

By STEPHEN OEHLEMACHER  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Republicans voted Wednesday to hold a former Internal Revenue Service official in contempt of Congress for refusing to testify at a pair of committee hearings about her role in the agency’s tea party controversy.

The House also passed a non-binding resolution calling on the Justice Department to appoint a special counsel to investigate the IRS.

Lois Lerner directed the IRS division that processes applications for tax-exempt status. A year ago this week, Lerner publicly disclosed that agents had improperly singled out tea party applications for extra, sometimes burdensome scrutiny.



Lerner

An inspector general’s report blamed poor management but had no evidence of a political conspiracy. Many Republicans in Congress believe otherwise.

“Who’s been fired over the targeting of conservative groups by the IRS? No one that I’m aware of,” House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, said Wednesday. “Who’s gone to jail for violating the law? When is the administration going to tell the American people the truth?”

House Democrats said Wednesday’s voting was little more than an election-year ploy to fire up the GOP base.

“Instead of passing bipartisan legislation to create more jobs, reform immigration, raise the minimum wage or address any number of issues that affect our constituents every single day, House Republicans are spending this entire week trying to manufacture scandals for political purposes,” said Rep. Elijah Cummings of Maryland, the top Democrat on the House Oversight Committee.

“Welcome to witch hunt week,” said Rep. Jim McGovern, D-Mass.

The vote to hold Lerner in contempt of Congress was 231 to 187, with all Republicans voting in favor and all but a few Democrats voting against.

Lerner invoked her Fifth Amendment right not to answer questions at a pair of hearings by the House Oversight Committee. House Republicans say she waived her constitutional right by making an opening statement in which she proclaimed her innocence.

The matter now goes to Ronald Machen, the U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia. Federal law says Machen has a “duty” to bring the matter before a grand jury. But a report by the nonpartisan Congressional Research Service said it was unclear whether the duty is mandatory or discretionary.

NATION

# Circus resumes after injuries

The Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — The Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus opened in Hartford with a rousing ovation for the group of acrobats injured during an aerial performance last weekend in Rhode Island.

Ringmaster Johnathan Lee Iverson addressed the accident as he spoke to fans on Thursday shortly after the circus opened its eight-show run in Connecticut's capital. He thanked the circus crew and first responders for their efforts, and thanked the crowd for its support.

"Our young ladies are recovering, they're in great spirits," he said as the crowd roared with approval. "They want us to let you know, and I quote, they feel your prayers, they feel your thoughts, they feel your concerns."

The women were injured during a stunt Sunday in Providence in which they hung by their hair from a frame as a "human chandelier." A clip securing the frame to the rafters snapped, sending them plummeting about 20 feet to the ground.

During a news conference earlier Thursday, circus spokesman Stephen Payne said federal health and safety inspectors and circus officials have not identified why that clip failed.

Seven acrobats remain hospitalized, two in serious condition. The others are in fair conditions and three have asked that their medical conditions not be made public. One of the injured acrobats was released Tuesday.

The aerial stunt won't be replaced "at this time," said Nicole

Feld, executive vice president of Feld Entertainment, Ringling's parent company. "We'll look and see how the recovery process goes," she said.

As the circus officials spoke, lionesses, tigers and a leopard could be heard roaring and growling in an area behind a curtain.

**'Our young ladies are recovering, they're in great spirits. They want us to let you know ... they feel your prayers.'**

**Johnathan Lee Iverson**  
Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus  
ringmaster

a net would have really added any safety feature."

Iverson said first responders in Providence "may have saved a life or two."

Payne said the margin for safety for the performance was satisfactory. "We feel that our safety standards are impeccable," he said.

Thursday's show went off without incident.

## Court error led to prisoner's release – 90 years too soon

The Associated Press

AURORA, Colo. — Rene Lima-Marin's wife told her two young sons their father had to go to work the night in January when a team of police officers led her husband away in handcuffs.

It had been nearly six years since he left prison, and his family believed he had paid his debt to society.

But Lima-Marin should have stayed behind bars for the rest of his life. A court clerk's error led to his release in 2008 — 90 years too soon. Colorado authorities did not discover the mistake until January and immediately sent him back to prison to serve the rest of his 98-year sentence for armed robbery.

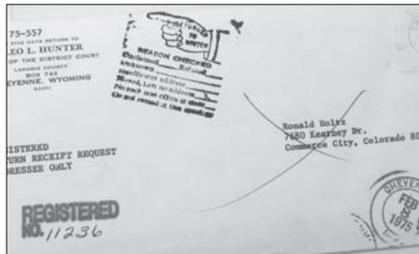
Lima-Marin's case comes as other clerical errors have led criminals evade prison time. In Missouri, a judge this week freed a convicted robber who didn't report to prison — despite trying to

do so — for 13 years because of a clerical mistake. A Los Angeles murder suspect who was accidentally freed last year due to a clerk's error was captured on Thursday.

And in Colorado, an inmate mistakenly released four years early due to such a mistake killed the state's corrections chief at his front door last year. That prompted Gov. John Hickenlooper to order an audit of thousands of inmates' records to ensure they are serving the correct sentences. Lima-Marin wasn't part of the audit because it focused on other kinds of felonies, corrections department spokeswoman Adrienne Jacobson said.

Lima-Marin and another man were convicted in 2000 after robbing two Aurora video stores when Lima-Marin was 20.

In one robbery, they ordered employees into a back room at gunpoint, and a worker was ordered to the floor as they demanded money from a safe.



A returned envelope is shown containing divorce papers initiated by Alice Uden, right, who is accused of killing her husband in the mid-1970s. Uden was convicted Thursday of second-degree murder.



AP photos

## Woman, 75, convicted in '70s killing

By Mead Gruver  
The Associated Press

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — Jurors convicted a 75-year-old woman who shot her husband in the mid-1970s of second-degree murder, despite her defense that she acted in a desperate bid to defend her 2-year-old daughter from attack by an abusive man.

Alice Uden, of Missouri, faces 20 years to life in prison following Thursday's decision. The panel found her not guilty of first-degree murder, which would have carried a life sentence, but passed on the least-serious option of finding her guilty of manslaughter.

"It's just been a long time coming. I don't think it's fully sunk in yet," her attorney, Donald Miller, said of Uden's reaction to the verdict.

Miller said he planned to appeal.

Laramie County District Attorney Scott Homar indicated he was satisfied.

"The jury made it clear that they believe she at least purposely and maliciously killed the victim," Homar said.

None of Uden's five children or other relatives was present for the verdict, Miller said.

Investigators last summer recovered Ronald Holtz's remains from an abandoned mine on a ranch between Cheyenne and Laramie. The discovery led to Uden's arrest in September. Also arrested then was her current husband, Gerald Uden, 71, who was charged separately with killing his wife and two children in 1980.

Police haven't linked the two

cold cases that brought the couple quietly living out their senior years in the rural Ozarks in Missouri to Wyoming to face charges.

Prosecutors could not mention Gerald Uden or his case at Alice Uden's trial, but Alice Uden testified she remarried two years after Holtz's death.

Alice Uden testified she shot Holtz sometime in late 1974 or early 1975, just as he was about to attack her toddler daughter. Prosecutors said Uden killed Holtz while he slept.

At one point, as many as 11 jurors favored a first-degree murder conviction, but a holdout insisted Alice Uden was guilty of no more than manslaughter, Wallace said.

They compromised on second-degree murder to avoid becoming deadlocked and risking a mistrial, she said.

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## NATION

# Good eats?

## Genetically modified foods confuse many consumers

By MARY CLARE JALONICK  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Genetically modified foods have been around for years, but most Americans have no idea if they are eating them.

The Food and Drug Administration says they don't need to be labeled, so the state of Vermont has moved forward on its own. On Thursday, Gov. Peter Shumlin signed legislation making his state the first to require labeling of genetically modified organisms, or GMOs.

What about the rest of the country? And does labeling matter? There's a lot of confusion about genetically modified foods and their safety.

Some people feel very strongly about GMOs. Opponents, who at times have protested in the streets, say consumers have the right to know whether their food contains GMOs. The Vermont law is their first major victory.

The food industry and companies that genetically engineer seeds have pushed back against the labeling laws, saying GMOs are safe and labels would be misleading.

"It's really polarizing," says New York University's Marion Nestle, a professor of nutrition and food studies. "There's no middle ground."

A look at the debate and some of the facts about genetically modified foods:

Genetically modified foods are

plants or animals that have had genes copied from other plants or animals inserted into their DNA. It's not a new idea — humans have been tinkering with genes for centuries through selective breeding. Think dogs bred to be more docile pets, cattle bred to be beefier or tomatoes bred to be sweeter. Turkeys were bred to have bigger breasts — better for Thanksgiving dinner.

What's different about genetically modified or engineered foods is that the manipulation is done in a lab. Engineers don't need to wait for nature to produce a desired gene; they speed up the process by transferring a gene from one plant or animal to another.

What are the desired traits? Most of the nation's corn and soybeans are genetically engineered to resist pesticides and herbicides. A papaya in Hawaii is modified to resist a virus. The FDA is considering an application from a Massachusetts company to approve a genetically engineered salmon that would grow faster than traditional salmon.

Most of the genetically modified corn and soybeans are used in cattle feed, or are made into ingredients like corn oil, corn starch, high fructose corn syrup or soybean oil.

Presently, a few fruits and vegetables are engineered — the Hawaiian papaya and some squash and zucchini, for example. Only a small amount of sweet corn, the



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**Katie Spring, shown on her farm April 24 in Worcester, Vt., supports the bill passed by the Vermont legislature that requires genetically modified foods to be labeled. GMOs have been around for years, but most Americans have no idea if they are eating them.**

corn we eat, is genetically modified. But there's no genetically modified meat or fish, like the fast-growing salmon, in the market now; the Food and Drug Administration has yet to approve any.

The vast majority of scientific research has found genetically engineered foods to be generally safe.

An Italian scientist's review of 10 years of research, published in 2013, concluded that the scientific research conducted so far has not detected "any significant hazard directly connected with the use of GM crops."

One French research team raised safety questions, but their much-criticized 2012 study linking genetically modified corn to rat tumors was retracted in 2013 by the scientific publisher, who cited weak evidence supporting the conclusions.

Even the food police say they are safe: The Center for Science in the Public Interest, a well-known

critic of food companies and artificial and unhealthy ingredients in foods, has not opposed genetically modified foods, on the basis that there's no evidence they are harmful.

Though what we are eating now appears safe, the main concern for the future would be new genetically engineered foods — from the United States or abroad — that somehow become allergenic or toxic through the engineering process. The FDA says the foods they have evaluated to this point have not been any more likely to cause an allergic or toxic reaction than foods from traditionally bred plants.

There is an escalating political fight between the labeling advocates and the food industry, which has dug in against labeling. In the absence of a federal labeling standard, GMO opponents have gone to the states to try to get a patchwork of labeling laws approved — a move that could eventually force a national standard.

# Senators warn of e-cig risks

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Eight members of the U.S. Senate are calling on the Food and Drug Administration to examine new research suggesting that some electronic cigarettes can produce dangerous carcinogens similar to those from traditional cigarettes.

In a letter sent Thursday, the Democratic lawmakers say that the FDA should work to protect e-cigarette users and those nearby from cancer-causing vapors apparently produced by high-powered nicotine devices, known as tank systems.

Electronic cigarettes mainly consist of a battery, heating coil and a tank that holds flavored liquid nicotine. As users puff on the e-cigarette, the battery heats the coil and the liquid is turned into a vapor that is inhaled like smoke from a traditional cigarette. Tank systems can hold more nicotine and an extended battery supply.

Studies first reported by The New York Times suggest that these devices get hot enough to produce toxic chemicals like formaldehyde, a carcinogen also found in traditional cigarettes.

E-cigarette proponents have argued that the devices are a safer alternative to cigarettes because they do not produce the smoke and tar caused by burning tobacco. But the new research by scientists at the Roswell Park Cancer Institute challenges that reasoning.

The findings also raise questions about the potential hazards of e-cigarettes for non-users who inadvertently inhale their vapors.

# Health insurers just say no to marijuana coverage

By TOM MURPHY  
The Associated Press

Patients who use medical marijuana for pain and other chronic symptoms can take an unwanted hit: Insurers don't cover the treatment, which costs as much as \$1,000 a month.

Once the drug of choice for hippies and rebellious teens, marijuana in recent years has gained more mainstream acceptance for its ability to boost appetite, dull pain and reduce seizures in everyone from epilepsy to cancer patients.

Still, insurers are reluctant to cover it, in part because of conflicting laws. While 21 U.S. states have passed laws approving it for medical use, the drug still is illegal federally and in most states.

But perhaps the biggest hurdle for insurers is that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration hasn't approved it. Major insurers generally don't cover treatments that are not approved by the FDA, and that approval depends on clinical studies that measure safety, effectiveness and side effects.

That research can take years and millions of dollars. And while the FDA has approved treatments like Marinol that contain a synthetic version of an ingredient in marijuana, so far no one has that approval for a treatment that uses the whole plant.

As a result of the obstacles, advocates for medicinal marijuana say insurers likely won't cover the drug in the next few years. In the meantime, medical marijuana users — of which advocates estimate there are more than 1 million nationwide — have to find other ways to pay for their treatment.

Bill Britt, of Long Beach, Calif., gets his supply for free from a friend whom he helps to grow the plants. Britt lives mostly on Social Security income and uses marijuana every day for epileptic seizures and leg pain from a childhood case of polio.

"I'm just lucky I have somebody who is helping me out, but that could go away at any time," said Britt, 55.

Insurers have not seen enough evidence that marijuana is safe and more effective than other treatments, said Susan Pisano, a spokeswoman for America's Health Insurance Plans, an industry trade group.

Marijuana's Schedule I classification under the federal Controlled Substances Act makes it difficult to conduct clinical studies that might provide that evidence. The classification means the drug is considered to have a high potential for abuse and no accepted medical use.

There is no easy and cheap way to get the drug legally. Patients in states where medical marijuana is legal can either grow it or buy it from government-approved dispensaries.



TED S. WARREN/AP

**Kari Boiter of Tacoma, Wash., has Ehlers-Danlos syndrome, a genetic disorder that causes pain, nausea and vomiting. Boiter says she uses medical marijuana instead of nearly ineffective prescription drugs.**

At dispensaries, an eighth of an ounce, which produces three to seven joints, costs between \$25 and \$60, said Mike Liszewski, policy director for Americans for Safe Access. He noted that such an amount might not last long for patients who use the drug regularly to control pain or before every meal to help their appetites. Those patients might spend \$1,000 a month or more.

## Congressman: Not trying to 'negate' law

Republican congressman John Mica of Florida said Friday that he had no plans to "negate" a law decriminalizing possession of small amounts of marijuana in the District of Columbia, insisting he only seeks to understand how conflicts between the new local law and federal law will be resolved.

Mayor Vincent Gray signed a bill in March that makes possession of less than one ounce of pot a civil offense subject to a \$25 fine. The law will take effect following a Congressional review period that is ongoing.

Friday's hearing was the third that Mica's subcommittee has held on the conflict between local and federal drug laws and enforcement priorities.

From The Associated Press

## NATION

# Hashtag activism: Is it better than doing nothing?

By CAITLIN DEWEY  
The Washington Post

More than 1 million people — including first lady Michelle Obama — have tweeted the hashtag #BringBackOurGirls. But whether they're helping the more than 200 schoolgirls kidnapped in Nigeria or hopping on some kind of first-world digital bandwagon depends, frankly, on whom you ask.

We've heard this debate before — first over "slacktivism" in the '90s then over "clicktivism" in the aughts. "Hashtag activism," a term apparently coined around Occupy Wall Street, is just the latest iteration of a long-standing debate about the kind of protest "awareness" is its own kind of product and people who, for various reasons, do not.

The case of the Nigerian schoolgirls, abducted by a militant Islamist group in northeastern Nigeria three weeks ago, is perhaps particularly instructive. The girls — and their parents, who will be sold into slavery — earned little attention outside of the country or from the Nigerian government

until supporters took to Twitter to demand their safe return.

That seems like a pretty uncontroversial demand — who doesn't want the Nigerian schoolgirls brought back home? — but it hasn't sat well with everyone. The Nigerian-American writer Teju Cole went on a sort of Twitter rant against #BringBackOurGirls, arguing that the recent spate of Internet interest has not only oversimplified and sentimentalized the country's issues but failed to achieve anything. "For four years, Nigerians have tried to understand these homicidal monsters. Your new interest (thanks) simplifies nothing, solves nothing," he said as part of his statement.

Of course, critics of lazy or "slacktivist" activism love to blame its existence on the Internet and its signing petitions or sending postcards to Congress wasn't actually passive (and in many cases, equally pointless). It's difficult to pin down exactly when the preferred form of slacktivism switched from analog to digital, but the change appears to have happened in the past three years. In 2007, Twitter users began unofficially organizing groups and



KIRSTY WIGGLESWORTH/AP

A demonstrator holds a banner near the Nigerian High Commission in London on Friday during a protest over lack of action regarding the kidnapping of girls in Nigeria.

conversations around hashtags; in 2009, just in time for the election protests in Iran, the network had adopted them officially. By 2011, references to "hashtag activism" — most of them negative — began popping up in the media, always in connection to Occupy Wall Street.

It wasn't until 2012, however, that "hashtag activism" congealed in a major way around an actionable, concrete cause. On a Tuesday in January, the Susan G. Komen Foundation, which annually contributed \$680,000 to Planned Parenthood for breast exams and mammograms, announced its plans to cut that funding off. The decision was largely political, which outraged Planned

Parenthood supporters. By Friday of that week, more than 100,000 people had tweeted hashtags like #singsong and #standwithpp — and Komen had restored funding.

"I absolutely believe the exposure on Facebook and Twitter really drove a lot of coverage by mainstream media," Planned Parenthood's president, Cecile Richards, told the Los Angeles Times. "I've never seen anything catch fire [like that]."

Richards had a point. While activist hashtags like #ows had trended before, rarely had a hashtag been aimed at such a specific policy — something that could, with enough awareness, be easily reversed by a handful of

people.

It also helped that many of the #standwithpp activists were stakeholders in the conflict: women who used Planned Parenthood — or women's health services more generally — used Twitter as a platform to speak up for their causes. Hashtag activism deserves our skepticism and vigilance; there is, clearly, plenty of room for critique. But it's neither fair nor particularly wise to dismiss the phenomenon out of hand. Maybe writer and actress Clarke Wolfe's reply to Teju Cole says it best: "Shaming people for awareness, even if it comes from a #, simplifies everything and also solves nothing (thanks)."

## Texas town shaken by shooting of woman, 93

By PAUL J. WEBER  
The Associated Press

HEARNE, Texas — Friends say Pearlle Golden, 93, still shopped at the grocery store and greeted friends with a jubilant "Hey, baby!" Now, they and the mayor of this small Texas town want the police officer who shot and killed her gone.

The fatal shooting of "Miss Sulie" — as residents say she was widely known — has raised tensions in Hearne, and the Texas Rangers are investigating what led the officer to fire on Golden while responding to a 911 call at her house this week.

Hearne police have said in a statement that Golden "branded a gun" when officer Stephen Stem arrived Tuesday night. Dozens of protesters, including some who came in from Houston, marched to police headquarters on Thursday and were met there by Mayor Ruben Gomez, who said he will recommend during Saturday's City Council meeting



STUART VILLANUEVA, BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION EAGLE (TEXAS)/AP

K.K. Davis, left, and Tommy Jones carry a sign with other protesters outside the police department in Hearne, Texas, on Thursday.

that the officer be fired.

"It's a loss of confidence in the community. We can't have an officer the citizens have lost confidence in," Gomez said.

Hearne is home to about 4,500 people surrounded by cotton farms and railways, one of which backs up to Gordon's brick home. Robertson County District Attorney Coty Siegart said a preliminary autopsy shows Golden was shot twice in the body and grazed by a third bullet.

"There's no justification. Any police officer would know not to kill a 93-year-old fragile woman when they could have backed off," said William Foster, 64, a retired

professor in Hearne. "She was no threat to him."

Authorities say a revolver believed to be the weapon Golden had at the time of the shooting was found at the scene.

It's the second time Stem has shot and killed a suspect since joining the department in 2012, Siegart said.

The circumstances surrounding Stem's first on-the-job fatal shooting were very different. Siegart said a group of officers had responded to a call in the middle of the night and wound up chasing several suspects through an unlit area before Stem fired. He was cleared by a grand jury.

## Officials troubled by jump into Mississippi, see trend

By PAUL WALSH  
(Minneapolis) Star Tribune

MINNEAPOLIS — The search for a man who jumped from a Mississippi River bridge in Brooklyn Park, Minn., into chilly waters lasted for hours before authorities saw a video of the leap on the Internet, then realized it was akin to a widespread stunt known as the Cow Life Challenge.

The man, wearing a life jacket, quickly made it to safe Wednesday night, but not before many agencies leaped into action looking for him, according to the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office.

"This individual engaged in risky behavior that put both his life and the lives of first responders in jeopardy," Sheriff Rich Stanek said in a statement Thursday about the needless rescue attempt Wednesday.

"I strongly advise against participating in attention-seeking stunts that waste valuable resources," Stanek continued.

The identities of the jumper and the person who filmed the video have yet to be released.

Shortly after 8:30 p.m., the sheriff's office was alerted to a man jumping off the bridge into the Mississippi.

Many nearby police and fire de-

partments responded, along with the sheriff's office's water patrol, the state Department of Natural Resources and a state patrol helicopter.

While the search pressed on in darkness, "investigators got wind of a video on social media" of the leap and called off the effort around 11 p.m., said sheriff's office spokeswoman Jennifer Johnson.

"It's happens to be a trend among young adults to one up each other and do risky stunts and post it to social media," Johnson said, stopping short of categorizing it as another Cold Water Challenge, which commonly involves a less risky video-recorded leap into chilly water or snow for the sake of fundraising for a cause.

The young man who jumped from the bridge and whoever recorded the leap could face charges, but Johnson said she doubted they would rise to a felony.

"In this particular case, the river was flowing fast, it's night, there was a strong current and obstacles in the river that can be dangerous," Brooklyn Park Police Inspector Mark Bruley said Thursday. "As first responders, we know we are going to put ourselves at risk, but I don't unnecessarily want to put our staff in those situations."

# UKRAINE UNREST



PAVEL GOLOVNIK/AP

Russian troops march during the Victory Day parade in Red Square in Moscow on Friday.

## At Victory Day celebrations, Putin hails 'return' of Crimea; fierce fighting in Ukraine kills 3

BY VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV  
AND IVAN SEKRETAREV  
*The Associated Press*

MARIUPOL, Ukraine — In a triumphant spectacle, President Vladimir Putin hailed the return of Crimea to Russia as the restoration of “historic justice” Friday before a jubilant, welcoming crowd on the holiday that Russians hold dearest to their hearts.

Yet Putin’s first trip to the Black Sea peninsula since its annexation in March was strongly criticized by both NATO and Ukraine’s Foreign Ministry, which said it trampled on Ukraine’s sovereignty and international law.

To the east, at least three people died and the main police station in the city of Mariupol was set ablaze in fierce fighting Friday between Ukrainian government forces and pro-Russia rebels. The government said up to 20 people were killed, including one policeman.

Ukraine is struggling with its most serious crisis in decades as pro-Russia insurgents in the east are fighting the central government in Kiev and preparing to hold a referendum Sunday on secession.

Putin’s two Victory Day celebrations, which included a massive show of military muscle in the annual Red Square parade in Moscow and another in the Crimean port of Sevastopol, rubbed salt in the wounds of the interim government in Kiev without ever once mentioning its name.

Victory Day is Russia’s most important secular holiday and a key element of the country’s national identity, honoring the armed forces and the millions who died in World War II. This year, it comes as Russia is locked in the worst crisis with the West since the end of the Cold War.

Tens of thousands flooded the Crimean port of Sevastopol to watch the extravaganza that was the Russian leader’s entrance. Putin boarded a boat to sail past a line of Russian Black Sea fleet ships anchored in the bay and greeted their crews before watching a flyby of 70 military aircraft.

In his speech, Putin hailed the incorporation of Crimea’s 2 million people into Russia as a “return to the Motherland” and a tribute to the “historical justice and the memory of our ancestors.”



ALEXANDER ZEMLIANCHENKO/AP

People greet pro-Russian activists atop a government forces armored personnel carrier captured in fighting in Mariupol, eastern Ukraine, on Friday.

The peninsula had been transferred to Ukraine in 1954 during Soviet times and remained under Ukrainian control until the March annexation, which has not been acknowledged by the West or Kiev.

Fighting exploded Friday in Mariupol, a city of 500,000 on the Sea of Azov that is on the main road between Russia proper and Crimea.

An Associated Press journalist saw three dead bodies near the police station, including one policeman. The Donetsk regional administration said in a statement that three people were killed and 25 wounded during the fighting.

But Ukraine Interior Minister Arsen Avakov said in a statement that 20 “terrorists” and one police officer were killed in the fighting, which erupted after 60 gunmen tried to capture the police station and were rebuffed by police and the military. Avakov said the government was ready to negotiate with those in the east who want to sit down for talks but vowed to destroy those who take up arms. He promised not to let Ukraine “turn into a burning buffer zone, where death will become the norm.”

NATO Secretary-General Anders Fogh Rasmussen, meanwhile, repeated his stance that Crimea was not part of Russia.

“We consider the Russian annexation of Crimea to be illegal, illegitimate and we don’t recognize it,” Fogh Rasmussen told reporters in Tallinn, Estonia. “We still consider Crimea as Ukrainian territory, and from my knowledge, the Ukrainian authorities haven’t invited Putin to visit Crimea, so from that point of view his visit to Crimea is inappropriate.”

Earlier in Moscow, Putin watched as about 11,000 Russian troops proudly marched across Red Square to the tunes of marches and patriotic songs. They were followed by columns of dozens of tanks and rocket launchers as some 70 combat aircraft, including giant nuclear-capable strategic bombers, roared overhead.

The parading troops on Red Square included one marine unit from the Black Sea fleet, which flew the Crimean flag on its armored personnel carriers.

The Red Square parade, which featured massive Topol-M intercontinental ballistic missiles, came a day after Putin watched a massive military exercise that simulated a retaliatory nuclear strike in response to an enemy attack.

The West and the Ukrainian government accuse Russia of fomenting the unrest in Ukraine’s east, where insurgents have



IVAN SEKRETAREV/AP

Russian President Vladimir Putin speaks at a gala concert marking Victory Day in Sevastopol, Crimea, on Friday.

seized government buildings in a dozen cities and towns. The insurgents are holding a referendum on independence Sunday in the Donetsk and Luhansk regions — an area that encompasses 6.5 million people. The vote is similar to the plebiscite that paved the way for Moscow’s annexation of Crimea.

Putin’s surprise call Wednesday for the rebels to delay the referendum appeared to reflect Russia’s desire to distance itself from the separatists as it bargains with the West. But insurgents in Ukraine’s Russian-speaking east defied Putin’s call and said they would go ahead anyway.

WORLD

# Syrian troops retake Homs

By ALBERT A.J.I.  
The Associated Press

HOMS, Syria — Bulldozers cleared rubble Friday from the streets of battle-scarred districts in the central Syrian city of Homs after government troops entered the last rebel-held neighborhoods for the first time as part of an agreement that also granted opposition fighters safe exit from the city.

The government quickly forged ahead even as another aspect of the negotiated deal hung in the balance. A last batch of some 300 fighters waiting to leave for rebel-held areas north of Homs



Two Syrian national flags hang on a pole as government officials inspect damage in the old city of Homs, Syria, on Thursday.

had been held up after opposition fighters in northern Syria prevented aid from reaching besieged pro-government villages.

The aid delivery to the communities of Nubul and Zahra in Aleppo province was part of the agreement that allowed rebels to leave Homs.

Some 1,700 rebels have left Homs since Wednesday under the deal struck by the government and opposition. The withdrawal, which brought an end to a fierce two-year battle for the heart of Syria's third-largest city, marked a major victory for President Bashar Assad in the civil war.

It was a devastating blow, both symbolically and strategically, for Syria's rebels. The deal handed Assad control of the city once known as "the capital of the revolution," as well as a geographic linchpin from which to launch offensives on rebel-held territory in northern Syria.

Homs Gov. Talal Barazi said engineering units were combing the old neighborhoods of the city, including the former opposition stronghold of Hamidiyah, in search of mines and other explosive devices to dismantle.

A few people trickled into Hamidiyah, a predominantly

Christian neighborhood, on Friday to check on belongings.

Imad Nanaa, 52, had returned to check on his home for the first time in almost three years. Miraculously, he found it almost intact compared to other houses, with broken windows and some damaged furniture.

Speaking nervously and hurriedly because he wanted to leave the area as quickly as possible, he said he was looking forward to returning with his family as soon as the army allowed it.

"This deal has saved us from more blood and destruction," he said.

# North Korea makes racist comments about Obama

By HYUNG-JIN KIM  
The Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — After bombarding South Korea's female president with sexist invectives, North Korea's state news agency has fired off racist insults against President Barack Obama that U.S. officials condemn as "disgusting."

North Korea is notorious for inflammatory, warlike rhetoric against its rivals South Korea and the U.S. but had rarely used racial slurs in its verbal attacks. Pyongyang's tone has grown angrier in recent weeks as it threatens to conduct a fourth nuclear test.

In a lengthy May 2 dispatch released only in Korean, Pyongyang's

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Marie Harf  
State Department spokeswoman

Central News Agency published comments from a factory worker who said Obama has the “shape of a monkey,” and made many other crude insults.

“It would be better for him to live with a wild animal park in Africa ... and licking bread crumbs thrown by onlookers,” worker Kang Hyok at Cholima Steel Complex was quoted as saying.

Marie Harf, a State Department spokeswoman, said Thursday that the North Korean dispatch was “offensive and ridiculous and absurd.”

“I don't know how many words I can use up here to describe the rhetoric. ... It's disgusting,” she told reporters at the Foreign Press Center in Washington.

Yoo Ho-yeol, a professor of North Korea studies at Korea University in South Korea, said North Korea is trying to get attention by publishing such comments through its state-run news agency. But he added that it tried to distance the government from the remarks by attributing them to a citizen.

“If it was to publish such a report in the voice of the authorities, it would enter them, whereas reporting the story under some ordinary citizen's name will give them leeway,” Yoo said.

The North's rhetoric against Obama and South Korean President Park Geun-hye intensified after they held a summit in Seoul late last month. During his visit, Obama said at a joint news conference with Park that “it may be time to consider further sanctions against North Korea and that the U.S. will not hesitate to use its military might to defend its allies.

Recent state media dispatches criticizing Park are full of sexist tirades such as “old prostitute coquetting with outside force.”

# British, US experts arrive to help Nigeria

By HARUNA UMAR  
The Associated Press

BAUCHI, Nigeria — British experts arrived in the Nigerian capital on Friday to help find at least 276 girls being held by Islamic militants in northeastern Nigeria as an international effort began taking hold.

The experts were expected to work closely with U.S. officials and agents in the search for the missing girls, the British government said as Boko Haram militants continued to stage attacks in northeastern Nigeria.

China and France have also promised help, and the deputy prime minister of Spain, Soraya Saenz de Santamaria, told reporters in Madrid on Friday that her government had decided to make available a specialist team from the police to assist if Nigeria approves.

Britain said its aim was not only to help with the current crisis but to defeat Boko Haram.

“The team will be considering not just the recent incidents but also longer-term counter-terrorism solutions to prevent such attacks in the future and defeat Boko Haram,” the Foreign & Commonwealth Office said in a statement Friday.

A local government official confirmed that the Islamic extremists bombed a bridge linking the town of Gamboru to the Borno state capital, Maiduguri, the headquarters of the Nigerian military of offensive. Gamboru was attacked on

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Goodluck Jonathan  
Nigerian president

Monday by Boko Haram, leaving many dead. Estimates of the death toll from that attack ranged from 100 to as many as 300.

Communications with the remote town are difficult, and it was not immediately possible to reconcile conflicting accounts of when the bridge was bombed. One account said Monday, while another said Thursday.

The bombing of the bridge would prevent army convoys from reaching Gamboru while leaving the way open for the insurgents to escape across a strategic bridge into neighboring Cameroon — a bridge leading into mountains where the militants are known to have hideouts in caves.

The mass kidnapping of the schoolgirls has focused the world's attention on Boko Haram and on the many civilian victims of the extremists.

President Goodluck Jonathan said at an economic forum on Thursday: “I believe that the kidnap of these girls will be the beginning of the end of terror in



MARK REIS, THE COLORADO SPRINGS GAZETTE/AP

Karilyn Coates, 10, joins others in a candlelight vigil at a Colorado Springs, Colo., church for the more than 300 girls who were abducted by the militant group Boko Haram in Nigeria. More than 250 girls are still missing.

Nigeria.” However his government stands accused of being slow to mount operations to rescue the girls, who were kidnapped on April 15.

Boko Haram, which wants to impose Islamic law on Nigeria, abducted more than 300 girls from a boarding school in the northeast town of Chibok. On Thursday, the government of Borno state, where Chibok is located, identified 53 girls who escaped, potentially subjecting them to stigma in this conservative society.

The government said in a state-

ment received Friday that the 53 girls it identified by name include those who fled the day they were kidnapped and those who escaped from Boko Haram camps days later.

Borno's government did not explain the decision to name the girls.

Chibok residents staged a street protest Friday to press Borno's government to do more to find the girls.

Boko Haram has killed more than 1,500 people this year.

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Time to acknowledge race problems

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By ORSON AGUILAR  
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The only thing surprising in the recent controversy over offensive, racist comments by Los Angeles Clippers owner Donald Sterling is that anyone is surprised. From NBA officials to corporate sponsors, people are shocked — just shocked — that there are racists among us.

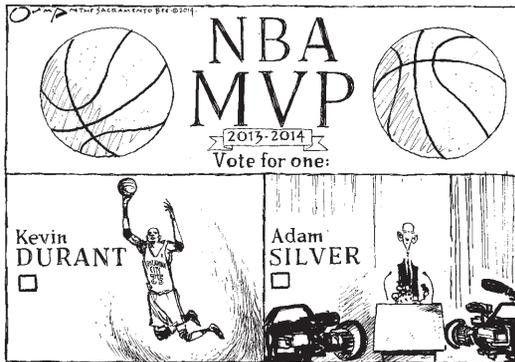
It may be comforting to pretend that America's race problems are finished and the occasional publicly exposed bigot is an aberration, but it's not true. It's not just that famous people, from Paris Hilton to assorted members of Congress, get getting caught saying overtly racist things. Our nation's history is fraught with racial baggage, from slavery to Jim Crow segregation to the ethnic cleansing (yes, let's call it what it was) that removed American Indians from nearly all of their land. It's simply not realistic to think we've shed all that baggage in the few decades since civil rights laws were passed.

And the evidence is overwhelming that we haven't. An October 2012 Associated Press poll found that a majority of Americans "now express prejudice toward blacks whether they recognize those feelings or not." The AP found that 51 percent of Americans expressed "explicit anti-black attitudes," while a parallel survey the year before found 52 percent of non-Hispanic whites expressed explicit anti-Hispanic sentiments. In both surveys, when researchers probed for implicit prejudice, the numbers for bigoted attitudes rose by several percentage points.

That isn't shocking. Old attitudes die slowly. That's just human nature.

But it's disturbing that the U.S. Supreme Court seems to be going out of its way to ignore that reality.

In his recent majority opinion uphold-



ing Michigan's ban on affirmative action in higher education, Justice Anthony Kennedy wrote, "Government action that classifies individuals on the basis of race is inherently suspect and carries the danger of perpetuating the very racial divisions the polity seeks to transcend." In Kennedy's world, those anti-black attitudes that the AP uncovered and that Sterling expressed so crudely either don't exist or would go away if we would only abandon affirmative action.

A similar sort of willful amnesia marked last year's Supreme Court ruling eviscerating the Voting Rights Act. Amazingly, Chief Justice John Roberts used the law's success to argue that it is no longer needed, writing, "There is no denial that the conditions that originally justified these measures no longer characterize voting in the

covered jurisdictions." He wrote this even as states were adopting voter ID laws that disproportionately hurt people of color and the poor, ostensibly to solve a "voter fraud" problem whose existence has never been documented.

Pretending that America's ugly history of racial discrimination is over and done with is the best way to guarantee that discrimination and inequality will continue. Donald Sterling has made it impossible to keep up this pretense, however. People in power, including the justices of the Supreme Court, need to discard this comfortable pretense now.

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Mother's mercy trumps a death sentence

By MIKE FARRELL

I ran as a death penalty machine. More than 600 people were executed there last year, according to the United Nations, many of them in public hangings before crowds filled with children.

So far this year, there have been an estimated 188 executions. That number would have been 189 had it not been for the family of Abdollah Hosseinzadeh, an 18-year-old knifed to death in a street fight seven years ago.

Islamic Shariah law gave the young man's mother, Sarehesh Alinejad, the right to exact revenge by having her own son execute the man who killed her son. As the convicted murderer stood in the gallows, a noose around his neck, she was called forward to help kick the chair out from under him and administer the ultimate punishment.

Instead, she shocked the crowd by first slapping his face and then publicly forgiving him. After her husband removed the noose, Alinejad and the killer's mother embraced, both of them sobbing. At least one of their sons had been spared.

Our fundamental choice about capital punishment is never more stark than in this story, which was caught on video and went viral on the Internet and social media.

That's because for all the purported justification of capital punishment — claims of closure and discredited notions of deterrence — executions touch all of us personally. In a metaphoric sense, an execution

requires each of us to look the killer in the eye and kick out the chair.

We insulate ourselves from this uncomfortable fact through distance. We assign the deed to others, minions of the state, who strap the convicted person into the electric chair or jab the needle into his or her arm.

We hide the executioner behind a screen, prohibit photos, and our heads over media accounts as we carry on with our lives. There's a reason we give a blank bullet to the firing squad: That way, each marksman can believe his wasn't the fatal shot.

Yet there will always be something to jar us out of our denial.

Last Monday, it was a statistical study published online by the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. Researchers examined data on exonerations and concluded that 4.1 percent of those sentenced to death in the United States are innocent. The researchers estimated that 340 people have been wrongly sentenced to death in America since 1973.

Last Tuesday, we were again forced to consider capital punishment when a botched lethal injection in Oklahoma led to the agonizing 43-minute death of an inmate who, after being declared unconscious, began moaning and writhing until he succumbed to a massive heart attack, robbing the state of the right to say it had executed him.

Last year, it was the TV series "The Killing" that forced viewers to confront state-ordered executions. In the penultimate episode of the season, actor Peter Sarsgaard's character, a death row inmate, was

executed.

When asked how he approached the part, Sarsgaard talked about the famous experiment by Stanley Milgram, who arranged for volunteers to administer increasing levels of (fake) electrical shocks, under orders from an authority figure, to a screaming victim. Milgram devised the 1961 experiment to demonstrate how common, decent people could allow something as monstrous as the Holocaust to happen.

Sarsgaard, who will play Milgram in an upcoming film, said researchers noticed that the closer the volunteers sat to the screaming victim, the less likely they were to continue administering the shocks. Sarsgaard said his aim in "The Killing" was to bring people closer to the reality of capital punishment.

Still, nothing has brought us there like Alinejad, the grieving mother. And no one can teach us better about the ultimate reason to stop the death penalty machine.

"I feel I'm at peace," she said later. "I feel that vengeance has left my heart."

That Abdollah's parents chose forgiveness in such a dramatic fashion gives me hope that the closer we get to the person in the noose and the more we take responsibility for the barbarity of state-sanctioned executions, the less likely we'll be to help kick out the chair.

Mike Farrell, who played B.J. Hunnicutt on the television series "MASH," is president of Death Penalty Focus, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the abolition of the death penalty. He wrote this for the Los Angeles Times.

## OPINION

## Benghazi latest GOP ploy to please base

Baltimore Sun editorial

Most Americans have probably tuned out of the latest inside-the-beltway debate about the Benghazi attack. That's probably because it isn't about the 2012 assault on the U.S. diplomatic compound in Benghazi at all but, at this point, has descended into allegations of a coverup of a coverup — specifically, the failure to hand over a memo in an earlier Congressional investigation.

We'll grant the critics this: The email from White House adviser Ben Rhodes recommending that Susan E. Rice, who was then serving as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, use Sunday morning talk show appearances to underscore that protests in the Middle East are "rooted in an Internet video, and not a broader failure of policy" should have been released earlier, if only because of the GOP fascination with how Ms. Rice was briefed that weekend.

But so what? These were talking points about Middle East protests, not specifically about Benghazi. And the notion that a White House adviser might have concerns about politics is not exactly a scandal, more like business as usual in any White House. And yes, there actually were Muslim protests about the video in question taking place around that time elsewhere in that region of the world, so the possibility of a connection with Benghazi wasn't exactly made up from whole cloth — it actually originated in the intelligence community.

Republican fascination with how Rice was coached is surely one of the more bizarre attacks on the Obama administration. The general public may be rightfully outraged about the death of U.S. Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens and several others. It was also fair to question the State Department's security procedures before the attack. But all that has been done already in four previous Congressional investigations. The administration took their lumps, and Republicans even got to grill former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton on TV.

Now, House Speaker John Boehner is moving forward with yet another Benghazi-related investigation by forming a select committee to look into the Benghazi response. Whether it will have any more authority — or much new ground to cover — then did the House Oversight Committee



CHARLES DHARAPAN/AP

**House Oversight and Government Reform Committee Chairman Rep. Darrell Issa, R-Calif., right, talks Thursday with committee member Rep. Elijah Cummings, D-Md., on Capitol Hill in Washington.**

is not yet clear. Small wonder that Democrats are talking about not participating at all, lest they be seen as giving some appearance of approval to this strictly political exercise. The original 9/11 didn't get this kind of treatment in Congress; it received a serious, bipartisan, policy-oriented review.

Still, we think the Democrats should participate in this latest exercise of tail chasing because someone needs to be on hand to point out the absurdity. That was what Baltimore's own Rep. Elijah E. Cummings has found himself doing frequently as ranking member on the oversight panel during the last two years — at least when Chairman Darrell Issa wasn't turning off his microphone — and it has clearly infuriated Issa and his brethren, who are far more com-

fortable dishing out criticism than taking it, even when it's so richly deserved.

Republican fascination with Benghazi talking points is the foreign-policy counterpart to the party's domestic priority of repealing Obamacare. Its appeal is not just in possibly embarrassing President Barack Obama and his party before the midterm elections (or perhaps leading to another grilling of Clinton, the Democrats' leading possible presidential candidate in 2016) but that it doesn't require the critics to commit to any policy position of substance. Just as Republicans can be against Obamacare but offer no viable alternative, they can be against the Benghazi response (whatever that means at this point) without having to propose anything that approach-

es foreign policy.

Actual foreign policy is difficult and controversial. Pitching a solution for Ukraine or Libya that either amounts to the Obama administration's approach wrapped in more aggressive language or offering a global outlook that veers into the outrageously hawkish, as when Sen. Marco Rubio recently suggested that U.S. security depends on the "security of small hamlets in Afghanistan," would alienate primary voters just as offering a real alternative to the Affordable Care Act might. At least for now, blasting the administration on how it responded to Benghazi is like blasting it on health insurance coverage, it's too easy and too popular in the right-wing media's echo chamber to be resisted.

## Federal efforts may tip the scales on campus rape

By DAN K. THOMASSON

WASHINGTON

Well, I guess if you can't solve issues like immigration, or tax reform, or how to make the Affordable Care Act work like it was envisioned or resolve stagnant growth, you can at least take on the problems of sex on campus — the unwanted kind, of course, even though the chances of pulling that off may be slimmer than solving all the other problems we face.

The ultimate solution may be a federally administered, forced-saltpeeter program aimed at all male students, but especially those who won't take "no" for an answer: Put it in their mashed potatoes. According to legend, that's what the Army did once upon a time.

But if that were more than myth, it seems not to be the case now, given the growing number of sexual assault allegations among the current coeducational military.

Before I am met with a blizzard of charges that I am an insensitive boob, please let me state that rape is an abhorrent crime of violence that should be investigated and

prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. It is no laughing matter. Any institution of higher learning that fails to do everything in its power to determine the truth of a sexual assault allegation or repeatedly treats such charges cavalierly should be put on a blacklist for attendance, at the very least.

In a perfect world, everything would be clear cut. But our system provides protection for the accused as well as the accuser. Those making the allegations therefore must realize that unfortunately it won't be a pleasant experience. It is a reason so many decide not to pursue the justice they believe they deserve and may in fact. It is up to the school to provide the balance to get at the heart of the matter: When both parties are drunk, which is often the case, do they not share responsibility? It is a fine line.

Whether or not a college or university deserves to be pilloried on the strength of a single complaint that it failed to investigate a case satisfactorily is another question. Still with prodding from President Barack Obama, the Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights has done just that by releasing a list of 55 major institutions

of higher learning which face inquiries of civil rights violations based on such complaints. These weren't obscure schools, but many of the nation's most prominent, including Harvard.

Worse yet, some of the schools have met the federal action predictably by (over) reaction that threatens to upend not only the truth in these cases, but also any expected justice for either party in the scenario. They have begun to lower the standard of proof and broadened the definition of what is considered an assault. In both cases, what might have seemed like a consensual activity to the offending party could be the end of a college career, if not worse.

In recent history, politics has played a deplorable role at the expense of justice in the matter of sexual harassment or worse on campuses.

Duke University dove off the deep end of political correctness without looking to see what was in the pool. It turned out to be filled with lies by an overeager prosecutor seeking re-election and an alleged victim looking for a big payday, ultimately. The school fired the lacrosse coach, expelled the alleged perpetrators and suspended la-

crosses all before tackling the facts. Fortunately, the parents of the accused lacrosse players had sufficient resources to hire the kind of legal knowledge that utterly destroyed the case and ended the prosecutor's career and license to practice law.

More recently, the U.S. Naval Academy's reputation for fairness was damaged by political pressure aimed at the Pentagon over failures to pursue egregious incidents of rape and assault. A female midshipman reluctantly brought charges against three members of the football team who allegedly had nonconsensual sex with her at an off-campus party. She admitted to being highly intoxicated during the affair and unable to remember much about it.

Only one of the midshipmen was dismissed from the institution after a trial that strained our notions of responsibility.

The colleges have the obligation to examine these cases fairly and without being pushed to tip the scales in one direction or another by the federal government for reasons suspiciously political. I fear that is just what is happening here.

Dan Thomasson is an op-ed columnist for McClatchy-Tribune.

# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Giant panda recovering from testicle surgery

**CA** SAN DIEGO — Gao Gao, one of the San Diego Zoo's three giant pandas, was recovering Wednesday from surgery to remove his right testicle because of the presence of a tumor.

The one-hour procedure Tuesday was a success, and veterinarians were hopeful Gao Gao would make a full recovery, zoo officials said.

The popular panda likely will be out of public view for the remainder of the month, a zoo spokeswoman said.

The Ministry of Forestry for the People's Republic of China was informed about Gao Gao's health and gave approval for the surgery. All of the zoo's pandas are on loan from China.

## House OKs bill to name state's rock song

**OH** COLUMBUS — Cue the marching band. A proposal to make "Hang On Sloopy" Ohio's official rock song has won lawmakers' approval.

The Ohio House unanimously passed the measure Wednesday, sending it to the state Senate for consideration.

The 1960s hit has been a crowd favorite for decades at Ohio State University games. The university's marching band first performed it in 1965, and members played it for lawmakers ahead of Wednesday's vote.

Pro sports events around the state also use the song.

The legislature recognized "Sloopy" as the state's official rock song in 1985, though the honor apparently wasn't permanent.

Rep. Michael Stinziano of Columbus is among the backers of the bill to enshrine the tune in law as Ohio's rock song. His father was a sponsor of the original resolution that recognized "Sloopy."

## Town drops charges in snow plow dispute

**NH** MERRIMACK — Police have agreed to drop charges against a Merrimack man accused of blocking a plow truck from piling snow across the entrance to his driveway.

The case said Monahan Lowy, 75, was charged with disorderly conduct in February after refusing to move out of the way of the plow truck. Lowy denied blocking the truck but said he stood in his driveway trying to protect it from being plowed in for a third time.

The town's police prosecutor has agreed to drop the disorderly conduct charge against him if he remains on good behavior for one year.

## Father lauds Remington for rifle recall

**MT** BILLINGS — A Montana man who sued Remington Arms Co. over claims a defective rifle killed his 9-year-old son says the manufacturer should be commended for recalling the model.

## THE CENSUS

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The amount a jury has ordered a public transit agency to pay a woman after she broke her back when a bus went over a speed bump. Maria Francisco sued the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District, alleging the driver in August 2011 went over the bump in a school zone at 30 mph and then berated the then-20-year-old Francisco after she cried out in pain.



DOUG STRICKLAND, CHATTANOOGA (TENN.) TIMES FREE PRESS/AP

## Padding for physics

**Ashton Evans, left, and Justus McMillan pull their boat ahead of a group of other racers Wednesday during the Boyd-Buchanan School's 18th Annual Physics Boat Day races in Chattanooga, Tenn. Students built boats from cardboard, duct tape, paint, and caulk, and raced them on Lake Buccaneer.**

Remington issued a nationwide recall in April of its Model 700 and Model Seven rifles equipped with the X-Mark Pro trigger manufactured between May 2006 and April 9, 2014.

The company said some rifles may have excess bonding agent that could cause them to accidentally fire.

The Billings Gazette reports stores carrying the rifles have shipped all their stock back to Remington to have the trigger mechanisms cleaned.

Richard Barber says a defective Model 700 rifle was responsible for the death of his son, Gus, in 2000.

## Son being honored for saving dad with CPR

**NY** SYRACUSE — A Syracuse University student and a cardiologist are being honored for teaming up over the phone to save the life of the student's father after a heart attack.

The Post-Standard of Syracuse reported that Dale Hornstein had been on the phone with his cardiologist, Dr. Bill Berkery, when he collapsed after coming home from work Dec. 4.

Hornstein's son, David, 21, was home studying at the time and got on his cellphone with Berkery, who instructed him how to perform cardiopulmonary resuscita-

tion while singing to the beat of the Bee Gees' hit "Stayin' Alive." An ambulance crew arrived and took the elder Hornstein to a hospital, where he underwent surgery. He has since recovered.

David Hornstein and Berkery were to receive the American Heart Association's Heartsaver Hero Award Thursday night.

## Branding campaign: 'Visit Nice' Nebraska

**NE** LINCOLN — The Nebraska Tourism Commission is taking advantage of Nebraska's people and their apparent reputation for niceness in a new branding campaign.

The title is "Nebraska Nice," and among its materials is a recommendation to "Visit Nebraska. Visit Nice."

Commission director Kathy McKillip said in a news release that officials wanted a message "that would resonate with Nebraskans and will very quickly communicate Nebraska's strengths to potential visitors."

Commission vice chairman John Chapo said the new campaign evolved from intense brand research that showed one of Nebraska's strongest assets is its people.

A commission report says "Nebraska is about genuine friendliness and relaxation across all

audiences but also a fun place for nonresidents."

## Man warned over taking video of moose

**WA** WENATCHEE — A state Fish and Wildlife officer issued a written warning to a man who drove while his wife shot video of a moose running through a Wenatchee neighborhood.

Enforcement Officer Graham Grant told The Wenatchee World the department wants to make a statement that it's unlawful to do anything to harass a moose.

He said the moose was obviously in distress last weekend and ran toward a parking lot and traffic because the car was following it. Grant said moose should be left alone to find their own way.

## Driver is cited for using dummy in carpool lane

**MA** QUINCY — A commuter heading into Boston had a real dummy along for the ride.

State Trooper John Carnell was working a paid detail in Quincy on Thursday morning when he saw a vehicle enter the carpool lane on Interstate 93 north with a suspicious-looking passenger. Carnell pulled over the vehicle and found that indeed, the driver

had propped up a jacket with a mannequin head on top in the passenger seat. The fake head even had a little mustache drawn on.

Vehicles using the lane must have at least two occupants.

The driver, whose name was not made public, has been issued a citation for operating on an excluded way.

## Man accused of driving lawn mower while drunk

**IA** DES MOINES — A man has been accused of driving a lawn mower in the middle of a Des Moines street while intoxicated.

Police said Billy Eugene Williams, 46, was spotted driving a Cub Cadet lawn mower Wednesday afternoon.

Williams told a police officer he drank several cans of beer prior to being on the lawn mower. Police said he told the officer he was driving his lawn mower to a gas station to buy more beer.

Police said Williams appeared intoxicated, and had slurred speech and watery eyes. He failed a preliminary breath test.

Williams was charged with operating while intoxicated and failure to have a valid license or permit while operating a motor vehicle.

From wire reports

## VIDEO GAMES



The watercolor visuals are never less than gorgeous and bring a sense of wonder to "Child of Light."

Courtesy of Ubisoft

# A FANTASTIC FAIRYTALE

With stunning visuals, soundtrack, 'Child of Light' satisfies gamers of all ages, levels

By MICHAEL S. DARNELL  
*Stars and Stripes*

It's understandable to be a little hesitant of budget games.

Steam and mobile markets are flush with budget games that really are just cheap knock-offs of famous RPGs, free-to-play money traps and plain broken games. That's not to say inexpensive games can't be high-quality; groundbreaking games like "Braid" and "Spelunky" have proven that creative budget games can very easily end up on "Game of the Year" lists.

The most recent game that proves low-cost doesn't have to mean low-quality is a charming, \$15 role-playing game from Ubisoft Montreal called "Child of Light."

"Child of Light" is the fairytale of Aurora, a princess of Austria, who falls into an unnatural sleep. She awakes in the magical world of Lemuria, which is home to giant talking mice, morose jesters and ancient warrior clans. This strange world is brought to life with stunning watercolor visuals that make any given screenshot a veritable work of art.

The depth and detail of the painted world would make even a boring game set on its surface entertaining. I spent plenty of time exploring the nooks and crannies of Lemuria, not for the hidden potions and upgrades, but to see if I could catch a glimpse of some sun-drenched vista I had overlooked before.

The watercolors are not just a pretty background for a story, they're also used to help tell the story of Lemuria. The colors are muted and a bit darker, setting a somber tone that the plot matches perfectly. Aurora's story is not a happy one, and the game takes some fairly dark turns along the way. In that regard, it's more akin to the 2006 fantasy movie "Pan's Labyrinth" than anything put out by Disney.

A decidedly melancholic soundtrack lends to this unhappy atmosphere even more, with piano and flute compositions that set a relaxing, albeit depressing, tone. Noted French-Canadian singer-songwriter Cœur de Pirate composed the soundtrack, and her work has elevated it from background music to something to be sought out long after the game is turned off.

The game itself draws heavily from its fairytale setting. Without spoiling too much, Aurora is told by a mysterious woman that in order to awake from her real-life coma, she must bring together Lemuria's sun, moon and stars. This being a fairytale, she runs afoul of an evil queen who has her own designs for Lemuria's future.

Aurora's story is told entirely in

rhyme, which is a cute device that works at times. It's clear when the rhymes were forced, and sometimes this leads to some awkward phrasing that obscures what is being said. When it works, it lends to the atmosphere greatly; when it doesn't, it's a nuisance that had me itching for the skip button.

Lemuria is explorative in two dimensions, with an emphasis on verticality. Shortly after arriving, Aurora is given the ability to fly, which sets up some great level design that has you exploring up and down as much as left and right. The landscape is dotted with treasure



chests and puzzles waiting to be solved, none of which are exactly brain busters, but offer a fun diversion from time to time. There are also many monsters to be slain along the way, which is done with a turn-based combat system. The hook that makes this combat system work is the time gauge that dictates the flow of battle. Two of your party members will face down varying numbers of enemies. Each character gets a turn to cue an action, whether attacking, casting a spell or using a healing item. These actions can be interrupted by an enemy hitting you first and causing the action to be canceled.

It takes some getting used to, and at first the ease at which your party is able

Overall grade: **A+**

to cancel out an enemy's action, combined with the great amounts of healing items found everywhere, can make the game seem too easy. By the end of the game, though, the enemies are using the timing to their advantage, making every encounter equally dangerous.

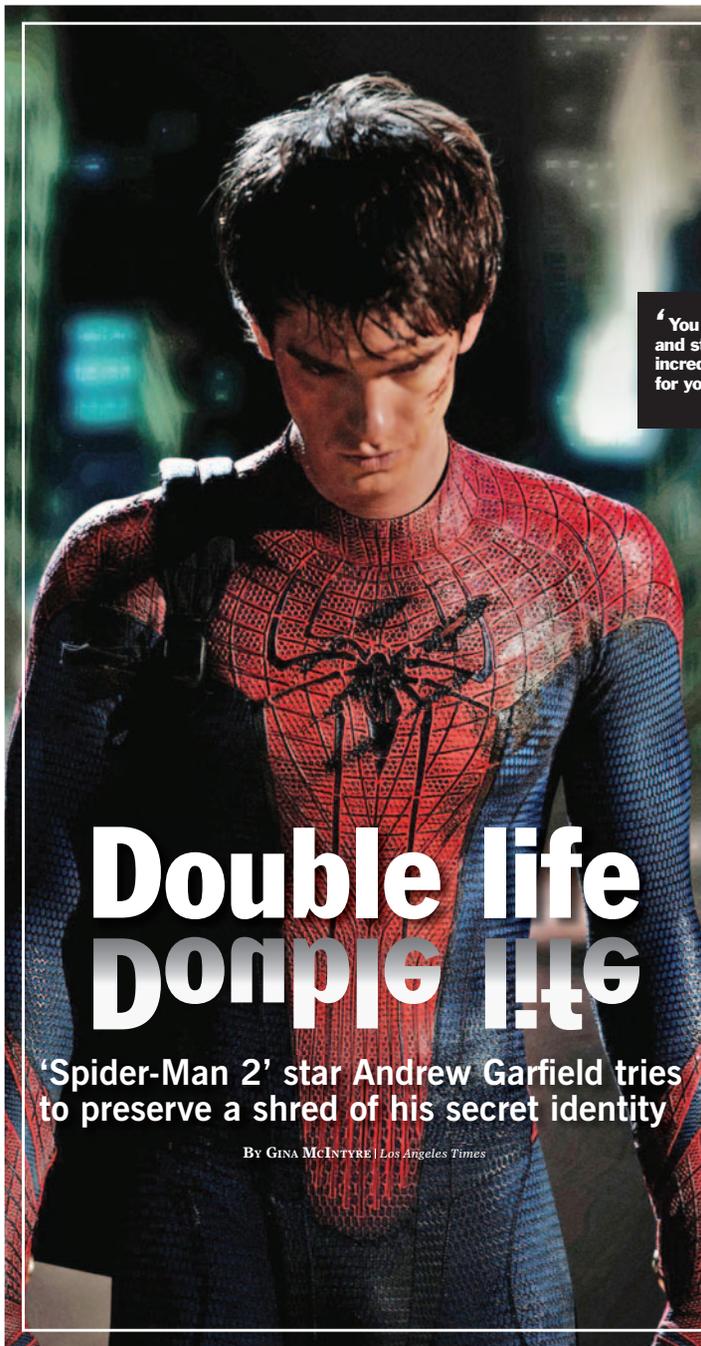
Outside of combat, you'll pick up side quests, chase down bits of poetry floating on the wind and gather crystals that double as weapon and armor buffs. The side quests are pretty basic, but there are enough of them to keep the game from feeling rote. It's a basic role-playing game that offers enough simplicity for newcomers to the genre, but has enough meat to satisfy cantankerous old fans like myself.

"Child of Light" is a game that breaks all of the rules. It's inexpensive, but nothing about it feels cheap or denigrated because of the price. It's an artistic game that doesn't forget for a second that it's a game, and not a moving art installation. It's touching without being cloying and lengthy without becoming dull. If you can afford the \$15 price tag and have ever enjoyed a role-playing game in your life, this should be the next game on your wish list.

**Bottom Line:** A+ "Child of Light" is the early front-runner for 2014's game of the year.

**Platforms:** PC, PS4, Xbox One, PS3, Xbox 360 and Wii U

## MOVIES



# Double life Don't pick life

'Spider-Man 2' star Andrew Garfield tries to preserve a shred of his secret identity

By GINA MCINTYRE *Los Angeles Times*

Andrew Garfield, the star of "The Amazing Spider-Man 2," took one glance around the Bell-Air eatery and made a quick assessment: "Peter Parker wouldn't be allowed in here," he said with a nod.

It is nearly impossible to picture the brainy, blue-collar kid from Forest Hills, Queens, enjoying fine California cuisine on an upscale restaurant patio on an April afternoon, and even Garfield, the 30-year-old actor who has lived inside Peter Parker's skin for the past few years, seems a little too low-key and comfortably unkept to belong to the class of diners soaking up the mild sunshine.

But Peter's outsider quality and the transformational aspect of his accidental encounter with a scientifically enhanced arachnid was one thing that deeply appealed to Garfield long before he ever starred in a blockbuster or had even settled on an acting career. The self-described skinny kid in England who was bullied by his classmates found solace — and hope — in the web-slinger.

**"You can be imperfect and still be a hero. That's incredibly empowering for young people."**

Andrew Garfield

"I needed a myth," Garfield said of his attraction to the crafty costumed hero created by Stan Lee and Steve Ditko at Marvel Comics in 1962. "I needed a story to put myself into to understand where I was at, to remind me that it's OK to be imperfect... You can be imperfect and still be a hero. That's incredibly empowering for young people."

In the new \$200 million production — directed like its predecessor by Marc Webb — Garfield's wall-crawling hero is beset by numerous threats, chief among them Jamie Foxx's Electro, an incandescent blue bad guy who wields the ability to control the power grid.

Yet even as he must try to contain the damage Electro inflicts across Manhattan, Peter Parker struggles to learn more about his own past, including his father's demise. He's also wrestling with his relationship with Gwen Stacy (Emma Stone), attempting to balance his feelings for her with his desire to keep her out of harm's way. Plus there's the matter of an old friend, Harry Osborn (Dane DeHaan), whose reappearance spells trouble.

It's the kind of conflicted, complicated character that appeals to the actor. "This is the Spider-Man movie that I want to make," said Garfield. "This is the Spider-Man that I want to portray, and this is the Spider-Man that I want to have the opportunity to be."

"The Amazing Spider-Man" turned out to be a blockbuster hit that took in upward of \$262 million at the domestic box office and also earned critical praise, thanks in part to the winning chemistry between Garfield and Stone, who met and began dating during the production.

With the exception of the "Spider-Man" movies, Garfield seems to prefer projects that tie drama to the prestigious — he recently shot the indie tangle "99 Homes" with award-winning filmmaker Benh Zeitlin. Behrman, and he's poised to play a 17th century Jesuit priest for director Martin Scorsese in the film "Silence." On stage, he won acclaim (including a Tony Award nomination) for his Broadway run playing Biff Loman in "Death of a Salesman" opposite Philip Seymour Hoffman for director Mike Nichols in 2012.

His adventures in comic book cinema aside, it would be difficult to accuse Garfield of courting fame. In person, he's thoughtful and soft-spoken and prefers often to "the energy" of a person or a place, displaying much of the low-decibel charm he brings to his scruffy, sarcastic Peter Parker. He makes his home in the same city as his screen alter ego too, where he said it's easier to avoid becoming caught up in Hollywood politics.

"New York City, you know that no one (cares) about who you are — that's healthy. Here, people really care," Garfield said. "I do just want to create things and be an artist and explore and experiment and be free of fear of judgment. That's the big joke. The religion of celebrity and fame, the fanaticism of the star, it's not real in any way. It's all illusion."

"L.A.'s dangerous for actors. I think there's a collective unconscious thing happening where there's value placed on things that have no value, on what a film makes at the box office — that being a mark of success as opposed to the journey of creating the thing."

Andrew Garfield stars as Peter Parker/Spider-Man in "The Amazing Spider-Man 2."

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## MOVIES

# Foxx puts a charge into 'Spider-Man 2'

By COLIN COVERT  
(Minneapolis) Star Tribune

**H**e's got a range that extends from cross-dressing tomfoolery on TV's "In Living Color" to gridiron drama in "Any Given Sunday," masterful musicianship as Ray Charles in "Ray," and blaxploitation heroism as a vengeful ex-slave in "Django Unchained." But Jamie Foxx has never had a role as extreme as the angry aggregation of electrons he plays in "The Amazing Spider-Man 2."

As the high-voltage villain Electro, Foxx terrorizes New York City as he flings lightning bolts at co-star Andrew Garfield. Digital effects add a kind of bioluminescent static electricity sparking beneath the character's glowing ice-blue skin.

Spidey's iconic nemesis isn't all bad, however. In a phone conversation, Foxx said one of the attractions of the film was that it adds a sympathetic back story to the menace, who begins as a downtrodden engineer.

"We really homed in on the personal story of Max Dillon," an Osborne Corp. lackey first seen with nerd glasses, a front-tooth gap and an oily comb-over. There's comic pathos in the way the character is betrayed in family, work and love, pushing him to lash out at the world, Foxx said.

"What's interesting in the 'Spider-Man' comic books is that they don't start out bad. They start out with good intentions, but it seems like the world deals them the wrong cards. It's the same with Peter Parker," a nice high school kid who takes the weight of the world on his shoulders after a radioactive spider bite. "Then they get to that crossroads of being powerful for good or powerful for bad."

Foxx, born Eric Bishop, grew up in Terrell, Texas, on a cultural diet of "comic books, cartoons and 'The Electric Company,'" the

PBS children's show where the web-slinger appeared in nonsensical skits. "Spider-Man was interesting 'cause he was a high school kid, while Batman was older," Foxx said. "And Spider-Man was easier to do because he didn't have a cape. You could just run around and shoot your webs."

As a kid, Foxx acted out sketches in the mirror and studied piano. By his teens he was in demand to play for the country club set. He studied music at college in San Diego, but got sidetracked into comedy when he took the stage at a stand-up club one night. He joined the cast of Keenen Ivory Wayans' multicultural sketch show "In Living Color" from 1991 to 1994.

He quickly climbed the Hollywood ladder. In 2005, he was Oscar-nominated both for his supporting turn in the Tom Cruise thriller "Collateral" and his lead performance in "Ray," and won for "Ray." He's also a double Grammy winner for performances with Kanye West and T-Pain.

Appearing in the "Spider-Man" sequel had its attraction for both Foxx and the producers, he said. They could use his presence to draw viewers who enjoy his work but haven't hooked into the "Spider-Man" storyline. And Foxx, 46, could use the franchise, which he calls "popcorn-friendly," to reach younger viewers.

"Kids will really respond to it because it's really up their alley. It's very jokey. It's back to the childlike Spider-Man, where it's a lot of fun. It seems to be working in our favor."

The film opened well, earning \$92 million in North American theaters in its first weekend. The first movie, "The Amazing Spider-Man," made \$62 million on its debut weekend a 2012.

Entering the rebooted franchise in its second installment had advantages and drawbacks, Foxx said. "When there's a family already there, you want to get along with the family. At the same time you want to enhance the film as much as you can, bring as much flavor and information to the character as you can. When I'm doing Max, it's like going back to my 'In Living Color' days, being over-the-top. Then it lets me go into Electro, which isn't Django, but it's more serious. They may not be able to use all of it, but you want to be a good family member."

DAN HALLMAN, INVISION/AP



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Jamie Foxx stars as Electro (above), Spider-Man's new nemesis, and Max Dillon (right), in "The Amazing Spider-Man 2."



## MUSIC

## NEW ALBUMS



## Various Artists

The Amazing Spider-Man 2  
Soundtrack (Columbia Records/  
Madison Gate Records)

Even Oscar-winning composers can use a little help once in a while.

So it makes sense that Hans Zimmer created his own band of superhero hitmakers, including white-hot Pharrell, to work on "The Amazing Spider-Man 2" soundtrack. The so-called Magnificent Six—which besides Pharrell includes Johnny Marr, Michael Einziger, Junkie XL, Andrew Kawczynski and Steve Mazzaro—works magic with Zimmer and helps him weave a strong musical accompaniment to the plot.

The score matches the hero's character and journey—from the playful yet ominous "The Electro Suite" to the sinister orchestral-electro hybrid "My Enemy" to "We're Best Friends," which is highlighted by its unusual tempo.

The 20-track album's crowning glory is the Pharrell co-penned "It's On Again," where Alicia Keys' warm vocals provide a stark contrast to Kendrick Lamar's growly tones. It's an energetic tune that starts off with a hard electric guitar before getting enveloped by catchy pop beats.

Phosphorescent's ballad "Song for Zulu" is aided by cascades of violins, while LZ's impish funk "That's My Man" claps itself into a loop of joy. Pharrell's earnest vocals on the slow groove "Here" lull you into a sense of emotional security, while Czarina Russell brings a classic rock sound to the proceedings on "Within the Web (First Day Jam)," just enough to inject hard edge into the album's overall pop feel.

Zimmer and the Magnificent Six's collaboration elevates the comic-book hero to heights he wouldn't get to by relying on his superpowers alone.

—Cristina Jalreut  
The Associated Press

## Iggy Azalea

The New Classic  
(Def Jam/Grand Hustle)

The blond ambitious rapper with a killer flow from the Australian outback has finally made it, and she's not afraid to rap about it.

Iggy Azalea, 23, has been hustling to get to where she is since she first landed in Miami at 16, and the main theme of the 12-track "The New Classic" is her dream of becoming accomplished in hip-hop through hard work and unwillingness to be thwarted by bad deals, critics and industry pressures. That's especially on tracks such as "Walk the Line," "Don't Need Y'all" and the dark "Impossible Is Nothing."

"First deal changed me, robbed blind, basically raped me... studied the Carters till a deal was offered, slept cold on the floor recording," she spits on "Work," not as a complaint, but as a badge of honor.

Musically, the album leans toward a blend of pop and electro beats. The rappers of the heyday that led Azalea to this path may shake their heads at this softball version of their craft, but it's not called "The New Classic" for nothing. It's a fresher take of the rhyming arts, flipping its inherent misogyny and machismo on its head with a few disappointing exceptions (just bypass the wealth flashing "New (Expensive).") Overall, this is a women's empowerment record.

Rita Ora's velvet voice adds another layer to the anti-love slow burn of the Stargate-produced "Black Widow," a song that has a writing credit from Katy Perry. Charli XCX—from "I Love It" fame with Icona Pop—contributes to the playful electro tune "Fancy," while Azalea's mentor, T.I., gives her a hand with that whole "Change Your Life" thing.

If Azalea doesn't fall into the trap of rapping only about her designer clothes and wealth in the future, and keeps her eyes on the artsy prize, she might just become an old classic.

—Cristina Jalreut  
The Associated Press

## Damon Albarn

Everyday Robots  
(Warner Bros.)

Twenty years after he became a Brit-pop poster boy as lead singer of Blur, Damon Albarn has released his first solo album.

He's been busy in the meantime, fronting cartoon hip-hop band Gorillaz, forming the supergroup The Good, the Bad and the Queen and even writing a couple of operas. So "Everyday Robots" is hardly the work of a novice—rather of a man in his 40s looking back with a mixture of wonder and regret.

The songs, suffused with nostalgic melancholy, blend the digital and the organic, scattering samples of speech and street sounds over electronic beats, winsome guitar and plinky piano.

Lyricaly, Albarn explores the tension between isolation and connection in the digital age, and the feelings of guilt and absolution that come with aging.

The melancholy title track sets the tone, with Albarn's vulnerable vocals laid over ragged samples and jagged violin. It's an understated number that worms its way under the skin.

"Hostiles" and "Hollow Ponds" continue the mood of languid reverie, while "You and Me" refers to Albarn's long-ago use of heroin, a drug he has said he found alluring and dangerous.

There are a couple of more up-tempo numbers in "Mr. Tembo"—an ode to an orphaned baby elephant—and "Heavy Seas of Love," a low-key singalong featuring Brian Eno and a church choir.

More typical of the bittersweet mood are "Lonely Press Play" ("If you're lonely, press play") and the lovely, delicately hopeful "Photographs (You Are Taking Now)."

"Everyday Robots" is an album of subtle pleasures. — Jill Lewis  
The Associated Press

## LISTEN UP

## The Black Keys — "Fever" (stream)

The Black Keys have made a career of finding the cracks between rock's past and present, refusing to choose a side by pairing throwback riffs and howls with the stranglehold of pop's modern sensibilities. Nothing has changed with their new single "Fever," from their forthcoming LP, "Turn Blue," except the way they do it. This time, Dan Auerbach and Patrick Carney drive even further from the barebones, gritty blues-rock that skyrocketed them from Akron, Ohio, and dive into a pool of dense, piercing psychedelia. — Scott Recker/PopMatters.com

Hear the song at [theblackkeys.com](http://theblackkeys.com)



LINDA BROWN LEE/Courtesy of Warner Bros. Records

HEALTH & FITNESS

# Aging well starts young

Develop healthy eating, exercise, sleep habits early on for long-term success

By **MINI WHITEFIELD**  
The Miami Herald



**A**strid Flaherty nimbly hops off a low platform and then swoops from side to side touching orange plastic cones. Although she is 70 years old and a breast cancer survivor, she seems barely winded. Her secret: lifelong exercise and healthy eating.

"Exercise is the best anti-aging pill you can take," says Dawn Davis, a fitness instructor at Shula's Athletic Club in Miami Lakes, Fla.

Flaherty has discovered on her own what doctors and fitness experts are saying: People can age more successfully if they develop a healthy lifestyle when they're young that includes exercise, a healthy diet, sufficient sleep and watching their weight.

The Miami Lakes resident still hits the gym three times a week and plays tennis on Saturdays. And her diet emphasizes fresh, natural foods.

Being in good shape also helped when she was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2007. "My doctors were amazed that I was able to come back from my chemo sessions so quickly," she says.

"People need to think about the aging process throughout their lives. I know it's hard when you're 20 years old," says Dr. Sara Czaja, professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences and the scientific director of the Center on Aging at the University of Miami's Miller School of Medicine.

"It's really important to take advantage of what we know," Czaja says, "and we do know a lot about how to age healthily."

That includes staying socially engaged throughout life and being mindful at a young age of the dangers of smoking, the links between skin cancer and overexposure to the sun, and having recommended preventive screenings, Czaja says.

"A lot of chronic disease — diabetes, high-blood pressure, cardiovascular disease, obesity — may be prevented by maintaining a healthy lifestyle throughout life too," she says.

"What we're also learning more and more is the importance of engaging in physical exercise. That leads to not only better cardiovascular health but also better cognitive health," Czaja says. "There is suggested evidence that being obese can cause cognitive problems."

But the reality is that what initially motivates many people to exercise is concern about their appearance — not their health, says Rickie Ali, a fitness and wellness specialist and personal trainer at Shula's Athletic Club.

"The fitness business knows this — with the ads about six-pack abs

and all that," he says. You can get lean following some of the programs now in vogue, he says, but they are not complete, and some also put people at risk of injury by trying to do too much too fast.

"My main goal for people is for them to have the fitness they need to get through their everyday activities," he says. "By default, the body gets leaner. But that is not my motivation."

Anyone who wants health for life needs to address lifestyle habits, nutrition, wellness and fitness at every phase of their lives, Ali says.

A basic mantra for anyone who wants to age well is move, move, move.

In the 20s and early 30s, that means building strong muscles, bone density and as healthy a cardiovascular system as possible, Ali says. "It's like when you build a house. You need to build a solid foundation."

And anyone who embarks on a fitness program needs to improve their nutrition as well. "Think of food as a fuel like gas for a car," Ali says. "You might want to

**Exercise is the best anti-aging pill you can take.**  
Dawn Davis, fitness instructor, Shula's Athletic Club

drive that car five days a week, but if the gas isn't there, you can't do it."

As people head toward middle age, their metabolism might slow and a more sedentary lifestyle and chronic ailments could begin to take a toll.

Ali says the exercise movements for those at mid-life are basically the same as for a younger person, but the number of repetitions and intensity might vary.

For older people, it's important to work on movements that encourage better balance, flexibility and stability, Ali says. He might have people in this age group do balancing exercises on one leg, work on posture and alignment, and do stretches.

"If you have strong muscles and core, it's easier to stop yourself from falling and risking injury," Davis says.

Charles Eaves, 75, a retired salesman who trains with Davis, ran nearly every day before a recurrent foot injury sidelined him.

After he stopped running, "my resilience just wasn't there. I felt like if I fell, I would just lie there like a limp rag and wouldn't be able to get up," Eaves says.

Now after a year of three-a-week training sessions with Davis, he says the strength and flexibility he had as a runner have come back.

As people age, they need to adapt to changing realities, Czaja says. "Your life may be different, but that doesn't mean you're not aging successfully."

The good news is that even if you've never exercised or haven't worked out regularly, it's still possible to ease back into a fitness routine and find success at any age.

But it's important before beginning an exercise regime, says Ali, to get medical clearance from a doctor and let your trainer know if there are any limitations.

Dr. Anaisys Ballesteros, a family practice physician with Baptist Health Medical Group, said her key advice to younger patients is: Don't forget your annual preventive physical.

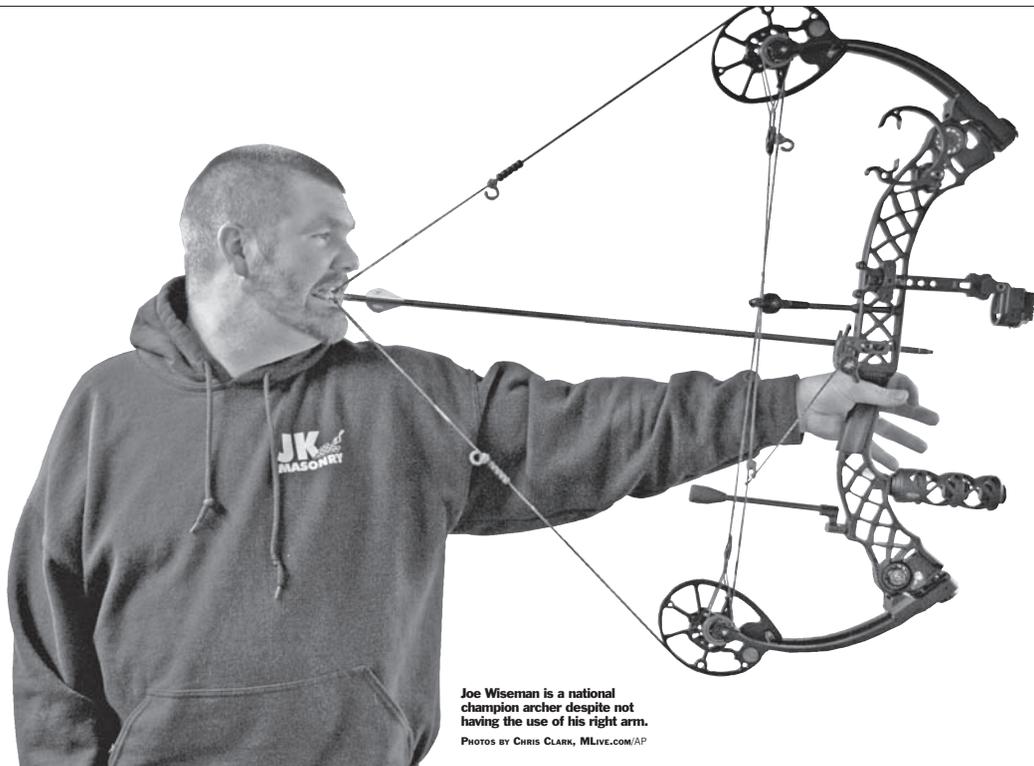
Younger people don't tend to come in until they're sick, she says. But regular preventive screenings can show them whether they are at risk for diabetes or high blood pressure when they are still young enough to modify diet, lifestyle — including controlling stress, fitness and weight, Ballesteros says.



Personal trainer Rickie Ali works with Jenny Rodriguez, top, Laura Fuentes, center, and Agnes Delgado, right, at Shula's Athletic Club in Miami Lakes, Fla. According to Ali, appearance, not health, is what motivates most to exercise.

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## NATION



Joe Wiseman is a national champion archer despite not having the use of his right arm.

PHOTOS BY CHRIS CLARK, MLIVE.COM/AP

# Archery champ shoots with his teeth

By TOM RADEMACHER

The Grand Rapids (Mich.) Press

GRAND RAPIDS — National archery champion Joe Wiseman draws his bow back with practiced deftness, his eyes focused on a target 60 feet away, about the length of a bowling alley.

His head tips up just a bit, then down and then steadies. His body quiets. Then, in the time it takes to snap a finger, the arrow leaves the bow and finds its mark. Bull's-eye.

Which isn't too shabby, for a guy who shoots with his teeth.

It's not because he wants to but, rather, because it was the only choice he has, given the debilitating accident that nearly killed him when he was 19.

Wiseman was driving an ATV in the Baldwin, Mich., area when he hit a ditch that intersected the trail. He plowed headfirst into a utility pole at a speed of 70-plus miles per hour. His helmet was split in three places, his shoes found nearly 100 feet from impact.

He smiles wryly, remembering: "I always had to be the biggest, the fastest, the baddest."

Another man probably would have died. But at least one doctor conjectured that because Joe worked as a tender (that's the grunt who lugs mortar and

block for masons, and it makes you big) he somehow pulled through — with 13 broken vertebrae.

When he awoke 10 days later in intensive care, he discovered that his numerous other injuries included damage to his right side that left his dominant arm paralyzed. Most of the time, it hangs loosely at his side, though he can summon it upward a bit by bending at the elbow. The fingers, though, are virtually useless.

Wiseman is no stranger to challenge and adversity. He was a highly decorated football player at Comstock Park High School in Comstock Park, Mich., from which he graduated in 2001. He also lettered in basketball and baseball.

After high school, he found work at JK Masonry Inc. not far from his home then, lugging concrete blocks and mixing mud while attending Grand Rapids Community College.

The accident put his life on hold, but he managed not only to graduate from

GRCC but to eventually earn a bachelor's degree in construction management from Ferris State University.

In re-learning how to shoot a bow, he soon discovered he could hit a target with regularity.

By this time, he'd moved north to Howard City and began practicing at an indoor shooting range.

It wasn't long before he was beating some of the locals in friendly bouts, and he decided to enter formal competitions.

Earlier this year, he won the National Field Archery Association sectionals held in Muskegon, Mich., which drew archers from five states to compete in the Indoor Bowhunter Freestyle Limited division.

And in March, Wiseman's hard work paid off with a first-place showing in Nationals, held at the Kentucky International Convention Center in Louisville.

"He's just winning everything; we love him," said Jennifer Martindale, of How-

ard City, Mich., who serves on the board for two statewide archer's associations.

Adds fellow archer Rick Walker, "I wish I could beat him; he's phenomenal."

Where others pull a string or trigger release with their hand, Wiseman ties a piece of braided nylon cord that extends about two inches from the string.

After nocking the arrow, he brings the bow to his mouth and clenches the wad of string with the jaw teeth on his right side, then extends his left arm while simultaneously pulling back with his teeth to extend the bow.

What also astounds fellow archers is that Wiseman shoots lights out with a bowhunting bow and not a more sophisticated "target" bow with a scope and other target-enhancing accouterments.

Also, he hunts game from a ladder stand — again, no small feat to climb with one good arm. This past year, he scored a doe, a buck and two turkeys with arrows.

"What gets me fired up is when people tell me I can't do something. That's when I get very determined to prove them wrong," he said.

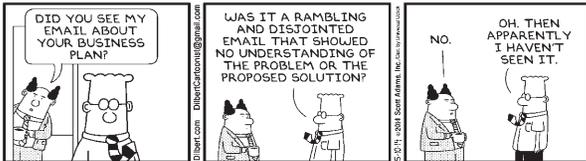
"I want to inspire others to show them that there's a way — that they can do it. For me, there's more joy in helping someone else out than there is in shooting."



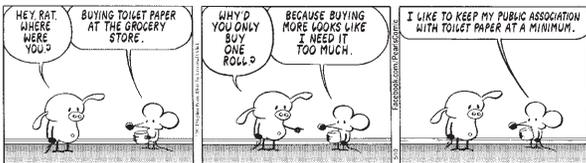
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Dilbert



Pearls Before Swine



Non Sequitur



Candorville



Get Fuzzy



Doonesbury



Fort Knox



Eugene Sheffer Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 Crony
- 4 "Pow!"
- 8 Laundry
- 12 Leusian vessel?
- 13 Lotion additive
- 14 Refrigeration
- 15 Neutral color
- 16 Expense
- 17 Unaccompanied
- 18 Marksman's fancy skill
- 21 That guy's
- 22 Compete
- 23 Cart
- 26 Solifich
- 27 Satchel
- 30 From the beginning
- 31 Bear hair
- 32 Hawaiian resort area

DOWN

- 52 1856 Stowe novel
- 53 Auction action
- 24 Blackbird
- 25 Jewel
- 26 Wrigley product
- 27 Carton
- 28 Pismire
- 29 Firmist
- 30 Off in the distance
- 31 Comedian Love
- 32 New Zealander
- 34 A welcome sight?
- 35 Flew without a co-pilot
- 36 Godzilla's home
- 37 Music mogul Davis
- 38 "— the night before ..."
- 39 Anger
- 40 Austen heroine
- 41 Lab assistant?
- 42 Speedy steel
- 43 Ankle-length
- 44 Progeny

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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5-10 CRYPTOQUIP

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 Z I P P K Z M I W Z H U W C M R J M  
 J N P Z Z M T W C P J X K K P R H W R F B  
 Yesterday's Cryptquip: AFTER HE FINISHES A MASTERFUL PAINTING OF A BOG FULL OF PEAT MOSS, IT'LL BE HIS SPHAGNUM OPUS.  
 Today's Cryptquip Clue: C equals V

BUSINESS/WEATHER

# FTC: Snapchat deceived customers

By BARBARA ORTUTYA  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Snapchat has agreed to settle with the Federal Trade Commission over charges that it deceived customers about the disappearing nature of messages sent through its service and collected users' contacts without telling them or asking permission.

Snapchat is a popular mobile messaging app that lets people send photos, videos and messages that disappear in a few seconds. But the FTC says Snapchat misled users about its data collection methods and failed to tell users that others could save their messages without their knowledge.

Snapchat has said that it notifies users when a recipient takes a screenshot of a "snap" they've sent. But the FTC said recipients with an Apple device that runs an operating system that predates iOS 7 could evade the app's

screenshot detection. Apple's iOS 7 launched last summer.

In addition, the FTC says Snapchat's app stored video snaps that were not encrypted on the recipient's device. The videos remained accessible to the recipient, the agency said. A user could access a video message, even after it supposedly disappeared, if the user simply connected the phone to a computer and accessed the video in the device's file directory.

The FTC complaint also alleges that Snapchat failed to secure its "find friends" feature. A security breach in January allowed hackers to collect the usernames and phone numbers of some 4.6 million Snapchat users. The breach occurred after security experts warned the company at least twice about a vulnerability in its system.

Snapchat later issued an update to its app that fixed the issue and allowed users to opt out of



Snapchat CEO Evan Spiegel AP

the "find friends" feature.

The settlement doesn't have a financial component, but if Snapchat is found to violate the agreement, the company could end up paying a civil penalty of as much as \$16,000 for each violation.

The Los Angeles startup reportedly turned over a \$3 billion buyout offer from Facebook last fall.

The FTC said Snapchat agreed to settle without admitting or denying any wrongdoing.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (May 12)	\$1.4164
Dollar buys (May 12)	€0.7060
British pound (May 12)	\$1.173
Japanese yen (May 12)	¥99.00
South Korean won (May 12)	₩996.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3771
British pound	\$1.1859
Canada (dollar)	1.0895
China (Yuan)	6.2277
Denmark (Krone)	6.4144
Egypt (Pound)	7.0473
Euro	\$1.3785/1.7254
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7516
Hungary (Forint)	220.86
Israel (Shekel)	3.4562
Japan (Yen)	101.73
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2820
Norway (Krone)	5.9138
Philippines (Peso)	43.64
Poland (Zloty)	3.104
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7506
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2489
South Korea (Won)	1,025.62
Switzerland (Franc)	0.8844
Thailand (Baht)	32.61
Turkey (Lira)	1.8783

(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., non-U.S. dollars), the exchange rate is checked with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

MARKET WATCH

May 8, 2014

<b>Dow Jones Industrials</b>	<b>32.43</b>
	16,550.97
<b>Nasdaq composite</b>	<b>-16.18</b>
	4,051.50
<b>Standard &amp; Poor's 500</b>	<b>-2.58</b>
	1,875.63
<b>Russell 2000</b>	<b>-11.12</b>
	1,097.43

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	7.75
Federal funds market rate	0.08
3-month bill	0.03
30-year bond	3.44

## WEATHER OUTLOOK

### SATURDAY IN THE MIDDLE EAST



### SATURDAY IN EUROPE



### SUNDAY IN THE PACIFIC



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

Saturday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Arlene, Texas	95	70	Pdly	Chatanooga	79	64	Rain	Frost Wayne	74	55	Cldy	Louisville	79	65	Cldy
Akron, Ohio	72	52	Cldy	Cheyenne	59	32	Pdly	Fresno	78	51	Cir	Lubbock	95	63	Cir
Albany, N.Y.	77	51	Rain	Chicago	73	58	Pdly	Goodland	77	42	Cir	Macon	82	60	Cldy
Albuquerque	80	51	Cir	Cincinnati	76	60	Cldy	Grand Junction	66	50	Cir	Madison	71	53	Pdly
Allentown, Pa.	76	55	Rain	Cleveland	70	51	Cldy	Grand Rapids	66	50	Cir	Medford	62	41	Rain
Amarillo	89	56	Cir	Colorado Springs	71	37	Pdly	Great Falls	49	32	Rain	Memphis	85	70	Cldy
Anchorage	64	43	Cir	Columbia, S.C.	85	64	Cldy	Green Bay	67	48	Cir	Miami Beach	85	77	Cir
Ashville	74	51	Rain	Columbus, Ga.	83	64	Rain	Greensboro, N.C.	79	58	Cldy	Midland-Odessa	97	68	Cir
Atlanta	79	63	Rain	Columbus, Ohio	76	57	Cldy	Harrisburg	70	47	Cir	Milwaukee	70	47	Cir
Atlantic City	78	59	Rain	Concord, N.H.	74	53	Rain	Hartford Spfld	74	55	Cldy	Mpls-St. Paul	67	50	Cldy
Austin	81	57	Cldy	Corpus Christi	87	74	Cldy	Helena	53	34	Rain	Missoula	54	34	Rain
Baltimore	56	40	Rain	Dallas-Ft. Worth	91	71	Pdly	Honolulu	87	72	Pdly	Mobile	77	60	Rain
Baton Rouge	87	71	Rain	Dayton	75	57	Cldy	Houston	87	73	Cldy	Montgomery	82	65	Rain
Bismarck	82	65	Rain	Daytona Beach	85	71	Cldy	Huntsville	80	65	Rain	Nashville	79	64	Cldy
Boise	58	37	Cldy	Denver	70	40	Pdly	Indianapolis	70	49	Pdly	New Orleans	84	72	Rain
Boston	74	58	Cldy	Des Moines	77	56	Cldy	Jackson Miss.	88	68	Cldy	New York City	76	59	Rain
Bridgport	74	56	Rain	Detroit	72	51	Pdly	Jacksonville	85	68	Cldy	Newark	78	60	Pdly
Brownsville	91	74	Cldy	Duluth	63	48	Cir	Juneau	63	42	Cldy	Norfolk, Va.	84	65	Cldy
Buffalo	66	47	Cldy	El Paso	91	65	Cir	Kansas City	83	62	Pdly	North Platte	71	42	Pdly
Burlington, Vt.	74	51	Cldy	Elkins	74	54	Rain	Key West	87	78	Cir	Oklahoma City	90	70	Pdly
Caribou, Maine	66	52	Rain	Evansville	62	40	Rain	Lake Charles	85	72	Cldy	Omaha	80	54	Cldy
Casport	58	32	Pdly	Fargo	64	45	Rain	Lansing	66	50	Pdly	Paducah	80	67	Cldy
Charleston, S.C.	83	66	Cir	Flagstaff	65	38	Cir	Lincoln	79	53	Pdly	Philadelphia	79	61	Rain
Charleston, W. Va.	78	59	Rain	Flint	69	47	Pdly	Little Rock	86	69	Cldy	Phoenix	94	69	Cir
Charlotte, N.C.	81	59	Cldy	Fort Smith	87	69	Pdly	Los Angeles	75	57	Cir	Pittsburgh	73	54	Cir

National temperature extremes  
Hi: Thurs., 99, Del Rio, Texas  
Lo: Thurs., 12, Yellowstone Lake, Wyo.

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# SCOREBOARD

## Sports on AFN

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## College baseball

### Thursday's scores

MIDWEST	
McMurry 7, Grace (Neb.) 4	
<b>TOURNAMENTS</b>	
<b>American Athletic Conference</b>	
<b>Second Round</b>	
Howard Payne 3, Texas-Tyler 2, T-1 eliminated	
Sul Ross St., Louisiana College 5, Louisiana eliminated	
<b>Winner's Bracket</b>	
Concordia-Austin 6, Mary Hardin-Baylor 1	
<b>Elimination Round</b>	
Sul Ross St. 3, Louisiana College 5, Louisiana College eliminated	
<b>Low Seed Conference</b>	
<b>First Round</b>	
Angelo St. 7, Texas A&M Kingsville 5	
<b>Central Atlantic Collegiate</b>	
Dominican (N.Y.) 5, Wilmington (Del.) 4	
<b>Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference</b>	
<b>First Round</b>	
CSU-Pueblo 15, New Mexico Highlands 9	

## Tennis

### Madrid Open

Men	
Rafael Nadal (1), Spain, def. Jarkko Nieminen, Finland, 6-1	
Nicola Pietrangeli (6), Czech Republic, def. Grigor Dimitrov (12), Bulgaria, 3-6, 6-2	
Santiago Giraldo, Colombia, def. Andy Murray (7), Britain, 6-3, 6-2	
Kei Nishikori (1) (Japan), def. Milos Raonic (8), Canada, 7-6 (5), 7-5	
Samantha Stosur, Australia, 6-4, 6-3	
Luzk Kubot, Poland, 6-4, 6-2	
Feliciano Lopez, Spain, def. Dominic Thiem (1), Austria, 6-3, 6-2	
Ernesto Guertl, Latvia, def. Marin Cilic (9), United States, 6-4, 6-4	

### Women

Third Round	
Serena Williams (1), United States, def. Carla Suarez Navarro (4), Spain, 6-2, 6-1	
Li Na (2), China, def. Steffen Stephens (16), United States, 2-6, 6-3, 6-2	
Petra Kvitová (5), Czech Republic, def. Lucie Safarova, Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-3	
Victoria Azarenka (3), Belarus, def. Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, Russia, 6-1, 6-2	
Simona Halep (4), Romania, def. Sabine Lisicki (15), Germany, 5-7, 6-3, 6-2	

### Double

Second Round	
Bob and Jeanie Bryan (1), United States, def. Jean-Julien Roquet, Netherlands, and Horac Tecau, Romania, 7-5, 3-6, 11-9	
Yaroslava Shvedova, India, and Aleks-U Haq Qureshi (8), Pakistan, def. Milos Raonic (8), Canada, and Andrea Szlam, Slovakia, 6-3, 6-1	

### Quarterfinals

Juan Sebastian Cabal and Robert Farinelli, Colombia, def. Kevin Anderson, South Africa, and Jürgen Melzer, Austria, 6-3, 6-2
Daniel Nestor, Canada, and Nenad Zimonjic (6), Serbia, def. Alexander Peya, Slovenia, and Bruno Soares (2), Brazil, 7-6 (2), 6-4

### Women

Quarterfinals	
Hsieh Su-wei, Taiwan, and Peng Shuai (1), China, def. Cara Black (1), Zimbabwe, and Samia Mirza (5), India, 5-7, 6-1, 10-8	
Li Na (2), China, def. Victoria Azarenka (3), Belarus, and Carla Suarez Navarro, Spain, def. Raquel Koppenhaver, United States, and Abigail Spears (9), United States, 7-5, 7-5, 10-8	
Sara Errani and Roberta Vinci (2), Italy, def. Maria King, United States, and Zheng Jie, China, 7-5, 6-3	
Anabel Medina Garrigues, Spain, and Yaroslava Shvedova, Ukraine, def. Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, Russia, and Lucie Safarova, Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-2	

## Pro soccer

### MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE						
W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	
Sporting KC	4	2	14	11	6	4
Houston	4	2	14	13	11	4
New England	4	3	14	14	9	10
New York	3	3	12	10	10	10
Columbus	3	3	12	10	10	10
D.C.	3	3	12	10	11	12
Toronto FC	3	4	0	9	12	11
Philadelphia	1	4	5	6	10	13
Montreal	1	4	5	6	10	13
Chicago	0	2	6	6	12	14

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Seattle	7	2	22	24	14
Real Salt Lake	5	4	16	16	10
FC Dallas	5	4	16	19	17
Colorado	4	2	15	19	9
Vancouver	4	2	13	15	12
Los Angeles	2	2	8	7	5
Portland	1	3	4	7	10
San Jose	1	3	4	7	8
Chivas USA	0	5	3	6	18

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

### Wednesday's games

Houston 1, Columbus 0
Seattle FC 2, FC Dallas 1
San Jose 0, Colorado 0

### Saturday's games

Sporting Kansas City at Montreal
D.C. United at Philadelphia
Chicago at New York
Vancouver at Columbus
FC Dallas at San Jose

### Los Angeles' games

Chivas USA at Colorado
Seattle FC at New England
Real Salt Lake at Houston
Wednesday, May 14
Seattle FC at Sporting Kansas City
Portland at Real Salt Lake

### Sunday, May 17

Montreal at D.C. United
New England at Philadelphia
Chivas USA at FC Dallas
Los Angeles at Houston
San Jose at Real Salt Lake
San Jose at Seattle FC
Columbus at Portland

### Sunday, May 18

Sporting Kansas City at Chicago
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## NWSL

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Seattle	5	0	15	22	2
Portland	3	0	9	12	2
FC Kansas City	2	2	7	8	7
Washington	2	2	6	7	8
Sky Blue FC	2	0	6	7	9
Western NY	1	1	4	4	3
Boston	1	3	0	5	9
Houston	0	2	3	3	9

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

### Wednesday's games

Western New York FC at Kansas City
Sky Blue FC 1, Chicago 1, Tie
Houston at Seattle

### Sunday's games

Sky Blue FC at West New York
Houston at Chicago
Washington at Kansas City

### Wednesday, May 14

Portland at Houston
FC Kansas City at Seattle FC

### Thursday, May 15

Chicago at Boston
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### Saturday, May 17

Western New York at Washington
Houston at FC Kansas City
Chicago at Boston

### Sunday, May 18

Houston at FC Kansas City
Chicago at Boston

## Lacrosse

### NCAA Men's Div. I Tournament

#### Play-Down

Wednesday, May 7

Bryant 3, Siena 8
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#### First Round

Thursday, May 8

Albany (NY) at Loyola (Md)
Harvard at Notre Dame
Cornell at Maryland
North Carolina at Denver
Virginia Tech at Virginia
Hopkins at Pennsylvania
Wake Forest at Wake Forest
Bryant at Syracuse

#### Quarterfinals

Saturday, May 17

Portland at Wake Forest
Albany (NY) at Cornell
Harvard-Notre Dame, N.Y.C. winner vs. Cornell
Cornell at Wake Forest
Syracuse winner vs. Bryant-Syracuse winner

#### Sunday, May 18

Newark, Del.

Hopkins-Virginia winner vs. North Carolina
Wake Forest winner vs. Albany-Cornell
Syracuse winner vs. Bryant-Syracuse winner

#### Semifinals

Saturday, May 24

At M&T Bank Stadium
Baltimore

#### Championship

Monday, May 26

At M&T Bank Stadium
Baltimore

Semifinal winners

## Deals

### Thursday's transactions

#### BASEBALL

**MINNESOTA TWINS** - Traded OF Sam Feld on the 7-day DL. Recalled INF Eduardo Nunez from Rochester (IL). Selected the contract of RHP Matt Garza from Rochester. Optioned LHP Logan Darnell, OF Ben Revere and C Chris Herrmann to Rochester.

**LOS ANGELES ANGELS** - Claimed LHP Brooks Riley at auction from Minnesota. Designated LHP Buddy Boshers for release.

**TEXAS RANGERS** - Placed INF Donnie Murphy on the 15-day DL. Selected the contract of RHP Justin Germano from Round Rock (TX). Recalled INF Luis Sano from Frisco (TX) and C Chris Carter from Round Rock (TX).

**TORONTO BLUE JAYS** - Activated 1B Adam Baker for assignment.

**TORONTO BLUE JAYS** - Activated 1B Scott Baker from the 15-day DL. Optioned RHP Chad Jenkins to Buffalo (IL).

**PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES** - Recalled RHP Luis Garcia from Lehigh Valley (PA). Sent RHP Shawn Camp outright to Lehigh Valley.

**PITTSBURGH PIRATES** - Optioned RHP Phil Irvn to Indianapolis (IL).

**SAN DIEGO PADRES** - Recalled RHP Kevin Quackenbush from El Paso (OK). Designated RHP Ryan Howard for assignment. Announced that OF Xavier Nady cleared waivers and was sent outright to El Paso.

#### American Association

**FARGO-MOOREHEAD REDWAXES** - Signed OF Nick Jackson. Released RHP Steve Schirmer.

**GRAND PRAIRIE AIR HOKES** - Signed INF Brian Pryor, INF Brandon Pinckney, Phil Palmer, C Jeff Frazier, LHP...

**WINNEPEG GOLDFEVES** - Traded C Matt...

#### Frontier League

**FRONTIER GREYS** - Sold the contract of LHP Spencer Medick to Arizona (NL). Signed OF Chris Ellis...

#### NORMAL CORNBELTERS

- Released OF Manny Alonzo, LHP Matt...

#### RIVER CITY RASCALS

- Released UTL Steve Brown and RHP George...

#### ROCKFORD AVIATORS

- Released SS...

#### TRUCKEE CITY BEACH BUMS

- Traded C Zach Komantani to River City for a...

#### WASHINGTON WILD THINGS

- Signed OF first-round pick...

#### WINDY CITY THUNDERBOLTS

- Signed C Matt...

## HOCKEY

### NHL

**BOSTON BRUINS** - Called up F. Matt Fraser from Providence (AHL). Assigned Justin Gill to Providence (AHL).

**EDMONTON OILERS** - Signed C. Bogdanov to a three-year entry-level contract.

**MONTREAL CANADIENS** - Signed D....

**KANSAS CITY** - Signed D....

**NASHVILLE PREDATORS** - Extended their affiliation agreement with Milwaukee...

**UTAWA SENATORS** - Signed M. Mike...

**PHOENIX COYOTES** - Signed D. Marek...

**TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS** - Signed C....

**UTAWA SENATORS** - Signed M. Mike...

### SOCCER

#### Major League Soccer

**CHIVAS USA** - Acquired MF Marvin Chavez from Colorado FC for Luke Moore...

**ATLANTA BRUNNEN** - Signed D....

**COLUMBUS CREW** - Acquired a conditional 2016 second-round SuperDraft pick from Chivas USA for Jeff Partridge...

#### COLLEGE

**NORTHEAST CONFERENCE** - Announced the retirement coordinator of men's basketball officials Tom Lopes...

**KANSAS** - Announced the signing of sophomore G. Andrew White III who will be leaving the men's basketball program.

**SOUTH ATLANTIC CONFERENCE** - Named Kelsey Burglund director of external affairs.

**SPRING HILL** - Announced the resignation of director of intramural sports and operations Angel Gray.

**TEXAS A&M** - Named Scott Stansbury men's assistant basketball coach.

## Golf

### The Players Championship

#### Thursday

At TPC Sawgrass

Playoff Round

Porte Verde Beach, Fla.

Score: 130 million

Yardage: 7,215; Par 72 (63-36)

#### First Round

Martin Kaymer	29-34-63	9
Russell Knox	30-35-66	7
Matt Kuchar	30-35-66	7
Lee Westwood	33-34-67	5
Brian Strand	34-33-67	5
Gonzalo Castano	34-34-67	5
Gary Woodland	33-34-67	5
Justin Rose	33-34-67	5
Scott Stallings	35-32-67	5
Adam Long	34-34-68	4
Sergio Garcia	36-32-67	5
Scott Brown	31-37-68	4
Ernie Els	34-34-68	4
Dustin Johnson	34-34-68	4
Justin Leonard	36-32-68	4
Phil Hoot	34-35-68	4
Jonny Lee	34-35-68	4
Brendon de Jonge	39-39-69	3
Zach Johnson	36-33-69	3
Justin Rose	36-33-69	3
Zach Johnson	36-33-69	3
Graeme McDowell	36-33-69	3
Brian Steele	36-33-69	3
Graham Delatt	35-34-69	3
Martin Hurst	35-34-69	3
Bubba Watson	34-35-69	3
Matt Fitzpatrick	34-35-69	3
James Hahn	36-34-69	3
Brian Gray	36-34-69	3
Marc Lehman	35-35-70	2
Matt Jones	35-35-70	2
Justin Rose	34-36-70	2
Kevin Na	34-36-70	2
Justin Rose	35-35-70	2
Stewart Kirk	35-35-70	2
Carlos Dominguez	35-35-70	2
Rickie Fowler	35-35-70	2
Stephen Gallacher	37-33-70	2
Henrik Stenson	34-34-70	2
Jeff Overton	34-34-70	2
John Huh	36-34-70	2
John Jordan	36-34-70	2
Jim Fry	36-34-70	2
Paul Casey	35-35-70	2
David Hearn	35-35-70	2
Adam Scott	35-35-70	2
Michael Thompson	37-34-71	

# AUTO RACING/NHL PLAYOFFS

## Around the track

### SPRINT CUP

**This week:** 5-Hour Energy 400 at Kansas City, Kan.

**TW-ATN-Xtra,** 1:30 a.m. Sunday, Central European Time.

**Track:** Kansas Speedway (oval, 1.5 miles).

**Race distance:** 400.5 miles, 267 laps.

**Last year:** Matt Kenseth raced to his second consecutive Kansas victory. Kenseth was penalized after his engine failed post-race inspection.

**Last week:** Denny Hamlin won at Talladega for his first victory in a points race at a restrictor-plate track. He won a drag race with Kevin Harvick on a restart with two laps remaining, and was in front when NASCAR froze the field because of debris.

**Next race:** NASCAR Sprint All-Star Race, May 17, Charlotte Motor Speedway, Concord, N.C.

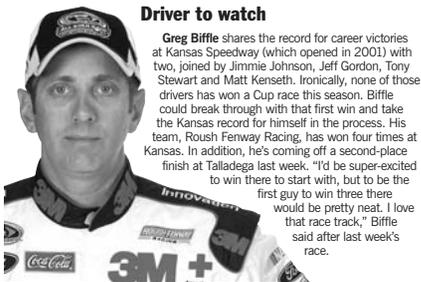
**Online:** nascar.com

### Driver standings

1. Jeff Gordon ..... 347
2. Matt Kenseth ..... 344
3. Kyle Busch ..... 343
4. Dale Earnhardt Jr. .... 328
5. Carl Edwards ..... 328
6. Joey Logano ..... 305
7. Jimmie Johnson ..... 304
8. Greg Biffle ..... 300
9. Ryan Newman ..... 299
10. Brian Vickers ..... 297
11. Brad Keselowski ..... 294
12. Denny Hamlin ..... 292
13. Kyle Larson ..... 286
14. Austin Dillon ..... 281
15. A.J. Allmendinger ..... 279
16. Marcos Ambrose ..... 268
17. Paul Menard ..... 265
18. Clint Bowyer ..... 261
19. Kevin Harvick ..... 258
20. Kasey Kahne ..... 252

### Driver to watch

Greg Biffle shares the record for career victories at Kansas Speedway (which opened in 2001) with two, joined by Jimmie Johnson, Jeff Gordon, Tony Stewart and Matt Kenseth. Ironically, none of those drivers has won a Cup race this season. Biffle could break through with that first win and take the Kansas record for himself in the process. His team, Roush Fenway Racing, has won four times at Kansas. In addition, he's coming off a second-place finish at Talladega last week. "I'd be super-excited to win there to start with, but to be the first guy to win three there would be pretty neat. I love that race track," Biffle said after last week's race.



### CAMPING WORLD TRUCK

**This week:** SFP 250 at Kansas City, Kan.

**Track:** Kansas Speedway (oval, 1.5 miles).

**Race distance:** 250.5 miles, 167 laps.

**Last year:** Matt Crafton raced to his lone 2013 victory en route to the season title.

**Last race:** Crafton won the rain-delayed race at Martinsville on March 30.

**Next race:** North Carolina Education Lottery 200, May 16, Charlotte Motor Speedway, Concord, N.C.

**Online:** nascar.com

### VERIZON INDYCAR

**This week:** Grand Prix of Indianapolis.

**TV:** AFN-Xtra (delayed), 5:30 a.m. Sunday, CET.

**Track:** Indianapolis Motor Speedway (road course, 2.439 miles).

**Race distance:** 200 miles, 82 laps.

**Last year:** Inaugural race. **Last race:** Ryan Hunter-Reay raced to his second successive victory at Barber Motorsports Park in Birmingham, Ala., on April 27 in a rain-shortened event that finished under caution.

**Next race:** Indianapolis 500, May 25, Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Indianapolis.

**Online:** indycar.com

### NATIONWIDE SERIES

**Next race:** Get To Know Newton 250, May 18, Iowa Speedway, Newton, Iowa.

**Last week:** Elliott Sadler raced to his first Talladega victory, winning a three-lap shootout.

**Online:** nascar.com

### FORMULA ONE

**This week:** Spanish Grand Prix at Barcelona.

**Track:** Circuit de Catalunya (road course, 2.89 miles).

**Race distance:** 190.8 miles, 66 laps.

**Last year:** Ferrari's Fernando Alonso won in front of his home fans.

**Last race:** Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton won the Chinese Grand Prix on April 20 for his third straight victory.

**Next race:** Monaco Grand Prix, May 25, Circuit de Monaco, Monte Carlo.

**Online:** formula1.com

### NHRA MELLO YELLO DRAG RACING

**Next event:** NHRA Summer Nationals, May 16-18, Atlanta Dragway, Commerce, Ga.

**Last week:** Erica Enders-Stevens raced to her second Pro Stock victory of the season, beating Allen Johnson in the Spring/Nationals in Baytown, Texas. Anton Brown won in Top Fuel, and Robert Hight topped the Funny Car field.

**Online:** nhra.com

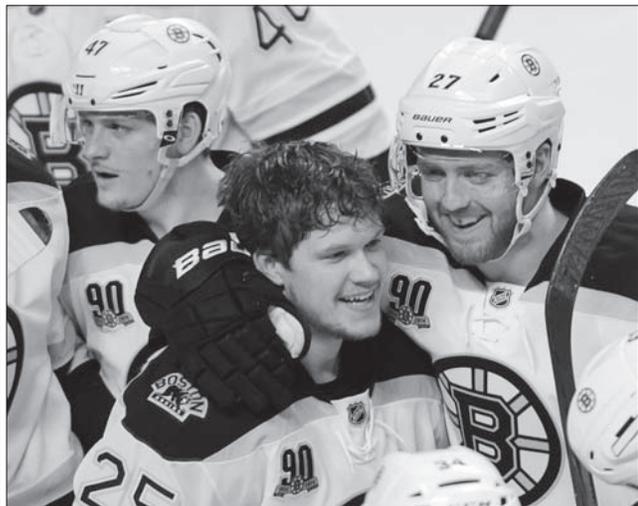
### OTHER SERIES

**WORLD OF OUTLAWSPRINT CAR:** Friday, Wilmot, Wisconsin; Saturday, Tri-State Speedway, Hauptstadt, Indiana.

**Online:** worldofoutlaws.com

— Series capsules

by The Associated Press



RYAN REMOZ, THE CANADIAN PRESS/AP

**Boston Bruins left wing Matt Fraser, front, celebrates with teammate Dougie Hamilton after scoring the winning goal in overtime against the Montreal Canadiens in Game 4 of their conference semifinal series Thursday night in Montreal. Fraser was called up from Providence of the AHL on Wednesday.**

## NHL scoreboard

### Second round (Best-of-seven, x if necessary)

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**  
**Montreal 2, Boston 2**  
 Montreal 4, Boston 3, 2OT  
**Thursday:** Boston 1, Montreal 0, OT  
**Saturday:** at Boston 2  
**Monday:** at Montreal  
**x-Wednesday:** at Boston  
**Pittsburgh 3, N.Y. Rangers 1**  
 N.Y. Rangers 3, Pittsburgh 2, OT  
**Friday:** at Pittsburgh  
**x-Sunday:** at N.Y. Rangers  
**x-Tuesday, May 18:** at Pittsburgh

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**  
**Chicago 2, Minnesota 1**  
 Chicago 4, Minnesota 1  
**Friday:** at Minnesota  
**Saturday:** at Chicago 0  
**x-Tuesday:** at Minnesota  
**x-Thursday:** at Chicago  
**Los Angeles 2, Anaheim 1**  
 Los Angeles 3, Anaheim 2, OT  
**Thursday:** Anaheim 3, Los Angeles 2  
**Saturday:** at Los Angeles  
**Monday:** at Anaheim  
**x-Wednesday:** at Los Angeles  
**x-Friday, May 16:** at Anaheim

**Thursday**  
**Bruins 1, Canadiens 0**  
 Boston 1, Bruins 0  
 Montreal 0, Canadiens 0  
 St. Louis 0, Blues 0  
 Dallas 0, Stars 0  
 San Jose 0, Sharks 0  
 Phoenix 0, Coyotes 0  
 Columbus 0, Jackets 0  
 Washington 0, Capitals 0  
 Carolina 0, Panthers 0  
 Tampa Bay 0, Lightning 0  
 Florida 0, Panthers 0  
 New York Rangers 0, Islanders 0  
 New York Islanders 0, Rangers 0  
 Pittsburgh 0, Penguins 0  
 Philadelphia 0, Flyers 0  
 Boston 0, Bruins 0  
 Montreal 0, Canadiens 0  
 St. Louis 0, Blues 0  
 Dallas 0, Stars 0  
 San Jose 0, Sharks 0  
 Phoenix 0, Coyotes 0  
 Columbus 0, Jackets 0  
 Washington 0, Capitals 0  
 Carolina 0, Panthers 0  
 Tampa Bay 0, Lightning 0  
 Florida 0, Panthers 0  
 New York Rangers 0, Islanders 0  
 New York Islanders 0, Rangers 0  
 Pittsburgh 0, Penguins 0  
 Philadelphia 0, Flyers 0

**Over time—1.** Boston, Fraser 1 (Goderberg, Boychuk); 1:19.  
**Shots on goal—Boston, Fraser 13-12-7-3-35.**  
**Montreal 10-9-14-0-33.**  
**Power-play opportunities—Boston 0 of 2; Montreal 0 of 1.**  
**Goalies—Boston, Fraser 6-3-0 (33 shots-33 saves), Montreal, Price 2-0 (35-34).  
 A=21,273 (21,273), T=2-51.**

**Ducks 3, Kings 2**  
 Anaheim 1, Ducks 1  
**First Period—1.** Anaheim, Perry 3 (Mauro, Getzlaf); 4:06 (pp).  
**Second Period—1.** Los Angeles, Carter 3 (Gaborik, Kopitar); 4:59 (pp). 3, Anaheim, Selanne 1 (Hilgen, Lindholm); 15:10 (pp).  
**Third Period—4.** Anaheim, Lovejoy 2 (Cogliastro), 17:05. 5, Los Angeles, Richards 1 (Pearson, Carter), 19:29.  
**Shots on goal—Anaheim 10-7-5-22.**  
**Los Angeles 9-10-12-31.**  
**Power-play opportunities—Anaheim 2 of 2; Los Angeles 1 of 1.**  
**Goalies—Anaheim, Anderson (23 shots-20 saves), Miller 2-2-0 (10-32 third-8-7); Los Angeles, Quick 6-4-0 (22-19).  
 A=12,622 (18,118), T=2-34.**

## NHL roundup

# Day after call-up, Fraser lifts Bruins

The Associated Press

MONTREAL — Matt Fraser fantasized about a night like this as a kid in Red Deer, Alberta.

Making his NHL playoff debut after being called up Wednesday from Providence of the American Hockey League, the 23-year-old Fraser scored at 1:19 of overtime to give the Boston Bruins a 1-0 victory over the Montreal Canadiens on Thursday night.

"It's something I dreamed about many times on the outdoor rinks growing up," Fraser said. "It's every kid's dream to score in overtime ... Words can't even describe that feeling. I just watched the replay of it and I don't even want to begin to try to explain that because it's something I wish that every kid could feel."

The goal tied the Eastern Conference semifinal series 2-2.

Fraser scored after Johnny Boychuk's shot from the point took a high hop off the end boards and Canadiens goaltender Carey Price and defenseman Mike Weaver had trouble controlling the bouncing puck.

"It was bouncing around and I was just swatting at it as hard as I could and hoping it would hit something," Fraser said. "Price is such a good goalie. He doesn't give out a lot of rebounds. I might have got lucky there, but the puck wound up in the back of the net."

Price lost sight of the puck.

"It came around on the other side and it bounced over my stick and I lost it," Price said. "Somebody yelled 'Over' so I looked over my left shoulder. Obviously, it wasn't there. Then they poked it in on the other side."

Fraser had two goals in 14 regular-season games for Boston and had 20 goals in 44 games for Providence.

Tuukka Rask made 33 saves for Boston; Price stopped 34 shots. **Ducks 3, Kings 2:** Starting down the prospect of an 0-3 series deficit, visiting Anaheim figured out a way to beat Los Angeles.

Even if that way involved a third-period goalie change, two unlikely power-play goals and another wild finish.

Power-play goal the tiebreaking power-play goal late in the second period, Corey Perry got his first goal of the series, and the Ducks trimmed the Kings' series lead to 2-1.

Anaheim snapped the Kings' six-game playoff winning streak. Ben Lovejoy's goal with 2:55 to play turned out to be the winner after two earlier goals from the Ducks' long-struggling power play.

Mike Richards scored for the Kings with 30 seconds left, but the top-seeded Ducks hung on for just their third victory in their past seven playoff games.



## MLB

## NL roundup

## Stanton HR powers Marlins past Padres

The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Giancarlo Stanton still amazes his Miami teammates.

The big slugger hit a two-run homer in the 11th inning and the surprising Marlins earned a rare road win, beating the San Diego Padres 3-1 Thursday night for their fifth straight victory.

Stanton lined an 0-2 pitch from Dale Thayer (2-1) to right-center, a rocket shot that cleared the fence in a hurry at spacious Petco Park.

"That was pretty ridiculous," Marlins pitcher Jacob Turner said. "To be able to hit that ball, on a line, at this park like that ... I don't know how many other guys could do that. He's swinging a hot bat and whenever he does, he's dangerous."

Stanton leads the NL with 11 home runs and tops the majors with 40 RBIs.

"I looked silly on that second pitch and I knew he was either going to throw something in the dirt or try to elevate that fastball again to see what I was going to do with it," Stanton said. "That was just putting the barrel on it. It wasn't a home run swing."



LENNY IGONZALEZ/AP

The Marlins' Giancarlo Stanton high-fives with Derek Dietrich after his two-run homer in the 11th inning against the Padres on Thursday in San Diego. The Marlins won 3-1.

Said Miami manager Mike Redmond: "I don't know if you would ever see a right-handed hitter hit the ball out of the ballpark like that."

The Marlins (20-15) took over sole possession of first place in the NL East for the first time since April 26, 2011. The last time they were five games over .500 was at 31-26 on June 7, 2012, according to STATS.

**Giants 3, Dodgers 1 (10):** Pinch-hitter Hector Sanchez had a tiebreaking sacrifice fly in the 10th inning, and visiting San Francisco beat Los Angeles in the opener of a four-game series.

Brandon Belt added an RBI single for the Giants, who tied the score at 1 when Brandon Hicks homered off Josh Beckett in the seventh.

J.P. Howell (1-3) issued a one-out walk in the 11th to Angel Pagan, who advanced on a wild pitch by Jamey Wright before the right-hander walked Hunter Pence and Buster Posey, Sanchez, who came in 1-for-10 as a pinch-hitter, fled out to the warning track in run-field to drive in Pagan.

Belt followed with a run-scoring single to make it 3-1.

## AL roundup

## Keuchel outduels Smyly as Astros top Tigers

The Associated Press

DETROIT — Dallas Keuchel outpitched college roommate Drew Smyly, and the Houston Astros beat Detroit 6-2 on Thursday to stop the Tigers' eight-game winning streak and end its own five-game skid.

Keuchel and Smyly were both on the Arkansas team that reached the College World Series in 2009. Keuchel (3-2) allowed two runs and six hits in 7½ innings.

Houston's George Springer, the 11th overall pick in the 2011 amateur draft, hit his first major league homer in the fifth and Jose Altuve put the Astros ahead 3-2 with a two-run double.

Carlos Corporan and Matt Dominguez also went deep for the Astros. Victor Martinez homered for the Tigers.

Smyly (2-2) gave up three runs and five hits in 5½ innings.

**Indians 9, Twins 4:** Asdrubal Cabrera had four hits and three RBIs, and Michael Brantley also homered as host Cleveland stretched a winning streak to three for the first time season.

Cabrera, who entered hitting .215, had a solo homer in the second and RBI doubles in the seventh and eighth. He also singled in the fifth.

Minnesota played its fourth straight game without first baseman Joe Mauer, who could be headed to the disabled list because of back spasms.

**Orioles 3, Rays 1:** Steve Pearce hit a two-run homer, Ubaldo Jimenez won his second straight start and visiting Baltimore completed a three-game sweep of Tampa Bay.

Pearce's second homer in three days came off David Price after J.J. Hardy's double in the second inning.

Nick Markakis extended his hitting streak to 15 games with a single in the third.

**Mariners 1, Royals 0:** Hisashi Iwakuma scattered four hits over eight innings and Corey Hart hit an RBI single to lift host Seattle, which won for the 11th time in 14 games since losing eight straight from April 15-22.

Iwakuma (2-0) was making his second start after beginning the season on the disabled list with a strained tendon on the middle finger of his pitching hand. The All-Star right-hander struck out seven and walked none.

Fernando Rodney worked around two walks in the ninth to earn his 10th save in 11 chances.

## Interleague

**Blue Jays 12, Phillies 6:** Edwin Encarnacion hit two of Toronto's five home runs and the Blue Jays won their eighth consecutive game against visiting Philadelphia. Juan Francisco, Adam Lind and Colby Rasmus also went deep to help Toronto extend its winning streak to a season-best five games. Encarnacion hit a leadoff shot in the second inning against A.J. Burnett and added a two-run drive off Luis Garcia in the seventh for his 12th career multi-homer game.

Francisco followed Encarnacion's second home run with a shot to center field, his second in two days, as the Blue Jays



CARLOS OSORIO/AP

Houston's Carlos Corporan watches his solo home run during the seventh inning of Thursday's game against the Tigers in Detroit.

went back-to-back for the first time this season.

**Rangers 5, Rockies 0:** Prince Fielder homered, Matt Harrison earned his first win of the season and host Texas beat Colorado after being overwhelmed by the Rockies the previous three games.

Harrison (1-0) and four relievers combined on a five-hitter, the Rangers' major league-best seventh shutout. Joakim Soria worked a perfect ninth with two strikeouts.

Colorado came in as the only National League team without a shutout loss. The Rockies, whose 22 wins are tied for most in the majors, had 50 hits and outscored

the Rangers 29-5 the previous three nights — the first two in Denver before the inter-league matchup switched to Texas.

**Cubs 12, White Sox 5:** Anthony Rizzo, Starlin Castro and Mike Ott homered, and the visiting Cubs stopped a four-game slide.

Rizzo had three hits and scored three times as the Cubs salvaged the finale of the city series. Ott, Ryan Kalish, Nate Schierholtz and Junior Lake had two hits apiece in a game that took 4 hours, 7 minutes.

The Cubs finished with 15 hits after managing just five runs and 12 hits in the first three games against the White Sox.

## SPORTS BRIEFS/NBA

## Briefly

# Nadal finds clay-court foray, advances at Madrid

The Associated Press

**MADRID** — Defending champion Rafael Nadal gave his clay-court doldrums a boost by reaching the Madrid Open semifinals on Friday with a dominant performance against Thomas Berdych.

In the women's tournament, two-time defending champion Serena Williams withdrew with a leg injury, while Maria Sharapova ousted Li Na in the quarterfinals.

The top-ranked Nadal had lost his previous two quarterfinal matches on clay for his worst run on the surface in a decade. But buoyed on by a partisan crowd, Nadal overpowered Berdych 6-4, 6-2 to advance at the Magic Box.

"I brought great energy and intensity to it and that's the best news, that it's my best (on clay) yet," Nadal said. "The things that, historically, I've done well on this surface I managed to do them again today."

Nadal has been improving with every match in Madrid after losing at the quarterfinals stage in previous tournaments in Monte Carlo and Barcelona.

But he showed no sign of the nerves that had uncharacteristically crept into the game of the most successful clay-court player ever as he pushed Berdych to the corners and punished him with a powerful forehand that accounted for 16 of his winners.

"My play is good when I'm hitting my forehand well, especially on clay," said Nadal. "In Monte Carlo I used my backhand more and not my forehand, and when I have to hit five or six backhands in a row it doesn't help my game."

The top-ranked Williams has had her left thigh bandaged this week and said she injured it during a first-round victory over Belinda Bencic on Sunday.

"It started to get better but, most importantly right now, I just need some time to rest and recover," Williams said in a statement. "This is not the way I wanted this week to end."

The withdrawal gave 2011 champion Petra Kvitová a walk-over and a spot in the semifinals.

The 32-year-old Williams said the injury would not keep her out of the French Open, with the defending champion tweeting she would play in Rome next week before the second Grand Slam of the season starts on May 25.

Sharapova reached the semis after she rallied to beat Li 2-6, 7-6 (5), 6-3.

Sharapova faces third-ranked Agnieszka Radwanska in the semifinals after the Polish player beat French qualifier Caroline Garcia 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.

Kvitová will face fourth-seeded Simona Halep after the Romanian ousted Ana Ivanovic of Serbia 6-2, 6-2.



ANDRES KUDACKI/AP

**Rafael Nadal celebrates a point during his Madrid Open tournament match against Thomas Berdych in Madrid, Spain, on Friday.**

## IOC shoots down report on moving Rio Games

**LONDON** — Is London being sounded out about possibly replacing Rio de Janeiro as host of the 2016 Olympics?

Absolutely not, says the International Olympic Committee.

The London Evening Standard reported Friday that London "has been secretly asked if it would be able to take over the 2016 Olympics because Brazil is so far behind on preparations."

London hosted the 2012 Olympics.

The report quotes an unnamed source as saying "obviously, the answer would be to come back to London. It's very unlikely but it would be the logical thing to do."

IOC spokesman Mark Adams says there is "not a shred of truth in it."

Adams says in an email to The Associated Press that relocating the games is "simply a non-starter - totally without foundation and totally unfeasible."

## German banker testifies in Ecclestone case

**BERLIN** — A German banker who alleges he was bribed by Bernie Ecclestone testified for the first time Friday in the Formula One boss' corruption trial.

Gerhard Gribkowsky is the prosecution's star witness against Ecclestone, who claims he was blackmailing into making a \$44 million payment to the banker. Gribkowsky was sentenced to

8½ years in prison in 2012 for taking the money after a trial in which the 83-year-old Ecclestone testified against him.

Ecclestone could face up to 10 years in prison if convicted of bribery and incitement to breach of trust.

Prosecutors allege the payment was meant to facilitate the sale of Munich-based bank Bayern LB's 47 percent stake in F1 to a buyer of Ecclestone's liking.

## Carlyle to remain as Maple Leafs coach

**TORONTO** — Randy Carlyle is coming back as Maple Leafs coach next season.

Carlyle and the Leafs agreed to a two-year contract extension on Thursday, but assistants Dave Farrish, Greg Cronin and Scott Gordon will not be returning next season.

Toronto went 2-12 in its last 14 games under Carlyle after being as high as second place in the Atlantic Division. Carlyle led the Leafs to the playoffs in the lock-out-shortened 2013 season, the club's first post-season appearance since 2004.

In other NHL news:

■ The Columbus Blue Jackets have signed goaltender Oscar Dansk, the 31st pick in the 2012 NHL draft, to a three-year, entry-level contract.

A native of Tumba, Sweden, Dansk has spent the past two seasons with Erie of the Ontario Hockey League, compiling a 40-32-7 record with a 3.25 goals-against-average, .897 save percentage and six shutouts in 85 appearances.

## France stuns Canada at ice hockey worlds

**MINSK, Belarus** — France stunned Canada in their first game of the ice hockey world championships Friday, winning 3-2 after a shootout.

Russia had no such problems as it kicked off its campaign with a 5-0 victory over last year's runner-up Switzerland.

Pierre-Edouard Bellemare scored the only goal in the shootout as France's beating goalie James Reimer with a shot.

Stephane Da Costa scored his second goal of the game to level it 2-2 in the third period and force a scoreless overtime period.

Philadelphia Flyers forward Brynden Schenn and Florida Panthers' defenseman Erik Gudbranson netted for Canada.

Sergei Plotnikov, Washington Capitals star striker Alex Ovechkin, Vadim Shipachyov, Anton Belov and Danis Zaripov all scored for Russia. Goaltender Sergei Boujackets recorded the shutout.



MARK J. TERRILL/AP

**An attorney representing Shelly Sterling, front, the estranged wife of Clippers owner Donald Sterling, back, said Thursday that she will fight to retain her 50 percent ownership stake in the team.**

# Shelly Sterling wants new co-owner to take charge of Clippers

BY JAMES RAINEY,  
MIKE BRESNAHAN  
AND LAURA J. NELSON  
Los Angeles Times

**LOS ANGELES** — Shelly Sterling said Thursday that she would like to maintain for life her half-ownership of the Los Angeles Clippers, while allowing a new co-owner - who would replace her husband, Donald - to control the operations of the NBA franchise.

The statement clarified her long-term intentions, raising concerns among elected officials, civic leaders, fans and Clippers Coach Doc Rivers about the continued tenure of either of the Sterlings, who have owned the team for 33 years.

Los Angeles City Council President Herb Wesson called for a clean break from the Sterlings, while Rivers said Shelly Sterling's continued ownership could create "a very difficult situation" in which the team "wouldn't know really who was in charge."

The reactions came a day after Shelly Sterling said that - regardless of the NBA's pending vote to force Donald Sterling to sell the Clippers — it was her legal right to keep her half-interest in the team.

The Clippers have been operating under a cloud for two weeks, since the celebrity web site TMZ released an audio recording in which Donald Sterling, 80, told a frequent court-side guest that he did not want to see her at games

with black people. Days later, NBA Commissioner Adam Silver fined Sterling \$2.5 million, banned him for life from the league and began a drive to get at least three-fourths of team owners to separate the Clippers boss from the franchise.

Shelly Sterling's lawyer on Thursday decried a "rush to judgment" against her and said that, as the Clippers co-owner, she "has the same right as anyone else in America to enjoy and control the fruits of (her) labor, and that includes deciding whether to keep or sell her 50 percent interest in the team."

Silver said when he announced his sanctions against Donald Sterling that "there have been no decisions about other members of the Sterling family." That would appear to provide some hope for Shelly Sterling to maintain her half-ownership, held in a family trust.

But analysts said that it could be difficult for Sterling's wife of 58 years to do so.

"If the ultimate objective is to get a new owner for the team - and it clearly is — it's highly unlikely that anyone would bid for 50 percent ownership," said Alan Rothenberg, a prominent attorney who worked for the Sterlings as the Clippers' president for 10 years. "And that's especially true if the other owner is someone connected to Donald — and with the same last name."

# NBA PLAYOFFS

## Scoreboard

**Second round**  
(Best-of-seven; x-if necessary)

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

**Miami G, Brooklyn 0**  
Miami 107, Brooklyn 94  
Thursday, Miami 94, Brooklyn 82

**Saturday:** at Brooklyn  
**Monday:** at Brooklyn  
**x-Wednesday:** at Miami  
**x-Friday, May 16:** at Brooklyn  
**x-Sunday, May 18:** at Miami

**Washington I, Indiana 1**  
Washington 102, Indiana 96  
Indiana 86, Washington 82

**Friday:** at Washington  
**Sunday:** at Washington  
**Tuesday:** at Indiana  
**x-Thursday, May 18:** at Indiana

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

**San Antonio 2, Portland 0**  
San Antonio 116, Portland 92  
Thursday, San Antonio 114, Portland 97

**Saturday:** at Portland  
**Monday:** at Portland  
**x-Friday, May 16:** at Portland  
**x-Monday, May 19:** at San Antonio  
**L.A. Clippers 1, Oklahoma City 1**  
L.A. Clippers 122, Oklahoma City 105  
Oklahoma City 112, L.A. Clippers 101

**Friday:** at L.A. Clippers  
**Sunday:** at L.A. Clippers  
**Tuesday:** at Oklahoma City  
**x-Thursday, May 15:** at L.A. Clippers  
**x-Sunday, May 18:** at Oklahoma City

# Allen comes up big, again, for Heat

By **TIM REYNOLDS**  
*The Associated Press*

**MIAMI**—The latest Ray Allen playoff moment was not high-light-reel worthy. It will not have a catchy name like the Shot. It probably was forgotten seconds after it happened.

But it might have been the biggest play for the Miami Heat on Thursday night.

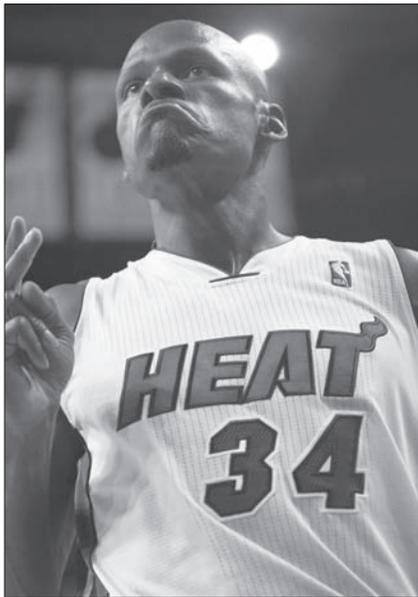
The time: 3:10 left in the fourth quarter, Heat leading the Brooklyn Nets by eight. The play: LeBron James gets a pass from Allen and fires a three-pointer from the right sideline. Allen, standing some 35 feet from the basket at the time, starts sprinting toward the basket. He runs past Paul Pierce and Mirza Teletovic, neither of whom remembered to box anyone out, then leaped past a flat-footed Deron Williams.

The result: Allen got the rebound, the first of three offensive boards for Miami in what became a 100-second possession, James eventually scored and the Nets were done. That marathon trip down the floor was the dagger as the Heat took a 2-0 lead in their Eastern Conference semifinal series by beating the Nets 94-82.

"Ray is always to the rescue," Heat forward Chris Bosh said. "He's amazing. He's awesome. I want to be like him when I grow up."

It was the eighth straight playoff win for Miami, a streak that began against San Antonio in Game 6 of last season's NBA Finals — the game where Allen took a pass from Bosh and hit the overtime-forcing, season-saving, title-reign-extending three-pointer with 5.2 seconds left in regulation.

Bosh knew exactly what to do on that play. And Allen knew exactly what to do on his eighth and final rebound Thursday. He could have tried to tip it in, or lay it up, or maybe even dunk the ball. Instead, he quickly realized that the time was worth more than points there to Miami, so he took two dribbles and kicked it out to Mario



DAVID SANTIAGO, EL NUEVO HERALD/AP

**Heat guard Ray Allen reacts after hitting a three-pointer during the fourth quarter of Game 2 of their Eastern Conference semifinal series against Brooklyn at the American Airlines Arena in Miami on Thursday. The Heat beat the Nets 94-82.**

Chalmers, allowing the Heat to reset with a fresh shot clock.

By the time Brooklyn touched the ball again, another minute-plus had passed and the outcome was basically decided.

"Very deflating," Pierce said. "Game 3 is Saturday night in Brooklyn."

James scored 22 for Miami, while Bosh scored 18 and Dwyane Wade finished with 14 for Miami,

the last remaining unbeaten team in this year's playoffs. Allen was scoreless at halftime, having missed his only shot, before getting 13 points — as many as any two Nets combined — in the second half on 5-for-7 shooting.

"I wasn't worried that I only shot the ball one time at half-time," Allen said. "If I was back in my shoot-the-ball-a-lot days, I might have been 'I only shot the

ball one time.' This team doesn't need me to score. It helps. But it can be any one of us, any given night. So I just try to sit, kind of lay in the weeds a little bit and see how it shakes out."

For the second straight game, Miami had five players in double figures.

"That's what our team is all about," James said. "We don't really care who scores."

Teletovic set a Nets playoff record with six three-pointers on his way to a 20-point night off the bench. Shaun Livingston scored 15, and Pierce and Joe Johnson each added 13 for the Nets.

Williams was 0-for-9 from the field, the worst shooting night of his career.

"That one hurt," Nets coach Jason Kidd said. "We were right there. We gave ourselves, on the road, an opportunity against the world champs. We let the game slip away. That one possession when they got four offensive rebounds, it didn't lose the game for us."

It was three rebounds, but no matter. It was still a backbreaker for the Nets.

Teletovic scored inside with 3:39 left to get Brooklyn within eight. For the next 100 seconds, Miami kept possession. James took all four shots on the trip, including a layup set up by Wade with 1:59 left.

It all started with The Rebound.

"I knew if I didn't go in, I was going to have a lay up at it," Allen said. "Those are playoff-basketball plays that you talk about."

James wore a microphone during Game 1 of the series and it caught him telling Michael Beasley during a stoppage in that game that ever since he saw the film "He Got Game" he's thought Allen could do no wrong on the court.

And it's deserved, since Allen saved Miami's title shot last season and seems to be doing more of the same this around.

"That's what Ray does," Wade said.

## Thursday

**Spurs 114, Trail Blazers 97**  
**Portland** — Batum 9-13 0-0 21, Aldridge 14-16, Lopez 3-10 2-8, Jarrett 8-20 2-15, Matthews 6-12 0-14, Williams 2-3 0-4, Barton 5-5 2-13, Robinson 1-4 0-2, Watson 1-0 0-0, McCollum 0-2 0-0, Frieledor 0-0 0-0, Leonard 0-0 0-0. Totals 48-93 10-10-97

**SAN ANTONIO** — Leonard 8-9 0-0 20, Duncan 4-10 2-4 10, Spilliter 5-10 0-4 10, Parker 8-19 0-2 16, Green 3-7 0-0 8, Ginobili 7-18 0-0 16, Belinelli 4-5 2-3 13, Diaw 5-6 1-1 12, Mills 3-3 0-0 7, Ayres 1-1 0-0 2, Barnes 0-0 0-0, Joseph 0-2 0-0 0, Bonner 0-0 0-0. Totals 48-90 6-14 114

**Portland** 26 25 28 26 27

**San Antonio** 29 41 17 27-114  
Three-Point Goals—Portland 7-18 (Batum 3-5, Matthews 2-4, Barton 1-1, Lillard 1-6, McCollum 0-1, Watson 0-1), San Antonio 12-20 (Leonard 4-6, Belinelli 2-3, Ginobili 2-4, Green 2-5, Mills 1-1, Diaw 1-1, Parker 0-2), Fouled Out—None, Rebounds—Portland 54 (Aldridge 10), San Antonio 49 (Spilliter 10), Assists—Portland 15 (Lillard 5), San Antonio 27 (Parker 10), Total Fouls—Portland 18, San Antonio 17, A.—18,51 (18,797)

## Heat 94, 82

**BROOKLYN** — Johnson 6-14 1-2 13, Pierce 5-11 1-13, Garnett 2-8 0-0 4, Williams 0-0 0-0, Livingston 6-9 3-4 15, Plumlee 1-2 0-2, Anderson 1-5 2-4 5, Blatche 0-0 0-0, Teletovic 7-12 0-0 20, Thornton 10-10 0-2 10. Totals 33-78 8-14 82

**Miami** — Battler 1-3 0-0 3, James 9-18 4-22, Bosh 7-13 3-4 18, Chalmers 4-7 1-2 11, Wade 11-16 1-4, Anderson 1-3 0-0 2, Allen 5-8 0-13, Cole 2-4 0-0 5, Lewis 2-4 0-0 2. Totals 35-71 14-43 84

**Brooklyn** 21 25 21 15-82

**Miami** 15 28 25-94  
Three-Point Goals—Brooklyn 8-24 (Teletovic 6-9, Pierce 2-4, Garnett 0-1, Anderson 0-1), Miami 10-24 (Allen 3-5, Leonard 3-4, Chalmers 2-3, Battler 1-2, Cole 1-3, Bosh 1-4, Wade 0-1, James 0-3), Fouled Out—None, Rebounds—Brooklyn 51 (Garnett, 12), Miami 40 (Allen 8), Assists—Brooklyn 19 (Williams 6), Miami 17 (Wade 7), Total Fouls—Brooklyn 15, Miami 14, A.—19,639 (19,600)



BRUCE ELY, THE OREGONIAN/AP

**Spurs guard Tony Parker chases a loose ball into the stands during Game 1 of their Western Conference semifinal playoff series against the Portland Trail Blazers on Thursday in San Antonio.**

# Spurs take 2-0 lead on Blazers

By **RAUL DOMINGUEZ**  
*The Associated Press*

**SAN ANTONIO** — Portland coach Terry Stotts is running out of adjectives and analogies to describe the San Antonio Spurs' dominance in the second quarter.

Kawhi Leonard scored 20 points, Tony Parker had 16 points and 10 assists, and San Antonio rolled to a 114-97 victory over the Trail Blazers on Thursday night for a 2-0 lead in the Western Conference semifinals.

After being struck by a "tidal wave" during the second quarter of the opener, Portland took on even more water in Game 2.

"The onslaught at the beginning of the second quarter was obviously the turning point in the game," Stotts said.

Boris Diaw scored six straight points to ignite a 23-8 run that gave San Antonio a 54-36 lead with 7 minutes remaining in the first half.

The Spurs outscored the Trail Blazers 41-25 in the second quarter, raising their advantage to 77-48 at that period in winning the first two games of the best-of-seven series convincingly.

Nicolas Batum scored 21 points for the Trail Blazers. Damian Lillard had 19 points and LaMarcus Aldridge added 16 points and 10 rebounds, but the Trail Blazers' All-Star duo put up 43 shots.

Aldridge was 6-for-23, missing back-to-back dunks in the second quarter.

"We missed a lot of shots," Aldridge said. "I definitely wasn't in

a good rhythm tonight. I missed point and three or four layups, so if those shots go in, then the whole game is different."

The Trail Blazers host Game 3 on Saturday night.

Marcu Ginobili added 16 points, Manu Belinelli scored 13 and Diaw had 12 as San Antonio's reserves outscored Portland's 50-19.

Making matters worse for the Trail Blazers, reserve Mo Williams was limited to 9 minutes due to a groin injury. He finished with four points.

"Our bench is coming alive," Parker said. "They had a hard first round. They had a hard time against Dallas, but the last two games the bench is playing well."

# NFL DRAFT

## THE STORYLINES



FRANK FRANKLIN II/AP

After a three-hour wait, Texas A&M quarterback Johnny Manziel went to the Browns at No. 22.

## Johnny Football falls to Cleveland

Johnny Manziel, college football's most entertaining player with the reputation for pulling off magical plays on the field and making headlines off it, was selected with the No. 22 overall pick by the Cleveland Browns, who hope they have finally found their franchise quarterback.

Nearly three hours passed as everyone from Green Bay quarterback Aaron Rodgers to the league's official Twitter account tweeted about Manziel squirming in his chair. Then the Browns made a trade with Philadelphia and nabbed the polarizing and electrifying Manziel.

As he walked out to meet the commissioner, Manziel rubbed his fingers together, a signature "money" gesture that endeared him to some and annoyed others critical of his reputation for partying and the "inadvertent" violation of NCAA rules involving signing autographs that got him suspended for a half last season.

Manziel, who in 2012 became the first freshman to win the Heisman trophy, brings an instant buzz and national relevance to the Browns. The team received dozens of season-ticket renewals in the minutes after he was picked.

The Browns have to hope the No. 22 pick doesn't haunt them again. They used it on QB Brady Quinn, whose first-round slide in 2007 was similar to Manziel's drop, and they drafted Brandon Weeden two years ago at 22. He was released in March.

— Tom Withers/The Associated Press



CHRIS RUSSELL, COLUMBUS DISPATCH/MCT

Ohio State bruiser Carlos Hyde is still on the board — as are all the other running backs in the draft.

## Plenty of RBs still available

For the second consecutive year, no running backs were selected in the first round. Before last year, that had never happened in the common draft era, which started in 1967 with the merger of the NFL and AFL.

Once one of the football's glamour positions, running backs have been relegated to role players in the NFL. Star college backs such as Carlos Hyde, Bishop Sankey, Tre Mason and Ka'Dem Carey should start coming off the boards Friday night in Rounds 2 and 3.

Who will be the first off the board, and which team will break the seal? Ohio State's Hyde is a good bet to answer to the first question. He's big (230 pounds), and quick and doesn't have many miles on those big legs compared to other workhorse backs. Arizona's Carey had 652 carries in his last two college seasons. Washington's Sankey had 616. Hyde had 523 in four seasons at Ohio State. Mason, a Heisman finalist from Auburn, was relatively lightly used — until last season.

Other top running backs: LSU's Jeremy Hill; West Virginia's Charles Sims; Towson's Terrance West; and Boston College's Andre Williams, another Heisman finalist.

Teams in need of a back include Jacksonville, Tennessee, Cleveland and Miami. With running-back-by-committee all the rage, teams like to stockpile at the position — without using first-round picks.

— Ralph D. Russo/The Associated Press



FRANK FRANKLIN II/AP

Teddy Bridgewater's stock dropped after a poor pro day workout, but fared better in a private workout.

## Active Vikings take Bridgewater at No. 32

Minnesota Vikings general manager Rick Spielman has earned a reputation as a wheeler and a dealer on draft day.

Trader Rick was at it again in Thursday, moving down to get a pass-rushing linebacker and up to grab what they hope is the quarterback of the future.

The Vikes took UCLA LB Anthony Barr at No. 9, then traded back into the first round to select Louisville's Teddy Bridgewater with the final pick of the night. After the Cleveland Browns got the Philadelphia Eagles' pick at No. 22 and took Texas A&M quarterback Johnny Manziel, Spielman looked for a deal to get Bridgewater, who threw for 3,970 yards with 31 touchdowns and four interceptions last season for the Cardinals. Bridgewater started the season projected to be the first quarterback taken, but a poor pro-day workout helped push him down the draft board.

Bridgewater attributed the poor showing to not wearing a glove, which he normally wears in games to help him grip the ball. He later had a private workout with the Vikings, and Spielman said he performed much better with the glove on. Bridgewater said he felt a connection with offensive coordinator Norv Turner and quarterbacks coach Scott Turner during the workouts.

"I felt very confident tonight that I was going to end up in Minnesota some way, somehow," Bridgewater said on NFL Network.

— Jon Krawczynski/The Associated Press

## THE FIRST ROUND

1. Houston <b>Jadeveon Clowney</b> Defensive end South Carolina	5. Oakland <b>Khalil Mack</b> Linebacker Buffalo	9. Minnesota <b>Anthony Barr</b> Linebacker UCLA	13. St. Louis <b>Aaron Donald</b> Defensive tackle Pittsburgh	17. Baltimore <b>C.J. Mosley</b> Linebacker Alabama	21. Green Bay <b>Ha Ha Clinton-Dix</b> Defensive back Alabama	25. San Diego <b>Jason Verrett</b> Defensive end TCU	29. New England <b>Dominique Easley</b> Defensive end Florida
2. St. Louis <b>Greg Robinson</b> Offensive tackle Auburn	6. Atlanta <b>Jake Matthews</b> Offensive tackle Texas A&M	10. Detroit <b>Eric Ebron</b> Tight end North Carolina	14. Chicago <b>Kyle Fuller</b> Defensive back Virginia Tech	18. New York Jets <b>Calvin Pryor</b> Defensive back Louisville	22. Cleveland <b>Johnny Manziel</b> Quarterback Texas A&M	26. Philadelphia <b>Marcus Smith</b> Linebacker Louisville	30. San Francisco <b>Jimmie Ward</b> Defensive back Northern Illinois
3. Jacksonville <b>Blake Bortles</b> Quarterback UCF	7. Tampa Bay <b>Mike Evans</b> Wide receiver Texas A&M	11. Tennessee <b>Taylor Lewan</b> Offensive tackle Michigan	15. Pittsburgh <b>Ryan Shazier</b> Linebacker Ohio State	19. Miami <b>Ja'Wuan James</b> Offensive tackle Tennessee	23. Kansas City <b>Dee Ford</b> Defensive end Auburn	27. Arizona <b>Deone Bucannon</b> Defensive back Washington State	31. Denver <b>Bradley Roby</b> Defensive back Ohio State
4. Buffalo <b>Sammy Watkins</b> Wide receiver Clemson	8. Cleveland <b>Justin Gilbert</b> Defensive back Oklahoma State	12. N.Y. Giants <b>Odell Beckham</b> Wide receiver LSU	16. Dallas <b>Zach Martin</b> Guard Notre Dame	20. New Orleans <b>Brandin Cooks</b> Wide receiver Oregon State	24. Cincinnati <b>Darqueze Dennard</b> Defensive back Michigan State	28. Carolina <b>Kelvin Benjamin</b> Wide receiver Florida State	32. Minnesota <b>Teddy Bridgewater</b> Quarterback Louisville

## THE TRADES

Cleveland traded its first-round pick (No. 4) to Buffalo for the Bills' first-round (No. 9) and a 2015 first- and fourth-round picks. Buffalo selected Sammy Watkins, WR, Clemson. Cleveland traded (No. 9) to Minnesota.

Minnesota traded its first-round pick (No. 8) to Cleveland for the Browns' first- (No. 9) and fifth-round (No. 145) picks. Cleveland selected Justin Gilbert, DE, Oklahoma State. Minnesota selected Anthony Barr, LB, UCLA.

Arizona traded its first-round pick (No. 20) to New Orleans for the Saints' first- (No. 27) and third-round (No. 91) picks. New Orleans selected Brandin Cooks, WR, Oregon State. Arizona selected Deone Bucannon, DB, Washington.

Philadelphia traded its first-round pick (No. 22) to Cleveland for the Browns' first- (No. 26) and third-round (No. 83) picks. Cleveland selected Johnny Manziel, QB, Texas A&M. Philadelphia selected Marcus Smith, LB, Louisville.

Seattle traded its first-round pick (No. 32) to Minnesota for the Vikings' second- (No. 40) and fourth-round (No. 108) picks. Minnesota selected Teddy Bridgewater, QB, Louisville.

# NFL DRAFT

## THEY SAID IT

**‘If you call it a slide, I wouldn’t call it that at all. I was drafted in the first round of the NFL Draft. It’s a great story. It’s great for me to end up there, at a team that has fans that are as passionate as I am on the field.’**

**Johnny Manziel**  
After being selected No. 22 by the Cleveland Browns

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**‘He’s a down-to-earth guy, a self-made guy, a blue-collar guy and he wants to be the best he can be. He just needs a little bit of time.’**

**Dave Caldwell**  
Jacksonville GM, on QB Blake Bortles, the Jaguars’ first-round draft pick (No. 3)

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**‘That’s one thing now I can rub in my dad’s face. I was drafted ahead of him. But he was a great player. I’ve got a long way to go to catch up to him.’**

**Jake Matthews**  
Texas A&M tackle, after being taken at No. 6 by the Atlanta Falcons. Matthews’ father, Bruce, is a Hall of Fame OL. His grandfather, uncle and cousin also played in the NFL.

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**‘There’s no way any quarterback comes in here and beats out Tony Romo. As you well know in here, Romo is by contract as well as by commitment is going to be the quarterback for the Cowboys for several years to come. There’s no moving around it. I don’t care who you draft.’**

**Jerry Jones**  
Cowboys’ owner, after his team passed on Manziel at No. 16 to draft Notre Dame guard Zack Martin

## LOOKING AHEAD



MARK CORNELISON, LEXINGTON HERALD-LEADER/MCT

### Still in the green room

Thirty players attended the draft, so it’s no surprise that more than a few will have to return for Day 2. Unpicked after the first round were: Missouri defensive end Kony Ealy; Eastern Illinois quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo; Minnesota defensive tackle Ra’Shede Hageman; Alabama offensive tackle Cyrus Kouandjio; Indiana receiver Cody Latimer; USC receiver Marqise Lee; USC center Marcus Martin; Vanderbilt receiver Jordan Matthews (above); and Virginia tackle Morgan Moses.



CRAIG KOHLRUSS, FRESNO BEE/MCT

### O’Brien’s QB

New Texans coach Bill O’Brien said the team would draft a quarterback at some point. At the top of the second round Fresno State’s Derek Carr (above) is available, along with Garoppolo, Pittsburgh’s Tom Savage, LSU’s Zach Mettenberger, Alabama’s AJ McCarron and Georgia’s Aaron Murray. Houston might be willing to wait until Day 3 to address quarterback. On Thursday, there were published reports the team was working to trade for Patriots backup Ryan Mallett.



MICHAEL GOULDING, ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER/MCT

### Catching on

If your team still needs a receiver after five were taken in Round 1, no need to fret. There is plenty of talent left at what is considered the deepest position in the draft. Start with Lee (above), who was being talked about as a possible top-10 pick after he was an All-American as a sophomore. A spotty junior season dropped his stock, but he could be a Day 2 steal. Don’t be surprised if there is a run on receivers Friday with Matthews and Latimer, along with Fresno State’s Davante Adams, Mississippi’s Donte Moncrief, Penn State’s Allen Robinson and LSU’s Jarvis Landry among those picked.



L.G. PATTERSON/AP

### What about Sam?

Missouri linebacker Michael Sam (above), who publicly came out as gay in February, is hoping to be drafted this weekend, but it’s probably overly optimistic to expect him to be selected Friday. It’s more likely the focus on when, where and if Sam goes will occur Saturday during rounds four through seven. The NFL has never had an active, openly gay player.

— Ralph D. Russo/The Associated Press

## SPORTS



# No surprise

## THE LEAD

### Texans take Clowney No. 1 in NFL Draft

By BARRY WILNER  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Houston Texans chose defensive end Jadeveon Clowney with the first pick in the NFL Draft on Thursday, while much-vaunted quarterback Johnny Manziel had to wait until pick 22 to get selected.

There was criticism of Clowney's work ethic last season when playing at South Carolina, and questions about whether the Texans would hold or trade the No. 1 slot, but ultimately Houston went with the powerful defensive lineman.

"I just been proving a lot of people wrong throughout my life," Clowney said. "Growing up, I grew up hard. I

always said I'm going to do something great. Hopefully, I'm going to be a Hall of Famer one day."

Manziel's wait added suspense after the Texans took their time selecting Clowney. Teams normally announce the No. 1 pick in advance, and Houston's failure to do so had prompted speculation it had soured on the defensive end.

Clowney, 21, brings size, speed and power to a lineup that already has 2012 NFL Defensive Player of the Year J.J. Watt. However, his diligence had been questioned after he slipped from 13 sacks to just three in 2013. Critics said he was protecting himself from injury in his junior year before declaring early for the draft.

Tackle Greg Robinson, whose blocking helped Auburn make the national championship game last season, went second to St. Louis. The Rams owned the pick as the final payment for a 2012 trade with Washington that allowed the Redskins to draft quarterback Robert Griffin III.

The first quarterback to go went to Jacksonville at No. 3, but it wasn't 'Johnny Football' Manziel. Instead it was Blake Bortles of Central Florida, whose stock shot up last season and in subsequent workouts. Bortles has drawn comparisons to Pittsburgh's Ben Roethlisberger because of his combination of size and mobility.

South Carolina defensive end Jadeveon Clowney and NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell hold up a Houston Texans jersey after Clowney was picked No. 1 overall in the NFL Draft on Thursday night at Radio City Music Hall in New York.

FRANK FRANKLIN II/AP



### Third time a charm?

Clowney is the first defensive player taken first overall since Houston selected another end, Mario Williams, in 2006. Williams now is with Buffalo. Houston also made the top pick in its first season, 2002, taking quarterback David Carr. He never lived up to that billing; the Texans hope Clowney has more of an impact.

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