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# Sunset for strong fleet?



Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

The Nimitz-class aircraft carrier **USS Reagan**, above, will move to Japan eventually, but not before the **USS George Washington** leaves in late 2015 for Virginia — and an overhaul. As a result, the U.S. will have no carrier in the Asia-Pacific region — just one of many shortfalls the fleet could face in the future.

## In era of tight budgets, opinions differ on necessary number of carriers

By **JON HARPER**  
*Stars and Stripes*

WASHINGTON — Aircraft carriers are perhaps the most powerful expression of U.S. military might. They're also expensive and potentially vulnerable. In an era of fiscal constraint, defense officials, lawmakers and the commander in chief must answer a question that could have enormous strategic consequences: How many

are enough?

Adm. Jonathan Greenert, the chief of Naval Operations, believes he knows the answer.

"We need 11, when you add [combatant commander requirements] with the contingencies that we are tasked to respond to, in the time that we have to respond, and the capabilities that we have out there," he told reporters last month. "... And so when I look out into the future, we need at least

11 carriers."

The Pentagon is considering retiring the carrier **USS George Washington** to save money if Congress doesn't lift the budget caps imposed on the Defense Department. Such a move would cut the authorized carrier fleet from 11 to 10 ships.

"We would have to change the way we do presence and the way we think about contingency response if we go to 10 aircraft carriers," Greenert said. In that scenario,

according to the Navy chief, the U.S. would have to accept coverage gaps or change its force posture model.

The Navy aims to always have three carriers on station in the strategically vital regions of the Western Pacific and the Middle East. How those three carriers are divided up among those areas depends on the security situation in both places.

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## Navy sends letter to families on opposition to USS Oklahoma exhumations

By **TRAVIS J. TRITTEN**  
*Stars and Stripes*

WASHINGTON — The Navy has notified family members of sailors who died aboard the **USS Oklahoma** during the Dec. 7,

1941, attack on Pearl Harbor that it opposes any further testing to identify the remains.

In a letter dated May 21, Russell Beland, deputy assistant secretary for military manpower and personnel, told families the Navy

prefers not to disturb the commingled remains of 330 unidentified sailors buried in multiple graves at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Hawaii, informally known as the Punchbowl Cemetery, according

to a copy of the letter obtained by Stars and Stripes.

Beland wrote that the Navy is also proposing the ceremonial reburial of about 100 more sets of **Oklahoma** remains disinterred in 2003 as part of an unsuccessful

identification effort.

The letter reasserts the Navy's opposition to the troubled Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, which is proposing the exhumation of more **Oklahoma**

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# QUOTE OF THE DAY

“We saw when the man was walking, he was shouting, yelling bad words and suddenly he had a gun.”

— Pauline Pacheco, who was shopping at a Las Vegas Wal-Mart when a person was gunned down by two shooters who also killed two police officers at a nearby pizzeria and then killed themselves in an apparent suicide pact

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# MILITARY

# Nationwide audit finds long VA waits

By MATTHEW DALY  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — More than 57,000 veterans have been waiting for up to 90 days or more for medical appointments, the Veterans Affairs Department said in a wide-ranging audit released Monday. An additional 64,000 who enrolled for VA health care over the past decade have never been seen by a doctor, according to the audit.

The audit is the first nationwide look at the VA network in the up-or that began with allegations

two months ago of patients dying while awaiting appointments and of cover-ups at the Phoenix VA center. Examining 731 VA hospitals and large outpatient clinics, the audit found long wait times across the country for patients seeking their first appointments with both primary care doctors and specialists.

The audit said a 14-day target for waiting times was “not attainable,” given growing demand for VA services and poor planning. It called the 2011 decision by senior VA officials setting it and then basing bonuses on meeting the

target “an organizational leadership failure.”

The audit is the third in a series of reports in the past month into long wait times and falsified records at VA facilities nationwide. The controversy forced VA Secretary Eric Shinseki to resign May 30. Shinseki took the blame for what he decried as a “lack of integrity” in the sprawling system providing health care to the nation’s military veterans.

The audit released Monday said 13 percent of VA schedulers reported getting instructions from supervisors or others to falsify appointment dates in order to meet on-time performance goals. About 8 percent of schedulers said they used alternatives to an official electronic waiting list, often under pressure to make waiting times appear more favorable.

Acting VA Secretary Sloan Gibson said the audit showed “systemic problems” that demand immediate action. VA officials have contacted 50,000 veterans across the country to get them off waiting lists and into clinics, Gibson said, and are in the process of contacting an additional 40,000 veterans.



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# Remembering D-Day in Europe

For more coverage of the 70th anniversary of D-Day, including photos, visitor information, an interactive map and videos, go to: [stripes.com/normandy](http://stripes.com/normandy)



Clockwise from top left: The streets of Sainte-Mere-Eglise are packed during a street festival Sunday. Flying the American flag, a parachutist comes in for a landing during an unveiling ceremony at the 9th Air Force monument at Picaulle, France. Re-enactors portraying nurses stand on the steps of a memorial at Omaha Beach on Saturday. A young re-enactor is wowed by a vintage plane flying overhead while an older re-enactor speaks with veteran C-47 pilot Edward Tierney near the Omaha Beach memorial in Normandy. WWII veterans Bud Rice and Bill Prindible watch paratroops during a parachute drop. Both Rice and Prindible were C-47 pilots who flew paratroops during the war.



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## MIDEAST

# Kerry: Threats by freed Taliban 'baloney'

By DAVID LERMAN  
AND GREG GIROUX  
Bloomberg News

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State John Kerry said threats by the five freed Taliban prisoners swapped for Army Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl to return to war and to kill Americans are “a lot of baloney.”

Defending the swap that secured the release of the last American prisoner of war in Afghanistan, Kerry said the movements of the five Taliban prisoners released to Qatar will be closely monitored.

“No one should doubt the capacity of America to protect Americans,” Kerry said from France in a taped interview for CNN’s “State of the Union” program Sunday.

Bergdahl, held captive for almost five years, was released May 31 in exchange for five Taliban prisoners held by the U.S. at the Guantanamo Bay prison camp in Cuba. The deal requires that the five men remain in Qatar

for at least a year.

“They’re not the only ones keeping an eye on them,” Kerry said of the Qataris, while declining to elaborate.

“We have proven what we are capable of doing with al-Qaida,” he said.

The threats by the Taliban prisoners to resume fighting in Afghanistan and to kill Americans amount to propaganda, Kerry said. “They’ll say whatever they want to stir the waters,” he said.

With the U.S. combat role in Afghanistan coming to an end and most troops to be withdrawn by the end of 2016, opportunities for Taliban to kidnap Americans will dwindle, Kerry said.

Whether or not Bergdahl deserted his post in eastern Afghanistan, as some of his former fellow soldiers claim, “it would have been offensive and incomprehensible to consciously leave an American behind,” Kerry said.

Sen. John McCain, an Arizona Republican and former Vietnam prisoner of war, criticized the deal on the same program.



A Taliban member watches a helicopter carrying U.S. Army Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl take off on May 31 in eastern Afghanistan.

The five Taliban prisoners “were evaluated and judged as too great a risk to release,” McCain said.

“I’m sad to tell you I’m afraid they’re going to re-enter the fight,” he said.

Lawmakers of both parties have faulted President Barack Obama’s administration for failing to notify and consult them about the prisoner exchange in advance.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, the California Democrat who heads the Senate intelligence committee, echoed that concern Sunday as she questioned Kerry’s assertion that the five freed Taliban members would be carefully monitored.

“It’s hard to be comfortable when you really haven’t been briefed on the intricacies of carrying out this agreement,” Fein-

stein said on CBS’ “Face the Nation” program.

Bergdahl, who remains at an Army medical center in Landstuhl, Germany, has told medical officials that his former captors locked him in a metal cage in darkness for weeks at a time as punishment for trying to escape. The New York Times reported Sunday. A U.S. defense official declined to confirm that account.

Feinstein, when asked about the Times report, said she had heard rumors of Bergdahl trying to escape his captivity, though she said she had never heard of any allegations of torture.

Breaking with the administration over its handling of the prisoner swap, Feinstein said she wasn’t reassured by Kerry’s claim that the five Taliban men would be monitored in Doha.

“You can’t help but worry about them in Doha,” Feinstein said. “And we have no information on how the United States is actually going to see that they remain in Doha, that they make no comments, that they do no agitation.”

## Freed soldier’s father now under scrutiny for efforts

By JOHN M. GLIONNA  
Los Angeles Times

HAILEY, Idaho — In 2011, during his long, five-year vigil, waiting helplessly at home while his son was held by Taliban extremists half a world away, Bob Bergdahl made a personal video for the Pakistani government that he hoped would be delivered to his boy, Army Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl.

“These are my thoughts. I can remain silent no longer,” the father began. He stood in a black shirt, his bushy, blond beard worn long, the kind sported by most militant men in the war-racked region.

In the three-minute video, he mentioned several high-ranking Pakistani generals by name, thanking them for their sacrifices. Then he went on to thank the Taliban forces that were holding his son.

“Strangely to some,” he said, “I must also thank those who have cared for our son for almost two years. We know our son is a prisoner, but at the same time a guest in your home.”

He then addressed his son, sending his love and assuring him: “We’ve been quiet in public. But we haven’t been quiet behind the scene.”

That video, along with other social media postings Bergdahl, 54, made after his son was captured near the Afghan-Pakistani border in 2009, have come under greater scrutiny in the wake of the Obama administration’s controversial prisoner swap, in which

the U.S. secured the 28-year-old sergeant’s release by freeing five Taliban leaders held at the U.S. military prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Back home, critics are demanding that the U.S. Army prosecute the younger Bergdahl for deserting his post before his capture, as has been claimed by other soldiers in his unit.

But the father is now under increased public scrutiny as well. Bob Bergdahl, many say, was wagging his own, undeclared war at home.

Over the years, residents of this small resort town in the shadow of the Sawtooth Mountains watched as he slowly changed over the long months of his son’s ordeal. Always private, the conservative Presbyterian everyone knew as the local UPS delivery man further retreated into his shell. He’d moved to Idaho with his wife, Jani, after dropping out of the University of California, Santa Barbara. Bowe and his sister, Sky, were born there.

The elder Bergdahl learned Pashto, the language of his son’s captors, studied Arabic and immersed himself in the stories of other Americans held abroad. He began growing his hair and beard in solidarity with his son — its length and unruliness reminders to Wood River Valley residents of how long his son had been in captivity.

Few mentioned the beard, knowing its significance. As the



Jani and Bob Bergdahl speak to the media during a news conference June 1 in Boise, Idaho

“Bob delivered packages to our office and most everyone’s offices,” said Hailey Mayor Fritz Haemmerle, a local lawyer who has known Bergdahl for 30 years. “You’d see him doing his job, but you never knew what to say. It’s one of those touchy subjects, like when someone dies. What do you say to the family? It’s not an easy conversation to have.”

“The change in Bob’s visage told the story. And it was a drastic change.”

As the father had assured his son in the 2011 video, he was not quiet behind the scenes. As the

years passed, Bergdahl accused the Obama administration of abandoning the matter of his son’s release. He developed sources in Afghanistan that were in contact with his son’s captors and traveled to Washington to argue his case.

He began posting on Twitter and other social media. Slowly, he began to give lengthy interviews in which he criticized the U.S. strategy in Afghanistan.

“There is a dynamic here that has to change,” Bob Bergdahl said in a 2012 interview with the Idaho Mountain Express newspaper in which he criticized the stalled

negotiations. He said swapping prisoners at Guantanamo for his son would be a “win-win” for the U.S. — retrieving a missing soldier while fostering goodwill with the Afghan people.

Meanwhile, he took to social media, posting nearly 5,000 messages on Twitter about his son’s case and that of other captives held in various places around the world. Sometimes he spoke out to Bowe, as he did this year, posting “2014 NEVER GIVE UP! YOU ARE NOT FORGOTTEN! YOU WILL COME HOME! mom & dad.”

## PACIFIC

# 21D soldier may face charges in theft of a taxi

By Ashley Rowland  
and Yoo Kyong Chang  
*Stars and Stripes*

SEOUL, South Korea — A 2nd Infantry Division soldier could face criminal charges after South Korean police allege he stole a taxi near U.S. Army Garrison Yongson late last month.

The soldier, a sergeant assigned to the 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, stole the taxi around 1:37 a.m. on May 31, Gangnam Police Station's chief of criminal affairs alleged. The vehicle was parked in front of a car dealership in Hanam-dong, a residential area of Seoul that is home to a number of U.S. military and civilian employees. The taxi driver was inside a convenience store and had left the vehicle's engine running.

The soldier's name has not been released.

The alleged incident took place during the U.S. military's 1-5 a.m. curfew. South Korean media are reporting that the soldier was trying to return to the base.

According to police, the sergeant drove south of the Han River to the Gangnam area of Seoul, about 3 miles away, and hit a car stopped at an intersection. Police allege he abandoned the vehicle and tried to escape through an alley, then wrestled with a police officer who tried to stop him, scratching him and tearing his clothes, before being subdued.

The sergeant, who police say had a 0.158 blood alcohol level at the time of his arrest, told Korean police he had been drinking

in Itaewon before the incident and remembers little about what happened, though he admitted to driving the taxi. He did not remember why he stole the taxi, but told police he wanted to apologize to victims.

The sergeant, who is stationed at K-16 Air Base on the outskirts of Seoul, is under suspicion of car theft, drunken driving and driving without a license. Police said the soldier has not been charged, but prosecutors will begin reviewing the case in a matter of weeks.

Army officials did not provide information about the incident, saying it was still under investigation and the soldier is in U.S. control.

A 2nd Infantry Division statement said the command is cooperating fully with the ongoing investigation, adding that U.S. soldiers are accountable to South Korean laws.

The "21D will continue to work in complete cooperation with Korean authorities to ensure justice is served," the statement said.

The alleged taxi theft is the second case of U.S. misbehavior in the past month to take place during the off-post curfew that applies to all U.S. Forces Korea troops.

Sp4 Carl A. Lissone died on May 4 in Pyeongtaek following a brain hemorrhage sustained in a street fight around 3:45 a.m. outside a Seoul nightclub. The U.S. military is still investigating his death.

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Above: Visitors to Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, Okinawa, line up to catch a glimpse of the MV-22 Osprey during the 36th annual Flight Line Fair on Sunday. Below: A young child looks at the controls inside a U.S. helicopter.

## Okinawa base hosts locals

By Lisa TourteLOT  
*Stars and Stripes*

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION FUTENMA, Okinawa — The 1st Marine Aircraft Wing opened its gates Sunday for the 36th Annual Flight Line Fair.

The event, which featured static aircraft displays, base tours, music and entertainment by local performers, is held to promote friendship with local residents.

Guests had unfettered access to explore the ins and outs of the aircraft they see flying every day on Okinawa, including the controversial MV-22 Osprey.

Marines and airmen were on hand to answer questions and guide aircraft enthusiasts through the various fixed-wing, rotary-wing and tilt-rotor aircraft on display.

To see additional photos of the annual Flight Line Fair at Futenma, go to: [www.stripes.com/go/futenmasgate](http://www.stripes.com/go/futenmasgate)



## New 31st MEU commander comes full circle on Okinawa

By Matthew M. Burke  
*Stars and Stripes*

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — Col. Romin Dasmalchi's career came full circle Monday as he returned to Okinawa to command the unit where he got his start in the Marine Corps 19 years ago.

Dasmalchi — who first came to the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit in 1995 as a CH-46 helicopter pilot — vowed to hit the ground running as he assumed command of the U.S. military's pre-eminent amphibious fighting force in the Asia-Pacific in front of several hundred Marines during a ceremony at Camp Hansen.

The Marines turned to Dasmalchi to guide the unit following the exit of Col. John Merna, who was forced to resign in May following reports that the combat veteran had created a hostile work environment at the unit's headquarters. "I'm absolutely excited," Das-

malchi said following the ceremony. "It's very humbling to be told that you're going to take command, let alone one of the few amphibious [Marine Air-Ground Task Forces] out there in the Marine Corps. Not only that, but I got to come back to where it all started in Okinawa, Japan."

The incoming commander said his highest priority as commander will more like a homecoming as Okinawa remains just as it was when he and his wife, Jennifer, left all those years ago. The Okinawan people are still warm and welcoming; the Marines are still of the highest caliber; and the unit's operational tempo is still incredibly high.

Dasmalchi takes over the 31st MEU at a time when readiness demands are at an all-time high.

The unit has participated in a steady stream of humanitarian operations in the past few years, from Operation Tomodachi fol-



Dasmalchi

Typhoon Haiyan.

Tensions have also flared recently between China and U.S. allies like Japan and the Philippines over territory and resources.

Dasmalchi vowed that the 31st MEU's 2,200 Marines and sailors would be ready for any contingency, whether it be combat operations or humanitarian relief.

"Sometimes we're training to save people, sometimes we're feeding people or pulling them from burning vehicles," he said. "It's

important to remember though, the U.S. Marine Corps is the nation's No. 1 amphibious force in readiness, so we have to be ready to respond to any contingency, combat operations included, and we will be prepared for that."

Dasmalchi was commissioned in 1992 after graduating from the University of Missouri-Columbia, according to his Marine Corps biography. He earned his wings two years later.

Since coming to Okinawa and completing multiple deployments with the 31st MEU, Dasmalchi deployed to both Afghanistan and Iraq before becoming a pilot of the MV-22B Osprey, an aircraft that has become the focal point of small-scale protests on Okinawa.

After becoming an Osprey pilot, Dasmalchi deployed to Iraq again and was part of the retrograde of the MV-22's out of theater, his biography states. In 2009, Dasmalchi took command of VMM-266,

an Osprey squadron out of Marine Corps Air Station New River, North Carolina, and eventually became Aviation Combat Element commander with the 26th MEU. In that role, he again deployed to Afghanistan and participated in operations in Libya.

Dasmalchi comes to the 31st MEU from U.S. Northern Command in Colorado Springs where he served in the J5 Directorate as a branch chief responsible for the Arctic Working Group, Joint Doctrine and Concepts and Initiatives. He said he can't wait to get to work strengthening relationships with allies in the region.

"For me personally, I would like to gain some more exposure working with our Japanese partners," Dasmalchi said. "I would like to get more experience working with our other partners in this area of operations."

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MILITARY

# Say what?

A sample of reader comments from stripes.com



## Freedom of speech: rights, responsibilities

The sergeant major at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C., Sgt. Maj. Paul Archie, was arrested Friday, accused of assaulting a protester outside the base Thursday, according to local police. He is charged with assault.

## Readers respond:

I guess some people think they are above the law, the SGM being one of them and can go around doing as he pleases. Sorry to inform you SGM, but it only works with Marines, not civilians.

— Thecalmvoiceofreason

I'm going to cut him slack. He's a war hero and the protester pushed all the right buttons.

— Jdk2993n2332

He got fired up and then screwed up. It happens, but I hope this doesn't end his career. You don't get to be the senior NCO at Parris Island by being a sissy.

— M-day Major

I honestly believe Sgt. Maj. showed incredible restraint under the circumstances!

— Michele M Trapp

The sergeant major actually deserves a proper salute from those who honor and have served in the military. The dumb-ass protester should have his butt kicked.

— Sam Cheyene

So you support the military being able to arbitrarily take away a civilian's 1st amendment rights anytime they see fit? And assault them in the process? What a credit to the military you must have been!

— ND52

SGM should have kept a respectable distance between them and handed the cover back, when it looks like it fell or blew into his hands. His lost of cool makes me wonder what he would do to a new recruit or a POW.

— Goeasy0

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# Sergeant major charged in scuffle

By REBECCA LURYE

The (Hilton Head Island, S.C.)

Island Packet

The sergeant major at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C., was arrested Friday, accused of assaulting a protester outside the base Thursday, according to the Port Royal Police Department.

Sgt. Maj. Paul Archie, 44, turned himself in to police and was charged with third-degree assault and battery.

Archie, who serves as a senior enlisted adviser to Parris Island's commanding general, approached a protest taking place on Parris Island Gateway near Marina Boulevard, police said.

The group was protesting negotiations that led to the release last month of a U.S. Army soldier

held captive by a Taliban-aligned group in Afghanistan, police confirmed. Army Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl was exchanged for five Taliban prisoners in a swap negotiated by the U.S. government.

Archie got into a heated argument with a protester who wore a military campaign hat. At one point, Archie's head struck the hat, knocking it off the protester's head, a news release said. Archie took the hat and proceeded onto Parris Island, where he was stopped at the gate, according to the news release. Staff retrieved the hat and returned it to its owner.

The Port Royal Police Department would not release the protester's name.

Archie told officers he had spoken with the man before the incident and asked him not to

wear the campaign hat at the protest. When Archie drove past the group and saw the man wearing the hat, he stopped his car, got out and exchanged words with the protester, the report said.

Archie told police he "felt spit strike his face," then told the protester his hat was government property and tried to retrieve it. The protester told officers that Archie lunged at him and had to be restrained by police who were already at the scene of the protest, the report said.

The police investigation was interrupted by a severe thunderstorm, and officers told Archie he could leave the area. They contacted him later that evening to inform him a warrant had been issued for his arrest.

Archie told police his supervisors instructed him to wait before

turning himself in. Police contacted the supervisors and requested they allow Archie to turn himself in, which he did Friday morning.

The depot is cooperating with police, base spokeswoman 1st Lt. Jean Durham said. Officials there will await the police's investigation to decide whether to take disciplinary action against Archie, she said.

"We're taking this matter very seriously," Durham said.

Archie has served as sergeant major of the depot and the Eastern Recruiting Region since February, according to the Marine Corps website.

According to the jail log, Archie was granted a \$1,092.50 bond Friday and released from the Beaufort County Detention Center on his own recognizance.

# Nuke weapons chief: Oak Ridge security has improved since breach

By FRANK MUNGER

Knoxville (Tenn.) News-Sentinel

OAK RIDGE, Tenn.— The head of the U.S. nuclear weapons complex said there's no doubt that security has improved since July 28, 2012, when three peace activists infiltrated Y-12 and reached the Oak Ridge plant's inner sanctum. But he stopped short of promising that such a security breach won't happen again.

"Nobody can make that promise," Frank G. Klotz, chief of the National Nuclear Security Administration, said in an interview last week during a visit to the Oak Ridge plant.

"What you can promise is that you'll work every day to make sure that you have the right guidance, you have the right leadership, you have the right equipment," he said. "You have to have the right sense of the importance of this to prevent it from happening again."

Klotz said Y-12 officials could cite a long list of improvements that have been made over the past couple of years, but what he found most important was the work done in the plant's central control system to reduce the number of "nuisance alarms," to make sure that malfunctioning sensors and alarms are repaired "very, very rapidly," and that the protective guard force understands that they have to respond to each and every incident as if it were a serious event.

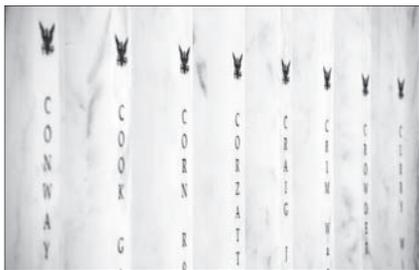
Klotz was sworn in April 17 as the administrator of the NNSA. The retired Air Force lieutenant general has had plenty of experience with nuclear weapons, having commanded the Air Force Global Strike Command from 2009 to 2011. The command was created, in part, to address weak-

nesses in the management of nuclear weapons — including a 2007 incident in which nuclear-armed cruise missiles were accidentally flown over parts of the U.S.

When asked what his first thoughts were when he heard that three activists, including an 82-year-old nun, had crossed a ridge and reached the Protected Area at Y-12 — which was supposed to be one of America's most tightly guarded installations — Klotz said he was struck by the similarities with past security breaches in the military or the way serious accidents have occurred in the military.

"There's not one single causal factor," he said. "There are multivariate explanations for what happened, and they all combined at the wrong time to produce an accident or incident."

"What I was struck by, again, is the notion that you (are at risk) when you accept deviations as the new normal. It seemed to me there had been an acceptance of broken sensors, false alarms, and people had come to accept that as a way of life rather than working to solve or fix those problems so that sensors worked the way they were supposed to or the security system worked the way it was supposed to."



Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

The names of all 429 sailors killed aboard the battleship USS Oklahoma during the attack on Pearl Harbor are represented at the USS Oklahoma Memorial on Ford Island in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

# Oklahoma: JPAC to press on for disinterment despite Navy's stand

FROM FRONT PAGE

remains as a way to boost the identification rate of American troops still listed as missing in action since World War II.

Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel ordered an overhaul of JPAC in February following a series of scandals including the mishandling of remains and fraudulent repatriation ceremonies but no details of future changes have been released.

The sailors and Marines of USS Oklahoma would be outside the sanctity of the grave for a third time following their heroic sacrifice at Pearl Harbor, Beland wrote in the letter. "Additionally, a full DNA testing and accounting could take many years and likely leave many of the missing still unaccounted for."

The Navy not only opposes exhuming more remains but prefers to bury approximately 100 sets of Oklahoma remains that JPAC has been unable to identify over the past decade, Beland said. Those remains could be laid to rest in a ceremony on the 75th anniversary

of the Pearl Harbor attack, in 2016.

Any final decision on the disinterment of Oklahoma remains will require decisions by the Army, which has next-of-kin notification responsibility for the Punchbowl in Hawaii, and the Department of Veterans Affairs, according to the Navy.

John Byrd, director of JPAC's Central Identification Laboratory, told the Honolulu Star-Advertiser in April that "more likely than not, we're going to get the green light" to disinter the unidentified remains despite the Navy's dissent. The accounting command has been ordered by Congress to identify 200 remains per year by 2015 but has fallen far below that goal.

The outcome is likely to be final closure for the Oklahoma and its unidentified crewmembers, who died when the ship was hit with Japanese bombs and torpedoes and capsized in Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

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# Carriers: Admiral says longer deployments can increase wear on vessels

FROM FRONT PAGE

Only a fraction of the fleet is at sea at any given time, due to maintenance and training.

With 11 carriers, the Navy can maintain an average of 3.5 carriers deployed, according to retired Vice Adm. Peter Daly, who commanded a carrier strike group. The average is higher than three because when one carrier is relieving another in an area of operations, there are more than three carriers at sea.

But with a 10-carrier fleet, that average number of carriers deployed drops to about 3.0, and there are times when fewer than three carriers are at sea, Daly said. With nine carriers, the deployment average drops to 2.5. Going down to eight would make it difficult to keep even two carriers deployed, according to Daly.

The effects of having fewer than 11 carriers are already being seen. Right now, the Navy has only 10 available because the USS Enterprise was retired at the end of 2012, and its replacement, the USS Gerald R. Ford, won't be ready until 2016 at the earliest.

As a result, the U.S. won't have a carrier based in Asia in late 2015 after the George Washington leaves Japan and sails to Virginia to prepare for an overhaul, according to the Navy. The USS Ronald Reagan eventually will move to Japan, but Navy officials would not provide specific time lines for when that will happen.

"You'd have massive gaps in coverage," Daly said.

Outside analysts are not as reluctant to ax the flattops. During a recent budget and force-planning exercise conducted by four Washington think tanks, teams proposed cutting two to four carriers over the next 10 years. In a tight fiscal environment, the think tank analysts saw reducing the number of carriers as preferable to putting other military capabilities on the chopping block.

## A high price

The carrier's price tag is indeed high. It costs hundreds of millions of dollars per year to operate a carrier strike group. The newest carrier — the USS Gerald R. Ford — cost approximately \$13 billion to procure.

Todd Harrison of one of the participating think tanks, the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments, described carrier-cutting proposals as "the least worst alternative given the [budget] constraints." But he noted that each team proposed cutting the same number of carriers under both a full-sequestration budget cap scenario and a more generous half-sequestration budget cap scenario.

"That indicates that these decisions in each team were not necessarily [totally] budget driven," Harrison said at a conference when the results of the exercise were unveiled earlier this year.

Center for Strategic and International Studies analyst David Berreau told conference attendees that his proposal put the current fleet of 11 carriers as the next decade was based on an as-



JAMIE COSE/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

The aircraft carrier USS George H.W. Bush, bottom, transits alongside the aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman in the Gulf of Aden in March, as George H.W. Bush moved to take over support of maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility.



BRIAN H. ABEL/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

The USS George Washington returns to Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka, Japan, in December after completing its patrol.

sumption that there would still be a forward deployment capability that provided the same coverage that the Navy has today.

Greenert contends that trying to maintain the same coverage with fewer carriers by instituting longer deployments and doing less maintenance would be counterproductive.

"Some folks say, 'Well, deployments will just be longer.' I say not necessarily, [because] there's a limit to that. There's an optimal response that you can provide that would be to come back and you do maintenance and train again and go out there. And we have to take care of our sailors ... and the equipment. So if you just turn the crank faster, for lack of a better term, in the cycle of deployment, the ship gets older faster [and] the uranium burns out faster [and] you don't get to keep the ship in service for 50 years," according to the Navy chief.

Daly said carrier deployments typically last seven or eight months nowadays, which is sustainable (although six-month deployments would be ideal), but extending that timeline would result in excessive wear and tear on the flight decks, making the surface more dangerous for aviators and crewmembers. It would also

place too much stress on sailors, according to Daly.

"If you get north of eight months, it starts to break down ... It has a bad impact on families, and eventually this will come around on us [especially when the economy improves]," he said. "It's unrealistic to think that we'd have the retention we have today."

Skepticism about the need to maintain 11 carriers is not limited to those outside DOD. In 2010, then-Defense Secretary Robert Gates called into question the need to have that many, given the nature of the threats posed by other powers.

"The need to project power across the oceans will never go away. But consider the massive overmatch the U.S. already enjoys. Consider, too, the growing anti-ship capabilities of adversaries. Do we really need 11 carrier strike groups for another 30 years when no other country has more than one?" Gates asked a Navy League audience at the time.

But Daly said sizing the fleet simply based on the number of carriers that other countries possess is a flawed methodology because the American Navy doesn't just fight other navies; in wartime, carriers are used as platforms

from which planes attack targets ashore, like they have throughout the war in Afghanistan in support of U.S. troops on the battlefield. Carriers also offer advantages over overseas air bases because they are more difficult to target and they don't require the U.S. to get a "permission slip" from other governments to launch airstrikes from their soil, Daly noted.

## In danger of obsolescence

Critics also argue that emerging anti-ship missiles, especially China's DF-21D ballistic missile, are making carriers obsolete as the U.S. military pivots towards Asia. The DF-21D — sometimes referred to as the "carrier killer" — has a reported range of nearly 1,100 miles, whereas the carrier variant of the new Joint Strike Fighter can't fly more than 700 miles without being refueled. That means getting the service's premier manned aircraft of the future within striking distance of Chinese territory would require that an American carrier get within range of China's advanced anti-ship missiles.

"The aircraft carrier is in danger of becoming like the battleships [of the World War II era]; big, expensive, vulnerable — and surprisingly irrelevant to the conflicts of our times ... [But] the national security establishment, the White House, the Department of Defense and Congress persist [with buying carriers] despite clear evidence that the carrier equipped with manned strike aircraft is an increasingly expensive way to deliver firepower, and that carriers themselves may not be able to move close enough to targets to operate effectively or survive in an era of satellite imagery and long-range precision strike missiles," Navy Capt. Henry Hendrix wrote in a paper published by the Center for a New American Security last year.

By Hendrix's calculation, for the amount of money that the

U.S. Navy spends to procure a new carrier, the Chinese military could buy more than 1,200 DF-21Ds to saturate carrier strike groups' defensive systems.

"The risk of a carrier suffering a mission kill that takes it off the battle line without actually sinking it remains high," according to Hendrix.

Hendrix recommends investing more in advanced conventional missiles such as the Tomahawk that can be fired from stealthy submarines, which are much harder to phase out than carriers. He would target at the existing carriers.

"Money is tight, and as the nautical saying goes, the enemy has found our range. It is time to change course," he wrote.

But Daly argues it's illogical to abandon a major weapons platform just because an enemy is developing a weapon to counter it.

"When people bring up the DF-21D and say, wow, here's one thing that one group says they built, it'd be like saying, 'Well, somebody somewhere developed an anti-tank weapon, so now the world can't have tanks' ... We have fixed air bases ashore whose GPS coordinate are known down to 20 significant digits, and somehow that's a better alternative than an aircraft carrier that's mobile and moves around at sea and is protected by multiple defense-in-depth systems? That's kind of crazy, if you ask me," Daly said. "It's like saying, 'Somebody invented the AK-47, so now we shouldn't have soldiers because they might be hit by this weapon.' It's just bizarre."

Greenert said the Navy has "lots of intelligence" on the DF-21D, and the service is developing countermeasures to protect its carriers.

"It's a good weapon that they've developed. But there's nothing that doesn't have vulnerabilities, and we continue to pursue ideas in that regard ... We're working quite feverishly on that, and I'm pretty comfortable with where we can operate our carriers," Greenert's report says, while declining to provide details about the status of the U.S. is taking to thwart the Chinese missiles.

When it comes to the size of the fleet, Greenert said 11 carriers is "enough" to get the job done. Others say the Navy needs even more.

"There're an 11-carrier Navy in a 15-carrier world," Rear Adm. Thomas Moore, the service's program executive officer for aircraft carriers, said last year.

Given defense budget constraints, it's unlikely that the Navy will be able to field more than 11 in the foreseeable future. But going below 11 is currently prohibited by Congress, and a powerful group of lawmakers, industry lobbyists and seapower advocates stand in the way of that prohibition being lifted. So regardless of whether an 11-carrier fleet is too big, too small, or just enough, it is the reality that the Navy will probably have to live with.

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## NATION

# 'Mountain Man' set to take plea deals in Utah

BY BRADY MCCOMBS  
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SALT LAKE CITY — He eluded police for more than six years, ransacking cabins across a wide swath of Utah as he trekked hundreds of miles alone on his snowshoes with a rifle slung over his shoulder.

After authorities caught him last year, he continued his solitary ways in court as he fired his defense attorney and defiantly told a judge he would represent himself against a host of state and federal burglary and theft charges.

On Monday in a courtroom in St. George, Troy James Knapp, known by many as the "Mountain Man," is set to finally face justice by agreeing to a package of plea deals that will bring an end to his court case, and start the clock on a prison sentence expected to be at least 10 years.

Knapp, 46, will go first before a federal judge who must approve parameters of a deal. Knapp agreed to in April on federal weapons charges that stem from him firing shots at agents during his capture in April 2013.

From there, Knapp will go before a state judge where he's scheduled to take plea deals from seven Utah counties, said Sanpete County Attorney Brody Keisel. Details of the plea deals are not being disclosed, but he's charged with more than 40 burglary-related crimes dating to 2009.

Some of the deals go beyond what is expected, it will signal the end of what could be the final chapter in the mysterious story of an unknown California fugitive who became a sensation in Utah as he raided cabins, stealing guns, whiskey and supplies.

In 2007, southern Utah authorities began investigating a string of cabin burglaries in southern and central Utah they believed



Troy James Knapp

were tied to one person. It wasn't until early 2012 that they identified Knapp as the suspect from cabin surveillance photos and fingerprints lifted from a Jim Beam bottle in one cabin.

In one photo, he was wearing camouflage, a rifle was slung over his shoulder and he had purple-colored aluminum snowshoes on his feet.

Authorities say Knapp spent winters holed up in snowbound cabins, sleeping in the owners' beds, eating their food and listening to their AM radio for updates about the manhunt. In summer he retreated deep into the woods with a doomsday supply of guns, dehydrated foods, radios, batteries and high-end camping gear.

Knapp's signature clues were rumpled bed sheets and an empty bottle of whiskey, authorities said. After years of being unable to catch him, authorities finally closed in on Knapp around Easter 2013 by using some of his own tactics. After tracking him by snowshoes for three days, dozens of officers converged on him in snowmobiles and a snowcat, flushing him out of the cabin. He fired several shots at officers and a helicopter, and tried to flee on snowshoes before being caught.

## 8 twisters hit Colorado

BY SADIE GURMAN  
The Associated Press

AURORA, Colo. — Several tornadoes touched down as a line of severe thunderstorms swept through Colorado on Sunday, with one of the twisters hitting near a junior golf tournament and injuring a caddy.

Six of the tornadoes struck in northeast Colorado, while two others hit in Park County in the center of the state, the National Weather Service said. At least three of them caused damage.

Aurora Fire Department officials said a twister touched down near the Blackstone Country Club, causing one minor injury and flipping an empty trailer.

Paul Cleveland, 16, who was playing in the golf tournament, said he and two other people were riding a golf cart when they saw a funnel cloud heading in their direction. "I ducked down, protected my

head and waited for the worst," he said.

Moments later, Cleveland said, the twister lifted the cart and threw it on top of a caddy walking nearby. The caddy, a man in his 50s, was taken to a hospital with minor injuries, said Capt. Diane Lord with the Aurora Fire Department. Damage was also reported to a construction trailer.

Two twisters in Park County caused damage. A funnel cloud touched down near Fairplay about 65 miles southwest of Denver about 11 a.m., damaging the roof of a home, Park County spokeswoman Linda Balough said.

"This is amazingly unusual at 10,000 feet, very unusual for it to happen up here," she said.

Weather Service meteorologist Kyle Fredin said a "large extensive line" of severe weather along the Front Range from southern Colorado to the Wyoming border.



K.M. CANNON, LAS VEGAS REVIEW-JOURNAL/AP

Wal-Mart employees hug outside a store after a shooting at the store and a nearby *CiCi's Pizza* in Las Vegas on Sunday. A man and a woman ambushed two police officers eating lunch at the restaurant, fatally shooting them before fleeing to a Wal-Mart where they killed a third person and then themselves.

# 2 policemen ambushed at Las Vegas pizza place

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The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Two police officers were having lunch at a strip mall pizza buffet when a man and a woman fatally shot them in a point-blank ambush, then fled to a nearby Wal-Mart where they killed a third person and then themselves in an apparent suicide pact, authorities said.

The attack at a *CiCi's Pizza* restaurant on Sunday killed Officers Alyn Beck, 41, and Igor Soldo, 31, both husbands and fathers. One of the shooters yelled, "This is a revolution!" but a motive remains under investigation, Las Vegas police spokesman Larry Haddfield told The Associated Press.

"It's a tragic day," Sheriff Doug Gillespie said at a news conference Sunday afternoon. "But we still have a community to police, and we still have a community to protect. We will be out there doing it with our heads held high, but with an emptiness in our hearts."

For added safety, officers who normally work alone will be paired with another officer for a time, Gillespie said.

The deadly rampage in the aging shopping center about 5 miles northeast of the Las Vegas Strip took place in minutes. Police were called at 11:22 a.m. to the pizzeria, where one of the officers was able to fire back at his assailants. It's unclear whether he hit them, Gillespie said.

Shots were reported five minutes later at a nearby Wal-Mart, where the shooters gunned down a person just inside the front door and exchanged gunfire with police before killing themselves.

**'It was terrible, it was terrible. That man was crazy.'**

**Pauline Pacheco**  
Was inside a Las Vegas Wal-Mart on Sunday when a gunman entered and killed a shopper

police said.

The female suspect shot the male suspect before killing herself, Gillespie said. The Wal-Mart victim's identity hasn't been confirmed, and the suspects' names haven't been released.

Both officers were pronounced dead at University Medical Center. Beck had been with the department since 2001 and leaves behind a wife and three children. Soldo had been with the force since 2006 and is survived by a wife and baby, police said.

He was described as a good father and a "great guy" by his sister-in-law, Colleen Soldo, of Beatrice, Neb. She said he attended high school in Lincoln, Neb., and previously worked as a corrections officer.

Sheree Burns, 48, told the Las Vegas Sun she was eating at the restaurant, seated just behind the two officers when a man came up to one of the officers and shot him in the head. She said she ducked under her table but peeked up and saw the other officer being shot. She said the armed man and grabbed her father to escape, KLAS-TV

Pauline Pacheco was shopping at Wal-Mart when she saw the armed man and grabbed her father to escape, KLAS-TV

reported.

"We saw when the man was walking, he was shouting, yelling bad words, and suddenly he had a gun," she told the station. "It was terrible, it was terrible. That man was crazy."

Assistant Sheriff Kevin McMahill said the male suspect yelled "everyone get out" before shooting at Wal-Mart. The suspects then walked to the back of the store.

Gov. Brian Sandoval said in a statement he was devastated by the killings of the two officers and an innocent bystander in an "act of senseless violence."

The Las Vegas police department called the killings a "cruel act" and praised the officers for dedicating "their lives to protecting all of us in our community."

Wal-Mart employees and shoppers were taken to a nearby Wal-Mart clothing store to be interviewed by police. The restaurant and Wal-Mart remained closed as detectives processed evidence. McMahill said the investigation involves more than 1,000 witnesses.

The Las Vegas police department has lost officers over the past decade in vehicle accidents and in an off-duty shooting, but the most recent on-duty shooting death happened Feb. 1, 2006, when Sgt. Henry Prends was ambushed during a domestic violence call.

## NATION

# GOP struggles to recruit black voters, candidates

By **JESSE J. HOLLAND**  
The Associated Press

SMYRNA, Ga. — Like an eager date, Leo Smith showed up at Mount Zion First Baptist Church with a bouquet of flowers in hand. He wasn't seeking romance. He was seeking voters.

As the minority engagement director for the Georgia Republican Party, Smith is helping to lead an effort to recruit black voters in pivotal states, a priority for a heavily white party staring with uncertainty at a country that is fast becoming more brown.

Smith and other black Republicans who are recruiting voters say there are plenty of black conservatives out there. They just don't want to be identified publicly as conservative or Republican.

"We're missing some people because they're whispering, and to have people speak out loud is what we intend to do," Smith said.

Getting blacks and other minority voters on board is a priority for the GOP in part because birth rates among whites are shrinking in the U.S. Racial and ethnic minorities are expected to make up a majority of Americans within about 30 years. The number of black voters has increased steadily: 2.9 million in 2000, 14 million in 2004, 16 million in 2008 and 17.8 million in 2012.

In 2012, blacks for the first time voted at a higher rate — 66.2 percent — than did whites, with a rate of 64.1 percent, or Asians or Hispanics, with rates of about 48 percent each.

Few of those votes went to Re-

publican candidates; most black voters do not identify themselves as Republican. Exit polls conducted for The Associated Press and the networks showed that only about 6 percent identified themselves as GOP voters in 2004, and 4 percent did so in 2008 and 2012.

Once the party of choice for blacks after slavery ended more than a century ago, the GOP says it now wants those votes back. It is spending \$60 million to court black voters, and a new initiative aims to recruit 300 women and 200 minorities to run for state and local office.

The party is starting up College Republican chapters at historically black schools such as Morehouse College in Atlanta and Central State University in



DAVID GOLDMAN/AP

**Leo Smith, right, minority engagement director for the Georgia Republican Party, talks with parishioner Annie Mae Dukes following a service May 18 at Mount Zion First Baptist Church in Smyrna, Ga.**

Wilberforce, Ohio.

On Friday, Koch Industries Inc. and the Charles Koch Foundation — run by the billionaire Koch brothers, patrons of libertarian and conservative causes — announced a \$25 million grant to the United Negro College Fund, which offers financial aid to students at black colleges and universities.

In a meeting last month with black journalists, Rep. Paul Ryan,

R-Wis., the GOP vice presidential nominee in 2012, acknowledged the GOP faces difficulties in wooing blacks but said black voters may find some of the party's ideas appealing if they give the GOP a fair hearing.

"And we're learning, we're stumbling," Ryan said. "I'm going to be clumsy on this; I already have been, and I'm going to be, because we're trying to break barriers that have existed for many years."

## Clinton kicking off high-profile book tour

By **KEN THOMAS**  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Hillary Rodham Clinton is embarking on a book tour this week that will feature overtones of a potential presidential campaign in 2016 and could offer a window into the former secretary of state's stamens and how she might present her rationale for another White House bid.

Clinton's memoir, "Hard Choices," will be released Tuesday, accompanied by interviews with ABC News and other news organizations. Clinton will appear at book events this week in New York, Chicago, Philadelphia and suburban Washington.

The former first lady remains the leading Democratic contender for the White House if she chooses to run for president again. Republicans have aggressively challenged her record at the State Department in anticipation of another campaign.

In her new book, Clinton pres-

ents her four years as President Barack Obama's top diplomat as a period of tough decision-making that sought to repair relationships around the globe and reshape American foreign policy.

Clinton's words have been carefully parsed for clues to her thinking about 2016. In an excerpt of an interview with ABC News that aired Sunday, the former first lady said she looks forward to traveling the country to promote the book and would "help in the midterm elections in the fall and then take a deep breath and kind of go through my pluses and minuses."

She suggested her timetable could stretch into 2015, and said she would decide on running "when it feels right for me to decide."

She also told ABC's Diane Sawyer that potential Democratic primary rivals were free to "do whatever they choose to do" and recalled that her husband, former President Bill Clinton, didn't launch his first presidential campaign until fall 1991.

of Russia. He and his wife fled after the Nazis invaded in 1939. They eventually moved to the United States in 1951. His wife died in 1986.

In news reports, Imich said his good genes and a general healthy lifestyle contributed to his longevity.

Guinness is investigating the claim that 111-year-old Sakari Momoi, of Japan, is now the world's oldest man.

The world's oldest person is a woman, 116-year-old Misao Okawa, of Japan.

From The Associated Press



CHRIS ASADIAN, THE ANN ARBOR (MICH.) NEWS/PHOTO

**Braden Gandee, 7, rides on the shoulders of brother Hunter, 14, as they close in on the final miles to the University of Michigan's wrestling center on Sunday.**

## Teen walks 40 miles carrying brother

By **MIKE HOUSEHOLDER**  
The Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — A Michigan teenager who wanted to raise awareness about cerebral palsy by walking 40 miles with his younger brother strapped to his back battled heat, rain, fatigue and more to finish the trek Sunday.

Hunter Gandee, 14, had been planning for weeks to pull off the walk, hoping to put a face on the muscular disorder that prevents his sibling, Braden, 7, from being able to walk without help. But all his organizing couldn't prepare him for the conditions he faced as

he packed the 50-pound boy over two days.

He even thought about giving up along the way.

"Honestly, yes, there was a point that we did consider stopping," Hunter said. "Braden's legs — the chafing was getting pretty bad. We did have to consider stopping. It was at about the 30-mile point."

A phone call changed all that.

Hunter reached out to a friend, who said a prayer for the brothers. That, combined with some rest and a change in how Braden was positioned on his brother's back, helped the boys make it the

final 10 miles.

It may have taken a bit longer than they anticipated, but the Gandees and more than a dozen of their family members and friends strolled up a winding road Sunday toward the University of Michigan's wrestling center.

At the top of the hill, Hunter lifted up Braden so he could touch a "Go Blue" banner erected for them near the walk's endpoint. The move was met with thunderous applause and cheers from those who had gathered to see the boys finish the trek.

Asked how he felt, Braden replied simply: "Tired."

## World's oldest man dies in NYC at age 111

NEW YORK — The world's oldest man, a retired chemist and parapsychologist, has died in New York City. Alexander Imich was born in 1903 in a town in Poland that was then part

of Providence, R.I., said Imich died Sunday at his home in Manhattan.

Bogen said she had visited Imich a day earlier. She said his health declined about two weeks ago and he didn't recognize her.

WORLD



FARIED KHAN/AP

Fire illuminates the sky Sunday night above Jinnah International Airport in Karachi, Pakistan, as security forces fight with attackers.

# Pakistani Taliban claim deadly assault at airport

By ADIL JAWAD  
The Associated Press

KARACHI, Pakistan — The Pakistani Taliban on Monday claimed responsibility for a brazen five-hour assault on the country's busiest airport that saw gunmen disguised as police guards storm the international terminal in Karachi, set off explosions and kill 18 people.

The Taliban said the assault on the Jinnah International Airport in Karachi, the capital of southern Sindh province, was in revenge for the killing last November of the militant group's leader in a U.S. drone strike.

The claim further diminished prospects for a resumption of government-led peace talks with the Taliban. Those talks floundered in recent weeks and the Taliban have called off a cease-fire they declared during negotiations. Since then, Pakistani troops have carried out airstrikes in the country's troubled northwest to target militant hideouts, killing dozens of suspected militants. Residents claim several civilians were also killed in the strikes.

The Karachi assault started late Sunday when 10 gunmen, at

least some disguised as policemen, opened fire with machine guns and rocket launchers, triggering a gunbattle with police during which all the attackers were killed, said Rizwan Akhtar, the chief of Pakistan's elite paramilitary Rangers.

Heavy gunfire and multiple explosions were heard coming from the terminal, used for VIP flights and cargo, as militants and security forces battled for control. A major fire rose from the airport, illuminating the night sky in an orange glow as the silhouettes of jets could be seen. As dawn broke Monday, smoke could still be seen billowing in the air.

Authorities diverted incoming flights and suspended all flight operations. An Emirates flight in Karachi bound for Dubai had to be canceled and passengers were escorted off the plane because of the fighting.

"The passengers and crew disembarked the aircraft and were taken to a secure area of the terminal," the Dubai-based carrier said. It didn't say how many passengers were aboard.

The airline is by far the Middle East's biggest and operates mul-

tiple daily flights to Karachi and other Pakistani cities. It said the airport's closure would continue to affect other flights into Karachi. Etihad Airways, based in Abu Dhabi, said Monday it was delaying its own flights to Karachi and would monitor the situation.

Akhtar said no planes were damaged during the attack but a cargo building was left completely gutted by the fire and the explosions.

Just before dawn, Pakistani security forces regained full control of the airport. Akhtar said some of the attackers appeared to be Uzbeks but officials were still investigating to determine their identity and nationality.

"The terrorists entered the terminal in two groups. They were foreigners, and some of them seemed to be Uzbeks," Akhtar said.

The Civil Aviation Authority said security forces had given them back control of the airport.

Dr. Seemi Jamali, from Karachi's Jinnah Hospital, said 18 bodies were brought to the morgue, and 11 of them were of airport security personnel. The bodies of the attackers remained in police custody.

# Iraq attacks, bombs at Kurdish offices kill 29

By SAMEER N. YACUB  
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A double bombing at the offices of two Kurdish political parties north of Baghdad and other attacks in Iraq killed at least 29 people Monday, officials said.

The twin attack took place in the town of Tuz Khorhato, about 130 miles north of Baghdad, when a suicide bomber drove his explosive-laden truck into a checkpoint leading up to the offices of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan and the nearby Kurdistan Communist Party.

Mayor Shalal Abdul said another truck bomb exploded, presumably detonated by remote control, as people rushed to the scene of the first attack. The blasts killed 21 people and wounded as many as 150, he said. Several houses and cars were destroyed in the attack.

It was the second double bombing at Kurdish offices in as many days. On Sunday, a suicide bomber and a car bomb explosion targeted PUK offices in the town of Jalula, northwest of Baghdad, in the ethnically mixed Diyala province, killing 19 people.

Also on Monday, gunmen opened fire on a security checkpoint northeast of Baghdad, killing four soldiers and two police officers, police said. The shooting happened in the town of Kanaan, about 47 miles northeast of the capital.

In Baghdad, gunmen killed a real estate agent after spraying his office with bullets in the city's west, police said. A bomb blast also killed a government employee in eastern Baghdad, police said.

Medical officials confirmed the casualties for all attacks. All

officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to journalists.

Police said a bomb on a boat destroyed a bridge on the Euphrates River linking a road between the city of Fallujah and southeastern Baghdad. No casualties were reported.

Meanwhile, the head of Anbar's provincial council, Sabah al-Karhout, told reporters in Ramadi that gunmen still held 15 staff members from Anbar University in a campus building after militants stormed it days earlier.

Last week, gunmen attacked the university near Ramadi city, detaining dozens of students inside a dorm. At that time, Karhout said hundreds of students were there. Several hours later, gunmen left the university under unclear circumstances. Students then boarded buses provided by the local government to flee the school.

Karhout said Monday that university authorities said about 15 staffers are still missing, likely held by a group of gunmen in a university building. More than \$10 million was looted from the university safe, he said.

It wasn't clear how security forces missed a group of gunmen after sweeping the campus.

Iraq is grappling with its worst surge in violence since the sectarian bloodletting of 2006 and 2007, when the country was pushed to the brink of civil war despite the presence of tens of thousands of U.S. troops.

According to United Nations figures, 8,568 people were killed in Iraq in 2013. The U.N. mission said that May was the deadliest month so far this year, with 799 Iraqis killed in violence, including 603 civilians.

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WORLD

# Assad announces amnesty for prisoners

By ALBERT AJI  
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The Associated Press

DAMASCUS, Syria — Syrian President Bashar Assad declared a general amnesty Monday for prisoners in the country, state media reported.

It was not clear how many — if any — prisoners would be freed after the presidential decree, issued just five days after Assad had won a third, seven-year term in office amid the 3-year-old civil war in his country.

The official SANA news agency did not say if the amnesty would apply to the tens of thousands of anti-government activists, protesters, opposition supporters and their relatives that international

rights groups say are held in the country. SANA's report suggested the decree would reduce prisoners' sentences without freeing them.

The decree appears to cover at least some of those who have taken up arms against the government, including foreign fighters, according to SANA. They will not be prosecuted if they "surrender to the authorities within a month of the issuing of the decree," the report said.

Those behind taking hostages will also be pardoned, SANA said, if they "release their captives safely and without any ransom or hand (hostages) over to the authorities" within a month.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Syrian lawmaker



Assad

Issam Khalil called the decree "a gift from the president after he was elected for another term."

The amnesty includes those who participated in the armed opposition, Khalil said. The government routinely refers to rebels as terrorists.

"All those who committed errors against their homeland will benefit," Khalil said. "It will allow them to return to their normal lives."

Syria's pro-government Al Ikhbariya television station quoted the justice minister as saying that the presidential decree was issued in the "context of social tolerance and national unity."

"(It comes) against the backdrop of the victories by the Syrian army," Minister Najem al-Ahmad said.

Assad's forces have been on the offensive in several parts of Syria over the past year, capturing villages and towns the government previously lost to rebels.

A peaceful uprising that began against Assad's rule turned into an armed conflict and later morphed into a full-fledged civil war. More than 160,000 people have been killed.

Also Monday, activists said

fighting between rival jihadi groups in an oil-rich eastern Syrian province bordering Iraq killed at least 45 fighters in two days.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said the infighting flared up in eastern Deir el-Zour province Sunday and continued into Monday, pitting al-Qaida affiliate the Nusra Front against an al-Qaida breakaway group called the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant.

The two jihadi groups were allies but had a falling out earlier this year and have since intermittently clashed in some of the fiercest rebel infighting in the conflict. The Observatory said a month of infighting in Dier el-Zour alone has killed nearly 300 fighters and displaced 100,000 civilians.

# Ukraine fight goes on amid talks

By MARKO DROBNIAKOVIC  
The Associated Press

SLOVYANSK, Ukraine — Government forces traded fire Monday with pro-Russia separatists who control an eastern Ukraine city after the country's new president announced daily negotiations were underway toward ending the conflict.

Loud booms and shelling were heard in downtown Slovyansk, where at least five buildings bore damage from shelling a day earlier. The city has been an epicenter of a nearly two-month standoff between Ukrainian forces and pro-Russia rebels, who have seized administrative buildings, police stations and border posts across the region.

The clashes came a day after President Petro Poroshenko announced that negotiations had started in Kiev between Ukraine, Russia, and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

Poroshenko said the meeting focused on strengthening the porous Ukraine-Russia border, and said Ukraine "must cease fire by the end of this week." While he promised the negotiators would meet daily until the crisis was resolved, he did not say whether results had been achieved Sunday.



EVGENIY MALOETKA/AP

Girls look out the window of a bus leaving Slovyansk, eastern Ukraine, on Monday after a mortar attack by government forces.

The OSCE, whose rotating presidency is currently held by Switzerland, said Heidi Tagliavini, a Swiss diplomat who has worked on crises in places like Chechnya and Georgia, was its representative in the negotiations. Poroshenko's office said Russia's ambassador to Ukraine and the Ukrainian ambassador to Germany also took part.

Russia has repeatedly called for Ukraine to end its operation in the east, while Ukraine has blamed Russia of fomenting tensions in the region and backing

the rebels materially.

Fighting was continuing about noon Monday in Slovyansk, where residents said buildings had been hit by mortars a day earlier. A bus with a sign in the windshield reading "children" left the city Monday.

Rebels have held the Ukrainian government responsible for the rising number of civilian casualties in the conflict, while the Kiev leadership says the insurgents have attacked civilians to foment resentment against the government.

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## Egypt arrests 7 men in student sexual assault

CAIRO — Egyptian police on Monday arrested seven men in connection with the sexual assault of a 19-year-old student during celebrations marking the inauguration of the country's new president in Cairo's central Tahrir Square the day before, security officials said.

The student has been hospitalized after she was attacked on Sunday, said the officials, who gave no details on her condition. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media.

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Actors Neil Patrick Harris, left, and Bryan Cranston, known off Broadway and on, accept awards on Sunday at the 68th annual Tony Awards in New York. Harris won for best performance by an actor in a leading role in a musical for "Hedwig and the Angry Inch," and Cranston's was for best performance by an actor in a leading role in a play for "All The Way."

# Host keeps Tonys hopping

## Jackman entertains; Harris, Cranston, McDonald among recipients of Broadway's highest honors

The Associated Press

Hugh Jackman hopping his way into the theater, Neil Patrick Harris licking the eyeglasses of Samuel L. Jackson. A little history, and a slew of genuinely heartfelt speeches. The Tonys are often the most entertaining awards show of the year, and this year, again, they didn't disappoint.

Jackman's entrance, bouncing like an indefatigable doll into the theater, down the aisles, up to the stage and off to various other places, epitomized the spirit of this winning host, who was in good shape and game for anything.

The lethal romp "A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder" got a lot of love, nabbing the best new musical trophy on a night that also saw Audra McDonald make Broadway history, Bryan Cranston win as a rookie and four-time host Neil Patrick Harris get his own award.

"A Gentleman's Guide," in which a poor man comically eliminates the eight heirs ahead of him for a title, opened rather quietly and has had a steady increase

in interest, peaking with his huge win over Disney's "Aladdin" and the built-in love

of Carole King songs from "Beautiful — The Carole King Musical."

The show nabbed a total of four wins, including best book of a musical. It was tied for the most decorated show of the night with "Hedwig and the Angry Inch," an unlikely Broadway hit about obsession, glam rock and a botched sex-change operation.

McDonald, at 43, won her sixth Tony for portraying Billie Holiday in "Lady Day at Emerson's Bar & Grill," putting her ahead of five-time winners Angela Lans-



McDonald

bury and the late Julie Harris for the most competitive wins by an actress. (Harris has six if her special lifetime achievement award is included.) McDonald got a prolonged standing ovation and among those she thanked were her parents for not medicating their hyperactive child.

See a complete list of 2014 Tony winners at [tinyurl.com/ywv4eg](http://tinyurl.com/ywv4eg)



The latest win — for best lead actress in a play — also makes McDonald

the only woman to win a Tony in all four acting categories. She previously won as best featured actress in a play ("A Raisin in the Sun" and "Master Class"), best lead actress in a musical ("The Gershwins' Porgy and Bess") and best featured actress in a musical (" Ragtime" and "Carousel").

"Hedwig" was led by Neil Patrick Harris, and the former Tony host got his first award — best actor in a musical — after performing a song from the show, looking unrecognizable in a miniskirt and blond feathered wig. He gave audience member Sting and took Samuel L. Jackson's away and licked them.

His co-star Lena Hall won best featured actress, and the former best

actress in a musical — won the musical revival and lighting.

Cranston — in a role far from TV's chemistry teacher-turned-meth kingpin Walter White in "Breaking Bad" — won the best lead actor in a play Tony for playing former President Lyndon B. Johnson in Robert Schenkkan's "All the Way," which also was crowned best play. It was Cranston's first time on Broadway.

Jessie Mueller became some strong Broadway veterans in Sutton Foster, Idina Menzel and Kelli O'Hara to take home the best actress in a musical Tony for playing the title character in "Beautiful: The Carole King Musical." She thanked the iconic singer-songwriter and all her competitors. One of the show's highlights was King singing with the cast of the show.



2014 Tony Awards host Hugh Jackman

# 'Stars' takes edge off of 'Tomorrow' at box office

From wire services

The weeper "The Fault in Our Stars" took in \$48.2 million in the U.S. and Canada over the weekend, according to an estimate Sunday from distributor Fox, surpassing early projections and easily beating the new Tom Cruise sci-fi epic "Edge of Tomorrow."

The romantic drama had a price tag of \$12 million. Adapted from John Green's widely popular young adult novel, the film explores the relationship between teen cancer patients played by Shailene Woodley and Ansel Elgort.

Disney's fairy tale "Maleficent" starring Angelina Jolie, slid to second place in its second week with \$33.5 million. With a two-week global sum of \$335.5 million, "Maleficent" has performed well, but it remains to be seen if it can be a money-maker for Disney, which spent an estimated \$180 million to make it, plus huge amounts to market it.

"Edge of Tomorrow," co-starring Emily Blunt, has Cruise as a military ship doctor caught in a "Grounding Day"-esque cycle of war and death.

"X-Men: Days of Future Past" added \$14.7 million in domestic box office in its third week, bringing its total to \$189.1 million. The film already has crossed the half-billion-dollar threshold globally. Seth MacFarlane's R-rated comedy "A Million Ways to Die in the West" placed No. 5, taking in \$7.2 million. That brings the raunchy Western sendup's cumulative total to a disappointing \$30.1 million.

## JLo won't perform in World Cup opener

Jennifer Lopez won't perform at the World Cup's official song alongside fellow artists Pitbull

and Claudia Leitte during the tournament's opening ceremony on Thursday in Brazil, FIFA officials said Sunday.

Soccer's governing body said Lopez cannot perform as earlier planned because of unspecified "production issues." The singer's representatives confirmed the announcement in an email.

The official tune "We Are One" has let down many Brazilians, who complain that it sounds too generic for the nation's Bossa Nova-crazed audiences and that it features foreign musicians singing mostly in English and Spanish.

## Other news

■ Country music king George Strait capped off the last tour of his career with an epic, star-studded final performance in Arlington, Texas, at the billion-dollar stadium where the Dallas Cowboys play, dazzling an audience of nearly 105,000 people with duet after duet with some of the biggest names in country music. The attendance shattered the previous record set by The Rolling Stones at the Louisiana Superdome in 1981. More than 10,000 fans alone took in the three-hour show from the stadium floor.

■ A Washington state judge on Friday said Casey Kasem's daughter, not her stepmother, is in charge of the medical care for the 82-year-old radio personality, who remains in critical condition with an infected bed sore. However, all members of Kasem's family can visit him at the hospital — just not at the same time, Kitsap County Superior Court Judge Jennifer Forbes ruled.

■ Police say they arrested a burglar at the Los Angeles home of Sandra Bullock while the actress was there, but she wasn't harmed.

# Morgan in recovery after crash

Actor and comedian Tracy Morgan is recovering but is expected to remain hospitalized for several weeks after having surgery on a broken leg suffered in a chain-reaction crash that left two others critically injured and a fellow comic dead.

The 45-year-old former "Saturday Night Live" and "30 Rock" cast member remained in critical condition early Monday. Morgan's spokesman, Lewis Kay, said he was "more responsive" Sunday after having surgery for a broken leg.

Kay said Morgan also suffered a broken femur, a broken nose and several broken ribs and is expected to remain hospitalized for several weeks. He said Morgan's family is "tremendously overwhelmed and appreciative of the outpouring of love and sup-

port from his fans."

A Wal-Mart truck driver from Georgia was charged with death by auto and four counts of assault by auto. Authorities said 35-year-old Kevin Roper, of Jonesboro, apparently failed to slow for traffic ahead early Saturday on the New Jersey Turnpike and swerved at the last minute to avoid a crash. Instead, his big rig smashed into the back of Morgan's chauffeured Mercedes limo bus, killing comedian James "Jimmy Mack" McNair, his attorney said.

Also critically injured were Morgan's assistant, Jeffrey Milles, 36, of Connecticut, and comedian Ardie Fuqua Jr., 43, of New Jersey.

Morgan, a New York City native, was returning from a stand-up performance at Dover Downs Hotel & Casino in Delaware when the crash occurred. Six vehicles were involved in the pileup, but no one from the other cars was injured.



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OPINION

Sanders-McCain deal gives VA a chance

Blomberg News editorial

There are two theories on what the Department of Veterans Affairs needs to fix its sprawling health care system: better management or more money. The beauty of the deal struck by Sens. Bernie Sanders, of Vermont, and John McCain, of Arizona, is that it tries both strategies at once.

The proposed legislation, announced last week and now getting hashed out in committee, starts with the department's immediate need to provide more care. It calls for the VA to lease 26 additional major medical facilities around the country, and it would enable the department to hire doctors and nurses more quickly with existing unobligated funds.

The plan would also expand veterans' choices beyond the VA system. Those who face long wait times or live more than 40 miles from a VA facility could go to outside providers, including Department of Defense clinics and hospitals and doctors who participate in Medicare for the longer term, the Sanders-McCain plan would create two independent commissions, one focused on capital planning and the other on patient care and scheduling. Survivors of sexual assault would have easier access to treatment. And the VA would have an easier time firing poorly performing staff.

That's an excellent starting point. The plan's success, as usual, will depend on the details we don't yet know. These are the essential open questions:

How much new funding will there be? The department's health division had about \$550 million at the end of the last fiscal year in unobligated funds, but it's not clear how much of that money can be diverted toward new hiring; some may be intended for other purposes. And the needs are huge. The VA has 400 vacancies for doctors, and 70 percent of those it has less than they could make in the private sector. A one-time infusion of money would be



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Senate Veterans Affairs Committee Chairman Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., right, speaks with Sen. Tammy Baldwin, D-Wis., as they take an escalator to the Senate on June 6.

less helpful than a new pay scale that could better retain doctors once they're hired.

Can the new funding keep up with growing demands? Veterans' health care needs typically peak 10 to 20 years after a war ends, which means the VA's financial requirements may continue to outpace inflation for decades. Yet the agency is starting from a deficit. For the most disabled veterans, spending per patient in 2012 fell, in real terms, to less than it was in 2004. Any new funding formula has to realistically reflect the number of patients in the system and the intensity of their care.

Exactly how long will vets have to wait for

the VA before opting for outside care? The proposal calls for adopting the agency's existing two-week target, but that might not be good enough for primary care and it might be too ambitious for specialty care. Tricare, the Defense Department program for long-serving military retirees, lets beneficiaries see outside providers if they can't get into a military facility within one week for a routine visit, 24 hours for urgent care or four weeks for a specialist. The VA should consider that model — and, while it's looking at Tricare, pay attention to the way it negotiates discounted rates with its network of independent providers.

Clear education objectives fit with military way

By JAMES "SPIDER" MARKS

The state-initiated Common Core State Standards academic benchmarks have become contentious. I fail to see why this has been become such a thorn. Education reform may not seem like a national security issue, but it is one of the most pressing issues facing our nation. Either we compete educationally, and use Common Core to ensure a competitive future, or future generations will fall behind. As a former senior leader in our military, I know our children must compete. I've seen firsthand enough troubled spots in the world where education is not valued, not competitive. Never will that happen here.

In my personal experience in the Army, I had the opportunity to help young men and women grow into the finest leaders of arguably the most disciplined organization in the world, the U.S. military. What distinguishes our military from any other is an innate aptitude or talent; it was a penchant to learn, to train, to continually learn in an environment that valued education as the pathway to success and growth.

Unfortunately, today about one out of three individuals cannot pass the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery, the basic military entrance exam that ensures recruits have the rudimentary skills to survive. These are high school graduates with a desire to serve their country, but are denied that opportunity because our school systems have failed them.

The U.S. military is one of the most sophisticated organizations in the world. As

such, it requires individuals with strong reasoning and comprehension skills who will operate cutting-edge technology and equipment and lead fellow servicemembers. The building blocks to do that begin long before basic training; they are cultivated in classrooms throughout elementary school, middle school and high school.

For students of military families, who move frequently, that can be an especially tough path. A set of uniform education standards is critical to provide them with as much consistency as possible when transitioning from one school to another. Otherwise, too often they find themselves relearning material they have already mastered, or struggling to catch up to their peers.

In the military, our professionalism stands on a foundation of standards — known by all, recognized by all, embarked by all. We have well-defined objectives. Why shouldn't we support the same clarity in our education system?

The Common Core standards clearly outline for educators, administrators and students what proficiencies a child should be able to demonstrate upon finishing each grade. These standards remove ambiguity. Administrators can resource; teachers can teach; students will learn — and grow.

Most of all, Common Core does not direct teachers or administrators what to do. Common Core establishes how their most precious resource, our children, will be evaluated in their educational growth. When teachers set the bar for their children, Common Core simply sets the bar for excel-

lence. It is not a curriculum. In military terms, Common Core is a mission statement; what teachers do to accomplish that mission is the collective decision of many parents, teachers, administrators and local school boards. That makes sense, because no top-down federal program could ever meet the needs of every school district.

It surprises me that the Common Core standards are drawing heat now. They were created three years ago, out in the open, with input from experts to teachers to concerned parents from 48 states. They are publicly available. Finally, they set a minimum, not a cap, on what students should know — meaning states can build on them even further.

Education reform is one of the biggest national security issues we face today. Of course, military preparedness is a key factor. But national security is much more than military might. It is the ability to educate our population of citizens, to prepare them for a life of contributions in the workforce, and to continue to encourage global creativity and innovation. That starts locally, in our neighborhood schools and classrooms.

We all want to see our children succeed. The Common Core standards normalize progression for students and set clear goalsposts for them, and they put ultimate control in the hands of parents and local educators. That is a cause families of all backgrounds can stand behind.

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## OPINION

## US-Afghan partnership must be preserved

By MICHAEL O'HANLON

How can anyone possibly argue that President Barack Obama's plan to have all operational U.S. military forces out of Afghanistan by the end of his presidency is a mistake? By then, Obama will have presided over eight years of military engagement there, on top of President George W. Bush's 7½. The effort will be far and away the United States' longest war, whether one defines the endpoint as December's termination of NATO's combat operation or as the 2016 completion of the follow-on mission that will begin immediately thereafter.

The problem with this way of thinking is in the premise. We should not think about Afghanistan, at this point, as a war to end but as a partnership to preserve. For that large majority of Americans tired of this war, and uninterested in further nation-building in the Hindu Kush, the best motivator might not be the modest help in air power or intelligence that Afghan forces — already doing 95 percent of the fighting and dying in defense of their country — might need after 2016. Rather, the best argument is a more nationalistic one about U.S. national security. Without bases in Afghanistan, from where will we fly drones or stage commando raids to monitor, target and occasionally kill any al-Qaida forces that take sanctuary in eastern Afghanistan or western Pakistan?

Talk of U.S.-Afghan partnership may sound bizarre to many American ears. To us, it is an alliance of convenience, an asymmetric partnership to date, with the United States and its allies pumping in billions of dollars, suffering thousands of fatalities and often being rewarded with seeming insolence from Afghan President Hamid Karzai, as well as an alliance of corruption within Afghanistan and an enduring resilience from the Taliban.

But we have been here before. The best



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**Afghan security personnel block traffic after a suicide attack that struck the convoy of presidential candidate Abdullah Abdullah in Kabul on Friday.**

analogy may be Korea. After three years of frustrating conflict in the early 1950s, we secured a mediocre outcome in the form of a cease-fire that left the North Korean regime intact. Our partner in the effort was a highly corrupt, nondemocratic South Korean state that did not hold elections until the 1980s. By comparison, for all its flaws, Afghanistan is a better polity, with an electoral process underway that by later this summer will replace Karzai with a new leader in the country's first-ever peaceful transfer of power via the ballot box. The two possible winners, Abdullah Abdullah and Ashraf Ghani Ahmadzai, are both superior in integrity and competence to most early leaders of the Republic of Korea.

Yet for all of South Korea's flaws, in 1953 we did not think of an exit strategy as the

key metric of success. U.S. national security was the crucial goal, and U.S. forces settled down to a long, patient, generally nonviolent mission to attain this objective. Initially, we deployed more than 50,000 troops, and gradually reduced that to around 40,000 in the latter Cold War decades. The figure is just under 30,000 today.

In Afghanistan, thankfully, no one is clamoring for a force totaling anything close to these numbers. For all the Taliban's resilience, they are much weaker than the North Korean regime ever was, and any al-Qaida targets that develop in years to come will likely be modest in size and number. But as Obama rightly observed in his West Point speech last month, terrorism still represents the most acute threat

to U.S. security. While al-Qaida affiliates in places such as Syria, Iraq, Yemen and Nigeria are serious concerns, the terrorist syndicate's potential to use sanctuaries in South Asia remains considerable. Affiliates such as the Haqqani network in North Waziristan (and perhaps also the Pakistani group Lashkar-e-Taiba with its ambitions of provoking Indo-Pakistani war) remain serious worries.

Against this threat, there is no alternative but to have bases in eastern and southern Afghanistan — certainly at least one, ideally two or three. These facilities can be located within 50 to 200 miles of the locations we need to monitor, within practical operational range of modern unmanned systems. The plausible alternatives are not realistic at all to operate manned or unmanned aircraft from carriers in the Indian Ocean, more than 500 miles away. For all our successes against al-Qaida in recent years and the associated decline in the recent rate of drone strikes, there is no indication that this threat will simply disappear in 2016 to suit Obama's desire to have ended two wars on his watch in the White House.

Yes, retaining some 3,000 U.S. personnel in Afghanistan for five, 10 or even 20 years after 2016 could cost us some \$5 billion a year and occasionally involve U.S. casualties. But that's life in the age of terrorism. And compared with our recent mission costs of more than \$100 billion a year and hundreds of fatalities, or the overall defense budget exceeding \$500 billion annually, it is a bearable price compared with the possibility of al-Qaida again mounting an attack from a South Asian sanctuary against the United States.

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## Alliance of Afghan candidates unlikely, but it would help

By WAHAB RAOFI

The attempted assassination of Afghan presidential front-runner Abdullah Abdullah in Kabul last Friday is a stark reminder of how precariously the nation's future hangs in the balance.

In Afghanistan, it is both the best of times and the worst of times, as novelist Charles Dickens so famously put it, describing another time and place. More than ever before, the nation appears to be making meaningful progress toward stable democracy, as President Hamid Karzai prepares to cede the reins of power to his duly elected successor after more than 12 years in office as required by the Afghan constitution. This will be the nation's first democratic transfer of power.

At the same time, the recent violence — along with the very fact that a run-off is necessary at all — points to looming dangers. This is an especially perilous moment as most foreign troops prepare to leave Afghanistan by the end of the year barring a new agreement.

Facing off in the final round against Abdullah, a former anti-Taliban Northern Alliance leader, is former World Bank executive Ashraf Ghani Ahmadzai. Though of mixed Pashtun and Tajik heritage, for his part Ahmadzai belongs to the Pashtun ethnic group. In the first electoral round on April 5, Abdullah claimed nearly 45 percent of the 31.5 million Afghan votes, and he has since won the support of third-

**The future of Afghanistan will hinge on whether it is possible to move beyond ethnic conflict to a culture of opportunity for all.**

place candidate Zalmay Rassoul, who carried 11 percent of voters.

One of the many wild cards in this explosive mix: the Taliban. The organization draws its support largely from the Pashtun, sparking concern that an Abdullah victory could spur Taliban recruitment efforts. There is also growing concern that the Taliban will use violence to disrupt the upcoming elections in an effort to destabilize the country.

Raising the stakes even further is Afghanistan's winner-take-all political culture. Regardless of the victor, he can be expected to place his cronies, warlord supporters and other close allies in positions of power. Those who did not vote for him are likely to be entirely locked out.

And yet, for all these challenges, Afghanistan is in a far better position now than at any time in recent memory. Both Abdullah and Ahmadzai are highly qualified compared with any contenders since the assassination of President Mohammed Daud Khan in 1978 by Russian-backed communist party operatives. Both offer

new hope for improved relations with the West, having said they would sign a security agreement allowing U.S. forces to remain after 2014, something Karzai refused to do.

That said, both candidates also have significant weaknesses. In the first round of voting, Abdullah did predictably well among the Farsi-speaking Tajik in the relatively calm north and west but — again predictably — poorly in the Pashtun-dominated south and east. His support among the younger generation is not strong, a significant issue in a country where 68 percent of people are younger than 25, and despite his efforts to broaden his appeal, he continues to be viewed by many as a member of the old guard.

As for Ahmadzai, for all his success in the Pashtun-dominated east and south and among younger voters, he lacks a forceful public persona — what we in the West call the "electability factor." Not surprisingly, he has failed to convince those who did not vote for him in the first round of elections on April 5 that he would make a strong leader. This weakness is reflected in his choice of an Uzbek warlord, Abdul Rashid Dostum, as a running mate, bringing a strong man to his side as compensation for his own lack of confidence. This choice angered even many of his supporters because of the widespread belief that Dostum ordered the 2001 massacre of thousands of Pashtun Taliban in his fiefdom.

There is, however, an upside to the can-

didates' shortcomings. Their deficits make it crystal clear how much each could gain from an alliance. Together, Abdullah and Ahmadzai are far stronger than they are apart. Moreover, a coalition has the potential to bring about unprecedented political equilibrium by recognizing the legitimacy of both Pashtuns and Tajiks, respectively the nation's largest and second-largest ethnic groups. Most importantly, they have the opportunity to put the focus where it belongs: combatting corruption and terrorism and fueling jobs and economic growth.

Unfortunately, there is little sign that a coalition is in the offing. Indeed, Abdullah signaled just the opposite last month when he told *The New York Times* he had no intention of forging an alliance. "Now the issue is how to strategize for the second round, no matter what it will go to the second round."

This is a mistake — and one with potentially tragic consequences. The future of Afghanistan will hinge on whether it is possible to move beyond ethnic conflict to a culture of opportunity for all. An Alliance would mark a major stride in this direction, a step toward the stable and prosperous future that the Afghan people deserve.

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# SHIFTING GEARS



Hyundai



Chrysler

High quality materials and attention to detail are closing the gap between luxury and mainstream vehicles. Hyundai's Equus, left, and Chrysler's 200, right, were among two vehicles each automaker placed on a list honoring the year's best new interiors, challenging territory once reserved for the likes of Rolls Royce's six-figure Wraith, below.

# Line blurring between luxury and mainstream

## Chrysler Group, Hyundai-Kia each place 2 on best new interiors list

By MARK PHELAN  
Detroit Free Press

A pair of unexpected automakers had a very good day when the editors of Ward's Auto World magazine honored the best new automotive interiors in Dearborn last month.

Chrysler Group and Hyundai-Kia each placed two vehicles among the 10 winners — more than luxury icons BMW, Jaguar and Lexus.

"The line separating luxury and mainstream is becoming extremely blurry" when it comes to interior looks, feel and features, Auto World editor-in-chief Drew Winter said.

Maybe so, but Ward's top 10 includes two cars with six-figure sticker prices — the Mercedes-Benz S550 and Rolls-Royce Wraith.

Ward's editors evaluated 41 vehicles in every market segment to choose the winner. Any vehicle that's new or has a new interior was eligible.

No Fords were eligible, but the automaker has a good chance next year when the new Mustang, F-150 and Lincoln MKC SUV will be in the running.



Rolls Royce

## Ward's Auto World's 10 best interiors

Here are the top 10-rated car interiors, with the price of the model tested and some standout features. They're in alphabetical order.

■ 2014 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray (\$71,960). The first Corvette with an interior as good as the car's exterior design and performance.

The designers were "on a mission to compete with much more expensive cars" like the Porsche 911, Auto World editor-in-chief Drew Winter said. Highlights include supportive, sporty seats, a suede-like headliner and a high-visibility instrument cluster. "It's what Corvette owners have always wanted — a truly great interior," Ward's executive editor Tom Murphy said.

■ 2015 Chrysler 200C (\$31,470). Chrysler's new midsize sedan boasts a "well-equipped, roomy, handsome and clever" interior, Murphy said. Noteworthy features include a piece

of wood trim that's nearly three feet long and plenty of storage and prices starting at \$21,700.

■ 2014 GMC Sierra Denali (\$56,685). The Sierra Denali luxury pickup won because it couples capability and comfort. Ward's editors singled out attractive metallic trim and multiple power outlets for electronic gizmos.

■ 2014 Hyundai Equus Ultimate (\$37,525). "Two words come to mind: rugged style," Murphy said. The Cherokee scored points for advanced connectivity, comfortable and

attractive two-tone leather seats and details like a double line of stitching along the top of the dash and a beefy shifter.

■ 2014 Kia Soul+ (\$24,010). The least expensive winner scored with a combination of value and offbeat design. Ward's praised it as "a small car, but it offers a lot of room and doesn't feel cheap," thanks to soft-touch materials and details like lime green stitching that complement the exterior paint.

■ 2014 Mazda3 (\$30,415). "It's a compact car that's a step above the mainstream," Murphy said. Designers took some chances with features like multicolor gauges, stitching in three different colors and two-tone perforated leather.

■ 2014 Mercedes-Benz S550 (\$122,895). A benchmark for the whole industry, for its combination of aesthetics, technology and safety, Winter said. The interior features a double-wide display for navigation,

rear headrests designed to mimic pillows and a "hot stone" massage feature that combines heat and pressure to remove the kinks after a long day at the wheel.

■ 2014 Rolls-Royce Wraith (\$372,800). From lamb's wool floor mats to wood panels big enough to deck a yacht, the Wraith redefines "handcrafted interior" for the 21st Century. And don't forget the starlight headliner. It's made of leather and has 1,340 variable-intensity fiber optic lights to mimic the night sky. For a few dollars more, Rolls will craft the owner's zodiac sign into the scene.

■ 2015 Volkswagen Golf GTI (Est. \$30,695). Another compact that sidesteps the mainstream, the sporty GTI hatchback features bright red stitching and supportive deeply sculpted seats. Brushed aluminum trim and a user-friendly touch screen keep the dark gray interior from seeming overly severe.

— Detroit Free Press

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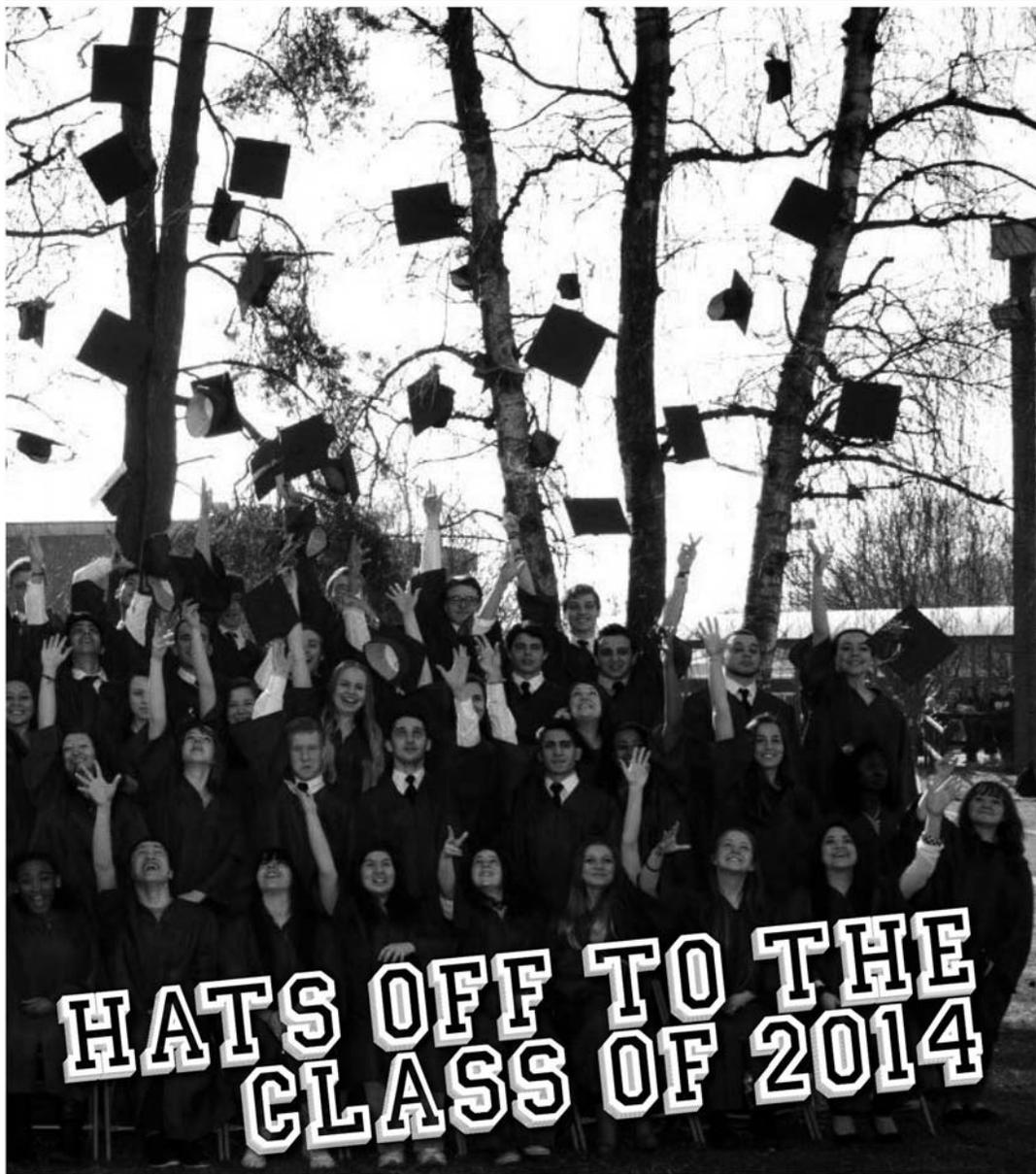
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Not many people have the chance to immerse themselves in different cultures around the world. Being a "Third Culture Kid," while attending a DODDS school my whole life, truly has been a hidden blessing. While Paris, Rome, and me with a sense of community, a small taste of home. School has forced me to engage in conversations and sports with those of different views than my own. These experiences and challenges, taught me the values of acceptance and compromise and that narrow-minded thinking will get us nowhere. Traveling to England, Germany, or the Netherlands for our sports trips not only creates friendly rivalries, but also opens up new opportunities and lasting friendships that otherwise would be impossible. Although it may be hard to adjust to at first, this experience truly embodies the notion that "life is what you make of it." Being a "Third Culture Kid," with exposure to new languages, people, trains of thought, and opinions, has given me the tools and opportunities I need to open new doors and opportunities in this new stage of my life.

Aleeza Vitale,  
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I moved to the UK the summer before my sophomore year. I had taken online classes freshman year because my family had been living in Greece, and there was no physical school for me to attend. Going to school overseas is certainly different than going to school back in the States, there are a lot of things students over here just can't do, but also a lot of things we get to do that wouldn't be possible living back home.

Being in DoDDS has drawbacks, but the advantages are more important, and I've always tried to focus on those. DoDDS sports and other competitive events take place on a much grander scale, it wasn't uncommon for me to take a weekend trip to Germany or Belgium to play an international school's team. Cooperative events, like Model U.S. Senate and Honors Music, give students the chance to interact with people from all over Europe. The culture we can experience is priceless.

I'll be taking that experience with me to the University of Michigan, where I'll be studying Computer Science at their School of Engineering. I've never been to Michigan before, but after Europe, it'll be a breeze.

Alex House  
Lakenheath High School



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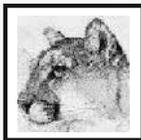
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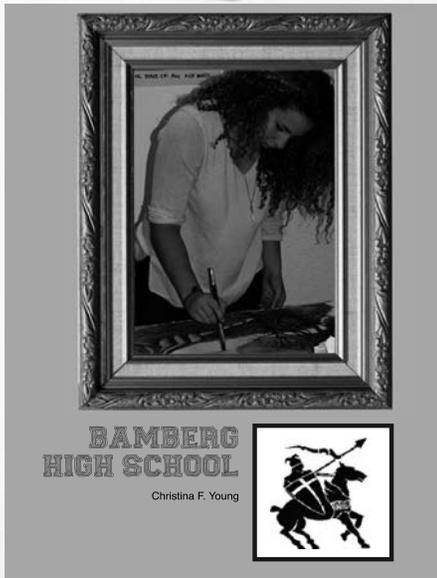


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# BITBURG HIGH SCHOOL

As the seniors of Bitburg Middle High School approach graduation we hear about our fellow seniors who are graduating stateside. They have family driving for hours, coming from all over to attend the ceremony and large gatherings afterwards to celebrate. Living overseas, we experience graduation differently. Our graduation ceremony is held in an Air Force hangar, attended by approximately 500 people, for a graduating class of under 50 seniors. I am one of the few of my classmates who is able to have extended family attend. Our experience is different, satisfactory and certainly not lacking.

People often ask us if we are scared or nervous about graduation and they seem to expect that we are, but we are not. Having lived the military lifestyle we are prepared to pack up and leave everything behind to establish new relationships in a new location, and we view it as an opportunity. Many of us are going to college in the States and with this new chapter it feels like we are finally going home. We are ready to turn the page and excited to adapt and overcome.

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 Bitburg Middle High School

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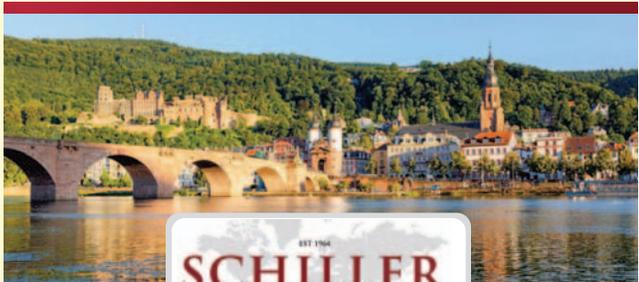
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**Lauren**  
We're proud of our daughter Lauren Lapping for all of her accomplishments.  
She will do great in college!  
- Steve and Ivette Lapping

**Love Mom, Dad and Christina**



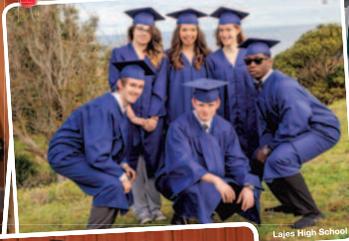
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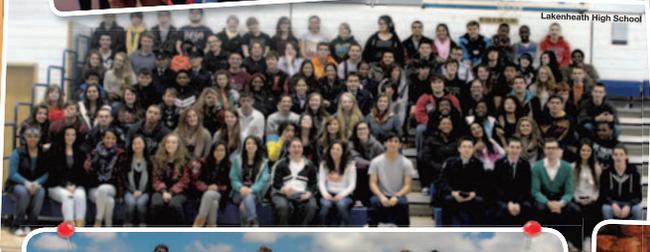
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- Vladimir Sequera
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- Justin Settles
- Matthew Sharpy
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- Kamya Singleton
- Marco Sisco
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- Levi Tupper
- Michelle Turner
- Samantha Turner
- Karljin Van Gaalen
- Michael Vosler
- Altana Von Loh-Perez
- Christian Waarvik
- Xantavia Wain
- Janiece Walker
- Shannon Walker
- Connor Walters
- Nacarra Washington
- Kyle Watkins
- Alexis Weathers

- Christopher White
- Christopher Wignall
- Daniel Wilkins
- Trevon Williams
- Ethan Woodard
- Tiffanie Wyatt
- Shelby Yetshahlsky
- Patrick Young
- Justin Zapala

Senior year is a year of lasts. Our last homecoming, our last pep rallies, our last prom, all the little details that make our last year of high school something spectacular. First we entered Ramstein or some other high school as oblivious, naive and carefree freshman, individuals wishing to do well, to find our niche while making friends along the way. Then, we became sophomores who thought we knew it all just because we were no longer underprivileged, unsuspecting freshman, still investing time into finding what it is we love. Last year we were juniors ready to have an anxiety attack, beginning to talk about college, and thought it was so far away. And here we are now (for the most part) mature seniors ready for the next chapter in our lives. We started to apply for colleges far from Mom and Dad, and realized saying good-bye is happening sooner than we thought. Before long we will walk across the stage, and it will be the last time we are all together seen as the Class of 2014 - Knowing we could not have done it without adoring parents, diligent teachers and great friends.

Khaina Polanco,  
Senior Class President,  
Ramstein High School



Schweinfurt High School



# SCHWEINFURT HIGH SCHOOL

- Benjamin Adkins
- Dieudonne Bascombe
- Tiffany Donner
- Romnick Faljejo
- Noah Hill
- Jazmyne Howard
- Dong Kim
- Christopher Luna
- Jack McCauley
- Brittini Mincy
- Rebecca Miranda-Shion
- Roman Zaytsev

**Christian**  
Congratulations graduate - we're so proud of you!  
Kaiserslautern High School Class of 2014

Congratulations Brittany  
it has been a long ride and we are proud of you!  
Now it is time to make yourself proud!  
Don't let up and keep up the good work!  
— Love, Mom and Dad —

Lowder Twins, Ramstein High School  
Congratulations to Angelika & Makayla Lowder!  
What an Awesome Blessing you have been!  
Follow your Dreams and Trust in God to Direct your Path.  
Love You Forever; Deborah, John, Tiffany, John-Michael & Joshua



# WIESBADEN HIGH SCHOOL

Tavonna Tyenne Bell  
 Sharla Darlene Black  
 Seth Michael Birch  
 Xavier Alexander Blichkaffin  
 Kendal Dominique Body  
 Sophia Ann Bremer  
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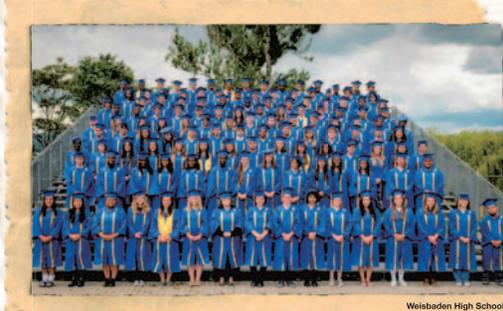
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 Deshawn Conway  
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 Madelyn Dinger  
 Joshua DuWors  
 Sabrina Becker  
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 Brieanna Gordon  
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 Michelle Harris  
 Nyra Hunt  
 Zsophia Calma  
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 Danielle Jones  
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 Lauryn Klopf  
 Elena Krollpfeiffer  
 Emily Lebel  
 Marco Lerma  
 Allie-Marie Luginbuhl  
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 Russell  
 Emily Manzo  
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 Derek McFerrin  
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 Benjamin Nelson  
 Michael Nelson  
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 William Peters  
 Kristine Peterson  
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 Joseph Zingg

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 Michelle Harris  
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 Zsophia Calma

The caps are on, the gowns are ironed, the pictures are taken, and the cards have been sent. The speeches are written, the pageantry practiced, and the Pomp and Circumstance is soon to come. This is the end of the high school experience. The future lies at our doorstep, and we are poised to make the leap.

But all too often we overlook what is really important. Beneath the lights and the spectacle, lie the experiences, the memories, and the people. The experiences of stressing over finals and watching our team win the homecoming game will never be forgotten, nor will the memories of arriving at our first high school dance and joking around at the lunch table. Our friends—the ones who made us laugh, cry, and everything in between—and our parents—the ones to whom we owe everything, the ones to whom a thank-you is not enough—will stay with us forever.

This is what we bring with us as we graduate high school, not the cap and gown or even the paper we receive on graduation day. The memories are what truly matter. This is what life is all about.

Philip Ramirez,  
 Yilseck High School



**Christopher Marc**

May your strength come from God, may your heart remain close to Him, and may you always view your worthiness through His eyes!

We Love You, and will always be your biggest fans!

— Dad, Mom, Steven, Luke, Ysabella —



**Teleatha LeRae Floyd**

We couldn't be more prouder of the young woman that you have become.

The world is yours!

We love you very much.

— Love, Dad and Mom —



**Brandon**

Congratulations Brandon  
 Class of 2014.

College bound for

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Love,

Mom, Dad and Andrew

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Lauren Alpuerto  
Breanna Beas  
Christan Chester  
Jacob Cole  
Alyssa Coleman  
Lily Cox

Alyson Dinges  
Issachar Esguerra  
Lindsay Farrington  
Alexus Ferron  
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Matthew Nichols  
Matthew Norman  
Ashleigh Palomaria  
Caityn Ratliff  
Spencer Ridgway

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Mifori Sakagawa  
Nathaniel Schaaf  
Abigail Schuyler  
Nathan Sevigny  
Alexander Slabaugh  
Michael Trujillo

Nathaniel Wells  
Jade Westlake  
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Jayontray Grogan  
Davina Gutierrez  
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Brittany Key  
Ryan Knapp  
Jameel Knight  
Taja Knight  
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Benedetta Laird  
Jacob Lane  
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Victoria Parkins  
Karrissa Pickrell  
Jessica Poltowich  
Hannah Scott  
Austin Segura  
Amber Smith  
Brian Thibodeau  
Jordan Thurston  
Aisela Toci  
David Turner  
Samuel Weitzman  
Carrie Welch  
Joshua Wieder  
Shundarius Williams  
Mikje Witkamp  
Jason Wood



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Alexandra Frank  
Ethan Fulmer  
Amy Garcia  
Arianna Gonzalez  
Bryan Gonzalez-Vega  
Cynthia Goodwin  
Derrick Grace  
Erica Hahn  
Carleton Hardy  
Malcolm Harris  
Sarah Henry  
Alexander Joghthong  
Eugenia Johnson  
Tia Juliano  
Austin Kelly  
Alisha Kimbler  
Matthew King  
Jessica Kishbaugh  
Jacob Knapp  
Alice Kovacic  
Jordan Larsen  
Helois Leosc  
Jessie Licata  
Jonathan Lombardi  
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Desara Williams  
Kyla Williams  
Marika Witt  
Rachel York



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Sarnuel Joseph Dominick Cloutier-  
Lachance  
Daniel Timothy Cordova  
Raegan Karlissa Cross  
Danielle Marie Cunningham  
Gabriel Patrick Marshal DeSouza  
Berk Dikici  
Buse Dikici  
Michelle-Ryan Yap Dimalanta  
Mitchell Dinger  
Frida-Marie Andestad Elstad  
Cullen M. Ennis  
Anel Fako  
Laura Catharina Geerlings  
Cassidy Jo Heerling  
Mara Heimann  
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Mackenzie Ashton Jones  
Gillian Sophie Kauke

Angelique Nicole Kenyon  
Dennis Jozeil Kljin  
Ryan Patrick Mantell  
Florian Matz  
Kira Michele McEwain  
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Sonja Euginia Narug  
Rachel Leeanng Pagio  
George Rose Partridge  
Tyler Alexander Perry  
Rebecca Lynn Perron  
Bradley Andrew Runyon  
Yahaira Nohemi Sarabia-Pacheco  
Vanessa Arthémise Skerry  
Jena Marie Solorzano  
Samantha Jasmin Stanton  
Nicole Elizabeth Telega  
Becu Christopher Timmons  
Cordair Jordan Watkins  
Brett Tyler Williams  
August James Pearl Witte  
Emily Gloria Young  
Saverio Charles Young

# AFNORTH HIGH SCHOOL

# TURKEY



# ANKARA HIGH SCHOOL

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Zahraa Tatal Al-Oibaldi  
Grace Cecilia Batinski  
Alexander Ray Bilger  
Daniel Cristian Bolboceanu  
Melissa Lynn Crowell  
Ian Thomas Engstrom  
Marton Aron Mezei  
Mary Elizabeth Nieves

Miles Ray Owens  
Maanya Raabani  
Kathleen Dakota Saunders  
Shivam Singh Sengar  
Azamat Suyubayev  
Wenjie Zheng  
Vikrant Zutshi



# INCIRLIK HIGH SCHOOL

Allyn Anderson  
Robert Carnley  
Jonathan Catchings  
Keyton Daniels  
Joseph Galbreath  
Hailey Kinser

Mack (Tamer) Long  
Patrick Ostrand  
Ryan Packard  
Shane Perkins  
Matthew Wilkerson  
Gracelynn Wiseman

Graduation. One word, too many emotions to count. Seniors can no longer hide behind the future. People stop asking us what we want to be when we grow up and start asking us what we are going to do next fall. Graduation is, quite literally, the future's way of making its grand entrance into our lives as if it were saying, "Here I am! I refuse to be ignored this time."

Graduation is not simply a rite of passage that starts a new chapter in our lives. We move across the Atlantic Ocean to an entirely different country—an entirely different continent. So you see, for us, graduation does not merely turn the page; it slams one book shut, and opens a new one.

There is a certain kind of freedom that comes with beginning a brand new book. But, with freedom comes responsibility. Graduates are supposed to go into the world, find their place, and make a difference. It is like every senior is supposed to go find some hidden treasure, but someone forgot to give all the Brats a copy of the map.

Graduation. It marks a turning point in my life. It is not going to be easy—nothing worth having ever is. I will be thrown into the world of the unknown, but that is alright. The more I have traveled, the more I have realized that the world is not designed to make me feel comfortable. Actually, quite the opposite is true. I am prepared to tackle the future head on, not necessarily ready, but I am prepared. So, before I step on that stage, take a good look because I will never be that girl again.

Tia Juliano,  
Vicenza High School

Being the only senior to graduate at Bomberg Middle High School has been a unique experience. While I lacked classmates in some classes, the drawdown and closure had positive effects on the student body and the school itself. Students and faculty drew closer supporting each other, encouraging academic success and participation in school activities, sports, traditional events, and several school wide study trips. Bomberg was able to have volleyball and track teams, while students wanting to participate in other sports, joined Schwenfurt. Student Council sponsored monthly celebrations for departing students as well as pep rallies, homecoming and spirit week and a memorable field day and goodbye rally. Bomberg produced its final yearbook and had its final prom in a castle. School wide trips were taken from Nurnberg, Wemnar, and Baureuth. Study trips were also made by several classes to our beautiful host city, Bomberg.

On May 28th at the Schloss Seehof, I will have the honor of becoming the final graduate of Bomberg Middle High School.

Christina F. Young,  
Bomberg Middle High School

It's difficult to try to describe what it's like to be a military kid, because I don't know how my life would be different if I weren't, it's the only life I know. The only unique experience I've had because I'm a military kid would be living off base in a foreign country and attending a school with foreign students. This provides a diverse learning environment and makes graduating from an international school pretty exciting. The class is pretty small, so it is easy to keep in touch with everyone. Everyone is from around the world, so it will be interesting to see where everyone ends up!

Grace Cecilia Babinski,  
Senior Class President,  
Ankara High School

After four adventure-filled years, the Alcornbury High School Class of 2014 has finally reached the pinnacle of our high school careers. After many late nights and plenty of homework assignments, we are finally finished! From sports events and music performances to school dances, Alcornbury's seniors have created a lot of memories and made many friends.

We have come a long way, and none of this would have been possible without the unconditional love and support from our parents. You gave us hope and encouragement and were there for us when we needed it most. You shared your wisdom and insights and empowered us to be our best. You helped us stay on top of our grades and you drove to the school in the frigid 1 AM darkness to pick us up from our trips abroad. For these reasons and countless more, the AHS Class of 2014 would like to give an enormous thanks to all of the parents of graduates this year. We may be moving on to life's next grand adventure, but we will never forget these times and will always be grateful for your support—you are the best!

The Alcornbury High School Class of 2014

I have lived in nine different locations, and three different countries. I am often asked where I'm from, or where home is, but I cannot answer. I make friends and leave as acquaintances, because I'm aware of how hard it is to stay in touch, I've lived it. It's just facing reality, I've learned hard lessons at a young age, because it was essential for me to have a certain amount of understanding for the pattern of a military child. All of my preconceived notions about people, about schooling, and about myself, however, were shattered about seven months ago. Everyone says that senior year is their best—without a doubt. Being Senior Class President, I hoped that this would be true for me, but I understood that I wasn't exactly graduating with people I'd been with for my entire life and that there might not exactly be the emotional connection that most people have to their last days of high school—not to say that Italy isn't spectacular. Most people don't exactly get a chance to brag about graduating in a 15th century Abbey in Southern Italy. I, however, will be honored to be graduating here with this class because for the first time in my life, I have made connections with people that will remain strong for a lifetime.

My father always told me that in life, you really only have one or two true blue friends—everyone else is an acquaintance. I am ecstatic to say that I will be marching down that aisle arm in arm with a true friend—someone that I can count on until the very end. This is what sets Naples, Italy apart for me: not the pizza, not the easygoing way of life, not even everyone's mutual understanding of everything being so temporary. Naples is my favorite place I've ever lived, because it's where I've grown the most as an individual. It's where I made mistakes and fixed them with the help of other people that care about me. It's where I learned that everyone can belong. It's where I met my best friend.

On June 5, 2014, I will be leading a procession of young adults onto the stage where we will be making the transition from high school students to individuals determined to make our mark on the world. I will be making a speech to parents and teachers about the many accomplishments of this class, the winter and spring dances, and about the usual niceties that come with graduation (how we're all "beacons of light," leading the way for others around us...), but while I speak, the only thing that'll be able to think about are the memories I've forged here, and, as I look back at the Senior Class of 2014, I'll look into the eyes of my best friend and know that the memories I have now are nothing compared to the memories I'm going to make in the future. And I can't wait.

Olivia Collins,  
Naples Middle High School

“We have come a long way, and none of this would have been possible without the unconditional love and support from our parents.”



# BUSINESS/WEATHER

## Report sparks debate on surveillance

BY PETER SVENSSON  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Telecommunications company Vodafone's report on government surveillance of its customers in 29 countries reveals more than first meets the eye — and is raising questions from Dublin to Delhi about how much spying on email and telephone chats happens in secret.

In Friday's report, Vodafone said most countries required the company's knowledge and cooperation to hear phone calls or to see emails, but at least six governments have given their security agencies the power of direct access.

Vodafone didn't identify the countries that have tapped into its network, but the report provided some clues. An 88-page appendix reveals that five countries — Albania, Egypt, Hungary, Ireland and Qatar — have provisions that allow authorities to demand unfiltered access.

In vague language, the report

also indicated similar powers could exist in India and the United Kingdom, too.

In too many cases, Vodafone said, governments kept both the company and wider society in the dark about what was happening, with laws explicitly forbidding government disclosure of any details of its electronic eavesdropping.

Ireland, a European hub for many social media and communications companies, refused to tell Vodafone anything about how its national police accessed its wireless and Internet services. The Irish situation is muddled further by the fact that its laws on the subject date to 1983 and 1993, when mobile and email communication were still in their infancy.

The Irish government denied the need for electronic surveillance to combat Irish Republican Army factions and Ireland's criminal underworld. But Ireland's civil liberties watchdog accused the government of legal laziness during the past two decades of

telecommunications innovation. "Our interception laws were drafted in a predigital age and are plainly no longer fit for purpose," said Mark Kelly, director of the Irish Council for Civil Liberties.

Kelly said he has asked the government to confirm whether it operates "direct access pipes into the networks of telecoms operators."

Other European countries are far more open. In Germany, for example, the government publishes annual statistics. In 2012, the most recent year of disclosure, Germany said it made 18,026 requests to phone companies to hear 23,687 calls.

Wiretapping of phones and accessing of call records for law enforcement purposes is a decades-old and accepted practice even in the most open democracies. With backing from courts, police can request cooperation from phone companies to access communications.

But in developing countries such as Congo, Ghana and Le-

soto, Vodafone said it cannot support wiretapping because governments haven't requested the technology.

By publishing its report, and highlighting its efforts to seek explanations from governments, Vodafone is entering the international debate about balancing the rights of privacy against security. Rather than being stuck with responsibility and backlash when citizens realize their data has been scooped up without their permission, Vodafone is pushing for a debate.

"The government always argues that they have to weigh freedom and security, and security always overrides freedom," said Gautam Navlaha, an activist in India for the Delhi-based People's Union for Democratic Rights.

Navlaha said India's government tapped the lines of every phone company in the country and used the power to gain information in a society where "everything leaks."

### EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (June 10)	\$1.4068
Dollar buys (June 10)	\$0.7139
British pound (June 10)	\$1.72
Japanese yen (June 10)	100.00
South Korean won (June 10)	992.00

Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3771
British pound	\$1.6785/0.5958
Canada (dollar)	1.0923
China (Yuan)	6.2402
Denmark (Krone)	5.4937
Egypt (Pound)	7.1525
Euro	\$1.3583/0.7362
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7517
Hungary (Forint)	223.57
Israel (Shekel)	3.4586
Japan (Yen)	102.56
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2822
Norway (Krone)	5.9666
Philippines (Peso)	43.61
Poland (Zloty)	3.02
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7206
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2504
South Korea (Won)	1,016.51
Switzerland (Franc)	0.8977
Taiwan (Dollar)	32.43
Turkey (New Lira)	1.6842

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

### INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
3-month bill	0.09
Federal funds market rate	0.09
3-month bill	0.04
30-year bond	3.44

## WEATHER OUTLOOK



The weather is provided by the American Forces Network Weather Center, 25 Weather Squadron at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

### Tuesday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	Chatanooga	87	68	Cldy	Fort Wayne	76	59	Rain	Louisville	81	68	Rain	Pocatello	81	49	Cir	Slous City	77	55	Pldy
Arlene, Tex	87	59	Pldy	Cheyenne	79	45	Cir	Fresno	102	72	Cir	Lubbock	86	54	Pldy	Portland, Maine	72	57	Cldy	Sioux Falls	76	50	Cir
Akron, Ohio	80	58	Rain	Chicago	69	55 <th>Rain</th> <td>Goodland</td> <td>82</td> <td>46 <th>Cir</th> <td>Macon</td> <td>92</td> <td>70</td> <th>Pldy</th> <td>Portland, Ore.</td> <td>69</td> <td>52</td> <th>Cldy</th> <td>South Bend</td> <td>74</td> <td>59 <th>Rain</th> </td></td>	Rain	Goodland	82	46 <th>Cir</th> <td>Macon</td> <td>92</td> <td>70</td> <th>Pldy</th> <td>Portland, Ore.</td> <td>69</td> <td>52</td> <th>Cldy</th> <td>South Bend</td> <td>74</td> <td>59 <th>Rain</th> </td>	Cir	Macon	92	70	Pldy	Portland, Ore.	69	52	Cldy	South Bend	74	59 <th>Rain</th>	Rain
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Albuquerque	89	59	Rain	Cleveland	78	60 <th>Rain</th> <td>Grand Rapids</td> <td>76</td> <td>53</td> <th>Cldy</th> <td>Medford</td> <td>82</td> <td>53 <th>Cir</th> <td>Pueblo</td> <td>88</td> <td>46 <th>Cir</th> <td>Springfield, Ill.</td> <td>73</td> <td>63 <th>Rain</th> </td></td></td>	Rain	Grand Rapids	76	53	Cldy	Medford	82	53 <th>Cir</th> <td>Pueblo</td> <td>88</td> <td>46 <th>Cir</th> <td>Springfield, Ill.</td> <td>73</td> <td>63 <th>Rain</th> </td></td>	Cir	Pueblo	88	46 <th>Cir</th> <td>Springfield, Ill.</td> <td>73</td> <td>63 <th>Rain</th> </td>	Cir	Springfield, Ill.	73	63 <th>Rain</th>	Rain
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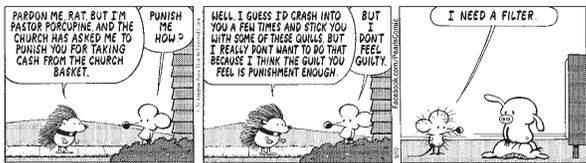
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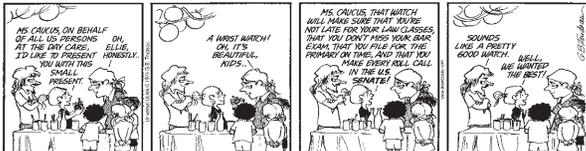
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### Eugene Sheffer Crossword

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#### ACROSS

- 1 Piece of work
- 5 The D in DJIA
- 8 Banner
- 12 Commuter's expense
- 13 Historic lime
- 14 Kitchen flooring, for short
- 15 Australian river
- 17 Aware of
- 18 Total
- 19 Sold
- 21 Wandered
- 24 Highly rated
- 25 Hertz rival
- 26 Loos
- 30 Petrol
- 31 Give a speech
- 32 Sundial numeral
- 33 Defames
- 35 Treaty
- 36 Leading man
- 37 "The King of Queens" star Kevin
- 38 Extreme cruelty
- 41 "The Godfather" address
- 42 Satanic
- 43 Flaps on a bride
- 48 "An Inconvenient Truth" author
- 49 Felon's flight
- 50 Vicinity
- 51 Overwhelmed
- 52 Storm center
- 53 Alluring

#### DOWN

- 1 Vacating
- 2 Chum
- 3 Spoon-bender Galler
- 4 Sight, touch, et al.
- 5 Consider
- 6 Bobby of hockey
- 7 Failures
- 8 Circulated
- 9 Nexus
- 10 Initial stake
- 11 Acceptable
- 12 Flop
- 20 Heche or Hathaway
- 21 Tatters
- 22 Elliptical
- 23 Passport endorsement
- 24 Startle
- 26 Constitution opener
- 27 Physical
- 28 Wedding shower?
- 29 Perches
- 31 Probability
- 34 Hit dead-center
- 35 Bamboo eaters
- 37 "The Daily Show With — Stewart"
- 38 Nintendo rival
- 39 Acknowledge
- 40 Tragic
- 41 Thinness symbol
- 44 Deposit
- 45 Before
- 46 T. —
- 47 Put into words

#### Answer to Previous Puzzle

J	O	B	G	A	T	O	R	M	O	B	
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#### CRYPTOQUIP

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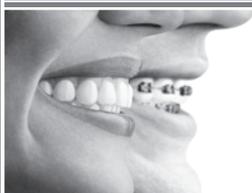
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SPORTS BRIEFS

# California Chrome co-owner apologizes for tirade

The Associated Press

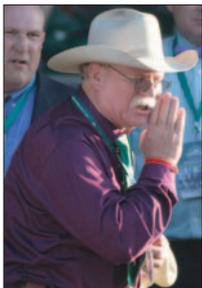
**NEW YORK** — California Chrome co-owner Steve Coburn has apologized for his bitter remarks after his horse failed to win the Triple Crown.

On ABC's "Good Morning America" on Monday, Coburn says he was "very ashamed of myself. Very ashamed. I need to apologize to a lot of people, including my wife, Carolyn." She tried to intervene as Saturday's interview got out of control.

He also apologized to the connections of winning horse Tonalist, saying, "I did not mean to take anything away from them."

On Saturday, he had said that Tonalist took "the coward's way out" by skipping the first two legs of the Triple Crown.

Coburn says he "wanted this so much, for this horse to win the Triple Crown for the people of America."



KATHY WILLES/AP

**California Chrome co-owner Steve Coburn calls from the grandstand at Belmont Park after his horse finished fourth in the Belmont Stakes on Saturday in Elmont, N.Y.**

The Hall of Fame's 25th class inducted Sunday also included two of De La Hoya's contemporaries in the modern era — Puerto Rican star Felix "Tito" Trinidad and Joe Calzaghe of Wales.

Also inducted were: George Chaney, Charles Ledoux and Mike O'Dowd in the old-timer cat-

egory; Tom Allen in the pioneer category; also includes promoter Barry Hearn, referees Richard Steele and Eugene Corri, journalist Graham Houston and veteran Sports Illustrated photographer Neil Leifer in the non-participant and observer categories.

Inductees were selected by the Boxing Writers Association and a panel of boxing historians.

## Crane captures St. Jude Classic by a stroke

**MEMPHIS, Tenn.** — Ben Crane won the St. Jude Classic on Sunday for his first PGA Tour title since 2011, closing with a 3-over 73 for a one-stroke victory.

Crane went wire to wire for his fifth career victory. He played 30 holes on the last day because of rain delays at TPC Southwind, finishing the final 12 holes of his third-round 69 in the morning to take a three-shots lead into the final round.

Troy Merritt was second after a 71. Webb Simpson (65), Matt Every (70) and Carl Pettersson (69) were 8 under, and Ian Poulter had a 64 to tie for sixth at 7 under.

Phil Mickelson, among those tuning up for the U.S. Open at Pinehurst, left winless in his 20th event since the British Open. He tied for 11th at 6 under after a 72.

In other golf news:

■ Inbee Park won the LPGA Manulife Financial Classic in Waterloo, Ontario for her first title in more than 11 months, matching the course record with a 10-under 61 to win by three strokes.

■ Jeff Sluman and Fred Funk teamed to win the Legends of Golf Champions Tour event in Ridge-dale, Mo., and Jim Colbert and Jim Thorpe topped the Legends Division for players 65 and older.

■ Sweden's Mikael Lundberg won the Lyness Open in Atzenbrugg, Austria for his third European Tour title, beating Austria's Bernd Wiesberger with a 40-foot birdie putt on the first hole of a playoff.

## Nadal holds onto No. 1; Sharapova up to No. 5

**PARIS** — Rafael Nadal has held onto the ATP's No. 1 ranking over No. 2 Novak Djokovic thanks to his ninth French Open title.

Maria Sharapova's second trophy at Roland Garros moved her up three spots to No. 5 on the WTA list Monday.

No. 3 Stan Wawrinka and No. 4 Roger Federer also stayed put, but Andy Murray climbed from No. 8 to No. 5 by reaching the French Open semifinals. First-time major semifinalist Ernests

Gulbis jumped seven places to a career-best No. 10.

In the women's rankings, No. 1 Serena Williams and No. 2 Li Na didn't move despite early losses in Paris, while runner-up Simona Halep moved up a spot to No. 3.

## NCAA settles video game lawsuit for \$20M

**INDIANAPOLIS** — The NCAA has announced a \$20 million settlement with former players over college-themed basketball and football video games produced by Electronic Arts.

The NCAA said Monday that the agreement will provide money to plaintiffs headed by former Arizona State quarterback Sam Keller. The case was scheduled for trial in March 2015.

The settlement will award \$20 million to certain Division I men's basketball and Bowl Subdivision football players. Details were still finalized.

The agreement was announced on the same day the NCAA heads to trial in federal court in California. Former UCLA star Ed O'Bannon and others filed a class-action lawsuit claims the NCAA over the use of their images in broadcasts and video games without compensation.

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# NFL SCOREBOARD

## American League

East Division		Pct	GB
Toronto	38	26	59.4
Baltimore	36	24	50.8
New York	31	34	45.0
Boston	28	34	45.0
Tampa Bay	24	39	31.4

Central Division		Pct	GB
Detroit	30	35	55.9
Cleveland	32	31	50.8
Chicago	31	32	49.2
Chicago	31	34	48.4
Minnesota	28	36	47.5

West Division		Pct	GB
Oakland	39	24	63.9
Los Angeles	35	28	57.6
Seattle	33	29	52.3
San Diego	33	29	52.3
Houston	28	36	43.8

## Angels 4, White Sox 2

Chicago		Los Angeles	
E	R	H	B
Eaton	4	0	1
GBxch	4	0	2
Viciedo	1	4	0
Almiraz	3	0	0
Kornik	1	0	0
Flowers	2	0	0
Nieto	3	0	0
De Aza	1	1	0
Swafford	1	1	0
Gijsli	3	0	0
Wick	3	1	2

**Totals** 31 2 7 2

## Mariners 5, Rays 0

Seattle		Tampa Bay	
E	R	H	B
EnChiv	5	1	2
Jones	5	1	2
Canor	3	0	0
Seager	3	0	0
Zobrist	2	0	0
Ackley	4	0	0
Gilless	2	0	0
Joyce	2	0	0
Yesler	3	0	0
Molm	3	0	0
Forsyth	3	0	0
Solis	3	0	0

**Totals** 36 5 10 5

## Miami Marlins 5, Tampa Bay Rays 0

Miami		Tampa Bay	
E	R	H	B
Dajimings	5	1	0
Alarms	7	2	1
Morris	1	0	0
Chase	1	0	0
Schick	1	0	0
Wright	6	3	0
BS13	1	3	2
BS15	1	3	2
Griffin	1	1	0

**Totals** 36 5 10 5

## National League

East Division		Pct	GB
Atlanta	32	29	52.4
Washington	32	29	52.4
Miami	30	32	48.1
New York	28	34	44.5
Philadelphia	25	36	41.0

Central Division		Pct	GB
Milwaukee	36	28	59.4
St. Louis	32	32	55.9
Pittsburgh	29	35	47.5
Cincinnati	29	35	47.5
Cleveland	28	36	43.8

West Division		Pct	GB
San Francisco	31	36	51.7
Los Angeles	33	31	56.6
Colorado	29	36	48.1
San Diego	28	37	43.8
Arizona	28	38	41.5

## Angels 3, White Sox 2

Chicago		Los Angeles	
E	R	H	B
Bourn	4	0	1
Acacer	4	0	1
Kipnis	5	0	0
Yanick	3	0	0
CSantib	3	0	0
Wright	2	0	0
Chunh	3	0	0
Baird	3	0	0
DMrpf	3	0	0
Sardins	2	0	0

**Totals** 34 3 10 3

## Reds 4, Phillies 1

Philadelphia		Cincinnati	
E	R	H	B
Revere	3	1	0
Blinn	4	1	2
Harmon	3	0	0
Phillips	2	0	0
Brace	3	0	0
Frazier	3	0	0
Chernz	2	0	0
Belyy	2	0	0
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**Totals** 29 4 6 4

## Diamondbacks 6, Braves 5

Atlanta		Arizona	
E	R	H	B
Blythe	6	0	0
GParr	5	4	0
Wright	4	1	0
Mmtrc	2	2	0
Prado	3	0	0
Cross	1	1	0
DPerrit	4	1	2
Cross	1	1	0
Incarr	1	1	0
Candry	3	0	0
Erchvch	3	0	0
Arroyo	3	0	0
Thacher	1	1	0
EMrsh	1	1	0
Ziepler	3	0	0

**Totals** 36 5 9 5

## Indians 3, Rangers 2

Cleveland		Texas	
E	R	H	B
Choi	3	1	0
Andres	3	1	0
Rios	4	0	0
Rios	4	0	0
Choi	3	1	0
Andres	3	1	0
Rios	4	0	0
Rios	4	0	0
Choi	3	1	0
Andres	3	1	0

**Totals** 30 3 10 3

## Brewers 1, Pirates 0

Pittsburgh		Milwaukee	
E	R	H	B
JHrnsr	1	0	0
Wlaker	2	0	0
AMcCf	4	0	0
GSnch	4	0	0
CSwz	4	0	0
MSnch	3	0	0
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**Totals** 30 0 0 0

## Giants 3, Mets 4

New York		San Francisco	
E	R	H	B
Blanco	4	0	2
Sandoz	4	0	2
Romo	4	0	2
Romo	4	0	2
HSnch	4	0	2
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**Totals** 34 4 9 3

## Royals 2, Yankees 1

New York		Kansas City	
E	R	H	B
Garner	5	0	2
Dyon	3	0	0
Aankf	2	0	0
Hesmer	3	0	0
AGordfn	2	0	0
SCnch	1	0	0
ACnch	3	1	0
LSnch	3	1	0
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**Totals** 35 1 8 2

## Cardinals 5, Blue Jays 0

St. Louis		Toronto	
E	R	H	B
Reyes	5	1	0
McCarf	3	0	0
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**Totals** 35 1 5 0

## Sunday Red Sox 5, Tigers 3

Detroit		Boston	
E	R	H	B
McRiv	5	1	0
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## Nationals 6, Padres 0

Washington		San Diego	
E	R	H	B
ECarrs	6	1	0
Quentfn	5	1	0
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MATT YORK/AP

Atlanta Braves' Tommy La Stella runs to first on a ground out as Arizona Diamondbacks' Chase Anderson throws to first in the sixth inning of Sunday's game in Phoenix. The Diamondbacks won 6-5.

NL roundup

# Diamondbacks' rookie Anderson tops Braves

The Associated Press

PHOENIX — Chase Anderson said the perfect start to his major league career "feels amazing," and the Arizona Diamondbacks feel the same way about the young right-hander.

Anderson pitched seven innings to become the third pitcher since 1998 to win his first five major league starts, leading the Diamondbacks to a 6-5 victory over the Atlanta Braves on Sunday.

David Peralta and Paul Goldschmidt each hit a two-run homer in Arizona's six-run seventh inning. It was Peralta's first major league homer.

Anderson (5-0) had eight strikeouts and allowed two runs and five hits on his way to becoming the first pitcher to win his first five starts since Jered Weaver won seven straight in 2006.

"Words don't describe that," Anderson said, "just going 1-0, 2-0. Each time I go out there I'm just trying to give the team a chance to win ... 5-0 feels amazing."

The Diamondbacks have scored 45 runs in Anderson's five wins. "Geez, when you get that kind of run support it's not too hard to go out there and win games," he said.

Justin Upton, Freddie Freeman and Ramiro Pena homered for the

Braves, who lost two of three in Arizona. Aaron Harang (4-5) issued six walks in six-plus innings, and was charged with three runs and four hits.

**Reds 4, Phillies 1:** Homer Bailey hit a two-run single and pitched eight effective innings to lead host Cincinnati over Philadelphia.

**Brewers 1, Pirates 0:** Yovani Gallardo pitched seven crisp innings for Milwaukee and Jonathan Lucroy doubled and scored on a groundout in the seventh to beat host Pittsburgh.

**Marlins 4, Cubs 3:** Giancarlo Stanton scored the go-ahead run on Pedro Strop's wild pitch in the eighth inning as visiting Miami snapped Chicago's five-game winning streak.

**Giants 6, Mets 4:** Gregor Blanco doubled, singled and drove in three runs, and surging San Francisco beat visiting New York and earned its fifth consecutive win.

**Dodgers 6, Rockies 1 (5\*):** Hanley Ramirez homered, Clayton Kershaw struck out nine and the Dodgers won a game cut short by rain in the sixth inning.

**Nationals 6, Padres 0:** Jordan Zimmermann took a perfect game into the sixth inning and finished with a two-hitter and a career-high 12 strikeouts as Washington shut out host San Diego.

AL roundup

# Seattle's Hernandez fans 15

The Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Felix Hernandez didn't get the win. His dominant performance put the Seattle Mariners in position for victory, though.

Hernandez struck out a career-high 15 in seven innings before Endy Chavez keyed a five-run ninth with a tiebreaking RBI single, leading the Mariners to a 5-0 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays on Sunday.

When asked what was working, Hernandez said "everything."

"It was fun to go out there," he said. Rays manager Joe Maddon felt Hernandez was better than his perfect game against Tampa Bay on Aug. 15, 2012.

"That changeup was a fastball until the last moment, then it became a changeup," Maddon said. "The man was outstanding."

Ten of Hernandez's 12 swinging strikeouts came on changeups.

James Jones had a two-run triple for the Mariners, who have won seven of eight.

Hernandez had won his previous five starts, which was two away from tying the team record held by Jamie Moyer (2003) and Scott Bankhead (1989), but the Mariners were held scoreless until the ninth by Chris Archer and two relievers.

King Felix scattered four hits. He remains winless at Tropicana Field, going 0-2 in four starts.

"One of these days," Hernandez said with a smile. After Brad Miller hit a two-out triple and Willie Bloomquist walked against Grant Balfour (0-2), the left-handed hitting Chavez slapped a two-strike sin-

gle to left for a 1-0 lead. Jones had his triple before Kyle Seager added a two-run double.

"After watching that for about the last eight, nine years, it's not lucky anymore," Mariners manager Lloyd McClendon said of Chavez's hit. "I think it's talent. I've seen him do it time and time again."

Yoervis Medina (3-1) threw a scoreless eighth for the win.

Hernandez reached 1,800 career strikeouts when he struck out Evan Longoria to end the third. Hernandez struck out six through three innings, and 11 through five. This was the right-hander's 29th double-digit strikeout performance, which moved him past Mark Langston into sole possession of second place on the Mariners' career list.

Archer gave up five hits over 6½ scoreless innings. He is just 1-1 in his last five starts despite allowing just three runs in 31 innings.

"The young man is pretty special," said McClendon about Archer. "That's what you call a game for the purist."

Tampa Bay has lost 12 of 13.

The Mariners loaded the bases with one out in the fifth, but failed to score. Archer got a forceout at the plate after making a stumbling grab on Jones' comeback before left fielder Matt Joyce made one-handed at the wall on Robinson Cano's opposite-field drive.

**Royals 2, Yankees 1:** James Shields (7-3) kept making critical pitches to escape trouble, Lorenzo Cain and Mike Moustakas drove in runs and host Kansas City squeaked out a win over New York.

**Astros 14, Twins 5:** Chris Carter and Jon Singleton hit their first career grand slams to power visiting Houston over Minnesota.

**Indians 3, Rangers 2:** Lonnie Chisenhall had two hits and scored twice and Indians starter Justin Masterson picked up his first road win of the season as visiting Cleveland beat Texas.

**Angels 4, White Sox 2:** C.J. Wilson bounced back strongly from his shortest outing of the season, taking a three-hit shutout into the eighth inning and Josh Hamilton drove in three runs to lead host Los Angeles over Chicago.

**Athletics 11, Orioles 1:** Brandon Moss hit a grand slam and Scott Kazmir threw seven scoreless innings and visiting Oakland beat Baltimore in a game that featured another bench-clearing confrontation between the teams.

**Red Sox 5, Tigers 3:** David Ortiz hit a three-run homer in the ninth inning as visiting Boston beat Detroit to snap a five-game losing streak.

Interleague

**Cardinals 5, Blue Jays 0:** Jaime Garcia (2-0) and two relievers combined on a three-hitter and Matt Carpenter and Jonny Peralta homered as St. Louis beat host Toronto.



Seattle Mariners' Felix Hernandez reached 1,800 strikeouts for his career in a 15k effort on Sunday against the Tampa Bay Rays.

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# AUTO RACING/COLLEGE BASEBALL

## Earnhardt pulls away for 2nd win

By DAN GELSTON  
The Associated Press

LONG POND, Pa. — Dale Earnhardt Jr. had to find his mobile device. He did saved a photo of himself standing next to the scoring pylon — a smile on his face, his index finger raised to flash No. 1 and, even better, the No. 88 lit up atop the leaderboard — and he wanted to share it with Junior Nation.

Hours after taking the checkered flag, Earnhardt followed through on his promise to post the picture to more than 680,000 followers on Twitter.

“(hash)JrNation, (@)poconoraceway is ours today. What a win! I hope you all enjoyed today as much as I did. We won! We won!” he tweeted.

Earnhardt took advantage of Brad Keselowski's misfortune, pulling away down the stretch Sunday at Pocono Raceway for his second win of the season and a sure spot in the Chase field.

He paired his first career win at Pocono with his Daytona 500 championship for his first multi-win season since 2004.

“I feel like I'm such a lucky guy to be competitive this second opportunity again to have this,” Earnhardt said.

As strong as Earnhardt ran in the No. 88 Chevrolet, Keselowski gift-wrapped the win when he yielded the lead to five laps left in a desperate attempt to clear debris from his grille and cool his overheated engine.

Keselowski's gamble backfired — he couldn't get the draft needed from the lapped traffic to clear his car and make one final pass on Earnhardt for the win. Keselowski's No. 2 Ford still had the oomph in the engine needed to finish the race, and he had his second-straight runner-up finish.

“It was definitely a mistake because the engine made it,” Keselowski said, rubbing his face. “It probably shouldn't have.”

Junior shook off the rising red gauges in the No. 88 that could have had his car meet a similar fate.

“They were still within good reason to stand on it and give it hell,” he said.

Kurt Busch, Denny Hamlin and rookie Kyle Larson completed the top five.

Earnhardt's second win means he is guaranteed to make the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship field. He won for the 29th time in 519 career Sprint Cup starts.

“When we won at Daytona, man, it made the rest of the year a lot more relaxing,



MEL EVANS/AP

**Dale Earnhardt Jr. crosses the start/finish line during the NASCAR Sprint Cup series Pocono 400 on Sunday in Long Pond, Pa. Earnhardt Jr. won the race.**

a lot easier,” he said. “It makes it fun because you can just go to the track and just race, not worry about points.”

Here are five other things of note from Pocono Raceway:

**1 SHIRTS DAY:** Kurt Busch posted his first top-10 since his win at Martinsville nine races ago. He salvaged a rough day for Stewart-Haas Racing that saw fellow drivers Tony Stewart and Kevin Harvick drop from contention with various issues. Stewart held the lead and was in great position late to win until he was busted for speeding on pit road and was dropped to 31st. Harvick was running second when had tire trouble. Stewart finished 13th, Harvick 14th, and Danica Patrick was 37th after she smacked the wall with 22 laps left. Stewart blamed himself for coughing up the lead. “I don't know how I got through the (dashboard) lights like I did, but I got to where I blew through all the lights and didn't have any on the (tachometer) so I had no clue that I was over it. I gave my guys grief last week with a sixth-place run when I thought we should have run in the top-three. Then I threw it away this week.”

**2 Larson's mastery:** Kyle Larson mastered Pocono in no time. The NASCAR rookie led four laps and finished a solid fifth a day after he won the ARCA race on the 2½-mile tri-oval track. Larson struggled this season adapting to shifting, and blew out several transmissions in his Chip Ganassi Racing cars. He's not quite a skilled shifter yet, though Sunday showed he's getting there. “I did miss a couple of shifts,” he said, laughing. “Just twice, which is a lot better than it probably should have been if I didn't practice shifting a whole lot.”

comfortable I am,” said the 24-year-old Australian, who has two third-place finishes, two fourths and a short-lived second place in the season-opener in Melbourne before he was disqualified for an illegal fuel flow. “A lot of sport comes down to belief. If you truly believe in something, you can make it work.”

The win by Red Bull was the first this season for any team other than the twin Silver Arrow Mercedes of Rosberg, the championship leader, and Hamilton, a three-time Canadian GP champion. But the cars experienced the same problem midway through

**3 Johnson's streak:** Jimmie Johnson's bid for a third straight victory was derailed when he connected on pit road with Marcos Ambrose. Coming off wins in the Coca-Cola 600 and at Dover, Johnson was fifth when he pitted under yellow. Johnson hit Ambrose and spun 180-degrees, which forced him to back into his stall for more repairs. He needed two tires, had right-front damage and dropped to 29th on the restart. Johnson is a six-time champion for a reason and overcame the mishap to finish sixth. “I was scared to death I was going to hurt someone,” he said. “From there we just went to work and do what the No. 48 does best and grind it out.”

**4 Truex streak:** Martin Truex Jr. may have found his groove in his first season at Furniture Row Racing. He followed his sixth-place finish at Dover with a ninth at Pocono, his first back-to-back top-10s this season. He has only one other top-10. Truex brushed the wall at one point to set him back, though a nice recovery seemed to go along with the one he's made at the finish line. “We had top-10 cars all year, but we were not able to finish races,” Truex said. “The last two weeks we finished the races and got some decent results. We're gaining, but still have a ways to get to where we want to be.”

**5 Jump into NASCAR:** No. Pocono didn't double as a Hollywood movie lot. But that reality was Channing Tatum and Jonah Hill at the track, a nice get in a season when celebrity star power had been missing at the track (sorry, Larry the Cable Guy). Danica Patrick hit 140 mph in the pace car with the “22 Jump Street” stars riding along to add to the star power. “My left ear is ringing from Jonah screaming in the backseat,” Tatum said.

the race; Hamilton's brakes overheated in the 46th lap and he did not finish.

Rosberg left from the pole and led for most of the race, but his car was noticeably slower over the second half. Ricciardo pulled the pace him with two laps to go.

“The race came to life at the end,” Ricciardo said. “It's still a little bit surreal. It's not like we were leading the whole race, so it's not like I had time to understand that I was going to win.”

Rosberg finished second under a caution caused by a last-lap crash between Felipe Massa and Sergio Perez.

## Super regionals roundup

### Vanderbilt, Texas Tech sweep way into CWS

The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Vanderbilt Commodores weren't quite sure what to think of themselves a few weeks ago.

They entered the NCAA tournament having lost six of 11, but thanks to some fresh faces and some big wins, Vanderbilt is riding high and headed to the College World Series.

Vince Conde and John Norwood had three hits and two RBIs each and Vanderbilt combined for six runs in the seventh and eighth innings to beat Stanford 12-5 Sunday to advance to Omaha for the second time in program history.

“It was amazing,” said freshman Hayden Stone, who pitched six innings of three-hit baseball to close the game and earn the win. “Just the opportunity to be out there at that certain time. Just daydreamed about it all the time. I'm glad I got to accomplish that.”

Vanderbilt coach Tim Corbin credited Bryan Reynolds, a freshman all-American, and fellow freshmen Stone and catcher Jason Delany for their roles on Sunday. Reynolds finished 8-for-12 in the three-game series.

Corbin, who is in his 12th year guiding the Commodores, said his players have developed into a team as of late.

**Texas Tech 1, College of Charleston 0:** Two days. Two games. No runs allowed.

Dylan Dusek struck in his fourth consecutive scoreless start and Texas Tech advanced to the College World Series for the first time with another 1-0 victory.

Dusek (8-0) worked five-plus innings, gave up three hits and walked one as Texas Tech (45-20) won the series with back-to-back 1-0 triumphs. Cameron Smith, Dominic Moreno and Johnny Drozd combined to work the final four innings for the Red Raiders.

“When I get home later this evening, I'm sure it will hit me,” second-year Texas Tech coach Tim Tadlock said.

Adam Kirsch's RBI double in the fourth inning was the game's lone run. It marked the Raiders' third straight shutout in the postseason and fourth in five outings.

Bailey Ober took the loss despite scattering six hits over eight innings.

**Pepperdine 3, TCU 2:** Aaron Brown (13-1) pitched seven scoreless innings and made a game-saving throw from center field as Pepperdine (43-17) beat TCU (46-16), forcing a deciding third game in the NCAA Fort Worth super regional for a spot in the College World Series. Brandon Canino hit a pair of RBIs and Hutton Moyer scored twice for the Waves.

**Mississippi 5, Louisiana-Lafayette 2:** Pinch-hitter Colby Bortles broke open the game with a two-run single in Mississippi's three-run eighth inning as the Rebels beat the Ragin' Cajuns to tie their super regional series. Christian Trent (9-0) went seven innings for the win, while Carson Baramik (11-1) took the loss.

**Virginia 7, Maryland 3:** Kenny Towns had three hits, Artie Lewicki pitched 3½ innings of solid relief and Virginia beat Maryland to force a deciding game 3 of the NCAA Charlottesville super regional.

The Cavaliers (48-14) had 17 hits, including four in a decisive seventh inning as they sent elite batters to the plate and scored three runs.

## Ricciardo halts Mercedes' F1 dominance

By JIMMY GOLEN  
The Associated Press

MONTREAL — Turns out the Formula One team of Nico Rosberg and Lewis Hamilton is beatable after all.

The two Mercedes drivers had combined to win the first six races this season — sweeping the top two spots in all but one event. But when a mechanical problem forced them to slow down to keep their brakes from overheating, Daniel Ricciardo sped past to win the Canadian Grand Prix for the first victory of his career.

“The more time I spend here, the more

# NBA FINALS

## Scoreboard



**(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)**  
**San Antonio 1, Miami 1**  
 San Antonio 110, Miami 85  
**Sunday:** Miami 98, San Antonio 96  
**Tuesday:** at Miami  
**Thursday:** at Miami  
**Sunday, June 15:** at San Antonio  
**x-Tuesday, June 17:** at Miami  
**x-Friday, June 20:** at San Antonio

**Sunday**  
**Heat 98, Spurs 96**  
**MIAMI** — L-James 14-22 4-5 35, Lewis 5-9 1-14, Bosh 6-11 5-6 18, Chalmers 2-4 1-2 5, Wade 5-9 4-14, Anderson 1-4 1-2 3, Allen 4-7 0-0 9, Cole 0-2 0-0 0, Jones 0-2 0-0, Haslem 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 37-70 16-21 98.

**SAN ANTONIO** — Leonard 3-9 1-2 9, Duncan 7-14 4-8 18, Splitter 1-3 0-0 2, Parker 8-15 3-6 21, Green 3-5 1-1 9, Bellinelli 1-5 0-0 2, Diaw 3-9 0-0 7, Ginobili 7-15 3-3 19, Mills 3-7 0-0 8, Bonner 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 36-82 12-20 96.

**MIAMI** 19 24 34 21—98  
**San Antonio** 26 17 35 18—96  
**Three-Point** Goals—Miami 8  
 (L-James 3-3, Lewis 3-7, Bosh 1-2, Allen 1-3, Cole 0-1, Chalmers 0-1, Jones 0-2, San Antonio 12-26 (Green 2-3, Mills 2-3, Leonard 2-3, Parker 2-4, Ginobili 2-7, Diaw 1-2, Bellinelli 1-4). Fouled Out—Leonard.  
**Rebounds**—Miami 49 (L-James 10), San Antonio 45 (Duncan 15). Assists—Miami 16 (Chalmers, Wade 4), San Antonio 26 (Parker 7). Total Fouls—Miami 20, San Antonio 20. Technicals—L-James, Miami defensive three second, Duncan. Flagrant Fouls—Chalmers. A—18,581 (18,797).

### Playoff leaders

INDIVIDUAL SCORING	G FG FT PTS AVG				
	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Durant, OKC	14	13	43	56	26.8
James, MIA	17	163	115	467	27.5
Harden, HOU	16	50	45	161	26.8
Westbrook, OKC	19	167	94	507	26.7
Aldridge, POR	11	113	60	288	26.2
Horford, BOS	16	58	40	155	26.2
DeRozan, TOR	7	45	71	167	23.9
Griffin, SAC	13	117	71	306	23.5
Curry, SAC	11	51	27	161	23.0

FC Percentage	FG FG% PCT			
	FC	FG	FG%	PCT
Johnson, TOR	34	52	654	49.4
Valanciunas, TOR	31	49	633	49.3
Ibaka, OKC	31	47	592	49.2
James, MIA	163	288	566	49.1
Gilbert, CHI	32	57	561	49.1
Howard, HOU	58	106	547	49.1

Rebounds	G OFF DEF TOT AVG				
	G	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG
Howard, HOU	6	27	55	82	13.7
Noah, CHI	15	49	64	112	12.8
Jordan, LAC	13	43	120	163	12.5
Millard, MEM	7	21	55	76	10.9
Aldridge, POR	11	30	87	117	10.6
Gortat, WAS	11	36	73	109	9.9
Valanciunas, TOR	7	19	49	68	9.7
Jefferson, CHA	3	6	22	28	9.3
Duncan, SA	20	60	126	186	9.3

Assists	G AST AVG			
	G	AST	AVG	AVG
Paul, LAC	6	134	10.3	10.3
Curry, GS	9	59	8.4	8.4
Westbrook, OKC	18	15	15.3	8.1
Conley, MEM	7	55	7.9	7.9
Wall, WAS	11	78	7.1	7.1

By BRIAN MAHONEY  
 The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — With their surpasser making it to the finish this time, the Miami Heat bounced back from a loss, just as they always do in the playoffs.

"Obviously, having No. 6 in the game at the end was a plus for us," Dwyane Wade said.

LeBron James had 35 points and 10 rebounds in a powerful comeback from the cramps that knocked him out of the opener, as the Heat tied the NBA Finals with a 98-96 victory over the San Antonio Spurs in Game 2 Sunday night.

Chris Bosh made the go-ahead three-pointer on a pass from James with 1:18 remaining for the Heat, who have won 13 straight following a loss in the postseason. Just like last year, they rebounded after losing Game 1 to the Spurs.

Bosh had 18 points for the Heat, who are headed home for Game 3 Tuesday night.

James played more than 37 minutes, making 14 of 22 shots. He was 1-for-4 with three turn-overs in a shaky first quarter, then made 11 of his next 13.

After two days of enduring criticism for not finishing the game and getting suggestions on how to avoid cramps, James changed the subject.

"What happened on Thursday was Thursday," James said. "My whole focus was how I was going to try to help this team even this one and just try to make some plays."

He had a key strip of Tony Parker down the stretch, playing a dominant game on both ends as if he had something to prove.

As usual, James found a way to silence his haters. He had 11 points in the second quarter, helping Miami erase an 11-point deficit early in the period. The game was played within a margin of a few points from there, and the



LARRY W. SMITH/AP

**Miami Heat forward LeBron James dunks as San Antonio Spurs forward Kawhi Leonard looks on during the first half of Game 2 of the NBA Finals on Sunday in San Antonio. The Heat won 98-96.**

Spurs missed a chance to seize control in the fourth quarter when Parker and Tim Duncan missed four straight free throws when they had a two-point lead.

James then made a three-pointer and two free throws to put Miami in position to win.

Parker scored 21 and Duncan had 18 and 15 rebounds for the Spurs, who had won eight straight at home by at least 15 points.

"Down the end there they executed really well," Duncan said. "LeBron made some great passes and guys made open shots. We had the same result in the first game. They kind of flipped it in this one."

James personally erased a 62-56

San Antonio lead by scoring eight points in less than a minute, and his 14 points in the third quarter had Miami down only 78-77 heading to the fourth.

"For me, once I get into a good groove, I feel like everything is going to go in," James said.

For a time, everything did. Then he switched to being a passer at the end, finding Bosh in the corner for the shot that made it 95-93.

Wade and Rashard Lewis each scored 14 points for the Heat, who also dropped Game 1 of the NBA Finals against Oklahoma City two years ago. They have won five straight series after dropping the opening game.

The Spurs were in good position,

withstanding James' assault long enough to lead by one with under 2 minutes to play. But they were shut out from there until Manu Ginobili's three-pointer as time expired.

"LeBron with the ball did a pretty good job at his end and we had to be really perfect at the other end and we didn't," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "We didn't take advantage of things. We made bad decisions."

And it didn't help them that they had to deal with James at the end of this one.

Ginobili finished with 19 points for the Spurs, whose 18 points in the fourth quarter were half the 36 they scored in the opener.

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# WORLD CUP

## GROUP A

### Players to watch



#### Brazil

**Neymar:** He is only 22 years old but will be carrying the hopes of an entire country on the back of his No. 10 shirt.

Neymar is Brazil's biggest star in a squad without a lot of big names, so all eyes will be on him when the hosts begin their campaign against Croatia in the opener on June 12.

For a long time Neymar was criticized for his lackluster performances with the national team, but he proved his worth at last year's Confederations Cup, becoming the tournament's most valuable player and leading Brazil to the title.

To add to the pressure, Neymar will be wearing the No. 10 jersey, the one Pele made famous while winning three World Cup titles for Brazil.

**Oscar:** Oscar, another young talent in the squad, will be in charge of leading Brazil's midfield at the World Cup.

The 22-year-old has been a key component for the national team and Brazil coach Luiz Felipe Scolari is betting on the playmaker to be in top form.

Agile with the ball at his feet and clever setting up for his teammates, Oscar will be responsible for feeding Neymar and the rest of Brazilian forwards during the World Cup.



**Neymar**  
AP



Brazil's goalkeeper Julio Cesar practices at the Granja Comary training center in Teresopolis, Brazil on Sunday in preparation for the World Cup opener on Thursday.

ANDRE PENNER/AP

# Home sweet home

## Hosts should cruise through group

By TALES AZZONI  
The Associated Press

**SAO PAULO** — Playing in front of its own fans, Brazil is expected to easily advance from Group A, leaving Croatia, Mexico and Cameroon fighting for the other spot in the second round.

The squad led by Neymar and coach Luiz Felipe Scolari has won 13 of its last 14 matches and should be the team to beat in the group. Croatia and Mexico just barely made it through qualifying and will be hoping to regain their top form in Brazil, while Cameroon will be relying on striker Samuel Eto'o.

The Group A match between Brazil and Croatia will open the World Cup on June 12 in Sao Paulo.

Here are five things to know about Group A:

**1 Favorite hosts:** Brazil is one of the favorites to go all the way to the final so it's no surprise that few expect the hosts to face difficulties in the group stage.

The five-time champions have reached the second round every time since 1970, and after escaping some more traditional opponents in the draw, it should be able to avoid a major surprise in its group this time. Brazil has a winning record against all of its first-round opponents.

**2 Latin doubts:** After just barely qualifying, Mexico hopes to finally get past the second round in Brazil. The Latin Americans were eliminated in the round of 16 in the last five World Cups, by Argentina the last two times. At least this time there is no chance the Mexicans will play their nemesis right away, as the Argentines are in a different side of the bracket.

Mexico has reached the quarterfinals only twice, at home in 1970 and 1986. The Mexicans have never played Cam-

eroon at the World Cup, and it had only one match against Croatia (a 1-0 group win in 2002). It hasn't had good fortune against Brazil, losing all three matches (1950, '54 and '62). It also lost to the Brazilians in the group stage of the Confederations Cup last year.

**3 Trusting Eto'o:** After reconsidering a decision to retire, Samuel Eto'o will be back at the World Cup carrying Cameroon's hopes of a surprising performance in Brazil.

The striker, who will be 33 in Brazil, has been playing well with Chelsea and his experience of three World Cups will be key for the Indomitable Lions, who had some help qualifying after a loss to Togo was overturned because of an ineligible player. Cameroon hasn't advanced past the group stage since 1990, when it became the first African team to reach the quarterfinals.

It will play Mexico and Croatia before facing the hosts in its final Group A match.

**4 Short-handed Croatians:** Croatia already knows it won't be at full strength for the difficult opener against Brazil.

Croatia coach Niko Kovac won't have forward Mario Mandzukic, who was red-carded in a decisive qualifier against Iceland. The suspension carried over from qualifying so he will have to sit out against the hosts. Kovac also knows he will be without defender Josip Simunic, who was banned for 10 games by FIFA for leading fans in a pro-Nazi chant after the Iceland match in Zagreb.

And midfielder Niko Kranjcar was ruled out of the World Cup with a hamstring injury that will sideline him for 16 up to six weeks.

**5 Looking ahead:** No matter which teams advance from the group, a tough road is expected. The Group A qualifiers will have to play one of the top two teams in Group B, which has defending champion Spain, Netherlands, Chile and Australia.

Beyond that, the Group A winner has a chance to play against one of the teams in Group D, which has former world champions Uruguay, England and Italy, in addition to Costa Rica.

### Players to watch



#### Cameroon

**Samuel Eto'o:** Four-time African player of the year Eto'o is at the twilight of his career but still capable of blistering performances.

The 33-year-old Eto'o has played in three World Cups and won three Champions League titles. He has twice led Cameroon to victory at the African Cup of Nations and is the all-time leading scorer in the history of the competition with 18 goals.

**Alexandre Song:** Song is not playing on a regular basis at Barcelona but remains a stalwart of the Cameroon team.

Renowned for his grit and bullish presence in midfield, the 26-year-old Song is a key player in coach Volker Finke's squad.

Song can play either as a defensive or central midfielder and his pin-point passes and quick attacking are vital to Cameroon's ambitions.

Many Premier League clubs have recently shown their interest in signing the former Arsenal midfielder and the way he performs in Brazil could help him secure a big deal.



**Samuel Eto'o**  
AP



#### Croatia

**Luka Modric:** Luka Modric is the backbone of the Croatian national team, and has become a regular in Real Madrid's central midfield.

The slender-built former Dinamo Zagreb and Tottenham player can also play as an attacking midfielder or winger. At the 2008 European Championship, Modric was included in the UEFA "Team of the Tournament," becoming only the second Croatian to achieve that honor.

**Mario Mandzukic:** Mario Mandzukic is the strike force of the Croatian team.

Mandzukic, who plays for Bayern Munich, is known for finding space and his off-the-ball play. He also often participates in the defense, making him highly versatile.

At Euro 2012, he and several others led the scoring chart with three goals. He also became the first Croat to score in a Champions League final, getting Bayern's first goal in 2013.



**Mario Mandzukic**  
AP



#### Mexico

**Javier Hernandez:** Hernandez is closing in on becoming Mexico's top all-time goal scorer, but the Manchester United striker may not start in Brazil despite being the team's most recognizable name.

"Chicharito," the nickname he wears on his shirt, is likely to play the role of substitute at the World Cup when his team needs a late goal.

Known mainly for his ability to convert chances in the penalty area, a goal from Hernandez against France at the last World Cup helped secure a big win for Mexico.

**Giovani Dos Santos:** Dos Santos debuted for Barcelona when he was just 18 and was compared to Brazil great Ronaldinho. But the forward's career stalled with a move to Tottenham in 2008 as he struggled for playing time.

He was heavily criticized in Mexico for his performances in World Cup qualifying. But he played on the wing, instead of down the center, where he is set to feature for "El Tri" in Brazil.



**Javier Hernandez**  
MCT

## WORLD CUP

## Brazil confident in pursuit of sixth title

Talented hosts are among the clear favorites

By TALES AZZONI  
The Associated Press

**O**n the field, Brazil is ready for the World Cup.

While organizers have been racing against the clock to get the country ready to host the tournament, the national team is counting the days until Thursday's opener against Croatia. "We have the confidence to say that we can win this World Cup," Brazil coach Luiz Felipe Scolari said.

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**Luiz Felipe Scolari**  
Brazil coach

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"We have some of the best players in the world, and when we can be tactically balanced, no one is better than us."

Brazil doesn't have a team filled

with stars this time, but the experienced Scolari has put together a squad that mixes talent and competitiveness. Led by youngsters Neymar and Oscar, and boosted by a convincing victory at last year's Confederations Cup, Brazil is a clear favorite to win a sixth world title.

Brazil has won 13 of its last 14 matches, including a 3-0 victory over world champion Spain in the Confederations Cup final.

"We can play against any team in the world," said Scolari, who led Brazil to the 2002 World Cup title.

This time, the home crowd can be Brazil's biggest weapon.

There were doubts about what kind of support Brazil would get from its usually tough fans during the Confederations Cup,

but they threw themselves behind the team. Players said the support was key.

Scolari picked 16 players who were in the Confederations Cup last year, and Brazil's starting 11 in the World Cup will likely be the same that won the warm-up tournament, with 22-year-old Barcelona striker Neymar carrying most of the fans' hopes.

The defense will have Thiago Silva alongside David Luiz. Veteran right back Maicon will likely be Daniel Alves' reserve, while Marcelo is set to play on the left. Paulinho and Luiz Gustavo will protect the defense, and Oscar will feed the attack, which will also have Hulk and Fred.

The weakest link may be in goal, where Scolari has had few options to pick from. He has already said his starter will be Julio Cesar, who struggled with Queens Park Rangers in England before being loaned to Toronto FC in Major League Soccer after failing to find another club in Europe.

His mistake played a role in Brazil's loss to the Netherlands in 2010 quarter-finals. Brazil also was eliminated in the quarter-finals in 2006 in Germany, losing to France.

This time, Brazil was drawn into a relatively easy Group A along with Croatia, Mexico and Cameroon, although in the second round it may have to face either Spain or the Netherlands.

The last time Brazil hosted a World Cup was in 1950, when it lost to Uruguay 2-1 in the final match of the tournament at the Maracana. It was a devastating result, and one that Scolari wants to use as motivation.

"That group did something that no one else had done, which was to reach a final, it was fantastic," Scolari said. "Hopefully this time we can be in another final at the Maracana, remembering 1950, which was wonderful."



Brazil's Neymar, right, dribbles past Serbia's Dusan Basta during a friendly soccer match at Morumbi stadium in Sao Paulo, Brazil, on Friday. World Cup host Brazil will be a heavy favorite when tournament play begins on June 12.

## Hot: National teams turning to science to beat Brazilian heat

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Italy coach Cesare Prandelli witnessed how destructive Brazilian conditions can be when eight of his players asked to be substituted at halftime of the Confederations Cup semifinal last June in the northern coastal city of Fortaleza, which is hosting six World Cup matches.

All of Italy's Group D games are in the north, starting with a sweaty encounter against England in the Amazon city of Manaus. To acclimatize them and measure how their bodies cope, Prandelli made players train on treadmill and bikes in a sauna treated to 33 Celsius (91 Fahrenheit) with 70-percent humidity.

"We've tried to reproduce the environmental conditions that we will likely find, above all in Manaus, but also in Recife and Natal," team physician Enrico Castellacci said. "Players work on a specific program and then we evaluate their resistance to the fatigue by monitoring their heartbeat and weight before and

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SOURCE: The Associated Press

after the exercises."

Players cooled off by plunging their hands into icy water. Tipton said that technique was first developed to cool navy firefighters and works better than soaking the whole body in ice baths or fancy gizmos like air-conditioned vests and jackets packed with dry ice.

In its manual on football medicine, FIFA says players' bodies need three days minimum, and

ideally 14-21 days, to acclimatize to heat. Once that happens, they can cool more quickly and lose fewer minerals through sweat.

"Some players acclimatize slower and less effectively than others. Smart coaches could be those who identify heat-susceptible players early and leave them off World Cup squads or on the bench for hot games. Doctors can analyze players' sweat to gauge how acclimatized they are and to tailor salt dosages in their rehydration drinks."

Players also must prepare mentally.

"Some just find it very oppressive and just can't play as well because they just can't handle it mentally," said Julien Periard, a specialist at Qatar's Aspetar sports medicine hospital. Research there included subjecting volunteers to an hour of 50-degree and then 48-degree temperatures (122 and 118 Fahrenheit).

"Some get quite aggressive at the end because they can't tolerate the heat," Periard said.

England made players wear three layers of clothing at a training camp in Portugal.

"Players need to learn to be comfortable being uncomfortable," said Hodgson.

Then coaching Switzerland, Hodgson experienced firsthand the baking heat of the 1994 World Cup. He likened Switzerland's opening match in Detroit's Pontiac Silverdome — which had no air conditioning — to "playing in a hot dog stand."

In Orlando, temperatures soared to 110 Fahrenheit (above 40 Celsius) when Ireland lost 2-1 to Mexico, prompting Ireland coach Jack Charlton to gripe: "The Mexicans didn't beat us, the weather did."

FIFA medical chief Michel D'Hooghe was so concerned about the health risks he pushed unsuccessfully for cooler kickoff times. Some players used special sun-reflecting hair gel. World Cup rules then didn't allow for drink breaks in extreme heat, as they do now.

"We thought we were being

quite professional in our preparation but if you compare it with what we are doing now it was unbelievably amateurish," Hodgson told the Guardian newspaper.

Still, teams from cooler climes will still be disadvantaged in Brazil, likely forced to tailor their play to the heat, perhaps running less and passing more. This will be the eighth World Cup in the Americas. Only South American teams — Uruguay, Brazil or Argentina — won the previous seven.

"We've got very capable players for playing the kind of game played in places like Liverpool and Manchester," Tipton noted. "That doesn't translate to playing in a hot, humid environment where, over the years, you'll evolve a player who is much more skillful on the ball but unable to run about very much."

Cool-weather teams may "end up playing a game that they're just not used to," he said. "Teams who come from hot, humid environments will just be playing their natural game."

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**WORLD CUP**

# Fun in the sun?

## Teams more prepared than ever for hot & humid conditions



By JOHN LEICESTER  
*The Associated Press*

PARIS  
European teams say they are more prepared than ever for a hot and humid World Cup, training in saunas, planning to soak their jerseys in cold water before games and working with doctors to design the perfect hydration formula for each player.

Even though the tournament is held in Brazil's winter, stadiums in the tropical north will be warm, with temperatures often above 85 Fahrenheit. And many games will be played under the afternoon sun, so they can be broadcast in prime time in Europe.

In the 1994 World Cup in the United States, many cold-weather teams wilted. Since then, teams have borrowed cooling techniques from the military and consulted with scien-

tists to make sure they can keep the heat from corroding performance.

"There's lots of little things you can do that on their own wouldn't make a fundamental difference but they all add up," said Mike Tipton, a scientist at the University of Portsmouth who has been helping England coach Roy Hodgson.

Brazilian authorities generally avoid scheduling important domestic matches before 4 p.m. But FIFA scheduled 24 of the 64 World Cup games to start at 1 p.m., prompting some complaints from players' union FIFPro.

Matches in cooler southern cities, including Rio de Janeiro, venue for the July 13 final, should be fine. But results in sweat-box cities further north and Cuiaba in the west will depend not only on how fit the players are, but how well the teams doctors and consultants performed.

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A man controls a ball as he plays soccer with some friends next to a FIFA Fan Fest complex in Fortaleza, Brazil. The 2014 World Cup soccer tournament is set to begin in just a few days, with Brazil and Croatia playing in the opening match on June 12.

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