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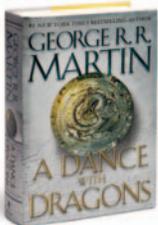
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Members of the FBI's Hostage Rescue Team conduct close-quarter battle training in Quantico, Va.  
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## ON THE EDGES

### Inside the FBI's secret relationship with the military's special operations

By ADAM GOLDMAN  
AND JULIE TATE  
*The Washington Post*

**W**hen U.S. Special Operations forces raided several houses in the Iraqi city of Ramadi in March 2006, two Army Rangers were killed when gunfire erupted on the ground floor of one home. A third member of the American team was knocked unconscious

and shredded by ball bearings when a teenage insurgent detonated a suicide vest.

In a review of the nighttime strike for a relative of one of the dead Rangers, military officials sketched out the sequence of events using small dots to chart the soldiers' movements. Who, the relative asked, was this man — the one represented by a blue dot and nearly killed by the suicide bomber?

After some hesitation, the mili-

tary briefers answered with three letters: FBI.

The FBI's transformation from a crime-fighting agency to a counterterrorism organization in the wake of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks has been well-documented. Less widely known has been the bureau's role in secret operations against al-Qaida and its affiliates in Iraq and Afghanistan, among other locations around the world.

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## 5 military teens honored for selfless service

By MEREDITH TIBBETTS  
*Stars and Stripes*

ARLINGTON, Va. — Despite being teenagers, despite moving more than any kid should be asked to and despite facing the stress of a parent deployed, a group of military youths have shown what dedication and determination can accomplish.

Five teens, one representing each service branch, were honored Thursday night as the Military Child of the Year by Operation Homefront, a nonprofit that provides financial aid and other assistance to the families of servicemembers.

The teens have different passions, but two things in common: a high GPA and a commitment to community.

Gen. Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Poison lead singer Bret Michaels — himself a military brat — spoke during the event of the sacrifices military children have to make and how each honoree not only rose to the occasion, but exemplified leadership and achievement.

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**QUOTE**  
OF THE DAY

“She hit him 25 times in the head. That is a hard thing to overcome.”

— Prosecutor John Jordan, on the life sentence Ana Trujillo received for killing her boyfriend with the stiletto heel of her shoe.

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**MILITARY**

**Teens: 5 exemplify best attributes of ‘military brat’**

**FROM FRONT PAGE**

This is the sixth year that Operation Homefront has presented the Military Child of the Year awards. Each honoree receives \$5,000 and a trip to Washington. The teens are selected from a pool of a nearly 1,000 nominees.

“When we look at what the military has done over the past 12 years, it’s not just about the men and women who deploy. It’s about the families they leave behind and about the children who support their deployed parents that actually make us strong,” Dempsey said after the event.

Representing each branch were:

■ **Amy: Kenzi Hall, 16**, living in California, founded the non-profit Backpack 11, which grants “big dream wishes” to military children who have had a parent injured or killed in combat. She has already sent one family for a five-day, all-expenses-paid trip to Disneyland.

■ **Marine Corps: Michael-Logan Burke Jordan, 15**, of Hawaii, with a 3.9 GPA, founded The Logan’s Heroes Foundation, which promotes the spirit of volunteerism and helps wounded warriors. He was diagnosed at age 3 with Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis.

■ **Navy: Ryan Patrick Curtin, 18**, of Texas, received the Presidential Volunteer Service Award for amassing more than 500 volunteer hours. In August, he had a major chest operation to correct a birth defect and his Eagle Scout Project was managing 57 Marine, Navy, Boy Scouts and civilian volunteers to construct a staircase and deck for Marine Aviation Training Support Group 27.

■ **Air Force: Gage Alan Dabin, 18**, of Alaska, with a 4.0 GPA. Volunteers with Anchorage’s Prom-



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From left, Poison lead singer Bret Michaels stands with Military Child of the Year honorees Juanita Lindsay Collins, Kendra Hall, Ryan Patrick Curtin, Gage Alan Dabin, and Michael-Logan Burke Jordan on Thursday.

ise: Youth Advisory Board and created a citywide campaign, Random Texts of Kindness, to combat bullying.

■ **Coast Guard: Juanita Lindsay Collins, 17**, of Florida, with a 4.5 cumulative weighted GPA, has completed 300 hours of volunteer service and was president of her junior and senior class as well as the National Honor Society. She was also a 2013 Anne Frank Humanitarian Award winner.

Combined, they have had at least one parent deployed for 131 months, they’ve moved 50 times and they represent 2,325 hours of volunteer service.

“I think, to be a military brat, it comes with challenges,” Hall

said. “It really at times pushes you to your limit. You grow attached to a place and then you have to pick up and leave again. It’s difficult. I don’t think a lot of people realize the sacrifice that military families make as well.”

“It gives you a new perspective on life,” Jordan added. “You get to look at life a different way. You have the pride of your mother and father deployed or in the military.”

All five teens credited their parents for the inspiration to volunteer and to contribute so much to society.

Michaels had been asking for years to come to the event, so he was thrilled to be able to be

there to support the military and the troops. He donated an additional \$2,000 to each teen being honored.

“I’m thankful for our freedom and to all the men and women, and especially their kids. Never forget, like Operation Homefront, it’s not just the battle on the battlefield, it’s the battle beyond the battlefield that happens as well. And I think that it is really important — really important — that we take care of and respect our veterans when they return. And their families, their wives, their husbands, their kids,” Michaels said.

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**Bret Michaels steps out of spotlight as general sings**

By MEREDITH TIBBETS  
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ARLINGTON, Va. — In a night to honor five extraordinary military children, Gen. Martin Dempsey took a moment to entertain the crowd with a rendition of Lee Greenwood’s “God Bless the USA.”

Operation Homefront was honoring the Military Child of the

See Gen. Martin Dempsey sing “God Bless the USA”  
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Year from each service branch Thursday, and Dempsey was a key speaker, along with glam metal band Poison’s front man, Bret Michaels.

“I have to do one other thing because I’ve done it every year,

and that is, I have to sing something. I would like to make note of the fact that the famous Bret Michaels was so intimidated by me, that he chose not to sing tonight. He was actually going to sing ‘Every Rose has Its Thorn,’ but I said, ‘Don’t do it, man, because I’m going to get up there after you,’” Dempsey joked.

“If you had sung up here, I wouldn’t be talking crap right

now, but since you didn’t, it opened the door,” he added.

Dempsey said Greenwood’s song was one of the most inspirational songs he has heard, which was why he chose it. He said he hesitated because of how emotional it was, but asked the crowd — and Michaels — to help him. They happily obliged.

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MILITARY

# FBI: Feelings mixed over bureau's role in secret operations against al-Qaida

FROM FRONT PAGE

With the war in Afghanistan ending, FBI officials have become more willing to discuss a little-known alliance between the bureau and the Joint Special Operations Command that allowed agents to participate in hundreds of raids in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The relationship benefited both sides. JSOC used the FBI's expertise in exploiting digital media and other materials to locate insurgents and detect plots, including any against the United States. The bureau's agents, in turn, could preserve evidence and maintain a chain of custody should any suspect be transferred to the United States for trial.

The FBI's presence on the far edge of military operations was not universally embraced, according to current and former officials familiar with the bureau's role. As agents found themselves in lethal firefights, some inside the bureau expressed uneasiness about a domestic law enforcement agency stationing its personnel on battlefields.

The wounded agent in Iraq was Jay Tabb, a long-time member of the bureau's Hostage and Rescue Team who was embedded with the Rangers when they descended on Ramadi in Black Hawks and Chinooks. Tabb, who now leads the HRT, also had been wounded just months earlier in another high-risk operation.

James Davis, the FBI's legal attaché in Baghdad in 2007 and 2008, said people "questioned whether that was our mission. The concern was somebody was going to get killed."

Davis said FBI agents were regularly involved in shootings — sometimes fighting side by side with the military to hold off insurgent assaults.

"It wasn't weekly but it wouldn't be uncommon to see one a month," he said. "It's amazing that never happened, that we never lost anybody."

Others considered it a natural evolution for the FBI and one consistent with its mission.

"There were definitely some voices that felt we shouldn't be doing this — period," said former FBI deputy director Sean Joyce, one of the current and former officials who have begun to reflect on the shift as U.S. forces wind down their combat mission in Afghanistan. "That wasn't the director's or my feeling on it. We thought prevention begins outside of the U.S."

### 'Not commandos'

In 1972, Palestinian terrorists killed 11 Israeli athletes at the Munich Olympics, raising the woe of Israeli citizens of the German police when faced with committed hostage-takers. The attack jolted other countries, including the United States, into examining their own counterterrorism efforts. The response, however, was little better than that of the Germans.

It took more than a decade for the United States to stand up an elite antiterrorism unit. The FBI's Hostage Rescue Team was created in 1983, just before the Los Angeles Olympics.



MATT MCCLAIN/The Washington Post

Members of the FBI's Hostage Rescue Team, shown in training, work closely with the Joint Special Operations Command.

At Fort Bragg, N.C., home to the Army's Special Operations Command, Delta Force operators trained the agents, teaching them how to breach buildings and engage in close-quarter fighting, said Danny Coulson, who commanded the first HRT.

The team's mission was largely domestic, although it did participate in select operations to arrest fugitives overseas, known in FBI slang as a "habeas grab." In 1987, for instance, along with the CIA, agents lured a man suspected in an airline hijacking to a yacht off the coast of Lebanon and arrested him.

In 1989, a large HRT flew to St. Croix, Virgin Islands, to re-establish order after Hurricane Hugo. That same year, at the military's request, it briefly deployed to Panama before the U.S. invasion. The bureau continued to deepen its ties with the military, training with the Navy SEALs at the Naval Special Warfare Development Group, based in Dam Neck, Va., and agents completed the diving phase of SEAL training in Coronado, Calif.

Sometimes the lines blurred between the HRT and the military. During the 1993 botched assault on the Branch Davidian compound in Waco, Tex., three Delta Force operators were on hand to advise.

Waco, along with another fiasco the prior year at a white separatist compound at Ruby Ridge, Idaho, put the FBI on the defensive.

"The members of HRT are not commandos," former FBI director Louis Freeh told lawmakers in 1995. "They are special agents of the FBI. Their goal has always been to save lives."

### 'Not there to be door kickers'

After Sept. 11, the bureau took on a more aggressive posture.

In early 2003, two senior FBI counterterrorism officials traveled to Afghanistan to meet with the Joint Special Operations Command's deputy commander at Bagram Air Base. The commander wanted agents with experience hunting fugitives and HRT training so they could easily integrate with JSOC forces.

"What JSOC realized was their networks were similar to the way the FBI went after organized crime," said James Yacone, an assistant FBI director who joined HRT in 1997 and later commanded it.

The pace of activity in Afghanistan was slow at first. An FBI official said there was less than a handful of HRT deployments to Afghanistan in those early months; the units primarily worked with the SEALs as they hunted top al-Qaida targets.

"There was a lot of sitting around," the official said.

The tempo quickened with the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq in 2003. At first, HRT's mission was mainly to protect other FBI agents when they left the Green Zone, former FBI officials said. Then-Lt. Gen. Stanley McChrystal gradually pushed the agency to help the military collect evidence and conduct interviews during raids.

"As our effort expanded and ... became faster and more complex, we felt the FBI's expertise in both sensitive site exploitation and interrogations would be helpful

— and they were," a former U.S. military official said.

In 2005, all of the HRT members in Iraq began to work under JSOC. At one point, up to 12 agents were operating in the country, nearly a tenth of the unit's shooters.

The FBI's role raised thorny questions about the bureau's rules of engagement and whether its deadly-force policy should be modified for agents in war zones.

"There was hand-wringing," Yacone said. "These were absolutely appropriate legal questions to be asked and answered."

Ultimately, the FBI decided that no change was necessary. Team members "were not there to be door kickers. They didn't need to be in the stack," Yacone said.

But the FBI's alliance with JSOC continued to deepen. HRT members didn't have to get approval to go on raids, and FBI agents saw combat night after night in the hunt for targets.

In 2008, with the FBI involved in frequent firefights, the bureau began taking a harder look at these engagements, seeking input from the military to make sure, in police terms, that each time an agent fired it was a "good shoot," former FBI officials said.

### 'Mission had changed'

Members of the FBI's HRT unit left Iraq as the United States pulled out its forces. The bureau also began to reconsider its involvement in Afghanistan after nearly a dozen firefights involving agents embedded with the military and the wounding of an agent in Logar province in June 2010.

JSOC had shifted priorities, Joyce said, targeting Taliban and other local insurgents who were not necessarily plotting against the United States. Moreover, the number of al-Qaida operatives in Afghanistan had plummeted to fewer than 100 and many of its operatives were across the border, in Pakistan, where the military could not operate.

"The FBI drew down in 2010 despite pleas from JSOC to stay. "Our focus was al-Qaida and threats to the homeland," Joyce said. "The mission had changed."

FBI-JSOC operations continue in other parts of the world. When Navy SEALs raided a yacht in the Gulf of Aden that Somali pirates had hijacked in 2011, an HRT agent followed behind them. After a brief shootout, the SEALs managed to take control of the yacht.

Two years later, in October 2013, an FBI agent with the HRT was with the SEALs when they stormed a beachfront compound in Somalia in pursuit of a suspect in the Nairobi mall attack that had killed dozens.

That same weekend, U.S. commandos snuck into Tripoli, Libya, and apprehended a suspected al-Qaida terrorist named Nazih Abdul-Hamed al-Ruqai as he returned home in his car following morning prayers. He was whisked to a Navy ship in the Mediterranean and eventually to New York City for prosecution in federal court.

Word quickly leaked that Delta Force had conducted the operation. But the six Delta operators had help. Two FBI agents were also part of the team that morning on the streets of Tripoli.

## MILITARY



Photos courtesy of the Department of Defense

An F/A-18 Super Hornet from Strike Fighter Squadron 103 refuels in flight with an Air Force KC-135 over Afghanistan during a mission in support of coalition forces. The squadron is part of Carrier Air Wing 7 and embarked on aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower.

# OUT of OPTIONS

## Crash report outlines mistakes, danger faced by naval aviators during mission

By **MIKE HIXENBAUGH**  
The (Norfolk) Virginian-Pilot

**T**he aircraft carrier USS Eisenhower was finally in sight.

The pilot of the F/A-18 Super Hornet hurriedly flipped switches and pushed levers. The aviator in the backseat leaned forward, straining to see the flight deck floating in the distance. The jet's right engine had locked up, its landing gear had jammed and the main fuel tank was almost empty.

At nearly 350 mph, the Super Hornet hurtled over the warm waters of the North Arabian Sea last April. The pilot had made some tough decisions that day; several had not gone his way.

Now he was out of options. He had one chance to land.

### Connection failure

The two-seat Super Hornet had launched off the Eisenhower's flight deck 5½ hours earlier. It was one of several jets from Virginia Beach, Va.-based Strike Fighter Squadron 103 tasked with providing close air support — a show of aerial force — to aid troops on the ground in Afghanistan.

The pilot guided the jet through dark rain clouds over Pakistan. After escaping the storm system, he moved toward a KC-135 Stratotanker, an Air Force fuel plane in the skies of Afghanistan.

The 600-mile flight from the Arabian Sea — a familiar journey for Navy fighter pilots after more than a decade of war — requires that Super Hornets make at least two midair refuelings.

With the flip of a switch, the pilot extended a refueling probe from the jet's nose. He moved into position behind the tanker toward a fuel line that dangles behind it. The pilot carefully steered the probe into a basket at the end of the fuel line.

The midair connection was a success; jet fuel began flowing into the Super Hornet's tanks. After eight minutes, it had taken in about 14,800 pounds of fuel.

Suddenly, they hit unexpected turbulence. The fuel line rippled violently and wrapped itself around the basket and probe.

The pilot eased up on the throttle to back out of the connection. Instead, the hose detached from the basket and began spewing fuel.

Gas streamed into the fighter jet's right engine intake. Worse, the fuel basket was stuck on the probe, meaning it could no longer be retracted. The jet — flying over a war zone hundreds of miles from its home ship — would not be able to refuel again in the air.

The mission had abruptly changed for aircraft No. 206: Now, it was about getting home.

### Initial decision

A warning tone sounded, and caution lights lit up the cockpit. Sensors told the pilot something was wrong with the right engine, which had ingested the fuel.

The pilot made some quick calculations. He had 15,500 pounds of fuel in his tanks, enough to return to the Eisenhower and make six passes at the ship.

Landing in nearby Kandahar was a more prudent option, but that likely would have meant several days or more awaiting repairs. The Eisenhower's air wing commander had decided earlier not to put a maintenance detach-



Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Handling) 3rd Class Charles Lacey directs a Super Hornet to the catapult on the flight deck of the Eisenhower.

ment in Afghanistan — a cost-saving measure that pilots perceived as a signal they should attempt to divert back to the ship whenever possible.

The pilot and his backseat weapons-systems officer agreed: The situation wasn't serious enough to land immediately.

They broke away from the group to begin the long return to the Eisenhower.

By the time they realized much of their fuel was unusable, it would be too late to reverse course and land in Kandahar.

### Failed fuel pumps

The jet had flown more than 400 miles, two-thirds of the way back to the carrier, when the aviators noticed another problem.

The pumps that move fuel from reserve tanks on the wings into the main tanks are automatically disabled when the refueling probe is extended.

The pilot had been staring at the pumps and the attached basket for more than an hour but failed to realize its effect on the fuel pumps. He knew the hulking metal contraption sticking up from the nose of the jet was putting extra drag on the aircraft, causing it to burn more fuel; he figured the 3,000

pounds of gas in the wing tanks would more than make up for it.

The aviators didn't panic when they realized that the fuel pumps weren't running. The pilot would try to use gravity to move the gas. He began "slipping and cross controlling" the aircraft — a maneuver to tilt a wing up a few degrees while still flying straight. Alternating the tilt should move fuel from the wing tanks. But the maneuver also burns more fuel.

They didn't know it yet, but even with the tilt, not enough gas was flowing.

It was at that moment, the pilot would later tell an investigator, that he first realized they were in serious danger.

Seconds later, the voice of Rear Adm. Michael Gilday broke into the conversation. The commander of the Eisenhower carrier strike group had been monitoring radio chatter. He had heard enough.

"I want you to send 206 to Masirah right now," Gilday said, referring to the jet and an airfield in Oman.

Attempting to land a jet on a moving aircraft carrier is difficult under the best conditions; having a damaged plane attempt it with limited fuel would be too risky, Gilday would say later. If the pilot failed to land on the first pass, he wouldn't have enough fuel to divert to shore, Gilday said, calling it a "Hail Mary."

The Super Hornet, now just 11 miles from the Eisenhower, turned toward Masirah, more than 280 miles away.

**SEE CRASH ON PAGE 5**

### About this story

This report was based on an investigation into the April 8, 2013, crash of an F/A-18 Super Hornet. Names and other identifying details were redacted from the report, which was obtained by The Virginian-Pilot through a Freedom of Information Act request. The report cited questionable decision-making by the pilot but did not recommend disciplinary action.

### Serious danger

The Super Hornet was about 140 miles from the ship — most

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## NATION

BY MARC FISHER  
The Washington Post

A few weeks ago, with no notice, the U.S. government intercepted Mary Grice's tax refunds from both the IRS and the state of Maryland. Grice had no idea that Uncle Sam had seized her money until some days later, when she got a letter saying that her refund had gone to satisfy an old debt to the government — a very old debt.

When Grice was 4, back in 1960, her father died, leaving her mother with five children to raise. Until the kids turned 18, Sadie Grice got survivor benefits from Social Security to help feed and clothe them.

Now, Social Security claims it overpaid someone in the Grice family — it's not sure who — in 1977. After 37 years of silence, four years after Sadie Grice died, the government is coming after her daughter. Why the feds chose to take Mary's money, rather than her surviving siblings, is a mystery.

Across the nation, hundreds of thousands of taxpayers who are expecting refunds this month are instead getting letters like the one Grice got, informing them that because of a debt they never knew about — often a debt incurred by their parents — the government has confiscated their check.

The Treasury Department has intercepted \$1.9 billion in tax refunds already this year, a \$75 million of that on debts delinquent for more than 10 years, said Jeffrey Schramek, assistant commissioner of the department's debt management service. The aggressive effort to collect old debts started three years ago — the result of a single sentence tacked into the farm bill lifting the 10-year statute of limitations on old debts to Uncle Sam.

No one seems eager to take credit for reopening all these long-closed cases. A Social Security spokesman says the agency didn't seek the change; ask Treasury. Treasury says it wasn't us; Congress. Congressional staffers say the request probably came from the bureaucracy.

The only explanation the government provides for suddenly going after decades-old debts comes from Social Security spokeswoman Dorothy Clark: "We have an obligation to current and future Social Security beneficiaries to attempt to recoup money that people received when it was not due."

Since the drive to collect on very old debts began in 2011, the Treasury Department has collected \$424 million in debts that were 10-plus years old. Those debts were owed to many federal agencies, but the one that has many Americans howling this tax season is the Social Security Administration, which has found 400,000 taxpayers who collectively owe \$714 million on debts more than 10 years old. The agency expects to have begun proceedings against all of those people by this summer.

"It was a shock," said Grice, 58. "What incenses me is the way they went about this. They gave me no notice, they can't prove that I received any overpayment, and they use intimidation tactics, threatening to report this to the credit bureaus."

Grice filed suit against the So-



**'Look, I love a good fight, especially for principle. My mom used to say 'This country is carried on the backs of the little people,' and now I see what she meant. This is really sad.'**

Mary Grice

Maryland resident who had her tax refund seized to settle a debt in the name of her late mother

# Forever in their debt

## Social Security, Treasury target hundreds of thousands of taxpayers to settle old bills incurred by their parents

cial Security Administration in federal court in Greenbelt, Md., last week, alleging that the government violated her right to due process by holding her responsible for a \$2,996 debt supposedly incurred under her father's Social Security number.

Social Security officials told Grice that six people — Grice, her four siblings and her father's ex-wife, whom she never knew — had received benefits under her father's account. The government doesn't look into exactly who got the overpayment, the policy is to seek compensation from the oldest sibling and work down through the family until the debt is paid.

The Federal Trade Commission, on its website, advises Americans that "family members typically are not obligated to pay the debts of a deceased relative from their own assets." But Treasury officials say that if children indirectly received assistance from public dollars paid to a parent, the children's money can be taken, no

matter how long ago any overpayment occurred.

"While we are responsible for collecting delinquent debts owed to taxpayers, we understand the importance of ensuring that debtors are treated fairly," Treasury's Schramek said in a statement responding to questions from The Washington Post. He said Treasury requires that debtors be given due process.

Social Security spokesman Clark, who refused to discuss Grice's or any other case, even with the taxpayer's permission, said the agency is "sensitive to concerns about our attempts to arrange repayment of overpayments." She said that before taking any money, Social Security makes "multiple attempts to contact debtors via the U.S. Mail and by phone."

Grice, who works for the Food and Drug Administration and lives in Takoma Park, Md., in the same apartment she's resided in since 1984, never got any notice

about a debt.

Social Security officials told her they had sent their notice to her post office box in Roxboro, N.C. Grice rented that box from 1977 to 1979 and never since. And Social Security has Grice's current address: Every year, it sends her a statement about her benefits.

"Their record-keeping seems to be very spotty," she said.

Treasury officials say that before they will take someone's refund, the agency owed the money must certify the debt, meaning there must be evidence of the overpayment. But Social Security officials told Grice they had no records explaining the debt.

"The craziest part of this whole thing is the way the government seizes a child's money to satisfy a debt that child never even knew about," says Robert Vogel, Grice's attorney. "They'll say that somebody got paid for that child's benefit, but the child had no control over the money and there's no way to know if the parent ever used the

money for the benefit of that kid." Grice, the middle of five children, said neither of her surviving siblings — one older, one younger — has had any money taken by the government. When Grice asked why she had been selected to pay the debt, she was told it was because she had an income and her address popped up — the correct one this time.

Grice found a lawyer willing to take her case without charge. Vogel is exercised about the constitutional violations he sees in the retroactive lifting of the 10-year limit on debt collection. "Can the government really bring back to life a case that was long dead?" the lawyer asked. "Can it really be right to seize a child's money to satisfy a parent's debt?"

But many other taxpayers whose refunds have been taken say they've been unable to contest the confiscations because of the cost, because Social Security cannot provide records detailing the original overpayment, and because the citizens, following advice from the IRS to keep financial documents for just three years, had long since trashed their own records.

In Glenarm, Ill., Brenda and Mike Samonds have spent the past year trying to figure out how to get back the \$189.10 tax refund the government seized, claiming that Mike's mother, who died 33 years ago, had been overpaid on survivor's benefits after Mike's father died in 1969.

"It was never Mike's money, it was his mother's," Brenda Samonds said. "The government took the money first and then they sent us the letter. We could never get one sentence from them explaining why the money was taken." The government mailed its notice about the debt to the house Mike's mother lived in 40 years ago.

The Social Security spokesman said the agency uses a private contractor to seek current addresses and is supposed to halt collections if notices are returned as undeliverable.

After hours on the phone trying and failing to get information about the debt Mike's mother was said to owe, the Samonds gave up.

Grice was also told there was little in seeking a waiver of her debt. Collections can only be halted if the person passes two tests, Clark said: The taxpayer must prove that he "is without fault, and a voluntary repayment of the overpayment would deprive the person of income needed for ordinary living expenses."

More than 1,200 appeals have been filed on the old cases, Clark said; taxpayers have won about 10 percent of those appeals.

The Treasury Department held the full amount of Grice's federal and state refunds, a total of \$4,462. Last week, after The Washington Post inquired about Grice's case, the government returned the portion of her refund above the \$2,996 owed on her father's account.

But unless the feds can prove that she ever received any of the overpayment, Grice wants all of her money back.

"Look, I love a good fight, especially for principle," she said. "My mom used to say, 'This country is carried on the backs of the little people,' and now I see what she meant. This is really sad."

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Dorothy Clark

Social Security spokeswoman

NATION

# Obama: Right to vote under threat in the US

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — President Barack Obama said the Republican Party is threatening voting rights in America more than at any point since the passage of a historic 1965 law expanding rights at the ballot box to millions of black Americans and other minorities.

Obama's critique of Republicans on Friday came as he seeks to mobilize voters ahead of the November congressional elections, when Democratic control of the Senate is at stake, as is the president's already limited ability to push his agenda through Congress. Many in Obama's party fear state voting requirements and early balloting restrictions will curb turnout that is critical to Democratic hopes of prevailing.

"The stark, simple truth is this: The right to vote is threatened today in a way that it has not been since the Voting Rights Act became law nearly five decades ago," Obama told a crowd of about 1,600 people at civil rights activist Al Sharpton's National Action

Network conference, held in a New York hotel ballroom.

It was the second day in a row that America's first black president has delivered a speech about race, an issue that has not often been at the forefront of his agenda. Obama has faced criticism from some African-Americans for doing too little to help minorities, but he has focused more acutely on inequality in his second term.

For the remainder of the year, no political issue stands out more prominently for Democrats than their ability to motivate voters to turn out at the polls in the November midterm elections. A Republican takeover of the Senate would crush Obama's already limited ability to push his agenda through Congress. The Republicans are virtually certain to keep their majority in the House of Representatives, but the fight for the Senate is expected to be tight.

Turnout by Democrats has been traditionally weak in elections when the White House is not at stake. That, coupled with efforts in some states to limit



JULIA XANTHOS, DAILY NEWS/AP

President Barack Obama, left, shakes hands with audience members as Spike Lee, center, and Rev. Al Sharpton look on at the National Action Network conference Friday in New York.

early voting and to enact voter identification requirements, has prompted Obama and his party to raise alarms and step up their get-out-the-vote efforts.

The president vowed that he would not let the attacks on voting rights go unchallenged, but he offered no new announcements of specific actions his administration planned to take.

Just last year, seven states passed voter restrictions, ranging from reductions in early voting periods to identification requirements, according to the Brennan Center for Justice at New York University School of Law. North Carolina alone adopted a photo ID requirement, eliminated registrations on Election Day and reduced the number of early voting days. Overall, 34 states have passed laws requiring voters to show some form of identification

at the polls.

The president pinned efforts to curb access to the ballot box directly on the Republicans, declaring that the effort "has not been led by both parties. It's been led by the Republican Party." Mocking the Republicans, he said, "What kind of political platform is that? Why would you make that a part of your agenda, preventing people from voting?"

Republicans have long argued that identification requirements and other voting controls are reasonable measures designed to safeguard the balloting process, not to suppress voter turnout. Democrats say photo identification requirements especially affect minority or low-income voters who may not drive and thus wouldn't have official government IDs.

## First family's tax rate rose as income fell in 2013

Tribune Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama watched their income fall and their federal tax rate go up in 2013, according to IRS returns released Friday by the White House.

In a joint filing, the couple reported an adjusted gross income of \$481,098, down \$127,500 from 2012. The Obamas have seen a steady drop in income during their White House years, largely a result of slowing book sales for the couple. Both have published best-sellers.

The Obamas paid \$98,169 in federal taxes, down from \$112,214 in 2012. But their effective tax rate from 18.4 percent in 2012 to 20.4 percent last year. In a blog post releasing the 42-page filing, the White House suggested the president was happy to hand over a higher share to the IRS.

Obama pushed for higher taxes on the wealthy and extended tax breaks for the middle class, a system that is "more fair," White House spokesman Jay Carney wrote.

The lower income and bigger tax bite came with less money for charity this year. The Obamas donated \$59,251 to 32 charities, or 12.3 percent of their adjusted gross income. Last year, they gave \$150,034, or 24.6 percent of their adjusted gross income to a similar list of charities.

## Woman accused of tossing shoe at Clinton is released

By Ken Ritter

The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — An Arizona woman accused of throwing a shoe some 60 feet toward Hillary Rodham Clinton appeared aware during questioning by U.S. Secret Service agents of the allegation last night, authorities said Friday.

Alison Michelle Ernst, 36, was given a misdemeanor disorderly conduct summons and was freed after she was booked at the Clark County jail, according to a Las Vegas police arrest report.



Ernst

"Ms. Ernst appeared to be in an agitated state but aware of what she had just done," the report said.

Ernst could face up to a year in the county lockup if she is convicted of violating a county ordinance during the Thursday incident at the Mandalay Bay hotel-casino. She is accused of bypassing

security and walking quickly toward a rope line about six rows from the front of a conference audience.

Police said she reached into a purse, removed the shoe and threw it overhead toward the stage.

Clinton ducked and wasn't struck. She appeared startled but quickly cracked a couple of jokes before continuing her keynote speech to the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries. The audience applauded.

Ernst was ushered by security guards out of the ballroom with her hands in the air and sat calmly afterward on a sofa in a hallway. She wore a blonde wig, a blue dress and thong sandals.

She told an Associated Press reporter she threw a shoe and dropped some papers but did not identify herself nor explain the action. Security officers ushered reporters and photographers away.

A jail booking photo shows Ernst with short, brown hair.

Brian Spellacy, Secret Service supervisory special agent in Las Vegas, said an orange and black athletic shoe was recovered from the stage.

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# Crash investigators to have 'hands full'

By DAN WEIKEL  
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LOS ANGELES — State and federal investigators probing the cause of the fiery collision between a FedEx big rig and a charter bus in Northern California will delve into a wide range of factors from the health and rest of the truck driver to emergency exits and fire protection for bus passengers.

"This is a very significant and unfortunate tragedy," said Jim Hall, a transportation safety consultant and former chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board. "The NTSB is going to have its hands full on this one."

Although the cause has yet to be determined, Hall and other safety advocates said it could focus new attention on the NTSB's efforts to improve bus safety and the behind-the-scenes battle over safety standards for motor coaches and other commercial vehicles.

The crash occurred about 5:40 p.m. Thursday when a FedEx Freight truck and double trailer crossed the median of Interstate 5 near Orland and collided with a Silverado Stages charter bus carrying 48 people, including 44 Southern California high school students on their way to Humboldt State University. Authorities said 10 people were killed and 33 were hurt.

As fire and smoke spread through the bus, survivors said panic-stricken passengers shoved each other in a scramble for the emergency exits. Others smashed win-

dows to escape.

Bodies were found within the middle and front of the bus, and two corpses were on the ground, said Glenn County Sheriff Larry Jones. California Highway Patrol officers said it remained unclear whether the FedEx driver, who was killed, had fallen asleep, experienced a medical or mechanical problem, or was somehow forced across the highway.

Representatives of Silverado and FedEx Freight declined to comment on specifics of the accident, but said the companies are cooperating with investigators and extended condolences to victims and their families.

NTSB officials, who arrived at the crash site Friday morning, will look into the condition of the vehicles involved, the safety of the highway, the records of both carriers, the truck driver's health and whether he was fatigued because of his work schedule or other factors.

Investigators said they will try to recover electronic modules from the FedEx truck that might have recorded the vehicle's performance. Authorities added they will employ "sophisticated surveying and mapping equipment," along with 3-D digitizing, to reconstruct what led up to the crash.

The bus' safety features, fire protection, emergency exits and evacuation procedures will be examined to determine if efforts to escape were hampered, contributing to the deaths and injuries, the NTSB said.



BRETT COOMER, HOUSTON CHRONICLE/AP

**Ana Trujillo testifies Thursday during the punishment phase of her trial in Houston. Trujillo told jurors she killed her boyfriend in the same her own life.**

# Woman gets life in prison in stiletto heel slaying

By JUAN A. LOZANO  
The Associated Press

HOUSTON — A woman was sentenced to life in prison Friday for fatally stabbing her boyfriend with the stiletto heel of her shoe, striking him at least 25 times in the face and head.

Ana Trujillo was convicted of murder Tuesday by the same jury for killing Alf Stefan Andersson, 59, a native of Sweden who became a U.S. citizen, during an argument last June at his Houston condominium.

Defense attorneys argued that Trujillo, 45, was defending herself from an attack by Andersson, who was a University of Houston professor and researcher.

Trujillo could be seen silently crying Friday when her sentence was handed down.

"I never meant to hurt him," Trujillo said before the judge made the jury's decision final. "It was never my intent. I loved him. I wanted to get away. I never wanted to kill him."

Andersson's niece, Ylva Olofsson, said the family was happy with the verdict.

"My uncle was a great man. He was kind. He didn't deserve what happened to him. We are happy that justice is served," she said.

Prosecutors said that jurors — who declined to speak with reporters afterward — told them that it was the physical evidence that proved to them this was not self-defense.

"She hit him 25 times in the head. That is a hard thing to overcome," said prosecutor John Jordan.

Trujillo's attorney, Jack Carroll, said he thought the life sentence was too harsh. Carroll said he thought the jurors were "worried about her future dangerousness ... I don't think she's dangerous."

During closing arguments in the trial's punishment phase, Jordan asked jurors for the maximum sentence: life in prison. Jor-

dan said Trujillo not only violently killed Andersson but tried to ruin his character by falsely claiming he had abused her.

"Send the message that in our community, when you beat a man to death for no reason, when you come into a courtroom and you slaughter his good name ... that we in Texas are going to hold you accountable," Jordan said.

Carroll had asked jurors to find that his client acted in the heat of sudden passion, which would have limited her sentence to between two and 20 years. Carroll asked jurors to give her a two-year sentence.

"Ms. Trujillo needs mercy right now," he said. During Carroll's closing argument, Trujillo began crying.

Prosecutors argued Friday that Trujillo didn't kill Andersson in a moment of sudden passion but that his slaying was a vicious murder in which she pinned him down and repeatedly stabbed him with her shoe while he never fought back.

During their deliberations Friday, jurors asked to look at several pieces of evidence, including the 5.5-inch blue suede stiletto heel — a size 9 platform pump. They reached agreement on a sentence after more than 4 hours of deliberations, and also found that the crime was not done in the heat of sudden passion.

Trujillo took the witness stand on Thursday, telling jurors that she was forced to kill Andersson to save her own life during a more than hourlong fight after being chased, knocked into a wall and thrown over a couch.

During about seven hours of rambling testimony, she testified that she had no idea she had hurt Andersson so badly until she reached for him and realized her hands were full of blood.

Carroll maintained Friday that Trujillo killed Andersson in "pure self-defense" and that "she did what she had to."

# 4 years after spill, long-term questions on health remain

By STACEY PLAISANCE  
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The Associated Press

CHALMETTE, La. — When a BP oil well began gushing crude into the Gulf of Mexico four years ago, fisherman George Barisch used his boat to help clean up the millions of gallons that speared in what would become the worst offshore spill in U.S. history.

Like so many Gulf Coast residents who pitched in after the April 20, 2010, explosion of the Deepwater Horizon rig, Barisch was motivated by a desire to help and a need to make money — the oil had destroyed his livelihood.

Today he regrets that decision, and worries his life has been permanently altered. Barisch, 58, said his respiratory problems he developed during the cleanup turned into pneumonia and that his health has never been the same.

"After that, I found out that I couldn't run. I couldn't exert past a walk," he said. His doctor declined comment.

Barisch is among thousands considering claims under a medical settlement BP reached with cleanup workers and coastal residents. The settlement, which could benefit an estimated 200,000 people, received final approval in February from a federal court. It establishes set amounts of money — up to \$60,700 in some cases — to cover costs of various ailments for those who can document that they worked the spill and developed related illnesses, such as respi-



ANDREA MABRY/AP

**Bert Ducote shows in March the place where he had a boil lanced and another boil underneath his belly button that he said are the result of being in direct contact with crude oil while performing cleanup work during the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.**

ratory problems and skin conditions.

It also provides for regular physical examinations every three years for up to 21 years, and it reserves a worker's right to sue BP over conditions that develop down the road, if the worker believes he or she can prove a connection to the spill.

Some 33,000 people, including Barisch, are participating in a massive federal study that aims to determine any short-term or possible long-term health effects related to the spill.

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PHOTOS BY JOHN LOCHER, LAS VEGAS REVIEW-JOURNAL/AP

Federal law enforcement officers block a road near Overton, Nev., on Thursday. In the foreground are the shadows of people protesting the roundup of cattle owned by Cliven Bundy.

# Cattle grazing dispute comes to a head in Nev.

By **KEN RITTER**  
The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Images of a forced cattle roundup on a rural Nevada range sent ripples through the West on Friday, prompting elected officials in several states to weigh in, militia members to mobilize and federal land managers to reshape elements of the operation.

Bureau of Land Management officials dismantled designated protest areas Thursday and Nevada's governor urged calm as the fight over rancher Cliven Bundy's cattle widened into a debate about states' rights and federal land-use policy.

The dispute that triggered the roundup dates to 1993, when the BLM cited concern for the federally protected tortoise. The agency later revoked Bundy's grazing rights.

Bundy claims ancestral rights to graze his cattle on lands his Mormon family settled in the 19th century. He stopped paying grazing fees and disregarded several court orders to remove his animals.

BLM officials say Bundy now owes more than \$1.1 million in unpaid grazing fees.

"I'm seeing a lot of passionate Americans willing to stand up for important rights," said Nevada state Assemblywoman Michele Fiore.

Fiore, a Republican, said Friday she has been making the 80-mile drive from Las Vegas to a growing tent city of militia members, advocates and protesters in dusty but scenic rangeland near Bundy's ranch, just east of the Virgin River. She said she was horrified that BLM police used stun guns on one of Bundy's sons during a Wednesday confrontation on a state highway near the Bundy melon farm in the Gold Butte area.



Protesters gather in support of cattle rancher Cliven Bundy in Bunkerville, Nev., on Wednesday.

Video of that confrontation has spread on the Internet, along with blog commentary claiming excessive government force and calls to arms from self-described militia leaders. Some have invoked references to deadly confrontations with federal authorities, including a siege of a ranch home in Ruby Ridge, Idaho, in 1992 and the fiery destruction of a religious compound near Waco, Texas, that killed 76 people in 1993.

In Arizona, a congressman said he and several state Republican lawmakers may travel to Bunkerville to protest with those they perceive as government heavy-handedness.

Arizona state Rep. Bob Thorpe of Flagstaff said he and state legislators weren't arguing whether Bundy broke laws or violated grazing agreements. Thorpe said the Arizona lawmakers were upset the BLM initially restricted protesters to so-called free speech zones.

U.S. Sen. Dean Heller and Gov. Brian Sandoval, both Republicans, have also said they were upset with the way the BLM was conducting the roundup.

After the areas were removed Thursday, Sandoval issued a new statement.

"Although tensions remain high, escalation of current events could have negative, long lasting consequences that can be avoided," it said.

Amy Lueders, BLM state director in Nevada, said Friday that two protesters were detained, cited for failure to comply with officers at a barricade on Thursday and released.

That brought to three the number of arrests. Bundy's son, Dave Bundy, was arrested Sunday on State Route 170 and released Monday with citations accusing him of refusing to disperse and resisting arrest.

Lueders said 380 cows were collected by Thursday. She declined to provide a cost estimate for the herding operation.

The roundup started Saturday, after the BLM and National Park Service shut down an area half the size of Delaware to let cowhands using helicopters and vehicles gather about 900 cattle that officials say are trespassing.

# Report: NSA knew of Heartbleed bug for 2 years, kept it a secret

By **MICHAEL RILEY**  
Bloomberg News

WASHINGTON — The National Security Agency knew for at least two years about a flaw in the way that many websites send sensitive information, now dubbed the Heartbleed bug, and regularly used it to gather critical intelligence, two people familiar with the matter said.

The NSA's decision to keep the bug secret in pursuit of national security interests threatens to renew the rancorous debate over the role of the government's top computer experts.

Heartbleed appears to be one of the biggest glitches in the Internet's history, a flaw in the basic security of as many as two-thirds of the world's websites. Its discovery and the creation of a fix by researchers last week prompted consumers to change their passwords, the Canadian government to suspend electronic tax filing, and computer companies including Cisco Systems Inc. and Juniper Networks Inc. to provide patches for their systems.

Putting the Heartbleed bug in its arsenal, the NSA was able to obtain passwords and other basic data that are the building blocks of the sophisticated hacking operations at the core of its mission, but the NSA's use of ordinary users were left vulnerable to attack from other nations' intelligence arms and criminal hackers.

"It flies in the face of the agency's comments that defense comes first," said Jason Healey, director of the cyber statecraft initiative at the Atlantic Council and a former Air Force cyber officer. "They are going to be completely shredded by the computer security community for this."

Vance Vines, a NSA spokeswoman, declined to comment on the agency's knowledge or use of the bug. Experts say the search for flaws is central to NSA's mission, though the practice is controver-

sial. A presidential board reviewing the NSA's activities after Edward Snowden's leaks recommended the agency halt the stockpiling of software vulnerabilities.

The NSA and other intelligence agencies devote millions of dollars to hunt for common software flaws that are critical to stealing data from secure computers. Open-source protocols like OpenSSL, where the flaw was found, are primary targets.

The Heartbleed flaw, introduced in early 2012 in a minor adjustment to the OpenSSL protocol, highlights one of the failings of open source software development.

While many Internet companies rely on the free code, its integrity depends on a small number of underfunded researchers who devote their energies to the projects.

In contrast, the NSA has more than 1,000 experts devoted to ferreting out such flaws using sophisticated analysis techniques, many of them classified. The agency found the Heartbleed glitch shortly after its introduction, according to one of the people familiar with the matter, and it became a basic part of the agency's toolkit for stealing account passwords and other common traits.

The NSA has faced nine months of withering criticism for the breadth of its spying, documented in a rolling series of leaks from Snowden, who was a former agency contractor.

The revelations have created a clearer picture of the two roles, sometimes contradictory, played by the U.S. government's largest spy agency. One role is protecting the computers of the government and critical industry from cyberattacks, while gathering troves of intelligence attacking the computers of others, including terrorist organizations, nuclear smugglers and other governments.

# NASA orders spacewalk to fix space station computer

By **MARCIA DUNN**  
The Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — NASA has ordered spacewalking repairs for a serious computer outage at the International Space Station.

A backup computer for some robotic systems failed Friday. The main computer is fine and the six-man crew is safe. But the malfunction puts next week's supply run in jeopardy.

These computers control some robotic functions that would be needed for the upcoming supply run by SpaceX, one of two U.S. companies contracted by NASA to keep the space station well stocked. A backup comput-

er would need to be operating for redundancy of those robotic systems.

Mission managers agreed Saturday that a spacewalk is needed to replace the bad computer.

But officials want one more day before deciding whether the situation is safe enough in orbit to proceed with Monday's SpaceX launch as planned.

NASA says it will decide Sunday whether to delay the delivery mission. No date for the spacewalk has been set yet.

The SpaceX Dragon capsule is loaded with more than 2 tons of space station supplies at Cape Canaveral.

The shipment is already a month late.

## WORLD

# Uniformed men occupy police HQ in 2 Ukraine cities

By PETER LEONARD  
The Associated Press

**DONETSK, Ukraine** — Men in the uniforms of Ukraine's now-defunct riot police on Saturday occupied police headquarters in Donetsk, the eastern city that is one of the flashpoints of a wave of pro-Russia protests, hours after armed men seized local police headquarters and a local branch of the Security Service in a nearby city.

The unrest in Donetsk and Sloviansk, about 55 miles to the north, were the latest shows of spiraling anger in eastern Ukraine, which has a large Russian-speaking population and was also the support base for Viktor Yanukovich, the Ukrainian president who was ousted in February after months of protests in the capital, Kiev. Ethnic Russians in Ukraine's east widely fear that the authorities who took over after Yanukovich's fall will suppress them.

In Sloviansk, the mayor said the men who seized the police station were demanding a referendum on autonomy and possible annexation by Russia. Protesters in other eastern cities have made similar demands after a referendum in Crimea last month in which voters opted to split off from Ukraine, leading to annexation by Russia.

A regional news website said another police station had been seized in the town of Krasnyi Lyman, a town near Sloviansk, but that report could not immediately be confirmed. In Kramatorsk, another town near Sloviansk, protesters flew the flag of the Independent Donetsk Republic above the local administration building, according to Kramatorsk's news website.

Witnesses said the men who entered the police building in Donetsk were wearing the uniforms of the Berkut, the feared riot police squad that was disbanded in February after Yanukovich's ouster. Berkut officers' violent dispersal of a demonstration in Kiev in November set off vast protests in the capital that culminated in bloodshed in February when more than 100 people died in sniper fire; the acting government says the snipers were police.

It was not immediately clear if the men who occupied the Donetsk police building had made any demands.

It was not immediately clear if the men who occupied the Donetsk police building had made any demands, but the Donetsk police chief said on national television that he would be offering his resignation. Interfax Ukraine reported that pro-Russian protesters had invited the former police chief to resume his duties.

In Sloviansk, about 20 men in balaclavas armed with automatic rifles and pistols were guarding the entrance to the police station

in the city of about 120,000 people, and another 20 were believed to be inside. They wore St. George's ribbons, which have become a symbol of pro-Russian protesters in eastern Ukraine. The ribbons were originally associated with the Soviet Union's victory in World War II.

A masked guard in Sloviansk, who gave his name only as Sergei, told The Associated Press they have "only one demand: a referendum and joining Russia."

**'We don't want to be slaves of America and the West. We want to live with Russia.'**

**'Sergei'**  
masked guard in Sloviansk

to "live with Russia."

The Interior Ministry said in a statement that the attackers used tear gas and stun grenades when they stormed the building, injuring three policemen. The attackers' goal was to seize arms from the police station, authorities said, adding that there were about 40 automatic rifles and 400 pistols as



FEREN LUKATSKY/AP

**Armed pro-Russian activists occupy the police station in the eastern Ukraine town of Sloviansk on Saturday.**

well as ammunition inside.

The Interior Ministry reported later on Saturday that men from the same group have seized the building of the local Security Service.

A video from the scene showed

one man carrying a sniper rifle. An AP reporter saw another man loading the magazine of a pistol at the police station.

Interior Minister Arsen Avakov pledged a "very tough response" to the seizure, while local media reported special forces had been dispatched to the area.

Local sympathizers brought tires to the police station to start building barricades. Gunshots rang out in the background in a video from the scene after an armed man shouted to a cameraman to stop recording.

About 10 men wearing camouflage and carrying automatic rifles set up a makeshift checkpoint at the entrance to the town late Saturday afternoon.

Businessman Petro Poroshenko, the front-runner in the presidential race, on Saturday lambasted Ukraine's fledgling government of inaction in the face of unrest in eastern Ukraine.

The Kiev authorities and the United States have accused Russia of fomenting the unrest in the east and seeking to use it as a pretext for sending in troops. Russia has reportedly massed forces in areas near the Ukrainian border.

But Mayor Nelya Shchepa told the AP that she held talks with the protesters and said they were local residents, not Russians.

"They told me: 'We don't have anything against you,'" she said, adding that the men said they "want to be heard, want a dialogue with authorities in Kiev."

# Iran: No plans to name new UN envoy

The Associated Press

**TEHRAN, Iran** — Iran has no plans to name a new diplomat to the United Nations, its Foreign Ministry said Saturday, after the United States blocked its pick in a rare rebuke that could stir fresh animosity at a time when the two countries have been seeking a thaw in relations.

The Obama administration said Friday that the U.S. had informed Iran it would not grant a visa to Hamid Aboutelebi, a member of the group responsible for the 1979 takeover of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran. While U.S. officials had been trying to persuade Iran to simply withdraw Aboutelebi's name, the announcement amounted to an acknowledgement that those efforts had not been successful.

"The Ministry of Foreign Affairs is pursuing this issue through anticipated legal channels at the U.N.," Deputy Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi was quoted as saying by Iran's semi-official Mehr news agency. "We have no choice to substitute Mr. Aboutelebi."

Aboutelebi is alleged to have participated in a Muslim student group that held 52 Americans hostage for 444 days during the embassy takeover. He has insisted his involvement in the group, Muslim Students Following the Imam's Line, was limited to translation and negotiation. Iran says he is one of the country's best diplomats, and that he previously received a U.S. visa.

Hamid Babaei, a spokesman for the Iranian U.N. Mission, on Friday said the decision was not only regrettable but "in contravention of international law, the obligation of the host country and the inherent right of sovereign member-states to designate their representatives to the United Nations."

## Bahrain bomb blast wounds policeman

**MANAMA, Bahrain** — Bahrain's interior ministry said a homemade bomb has exploded just outside the capital, Manama, wounding a policeman.

The ministry said the blast happened Friday in the village of Daih. The same area was the scene of a bomb attack in March that killed three policemen.

An investigation into the blast is ongoing.

Bahrain is an island nation in the Persian Gulf that is home to the U.S. Navy's Fifth Fleet. It has faced three years of unrest following an uprising led by its Shiite Muslim community demanding greater rights from the Sunni monarchy. Anti-government elements increasingly have been using homemade bombs against security forces.

From The Associated Press

## Europe reluctant on sanctions

The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** — As it warns Russia to step back from Ukraine or suffer another financial hit, the U.S. is simultaneously trying to coax along a reluctant Europe, which is trying to balance its desire to punish Moscow against its fear of economic turmoil from the effects of a new, harsher round of Western trade sanctions.

Economists say the U.S. risks appearing weak without support from Europe, which is Russia's largest trading partner and, therefore, has huge sway over Russia's already shaky economy. But Europe is far from ready to issue sanctions on Moscow that would undercut its own financial stability while risking its main source of energy.

The fate of new sanctions — and how tough they might be — depends on Moscow's next moves and whether Rus-

sia deepens or pulls back its meddling in Ukraine.

President Barack Obama already has signed orders that would allow the U.S. to sanction key Russian industries, and European Union foreign ministers will meet Monday to decide what new penalties should be issued if Moscow continues to ignore the West's warnings.

Assistant Secretary of State Victoria Nuland told a Senate panel last week that U.S. and EU sanctions are "biting" and "pinching" the Russian economy, "and we're now considering further measures."

Nuland said Moscow has spent an estimated \$25 billion to bolster the value of the ruble over the last five to six weeks since sanctions were introduced. Russia suffered more capital outflows in the first three months of 2014 than the \$62.7 billion it lost for all of last year, she said.

WORLD

# Aussie PM sees long jet search

By MARGIE MASON  
The Associated Press

PERTH, Australia — With no new underwater signals detected, Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott said Saturday that the massive search for the missing Malaysian jet would likely continue “for a long time,” with electronic transmissions from the plane’s black boxes fading fast.

Abbott appeared to couch his comments from a day earlier while on a visit to China, where he met with President Xi Jinping. He said Friday that he was “very confident” signals heard by an Australian ship towing a U.S. Navy device that detects flight recorder pings were coming from the Malaysia Airlines Boeing 777’s black boxes.

He continued to express this belief Saturday, but added that the key of finding the plane, which disappeared March 8 en route from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, to Beijing, remained arduous. Recovering the plane’s flight data and cockpit voice recorders is essential, investigators try to piece together what happened to Flight 370.

“No one should underestimate the difficulties of the task still ahead of us,” he said on the last



KEITH DEVINNEY, COURTESY OF THE U.S. NAVY/AP

**Airman 2nd Class Karl Shinn unloads a sonobuoy from a rack onboard a P-8A Poseidon aircraft during a search for missing Malaysia Airlines flight MH370 over the southern Indian Ocean. Sonobuoys are used to detect signals in the water.**

day of his China trip.

We have “very considerably narrowed down the search area, but trying to locate anything 4.5 kilometers (2.8 miles) beneath the surface of the ocean about 1,000 kilometers (620 miles) from land is a massive, massive task, and it is likely to continue for a long time to come,” Abbott said.

After analyzing satellite data, officials believe the plane — which was carrying 239 people, including 153 Chinese passengers — flew off course for an unknown reason and went down in the southern Indian Ocean off the west coast of Australia.

Search crews are scrambling because the batteries powering the recorders’ locator beacons last only about a month, and that window has already passed. Finding the devices after the batteries die will be extremely difficult due to the extreme depth of the water in the search area.

Two sounds heard a week ago by the Australian ship Ocean Shield, which was towing the ping locator, were determined to be consistent with the signals emitted from the two black boxes. Two more pings were detected in the same general

area Tuesday.

“Given that the signal from the black box is rapidly fading, what we are now doing is trying to get as many detections as we can,” Abbott said. “So that we can narrow the search area down to as small an area as possible.”

The underwater search zone is currently a 500-square-mile patch of the seabed, about the size of Los Angeles.

The searchers want to pinpoint the exact location of the source of the sounds — or as close as they can get — and then send down a robotic submersible to look for wreckage. But the sub will not be deployed until officials are confident that no other electronic signals are present.

The Bluefin 21 submersible takes six times longer to cover the same area as the ping locator. That’s about six weeks to two months to canvass the current underwater zone. The signals are also coming from 15,000 feet below the surface, which is the deepest the Bluefin can dive. The search coordination center has said it was considering options in case a deeper-diving sub is needed.

# US Navy searcher in Australia talks about mission challenges

By NICK PERRY  
The Associated Press

PERTH, Australia — Every day from the Perth airport and a nearby military base, about a dozen planes from several countries take flight to search for debris from missing Flight 370 — so far without success. The U.S. Defense Department alone committed \$7.3 million to the effort in the first month of the search, much of it spent on two U.S. Navy P-8 Poseidon planes that cost \$4,000 per hour to fly.

Lt. Cmdr. Adam Schantz is the officer in charge of the 32 air and ground crew manning the surveillance aircraft, which are modified Boeing 737s. This is an edited version of the interview:

**What does a typical day involve?**

The maintenance crew have to come in very early in the morning, well before the sun comes up, to prep the airplane for the day’s flight. Our typical mission is about nine hours. We fly anywhere between 900 miles and 1,500 miles to the search zone and spend about five hours out there searching. The aircrew are often working 15-hour days, and the maintenance crew sometimes even more. So we are putting in really long hours but doing well, and our crew and maintainers are motivated, and proud to be here. We haven’t missed a mission yet.

**How do you conduct the search?**

So the P-8 has a very advanced set of sensors, from radar to a series of cameras, both electro-optical and infrared, that allow us to search the ocean in different ways. And in addition to that, we have our trained observers in the windows, monitoring the ocean with binoculars and just their

eyes. It’s the needle in the haystack that we are looking for. It’s a massive amount of area. I don’t think anybody’s ever really taken on a search of this much area before to find such a small target.

**What are you seeing?**  
It’s incredibly monotonous out there searching. That’s one of the reasons I’m so proud of our aircrew, and how well they’re doing, because it takes a lot of concentration to keep paying attention when hundreds and hundreds of miles of ocean are passing by.

We’ve found a collection of fishing nets, fishing equipment, fish just garbage.

**Is that discouraging?**

Absolutely not. When we go to search an area, if we don’t find anything, then we are able to eliminate that area from any additional searching and move on to the next one. So it gives a good way to be able to concentrate our search assets on new areas.

**How low do you fly when the visibility is bad?**  
At times we go down to 200 feet.

**What would it mean to you to find some wreckage from Flight 370?**

I think, beyond myself, it would mean closure for the families of these 239 victims. For every person who has gone missing on this plane, that’s somebody’s father, brother, mother, son, daughter, friend or sister. So there’s a lot of relationships out there beyond the people who are missing. There’s a lot of other people affected by this tragedy.



Schantz

# Pakistan dismisses baby’s attempted murder charge

By MUNIR AHMED  
The Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — A Pakistani judge dismissed an attempted murder case Saturday, police lodged against a 9-month-old boy, ending a bizarre case that drew new criticism to the country’s troubled criminal justice system.

The family of toddler Mohammad Musa had kept the boy in hiding after authorities pressed charges accusing him of trying to kill police officers after a neighborhood brawl in Pakistan’s eastern city of Lahore.

Judge Rafaqat Ali Qamar dropped the case against the boy during a hearing in which police announced they would no longer pursue the charges, defense lawyer Irfan Tarrar said.

“The father of toddler produced him before the judge today,” Tarrar said. “The boy was in the arms of his father when police submitted a report stating they have dropped the charge against the boy.”

Qamar also reprimanded police in court, demanding a written explanation about why officers did not properly investigate the case, Tarrar said.

The case stems from an incident Jan. 31 when power company officials went into the boy’s neighborhood to disconnect illegal power lines allowing people to get electricity to their homes without paying for it. Such pilferage is common in Pakistan, and attempts to disconnect customers can be met with violence.

Police said in this case, neighbors threw stones at energy company officials and their officers. The boy’s grandfather, Malik Muhammad Yaseen, earlier told The Associated Press that neighborhood women attacked the police with batons only after officers mistreated residents.

That altercation sparked police to open an attempted murder investigation into 30 people in the neighborhood, including the toddler and his father, police offi-



K.M. CHAUDHRY/AP

**An unidentified family member leaves with Mohammad Musa after the child’s court appearance in Lahore, Pakistan, on Saturday.**

cer Atif Zulfikar said earlier this week.

Yaseen said police came to his house multiple times looking for the son. He said the family told police that the boy was less than a year old, but officers demanded they take him to court. The boy received bail and wept as police took his fingerprints.

# Use of poison gas reported in Syria

The Associated Press

BEIRUT — Syrian government media and rebel forces said Saturday that poison gas had been used in a central village, injuring scores of people, while blaming each other for the attack.

The main Western-backed opposition group, the Syrian National Coalition, said the poison gas attack Friday hurt dozens of people in the village of Kfar Zeita in the province of Hama. It did not say what type of gas was used.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights reported that people suffered from suffocation and breathing problems after the attack, apparently conducted during air raids that left heavy smoke over the area. It gave no further details.

Syrian television blamed members of the al-Qaida-linked Nusra Front for using

chlorine gas at Kfar Zeita, killing two people and injuring more than 100.

The TV report claimed the Nusra Front is preparing for another chemical attack against the Wadi Deif area in the northern province of Idlib, as well as another area in Hama. It did not explain how it knew the Nusra Front’s plans.

An amateur video posted online by opposition activists showed a hospital room in Kfar Zeita that was packed with men and children, some of whom were breathing through oxygen masks. On one bed, the video showed six children on a bed, some appearing to have difficulty breathing while others cried.

The video appeared genuine and corresponded to other Associated Press reporting of the attack.

# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## 111 cases of mumps linked to university

**OH** COLUMBUS—Health officials tracking a mumps outbreak in central Ohio say there are now 175 confirmed cases, with 111 linked to Ohio State University.

Local health agencies in the area said those infected by the viral illness range in age from 9 months to 70 years. They include 86 Ohio State students and 10 staff members.

The cases span from early January through Monday.

State and local health officials are urging residents to make sure they are properly vaccinated with two doses of measles-mumps-rubella, known as MMR.

## Man sentenced to jail for sucking lady's toes

**NC** LINCOLNTON — A man who sucked an unwilling woman's toes inside a Wal-Mart has been sentenced to 60 days in jail.

Michael Anthony Brown apologized for his actions during his court appearance Thursday. He was convicted of assault.

Police said Brown, 31, told the victim he was a podiatry student and asked her to try on shoes for him in the shoe department of the Wal-Mart in Lincolnton last month.

Investigators said Brown eventually stuck the woman's foot in his mouth and sucked on her toes, then offered to pay for her groceries after she appeared outraged.

Brown was apprehended at his home and turned over to police.

## Man named God sues credit rating agency

**NY** NEW YORK — A New York City man claims that a credit reporting agency falsely reported he had no financial history because his first name is God.

According to the New York Post, Gokazarov, of Brooklyn, sued a lawsuit that Equifax has refused to correct its system to recognize his name as legitimate.

He said an Equifax customer service representative even suggested that he change his name to resolve the issue.

Gazarov, 26, is a Russian native who is named after his grandfather. He owns a Brighton Beach jewelry store and is a graduate of Brooklyn College.

He says he has high scores with two other major credit agencies.

## Police: Facebook posts prompted fatal fight

**NV** RENO — Reno police said they've arrested a nightclub guard accused of killing a man who posted negative Facebook comments about the lounge's security.

Authorities said they arrested Stefan Johnson, 24, on suspicion of second-degree murder Thursday, four months after the man died.

Police said Victor Victoria-Acevedo, 23, had posted comments on Bubinga Lounge's Facebook page

## THE CENSUS

# \$300K

The cost to repair damages caused to a new community center in Fort Wayne, Ind., by a wayward squirrel. Parks Department officials said the squirrel got into the electrical equipment of the building and caused a power surge that damaged the heating and air conditioning systems and some parts of the boiler system. The squirrel didn't survive. The Journal Gazette reported that the repairs will be covered by insurance, minus the department's \$50,000 deductible. The center is still set to open June 7.



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

## Bagpipe busker

Chris Armstrong plays the bagpipes while busking for tips on Tuesday in downtown Chattanooga, Tenn. Armstrong has been playing for 13 years and said his Scottish heritage first inspired him to learn.

after people he knew had run-ins with security there. Authorities said he was blocked from entering the club in the Eldorado Hotel Casino Dec. 15 due to the comments, which led to a fight.

Authorities said Johnson used excessive force against Victoria-Acevedo, causing internal injuries that turned fatal.

## Steer that ran from slaughterhouse spared

**MI** MANCHESTER — A steer that made a break for it while on the way to slaughter in North Dakota is getting settled at a Michigan farm animal sanctuary after being spared from the butcher knife.

The 1,800-pound steer kicked out a gate at a meat processing plant in Casselton on March 6 and wandered around town for a while, prompting a school and a child care center to keep children inside. No one was hurt and no property was damaged.

SASHA FARM, which is in Manchester, about 50 miles southwest of Detroit, agreed to get the steer, which had been called Waldo but now is known as Fargo.

## Portland teen arrested after high-speed chase

**OR** SALEM — State police arrested a Portland man accused of eluding a trooper at speeds of more than 100 mph near Salem.

A police spokesman said a trooper sought to stop Oliver Brassard, 18, late Tuesday after he was clocked driving 95 mph on Interstate 5 and was later following another vehicle too closely.

Police said Brassard moved his Acura to the center lane and accelerated to more than 120 miles per hour in an attempt to avoid the trooper. He eventually slowed to 105 mph before giving up just north of an interchange.

Brassard was charged with felony attempt to elude and also got

a ticket for speeding in excess of 100 mph.

## State ranks at bottom, top of obesity survey

**WA** SEATTLE — Bellingham is one of the nation's thinnest communities and Yakima among the most obese, according to a survey that lists Washington as the only state with cities ranked in the top five and the bottom five in the nation for obesity.

The Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index released its data this month for 2012 and 2013. The index is based on health surveys of adults in 189 metro areas. The Seattle Times reported Wednesday.

Fewer than 19 percent of adults in the Bellingham area reported a body mass index of 30 or higher, which is considered obese. That ranks Bellingham as having the fourth-lowest obesity rate among all metro areas in the study.

But in Yakima, 36 percent of adults are obese, according to their BMI — the fourth-most obese in the nation.

## Charged in 9 deaths, man says he killed 40

**CA** FRESNO — Authorities said a man charged with carrying out nine contract killings in Central California has confessed that he actually killed 40 people over several decades.

Jose Manuel Martinez, 51, allegedly told investigators he carried out the crimes working as an enforcer for a drug cartel, said Errek Jett, the district attorney in Lawrence County, Ala. Jett said they believe Martinez because of the details he gave investigators.

Martinez was arrested last year shortly after crossing the border from Mexico into Arizona and sent to Alabama, where he awaits trial on one murder charge.

From wire reports

BOOKS

By BARRY SCHWARTZ  
Special to The Washington Post

With the fourth season of HBO's "Game of Thrones" underway, the power dynamics have once again started to shift. Make no mistake, my ladies and lords, war is coming to Westeros.

A savage internecine struggle is being fought between two rival factions: dorks who watch "Game of Thrones" and dorks who read "A Song of Ice and Fire," George R.R. Martin's as-yet-unfinished fantasy saga upon which the HBO series is based. Whatever peaceful overlap may still exist between the two camps, well, that is almost assuredly going to end.

In this battle for dominion of the realm, no segment of the audience wields more power than those who have read the books. Because if you read the books, you know that ...

[SPOILER ALERT] Gotcha! See? We could spoil everything for you. We simply choose not to. Every day you don't know what happens to Arya is a day we've given you solely out of our benevolent mercy.

Can you comprehend the restraint this requires? It's so much harder to not spoil it for you than it is for you to avoid spoilers. The way you search our faces, secretly hoping we'll betray our better nature and reveal what's going to happen with a smirk.

"Are they all going to die?" you ask, and we think to ourselves, "Well, it is called 'The Red Wedding,' so ..." but all we offer you is an expressionless shrug.

Because snitches get stitches — but spoilers? There's a special black cell beneath the Red Keep for them, and that's the unspoken, unwritten agreement book readers and viewers have shared these past three seasons: You guys get to enjoy your little show and we get to take perverse pleasure in watching you cry. It's adorable, really. You haven't even met any of the main characters yet.

J. Daniel Ford, 33, is a political strategist living in Los Angeles. He's been reading (and re-reading) "A Song of Ice and Fire" since 1996. He's a true Maester. You can check his credentials.

"I have the first three hardcovers of every book," Ford says. "I picked up the first book the day it came out in paperback. I happened to be working at a book store. I was stocking shelves when I decided to read it and fell in love. I was 15 years old."

You must be a remarkably patient person.

"I wouldn't say I've been patient. It's been driving me insane! I've invested more than half my life to this story. My only real desire is for it to be finished before I'm 40."

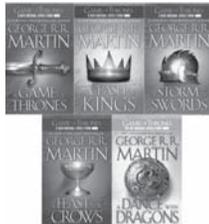
Ford says he's a fan of "Game of Thrones." According to Ford, the best part is watching the show with people who haven't read the books.

"I hate spoilers for myself," says Ford, "so when people egg



Photos courtesy of HBO

# 'Game of Thrones' pits readers against viewers



With the fourth season of the HBO series "Game of Thrones" underway, fans of George R.R. Martin's "A Song of Ice and Fire" collection of fantasy novels, on which the show is based, worry that the power dynamics have started to shift, that the show is catching up to the books.

me for information, I don't give it to them."

How benevolently merciful of you.

"Some people I watched the Red Wedding with might disagree."

Still, with only five of the saga's planned seven books completed, it's become increasingly apparent that HBO's production speed is threatening to surpass Martin's notoriously unhurried writing process. The coming season will even dramatize events found in the most recent published volume, "A Dance with Dragons."

In this month's issue of Vanity Fair, when asked if the show is catching up to the books, Martin responded, "They are. Yes. It's alarming." Dark wings, dark words.

Earlier this month, with pro-

motion intensifying for the premiere, a cryptic post promising future surprises on Martin's website ignited rampant speculation that a release date announcement for the saga's forthcoming sixth volume, "The Winds of Winter," was imminent. Martin collaborator Elio Garcia would later quell these rumors, confirming that "the book is not yet done, and no firm release date can be given until that time." A sample chapter was released last week, though Martin again offered little encouragement a complete next installment will be arriving soon.

Ideally, Martin will complete the final two books of the saga in a timely manner, but to paraphrase Benjen Stark, nothing someone says after the word "ideally" really counts. We stand on the precipice of doom.

Like, Doom-of-Valyria-dom. Martin's detailed plan to prevent the show from catching up to the source material is neither detailed nor a plan. If "The Winds of Winter" has no release date in sight and its supposed final volume, "A Dream of Spring," remains only a gleam in his eye, devoted fans from both ends of Martin's universe face the distinct possibility that HBO might finish his story for him.

For an adaptation to outpace its source material in medias res is a truly postmodern conundrum. It feels unprecedented, doesn't it? Could devoted readers ultimately be the ones who face spoiling? And by people who only watch the show?

"Game of Thrones" executive producers David Benioff and Dan Weiss have confirmed a recent visit to Martin's home in

New Mexico to lay the groundwork for future seasons, including the final season of the show.

So basically, they know how it ends. So basically, all the spoilers. So basically, this has all been an elaborate scheme by two book readers hell-bent on spoiling everything for themselves even if it means spoiling it for everyone.

Michael Craft, 27, is an independent game developer from Shawnee, Okla. He's been reading "A Song of Ice and Fire" since 2002, when he was a sophomore in high school.

"If the ending of a series I've been reading for over a decade gets spoiled before I crack that final page and read the words myself, that would be a really big bummer," Craft says. "Honestly, if and when it happens, I will have to just go on a media blackout. I will have to remain vigilant against spoilers and soldier on waiting for those books. I just can't learn the ending from a TV show. I just can't."

Save for some minor complaints, readers have generally agreed that "Game of Thrones" renders "A Song of Ice and Fire" beautifully, offering as faithful an interpretation as one could hope for given the immense challenges presented by its source material.

The next few years, however, could present a much different narrative, one not unlike the story itself, with Benioff and Weiss as usurpers to the throne and Martin as the cuckolded, exiled beggar king.

"I have a lot of faith in George R.R. Martin," Ford says. "I find it very hard to believe he would allow himself to be backed into this type of corner. They need to use the books to push the show and the show to push the books. Regardless of how we get it, what matters to me is that it's consistently his vision."

And that's why we can't allow this to happen. For when the audience is divided against itself — readers against readers, watchers against readers — and when "A Song of Ice and Fire" becomes the novelization of HBO's "Game of Thrones," the realm will bleed.

Perhaps the fault lies with Martin for licensing his creative property and revealing his endgame to producers. Still, you can't help but feel sorry for him.

The tale grew in the telling, as they say. That its conclusion could be determined by fan-fiction feels like injustice.

I will answer injustice with justice, for George R.R. Martin and the Danny Fords and Michael Crafts of the world.

Today, on the Isle of Faces in sight of the Green Men, we sign here a pact between readers and watchers.

We haven't spoiled anything for you; don't let them spoil anything for us.

Or winter is coming for us all.

# GADGETS & CHARTS



PHILADELPHIA DAILY NEWS/MCT

Some folks just can't let go of last century's electronics.

## An ode to all the stuff you just can't give up

By JONATHAN TAKIFF  
Philadelphia Daily News

Are you a compulsive gadget hoarder? Do you have items gathering dust because you've lost interest or shelved them for a newer, better version?

Spring is here, and it's a good time to consider letting go of the old — especially if you've already replaced it with the new. I know it's not easy.

The used electronics website uSell.com estimates that 68 percent of U.S. residents qualify as gadget hoarders for "keeping a device for more than two years without using it."

But some gizmos have enduring sentimental or historic value. Take, please, (but not away) these treasures I've just dug up (and not trashed). Each has a story. Some of my stuff:

• **Nikkormat 35mm SLR camera:** As a photo-taking youth, I coveted an all-mechanical, manually focused Nikon single lens reflex film camera. This sibling, equally sturdy and sharp shooting, was bought cheaper in Montego Bay, Jamaica, circa 1978.

Today, this weighty thing is never used. You can't beat a good digital camera or sharp-shooting smartphone for portability, instant gratification and low cost of use.

• **Sony Walkman TPS-L2 Cassette Player and TC-55 Tape-record-**

er: When the first cassette-based Walkman headphone stereo player was delivered to then-Daily News editor Gil Spencer, he brought it to my desk, saying, "I don't have a clue what this is, but maybe you can write about it."

This began my career as a tech columnist, and my love affair with tiny, high-performance electronics.

I used it for eons to capture interviews — up to the last, 1993 album-touting ("Code Red") press visit of DJ Jazzy Jeff and The Fresh Prince.

When I couldn't get the TC-55 and Will Smith said, "I know what's wrong, my dad has this same recorder," I opened up the battery compartment and, with a Four Seasons Hotel-supplied silver knife, scraped encrusted battery acid off the terminals.

• **Motorola RAZR V3 Flip Phone:** In the early 2000s, it was the coolest, slimmest cellphone. Moto sold 130 million of 'em. Still a thing of industrial-design beauty. And doesn't take up much drawer space.

• **ColecoVision Video Game System and Samsung GXE-1395 TV:** The first game system to achieve arcade-quality, cartoon-smooth and fast imagery, this spiffy, early-1980s game system came packed with Nintendo's "Donkey Kong," knocking Atari and Mattel for a loop and giving Nintendo big ambitions.

## GADGET WATCH

# MacWorld expo yields trove of treasures

By GREGG ELLMAN  
McClatchy-Tribune News Service

Trolling the aisles at the annual MacWorld/iWorld expo show recently, I came across a lot of cool products, which I'll have more in-depth reviews of later this year. For now, here's a sneak peek at some cool, new or different items that caught my attention.

The Slate (\$98) was my unofficial winner of coolest new product. It's a 100 percent American-made lap desk constructed from polished bamboo, with the smooth feel of glass.

The desk weighs 3.4 ounces and has a rubber trackpad for a mouse. There also are slots to hold a smartphone in place along with holes built into the structure to let your computer breathe and stay cool.

Slate also showed off its SlatePro TechDesk (\$498), which utilizes the same craftsmanship. It has multiple display docks for your mobile devices and also features a filing rack, a pen dock and a recessed cup holder.

Online: iskeltor.com

The Pocket Tripod is the size of a credit card with the thickness of about two and made of ABS bendable plastic. You can fold it to create a hands-free dock for your device, and when you're done, just put the flattened card back in your wallet.

It works in both horizontal and portrait mode. Details: \$26.95, pocket-tripod.com

The App Everypost can help you post a message, and a photo, to just about any social media simultaneously. This includes Twitter, Facebook, Google Plus, mail, Dropbox and others.

Create and compose your content, use filters and even customize for each network. Online: itunes.com, play.google.com; Free for iOS and Android

Kirk H & J's new wireless charger, the Ipopi, is built to charge Apple and Samsung devices.

The company designed the charger to emit zero radiation. Using it is as simple as putting your smartphone down on your desk. Online: kirkhj.com; \$135.64 at Amazon.com for wireless charger, battery pack for iPhone 5/5s

Scosche's Magic Mount system is one of the better hands-free contraptions I've seen.

Three models are available; the surface and mobile are adhesive, while the window mount uses a suction cup. A thin plate attaches to the back of your phone for attaching to the magnetic mount.

Online: scosche.com; surface \$14.99, mobile \$19.99 and the window mount \$24.99

Blue Microphones showed off the Mikey Digital Lightning, which is expected to be released in May. It features a Lightning connection for iOS



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The SlatePro TechDesk has multiple display docks for mobile devices and also features a filing rack, pen dock and recessed cup holder.

devices and can flip and rotate for recording in any direction.

There are three gain settings for proper recording and will allow CD-quality audio recording for a wireless device to pair with video recording.



BLUE MICROPHONES/MCT

The Mikey Digital Lightning features a Lightning connection for iOS devices and can flip and rotate for recording in any direction.

The pocket-sized Flash Magicstick from PowerRocks features a 3,000mAh battery for charging wireless devices along with a flashlight.

It includes a single USB and a Micro USB port to charge multiple mobile devices, including smart phones, at the same time.

You'll get more than 500 charges for the battery itself, and the company was proud to point out that they have less than 1 percent defective and return rate.

Online: powerockusa.com; \$49.99, available in many colors

## ITUNES MUSIC

Top 10 albums on iTunes for April 9:

1. "Frozen" (Original Motion Picture Soundtrack), Various Artists
2. "Divergent" (Original Motion Picture Soundtrack) (Deluxe Version), Various Artists
3. "She Looks So Perfect," 5 Seconds of Summer
4. "Spring Break 6 ... Like We Ain't Ever," Luke Bryan
5. "Supermodel," Foster the People
6. "G.I.R.," Pharrell Williams
7. "Frozen" (Deluxe Edition) (Original Motion Picture Soundtrack), Various Artists
8. "Lift Your Spirit" Aloe Blacc
9. "Red Blooded," Baz Luhrmann
10. "Ghost Stories," Coldplay

— Compiled by MCT

## SPOTIFY MUSIC

Top streamed tracks on Spotify from Mar. 31-April 6:

1. Katy Perry, "Dark Horse"
2. John Legend, "All of Me"
3. Jason Derulo, "Talk Dirty — feat. 2 Chainz"
4. Basille, "Pompeii"
5. Various Artists, "Let It Go"
6. Aloe Blacc, "The Man"
7. Beyonce, "Drunk In Love"
8. The Chaismakers, "#SELFIE Original Mix"
9. Lorde, "Team"
10. Pharrell Williams, "Happy from Despicable Me 2"

— Compiled by The Associated Press

## ITUNES MOVIES

Top 10 movies downloaded from the iTunes Store for April 9:

1. "The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug"
2. "The Wolf of Wall Street"
3. "Frozen"
4. "Blue Jasmine"
5. "August: Osage County"
6. "Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues"
7. "The Pirate Fairy"
8. "American Hustle"
9. "The Machine"
10. "Grudge Match"

— Compiled by MCT

## ITUNES MOVIES VIDEO GAMES

Top 10 PlayStation 3 games for April:

1. "Dark Souls II," Namco Bandai
2. "South Park: The Stick of Truth," Ubisoft
3. "Luftrausers," Vlambeer
4. "The Last of Us: Left Behind," Sony Computer Entertainment
5. "Strider," Capcom
6. "The Walking Dead: A House Divided," Telltale Games
7. "Final Fantasy X/X-2 HD Remaster," Square Enix
8. "Lego The Video Game Movie," Warner Bros. Interactive
9. "Atelier Escha & Logy: Alchemists of the Dusk Sky," Tecmo Koei
10. "Metal Gear Solid: Ground Zeroes," Konami

— Compiled by MCT

## APPS

Top 5 new paid apps for April 9:

- ANDROID
1. Threes!
  2. Link Bubble Pro
  3. Sumatori Dreams
  4. NBA 2K14
  5. Facets

Top 5 paid apps for April 9:

- APPLE
1. Monument Valley
  2. Minecraft — Pocket Edition
  3. FTL: Faster Than Light
  4. Wild Kratts World Adventure
  5. Notability

— Compiled by MCT

ENTERTAINMENT



FOX

The cast of "The Mindy Project" includes, from left to right, Beth Grant, Zoe Lister-Jones, Ike Barinholtz, Mindy Kaling, Ed Weeks and Chris Messina. Kaling has been criticized for the lack of diversity on her show. "I look at shows on TV, and this is going to sound defensive, but I'm just going to say it: I'm a ... Indian woman who has her own ... network television show," Kaling says. "No one asks any of the shows I adore — and I won't name them because they're my friends — why no leads on their shows are women of color, and I'm the one that gets lobbed about these things."

# On diversity, Mindy Kaling finds herself held to higher standard

By GREG BRAXTON  
Los Angeles Times

When "The Mindy Project" premiered on Fox in fall 2012, it was widely hailed as a breakthrough in the diversity of mainstream television. Its star, Mindy Kaling, who plays a romantically challenged obstetrician in a New York hospital, became the first woman of color to create, helm and star in a successful sitcom on a major network.

But even as the broadcast networks overall are showcasing more minority actors in scripted programming than ever, Kaling is facing mounting criticism that her own sitcom isn't diverse enough. Critics and other observers have pointed out that the popular Indian-American actress and executive producer with 2.8 million Twitter followers has surrounded her fictional self with a mostly white cast.

Unlike many past and present medical shows on network television — a list that includes "Grey's Anatomy," "Scrubs,"

"House" and even "ER" — "The Mindy Project" does not feature a strong multiethnic ensemble. In addition to Kaling's character, the only other minority regular cast member is Xosha Roquemore, who joined the show late in the first season as a sassy nurse.

The percolating issue came to a head at the South by Southwest conference in Texas where questions about her casting choices provoked an obscenity-laced response.

"I look at shows on TV, and this is going to sound defensive, but I'm just going to say it: I'm a ... Indian woman who has her own ... network television show," Kaling said during the session. "I have four series regulars that are women on my show, and no one asks any of the shows I adore — and I won't name them because they're my friends — why no leads on their shows are women of color, and I'm the one that gets lobbed about these things."

Drawing even closer scrutiny have been Kaling's on-screen boyfriends and lovers — all white. The show, which has

been picked up for a third season, has not dodged the subject. In fact, characters have made fun of Kaling's Dr. Mindy Lahiri for her lighter-skinned preferences.

"I think it's too bad that a small minority of people are fixated on the men who are in bed with me," said Kaling in a recent interview with the Los Angeles Times. "I think that's a bit specific and weird."

But Kaling said she understood that diversity on "The Mindy Project" has become a hot topic — one that has affected her deeply. "Ultimately, this is a compliment to the bar that people have set for me," she said. "And that expectation is not one that my peers face. And I have to accept that."

"The fact is, I am so proud to be an Asian American and part of the Asian-American community," she added. "My connection with that community is so strong. It struck me that the show is being characterized as not celebrating that richness. I take that more personally than other things."

Kaling's ethnicity is a key source of humor on the series, and jokes about race and stereotypes are frequent. In an early episode of the first season, her character was thrilled about going out with her colleagues to a club frequented by NBA players. "Black guys love me!" she declared.

"My writing staff and I have been determined to create what is a totally original character," she said. "We've been focused on creating a girl you've never seen before. We're also very determined to show diverse talent. We think that's important."

But some say Kaling is being unfairly singled out and held to a higher standard because of her ethnic background. Shows with predominantly white casts are rarely asked about including multiethnic characters.

Kaling said she is listening and is determined to press on with her show.

"I have a great job, a great life and a great responsibility, like Spider-Man," she said, smiling. "I have to do more, and that's fine. I'm excited about it."

## LIFESTYLE

# More bad cattitude

Feline Internet star with the permanent pout has hit the terrible twos

By LEANNE ITALIE  
The Associated Press

Watch out world, Grumpy Cat has hit her terrible twos.

The top dog in Internet cat stardom, known for her downward smile and bugged-out baby blues, spent her birthday April 4 touring New York City with an entourage worthy of Hollywood.

And Hollywood is where the funny-looking feline is bound, with a movie project in the works to add to her pile of endorsements and licensing deals that include her scowling face on limited-edition bags of Friskies Party Mix treats and her own line of "Grumpucino" bottled coffee drinks.

So who will voice the cat we love to caption? Grumpy's not saying, nor are her humans, the brother-sister team of Tabatha Bundesen and Bryan Bundesen.

With her own agent, YouTube videos that have racked up millions of hits, T-shirts, calendars and a best-selling book available in 14 languages, exactly how much is this cat worth?

"The business is doing very well," Bryan laughed. "Grumpy doesn't like to discuss specifics."

The humans, to be sure, are more than a little grateful.

"We both were blue-collar people," Bryan said; he is a cable company lineman in Ohio and she is a server at a Red Lobster near her home in Morristown, Ariz. "It has changed our lives. It's been a blessing. We're very thankful for it."

The grumpy's real name is Tardar Sauce, so dubbed (and misspelled) by Tabatha's now 12-year-old daughter, Chyrstal, soon after their female pet calico gave birth to her and three siblings. The cat was tiny and is still petite, a victim of feline dwarfism, and wobbles a bit when she was due to elongated rear legs that have only added to her popularity.

**“There are two kinds of people in this world. I’d prefer none.”**

**“If you don’t have anything nice to say ... good.”**

**“It’s not me, it’s you.”**

**Grumpy Cat**  
2014 calendar  
quotations



PHOTOS BY BEBETO MATTHEWS/AP

In New York, Tabatha Bundesen and her brother, Bryan Bundesen, tape an interview along with Grumpy Cat, an Internet celebrity. The cat actually is very happy, they say.



Grumpy Cat's expression and small size are due to feline dwarfism.

"She looks like a snowshoe Siamese is what we're told most," Bryan offers. "We've had some nice comments from people about it being nice that the spotlight's

on a cat that's unique and has feline dwarfism. A lot of people are happy that it kind of spreads the message that it's OK to be different. She's also such a happy cat."

Grumpy is also extremely chill, with a reputation for falling asleep during interviews and seeking out dark corners to hide in.

If it hadn't been for Bryan slapping her photos on Reddit in late 2012, then following up with videos after their authenticity was questioned, Tardar might never have become a phenomenon.

"People said her face was Photoshopped," he said, so they took to YouTube to prove otherwise, earning about 1.5 million views overnight.

Now, Grumpy's YouTube chan-

nel has more than 25 million views and 200,000 subscribers, with some wondering in comment threads whether the cat's calmness might be of the medicinal variety.

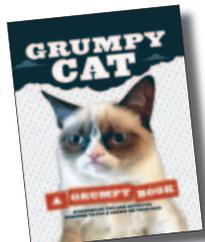
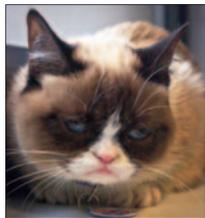
"It is absolutely unheard of to even think of drugging this kitty," Tabatha protested.

While Grumpy has cashed in on Internet stardom, the field is far more crowded today. Any up-and-comers she has her eye on?

"There are a lot of cats on the Internet, but there's no competition," Bryan said. "She has the grumpy market cornered. All the other cats can have the happy, funny stuff!"

Online, find the supposedly sour feline at grumpycats.com.

What're you lookin' at?  
The faces of Grumpy Cat



Grumpy Cat's Internet fame has spawned a variety of products, including cards, toys, calendars and a best-selling book available in 14 languages.

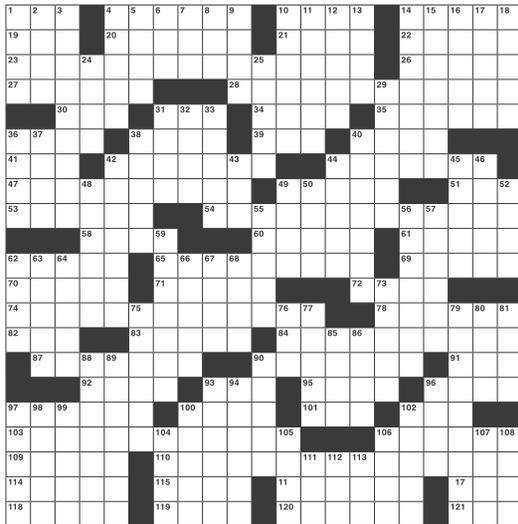
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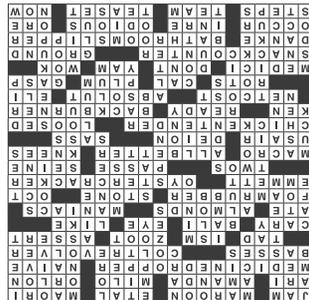
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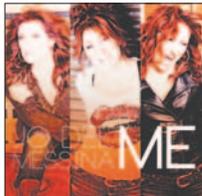
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**Jo Dee Messina**

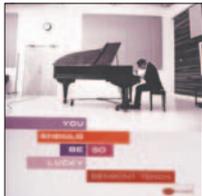
Me (Dreambound/Entertainment One)

Jo Dee Messina opens her new album, "Me," with a song title that declares she's "Not Dead Yet." The veteran country singer proved it when fans rallied behind her Kickstarter campaign, helping her raise more than \$100,000 to record the album.

Messina's declaration that she's still alive and well comes across clearly on this playfully vibrant album. "Me" repeatedly speaks of second stages in life — and, by proxy, in careers, too. Messina, 43, continually addresses the value of experience in her songs, as well as in co-writing seven songs and in co-producing the album with Julian King.

The ballads slow things down in tempo and quality. But whenever the beat kicks in, so does Messina's entertaining style. "Me" proves that Messina's fans are right to think she still has plenty to offer.

— Michael McCall  
The Associated Press



**Benmont Tench**

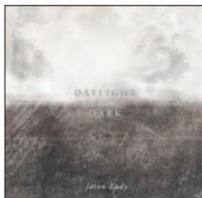
You Should Be So Lucky (Blue Note)

A charter member of Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers, keyboardist Benmont Tench is also an in-demand session player, someone widely respected as a musician's musician. So it's no surprise that the 60-year-old's solo debut features a lot of friends — Petty, Don Was, Ringo Starr, Ryan Adams, the duo of Gillian Welch and David Rawlings, and, behind the board, storied producer Glyn Johns.

Like the sideman extraordinaire himself, these accompanists (and others) don't draw attention to themselves but instead help create a work that is unmistakably Benmont Tench — warm, organic, mostly laid-back and never flashy.

Two diverse instrumentals highlight Tench's range: the languidly moody, string-accented "Ecor Rouge" and the Professor Longhair-inspired "Wobbles."

— Nick Cristiano  
The Philadelphia Inquirer



**Jason Eady**

Daylight and Dark (Thirty Tigers)

On the best country album of the year so far, the alcohol begins flowing right away, and fittingly, it's the hard stuff. Jason Eady starts "Daylight and Dark" with the terrific barroom honky-tonker "OK Whiskey." That's followed shortly by "Temptation" and then a really killer drinking song, "One, Two ... Many."

That concludes the portion of the track listing headed "Causes." What follows are "Consequences," and Eady's take on them is as unsparring as the music is uncompromising, hard-core country. In other words, this isn't a Luke Bryan record.

The "Recovery" portion doesn't sound much cheerier. The bonus track, "A Memory Now," concludes things on a brighter note, framing the biting lyrical kiss-off in a jaunty two-step with guest vocalists Hayes Carll and Evan Felker.

— Nick Cristiano  
The Philadelphia Inquirer



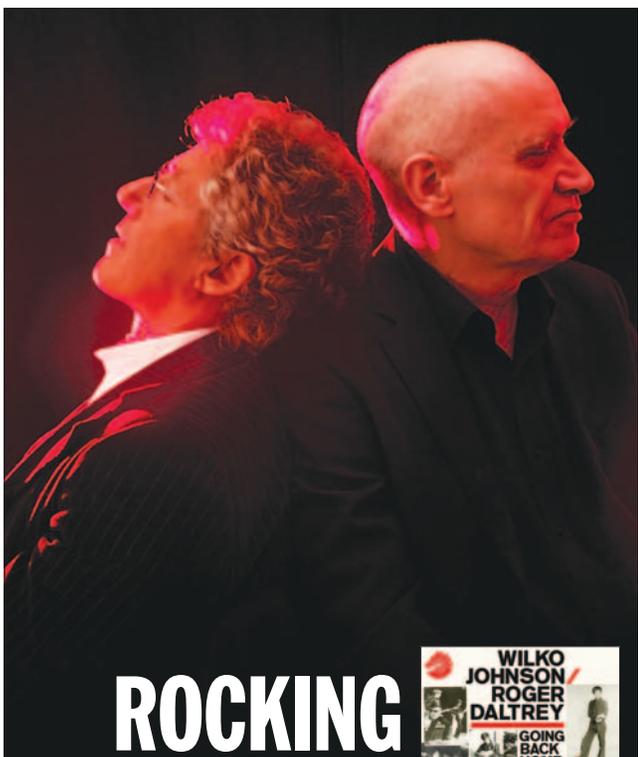
**Tokyo Police Club**

Forgefield (Mom + Pop)

Tokyo Police Club's first release, the 2006 EP "A Lesson in Crime," consisted of seven Strokes-like songs totaling about 16 minutes. "Argentina (Parts I, II, III)," the first track on "Forgefield," the Canadian band's third album, is more than half that length. It opens with a propulsive burst of electric guitars, but it strives to be a big, layered anthem. The rest of the songs, hovering around three minutes, concentrate on high-gloss, overstuffed pop-rock. "Forgefield" is catchier and more energetic than 2010's "Champ,"

but producers Doug Boehm (Dr. Dog) and TPC bassist and vocalist David Monk seem as if they could not resist tweaking everything with Auto-Tune, keyboard filigrees, digital reverb, and compression. Even on the power-pop tracks, the result is often airless and exhausting.

— Steve King  
The Philadelphia Inquirer



ROCKING TO THE END



Daltrey helps another distinctive British rocker go out in style

By JILL LAWLESS

The Associated Press

**W**ilko Johnson, former guitarist of rabble-rousing 1970s British rockers Dr. Feelgood, is enjoying a bitter-sweet late-career surge.

Johnson's jagged playing and menacing stare helped give Dr. Feelgood's bluesy rock an infectious, raucous energy. The band was briefly a sensation and foreshadowed punk's anarchic spirit.

Then the group imploded and Johnson spent years as a cult hero, cherished by a tight coterie of fans.

Last year Johnson was diagnosed with incurable pancreatic cancer, vowing to rock until the end, he set out on a farewell tour.

And finally the world is taking notice. There have been sold-out shows, at this summer's Glastonbury Festival and now an album with Roger Daltrey, lead singer of The Who.

Inspired by a shared love of early British rockers like Johnny Kidd and the Pirates, "Going Back Home" is deliberately rough-edged and retro — even the label, Chess Records, is a heri-

tage band resurrected for the release.

Recorded in a week with producer Dave Eringa and Johnson's touring band, its 11 tracks include 10 Johnson compositions, from the Feelgood days through his solo career.

The title track sets the tone of robust, rocking R&B. Daltrey growls lustily over Johnson's choppy riffs and it's spiced with lashings of dirty harmonica from Steve Weston and galumphing piano from ex-Style Council keyboardist Mick Talbot.

Songs like "Keep it Out of Sight" and "All Through the City" have a swaggering energy and raw yearning. "Some Kind of Hero" is a meaty slice of the blues on the evergreen topic of a cheatin' woman, but the lyrical bravado is laced with British self-deprecation: "I wish I was some kind of hero."

The album's rough-hewn quality is less of an asset on a ballad like "Turned 21" or a cover of Bob Dylan's "Can You Please Crawl Out Your Window."

"Going Back Home" is not going to win awards for innovation, but it's feisty fun and a ringing testament to a distinctive figure in British rock history.

Above: Roger Daltrey, left, lead singer of The Who, teams up with former Dr. Feelgood guitarist Wilko Johnson, who has been enjoying a bittersweet resurgence since a terminal cancer diagnosis.

Courtesy of Universal Music Group

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# The road goes on forever

On latest reissue, John's best album sounds better than ever

By STEVEN WINE  
The Associated Press

It's time to dig yet again into the Elton John archives. Ten years have passed since the release of the "Goodbye Yellow Brick Road 30th Anniversary Deluxe Edition." Happily, the four-CD, one-DVD set to commemorate the album's 40th anniversary is more than mere record label recycling. Included are a CD of "GBYBR" songs covered by contemporary artists, two discs of a 1973 concert with John and his band in top form, a handsome 100-page hardcover book and a DVD of a long-out-of-print 1973 documentary by the British filmmaker Bryan Forbes.

The artists performing the covers are younger than the original album, a testament to its durability. Best is English singer Ed Sheeran, who transforms "Candle In the Wind" into strummy folk, and Irish musician Imelda May, who applies rockabilly zeal to "Your Sister Can't Twist (But She Can Rock 'n Roll)."

Alas, Fall Out Boy reduces "Saturday Night's Alright (For Fighting)" into a pop rally, and an R&B/rap remake of "Bennie and the Jets" by Grammy winner Miguel and Wale never takes off.

John's original album has been re-



**Elton John**

Goodbye Yellow Brick Road  
40th Anniversary Super Deluxe Edition  
(Universal Music Enterprises)

mastered yet again and sounds better than ever. The loud-to-soft contrasts are remarkable for a pop record, rewarding owners of quality headphones or loudspeakers. Dee Murray's understated bass work, Nigel Olsson's angelic high harmonies and Davey Johnstone's seven guitar parts on "Saturday Night" can be appreciated as never before.

Like the dynamic range, the range of material remains impressive. A musical sponge from childhood, John was

at his prolific peak when the two-disc LP, 17-song set was written and recorded in a span of just two weeks. Bernie Taupin's cinematic lyrics become Technicolor tunes, and "GBYBR" is an unsurpassed distillation of rock's golden era spanning both sides of the Atlantic. John draws on the Beatles and the Stones, the Beach Boys and the Band, Bob Marley, "Soul Train," Jerry Lee Lewis and Liberace, and makes it all his own. It helps that he's in the best voice of his career.

The lyrics are surprisingly dark, given the sunny melodies, and by the end of what used to be Side 3 we have a dead bootlegger, a dead lesbian and a dead Marilyn Monroe.

The album is a funeral for one friend after another, and much more. It's electric music, solid walls of sound, cocky, campy, lovely, naughty, silly and, 40 years later, still fun. Comic book characters never grow old.

Can't wait for the "50th Anniversary Super Duper Deluxe Edition."



Courtesy of Universal Music Group

**'GBYBR':  
The next  
generation**

How's this for your 67th birthday? Elton John celebrated his with the release of the 40th-anniversary edition of his classic album "Goodbye Yellow Brick Road." The new four-disc edition features covers of John hits including "Bennie and the Jets" by R&B star Miguel and "Candle in the Wind" from singer-songwriter Ed Sheeran. Contemporary country acts Zac Brown Band and Hunter Hayes, Irish musician Imelda May and singer John Grant are also featured. But here's the yellow brick road for Sheeran, Fall Out Boy, Emeli Sande and the Band Perry, who talk about tackling songs from one of music's most celebrated singers. — Mesfin Fekadu  
The Associated Press



**Right:**  
Ed Sheeran  
**Far right:**  
Emeli Sande

**Ed Sheeran**

"Candle In the Wind"  
Ed Sheeran knew responsibility came with covering "Candle in the Wind," which the pop icon wrote in honor of Marilyn Monroe, and years later, rewrote in tribute to Princess Diana.

"That's when I got a little bit hesitant, but only for a second because that song holds so much meaning to England and Britain and the world after the Diana thing," the English singer said. "I didn't really know how I was going to tackle that and cover that because obviously you don't want to outdo that song."

Sheeran, 23, said he decided to "capture the heart of it and just do it" instead of trying to achieve perfection.

His version is softer, with a singer-songwriter vibe. Sheeran, who has written for One Direction and with Taylor Swift, among others, said watching

John's prolific career has helped guide him.

"Consistency is key," the Grammy-nominated performer said. "Almost be careful what you put out there and make it the best you can do."

**Fall Out Boy**

"Saturday Night's Alright (For Fighting)"  
When Elton John asked Fall Out Boy to appear on the rerelease of "Goodbye Yellow Brick Road," Patrick Stump had a request: appear on FOB's album.

John did. "I'm like, 'Sure, I would love to record for him, but does he want to record for us?' And he said yes, which kind of blew my mind," the bandleader said. "And I was kind of blurring."

The English musician appears on the title track of FOB's "Save Rock and Roll." The rock band returned the favor with a cover of "Saturday Night's Alright (For Fighting)" — although that wasn't their initial pick of John classics.

"My favorite track on that album without question is 'Bennie and the Jets.' At the time when we were asked, they hadn't really solidified pretty much anyone, except Miguel had already done that track, so I was like, 'Ugh,'" Stump recalled. "But I heard it and it's amazing. Miguel killed it, so I'm happy to relinquish it to him."



**Emeli Sande**

"All the Girls Love Alice"  
Scottish-born Emeli Sande says remarking "All the Girls Love Alice" helped her become a better songwriter and influenced how she's approaching songs that will appear on her anticipated sophomore album.

"When you take on a classic song, you're forced to bring it down and try to look at why it is classic, why is it something that's stood the test of time, so it was definitely inspiring for me," she said. "It has inspired me to pay attention and to really set the bar quite highly for what's a good song, what's a bad song."

Sande said she appreciated John reaching out to her via email and, like John, she's hoping to fill a void in pop music.

"I felt like that art in storytelling isn't really in pop anymore, and I miss it," she said. "It was nice to have something to get your teeth into and be able to break down like that."

Sande, 27, whose "Our Version of Events" was the No. 1 album of 2012 in the U.K., said she chose to record "Alice" because it was "musically interesting and lyrically different." She also said she wanted to impress John.

**The Band Perry**

"Grey Seal"  
The Band Perry is really a family affair.

The sibling trio, who cover Elton John's "Grey Seal," said their parents introduced them to the piano-playing veteran.

"Our parents are kind of like our very first radio," Kimberly Perry said. "They had a massive vinyl collection, and our parents were both big fans of Elton John."

The Band Perry brought their country flavor to their version of the John jam, adding a banjo throughout as a tip of "our hats to our country roots," Perry said.

The group, which also includes brothers Neil and Reid, said covering the dramatic song made them feel like actors in a movie.

"We really tried to get in Elton's head a little bit," she said. "The lyrics of 'Grey Seal' are extremely eclectic ... it's something of a legend, but apparently Elton and Bernie (Taupin) were inspired by a high school teacher."

Perry said they are grateful for the opportunity.

"He actually called Neil on his cellphone to say 'thank you' and was just appreciative. And we're like, 'We're the appreciative ones. You're a hero,'" she said.



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# BUSINESS/WEATHER

# Investors ask if drop is just the start

By **BERNARD CONNOR**  
The Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — Is the selling over or has it just begun?

That's the question investors are asking after the biggest weekly drop in the Standard and Poor's 500 index since January. The stock market hasn't had a correction, or fall of 10 percent from recent highs, since 2011.

It is inching close to one, at least in technology stocks. Investors drove the stock market lower for two straight days at the end of the week. Big drops in once-soaring tech stocks sent the Nasdaq below 4,000, and the index has fallen for three weeks in a row.

"The market has been trying to come back, but each time, the selling just picks up," said Quincy Krosby, a market strategist at Prudential. "The buyers are just not stepping in."

The first-quarter earnings season has just started, but investors seem in little mood to wait for re-

sults. Financial analysts expect earnings for companies in the S&P 500 to drop 1.6 percent from a year earlier, according to FactSet, a financial data provider. At the start of the year, they expected a jump of 4.3 percent.

If profits do fall, it would be only the second quarterly drop in three years.

"Earnings are going to come in on the sloppy side," said Peter Cardillo, chief market economist at Rockwell Global Capital. "The market needs to correct."

Krosby said the market will be focused on the swath of corporate earnings due out next week, such as those for General Electric, Intel and several financial companies. Investors will also closely follow a speech by Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen.

Investors understand bad weather played a role in the performance of many companies during the first three months of the year, but they still want to hear whether demand for products and services is improving,

Krosby said.

"The market is going to try to assess: Is the economy still losing momentum or gaining the traction we need to support valuations?" she said.

On Friday, the Nasdaq dropped 54.37 points, or 1.3 percent, to 3,999.73. It was down 3.1 percent for the week.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 143.47 points, or 0.89 percent, to 16,026.75 on Friday. The S&P 500 fell 17.39 points, or 0.95 percent, to 1,815.69.

Some analysts say a correction in indexes would be healthy for the market, giving it a sturdier base on which to rally.

The Nasdaq is already well on its way. It is now 8 percent below its recent high in March. The S&P 500 is 4 percent off its recent high on April 2.

Among tech stocks making big moves Friday, Netflix fell 2.4 percent, Amazon, 1.7 percent and Google's new Class C shares, 1.9 percent.

JPMorgan Chase fell \$2.10,

or 3.7 percent, to \$55.30 on Friday. The nation's biggest bank by assets said its earnings slid 20 percent in the first quarter as revenue from bond trading and mortgage lending declined.

"They're just struggling to grow, and then they didn't have the strength out of the investment bank to help offset that," said Shannon Stamm, financial services analyst for Edward Jones. "All around, it's just a lackluster quarter for them."

MARKET WATCH	
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Nasdaq composite	-54.37
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Standard & Poor's 500	-17.39
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## EXCHANGE RATES

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Euro costs (April 14)	\$1.4247
Dollar buys (April 14)	€0.7019
British pound (April 14)	\$1.72
Japanese yen (April 14)	99.00
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Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3771
British pound	\$1.6745/0.9372
Canada (dollar)	1.0954
China (Yuan)	6.2115
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Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7504
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2488
South Korea (Won)	1,038.80
Switzerland (Franc)	€0.8753
Thailand (Bath)	32.29
Turkey (New Lira)	2,117.00

(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., for the Netherlands and the United Kingdom, check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

## INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
3-month bill	0.08
6-month bill	0.08
9-month bill	0.08
1-year bill	0.08
2-year bill	0.08
3-year bill	0.08
5-year bill	0.08
10-year bill	0.08
30-year bond	3.48

## WEATHER OUTLOOK

### SUNDAY IN THE MIDDLE EAST



### SUNDAY IN EUROPE



### MONDAY IN THE PACIFIC



The weather is provided by the American Forces Network Weather Center, 24 Weather Squadron at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

### Sunday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Ablene, Tex	85	65	Cir	Chatanooga	82	56	PCldy	Fort Wayne	76	59	Cldy	Louisville	82	58	Cldy
Akron, Ohio	76	56	Cir	Cheyenne	32	29	Snow	Fresno	85	53	Cir	Lubbock	79	58	Cir
Albany, N.Y.	75	47	Cldy	Chicago	64	58	Rain	Goodland	44	42	Rain	Macon	80	57	Cir
Albuquerque	74	48	PCldy	Cincinnati	77	60	Cldy	Grand Junction	58	43	Rain	Madison	56	49	Rain
Allentown, Pa.	74	46	Cldy	Cleveland	76	58	Cldy	Grand Rapids	67	57	Rain	Medford	81	39	Cir
Amarillo	66	51	Cir	Colorado Springs	43	39	Rain	Green Bay	39	24	Cir	Mempphis	78	62	Cir
Anchorage	45	30	Cldy	Columbia, S.C.	79	60	Cir	Greensboro, N.C.	79	59	Cir	Miami Beach	83	73	Cir
Ashville	75	50	PCldy	Columbus, Ga.	77	58	Cldy	Harrisburg	75	42	PCldy	Midland-Odessa	88	62	Cir
Atlanta	79	59	PCldy	Concord, N.H.	70	50	Cldy	Hartford	67	57	Cir	Milwaukee	52	28	Rain
Atlantic City	73	45	PCldy	Corpus Christi	84	71	Cldy	Helena	46	28	PCldy	Missoula	50	20	Rain
Baltimore	78	48	PCldy	Dallas-Ft. Worth	77	57	Cir	Honolulu	79	61	Cir	Mobile	70	51	Cir
Baton Rouge	82	63	Cldy	Dayton	76	58	Cldy	Houston	80	67	Cir	Montgomery	81	56	PCldy
Bilings	39	28	Cldy	Daytona Beach	80	64	PCldy	Huntsville	80	57	PCldy	Nashville	81	58	Cir
Birmingham	80	56	PCldy	Denver	37	35	Snow	Indianapolis	75	59	Cir	New Orleans	80	65	Cir
Bismarck	61	33	Cir	Des Moines	56	55	Snow	Jackson, Miss.	79	59	Cir	New York City	72	49	PCldy
Boston	67	47	Cldy	Detroit	73	58	Cldy	Jacksonville	80	56	PCldy	Newark	74	48	Cir
Bridgeport	65	45	Cldy	Duluth	38	29	Cldy	Janeau	54	26	PCldy	Norfolk, Va.	73	54	PCldy
Brownsville	84	72	Cldy	El Paso	80	62	Cir	Kansas City	67	62	Rain	North Platte	40	39	Snow
Buffalo	71	55	Cldy	Elkins	79	50	PCldy	Key West	74	54	Cir	Oklahoma City	63	65	Rain
Burlington, Vt.	66	48	Cldy	Erie	74	56	Cldy	Knoxville	81	65	PCldy	Omaha	49	48	Rain
Caribou, Maine	47	31	Rain	Eugene	76	39	Cir	Lake Charles	79	66	Cir	Orlando	86	63	PCldy
Charleston, S.C.	82	27	Snow	Fargo	39	29	PCldy	Lansing	68	42	Rain	Paducah	78	61	Cir
Charleston, S.C.	78	56	Cir	Flagstaff	62	32	PCldy	Las Vegas	85	62	Cir	Pendleton	63	35	Cir
Charlotte, N.C.	79	57	PCldy	Fort Smith	73	60	Rain	Lexington	81	57	PCldy	Peoria	69	60	Rain
								Lincoln	49	48	Rain	Philadelphia	76	49	PCldy
								Little Rock	76	62	Cir	Phoenix	88	61	Cir
								Los Angeles	67	55	PCldy	Pittsburgh	78	54	Cir
												Pocatello	53	34	PCldy
												Portland, Maine	59	40	Cir
												Portland, Ore.	73	43	Cir
												Providence	64	42	Cir
												Pueblo	50	44	Rain
												Rapid City	81	55	Snow
												Reno	64	44	PCldy
												Richmond	82	55	Cir
												Rochester	75	52	Cir
												Rockford	61	58	Rain
												Sacramento	80	49	Cir
												St. Louis	76	64	Cir
												St. Petersburg	84	69	PCldy
												St. Thomas	85	45	PCldy
												St. Paul	75	41	Cir
												Salt Lake City	56	42	Cir
												San Angelo	88	66	PCldy
												San Diego	85	69	Cir
												San Jose	65	58	Cir
												San Francisco	68	51	PCldy
												San Jose	73	48	Cir
												Santa Fe	71	39	Cir
												St. Ste-Marie	44	39	Cldy
												Savannah	78	57	Cir
												Seattle	65	42	Cir
												Shreveport	79	64	Cir

National temperature extremes  
Hi: Fri, 102, Death Valley, Calif.  
Lo: Fri, 17, Daniel, Wyo.

STARS AND STRIPES

OPINION

Planning for the day after an Iran deal

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By DAVID H. PETRAEUS  
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**A**dvocates of the effort to reach a negotiated settlement with Iran over its illicit nuclear activities have emphasized the benefits an agreement could bring by peacefully and verifiably barring Tehran from developing nuclear weapons. Skeptics, meanwhile, have warned of the risks of a "bad deal," under which Iran's capabilities are not sufficiently rolled back.

Largely absent from the debate, however, has been a fuller consideration of the strategic implications a nuclear agreement would have on the U.S. position in the Middle East.

Such an assessment must begin by considering the consequences of lifting the majority of sanctions on Iran and of Iran resuming normal trade with the world's major economies. This prospect is what provides our strongest leverage to persuade the Iranian government to abandon key elements of its nuclear program.

But lifting sanctions would also lead to the economic empowerment of a government that is its leading state sponsor of terrorism. Indeed, even under crippling sanctions, Iran has managed to provide robust support to extremist proxies as part of its broader geopolitical agenda across the Middle East and beyond.

It is possible that a major deal would pave the way for a broader detente in Iran's relations with the United States and its neighbors. It is, however, more plausible that removing sanctions would strengthen Tehran's ability to project malign influence in its near-abroad, including Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, the Arabian Peninsula and the Horn of Africa.

Rather than marking the end of our long struggle with Iran, therefore, a successful nuclear deal could result in the United States and our partners in the Middle East facing a better-resourced and, in some respects, more dangerous adversary.

This does not mean we should abandon diplomacy with Tehran. Preventing Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons ought to be our foremost priority, and a diplomatic agreement that truly bolts the door against that danger is worth potential downsides. Moreover, the alternative to successful diplomacy — military action — carries its own set of costs and risks to regional stability and the global economy. And military action holds less promise for decisively ending the nuclear threat than does a good negotiated accord.

But we need to recognize there are genuine trade-offs involved in even the best possible nuclear deal. In laying the groundwork for mitigating that, to that end, five actions should be considered.

First, it is imperative to make clear there can be no true reconciliation between Iran and the United States, regardless of the out-



Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei urges Iran's negotiators Wednesday not to give in to "coercive words" from world powers at talks over Tehran's nuclear program.

come of the nuclear talks, without a comprehensive change in Iran's destabilizing regional behavior. Such a message would help eliminate the corrosive, and inaccurate, perception that Washington is so eager to disengage from the Middle East that it would accept Iranian hegemony there.

Second, the United States should intensify dialogue with our Arab and Israeli allies to develop a common understanding about how to contend with an economically strengthened Iran in the wake of a nuclear deal. Because sanctions relief would bolster Tehran's capability to train, finance and equip its terrorist proxies, we and our partners in the region must start preparing to intensify our efforts to identify, disrupt and dismantle these networks.

Third, the United States needs to look hard at its position on Syria, arguably now the central front in a broader struggle for primacy in the Middle East. Recent reports that the Obama administration has been considering various forms of increased support to the Syrian opposition — including providing a limited number of strategically significant weapons systems — are encouraging. These reports, if true, would reflect recognition that a much more robust, focused and well-resourced effort is required to reverse the Assad regime's current battlefield momentum, which it has achieved in large part due to Iranian help.

This points to a fourth conclusion: Rather than freeing Washington to reduce the U.S. footprint in the Middle East and focus elsewhere, a nuclear agreement with Tehran is likely to compel us to deepen our military, diplomatic and intelligence presence in the

region in order to help partners there balance against increasing Iranian power. A variety of steps should be pursued to this end: approval of additional military capabilities sought by Arab partners and Israel; a renewed initiative to integrate Gulf Cooperation Council countries' air and ballistic missile defenses; maritime and air exercises to demonstrate U.S. and partner capabilities in the region; and sustaining, if not augmenting, existing infrastructure and force posture there.

First, we need to start planning for what a new sanctions regime would look like in the wake of a deal. While a surge of money to Tehran is inevitable as nuclear-linked sanctions are lifted, sanctions related to terrorism should remain in place and new ones considered to keep Iranian companies, banks and individuals tied to destabilizing regional activities from prospering a windfall. Planning for such sanctions must be undertaken in advance of a nuclear agreement.

There should also be a clear plan for immediate reimposition of crippling sanctions in the event of inadequate Iranian implementation of an agreement.

All too often in U.S. foreign policy, we set a strategic objective and pursue it doggedly — only to be insufficiently prepared for the consequences when we achieve our goal. While it remains uncertain whether a worthwhile nuclear agreement with Iran is attainable, the time for thinking through and preparing for its implications is now.

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Honoring sacrifice, supporting military families

By CYNTHIA M. ALLEN  
**A**nna Karcher knows something about sacrifice.

That may not be immediately obvious on meeting the spirited Texas Christian University freshman, whose easy smile exudes a confidence beyond her youth.

But when she traverses TCU's manicured lawns each morning on her way to class, she carries a special gratitude that is lost on many people her age.

Of course, she knows. Anna's dad, then a lieutenant colonel in the Army, was part of a military caravan patrolling Sadr City — one of Baghdad's more treacherous neighborhoods — as the United States was beginning to wind down its operations in Iraq.

Lt. Col. Karcher's mine-resistance ambush-protected vehicle had taken a direct

hit from an explosively formed projectile.

Karcher survived the attack, though only barely. During his long and slow recovery at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, a small nonprofit committee of serving military families found the Karchers and offered assistance.

No Greater Sacrifice, founded in 2008, has a simple mission: Honor our nation's fallen and severely wounded servicemembers by serving their children.

Of course, the organization provides military children with financial assistance to pursue higher education that will improve their lives.

No Greater Sacrifice offered all three Karcher daughters scholarship assistance for college.

Currently, No Greater Sacrifice has committed funds to 40 current and future

students, but it estimates that as many as 50,000 children of fallen and wounded need such assistance.

Meanwhile, Lt. Col. Karcher has continued to defy the odds. Able to walk with two prosthetics and a cane, he returned to active duty, served as the head of the Army's Wounded Warrior Program and was promoted — he's now a full colonel stationed at Fort Hood.

For Anna and her sisters and the 37 other scholarship recipients, NGS is opening up opportunities that the children of America's heroes might not otherwise realize.

Because groups like No Greater Sacrifice make investing in our military children a priority, their sacrifices will not go unnoticed.

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## OPINION

## Immigration bias and spirit of St. Louis

BY CHRISTINE M. FLOWERS

Jebed Bush made some very provocative comments about immigration the other day. They were red meat for a conservative base that thinks in broad brushstrokes about foreigners. Actually, they were more like a bullfighter's red cape, or scarlet blood in the water.

Commenting on the wave of illegal bodies present in our country, this brother of one compassionate conservative president and son of another observed: "The way I look at this is someone who comes to our country because they couldn't come legally, they come to our country because their families — the dad who loved their children — was worried that their children didn't have food on the table. ... They broke the law, but it's not a felony. It's an act of love. It's an act of commitment to your family."

Frankly, those observations were a little too Jean Valjean for me. It is a simplification to say that everyone who crosses the border does so to provide a better life for his children (unless you believe that drug traffickers are also loving parents). But on the whole, Bush is absolutely right: The men and women who take a short-cut around the legal process generally do so for the most basic of reasons — desperation.

That doesn't mean we should just throw up our hands and let the floodgates open. Of course there needs to be order and, as the great Charles Krauthammer said, Americans have a right to decide who comes into and out of the country.

But this brings me to another point about the whole immigration debate. There is a mean-spiritedness that infects the discussion and keeps us from arriving at an equitable result. We don't need the saccharine comments of a presidential hopeful, but neither do we need the vitriol spewed by some of the anti-immigrant groups who equate "the other" with disease, crime and a dehumanization of society.

I think we need to take a step back for a moment and understand the animating principles that define this country and undergird all the great religions. And, then, we need to remember a time when those principles, among them compassion, were horrifically rejected. I hope we can take some philosophical lessons from that tragedy.

Earlier this week, I listened to a radio interview with a man whose grandfather and uncle had been murdered in the Holocaust. The most wrenching part of the story was the fact that they could have been saved had it not been for politics and politicians. In 1939, a group of German Jews attempted to flee the regime on an ocean liner called the St. Louis. They sought ad-



Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush speaks in Hollywood, Fla., in January.

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mission at numerous ports, including the United States and Canada. Fearing the political repercussions, FDR refused to allow the passengers to disembark and, after having the door closed in their faces during a three-week "voyage of the damned," the ship returned to Europe. Not surprisingly, the majority of the passengers ended up dying in concentration camps.

We obviously can't analogize the cross-border journey of a Mexican to the desperate flight from Hitler. The comparison is as ridiculous as Bush's comments about loving parents: too gross, too broadly aimed, too discordant and polemical. But it's legitimate to point out the similarity in the way that Americans have come to approach the issue of immigration, one that echoes the "not in my backyard" anxiety of 75 years ago.

Realistically, we cannot open our arms in a universal embrace. Emma Lazzarus was a great poet, but she would have failed miserably as a diplomat. In a world of limited resources, we have to do human triage. I spent four hours the other day in front of an immigration judge trying to convince him that the deep scars on my client's face and the shadow in his eyes had earned him a grant of asylum. The judge had the difficult job of deciding whether to believe his story and, even if credible, whether the tales of beatings and threats warranted a refugee's welcome. It's not an easy calculus to make, and I'm not one to second-guess judges or, for that matter, crippled wartime presidents.

Still, it does put things into a better perspective than any of the talking heads on television, the ones who might never in

their lives have met a refugee or who think that turnstiles at the border are feasible.

When Bush started talking about the "loving" father, I knew he was firing the opening salvo for 2016. He might be sincere, but his timing leads me to believe that there's a lot more politics in his comments than principle. And that's OK, since even the most revered among us, the ones with our names engraved in marble and on coinage, are capable of selling our souls for a few votes.

But it would still be good for conservatives to soften the sharp edges of their tongues. And it would be good for liberals to remember that it was one of their own who padlocked the Golden Door.

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## Medicare system's real doctor payment problem

Los Angeles Times editorial

The news that a small percentage of the country's physicians collected billions of dollars from Medicare in a single year may or may not be a testament to individual greed; some of the top recipients are under investigation for allegedly bilking the system, while others work long hours delivering costly care. But it is a powerful reminder that the program needs to stop rewarding doctors for the quantity of care they deliver rather than the quality. Happily, there is a bipartisan plan to do just that; unappreciated lawmakers haven't been able to agree on how to cover its cost. If Congress needed any further incentive to settle its differences,

the fact that 1,000 doctors raked in \$3 billion from Medicare should provide it.

The Obama administration released details Wednesday on \$77 billion worth of payments made in 2012 by Medicare Part B, which pays for doctors and other health-care professionals. Part B is financed mainly by the government, so taxpayers have a keen interest in the program's financial integrity. The new data, however, reveal some alarmingly large payouts. For example, more than a dozen physicians each collected more than \$10 million from Medicare in 2012, and thousands of specialists in four disciplines — three cancer-related fields and ophthalmology — averaged more than \$300,000.

It's risky to leap to conclusions just from

the numbers, given that the payments may include reimbursements for expensive drugs that doctors provided or services by multiple members of a team. Yet the concentration of payments — a mere 2 percent of the doctors participating in the program took in almost a quarter of the fees — exemplifies the problem with Medicare's "fee for service" payment system. This system ignores the value and effectiveness of the care provided, paying attention only to how many treatments are rendered. That gives doctors an incentive to provide the most expensive and intensive forms of care, not necessarily the treatments that work best.

Earlier this year, the top Republicans and Democrats on three influential con-

gressional committees came up with a plan that would have encouraged Medicare doctors to switch from fee-for-service to alternative payment plans that reward quality and efficiency. It also would have replaced an ineffective formula for slowing the growth in Part B costs by cutting the fees paid for most doctors' services.

Unfortunately, the plan stalled because of a dispute over how to pay for the measure, and Congress enacted minor Medicare reforms that left the fee-for-service system intact for at least another year. The new disclosures about enormous Medicare payouts should send lawmakers back to work on the bill to steer doctors into payment plans that yield better results for patients — and taxpayers.

# SCOREBOARD

## Sports on AFN

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## Pro soccer

Team	MLS			Western Soccer		
	W	L	Pts	W	L	Pts
Portland Timbers	3	1	9	3	0	9
Seattle Sounders	3	1	9	2	0	6
San Jose Earthquakes	2	1	7	2	0	6
LA Galaxy	2	1	7	2	0	6
San Diego	2	1	7	2	0	6
LA Galaxy	2	1	7	2	0	6
San Jose	2	1	7	2	0	6
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San Jose Earthquakes	2	1	7	2	0	6
LA Galaxy	2	1	7	2	0	6
San Diego	2	1	7	2	0	6
LA Galaxy	2	1	7	2	0	6
San Jose	2	1	7	2	0	6

Note: Three points for victory, one for tie.

Team	Saturday, April 5			Sunday, April 6		
	W	L	Pts	W	L	Pts
Portland Timbers	3	1	9	3	0	9
Seattle Sounders	3	1	9	2	0	6
San Jose Earthquakes	2	1	7	2	0	6
LA Galaxy	2	1	7	2	0	6
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LA Galaxy	2	1	7	2	0	6
San Jose	2	1	7	2	0	6

## College baseball

Team	Score	Opponent
Boston College	11-7	Notre Dame
Washington State	1-7	Colby-Sawyer
Drew 8-0	Catholic	1-3
Wendell 4-0	Nazarene	1-3
Anderson (SC)	13	Lincoln Memorial
Bethel (Tenn.)	2-15	Spring Hill
North Carolina	2-15	Mars Hill
Charlotte 3	Florida Atlantic	2-15
Charleston	3	Radford
Cumberland	3	Tennessee
E. Kentucky	9	UT-Martin
MSU	10	North Carolina
Erskine	10	North Greenville
North Carolina	5	Cummins
Georgia St.	11	Arlington
High Point	2	VMU
Kinnear	3	Limestone
North Carolina	3	Maryville
Lipscomb	4	Mercer
North Carolina	1	Hardy
Methodist	11	Blue Mountain
UNC	1	Miami
Miami	12	Pittsburgh
UNC	1	UNC
Missouri	8	Kentucky
Mt. Olive	6	Belmont Abbey
North Carolina	6	Georgia Southern
North Carolina	5	Forest
UNC	7	Kentucky
Southern Poly	11	Belhaven
UNC	10	Vanderbilt
Texas St.	12	Louisiana-Monroe
Virginia	3	Clemson
Howard	3	Maryland
Wingate	5	Carson-Newman

## Friday's scores

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Texas St.	12	Louisiana-Monroe
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Howard	3	Maryland
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## Boxing

Weight	Winner	Opponent
Lightweight	Turning Stone	Reichel & Casino
Welterweight	N.Y. "Boxing"	middleweight
Lightweight	Veronica	Veronica
Welterweight	Willie Monroe Jr.	Brandon Adams vs. Raymond Gatica (8 rounds).
Lightweight	At Monroville (Pa.) Convention Center.	Alexei Collado vs. Rod Saika, 10, lightweight.
Lightweight	At Illusions Theater, San Antonio.	Alfonso Garcia vs. Jorge Silva, 5, welterweight; Raul Marín vs. Sergio Perales, 10, lightweight.
Lightweight	At Manchester, England.	Scott O'Guin vs. Nicholas Green, 12, welterweight.
WBA World junior featherweight title.	At the D. Armon.	David Hogg vs. Beibut Shumenov, 12, for the WBA Super World-IBF light heavyweight titles; Peter Quillin vs. Lukas Konecny, 12, for Quillin's IBF light heavyweight title; Shaysi Bantist 7, 7, winnings.
WBA Super Middleweight title.	At MGM-Kingsville 11-10.	Cameron 4-9.
WBA Super Middleweight title.	At Kansas City, Kansas.	3 Texas & Marshall 1.
WBA Super Middleweight title.	At Pacific 11, San Francisco.	6 Peppercin 6, 8VU 4.
WBA Super Middleweight title.	At Texas-Pan American 6.	Utah Valley 2

## Auto racing

### Bojangles' Southern 500 Sprint Cup

NASCAR Sprint Cup Series After Friday qualifying race Saturday at Darlington, S.C.

Lead length: 1.366 miles (Car in lead in parentheses)

1	(4) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 183.479 mph
2	(2) Joey Logano, Ford, 183.049
3	(43) Aric Almirola, Ford, 182.616
4	(9) Marcos Ambrose, Ford, 182.485
5	(2) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 182.059
6	(14) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 182.019
7	(8) (21) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 181.985
8	(8) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 181.763
9	(24) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 181.756
10	(11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 181.548
11	(27) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 181.481
12	(78) Martin Truex Jr., Chevrolet, 181.26
13	(41) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 181.218
14	(56) Brian Vickers, Toyota, 181.985
15	(88) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 181.658
16	(15) Clint Bowyer, Toyota, 181.247
17	(42) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 181.194
18	(47) A J Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 180.981
19	(16) Greg Biffle, Ford, 180.947
20	(5) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 180.914
21	(6) Casey Edwards, Ford, 180.901
22	(5) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 180.787
23	(41) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 180.785
24	(14) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, 178.958
25	(26) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 182.059
26	(48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 181.919
27	(38) David Gilliland, Ford, 181.548
28	(17) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 181.384
29	(98) Josh Wise, Chevrolet, 180.549
30	(7) Michael Annett, Chevrolet, 180.333
31	(13) David Reardon, Chevrolet, 180.243
32	(34) David Casper, Ford, 180.204
33	(10) Danica Patrick, Chevrolet, 180.158
34	(4) Alex Bowman, Toyota, 179.992
35	(40) Brandon Cassill, Chevrolet, 179.718
36	(77) Dave Blaney, Ford, 179.666
37	(35) David Stremme, Chevrolet, 179.618
38	(30) Parker Kligerman, Toyota, 179.618
39	(83) Ryan Truex, Toyota, 179.618
40	(35) Reed Sorenson, Chevrolet, 179.618
41	(32) Travis Kvapil, Ford, 179.618
42	(26) Cole Whitton, Toyota, 179.618
43	(66) Joe Nemechek, Toyota, 179.618

### Failed to Qualify

44. (35) Jeff Reutimann, Ford.

### VFW Sport Clips NASCAR Nationwide Series

Friday at Darlington Raceway

Lead length: 1.366 miles (Car in lead in parentheses)

1	(2) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 147 laps, 139.3 rating, 47 points, \$44,575.
2	(9) Elliott Sauter, Chevrolet, 147, 99.6, 43, \$33,350.
3	(2) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 147, 116.3, 0, \$19,700.
4	(1) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 147, 139.0, 0, \$25,325.
5	(15) Joey Logano, Ford, 147, 108.2, 0, \$15,777.
6	(12) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 147, 108.2, 0, \$15,777.

### Fight schedule

April 18	At Turning Stone Resort & Casino, Verona, N.Y. "Boxing" middleweight semifinals: Willie Monroe Jr. vs. Willie Monroe Jr.; Brandon Adams vs. Raymond Gatica (8 rounds).
April 19	At Monroville (Pa.) Convention Center. Alexei Collado vs. Rod Saika, 10, lightweight.
April 19	At Illusions Theater, San Antonio. Alfonso Garcia vs. Jorge Silva, 5, welterweight; Raul Marín vs. Sergio Perales, 10, lightweight.
April 19	At Manchester, England. Scott O'Guin vs. Nicholas Green, 12, welterweight.
April 19	At the D. Armon. David Hogg vs. Beibut Shumenov, 12, for the WBA Super World-IBF light heavyweight titles; Peter Quillin vs. Lukas Konecny, 12, for Quillin's IBF light heavyweight title; Shaysi Bantist 7, 7, winnings.
April 23	At Osaka, Japan. Shinsuke Yamanaka vs. Stéphane Jamon, 12, for Yamanaka's WBC bantamweight title; Kiko Martinez vs. Hozumi Hanagasa, 12, for Martinez's

107.6, 0, \$17,825.
7. (4) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 147, 113.2, 0, \$19,810.
8. (9) Regan Smith, Chevrolet, 147, 113.2, 0, \$20,870.
9. (10) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 147, 93.3, 35, \$19,075.
10. (5) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 147, 87.4, 34, \$20,100.
11. (20) Brian Scott, Chevrolet, 147, 98.4, 34, \$20,100.
12. (46) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, 147, 84.2, 32, \$18,550.
13. (2) Ryan Reed, Ford, 147, 77.5, 31, 18, 550.
14. (23) J.J. Yeley, Dodge, 147, 77.7, 30, 18, 550.
15. (19) Josh Wise, Chevrolet, 147, 75.8, 0, \$18,550.
16. (20) Mike Bliss, Toyota, 147, 68.5, 28, 0, \$18,550.
17. (2) Mike Wallace, Dodge, 147, 66.1, 28, 0, \$18,550.
18. (25) Dakota Armstrong, Ford, 147, 57.3, 26, \$18,175.
19. (31) Kevin Leape, Chevrolet, 147, 52.9, 25, \$18,175.
20. (26) Jeffrey Earnhardt, Chevrolet, 147, 52.9, 25, \$18,175.
21. (30) Eric McClure, Toyota, 147, 48.2, 22, \$18,000.
22. (13) Brendan Gaughan, Chevrolet, accident, 146, 79.2, 22, \$17,345.
23. (21) Clint Kwasnikowski, Chevrolet, 146, 73.5, 21, \$17,345.
24. (22) James Buescher, Chevrolet, 146, 39.5, 20, \$17,820.
25. (22) James Buescher, Toyota, 144, 68.4, 19, \$18,250.
26. (22) Tanner Gray, Chevrolet, 144, 41.2, 18, 28, 0, \$18,250.
27. (28) John Berrill, Dodge, 144, 41.2, 18, 28, 0, \$18,250.
28. (29) Todd Bodine, Chevrolet, 143, 51, 28, 0, \$18,250.
29. (35) Derrick Coe, Chevrolet, 141, 35.4, 15, \$17,345.
30. (14) Jimmy Joe Martins, Dodge, 141, 39.2, 14, \$17,795.
31. (23) Justin Clements, Chevrolet, 140, 67.2, 13, \$17,440.
32. (11) Carl Conley, Chevrolet, 136, 51.2, 0, 13, \$17,440.
33. (39) Mike Buscher, Dodge, 136, 30.3, 0, 13, \$17,440.
34. (6) Chris Harmon, Ford, 119, 70, 0, 13, \$17,440.
35. (24) David Starr, Toyota, accident.
36. (7) Ryan Sieg, Chevrolet, accident.
37. (46) Blake Koch, Toyota, vibration.
38. (23) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, vibration.

### Claro Open Cosanitas

Friday at Club Campestre de Rancho Bogota, Colombia

Prize: \$250,000 (Intl)

Surface: Clay-Indoor

Singles

Chanelle Scheepers, South Africa, def. Lourdes Dominguez Lino (8), Spain, 6-2, 6-1.
Vania King (6), United States, def. Carla Suarez-Villa, Colombia, 7-6 (4), 7-5.
Yanina Jankovic (5), France, def. Romina Oprandi, Switzerland, 6-1, 7-5.
Johana Velasco (4), Argentina, def. Lara Arruabarrena, Spain, 6-4, 6-4.

### BNP Paribas Katowice Open

At Spodek Katowice, Poland

Prize: \$250,000 (Intl)

Surface: Hard-Indoor

Singles

Agnieszka Radwanska (1), Poland, def. Yvonne Meusburger (6), Austria, 6-4, 6-1.
Federico Coria (2), Argentina, def. Klara Koukalova (5), Czech Republic, 6-2, 0-6, 6-2.
Camilla Giorgi (1), def. Shahar Peer, Israel, 6-1, 6-4.
Margalita Rybakova (7), Slovakia, 6-2, 6-3.

### Grand Prix Hassan II

Friday at Complexe Sportif al Amal Casablanca, Morocco

Prize: \$665,000 (W750)

Surface: Hard-Outdoor

Singles

Marcel Granollers (1), Spain, def. Pablo Carreno Busta, Spain, 6-4 (6), 6-3, 6-0.
Victor Hanescu (2), Romania, 7-5 (4), 6-3.
Guillermo Garcia-Lopez (2), Spain, def. Benoit Paire (3), France, 7-5, 7-6 (4).
Roberto Carballes Baena, Spain, def. Andrej Krizanec (2), Slovenia, 6-2, 6-3.

## Tennis

### U.S. Men's Clay Court Championships

Friday at River Oaks Country Club, Houston

Prize: \$537,500 (W750)

Surface: Clay-Indoor

Singles

Fernando Verdasco (4), Spain, def. Donald Young, United States, 7-6 (1), 6-1.
Marcelo Meligeni (2), Argentina, def. Alejandro Gonzalez, Colombia, 6-4, 6-4.
Sam Querrey, United States, def. Dustin Brown, Germany, 6-2, 6-7 (6), 6-3.
Nicolas Ammon (3), Spain, def. Jack Sock, United States, 6-4, 6-4.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

# Elliott wins second straight Nationwide race

The Associated Press

DARLINGTON, S.C. — Chase Elliott missed his senior prom Friday, but wasn't too disappointed. "I had a good date tonight, the 'Lady in Black,' can't forget about that," he said, smiling.

The 18-year-old son of NASCAR great Bill Elliott raced to his second straight Nationwide Series victory, moving from fifth to first on the final two laps Friday night.

Elliott broke through for his first series win last week at Texas when he passed Sprint Cup veteran Kevin Harvick. At Darlington, Elliott moved past Sadler when the veteran got loose coming off Turn 2 on a restart two laps from the end.

Elliott drives for JR Motorsports, owned in part by Dale Earnhardt Jr. Earnhardt saw Bill Elliott at the Victory Lane celebration and asked how long it would be until Chase graduates — and gets to come to the race shop fulltime.

"He ain't even focusing on racing, he's in school," Earnhardt said. "Wait until he gets graduated, he's going to be really trouble for those other boys."

He's plenty of trouble for Nationwide competitors right now. At 18 years, 4 months, 14 days, he became the youngest in the series to win twice and the youngest winner at Darlington.

"I don't know that we expected to come and win races at least this fast," Elliott said.

Elliott will graduate next month on May 17, when the Nationwide Series is in Iowa. He plans to test in Iowa on Friday, return to Georgia on Saturday for his graduation ceremonies before flying back to the track for nighttime qualifying.

"I want to make mom happy. I know she's going to be excited about that one," he said.

Sadler held on for second while Joe Gibbs Racing teammate Matt Kenseth and Kyle Busch were third and fourth.

In other auto racing news:

■ Kevin Harvick won his first career pole at Darlington Raceway on Friday as he looks to chase his first Southern 500 in Darlington, S.C.

Harvick came out on top in the first knockout qualifying session at NASCAR's oldest superspeedway since the circuit made the change from single-car laps. Joey Logano, the winner Monday in Texas, was second, followed by Aric Almirola.

Almirola's teammate, Marcos Ambrose, was fourth, followed by Brad Keselowski, Jamie McMurray, Ryan Newman and Kyle Busch.

Points leader Jeff Gordon, a seven-time Darlington winner, will start ninth, with Denny Hamlin rounding out the top 10.

## Missouri football team dismisses wide receiver

ST. LOUIS — Missouri decided enough was enough.

Star wide receiver Dorial Green-Beckham, once heralded as the No. 1 recruit in the nation, has been kicked off the team.

The move was announced Friday, a day after police in Columbia, Mo., said no charges would be filed in a suspected burglary involving the player because of reluctant witnesses fearing retaliation.

"Dorial will no longer be a football player at Mizzou, will no longer be a student-athlete at Mizzou," athletic director Mike Alden said. "Our focus for him would be that he does the things necessary for him to either learn from these things that have taken place or to be able to grow."

Green-Beckham had been suspended indefinitely from the team, ranked No. 5 after a 12-win season last year, on Monday for unspecified violation of team rules. He met with Alden and coach Gary Pinkel that day.

Pinkel said Green-Beckham needs to be focused on getting



ANN HESSENFELT/AP

Tampa Bay left wing Ryan Malone was charged Saturday with DUI and possession of cocaine after a traffic stop, police said.

help, and that the school would do all it could. The decision was made by Pinkel in conjunction with Alden.

In other college football news: ■ Artificial turf will be installed at Notre Dame Stadium in time for the start of the upcoming football season.

Athletic director Jack Swarbrick said the university wanted to stay with natural grass, but said a combination of factors including the university holding commencement at the stadium in recent years has made it harder to maintain good field conditions.

Last year the university installed new sod at the stadium three times, including once in the middle of the season. Coach Brian Kelly had said previously he wanted FieldTurf installed.

The university announced during its spring Blue-Gold game Saturday that installation of FieldTurf will begin after the commencement ceremony on

May 18 and should be completed by Aug. 15.

The Irish open the season Aug. 30 at home against Rice.

## Lightning's Malone arrested for possession

TAMPA, Fla. — Tampa Bay Lightning left wing Ryan Malone was charged Saturday with DUI and possession of cocaine after a traffic stop, police said.

An officer saw Malone's SUV strike a curb after making a left turn from the center lane early Saturday, said Tampa Police Lt. Paul Luszczynski.

After being pulled over, Malone got out of his vehicle, and the officer smelled alcohol on his breath, Luszczynski said.

According to the police report, the officer also found 1.3 grams of cocaine in one of Malone's pockets.

Malone refused to take field

sobriety tests, but a breath test given at the jail recorded blood alcohol levels of 0.112 and 0.116 percent, Luszczynski said. Florida law considers a driver impaired at 0.08.

Malone was released from the Hillsborough County jail on \$2,500 bond. Jail records didn't show whether he had an attorney. Police impounded Malone's SUV.

## Verdasco advances to Clay Court semifinals

HOUSTON — Fourth-seeded Fernando Verdasco beat Donald Young Jr. 7-6 (1), 6-1 on Friday in the quarterfinals of the U.S. Men's Clay Court Championships.

Verdasco, from Spain, will face Santiago Giraldo in the semifinals Saturday. Giraldo beat Colombian compatriot Alejandro Gonzalez 6-3, 6-4.

Sam Querrey beat Dustin Brown 6-3, 6-7 (8), 6-3 to set up a semifinal against third-seeded Nicolas Pietrangola, a 6-2, 6-4 winner over Jack Sock.

In the doubles semifinals, top-seeded Bob and Mike Bryan beat Chris Guccione and Lleyton Hewitt 7-5, 6-3, and Verdasco and David Marrero topped Giraldo and Gonzalez 6-4, 6-2.

In other tennis news: ■ Eighth-seeded Guillermo Garcia-Lopez of Spain beat third-seeded Benoît Paire of France 7-5, 7-6 (4) on Friday to reach the semifinals of the Grand Prix Hassan II in Casablanca, Morocco.

Garcia-Lopez next faces qualifier Roberto Carballes Baena of Spain, who defeated Andrew Kuznetsov of Russia 6-4, 6-2.

Also, fourth-seeded Marcel Granollers of Spain had nine aces as he rallied to beat Pablo Carrero Busta 6-7 (4), 6-3, 6-0 in an all-Spanish match, breaking his opponent's serve six times.

He next faces No. 6 Federico Delbonis of Argentina, who beat Victor Hanescu 7-6 (5), 6-3, breaking the Romanian player's serve four times.

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NHL



Dallas goalie Karl Lehtonen, left, blocks a shot as St. Louis' Alexander Steen, center, and Dallas' Trevor Daley look on during the second period of Friday's game in Dallas. Lehtonen stopped 22 shots.

Roundup

# Stars shut out Blues, earn last playoff spot

The Associated Press

DALLAS — Trevor Daley had a goal and an assist, Karl Lehtonen recorded his fifth shutout of the season, and the Dallas Stars clinched their first playoff berth since 2008 with a 3-0 victory against the St. Louis Blues on Friday night.

The Stars missed the postseason a franchise-record five straight seasons after never going more than one without a playoff trip since moving to Dallas in 1993. The longest previous drought was three seasons in Minnesota in the early 1970s.

St. Louis, outshot 40-22, dropped its fifth straight game for the first time since February of last year. The playoff-bound Blues also jeopardized their shot at the top seed in the Western Conference.

Dallas' victory eliminated Phoenix in the race for the West's final playoff spot and kept the Stars from having to worry about a potential win-or-go-home game at the Coyotes on Sunday.

**Lightning 3, Blue Jackets 2:** Kristers Gudlevskis made 36 saves to win his NHL debut, Eric Brewer scored two goals, and host Tampa Bay beat Columbus.

Andrej Palat also scored for the Lightning, who took a one-point lead over Montreal for second place in the Atlantic Division. A runner-up finish would give Tampa Bay home-ice advantage in its first-round playoff series with the Canadiens.

**Islanders 3, Devils 2 (SO):** Frans Nielsen, Josh Bailey and Ryan Strome scored in the shootout, and visiting New York won in what might have been New Jersey goalie Martin Brodeur's final start. It hasn't been decided if the soon-to-be 42-year-

old Brodeur will start the season finale against Boston at home on Sunday.

**Sharks 5, Avalanche 1:** Marty Havlat scored three goals for the first time in nearly nine years, and host San Jose prevented Colorado from clinching the Central Division title.

Dan Boyle and Patrick Marleau also scored, and Alex Staalock made 32 saves for the Sharks, who had lost four of six to fall short in their race for first place in the Pacific Division.

**Hurricanes 2, Red Wings 1:** Cam Ward had 28 saves, and Carolina ended a quarter-century of regular-season victory in Detroit with a win.

The Hurricanes hadn't won a regular-season game at Detroit since Nov. 14, 1989, when they were still the Hartford Whalers. They won Game 1 of the 2002 Stanley Cup finals at Detroit, but that was their only victory of that series.

**Capitals 4, Blackhawks 0:** Alex Ovechkin scored his NHL-leading 51st goal to help lead host Washington to a low-intensity rout of coasting Chicago in a game between teams whose postseason fates had already been decided.

Jay Beagle had his first career two-goal game, and Nicklas Backstrom also scored as the Capitals won their fourth straight, a hollow winning streak because they won't be in the playoffs for the first time since 2007.

**Jets 5, Flames 3:** Paul Postma's third goal of the season at 9:16 of the third period was the winner in visiting Winnipeg's victory over Calgary.

Michael Frolik, Evander Kane, Carl Klingberg, also scored, and Blake Wheeler added an empty-net goal for Winnipeg (37-53-10).

## Scoreboard

### Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division		GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
z-Boston	80	53	18	9	115	259	113	125
x-Tampa Bay	81	45	27	9	99	239	215	215
x-Montreal	80	36	38	8	86	214	204	204
Metropolitan Division		GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
y-Pittsburgh	80	51	24	5	107	244	200	182
x-N.Y. Rangers	80	38	38	4	85	218	192	192
x-Philadelphia	80	41	30	9	91	227	226	226
Wild Card		GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-Columbus	81	42	32	7	91	228	214	214
x-Detroit	81	38	35	15	91	219	220	220
Washington	81	36	38	13	89	255	239	239
New Jersey	81	36	39	6	88	194	206	206
Ottawa	80	35	31	14	84	232	263	263
Toronto	81	35	35	8	84	231	255	255
Carolina	81	35	35	11	81	201	225	225
N.Y. Islanders	81	25	47	11	77	211	254	254
Florida	81	29	44	8	66	194	265	265
Buffalo	80	21	54	9	51	153	240	240

### Western Conference

Central Division		GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-Colorado	81	52	22	7	111	248	217	217
x-St. Louis	81	52	22	7	111	248	188	188
x-Chicago	81	40	35	15	107	262	213	213
Pacific Division		GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
y-Anaheim	80	50	8	112	259	204	198	198
x-San Jose	81	50	22	9	109	246	198	198
x-Los Angeles	81	42	28	7	99	203	170	170
Wild Card		GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-Minnesota	81	43	26	12	98	204	199	199
x-Dallas	81	40	34	11	91	224	226	226
Phoenix	80	36	29	15	87	212	227	227
Nashville	80	35	32	12	84	202	234	234
Winnipeg	82	37	35	10	84	227	217	217
Vancouver	80	31	41	11	78	199	217	217
Calgary	81	35	39	7	77	208	236	236
Edmonton	81	28	44	9	65	188	268	268

**NOTE:** Top three teams from each division and the next two teams from each conference with the most points qualify for the playoffs. Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.  
 x-clinched playoff spot  
 y-clinched division title  
 z-clinched conference title

### Thursday's games

Ottawa 2, New Jersey 1, SO  
 Winnipeg 2, Boston 1, SO  
 N.Y. Rangers 2, Buffalo 1, 2-2  
 Washington 5, Carolina 2  
 Tampa Bay 2, Montreal 0  
 Tampa Bay 4, Philadelphia 2  
 Florida 4, Toronto 2  
 Nashville 2, Phoenix 0  
 Minnesota 4, St. Louis 2  
 Los Angeles 3, Edmonton 0  
 Colorado 4, Vancouver 2

### Friday's games

N.Y. Islanders 3, New Jersey 2, SO  
 Washington 4, Chicago 0  
 Carolina 2, Detroit 1  
 Tampa Bay 3, Columbus 2  
 Dallas 3, St. Louis 0  
 Winnipeg 5, Calgary 3  
 San Jose 1, Colorado 1

### Saturday's games

Buffalo at Boston  
 Philadelphia at Pittsburgh  
 N.Y. Rangers at Montreal  
 Toronto at Ottawa  
 Columbus at Florida  
 Chicago at Nashville  
 San Jose at Phoenix  
 Vancouver at Edmonton  
 Anaheim at Los Angeles

### Sunday's games

Detroit at Los Angeles  
 Boston at New Jersey  
 Carolina at Philadelphia  
 Tampa Bay at Washington  
 N.Y. Islanders at Buffalo  
 Montreal at Chicago  
 Nashville at Minnesota  
 Dallas at St. Louis  
 Calgary at Vancouver  
 Dallas at Phoenix  
 Dallas at Phoenix

### End regular season

### Friday

**Capitals 4, Blackhawks 0**  
 Chicago 0 0 0  
 Washington 2 2 0 4  
**First Period**—1. Washington, Ovechkin (18) (1-0); 2. Chicago, Backstrom (2); 3. Washington, Beagle (3) (Orlov, Kuznetsov), 16:16.  
**Second Period**—1. Washington, Backstrom (2) (Ovechkin, Alzola); 2. Washington, Beagle (4) (Chimera, Ward), 16:16.  
**Third Period**—1. Chicago, Crawford (2) (Staal, Backstrom); 2. Washington, Beagle (5) (Chimera, Ward), 17:37—27.  
**Goalies**—Chicago, Crawford (26-16-10); Washington, Beagle (30-14-0) (0:30 third, 7-7).  
**Washington, Hakik 29-137 (34-34).**  
 A—18,506 (15,260) T—21,6.

### Lightning 3, Blue Jackets 2

Columbus 0 1 1-2  
 Tampa Bay 2 0 1-2  
**First Period**—1. Tampa Bay, Palat 23 (Kane, Backstrom); 2. Columbus, Jenner 14 (Johnson, Johansen), 13:46 (pp.); 3. Tampa Bay, Palat (14:54).  
**Second Period**—1. Tampa Bay, Brewer 4 (Kostka, Panik), 18:06.  
**Third Period**—5. Columbus, Savard 5 (Jenner, Comeau), 16:37.  
**Goalies**—Columbus 14-13-11; Tampa Bay 8-11-3-22.  
**Power-play opportunities**—Columbus 1 of 3; Tampa Bay 4 of 3.  
**Goals**—Columbus, McElhinney 10-11 (11-11); Tampa Bay, Palat 10-11 (10-11).  
**Goalies**—Columbus, McElhinney 10-11 (11-11); Tampa Bay, Gudlevskis 1-0-0 (38-36).  
 A—18,686 (19,200) T—2,220.

### Hurricanes 2, Red Wings 1

Carolina 2 0 0-2  
**First Period**—1. Carolina, Lindholm 9 (Loktion, Harrison), 8:15 (pp.); 2. Carolina, Turley 16 (E. Staal, Faulk), 16:24.  
**Second Period**—1. Carolina, Turley 16 (E. Staal, Faulk), 16:24.  
**Third Period**—3. Detroit, Sheahan 8 (Jurco, Tatar), 3:45 (pp).  
**Shots on Goal**—Carolina 8-7-4-19. Detroit 11-9-9-25.  
**Power-play opportunities**—Carolina 1 of 2; Detroit 1 of 2.  
**Goalies**—Carolina, Ward 10-12-6 (29 shots, 28 saves); Detroit, Howard 21-19-11 (43-47).  
 A—20,066 (20,066) T—2,222.

### Islanders 3, Devils 2 (SO)

N.Y. Islanders 3 0 0-3  
 New Jersey 2 0 0 0-2  
**N.Y. Islanders won shootout 3-1.**  
**First Period**—1. N.Y. Islanders, Lee 7 (Nielsen), 10:04; 2. New Jersey, Carter 7 (Bernier, Giroux), 11:03; 3. New Jersey, Elias 18 (T.Zajac, Jagr), 19:51.  
**Second Period**—4. N.Y. Islanders, Strome 7 (Nielsen, Donovan), 1:19 (pp).  
**Shootout**—N.Y. Islanders 3 (Nielsen G, Bailey G, Strome G); New Jersey 1 (Gruner G, Jagr NG).  
**Shots on Goal**—N.Y. Islanders 4-13-9-27.  
**Power-play opportunities**—N.Y. Islanders 1 of 3; New Jersey 0 of 1.  
**Goalies**—N.Y. Islanders, Nilsson 7-7-2 (27 shots, 25 saves); New Jersey, Brodeur 18-14-6 (30-28).  
 A—15,858 (17,625) T—2,239.

### Stars 3, Blues 0

St. Louis 0 0 0-0  
 Dallas 3 0 0 0-3  
**Dallas 3, St. Louis 0.**  
**First Period**—1. Dallas, Daley 9 (Ja, Goligoski, Fiedor), 3:29 (pp).  
**Second Period**—11. Dallas, Garbutt 17 (Goligoski, Fiedor), 4:27.  
**Third Period**—3. Dallas, Garbutt 17 (Goligoski, Fiedor), 11:58 (pp).  
**Shots on Goal**—St. Louis 9-6-7-22.  
**Power-play opportunities**—St. Louis 0 of 2; Dallas 1 of 4.  
**Goalies**—St. Louis, Miller 25-29-4 (40 shots, 37 saves); Dallas, Lehner 33-20-10 (38-36).  
 A—18,532 (18,532) T—2,230.

### Jets 5, Flames 3

Winnipeg 2 1 2-5  
 Calgary 3 0 0-3  
**Calgary 3, Winnipeg 2.**  
**First Period**—1. Winnipeg, Frolik 3 (Truhlar, Stuart), 7:23; 2. Winnipeg, Kane 19 (Lalite, Parry), 11:58.  
**Second Period**—3. Calgary, Hudler 17 (Stajan, Brodie), 1:04; 4. Winnipeg, Klingberg 1 (Cormier), 1:04; 5. Winnipeg, Klingberg 1 (Monahan 22 (Hudler, Glenross), 11:45 (pp.); 6. Calgary, Russell 7 (Borrer, Giordano), 12:10 (pp).  
**Third Period**—1. Winnipeg, Postma 1 (Peluso, Cormier), 9:16; 8. Winnipeg, Wheeler 28 (Gökmen, 19:03 (en)).  
**Shots on Goal**—Winnipeg 14-8-27. Calgary 8-12-18-38.  
**Power-play opportunities**—Winnipeg 0 of 2; Calgary 2 of 5.  
**Goalies**—Winnipeg, Hutchinson 2-1-0 (38 shots-35 saves); Calgary, Ramo 17-14-4 (26-29) (19,289) T—2,311.

### Sharks 5, Avalanche 1

Colorado 0 1 0-1  
 San Jose 2 0 3-5  
**San Jose 2, Colorado 1.**  
**First Period**—1. San Jose, Boyle 2 (Thornburn, Burns), 3:01; 2. San Jose, Marleau 33 (Halvort, O'Reilly), 10:11.  
**Second Period**—1. Colorado, Bordeleau 10 (Couture, Marleau), 5:26; 5. San Jose, Havlat 11 (Keane, Biedermann), 13:40; 6. San Jose, Havlat 12 (Couture, Marleau), 17:16.  
**Third Period**—1. Colorado, Bordeleau 10 (Couture, Marleau), 5:26; 5. San Jose, Havlat 11 (Keane, Biedermann), 13:40; 6. San Jose, Havlat 12 (Couture, Marleau), 17:16.  
**Shots on Goal**—Colorado 11-11-11-33. San Jose 20-12-12-44.  
**Power-play opportunities**—Colorado 0 of 5; Colorado, Berra 9-18-5 (63 goals-3 saves), Giguere (10:11 first, 24-22).  
**Goalies**—Winnipeg, Hutchinson 2-1-0 (38 shots-35 saves); Calgary, Ramo 17-14-4 (26-29) (19,289) T—2,311.

### Scoring leaders

Through	GP	G	A	Pts
Sidney Crosby, Pitt	81	36	67	103
Corey Beckler, Anh	76	31	56	87
Patrick Marleau, Tor	81	29	52	88
Ryan Getry, Ann	80	29	39	82
Claude Giroux, Phi	80	28	55	82
Paul Stastny, Chi	81	27	49	82
Alex Ovechkin, Was	77	25	58	78
Patrick Kane, Chi	81	24	49	78
Nicklas Backstrom, Was	81	21	61	79
Patrick Sharp, Chi	81	21	57	74
Joe Thornton, SJ	81	21	57	74
2 tied with 72 pts.				

### Calendar

**April 13** — Last day of regular season.  
**April 16** — Stanley Cup Playoffs begin.  
**May 25-31** — NHL combine in Toronto.  
**June 18** — Last possible day for Stanley Cup Finals.  
**June 25** — NHL awards, Las Vegas.  
**July 1** — NHL draft, Philadelphia.  
**July 1** — Free agency begins.  
**July 5** — Deadline for player-elected salary arbitration.  
**July 6** — Deadline for club-elected salary arbitration notification.

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American League

Table with columns: TEAM BATTING, AB, R, H, HR, RBI, AVG. Rows include Chicago, Baltimore, New York, Boston, Texas, Tampa Bay, Minnesota, Kansas City, Cleveland, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, Oakland, Seattle, Toronto, Houston.

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National League

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AL roundup

# Red Sox, Lester top Yankees

The Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — Grady Sizemore hit a three-run homer in the sixth inning and the Boston Red Sox finally gave Jon Lester enough run support for his first win of the year, 4-2 over the New York Yankees on Friday night.

Jonny Gomes homered leading off the sixth against CC Sabathia (1-2), and the four-run inning was more than Boston had scored for Lester in his first two starts combined. Despite a 2.51 ERA coming in, Lester (1-2) was at risk of falling to 0-3 for the first time in his career.

**Blue Jays 2, Orioles 0:** Dustin McGowan allowed five hits over 6½ innings to earn his first win since 2008, and Toronto used two unearned runs to beat Chris Tillman and host Baltimore.

**Rangers 1, Astros 0 (12):** Yu Darvish took a perfect game into the sixth inning and Texas finally finished off visiting Houston on Robinson Chirinos' RBI single in the 12th.

**White Sox 9, Indians 6:** Conor Gillaspie had a career-high four RBIs, leading Chris Sale and host Chicago over Cleveland.

**Twins 10, Royals 1:** Chris Colabello drove in three runs, Kyle Gibson pitched into the seventh inning and Minnesota beat Kansas City to end a nine-game home losing streak that dated to last season.

**Mariners 6, Athletics 4:** At Seattle, Felix Hernandez (3-0) took a shutout into the eighth and struck out 11, and Mike Zunino and Brad Miller both homered.

Hernandez became the first Seattle pitcher to win three times in the first nine games of a season.

Interleague

**Angels 5, Mets 4 (11):** Hank Conger was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded in the 11th inning after rookie Jeury Familia (0-2) intentionally walked the previous two batters, handing host Los Angeles a narrow win.



Joe C. Hong/AP

The Angels' Hank Conger is hit by a pitch with the bases loaded in the 11th inning of Friday's game against the Mets.



Lloyd Fox, Baltimore Sun/MCT

**Orioles manager Buck Showalter argues with first-base umpire Will Little at Oriole Park at Camden Yards in Baltimore last June. Baseball's adoption of expanded use of instant replay could lead to fewer altercations between managers and umpires as arguments give way to challenges.**

## Replay: Rants may be thing of the past

There might even be healthier shoulders for RBIs, too, as they make fewer emphatic, wind-up ejection signals to send a manager to the showers.

Through Wednesday's games, in a count by MLB and STATS, there had been 64 replays with 21 of those overturned — 19 of 48 on manager challenges, and two among 16 umpire-initiated reviews such as the one requested by Francona.

"I think some of the longer heated arguments are gone," San Francisco Giants manager Bruce Bochy said. "You'll just challenge now."

There were 85 total managerial ejections in 2013, and 82 players thrown out.

The new rules could dramatically change the tone of watching a game. After all, the rants that Bobby Cox, Lou Piniella and Earl Weaver became known for are part of baseball history, offering plenty of entertainment value.

Weaver, who managed the Orioles for 17 years, would certainly protest. Never one to shy away from an animated altercation, the late Hall of Fame manager used to kick dirt at umpires or onto home plate. Piniella, who managed the Yankees, Mariners, Cubs and two other teams, had a penchant for tossing a base or putting his cap during a tantrum. Newly elected Hall of Famer Cox retired from the Braves in 2010 with most managerial ejections in major league history at 158.

Angels pitcher Jered Weaver figures plenty of fans will miss that in-your-face interaction between manager and umpire.

"There are a lot of fans that come for that reason — the aggressive coach, or the taking out of bases," he said. "But at the same time, we're in an era where we want to get everything right."

In some managers' offices, reminder cards hang from bulletin boards with lists of what plays a manager can challenge under the new expanded replay and which ones are up to umpire discretion and can be requested by the manager.

The art of the trade has long been about more than letting tempers flare. There's a psychological component: Those classic, highlight-reel encounters with umpires often are a manager's way of backing up a player or defending his team.

"I think a part of the game is that interaction between the manager and the umpire, because sometimes managers use that for the motivation of the team to let them know, 'I'm in this with you,'" for-

mer Mets and White Sox manager Jerry Manuel said. "Bobby Cox was the best at that, the best at protecting his players at all cost: 'We are against that team and we are against these umpires.'"

On opening day in Milwaukee, Braves manager Fredi Gonzalez became the first skipper to issue a challenge when first-base umpire Greg Gibson ruled Ryan Braun safe at first in the sixth inning. Gibson's call was overturned, and Gonzalez shrugged with a slight smile as if to say, "I told you so."

There's some strategy involved for first-year Tigers manager Brad Ausmus when making a challenge. It's a different approach now that arguments are likely to be less common.

"Normally the manager would go out there to scream and yell but it doesn't make sense to go out there and scream and yell if they know you have a challenge," Ausmus said. "In essence, I'm really just taking my time getting out there so we can get a determination from our video room as to whether we should use the challenge. It's a little awkward because I really don't have much to say."

For many veteran managers, keeping relatively quiet is a strange concept that forces an adjustment. In April 2013, 11 managers were ejected. A seasonal decline is certainly expected under the new rules, though a manager can still be tossed for griping about balls and strikes.

"I don't think it eliminates them. I think it cuts them down on them, because once they go look at replay, then you're basically told not to come back out," Oakland manager Bob Melvin said. "If you do, then you'll probably get thrown out of the game pretty quickly."

Pittsburgh's Clint Hurdle figures managers might leave the ballpark at night with some pent-up frustration on occasion when they haven't had a chance to blow off steam at an umpire.

"They will still happen," he said of tantrums, "if not at the game, when they get home."

NL roundup

# Ramirez blast lifts Brewers

The Associated Press

**MILWAUKEE** — Aramis Ramirez hit a two-run homer that backed Wily Peralta, and the Milwaukee Brewers extended their winning streak to seven with a 4-2 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates on Friday night.

Francisco Liriano befuddled the Brewers with his slider over the first three innings before Ramirez sent a 1-2 fastball over the left-field wall for a 2-0 lead.

At 8-2 on the year, the Brewers are off to their best start since opening with 13 wins in 1987.

Liriano (0-2) struck out seven over six innings. He was charged with four runs and four hits.

**Phillies 6, Marlins 3:** Marlon Byrd drove in two runs and host Philadelphia knocked around Jose Fernandez in one of his worst major league starts, beating Miami to snap a four-game skid.

Fernandez, last season's NL Rookie of the Year, was tagged for eight hits and a career-worst six earned runs in four-plus innings. The right-hander walked four, matching a career high, and struck out six.

**Braves 7, Nationals 6 (10):** Jordan Schafer scored from first base on Justin Upton's blop single to right field with two outs in the 10th inning, giving host Atlanta the win.

**Dodgers 6, Diamondbacks 0:** Hyun-Jin Ryu pitched seven innings of two-hit ball and Adrian Gonzalez drove in five runs for visiting Los Angeles.

**Cubs 6, Cardinals 3 (11):** Wellington Castillo hit a three-run homer off closer Trevor Rosenthal in the 11th inning, leading visiting Chicago to the win.

**Giants 6, Rockies 5:** At San Francisco, Madison Bumgarner hit a grand slam and drove in a career-high five runs to overcome a shaky outing on the mound.

Interleague

**Padres 6, Tigers 0:** Andrew Cashner threw his second career one-hitter and struck out a career-high 11, and Chase Headley hit a two-run homer for host San Diego.

The Padres hit Rick Porcello (1-1) hard, collecting 10 hits in his 6½ innings. He allowed five runs and struck out five.

**Rays 2, Reds 1:** David Price took a shutout into the ninth and Matt Joyce homered, helping Tampa Bay earn its first victory in Cincinnati.

The teams have a brief and lopsided interleague history. The Reds had won eight of their nine previous games, with Tampa Bay's only win coming at Tropicana Field on June 28, 2011, on Evan Longoria's game-ending homer.



# MASTERS

## Scoreboard

**Friday**  
At Augusta National Golf Club  
Augusta, Ga.  
Yardage: 7,435; Par: 72  
Second Round  
a-amateur

Bubba Watson	69-68-137	-7
John Sandgren	72-68-140	-4
Thomas Bjorn	73-68-141	-3
Jonas Bjork	70-71-141	-3
Adam Scott	69-72-141	-3
Jordan Spieth	71-70-141	-3
Fred Couples	71-71-142	-2
Jim Furyk	74-68-142	-2
Jimmy Walker	73-70-143	-2
Jimmy Donaldson	73-70-143	-2
Stephen Gallacher	71-72-143	-1
Russell Henley	73-70-143	-1
Kevin Stadler	70-73-143	-1
Kevin Streelman	72-71-143	-1
G. Fernandez-Castano	75-69-144	E
Lucas Glover	75-69-144	E
Matt Kuchar	73-71-144	E
Louis Oosthuizen	69-75-144	E
Grant Snedeker	70-74-144	E
Lee Westwood	73-71-144	E
K.J. Choi	70-75-145	E
Stewart Cink	73-72-145	+1
Henrik Stenson	73-72-145	+1
Steve Stricker	72-73-145	+1
Mike Weir	73-72-145	+1
Steven Bowditch	74-72-146	+2
Brendon de Jonghe	74-72-146	+2
Rickie Fowler	71-75-146	+2
Bill Haas	68-78-146	+2
Bernhard Langer	74-72-146	+2
Hunter Mahan	74-72-146	+2
Larry Mize	74-72-146	+2
Theodoris Oleson	74-72-146	+2
Ian Poulter	76-70-146	+2
Justin Rose	76-70-146	+2
Vijay Singh	75-71-146	+2
a-Oliver Ross	75-72-147	+3
Billy Horschel	75-72-147	+3
Thongchai Jaidee	73-74-147	+3
Miguel Angel Jimenez	71-76-147	+3
Martin Kaymer	75-72-147	+3
Chris Kirk	75-72-147	+3
Francesco Molinari	71-76-147	+3
Nick Watney	73-74-147	+3
Gary Woodland	70-77-147	+3
Darren Clarke	74-74-148	+4
Jason Day	75-73-148	+4
Sandy Lyle	76-72-148	+4
Joost Luiten	75-73-148	+4
Rory McIlroy	71-77-148	+4
Jose Maria Olazabal	74-74-148	+4

**Failed to qualify**

Sang-Moon Bae	72-77-149	+5
Luke Donald	79-10-149	+5
Victor Dubuisson	74-75-149	+5
Ernie Els	75-74-149	+5
a-Matthew Fitzpatrick	76-73-149	+5
Sergio Garcia	74-75-149	+5
Marc Leishman	70-79-149	+5
Phil Mickelson	76-73-149	+5
Ryan Moore	77-72-149	+5
Charl Schwartzel	73-76-149	+5
Webb Simpson	74-75-149	+5
Harris English	74-76-150	+6
Zach Johnson	78-72-150	+6
Graeme McDowell	72-78-150	+6
D.A. Points	78-72-150	+6
Ian Woosnam	77-73-150	+6
Ken Duke	75-76-151	+7
John Huh	75-76-151	+7
Dustin Johnson	77-74-151	+7
Hideki Matsuyama	80-71-151	+7
Angel Cabrera	78-74-152	+8
Graham DeLaet	80-72-152	+8
Derek Ernst	76-76-152	+8
Matt Jones	74-78-152	+8
Davon Sneyd	78-74-152	+8
Matteo Manassero	71-81-152	+8
Mark O'Meara	75-77-152	+8
Patrick Reed	73-79-152	+8
Keegan Bradley	75-78-153	+9
Robert Castro	73-80-153	+9
Branden Grace	84-69-153	+9
Trevi Ryan	80-73-153	+9
a-Chang-woo Lee	80-74-154	+10
Jason Dufner	77-77-154	+10
Y.E. Yang	77-77-155	+10
Matt Every	81-74-155	+11
a-Jordan Niebrugge	79-76-155	+11
Scott Stallings	75-80-155	+11
a-Garrick Porteous	76-80-156	+12
Boo Weekley	73-83-156	+12
Tommy Fleetwood	78-78-156	+12
Peter Hanson	78-81-159	+15
Craig Stadler	82-77-159	+15
Tom Watson	78-82-159	+15
a-Michael McCoy	78-83-161	+17
Ben Crenshaw	83-85-168	+24



Bubba Watson, above, bites his club after his tee shot on the 15th hole during the second round of the Masters on Friday in Augusta, Ga. Below, Rory McIlroy hits from the azaleas on No. 13. Watson was atop the leaderboard at 7-under par after play on Friday, while McIlroy narrowly avoided missing the cut at 4-over.

AP photos

# Boring Bubba

## Watson keeping it simple in pursuit of second green jacket

By PAUL NEWBERRY  
The Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Bubba Watson wants to keep it simple. None of those wild shots off the straw or from behind a tree. Bubba golf? Not this time at the Masters.

Boring golf is more like it. "It's not science here," Watson said. "It's try to hit the greens. And if you're hitting the greens, that means you're obviously hitting your tee shots well. So that's all I'm trying to do is just hit the greens ... maybe throw in a birdie here or there. That's what I've done the last two days and it's worked out so far."

If Watson can keep it going another two days, he'll be collecting his second green jacket Sunday evening. The left-hander put up another round in the 60s on Friday, seizing control with a dazzling five-hole stretch on the back side at Augusta National, posting nothing but birdies from the 12th to the 16th. Watson was only the fifth player in Masters history to pull off that feat.

Even after missing a short putt and taking bogey at the 18th, he finished with a 4-under 68 for a three-stroke lead heading to a warm, sunny weekend, with temperatures expected to climb into the low 80s both days.

Two-time major champion Rory McIlroy, who barely made the cut, went out first Saturday with non-competing marker Jeff Knox, a top amateur player who also happens to be a member of Augusta National. Speeding around the course, McIlroy shot a 1-over 37 on the front side.

The best start among the early players was turned in by Gary Woodland, who birdied the first hole and made an eagle at the par-5 second.

The leader's 7-under 137 proved the biggest 36-hole advantage at the Masters since Chad Campbell was up by three shots in 2006.

Watson hopes it works out better for him than it did for Campbell, who soared to a 75 on that Saturday eight years ago and wound up three shots behind winner Phil Mickelson. "Just keep my head down, try

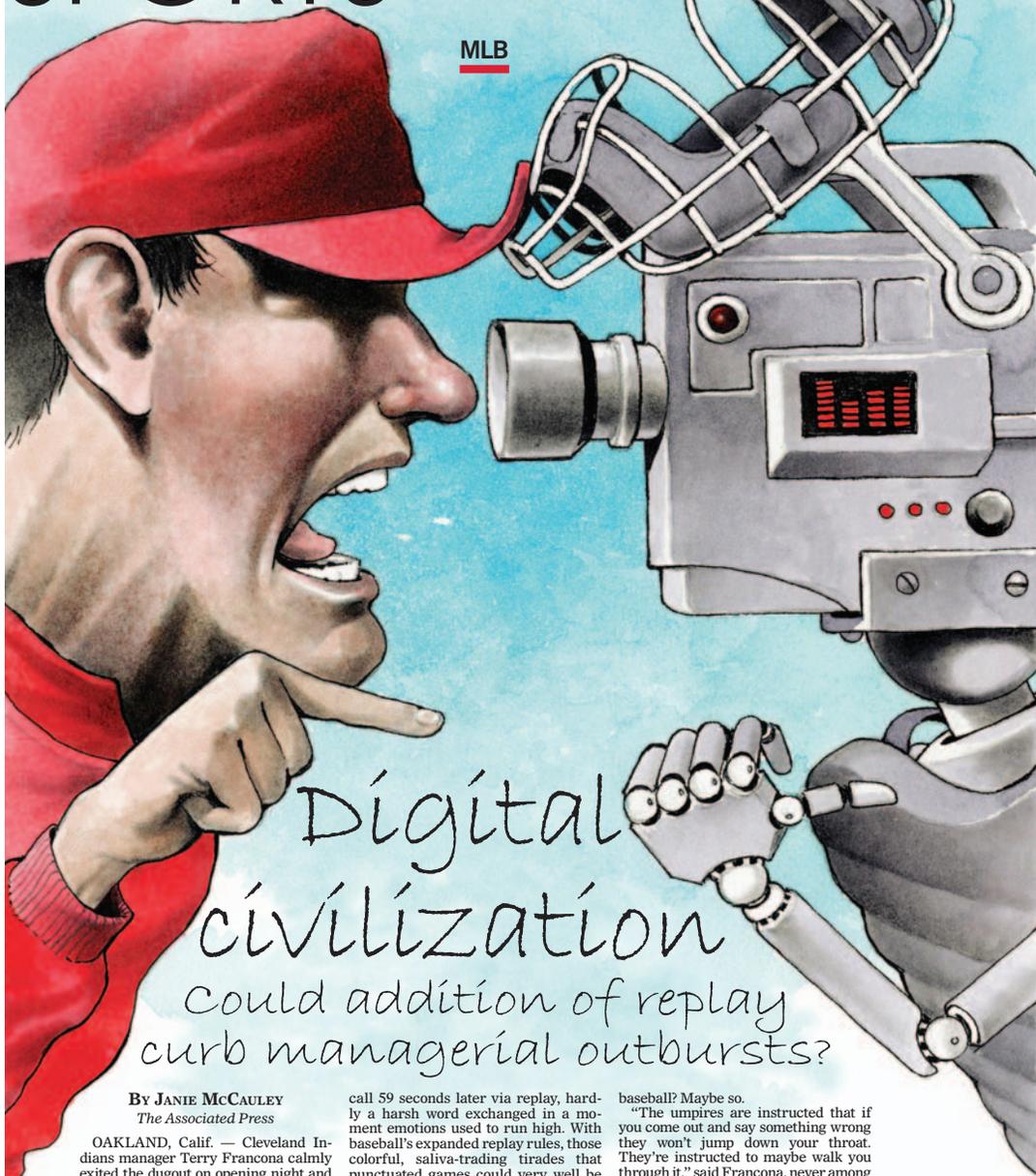


DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP  
Bill Haas looks for his ball after hitting out of a bunker on the first fairway during the second round of the Masters on Saturday in Augusta, Ga.

not to focus on the crowds cheering for me and stuff," Watson said. "Trying to stay level, not too energized, not too excited." When Watson captured his first green jacket two years ago, he memorably played a style dubbed "Bubba golf" — raw skill and wild imagination, culminating with a memorable shot from far off the 10th fairway that beat Louis Oosthuizen in a playoff. There was nothing outlandish about his birdie spree Friday, just brilliance and power on a demanding day of crispy greens and swirling wind. Watson missed only eight greens the first two days. He made only two bogeys in 36 holes.

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Digital  
civilization  
Could addition of replay  
curb managerial outbursts?

**By JANIE McCAULEY**  
*The Associated Press*

OAKLAND, Calif. — Cleveland Indians manager Terry Francona calmly exited the dugout on opening night and approached home plate umpire Mike Winters with a rather polite request that he review a collision at the plate. Winters obliged, then confirmed his

call 59 seconds later via replay, hardly a harsh word exchanged in a moment emotions used to run high. With baseball's expanded replay rules, those colorful, saliva-trading tirades that punctuated games could very well be replaced by far more civilized behavior around big league ballparks this year.

Fewer four-letter words? Manners in

baseball? Maybe so.

"The umpires are instructed that if you come out and say something wrong they won't jump down your throat. They're instructed to maybe walk you through it," said Francona, never among the most fiery managers, but one with lower stress levels since leaving Boston. "Everybody is learning."

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