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THE NEW DRILL SERGEANT

ARMY PROGRAM THAT TRAINS INSTRUCTORS CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

By JEFF WILKINSON ■ The State (Columbia, S.C.)

Drill sergeant Danielle Brooks watched patiently as a squad of recruits at Fort Jackson tried haplessly to get a bloodied mannequin, representing a wounded soldier, across an imaginary creek. They were allowed to use only a zip line, stretcher, two carabiner clips and some nylon rope. They fumbled. They fussed. They failed.

"Time's up," Brooks barked. "You just killed your battle buddy. How's it feel?"

In the old Army, this probably would be accompanied by a torrent of curses and oaths. Butts would be kicked. But this is the new Army and Brooks just shakes her head, sternly calls the group together and starts teaching the recruits the right way to do the exercise.

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GERRY MELLENDZ, THE STATE (COLUMBIA, S.C.)/MCT

Sgt. 1st Class Viviana Veliz yells out orders to privates of Company B, 2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment, as they navigate an endurance course at Fort Jackson in Columbia, S.C.

DOD: US ready to go on offense against militants

By CHRIS CARROLL
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — After weeks of airstrikes that have been tactically effective but oriented toward defense, the United States military is preparing to go on offense against Islamic State militants, the Pentagon said Friday.

"I think you can expect we are going to be more aggressive going forward," Pentagon press secretary Rear Adm.

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Rear Adm. John Kirby
Pentagon press secretary

John Kirby told reporters Friday. About 160 airstrikes during the last month have limited insurgents' ability to operate freely in Iraq, and have allowed Iraqi

and Kurdish forces to retake key infrastructure and defend threatened populations, he said. The airstrikes began after insurgents sent Iraqi army divisions scurry-

ing as they swept across northern Iraq and approached Irbil, a city in the Kurdistan region where U.S. troops are working in a joint operations center with local forces.

But now the U.S. military is prepared to greatly expand its operations to carry out a policy aimed at destruction of the group, as announced Wednesday by President Barack Obama in a nationally televised speech.

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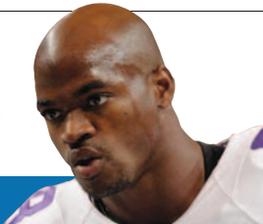
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"We saw so many terrible things when the terrorists entered Mosul that we may never have this feeling of home again."

— Abdul-Rahman Odaï, who fled the Islamic State group's attack on Mosul, Iraq

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Search continues for pilot in Pacific

The Associated Press

LEMOORE, Calif. — Rescuers searched an area of the far western Pacific Ocean Saturday for a Navy fighter pilot whose jet was one of two that crashed west of Wake Island.

One pilot ejected safely after Friday's crash but the other was missing and the subject of a search off the U.S. territory, the Navy said.

The F/A-18C Hornets were from Carrier Air Wing 17 based at Naval Air Station Lemoore in California's San Joaquin Valley. The air wing is embarked on the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson.

The crash occurred at 5:40 p.m. local time about 290 miles west of Wake Island, Navy Cmdr. Jeannie Groeneveld said from San Diego. The island is 2,300 miles west of Honolulu.

Groeneveld said she couldn't release details of the crash, but an investigation already had started.

The rescued pilot was in fair condition in the medical department of the Carl Vinson, she said.

All other aircraft that were airborne at the time safely returned to the ship.

The search for the missing pilot involved the guided-missile cruiser USS Bunker Hill, the guided-missile destroyer USS Gridley, the USS Spertell, the USS Dewey and two helicopter squadrons.

There was no sign of the pilot or the jets in the water as of Saturday afternoon, said Joshua Karsten, a public affairs officer for the U.S. 7th Fleet.



JOHN PHILIP WAGNER, COURTESY OF THE U.S. NAVY/AP

An MH-60S Sea Hawk helicopter lands the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson during search-and-rescue operations for a missing pilot in the western Pacific Ocean on Friday.

Groeneveld said a few hours later that the pilot hadn't been located and the search was still underway.

The jets involved in the crash were from Strike Fighter Squadron 94 and Strike Fighter Squadron 113.

"Our thoughts and prayers go out to all involved," Groeneveld said.

The Carl Vinson strike group team departed San Diego on Aug. 22 for what was announced as a 9½-month deployment.

The F/A-18C is a twin-engine, single-seat

strike fighter, designed to function both as a fighter — in roles such as engaging enemy aircraft — and as an attack aircraft, bombing ground targets for example. Fifty-six feet long and with a wingspan of 40 feet, Hornet C models have been deployed since the late 1980s.

Built by prime contractor McDonnell Douglas, the jets are capable of flying at speeds greater than Mach 1.7 and altitudes of more than 50,000 feet, according to the Navy.

Navy helicopter rescues sailor from Atlantic

A Norfolk-based Navy helicopter crew rescued a sailor stranded in the Atlantic Ocean late Thursday off the coast of South Carolina.

The Navy is investigating how a sailor from the amphibious transport dock New York ended up in the sea. The ship initiated a search-and-rescue mission when the sailor didn't show up for muster.

An MH-60R Seahawk helicopter from the Norfolk-based guided missile destroyer Jason Dunham located the sailor. A rescue swimmer was lowered into the water, recovering the sailor just after 11 p.m.

The rescued sailor was being treated in the ship's medical department for minor injuries.

From The Virginian-Pilot

The Associated Press

Officials rip VA's handling of Waco brain research program

AUSTIN, Texas — Two members of the U.S. House Veterans' Affairs Committee have expressed concern over the ability of the Department of Veterans Affairs to handle a costly brain research program in Waco.

U.S. Rep. Jeff Miller, R-Fla., and U.S. Rep. Bill Flores, R-Texas, said in a statement Thursday that the VA is mismanaged and cannot successfully handle the project at the Waco Center of Excellence for Research on Returning War Veterans.

"With Traumatic Brain Injury being the signature wound of our recent conflicts, every research

resource must be used to its full potential," Miller said. "VA must hold employees accountable if that potential is squandered. So far, VA has failed to do that."

Flores agreed, adding that the program should be handled by a different agency, such as the National Institutes of Health.

"I just don't trust the VA on something like this," said Flores, whose district includes Waco. "They have proven themselves not to be worthy of taxpayer funds."

The brain imaging research program was originally touted as a groundbreaking program that would provide insight into traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress disorder. But a

recent investigation by the Austin American-Statesman found the 6-year-old project has cost millions of dollars, including a \$3.6 million mobile brain scanner that hasn't been used in three years, and hasn't produced any results.

The U.S. House Veterans' Affairs Committee has requested information from the VA about the center's performance. Flores said he and his fellow committee members hope to determine "what went wrong" and "who's responsible."

More than 350,000 servicemen who served in Iraq or Afghanistan suffer from PTSD and more than 300,000 suffer from traumatic brain injuries.

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MILITARY

Elite Army school may soon open to women

By ADAM ASHTON

The (Tacoma, Wash.) News Tribune

After 32 rejections, Lt. Della Smith-Del Rosario might finally get permission to attend the Army's grueling Ranger School.

She's been trying to get into the school — one of the military's most intense proving grounds — for years, but she's been blocked by a policy barring women from attending the two-month Ranger training course at Georgia's Fort Benning.

Friday, the Army announced that it's seeking female candidates for the spring 2015 Ranger School course. By January, the Army will announce whether it will admit female soldiers to the program.

It's a milestone in the Army's integration of women into more front-line combat positions that some hope will lead to female soldiers gaining more opportunities to serve in elite Special Operations units, such as the Army Rangers.

"I want the opportunity to bring what I offer to a Ranger," said Smith-Del Rosario, a military intelligence officer on assignment in Kuwait.

Friday's announcement follows a January 2013 decision to open traditionally all-male military positions to women unless officials present a compelling reason to prohibit female troops from a particular assignment.

Since then, the Army has opened six career specialties and 55,000 positions to women, according to an Army "stand to" message to troops about the pending Ranger School decision. Infantry and front-line positions in Special Operations remain all male, for the time being.

The Army is gauging interest in combat postings among its female soldiers through a survey carried out last year by its Training and Doctrine Command.

About 20 percent of female respondents indicated moderate or high interest in serving in combat assignments, such as infantry or special operations. About 8 percent reported having a high interest in those fields.

"The Army's goal is to better manage the talent, competence and performance of all soldiers, ensuring they have the opportunities to maximize their potential, capabilities and contributions," the "stand to" message said.

But the possibility of assigning women to Special Operations teams has been one of the most hotly debated aspects of the Pentagon's gender-integration plan, even as female soldiers have been taking on new responsibilities in combat units.

Most often, critics voice concern that female troops will not be able to meet the physical demands of prolonged combat with Special Forces teams. The most physically demanding military training course



CHARLES AN/Courtesy of the U.S. Army

Instructors demonstrate rappel techniques during a Ranger School graduation class in February.

open to women is the Marine Infantry Officer Candidate School. As of March, 14 women had attempted the course since the fall of 2012, but none had passed, according to The Washington Post.

"In my opinion, it is a waste of time and my money to send women to Ranger School," said LeRoy Graw, a retired lieutenant colonel who served during the Gulf War. Graw completed Ranger School in 1964 after graduating from the U.S. Military Academy. He does not believe the Army should commission women as infantry officers, and so he thinks Ranger School would be a waste of the Army's resources.

Others cite fears that gender integration could disrupt the unity of small, 12-soldier teams in dangerous places if restrictions are lifted on women serving in Special Operations units.

Supporters counter that a woman soldier one day will break the mold, and she should not be held back.

"As of today, no one has been able to produce convincing or even thought-provoking hard evidence that would ban soldiers and Marines with two X chromosomes

from the infantry," wrote Shelly Goode-Burgoyne, a former Army officer, in a blog post on Wednesday. She's eager to see a woman succeed at Ranger School.

Ranger School is a mandatory precursor to postings in the Army's prestigious 75th Ranger Regiment. It's also a springboard to promotions in other units. It peaks with an extended mission in Florida swampland in which candidates work together in small combat operations while veteran Rangers stress them.

Soldiers who pass the demanding program are considered "Ranger qualified." They wear a Ranger tab on their uniforms, which stands out as a symbol of having accomplished one of the Army's most severe training courses.

If a woman soldier is selected, she'll have to take a pregnancy test, according to the Army order inviting female candidates to apply for the school. She'll also have to demonstrate that she can do 49 pushups, 59 situps and six chin-ups and can complete a 5-mile run in 40 minutes. She'll also have to finish a 12-mile march in less than three hours.

"If a female thinks she's physically strong enough to get through the school to get the tab, she should be able to go," said Staff Sgt. Marscha Boydston, a supply specialist in Joint Base Lewis-McChord's I Corps.

Boydston, 39, is married to a Special Operations soldier. She said she wouldn't pursue a Ranger tab, but she'd think highly of a woman who was willing to attempt the course.

Navy building shut down after shootings set to reopen

By DeNEEN L. BROWN

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — When 2,800 workers return to Building 197 at the Washington Navy Yard in February, the move will mark a new chapter of healing for those scarred by the shooting rampage that killed 12 people and injured five a year ago. But it will also be a moment of trepidation, Navy officials acknowledge.

There are still people at Naval Sea Systems Command suffering from post-traumatic stress from the events of last Sept. 16, the day they fled gunshots and hid behind desks as gunman Aaron Alexis, 34, a government contractor, stalked hallways, stairwells and cubicles with a Remington 870 shotgun. He was killed by police that morning inside the Navy Yard, one of the country's oldest military installations.

Since then, dozens of workers have returned early, and others have told supervisors emphatically that they can never return to Building 197, Navy officials say. Some too traumatized to return may be allowed to work in other NAVSEA offices or with other groups that belong to NAVSEA in other buildings.

Over the past year, Building 197 has undergone a \$6.4 million renovation while NAVSEA employees and contractors worked at a former Coast Guard facility in Southwest Washington.

On Feb. 2, Navy Vice Adm. William H. Bennett, victim of a rampage, is scheduled to be the first person to officially return to work at the redesigned Building 197, said Rory O'Connor, director of the office of corporate communication at the organization.

Jennifer Bennett, who leads NAVSEA, is scheduled to be the first person to officially return to work at the redesigned Building 197, said Rory O'Connor, director of the office of corporate communication at the organization.

Jennifer Bennett will be close behind. Bennett, 57, whose recovery from a shotgun blast has been a source of inspiration to her co-workers, has been asked by Navy leaders to play a key role in the move, she said.

"They are having me work with people still struggling to go back into the building — to see whether I can help them get through what they are going through and get back into the building," said Bennett, an operations manager for a NAVSEA cost analysis group.

Bennett, who has worked for the Navy since 2001, was seriously wounded when she encountered Alexis in a stairwell, where he shot her in the shoulder and arm. The blast tore a five-inch hole in her chest and arm, and it shredded her thumb.

She has spent much of the past year healing from three surgeries. But her scars are physical and not emotional, she said.

"There are those who still hold on to that day — to see whether I can help them. There are people who have made it clear they will never go back. ... You see some survivors in the NAVSEA family who did not stop working. They did go through a terrible event, but the command never stopped functioning."

Bennett said she felt no fear and no anxiety when she heard about Building 197. "It is a building," she said. "Alexis is gone."

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Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash.

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Drill sergeant Ramil Preiksaitis waves at a private as she prepares to rappel the wall at Victory Tower at Fort Jackson in Columbia, S.C. The climbing and rappelling exercises on the 40-foot tower are intended to instill confidence in the soldier, and drill sergeants offer encouragement and precise directions.

Drill: Instructors say today's training aims to focus on results not hazing

FROM FRONT PAGE

"I don't like to yell and scream a lot," said Brooks, who has trained recruits for nine 10-week cycles over the past three years. "If you're yelling and screaming all the time, when are you going to teach them? Patience is a virtue when you are trying to instill discipline."

Brooks recently left her post training recruits to become the newest teacher in the U.S. Army Drill Sergeant School at Fort Jackson, which marked 50 years of the drill sergeant program this week. It is the only place in the nation where the Army trains drill sergeants. Brooks was chosen by the academy's commanders — all drill sergeants themselves — to wear the distinctive belt, brass buckle and badge that proclaims "This We'll Defend," the drill sergeant motto.

Brooks doesn't fit the image Hollywood usually assigns to Army drill sergeants or Marine drill instructors. They most often are portrayed as hulking, red-faced, profanity-spewing brutes, a terror to any recruit unfortunate enough to enter their universe.

Take Hollywood's most famous: R. Lee Ermy's Sgt. Hartwell in the movie "Full Metal Jacket."

He's a full throttle Marine drill instructor who calls his recruits "maggots," punches one in the gut for an infraction and forces another to choke himself "with MY hand."

In contrast, Brooks is 5 feet 4½ inches tall, and proud of the half inch. She lives in Northeast Richmond with her wife, Shakerian. And she spent five years as a vocalist with the U.S. Army Europe Band and Chorus.

But watch her and her team of drill sergeants train new recruits in the sweltering fields, forests and firing ranges of the Army's largest basic training post, and you see that the difference between real drill sergeants and movie drill sergeants isn't all about gender,

'Patience is a virtue when you are trying to instill discipline.'

Danielle Brooks
Army drill sergeant

sexuality, ethnicity or profanity.

It's about results.

"You don't want to spend so much energy on the screw-ups that you don't spend enough time with the ones who want to learn," said Sgt. 1st Class Nicole Brannan, a drill sergeant leader.

But make no mistake: Brooks and Brannan, like any top drill sergeant, absolutely can dress down a recruit who is slacking off or, even worse, smarting off.

Yelling comes in long, loud bursts when it comes and it is a fearsome thing to witness.

"We don't smoke people anymore," said Brooks, meaning using excessive physical training — running or push-ups — to break or wash out a recruit. "But sometimes you have to give them a little extra TLC."

Drill sergeants are chosen from the top 10 percent of soldiers in

the Army. Drill sergeant leaders represent the top 1 percent of drill sergeants.

When they don the distinctive wide-brimmed campaign hat, or bush hat for female drill sergeants, they say they are "on the trail." It recalls the Old West, where cowboys would wrangle large herds of cattle across the plains from range to railroad.

Some sergeants volunteered to be on the trail. Some were "volunteered." They represent every ethnicity, class and social strata. But they are all "on point," meaning they look and act like model soldiers, examples for the herds of new privates they are charged with molding.

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Drill: Instructor training emphasizes restraint, leadership

FROM FRONT PAGE

They are the first authority figure a recruit sees in the service. They are also the person who will teach them such things as how to make a bed, how to fire an M240B machine gun and how to clear a building of the enemy. A bad drill sergeant can screw up a soldier for his entire career. A good one can shape a future chairman of the joint chiefs of staff.

"You will have a future battalion commander in your platoon," Command Sgt. Maj. Lamont Christian, the academy's commandant, told a group of drill-sergeant candidates who graduated recently. "Show them what right looks like."

All drill sergeants have completed the school's nine-week course, going through every step of basic training again. But at the same time, they learn how to lead it. And they will lead it over and over again in the two years to come, in 10-week cycles, with only a few days off in between.

Their day often starts at 4:30 a.m., before the recruits wake up, and ends at 9 p.m., when the recruits have lights out.

Drill sergeants are required to do everything a recruit does — the marches, the runs, the obstacle courses, the PT — and then some. "You don't ask a private to do anything that you wouldn't do yourself," Brannan said. "You show them what's right and tell them why."

The "why" is one of the main differences between real drill sergeants and the Hollywood image. And so is the discipline.

In Hollywood movies, and often in the old Army, if a soldier asked why he should do something, he was punished swiftly — maybe by a punch to the stomach, a brutal round of push-ups or a back-breaking run with a full pack.

"When I went through, you just did it without question," Brannan said. "But this generation is different. We're telling them, 'Do as I say, but learn to think for yourself, too.' That's how things have changed."

Military studies show that in the post-Cold War and pre-9/11 Army, recruiters could be very selective about who they accepted. But after 9/11 — and particularly dur-

ing the surge in Iraq from 2005 to 2007 — the Army was forced to accept a lower level of recruit. That could change now that the Army's ground wars in Iraq and Afghanistan seem to be at an end after 13 years and the Army is poised to shrink significantly.

Brooks said she wanted to become a drill sergeant leader in part to instill a high level of discipline in the Army. "Drill sergeants have the most impact on the Army," she said.

She will be patient with a private who is trying. But she will light up a private who is "jacked up," meaning intentionally sloppy in dress or execution.

"We've been so busy getting soldiers ready for war that disciplin-

trained to yell properly, from the diaphragm, to save the throat and achieve that distinctive drill sergeant bark.

"There is nothing more powerless and embarrassing than a drill sergeant who can't yell," said Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Torres, a drill sergeant leader.

Then, the stunned recruits immediately are herded to Victory Tower where they have to climb ropes and nets and rappel down a 40-foot wall. The rappelling is mandatory for all soldiers.

Yelling has its limits. While profanity in some battalions or companies is common, it is forbidden altogether in others.

"It depends on the battalion commander or the company first sergeant," Brannan said. "You can drop an F-bomb in some battalions. In others, it will cost you your hat."

Army training regulations say only that profanity cannot be "extreme." But they also say recruits can't be touched in any way, nor can recruits be "degraded."

But in theory, drill sergeants, if allowed by their superiors, can tell a recruit to "get the (expletive deleted) off the ground." But they can't call a recruit a " (expletive deleted) scumbag" or say they are going to " (expletive deleted) you up."

"That would cost them their hat and probably a stripe," Brannan said.

Christian teaches restraint, even in allowed profanity.

"At some point the private will stop listening," he said. "So you save that for when you really want it to count. Otherwise it won't have the impact. Sometimes a little 'hell' or 'damn' can make your point."

For Brooks, the reward for patience comes at the end of the cycle, when she leads her soldiers onto the parade ground at Hilton Field to graduate. Sometimes, when family members rush out to reunite with their soldiers after 10 weeks, they'll walk right past, not recognizing this new person the drill sergeant has created.

Many soldiers want their parents to meet their drill sergeants. Often, they will ask Brooks how their son or daughter did in basic. "I'm honest with them," she said. "I'll say, 'Little Johnnie was a knucklehead. But look at him now.'"



Drill sergeant Jeremy Ortiz listens to Pvt. Lucas Gruwell as he goes over the characteristics of a M16A2 rifle.

ary standards have dropped," she said. "We have to get out of that in-theater mind set. I feel like I can motivate NCOs to care (more about discipline). If they care, then everything else is easy."

The 10-week basic training cycle is broken up into three phases: Red, White and Blue.

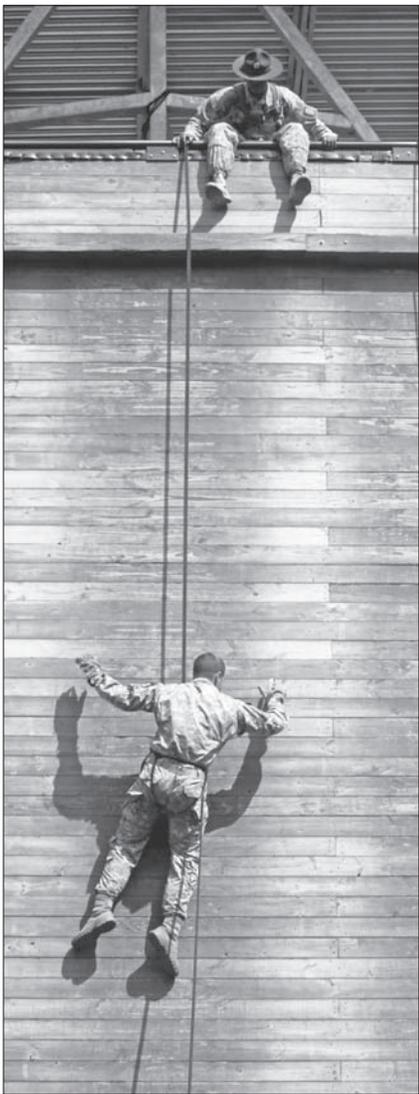
The first phase — Red — happens in the first three weeks of training. It is during this time that drill sergeants come as close to the Hollywood version as the regulations allow.

On the first day, recruits in all manner of dress and hair lengths are kept up all night during reception. They are issued uniforms, immunizations and buzz haircuts, and then are bused to their battalions' barracks.

There, they meet their drill sergeants for the first time. It is not a pleasant experience.

There is intense yelling as the recruits get off the bus and are shaken down for contraband. Their bags are dumped. Every misstep is loudly noted and loudly corrected. It's called "shock and awe."

The drill sergeants even are



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WAR ON TERRORISM

Islamic State's growth caught US by surprise

By BRIAN BENNETT
Tribune Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — As Islamic State fighters from Syria blitzed across northern Iraq this summer, they swept thousands of fresh recruits from Iraqi Sunni tribal militias, prisons and insurgent groups into their ranks, nearly tripling the size of their armed force and catching U.S. authorities by surprise, U.S. intelligence officials said Friday.

Dismantling the lethal new alliances in Iraq will be a key focus as the Obama administration scrambles to push back the fast-growing extremist army, which has achieved major military gains, shows sophisticated command and control, and is exceedingly well-funded, the intelligence officials said.

The still-emerging strategy calls for peeling away the Sunni Arab militias with cash payments and other overtures from the still-forming government in Baghdad, including creation of new local defense units in Sunni towns and villages and an increase in U.S. bombing to support Iraqi and Kurdish ground troops. Airstrikes also will target Islamic State leaders for the first time, the officials said. The campaign will reprise many of the tactics that helped defang Islamic State's precursor group, al-Qaida in Iraq, after its deadly car bombs and brutal executions sparked a violent backlash by other Sunni Muslims and led to its decline after 2007 in what was dubbed the Sunni Awakening.

Unlike that now-defunct group, Islamic State effectively controls much of the Tigris-Euphrates basin, an area the size of Britain, with little interference until now. In addition to freedom of move-

ment, U.S. officials say the heavily armed group takes in as much as \$1 million a day from illicit oil sales, smuggling and ransom payments.

"The problem now is that ISIS loudly proclaims it is winning," said a U.S. intelligence official, one of several who asked for anonymity to discuss internal assessments. He was using one of several acronyms for Islamic State. "We have to change that," he added.

Islamic State can muster 20,000 to 31,500 fighters across eastern Syria and northwestern Iraq, according to a new assessment by the CIA, up from an estimated 10,000 earlier this year. The roster includes an estimated 2,000 foreign fighters, hundreds of them Europeans and about a dozen of them U.S. citizens.

Most of the new fighters are unemployed, disaffected Sunnis who have been battling the Shiite-dominated government in Baghdad for years, U.S. and Iraqi officials said.

Many don't agree with Islamic State claims to hold religious authority over all Muslims in the world, or its beheadings and crucifixions, but they want to support an alternative to Baghdad's Shiite-run central government, experts say.

"I don't see long-term alliances between these organizations," said Seth Jones, a former U.S. counterterrorism official now with RAND Corp., a think tank. "They have different goals. ISIS has a focus on establishing an Islamic state that others don't have."

Speaking at a fundraiser Friday in Baltimore, President Barack Obama said he is confident that the U.S. and its allies "are going to be able to push them back and ultimately destroy them."



COURTESY OF THE RAQQA MEDIA CENTER OF THE ISLAMIC STATE GROUP/AP

Fighters from the Islamic State group pray at the Tabqa air base after capturing it from Syrian government in Raqqa, Syria.

Some British Muslims disillusioned

By GRIFF WITTE
The Washington Post

LONDON — The London-accented militant who delivered blood-curdling threats to the West before apparently beheading two American journalists has become, for most Britons, the masked face of foreign fighters in Syria.

But more typical, experts say, may be the Brit who recently called home from the front lines to say he's fed up.

"The whole jihad was turned upside down," a militant recently told Shiraz Maher, a senior researcher for the International Center for the Study of Radicalization at King's College London. "Muslims are fighting Muslims. I didn't come for that."

The fighter's disillusionment, experts say, has become a recurring theme among some of the thousands of young men and women from around the globe who have answered the Islamic State's call for holy war but have found the reality is significantly less glorious than what they were promised.

For those trying to stanch the flow of fighters and combat extremism here in Britain, it's a perspective that could be the perfect antidote to Islamic State pro-

paganda. And yet it's one that is seldom if ever heard here, in part because of government policy that focuses on keeping Brits who have gone to war from returning home — and locking them up if they even try.

"A lot of them feel trapped by the Islamic State not letting them go, and by the British government not letting them back," said Richard Barrett, a former counterterrorism director with Britain's foreign intelligence service, MI6. "But if you want people to understand that it's bloody terrible out there, you have to hear from these people."

The government has good reason to be extremely wary of allowing former fighters to come home after war-zone experiences that have left many more radical than ever — and possibly determined to strike the West.

British Prime Minister David Cameron recently called the prospect that they could return and carry out attacks here "a greater and deeper threat to our security than we have known before." On the same day, British security services raised the terror threat level to "severe," meaning an attack on British soil is now considered "highly likely."

The government's response has

been to crack down hard on those suspected of planning to travel to Syria, as well as those who may have already been. With the war in Syria little more than a budget-airline flight away, thousands of Europeans have been drawn in, including some 500 Britons. British police have arrested 69 people this year on suspicion of joining the fight.

To keep militants from slipping through, Cameron has sought to close loopholes in the law, including giving police the power to temporarily confiscate passports as fighters attempt to come and go at airports.

Little attention has been given here to the idea of allowing some fighters to return and funneling them through a comprehensive deradicalization program.

For many who understand the homegrown extremism problem best, the current approach could be dangerously counterproductive.

"If you stop them from coming back, you're going to create more grievances and more reasons for this country to be targeted," said Hanif Qadir, chief executive of the Active Change Foundation, an anti-extremist group. "If we don't leave a doorway open for them, they're going to become more radicalized."

Offensive: Military force isn't 'panacea' in fight against militants, spokesman says

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"Our role is to upgrade their capabilities, which are we continuing to do, to support indigenous forces in Iraq and hopefully in Syria, to take the fight to them," Kirby said.

Critics have called out Obama for ruling out U.S. combat ground troops in the struggle against insurgents, but Kirby said that limitation hasn't been a problem so far. "We know we're having a tactical effect on ISIL, and we've been able to do that without quote-unquote boots on the ground," he said.

For operations in Syria, the administration is asking Congress to approve \$500 million to help create a ground force of ideologically moderate rebels to fight Islamic State militants and oppose the government

of Syrian President Bashar Assad.

But, reporters asked Kirby on Friday, if the United States was unable to train an Iraqi military capable of standing against the militants after spending billions of dollars over a number of years, how can it expect to create a viable rebel force?

"Nobody has said this is going to solve all the problems inside Syria or that it alone is going to result in the complete destruction of ISIL inside Syria," he said. "What we have said is, you gotta start somewhere, and you have to have willing and capable partners on the ground."

The key to defeating Islamic State militants isn't the military, including airstrikes, he said. Military force alone is not a "panacea," Kirby said, because it can't destroy the group's radical ideology.

It cannot be done simply militarily. This is not an army; this is a terrorist group.

Rear Adm. John Kirby
Pentagon press secretary

"It cannot be done simply militarily," he said. "This is not an army; this is a terrorist group."

Overcoming ISIL in Iraq will require help from regional partners as well as a "responsible political process" in Iraq, he said — one able to reduce the attraction of the Islamic State and the Shia-dominated

to Sunnis alienated by the government in Baghdad.

After the previous collapse of Iraqi unity in the face of insurgent fighters, the army has rallied, Kirby said.

"They have been doing well — not perfectly — but they've been doing well," Kirby said, holding Baghdad and retaking some land to the north, as well as retaking the Mosul Dam with Kurdish forces.

The United States is at war with the Islamic State much as it is with al-Qaida affiliates worldwide, but it is not going to grow to the magnitude of recent wars, Kirby said.

"This not going to be the Iraq War," he said. "This is a counterterrorism campaign against ISIL, for which there is a military component to which we will contribute."

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WAR ON TERRORISM



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Kurdish peshmerga patrol Gwer in northern Iraq on Monday. Kurdish forces, with help from U.S. airstrikes, took the town back from Islamic State militants last month.

Fear of militant return drives residents of Iraq town to choose displacement

The Associated Press

GWER, Iraq — Misspelled graffiti on walls pockmarked by bullets and torn up propaganda stickers make up the few remaining traces of the Islamic State group in this northern Iraqi ghost town after Kurdish forces finally managed to free it from militant control.

Also missing are as many as 20,000 residents who once lived in the town and are now too scared to return after Kurdish peshmerga forces reclaimed Gwer from militants last month with the help of American airstrikes.

All that's left are empty buildings with the phrase "Islamic State" painted on walls. In many instances it is misspelled to read "Salam State" — or state of peace — a sign that many of the militants holding the town were probably foreign fighters. Torn-up stickers with the group's black flag logo litter the streets. Much of the graffiti has since been painted over with "long live Kurdistan."

Residents of this modest town have not been celebrating its liberation. The streets, which buzzed with cars and pedestrians as recently as two months ago, are deserted. Since Aug. 10, when peshmerga forces were able to retake the towns of Gwer and neighboring Makhmour, hardly anyone has returned home.

The fear and anxiety that Gwer's liberation will be short-lived



The thousands of residents of Gwer, Iraq, have been reluctant to return after Kurdish forces freed it from militant control.

has prompted many to stay away.

More than 1.8 million people have been displaced around the country since the rapid advance by Islamic State militants first began in January, according to the United Nations. The majority initially came from Anbar province, where the militants first entered from Syria, seizing the city of Fallujah.

American airstrikes, which began Aug. 8, quickly turned the tide in northern Iraq.

Now the militants are gone and the only people in Gwer are fewer than a dozen peshmerga soldiers, who spend much of the day patrolling the town. The soldiers, who declined to be named because they are not authorized to brief the media, said a militant

controlled village lies just beyond rifle range.

Much of the basic infrastructure in the towns that fell to Islamic State militants has been damaged or destroyed in clashes with security forces and will take time to repair. Gwer is no different.

Still, many Iraqis fear coming face-to-face with the militants for a second time.

Abdul-Rahman Odai, 25, who fled to the Kurdish province of Dohuk with his family from Mosul, said his family has already sacrificed too much to risk losing everything twice.

"We saw so many terrible things when the terrorists entered Mosul that we may never have this feeling of home again," Odai said.

Concerning Turkey, it's complicated

NATO ally reportedly worked with off-limits groups, loath to join fight against Islamic State

By HANNAH ALLAM

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WASHINGTON — A U.S. official on Friday acknowledged that NATO ally Turkey had complicated efforts to build a moderate Syrian rebel force by coordinating with groups, including al-Qaida's Nusra Front, that were considered off limits by the Obama administration.

The disagreements hamstrung progress on identifying and building a trusted rebel force that could fight on two fronts, against the regime of Syrian President Bashar Assad as well as against extremists from the Islamic State or Nusra Front. While Turkey in recent months has taken a harder line toward the militants, the dispute has resurfaced because the Syria leg of the strategy President Barack Obama outlined to combat the Islamic State relies heavily on an on-the-ground opposition partner, which still does not exist in any viable form.

The U.S. official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitive diplomacy involved, said "it's no secret" that the Obama administration had been pressing Turkey for years to crack down on the flow of jihadists who entered Syria via Turkey's porous borders. The official disputed that the Turks "worked with" Nusra directly, but he acknowledged that Ankara allowed the group operating space because it was useful in the fight against Assad.

"For quite a while, Turkey, at the very least, turned a blind eye to it," the U.S. official said. "It's only in recent months that they've done a 180 and now recognize the dangers posed by ISIS and other groups." ISIS is an acronym for the Islamic State.

Turkish officials did not respond to requests for comment.

Secretary of State John Kerry was in Ankara on Friday for talks with Turkish leaders about the coalition the Obama administration is assembling to fight the Islamic State, the extremist group that controls vast swaths of territory in Turkey's neighbors, Syria and Iraq.

Turkey has sent mixed signals about its willingness to take a more public position alongside the Americans. While Ankara did

label the Nusra Front a terrorist organization in June, Turkish opposition figures claim that the government still isn't doing enough to stop jihadists from using Turkey as their way station to Syria.

Turkey raised more eyebrows last week at a regional summit in Saudi Arabia, where Turkish officials declined to sign onto a communique expressing support for the campaign against the Islamic State.

But there are other complicating factors that prevent Turkey from taking too prominent a role, not least the fact that the Islamic State is holding dozens of Turkish hostages. In June, the jihadists stormed the Turkish Consulate in Mosul, Iraq, and seized 49 personnel, including the consul general. Ankara appears to be taking pains to mute its public criticism of the Islamic State for now, presumably so as not to shut the door on the hostage recovery effort.

The U.S. official's confirmation of Turkey's relations with Nusra Front comes in response to remarks by a former U.S. ambassador to Turkey, Francis Ricciardone, who described to reporters on a media call Thursday how the American side grew frustrated that "the Turks, frankly, worked with groups — for a period including al Nusra, whom we finally designated — that we were not willing to work with."

State Department spokeswoman Marie Harf said she had no comment on Ricciardone's remarks, emphasizing that he's a former diplomat. Ricciardone served as the U.S. ambassador to Turkey until July; among other regional postings he has also worked closely on issues related to Iraq, Iran, Egypt and Jordan. Before Turkey, he was deputy ambassador in Afghanistan.

The State Department labeled Nusra Front a foreign terrorist organization in late 2012.

In his remarks to reporters, Ricciardone suggested that the Turks didn't take the U.S. concerns seriously. Ricciardone balked at assisting an Islamist coalition that includes the ultraconservatives of Anhar al Sham, which the U.S.-backed Syrian opposition coalition has described as moderate.



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NATION

War plan joggles usual politics in Senate races

By CHARLES BARINGTON
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The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a nation weary of war, yet alarmed by the prospect of an emerging threat, President Barack Obama's plan to strike Islamic State militants is ruffling the usual left-right politics in several races that will decide control of the Senate.

Republicans who have hammered the president on a variety of issues for months have tamped down their rhetoric and, frequently, are avoiding taking a clear stand on his proposal. Some of the nation's most endangered incumbent Senate Democrats, meanwhile, have expressed skepticism to portions of Obama's plan, saying they fear a new plunge into a new Middle East war where supposed allies can become enemies.

Others want to talk about something else, or are trying to avoid talking about the issue at all.

The complexities, leading to mixed and cautious responses from both sides, mean the issue might not matter much at all come Election Day, when Republicans need a net gain of six seats to take control of the Senate.

"I'm having a hard time seeing this as a game-changer," said William A. Galston, a Brookings Institution scholar and former Clinton White House adviser. "A

lot of people who would have said 'hell no' to the president's speech were cheering him on."

Republicans have made attacking Obama and his policies the cornerstone of their Senate campaign, especially as they target Democrats in states the president lost in 2012. They had in recent days stepped up their attacks on the president's foreign policy, hoping to further tie vulnerable Democrats to an unpopular leader.

Despite that rhetoric, several GOP Senate candidates appear wary of taking detailed positions on the president's proposal to fight Islamic State militants with air strikes and U.S.-armed Syrian rebels, but not American ground troops, since he laid it out in a televised speech Wednesday night.

New Hampshire Republican Senate nominee Scott Brown, a former senator from Massachusetts, sharply criticized Obama's leadership in an interview Friday. But he declined to say whether he would vote to authorize more military intervention in the Mideast.

"I would need to listen to the generals on the ground and get their input and guidance as I have in the past," he said. "When you're ... making a decision to send people into harm's way, you need to have all the facts and I don't have those facts."

In North Carolina, Republican Senate nominee Thom Tillis said



ELISE AMENDOLA/AP

Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., right, and New Hampshire Republican Senate hopeful Scott Brown speak to reporters Friday after Paul endorsed Brown for the U.S. Senate during a campaign event at the University of New Hampshire in Durham, N.H.

the militants "are growing stronger each day because of President Obama's failed foreign policy and lack of leadership."

When it comes to combating the militants, "no option should be left off the table," said Tillis, who faces first-term Democratic Sen. Kay Hagan. Yet when asked about Obama's proposal to arm Syrian rebels fighting a three-way war against both Syrian President Bashar al-Assad and the Islamic State group, also known as ISIS, Tillis' campaign said he "has reservations about sending arms that could be seized by ISIS terrorists."

Tillis tried to turn the focus Friday away from Obama's proposal and toward the rise of the Islamic State group, which has killed hundreds of civilians in

Syria and Iraq — including two American journalists beheaded on camera. Obama and Hagan, the Tillis campaign said in a statement, "have never had a strategy to eliminate ISIS, and they still don't have one."

It's an allegation Hagan, seeking re-election in a state Obama won in 2008 but lost four years later, strongly disputed. Her campaign cited an April 2013 hearing at which Hagan asked, "Is there a risk that the violence in Syria will spill across the border into western Iraq and strengthen al-Qaida in Iraq?" The group evolved into the Islamic State.

The same sort of shift has taken place in Colorado, where Democratic Sen. Mark Udall and his Republican opponent, Rep. Cory Gardner, have said in so

many words that they support the Obama approach — air strikes and armed Syrian rebels, but no U.S. combat ground troops.

"I will not give this president, or any other president, a blank check to begin another land war in Iraq," Udall said. Added Gardner, "I agree with the president's decision to authorize airstrikes."

In place of any disagreement on the policy, Gardner has instead slammed Udall for what he sees as the administration's slow response to the danger and his comment last weekend that the Islamic State militants are not "an imminent threat" to the United States, although federal law enforcement officials had said the same thing.

Still others are trying to avoid such questions altogether.

Democrats, Republicans in Congress playing it safe

By DAVID ESPO
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Seven weeks before the elections, Republicans and Democrats are both playing it safe, willing to make short-term sacrifices of long-held positions in hopes of maximizing their chances for victory at the polls.

That means that House Republicans who reportedly intend to sue President Barack Obama for what they say is his failure to obey the Constitution seem likely to hand him new war powers to combat militants seeking an Islamic state.

At the same time, legislation seems on track to extend federal funding past the end of the budget year, this time without the drama of a partial federal shutdown that sent Republican poll numbers tumbling in the fall of 2013.

On the other side of the political divide, Obama recently delayed an order to increase the number of immigrants allowed to stay in the country even though they

are here illegally. The retreat came after Senate Democrats expressed concern that immediate action could inflame voters who oppose easing current rules, and ensure the defeat of their candidates in key Senate races.

ANALYSIS These moves will dissenters in the approach of an election on the effect that will determine control of the Senate and the makeup of the House next year in January.

Rep. Luis Guterrez of Illinois said the White House was "walking away from our values and our principles" when the president changed his mind and decided to wait until after the election to issue his order on immigration.

Heritage Action and Club for Growth, which often attack the congressional Republican leadership as insufficiently conservative, bluntly challenged newly installed House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy of California. "Stay true to your comments from June and affirmatively fight

to end the Export-Import Bank," they wrote. The agency will be extended through June 30 in the spending bill, even though McCarthy and others promised to kill it off.

Despite the strategic stand-downs, battles over immigration, Obama's foreign policy and health care will eventually happen, as rhetoric from both sides makes clear.

Republicans opposed to most of Obama's agenda have adopted a yes-but approach to his request for stepped-up U.S. involvement against Islamic State militants who have overrun parts of Iraq and Syria.

House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, who has criticized the administration as slow to respond to the threat, said he had concerns and questions after Obama's speech on Wednesday night. Yet, he said, "We ought to give the president what he's asking for."

Other Republicans agree the militants must be confronted.

But it plainly pains them to follow Obama's lead.

Rep. John Fleming of Louisiana said some Republicans think "this is not the president we choose, but it's the only president that we have and that we just have to go along with the one that we have and hope that we can hold him accountable for doing the right thing."

Said Texas Rep. Michael McCaul, "We do not want to go home without voting on some measure that goes toward destroying and defeating ISIS wherever it exists." Recent polls suggest the public supports action against the Islamic State group, sometimes called ISIS or ISIL, which recently beheaded two American journalists.

Across the Capitol, where the GOP has a good chance of winning a Senate majority at the polls, many Republicans likely will support Obama's call for new authority, but grudgingly. "I'm glad the president has brought

a new focus to the effort," said GOP leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky.

That was after McConnell called for a top-to-bottom review of U.S. defense policy in terms unflattering to the current commander in chief. He cited "the need to modernize our military to retain dominance of the air and sea in the Asia-Pacific theater, to revitalize NATO in the face of Russian aggression," a need for more nuclear capability and more.

Fears of triggering a government shutdown also dictate Republican strategy.

The House GOP produced a spending bill with routine funding for the president's health care program, a reversal of the tea party-led struggle a year ago to kill off the program. A partial government shutdown resulted, and Republican poll numbers tumbled.

Obama's tactical retreat had already taken place by the time lawmakers convened for a brief pre-election session.

NATION

Police: Trooper shot dead outside barracks

The Associated Press

BLOOMING GROVE, Pa. — Two troopers were ambushed outside a state police barracks in northeastern Pennsylvania during a late-night shift change, leaving one dead and another injured, and authorities were searching Saturday for the suspect or suspects, state police said.

One trooper was leaving the barracks in Blooming Grove, Pike County, and another was arriving

when shots were fired at 10:50 p.m. Friday, State Police Commissioner Frank Noonan said. He confirmed that one trooper was killed and the other was injured and taken to Geisinger Medical Center in Scranton, where he was in stable condition after undergoing surgery.

Noonan provided few details on the shooting but said the attack seemed to be directed at state police.

“This has been an emotional night for all of us,” he told reporters.

Law enforcement officials from across the region, including New York and New Jersey, descended on northeastern Pennsylvania to help with the search on foot and by helicopter. The Blooming Grove barracks is in a wooded area, surrounded by state game lands.

Noonan said authorities did not

have a description of the shooter or shooters but said they were following several leads.

“We can’t say that the situation is completely in hand,” he said.

A person of interest was being questioned by police early Saturday, Trooper Connie Devens said.

Noonan said police did not believe the general public was at risk, but they are asking everyone to be on the lookout for anything

suspicious.

Several roads around the barracks, including parts of Interstate 84, were closed Saturday morning. Blooming Grove is a township of about 4,000 people about 35 miles east of Scranton.

Trooper Adam Reed, a state police spokesman, said the Blooming Grove barracks covers most of Pike County, which runs along the Delaware River and borders New Jersey and New York.



STEPHAN SAVOIA/AP

A pedestrian walks past the house where a prosecutor said the bodies of three infants were found Thursday in Blackstone, Mass.

Charges filed against Mass. woman in deaths of babies

By JENNIFER McDERMOTT AND DENISE LAVOIE

The Associated Press

BLACKSTONE, Mass. — A woman who lived in a squalid, vermin-infested home where the bodies of three infants were found was charged Friday with covering up the deaths, while neighbors said they wish they had acted themselves to call attention to the house with the foul smell and the shades that were always drawn.

Erika Murray, 31, was arraigned on charges including fetal death concealment, witness intimidation and permitting substantial injury to a child. But basic facts remain a mystery or aren’t being explained by authorities.

A search by crews in hazmat suits for any more remains continued at the house even as not-guilty pleas were entered for Murray in nearby Uxbridge. A court-appointed defender suggested she was mentally ill.

“You want answers in circumstances like this. ... Mental illness doesn’t always provide those kinds of answers,” said Keith Halpern, Murray’s attorney, after the arraignment. He did not elaborate on her condition.

In Blackstone, a town of less than 10,000 near the Rhode Island border about 50 miles southwest of Boston, residents fretted that such horrors had gone unnoticed.

“I think everyone in town is feeling a little of that today,” said Sarah Martin, 29, who often walked by the home with her own

2-year-old daughter but did not know the family. “When something so tragic and heart-wrenching happens, you look back and say, ‘Maybe there were clues I could have picked up on.’”

Neighbors said the shades were always drawn; some had noticed a foul smell. A prosecutor said soiled diapers were piled up 2 feet high and that the remains of several animals had also been found.

The children first came to the attention of police two weeks ago when a 10-year-old boy who lived in the house went to a neighbor and asked, “How do you get a baby to stop crying?” said Tim Connolly, a spokesman for Worcester District Attorney Joseph Early Jr.

The neighbor went with the boy and found the crying baby covered in feces, but no adults around.

Police were called and notified the state Department of Children and Families, which removed the four children from the home. Murray was then charged with two counts of reckless endangerment, and the house was condemned.

Based on interviews with the two older children, police got a search warrant and went back to the house. That’s when they found the remains of three babies.



Murray

Video may support argument that Ferguson teen was surrendering

By JIM SALTER
The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Cellphone video that shows a witness raising his hands in the air immediately after the fatal shooting of a black teen by a white police officer in Missouri appears to support previous accounts and could bolster arguments that the young man was surrendering when he was shot, legal experts said Friday.

The video obtained by The Associated Press and first aired by CNN shows two landscapers who were working near the street where Michael Brown, 18, who was unarmed, was shot by officer Darren Wilson on Aug. 9. In the video, a man can be heard saying, “He had his (expletive) hands in the air,” while one of the workers raises his own hands in the air.

Brown’s shooting spurred several days of sometimes violent protests in Ferguson, a predominantly black St. Louis suburb, and a nationwide debate about the relationship between young black men and law enforcement.

The man who took the cellphone video, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he feared for his safety, said the voice is that of the worker raising his hands, but

that isn’t clear on the video.

The workers are not from Ferguson, the St. Louis suburb where Brown was shot, and were employed by a business from Jefferson County, south of St. Louis.

They have not come forward publicly, and the AP has been unable to reach them.

The comment on the video largely matches the recollections of residents of the apartment complex where the shooting occurred, who said Brown was surrendering when he was killed.

A state grand jury and the Justice Department are investigating, but no decision on whether Wilson will face charges is expected until next month.

Benjamin Crump, attorney for Michael Brown’s family, said both

workers came forward and told the family their account of the shooting. He described the video as “of paramount significance.”

“Not because they were not residents of Ferguson, and not because the construction workers were Caucasian, but because it is a contemporaneous recording of their immediate actions of what they had just witnessed,” Crump said. “It’s the best evidence you can have other than a video of the actual shooting itself.”

Ed Magee, spokesman for St. Louis County prosecutor Bob McCulloch, said the workers are among witnesses who have been interviewed by authorities and are “part of the investigation.”

The video likely would be admissible evidence before the grand jury, along with the workers’ testimony, said Peter Joy, a professor at Washington University School of Law in St. Louis.

“The thing that strikes me is we actually have a film of what’s going on, and while it’s hard to hear the construction workers say what they’re saying, you have one construction worker putting his hands up in the air, which appears to be him demonstrating what he’s seeing,” Joy said.

Benjamin Crump, the attorney for Brown’s family, said both

workers were threatening to shoot me and kill me.”

Apperson called police from the gas station, but the truck was gone by the time officers arrived.

On Thursday, Apperson said, he saw Zimmerman in his truck outside the disability benefits business where Apperson works. “It seems like the guy is sitting there, waiting for me,” Apperson told a dispatcher in another 911 call. “It’s disheartening to see him lurking around here.”

Officers who responded to the call confirmed the truck driver was Zimmerman. In a police car video, an officer pulls out a gun from Zimmerman’s waistband. Zimmerman shows him what looks to be a license.

Zimmerman told officers that he had an appointment at the address, according to the police report.

Zimmerman accused of threatening driver

The Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — A driver said George Zimmerman was the man accused of murdering Trayvon Martin, 17, threatened to kill him during a road confrontation in their vehicles, a Florida police spokeswoman said Friday.

The driver, Matthew Apperson, 35, told Lake Mary police officers that a messenger at a truck stopped at a light next to his car on a busy street in the Orlando suburb on Tuesday rolled down his window and yelled, “Hey, what’s your problem? Why you shaking your finger?”

Apperson said he was listening to music with his windows rolled up at the time, and that the passenger’s yelling was unprovoked.

The truck’s driver then asked Apperson, “Do you know who I am?” according to a police report. Apperson said he believed it was

Zimmerman.

“George Zimmerman was the driver, and they were threatening to kick my ass and to shoot me,” Apperson told a police dispatcher

in a 911 call.

Apperson told the dispatcher that he pulled into a nearby gas station to use the phone since he didn’t have his cellphone, and the truck followed him. Zimmerman drove the truck up to Apperson’s car, blocking him in, Apperson said.

“He almost hit my car and he said he would shoot me then,” said Apperson, who told the dispatcher that he never saw a gun. “Both of



Zimmerman

CRISIS IN UKRAINE



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Ukrainian army soldiers cook potatoes Friday at a position in Debal'tsevo, Donetsk region, Ukraine.

Government forces repel rebel attack on airport

By LAURA MILLS
The Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine — Despite the cease-fire agreement, renewed fighting flared up Saturday in eastern Ukraine between pro-Russian rebels and government forces, while Moscow sent a second convoy of trucks into Ukraine without Kiev's consent.

Ukraine's military operation said in a statement that it had successfully repelled a rebel attack on the government-held Donetsk airport, which came under artillery fire from rebel positions late on Friday.

Despite the truce imposed last week, continuous rocket fire could be heard overnight in Donetsk. A statement posted on the city council website said that shells had hit residential buildings near the airport, although no casualties were reported. A column of three GRAD rocket launchers — all its rockets still in place — was seen moving freely through the rebel-held city on Saturday morning.

Ukrainian authorities also admitted for the first time that they have inflicted casualties on the rebel side since the start of the cease-fire.

Col. Andriy Lysenko, a spokesman for the Ukrainian National Security and Defense Council, said that 12 rebel fighters had been killed by Ukrainian forces near Sea of Azov city of Mariupol, where he said they were doing reconnaissance work. Lysenko also said that six Ukrainian servicemen had died since the start of the truce.

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has been at pains to prove that the cease-fire deal



A Ukrainian army helicopter flies Friday over Debal'tsevo.

has yielded improvements on the ground in east Ukraine. On Friday, he lauded the deal, which has been riddled by violations since it was imposed last week, as a "fragile-but-efficient peace process."

On Saturday Russia also sent a convoy across the border of Ukraine, loaded with what Russian reports said was humanitarian aid, without the approval of Kiev or oversight of the international Red Cross. A similar convoy in August was loudly condemned by Ukrainian officials as an invasion, but this time around Lysenko simply called the move "illegal." The country's top leaders have remained silent, underscoring how dramatically the mood has shifted in the Kiev government since a cease-fire deal was struck.

The last truck crossed onto Ukrainian soil early Saturday

from the Russian border town Donetsk, some 120 miles east of the Ukrainian city with the same name, Rayan Farukshin, a spokesman for Russia's customs agency, told the Associated Press by phone.

The Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe's observer mission to the Russian-Ukrainian border said 220 trucks had crossed into Ukraine. Only 40 trucks were checked by the Russian border guard, while the other 180 were waved straight through, it said. None of the vehicles were inspected by the Ukrainian side or by the ICRC.

"Ukraine border guards and customs were not allowed to examine the cargo and vehicles," Lysenko said. "Representatives of the Red Cross don't accompany the cargo, nobody knows what's inside."

As leaders talk peace, some Ukrainians weigh guerrilla war

By ANTHONY FABIOLA
The Washington Post

MARIUPOL, Ukraine — Their leaders back in Kiev may be offering peace. But here on the front lines, the battle-scarred patriots staring down pro-Russian rebels talk of giving Russian President Vladimir Putin just the opposite — a Ukrainian version of Chechnya's guerrilla war.

"Every man in this battalion is ready to change tactics to liberate our homes," said Apis, the nom de guerre of a 40-year-old division commander in Ukraine's Azov Battalion, one of several paramilitary units fighting the separatists.

Staring out into the no man's land between his ragtag group and the rebels, he added, "I don't care what they say in Kiev. This peace will not last. Putin thinks he is a monarch, that we must all kneel before him. We will never kneel, but we can become guerrillas and send him body bags with Russian soldiers."

Pro-Russian separatists first occupied government buildings, then solidified control of large swaths of territory in the east, sparking a bloody battle with Ukrainian forces that by mid-August had set the rebels back on their heels. Then, NATO and Kiev say, came an infusion of Russian support that almost immediately reversed the course of battle.

Now hopelessly outgunned, President Petro Poroshenko is seeking peace with the rebels — and, indirectly, Moscow — in a deal that could ultimately leave a

swath of the east under Russia's thumb. Yet in a country where partisans once fought bloody underground operations against occupying Nazis and, later, the Soviets, more and more voices here are insisting that Ukraine should instead endorse a protracted guerrilla war.

Such an effort, advocates say, could wear down an enemy that Ukraine cannot beat by conventional means. Poroshenko, while pursuing peace, conceded as much this week. He noted that preparations were underway to launch counterinsurgency operations if the pro-Russian rebels completely break the current truce.

"The very idea that every meter of Ukrainian land will burn under the feet of invaders should become a factor restraining from large-scale invasion," he said.

Still, the strength and success of such a movement is anything but assured. Any pro-Ukrainian guerrilla operation may fail to find popular support in the industrialized east, where a large segment of the population is genuinely pro-Russian and even more residents are simply weary of war. Also, fearing persecution, many pro-government Ukrainians have already fled rebel-held areas.

Nevertheless, advocates say a move toward sabotage, targeted assassinations and other insurgent tactics could potentially alter the dynamic of the conflict in the months ahead, costing the Russians perhaps more than they bargained for when launching their power play in Ukraine.

US, EU levy sanctions on Russia despite cease-fire

By JULIE PACE
AND JONATHAN FAHEY
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The United States and the European Union levied new sanctions Friday against major Russian banks and defense companies, as well as penalties aimed at curtailing Russia's ability to develop oil and gas projects.

The Western sanctions came one week after Ukraine and Russian-backed separatists signed a cease-fire aimed at ending a months-long conflict. The agreement has been routinely violated, and U.S. officials say they have yet to see signs that Russia is implementing the deal in good faith.

But the restrictions on Russia's energy sector were carefully crafted to avoid impacting the country's current production of oil and gas, a move that would raise global energy prices at time of weak economic growth. Russia is the largest oil exporter outside of OPEC and the most important supplier of natural gas to Europe.

If Russia and the separatists do

follow through on the accord, U.S. and European officials say they could roll back this current round of penalties. But officials said that because Russia moved troops and weaponry into Ukraine in recent weeks, it was necessary to levy penalties now rather than wait to see what comes of the cease-fire. Russia denies having a role in the conflict.

"Today's actions demonstrate our determination to increase the costs on Russia as long as it continues to violate Ukraine's territorial integrity and sovereignty," said David Cohen, Treasury undersecretary for terrorism and financial intelligence.

The West has levied multiple rounds of sanctions on Russia, contributing to slower economic growth there. But the penalties have had little impact on Russian President Vladimir Putin's calculus and U.S. officials privately acknowledge that there's no guarantee more sanctions will get him to stop his provocations in Ukraine.

WORLD

Pope warns against apathy in war-torn world

BY COLLEEN BARRY AND LUCA BRUNO
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REDIPUGLIA, Italy — Pope Francis urged the world Saturday to shed its apathy in the face of what he characterizes as a third world war, intoning “war is madness” at the foot of a grandiose monument to soldiers killed in World War I.

Francis’ aim in recalling those who died in the Great War that broke out 100 years ago was to brook the victims of all wars, and it came at a time when his calls for peace have grown ever more

urgent amid new threats in the Middle East and Ukraine.

Standing at an altar beneath the towering Redipuglia memorial entombing 100,000 Italian soldiers fallen in World War I, the pope said “even today, after the second failure of another world war, perhaps one can speak of a third war, one fought piecemeal, with crimes, massacres, destruction.”

The visit was also infused with intensely personal meaning. The pope’s grandfather fought in Italy’s 1915-17 offensive against the Austro-Hungarian empire waged in the nearby battlefields, surviv-

ing to impress upon the future pope the horror of war.

An Italian defense ministry official beneath the pope with his grandfather’s military record during the commemorations, and the parents of an Italian soldier killed in Afghanistan.

last year presented Francis with the distinctive feathered Bersagliere cap worn by the Piedmontese corps, famed for a rugged endurance epitomized by their tradition of marching at a jog.

Military records show that the pope’s grandfather, Giovanni Carlo Bergoglio, was a radio operator during the Isonzo campaign aimed at piercing the Austro-Hungarian defenses. The pope in the past has recalled the “many painful stories from the lips of my grandfather.”

Before arriving at the monument, the pope prayed privately among the neat rows of gravestones for fallen soldiers from five nations buried in a tidy Aus-

tro-Hungarian cemetery just a couple of hundred of yards away.

In his homily during an open-air Mass at the Italian monument, the pope remembered the victims of every war — up to today.

“Today, too, the victims are many,” fallen to behind-the-scenes “interests, geopolitical strategies, lust for money and power,” the pope said.

He lamented that the human toll of “senseless massacres” and “mindless wars” has been met with apathy. Francis urged: “Humanity needs to weep, and this is the time to weep.”

‘New’ Scots’ vote crucial in independence referendum

BY PAUL KELBIE
The Associated Press

GLASGOW, Scotland — On the south side of Glasgow, in the heartland of Scotland’s Asian community, support for independence from the United Kingdom is strong as Thursday’s referendum nears.

Colorful displays of Yes posters outnumber those backing the Better Together campaign. Talk on the street is of opportunity and a chance to create a fairer country more welcoming to immigrants.

Glasgow is Scotland’s largest city, and its most ethnically diverse. Over the last 60 years an influx of Indians, Pakistanis, Bengalis, Chinese, Italians, Poles and others have created new communities which, because of their relative small size, have had to merge with the culture of their adopted country.

Across Scotland, there are some 140,000 people who classify themselves as Asian Scots, along with around 30,000 Africans, 7,000 from the Caribbean, 85,500 Poles and over 160,000 other non-British EU Citizens eligible to vote in the landmark referendum. These “New Scots” represent more than 4 percent of the population and with the polls putting both sides of the debate neck-and-neck just days before the September 18 vote, their views could be critical.

Alyas Hamidi, 21, was born in Glasgow and regards himself first and foremost as a Glaswegian. In public, with his friends, he is a Scot but at home — where English is rarely spoken with his parents and grandparents — he is Iranian. He identifies with both places — and wants his adopted homeland to embrace independence.



Supporters of an independent Scotland await the arrival of First Minister Alex Salmond at Parliament Square in Edinburgh, Scotland, on Tuesday.

“I was the only Iranian boy in my class and apart from a few rude comments over the years I’ve never felt my background was a problem for anyone,” he said. “I’m proud to be Scottish. I’ll be voting yes.”

Research by the Center on Dynamics of Ethnicity recently found that minority groups in Scotland are more likely to claim a Scottish identity when compared to minority groups in England deciding whether to choose an English identity. Overall 94 percent of those from ethnic communities born in Scotland identify as being Scottish rather than British — likely giving independence forces a boost.

For many ethnic minority voters, contrasting attitudes on immigration between Scotland and the rest of the UK are a prominent factor in their decision making. Scotland, with a population of around just 5 million, wants a

more open policy to attract new people and talent, while the British government is under political pressure to curb immigration.

However, many European Union nationals currently living in Scotland fear they will have problems if an independent Scotland is refused entry into the EU.

Many are also concerned that a referendum on EU membership promised by Prime Minister David Cameron after the next general election could result in Scotland being forced to leave the EU if the rest of the UK votes that way.

“The one thing that does worry me is if Scotland votes No and the rest of the UK then decided to leave the EU, what would happen then?” said Monika Macko, 37, who moved from Krakow, Poland to Britain 11 years ago.

10 suspects tied to attack on Pakistani girl arrested

The Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — Pakistan’s army said Friday that it has arrested 10 militants suspected of involvement in the 2012 attack on teenage activist Malala Yousafzai, who won world acclaim after she was shot in the head by the Taliban for advocating gender equality and education for women.

Army spokesman Gen. Asim Saleem Bajwa said the detained men attacked

Yousafzai, then 15, on orders from Mullah Fazlullah, the leader of the Pakistani Taliban. The army is currently waging a major offensive against the extremist group in North Waziristan, a tribal region along the border with Afghanistan that has long been a militant stronghold.

“The entire gang involved in the murder attempt ... has been busted,” Bajwa said, adding that the “terrorists” were part of Tehrik-e-Taliban, an umbrella group encompassing militant organizations across the tribal areas.

“This is good news for our family and most importantly, for the people of Pakistan and the civilized world,” Malala’s father, Ziauddin Yousafzai, said.



Yousafzai

Egypt’s Muslim Brotherhood leaders forced to quit exile in Qatar

The Associated Press

CAIRO — Leaders of Egypt’s Muslim Brotherhood group and allied clerics said on Saturday that they are departing Qatar, where they had sought refuge following the ouster of Egyptian Islamist President Mohamed Morsi and the crackdown on his

supporters.

Their presence in Qatar had severely strained Doha’s relations with Egypt as well as Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, all of which view the Islamist movement as a threat. The expulsion threatens to further isolate the group, which rose to power in Egypt through a string of post-

Arab Spring elections but suffered a dramatic fall from grace during Morsi’s divisive year in office.

Former minister Amr Darrag, who was also the top foreign affairs official in the Brotherhood’s Freedom and Justice Party, and fiery cleric Wagdi Ghoneim said they are leaving Qatar follow-

ing a request to do so by the Gulf monarch.

“I decided to move outside of the beloved Qatar ... so as not to cause any annoyance, embarrassment or problems for our brothers in Qatar,” Ghoneim said in a video message posted on his official Facebook page. The highest ranking member

of the group residing in Qatar is Mahmoud Hussein, the secretary general of the Muslim Brotherhood. According to Rassad, a news agency affiliated with the group, Hussein is among those who will be leaving the country. The agency said they will be searching for another base in exile, possibly Turkey.

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US more tolerant, but more walled off

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By MARC J. DUNKELMAN

Americans like to believe that our exceptional story was cooked up in the proverbial melting pot. And it's true that we've broadly taken strength from our diversity. But the way we engage our differences has more recently begun to shift. We're more tolerant today than we've ever been, but we're also more likely to wall ourselves off from those who hold opposing points of view. As a result, the latitude to lead is our own choosing allows and sometimes compels us to narrow the horizons of our individual experience.

We're right to celebrate the nation's growing aversion to outright bigotry. Few things have been more startling than America's branding of racism as evil rights. The Pew Research Center has been tracking American values for decades. Its polling reveals that, as recently as the late 1980s, a bona fide majority of Americans thought administrators should have the right to fire teachers simply for being homosexual, that firemen should be allowed to little more than a fifth. In 1983, half of Americans opposed interracial marriage; today, only a fraction hold the same view.

Oddly enough, however, all that newfound tolerance hasn't led to a broader diversity in our everyday lives as much as it's led to a stampede toward homogenization. Empowered to deviate from any central norm by the erosion of prejudice, we have sought comfortable, familiar niches.

As author Bill Bishop detailed in "The Big Sort," census data and election results reveal that Americans have moved into communities that are more homogeneously partisan, with both conservatives and progressives preferring to avoid living near people who hold opposing views. As Princeton sociologist Robert Wuthnow has

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documented, even in the religious realm, the faithful today are willing to travel out of their way in search of a congregation that embraces their preferred liturgy.

In many cases, we've been fooled into presuming that modernity serves only to broaden our horizons because people with different perspectives are now only a few mouse clicks away. But that assumption conflates the ability to connect with the same predilection. Even beyond the careful algorithms Google and Facebook use to circumscribe what we see online, technology lets us make contact with one another without registering our full identities.

Two generations ago, a member of the ultra-conservative John Birch Society looked to hock a vintage baseball card would likely have had to come face to face with a buyer — even if she'd pinned a picture of President John F. Kennedy on her lapel. Today, by contrast, a tea partyer can sell memorabilia to a Latino immigrant on eBay, and neither is any the wiser. The spirit of American commerce once compelled us to know one another in depth. Today, by contrast, we frequently engage entirely on the surface.

We can't discount the blessings of the new norm. Most of us find comfort living inside pockets of like-minded acquaintances. And keeping antagonistic communities separated can tamp down tension between them. But if the magic of the American experience was born in the cultural me-

lange of our broader diversity, something has been lost along the way. Our lack of interaction and the mutual understanding it builds is likely contributing to the vitriol that has hamstring Congress. Members who represent constituencies with little to no shared experience are more likely to refrain from meaningful collaboration.

To combat this trend, some might argue that we should promote ever greater diversity. But the magic of the melting pot wasn't simply the fact of its jumble; it was that various groups were compelled to interact, share ideas, discuss their differences and learn from their disagreements. As Arthur Koestler wrote in the 1960s: "The creative act is not an act of creation in the sense of the Old Testament. It does not create something out of nothing; it uncovers, selects, reshuffles, combines, synthesizes already existing facts, ideas, faculties, skills."

Joshua Wolf Shenk's recent book, "Pow-ers of Two," explored how partners like Lennon and McCartney found magic through the intensity of their interaction. But that phenomenon is true on a wider scale as well. America's social architecture was uniquely adept at incubating a range of collaboration. The fact that we couldn't get away from one another fueled the nation's dynamism.

That's no longer true. The principle of "live and let live" has led us to look away when coming across someone unfamiliar. We should undoubtedly celebrate victories in the fight for individual rights. But if tolerance is driving balkanization, we need to recognize that the American experience has changed at its root.

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Employ permanent alimony only when it's fair

By MEGAN MCARDLE
 Bloomberg News

WASHINGTON
 Gov. Chris Christie has signed a bill that ends the practice of permanent alimony in the state of New Jersey. Unsurprisingly, the people who have been agitating for this change are men paying permanent alimony.

There is undoubtedly a lot of unfairness in the alimony system. Some women who get alimony can decide never to work or marry again, while their former spouse has to make their payments monthly on pain of court sanction. On the other hand, someone who — with the consent of their spouse — dialed down or abandoned their career in the midlife lullaby, whose husband then remarries or raises the children, then sees their ex-partner walk off into the sunset with all their earning power while they have to make do with whatever they can find, is also the victim of unfairness.

I don't hear much sympathy for them from the folks who support alimony management (or vice versa). Everyone is convinced that their side has all the real victims, while the other side is getting a free ride. In reality, the wrongs go in both directions. I've known people who say that ex-wives are delaying getting remarried to stay on

the alimony gravy train; I've also known kids who grew up with mothers struggling to stay in the lower middle class because their wealthy fathers departed just before they cashed in on that law degree or medical degree she helped pay for, then paid not one dollar more than their child custody agreement specified. But I don't know how common either situation is, or how you'd even go about collecting the necessary statistics.

In marital law, saying that something is unfair just doesn't get you very far. Family isn't fair. Evolution doesn't care about fairness; it just cares whether you survive and pass on your genes. Men are bigger and stronger, even though this disadvantages women in all sorts of ways, and we get to carry the babies inside us for nine months even if we'd really rather have something a bit more equitable.

The fundamental unfairness of reproduction carries over into the partnerships we form to assist it. The ideal of an egalitarian partnership in which both partners work outside the home and inside the home in equal measure isn't achieved, even in those Nordic paradises where everyone gets scads of fully paid parental leave and subsidized day care — and women are even less likely to end up in a private-sector job or management than they are in the heartless United States.

Instead of talking about how unfair it all is, it's probably more useful to talk about what we want to achieve. Do we want to encourage the formation of marriages in which one spouse charges harder outside the home and the other spouse assumes more domestic duties? Or should we penalize spouses who made the mistake of counting on their partner to provide the lion's share of the earning power? That was the argument of many feminists in the 1970s; they didn't want women to have the choice of becoming housewives.

Though it's not my choice, I'd like for other women — and men — to have it. If two people agree to prioritize one career, there ought to be a way to ensure that the spouse who invests in domestic duties is protected if the marriage goes awry. The old presumption that a woman was automatically entitled to most of her husband's salary, forever, is obviously out of step with the modern economy. But so is the presumption that it's every man for him- or herself. Family has never worked that way, and it would be pretty awful if it did.

New Jersey should have left the discretion in the hands of judges rather than making a blanket rule. Fairness is important. But family matters, too.

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OPINION

Assertive foreign policy polling well again

By JOHN DICKERSON
Slate

WASHINGTON

Whether President Barack Obama's plan to combat the Islamic State actually degrades and destroys the organization may take years to determine, but the debate in the coming weeks over that policy will tell us whether America can have a public discussion about the use of military power during a time of high anxiety.

Key to this conversation doesn't look like it is going to make us any smarter. Polls show that Americans are scared and want action. In a recent NBC/Wall Street Journal poll, more of those surveyed said the United States is less safe now than at any point since 9/11. In a Pew poll, 62 percent said they were very concerned about the rise of Islamic extremism around the world — the largest percentage to say so since 2007. A somewhat smaller majority (53 percent) is very concerned about the same problem in the United States — trying a record high. Republicans say the president has been too quick to act, and Democrats are rushing to agree.

Out of this moment broad foreign policy conclusions are being drawn. The conventional wisdom is that the pendulum has swung too far after the presidency of George W. Bush, and now it must swing back toward a more assertive foreign policy. Whether the topic is Syria, Islamic extremism or Russia, actions are increasingly being framed around showing weakness or strength. When Americans are being heeded, no one wants to be accused of weakness, so there's not much discussion about what actual weakness or strength would mean. Obama is being criticized for the kind of chin-pulling that makes Obama ineffective; the incentive is just to "show strength" — whatever that means.

The public mood has switched quickly in favor of military action. Two-thirds of Americans believe that it is in the nation's interest to combat Islamic State. Thirty-four percent of the country is even in favor of the use of ground troops. A year ago, when the president considered taking action against Syria for using chemical weapons, only 21 percent felt the action was even in the national interest.

The president's numbers have also fallen sharply. In the latest NBC/Wall Street Journal poll, just 32 percent approve of the president's handling of foreign policy, an all-time low in the survey. The GOP has an 18-point advantage on which party can handle foreign policy issues, an 11-point increase from a year ago. Republicans hold a 38-point lead among voters when they are asked which party best ensures a strong national defense. That's the GOP's largest lead on this question in more than 10 years. In the latest Washington Post poll, the president has a new firm on the question of leadership. Just 43 percent call Obama a strong leader, down 11 points in the past year to the lowest level of his presidency.

What this political pressure means in practical terms is that the signals to show strength in order to survive politically are coming in much stronger than the signals to evaluate foreign policy action based on the merits, an evaluation of national interest and prudence. If the public thinks the unpopular president is too contemplative and cautious, you must do the other thing. Or at least you must sound like you are, through pledges of action and boasts of resolve, all while making a point of underlying move toward displays of strength.

So, for example, it has now become conventional wisdom that Obama should have armed the Syrian opposition long ago. If he had, perhaps the Islamic State would not have grown to such a threat. The Wall Street Journal says it, Hillary Rodham Clinton says it, and Dick Cheney says it. Democratic senators trying to stay alive in a tough year are echoing the claim or piling on. Democratic Sen. Kay Hagan, in her first debate in North Carolina, said Obama should have supported the opposition. Democrats are not only criticizing the president's speed in the past, but his understanding of the threat facing the country. Sen. Al Franken, D-Minn., said he was troubled that the president said he didn't have a strategy for combating the Islamic State. Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, D-N.H., said she disagreed with Obama's characterization that the Islamic State is "manageable." The president now faces the accusation, ratified by members of his own party, that he took his eye off the ball, one of the strongest critiques of his predecessor. After the president's speech, Hagan and Shaheen



gave him qualified support, stressing that they were going to press him to use every tool short of ground troops to take on the Islamic State.

There were significant risks to arming the Syrian opposition when it was first debated several years ago. The "good rebels" were hard to identify, the arms might fall into the hands of the Islamic State and other jihadist groups, and the United States — which is the exact opposite position of the Wall Street Journal's editorial page.

If two of the president's chief critics can't even agree on the chain of causation in Syria, that suggests the issue is a little more complicated than it is being presented. Will that complexity be debated? Mark Begich, an endangered Democratic senator from Alaska, said he did not approve of arming the Syrian opposition. "We must have greater assurance that we aren't arming extremists who will eventually use the weapons against us." In Colorado, Demo-

cratic Sen. Mark Udall, who also faces a tough re-election, said, "I will not give this president ... a blank check to begin another land war."

The president didn't just start a new military phase of the war on terrorism; he started a new round in the foreign policy conversation. He was brought to office by a war-weary nation. Now the polls suggest the nation is tired of him. For the moment that means the country is looking for a more assertive foreign policy. Whether that is a permanent new condition depends on future violence and success. But at the moment the incentive is for most politicians to make declarations of strength to distinguish themselves from the unpopular incumbent. The presidential candidates in 2016 will be particularly emboldened, since they traditionally run as an antidote to the perceived deficiencies of the current occupant. That's certainly the way Sen. Barack Obama won office. If his overcorrection was born in his simplistic response to the deficiencies of his predecessor, then judging by the way this current foreign policy debate is going so far, it likely contains the seeds of the next overcorrection.

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After Soviets rolled in, Palach took drastic measures

By MICHAEL CARROLL

As Russian forces continue to make their presence felt in Ukraine, I think of the Czech student Jan Palach, who burned himself to death in a Prague square 45 years ago, a few months after Russian troops ended the 1968 "Prague Spring."

The Czechs had no easy time in the 20th century. They came out of the empire of Austria-Hungary and lost thousands during World War I. Woodrow Wilson and the victorious Allies cobbled together the new nation of Czechoslovakia, which managed two decades of democracy between the wars. It was the last democracy in Eastern Europe.

Then came Hitler in 1938. The English and the French served as part of the country, known as the Sudetenland, to him in the hope of avoiding a second world war. They delayed it for a year. In 1939, Hitler swallowed the rest of the country.

After the Allies defeated the Nazis in 1945, Czechoslovakia had another brief democratic period that lasted until 1948. No doubt some Czechs and Slovaks hoped for economic fairness in the communist

system. It may indeed have brought the children of peasants and miners into universities and other places where they had not been welcome. But something went wrong. Czechoslovakia became a tough place to live and breathe freely. Few young Americans, like my fellow Czechs, He went to freedom's universities and on their nation's streets, would have been at home in Czechoslovakia.

In 1968 the leader of the Czech Communist Party, Alexander Dubcek, supported the popular reform movement known as the Prague Spring. It was supposed to bring socialism with "human face." Sprung that August, when tanks from the Warsaw Pact nations moved in.

By January 1969, Jan Palach had had enough of censorship and repression. Enough of the Russians. Enough of the demoralization of his fellow Czechs. He went to Wenceslas Square, set himself on fire in protest, and died a few days later.

His Prague grave became a shrine for a few years. Too much of a shrine, apparently, for the police. They exhumed his body in 1973, cremated it, and sent the remains to his mother in his hometown.

On the 20th anniversary of Palach's

death, a series of protests later deemed "Palach Week" began. The stated purpose was to honor the Czech martyr, but another goal was to protest the communist regime. The demonstrations grew, and the police response was brutal, with beatings and mass arrests, including a dissident playwright named Vaclav Havel.

The Velvet Revolution was the end of the Czech Communist government. It resigned and in January 1990, Havel was elected president.

Palach's remains were returned to Prague. A bronze cross was placed outside the National Museum, where he fell, and the surrounding square was named for him.

A few years later, as the century with two world wars and two occupations of Czechoslovakia drew to a close, the nation split peacefully into the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

Palach was not the first or only person to commit suicide by self-immolation in pursuit of a perceived greater good or in opposition to an evil seen. A few years earlier, in 1965, the Quaker Norman Morrison burned himself alive below the Pentagon office of Defense Secretary Robert McNamara to protest the Vietnam War. He, like Palach, is little known in the United States, but well remembered in other places.

Such acts are beyond me, beyond my experience, and beyond the familiar world of friends and family. I can respect Palach's memory, his passion, his goals, even if I cannot completely understand him. I could never advocate that anyone follow in his footsteps. It is no guarantee of changing anything for the better or even a guarantee of being remembered. For every Palach, there are dozens from all corners of the world who self-immolated in obscurity and were quickly forgotten.

Palach is so different from the suicide bombers who are in our headlines and nightmares. Their goal is to sacrifice themselves while killing as many innocents as possible in the most visible, dramatic, and horrific way. Palach's goal was to sacrifice himself alone for a good.

Though Jan Palach was part of a painful 20th-century history, in this new century the tanks are rolling again.

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AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Cops: Woman aimed to stop clarinet music

CO CLIFTON — A western Colorado woman is accused of pointing a rifle at several children in a neighboring backyard because she was upset that an 11-year-old boy was playing his clarinet outside.

Mesa County sheriff's deputies believe Cheryl Ann Pifer, 60, of Clifton had been drinking before threatening the children Wednesday.

The Daily Sentinel reported that the boy told Pifer he was practicing the clarinet as part of his homework and couldn't go back inside his grandmother's house because a baby was sleeping.

Several of the other children in the backyard with him reported that Pifer also pointed a gun at them and yelled "Fire in the hole!" as they ran away.

Deputies said Pifer's rifle wasn't loaded.

Onion thief schools pupils on dirty deeds

ME WATERVILLE — It was supposed to be a lesson in growing your own food, healthy eating and helping the less fortunate. Instead, a group of Maine fifth-graders got a lesson in the harsh realities of life.

When students at the Albert S. Hall School in Waterville went out recently to harvest the yellow onions planted last spring, they found that all 100 had been stolen.

Their plan was to give half the onions to a homeless shelter and half to the school kitchen to be used in school lunches.

Teacher Mary Dunn said she plans to turn the theft into a lesson anyway, about coming together when things don't go as planned.

Another Atlantic City casino in trouble

NJ ATLANTIC CITY — The owner of the Trump Taj Mahal casino has sent notices to more than 3,100 employees warning it could be shut down on Nov. 13.

Trump Entertainment Reports said it filed the notices early last week.

The company filed for bankruptcy on Tuesday and threatened to close the Taj Mahal if it doesn't get concessions from its unions.

The notices are required under federal law to give at least 60 days' notice of a company shutdown or large-scale layoff.

The Taj Mahal would be the fifth of Atlantic City's 12 casinos to close this year. So far, the Atlantic City, Showboat and Revel have shuttered and Trump Plaza is closing Tuesday. A Florida developer has offered \$90 million for Revel at a bankruptcy court auction later this month.

Copper pipes stolen from cooling system

VT HIGHGATE — Vermont State Police are investigating the theft of copper

THE CENSUS

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The amount a condo development in New York City's pricey SoHo neighborhood is charging for a parking spot — as much as it would cost to buy a nice house in Dallas or Seattle. The New York Times reported the 10 underground spots at 42 Crosby St. will cost more per square foot than the apartments upstairs. The parking spots will run between \$5,000 and \$6,666 a square foot.



BRENNAN LINSLEY/AP

Early snowfall

Mike West jogs with his baby Friday after the season's first snowfall in Boulder, Colo. Boulder saw less than an inch of snow overnight, about a month earlier than the average first snow, according to the National Weather Service. A snowstorm blanketed parts of Wyoming, South Dakota, Montana and Colorado, setting early snowfall records in some places.

pipng that operates the refrigeration system for the Highgate Sports Arena.

Police said it will cost about \$10,000 to replace the damaged cooling unit.

Highgate has worked on the renovation of the arena and its 40-year-old cooling system for several years.

The select board has asked the town to approve a \$990,000 bond to repair the system. The bond issue would allow the town to take advantage of a federal grant that would have to be used by September 2015.

50 dead cats found in man's freezer

FL LAKE WORTH — Detectives found 50 dead cats in four freezers at the home of a South Florida man while serving a warrant for child pornography.

Palm Beach County Sheriff's officials said they went to the home of Douglas Westcott, 55, on Wednesday to arrest him on three counts of child porn. Once inside, they found more than 30 cats run-

ning around inside and dozens of dead cats in freezers.

The Palm Beach Post reported the litter boxes were overflowing. Most of the live cats were relatively healthy, but many had respiratory and skin problems.

Authorities said Westcott refused to give up custody of the cats. Animal Care & Control officials removed the cats from the home. A judge has 30 days to determine whether Westcott can keep the cats.

Workers bothered by building's stench

NM ALAMOGORDO — A county government building in southern New Mexico stinks.

And the Alamogordo Daily News reported that Otero County officials are deciding whether to relocate staff that has no longer put up with the putrid smell in the Administration Annex Building's basement.

Commissioner Ronny Rardin said Thursday he's worried about the staff since the offending scent is permeating the building's sub-

structure. He says the odor has been around since the county moved into the building in 2008.

Officials said the exact cause of the recurring smell is unclear.

Otero County Assessor Donald Yee, who works in the building, said efforts to get rid of the stench have been unsuccessful.

Prank puts policemen in proverbial doghouse

MI FERNDALE — Three police officers are in hot water in suburban Detroit after a prank involving a stray dog that was tied to a home.

WDIV-TV reported that Ferndale officers took the dog to the home of a police dispatcher's girlfriend. But they tied the dog to the wrong house in Southfield, and the owner called police, fearing a break-in.

Ferndale police Lt. William Wilson said the prank was "infantile ... grade school-ish, middle school-ish at best." The officers could be punished.

The incident occurred over Labor Day weekend. The dog is in a Southfield animal shelter.

Contestant follows mom to swimsuit title

MD EASTON — This year's Miss Maryland takes after her mother.

During preliminary competitions Thursday night in the Miss America pageant, Miss Maryland Jade Kenny of Madison won the swimsuit competition, wearing a two-piece pink swimsuit. The Star Democrat of Easton reported that when Kenny's mother Missy Kenny was 17 she entered the Miss Maryland pageant and won the bathing suit competition. Jade Kenny had joked about that fact because she hadn't yet won that part of the pageant.

Kenny, 23, will get a \$1,000 scholarship as a result of her win. She works in advertising and marketing at CBS Sports. She was recently a cheerleader for the Washington Wizards.

The next Miss America will be crowned during Sunday night's nationally televised finale.

From wire reports

LIFESTYLE

Roger Thompson raises his fists in victory after Josh Lachene, right, finally managed to start his moped outside of the Truck Yard, in Dallas in August. Although the mopeds are often rusty and unreliable, the members of Pine Box Pedal Club view it as just a part of the experience.

PHOTOS BY BRITTANY SOMACHE, THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS/MCT



'It's a labor of love'

Slow, unreliable mopeds have charms some can't resist

BY LIZZIE JOHNSON
The Dallas Morning News

Katie Arterburn whips around a corner going 20 mph on her cream-colored moped. Late-summer air rushes past her face, stinging her eyes and whipping her strawberry blond hair into knots.

She reaches the parking lot of Kyle's Scooter Shop, cuts the engine and hops off. The tiny Texas license plate on the back continues to swing.

"Sorry I'm late," she says, sliding off her yellow smiley-face helmet. The Goat Taco ride, a scenic 30-mile jaunt through Dallas that includes a stop for goat tacos, is about to commence.

Arterburn, 29, is the face of the Pinebox Pedal Club, the only moped gang in the Dallas area. They're hardly intimidating, just a half-dozen gearheads doing what they love best — squealing around the city on tiny motorized bikes.

Arterburn is the only female member of the club. There are about 40 to 50 moped riders in the city, and the trend is gaining popularity, according to Kyle Salter, 38, a moped gang member and owner of Kyle's Scooter Shop.

"It's more fun to go fast on something that's meant to go slow," says Salter. "I started with jeeps and motorcycles and then went backwards. I like the simplicity, how you can fix any problems with your hands."

Unlike motorcycles, mopeds have pedals, which are used to jump-start the two-stroke engine that emits a gassy smell reminiscent of lawn mowers.

Most have top speeds around 20 mph, although tricked out, they can hit 60. But they're hardly sturdy. Mopeds are prone to breaking down. The machines — basically antiques — are no longer sold brand-new.

Arterburn's first moped broke down on her birthday, just blocks from home. Other moped gang members have broken down on the highway. Salter says a good ride happens when only one person's engine peters out or a single pedal is lost.

"You aren't going to get there very fast," says moped gang member Oliver Sitrin, 35. "The adventure of getting there is more about the people who are with you when you break down."

"And you will break down. It's actually part of the enjoyment, being able to fix it on the side of the road."

Salter and his shop are the epicenter of moped culture in Dallas. Nearly every moped in the area has been sold, bought or fixed by him.

His shop is tucked in a strip of businesses behind a gated apartment building just south of White Rock Lake. There is no marker to distinguish the shop from the uniform row of beige garages lined up like teeth. Salter's business card is taped to the door, the edges curling in the humidity.

It's the only sign.

"If you're in this game, you know where I'm at," Salter says, rolling up the garage door. "It's word-of-mouth. I've been open for four years. The gearheads know how to find the gearheads."

He ducks into the garage, pausing to grab a screwdriver, and begins tinkering on an orange 1980s moped, one of 30 mopeds in the shop. Salter unbooks the wires that connect the tire to the scooter's body, then removes the rim. Grease and blood stain his fingertips. He doesn't seem to notice.

The mopeds come to Salter ratty and broken — with flooded engines, rusted tubes and chipped paint. Mouse and wasp nests are burrowed in the seats and tires. Most haven't been ridden since the height of moped mania in the 1970s.

Salter salvages them from junkyards and barnyards. Others he buys on Craigslist. His favorite hailed from an alfalfa farm, its seat covered in a burlap sack.

By the time Salter is done revamping a moped, it can be sold with a price tag ranging from \$500 to \$2,000. He works 60-hour weeks repairing the scooters.

"I'm sober now," he says, readjusting the white bandana tied around his forehead. "Instead of going out and partying like I used to, I just come here. This is my sobriety."

Salter was born to a family of gearheads.

His parents raced Italian convertibles in Wichita, Kan., his hometown. His grandfather was the chief engineer and designer for Cessna Aircraft. By the time Salter enrolled in elementary school, he could identify the model of an airplane just by hearing the rumble of its engine thousands of feet in the sky.

The knack for building and putting things together ran in the Salter family. At 12, Salter reassembled a car engine. At 16, he got a junkyard car running again.

Salter's passion for mopeds began developing even earlier. On a childhood visit with family in Arkansas, his aunt nestled 5-year-old Salter onto the front of a moped seat and drove him in small, looping circles around the backyard. The aunt and uncle were both professors and rode matching periwinkle blue mopeds to work each day.

Now, those two mopeds are nestled in the back of Salter's shop. He pauses in front of them whenever he walks past the line of mopeds, rubbing a hand gently over their handlebars. The shop is also the home and the meeting spot for the Pinebox Pedal Club.

"My mopeds are a piece of art," Salter says. "There's beauty in the original, in the scars of life, like where the paint is coming off and the primer is coming through. It's a trend right now. Mopeds have been huge in Austin (Texas). It's finally catching up here."

The rickety bikes mainly draw riders for the thrill. About 10 years ago, there were handfuls of moped gangs in Dallas, according to Salter. Now, it's just the Pinebox Pedal Club, but the movement is growing. More clubs should be sprouting up soon, Salter says. Most are young people with an affinity for fixing broken things.

The Moped Army, an online community, keeps the Dallas branch connected to others around the nation. There are forums to buy and sell mopeds, a calendar of events — like the Mosquito Fleet Rally in mid-August in Seattle — and an archive of moped-related news.

Once, the group headed to Austin for a rally with the local gang. A crew of about 50 people on mopeds went barhopping around the city. It's a trip the Pinebox Pedal Club makes several times a year.

"We went on these huge hills, and it was amazing," Arterburn says. "I had this dying-laughing face the entire time. You really can't beat the feeling of flying on two wheels with a huge group of other people doing the exact same thing and feeling the exact same way."

Sometimes the mopeds break down on the side of the highway. Sometimes motorcycle gangs hurl insults at the smaller bikes. And sometimes people throw Shurpacs to the moped riders. But Salter says he will always be a die-hard fan of mopeds.

"They're simplistic and artistic and vintage," Salter says. "It's a labor of love."



Katie Arterburn zooms around a curve on her Puch moped, a birthday present from her fiancé, Oliver Sitrin, at White Rock Lake during a Pine Box Pedal Club ride in July.

MUSIC

PLEASANT SURPRISE?



Courtesy of Interscope Records

U2 gives you more than you paid for — along with an ambush you didn't request

By **RANDALL ROBERTS**
Los Angeles Times

One danger of artistic longevity is repetition. Then there's the problem of self-parody. In the case of U2, a band with 13 documented and doted-upon studio albums across 34 years, how does an artist deliver surprise instead of lapsing into well-worn tropes, even if they're expertly imagined and executed?

One effective way to shock in 2014 is by dropping anticipated new work with no advance notice, for free, while the world is tuned to an Apple product launch. That's how U2 just did it, anyway.

The long-gestating new one from Bono, the Edge, Larry Mullen Jr. and Adam Clayton is called "Songs of Innocence," and during Tuesday's iPhone and Apple Watch media event the band simultaneously acknowledged the new record's existence and, with the click of

a button somewhere in Cupertino, Calif., dropped it for free into 500 million iTunes accounts.

Like a magician lifting a kerchief to reveal a dove, all of a sudden there it was, amid our iTunes files: U2, "Songs of Innocence." Named for the first of a two-volume William Blake poetry cycle, the record is focused on nostalgia while being produced by a consortium of contemporary hit-makers — including Paul Epworth, Flood and Ryan Tedder — and overseen by the producer Danger Mouse.

Though "Innocence" doesn't cost anything and you already have it, should you exert the energy to move your finger to

iTunes and poke a few virtual buttons?

Sure, but don't expect a record as breathtaking as U2 at its best. Rather, this is average-grade stuff with a couple essential songs.

"Songs of Innocence" is an autobiographical record about music as a salve, as an engine, and the ways in which it ferried Bono and band on a fantastic journey to wealth, fame, influence ... and California.

Sonically, though, "Songs of Innocence" is a reactionary album defined by the tones of today. Thankfully, there aren't any dubstep bass-drops, but it shouldn't come as a comfort to anyone that the first few seconds of the record sound like a Lumineers ooh-ay-ooh song. Or that musically it's about as dangerous as a Coldplay record, albeit with grittier distortion pedals; or that most of Adam Clayton's trademark bass lines sound like rote imitations of better lines elsewhere in the band's repertoire.

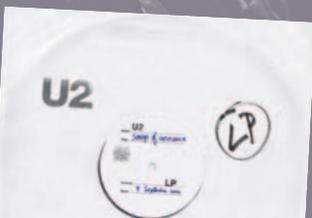
The menace lies elsewhere, and the band is at its best when in expansion mode. "Raised by Wolves" recalls the 1970s trauma that overwhelmed U2's homeland one Friday at dusk, when simultaneous IRA bombings in Dublin and Monaghan killed 33 people.

"Volcano" surprises with a dance-rock track that sounds inspired by LCD Sound-system and the DFA posse. It's the best song on the album, capturing the bottled-up tension of a soul in need of passion.

This all-consuming passion drives "Innocence," and makes for an at-times lyrically fascinating work, one that honors the power of organized sound: "Music so I can exaggerate my pain, and give it a name," sings Bono on "The Miracle (of Joey Ramone)." Though I'm pretty sure that Joey wouldn't like this song — too complicated, too many big words — it nonetheless captures the spirit.

It's tempting to conclude with a cheap shot about the world's biggest band leveraging itself into your life without permission, something about recipients "getting what they pay for." It is disconcerting, and anyone bred on the rebellion of punk rock is right to be wary.

What would a teenage Bono think if Yes or Jethro Tull secretly invaded every home in Dublin and dropped their new record on the turntable? I'd wager he'd have a problem with it — and rightly so. And even if such invasion has little to do with the music, it's difficult to have a pleasant conversation with a friend when you discover she's snuck into your living room without an invite.



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There are the Robert Plant fans firmly in the why-doesn't-he-just-tour-with-Lead-Zeppelein camp. Then there are those who admire the former rock god's post-Zep reign as a restless experimenter and global troubadour with little use for nostalgia.

The latter group will find much to appreciate on the stirring, often melancholic and thoroughly modern "lullaby and... The Ceaseless Roar." It's the first studio album with his versatile recent touring outfit, the Sensational Space Shifters. With players from various continents and musical traditions, the band follows effortlessly as Plant leads the charge over the common ground connecting American country and blues, English folk, African rhythm, riff-heavy rock

and even electronica.

The opener, "Little Maggie," is a reinvention of a traditional Appalachian number popularized in the 1940s by



Robert Plant

lullaby and... The Ceaseless Roar
(Nonesuch)

the bluegrass duo the Stanley Brothers. This time, that twang isn't a banjo—it's a one-stringed Gambian instrument called the riti. The song ends with a surprising but smooth transition to a trip-hop-style electro beat.

The heaviest track, "Turn It Up," features Tom Waits-style junkyard percussion and some distorted electric guitar workouts. "House of Love"—a warm ballad with a slow, booming rhythm—surveys "the damage done" following a shattered relationship.

Good luck getting that tune's bittersweet melody out of your head. The album throbs with ambition and subtlety and rewards replays. Who needs nostalgia?

— Christopher Weber
The Associated Press

Robert Plant crosses continents on new album

'lullaby and... The Ceaseless Roar' blends African rhythm, English folk, American country

British musician Robert Plant's new album, "lullaby and... The Ceaseless Roar," was released in the U.S. on Tuesday. The album features 11 new recordings, nine of which are original songs written by Plant with his band, the Sensational Space Shifters.

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LIFESTYLE

No Laughing Matter

Psychologist helps comedians stand up to pressures

By Christopher Goffard
Los Angeles Times

Ildiko Tabori has never stood on a stage trying to make strangers laugh, doesn't write jokes and admits that she's not great at telling them. Trying to recount something clever she heard, she makes advance apologies: "I'm not going to do it justice."

But if you make a living being funny, Tabori understands the particulars of your pain better than most. For the past 3½ years, she's been an in-house shrink at the Laugh Factory in Hollywood.

"Being a comedian is truly the hardest job in the entertainment industry," Tabori says. "You have a lot of late nights. You have good sets, you have bad sets. It is kind of a lonely existence at times."

She knows about the constant pressure of finding gigs. The uncertainty of whether the routine that worked yesterday will work tonight. The front-row drunk, ruining your set. The allure of drugs and alcohol. The hard-to-describe emptiness that attends interactions with fans, who mistakenly believe they know you because they related to a joke.

And the strain of watching fellow comics shoot to stratospheric success, sometimes as fresh arrivals on the scene. "I do hear that a lot," Tabori says. "Why is this person successful, and why am I not?"

Robin Williams' recent suicide was a reminder of why she's there. Club owner Jamie Masada hired Tabori after he became alarmed by the number of premature deaths in the comic world, including Richard Jeni's suicide in 2007 and Greg Giraldo's fatal overdose three years later.

"He felt the comedians needed some support from a professional," she says. "He's not trained to recognize someone

who's going to go kill themselves, and I am."

During the day, she sees patients at her office in west Los Angeles. Two or three nights a week, she drives to the Sunset Strip club around the time comedians start taking the stage.

Clients follow her up a narrow staircase, past the bar and VIP lounge, to a third-floor office where they sit on an old-fashioned red couch that used to belong to Groucho Marx. Clowns gape from the walls. Through the floorboards rise the muffled sounds of jokes living and dying on the stage below.

"Initially, people were skeptical of Dr. Tabori because, A, she's a female; B, they didn't think they needed any help; and C, how could this doctor who never did stand-up comedy understand them?" says veteran comic Sunda Croonquist, who has been seeing her for three years.

She says Tabori helped her get through "a horrible, dark time in my life" precipitated by a lawsuit by her in-laws, who were angry at her depiction of them in her act. "She's hard-core," Croonquist says. "You're not gonna get a fluffy pillow."

A Los Angeles native and daughter of a former runner from the Hungarian Olympic team, Tabori grew up absorbing what she calls "an Eastern European work ethic."

As a girl, she fell in love with Johnny Carson and had pet cockatiels named Mork and Mindy. She originally wanted to be an ethnographer, "to see the world and study customs," and now "I guess I am kind of an ethnographer. I study this culture." Often, she stands in the back of the club watching her clients perform. It can provide clues as to what's hurting them.

For years, she counseled inmates at L.A.



RICK LOOMIS, LOS ANGELES TIMES/MCT

Psychologist Ildiko Tabori counsels comedians at the Laugh Factory in Hollywood.

County jails and sex offenders for the state parole board, which is one thing she tells people when they ask how a non-comic could possibly understand a comic's pain.

"I don't have to live that experience to understand what's going on with them," says Tabori, 43. "I'm not bipolar, but I can work with someone who has bipolar disorder. Emotions are universal."

Masada says he interviewed dozens of psychologists before he found Tabori.

He pays for comics' first few sessions with Tabori or another therapist who comes on alternate days; after that, they pay on a sliding scale. Tabori, who calls the gig "the coolest job any psychologist can have," has seen scores of comics since Masada hired her.

In casual conversation, Tabori exudes easy cheerfulness, but she describes her approach with patients this way: "I'm not a touchy-feely Earth Mother. I'm the type of therapist who is going to call you on your crap. I'm going to hold you accountable."

Research shows that depression and bipolar disorder are more pervasive in comics than in the general population, she says, and the lifestyle can exacerbate it.

Show business is brutalizing, competition is cutthroat and the road — where many comics make their money shuttling between stages in nowhere towns — is a lonely place.

"I'm sitting alone in an icky, dark hotel room, and that loneliness creeps in," she says.

Tabori's clientele is supposed to be a secret, of course, though it's a joke at the Laugh Factory that everyone knows whom she counsels.

One of them is Rajiv Satyal, 38, who's been doing comedy for eight years. He says comics often speak of the microphone

as an arrow, pointing right at them.

"The rejection is public," he says. "I'll never know how good my friends are at their jobs — they're doctors or lawyers — whereas you know how good of a stand-up I am. You can see me."

When he worked in the marketing department at Procter & Gamble, he says, a co-worker might inch up a rung on the corporate ladder. In comedy, your peers' success means they are rich and famous. "The feeling of inadequacy is fed by the industry."

Recently, as Tabori's clients try to make sense of Williams' death, she's seen the initial shock giving way to something else.

"The anger is starting to hit," she says, recalling a comic who noted that Williams left children behind, and who also felt guilty for his anger.

Tabori's assistant, James Harris, 39, who is both a psychologist-in-training and a comic, says the suicide-unwired comics in part because Williams represented the pinnacle of talent and success in their field.

"It's scary because so many people think the answer to their happiness is going to be that kind of accomplishment," he says.

"On some level you have to ask, 'What if those things don't make me happy?'"

Tabori had been waiting for a patient at her day job when she saw the news on Facebook of Williams' death. She sent Masada an email saying, "Please remind the comedians I'm here."

The next morning, she says, one of her comedian clients sent her an email that said, "Thanks for keeping me and my friends alive."

"I have it saved and flagged," she says. "That one I'll keep forever."

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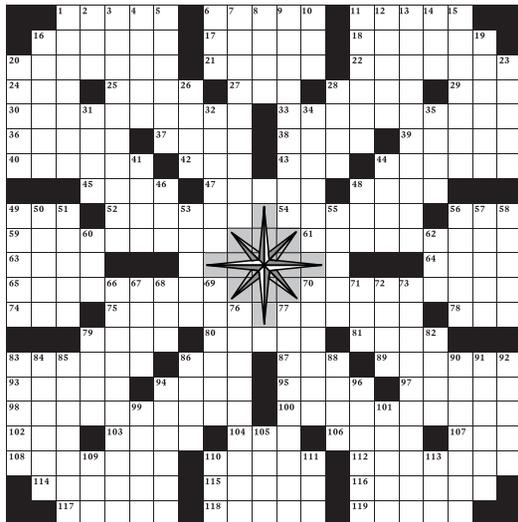
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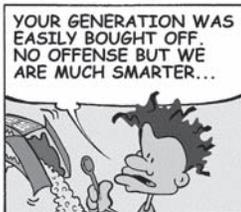
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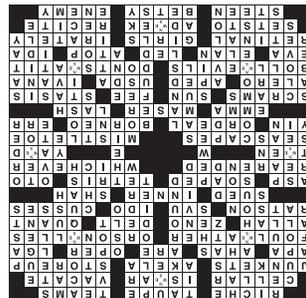
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The Fetch camera-carrying harness from GoPro captures shots from both over-the-head and chest-high viewpoints on your dog's outings.

Gone to the dogs

Camera-carrying harness allows your pooch to gather his own pics

By **PATRICK MAY**
San Jose Mercury News

GoPro recently unveiled Fetch, its new camera-carrying harness that will turn your hound dog into the next Hitchcock.

GoPro, of course, is the red-hot San Mateo-based maker of affordable, wearable, mountable, submersible and incredibly cool high-definition personal cameras, often favored by the extreme-sports set.

After going public recently, GoPro must have realized that many of its camera-owning customers had been going nuts attaching their GoPros to not only their surfboards, mountain bikes and snowboards, but also to their pets at home. YouTube is awash with homemade movies shot with the help of a GoPro-carrying turtle, kitten, dachshund or pony.

You can see how addictive this behavior might become? Well, GoPro did, and now we have

Fetch, as described here by its makers:

Digging, running, swimming, hunting and exploring — dogs can now showcase their world using the new Fetch mount from GoPro, Inc., the company's first pet accessory. The Fetch dog harness has two mount locations for HERO cameras — one on the back for over-the-head shots and another on the chest for a field of view closer to all the action. The fully adjustable mount is designed to fit small dogs of 15 pounds to large breeds up to 120 pounds.

"The adaptability and versatility of GoPro cameras make them the perfect device to document life from a dog's point of view," said Paul Osborne, GoPro's senior director of product management.

The Fetch harness costs \$59.99. The camera, of course, is NOT included, but you can grab a GoPro HERO3 for under \$200.

GADGET WATCH

Alarm clock a real hoot (or crow)

By **GREGG ELLMAN**
McClatchy-Tribune News Service

G-Projects G-Buzz is a portable alarm clock built with a rugged exterior and all of today's digital features, including the sounds of a rooster.

It can be powered by AC or four AAA batteries (not included) and has two alarms with five waking-up sounds. They include a traditional annoying buzzer, which would wake anyone up, along with roosters crowing, bells chiming, drums drumming and foghorns blowing.

If you need help falling asleep, turn on the soothing sound of waves crashing, crickets, white noise or owls hooting.

There's a USB port for charging most smartphones or tablets, a line-in port for playing media from another device and an internal FM radio.

The G-Buzz has a creative way to ensure you're up after the alarm goes off, assuming you didn't hit the snooze button. Described as Shake to Wake, it's built with an internal motion sensor to let you shake the alarm clock to turn it off.

Online: gprojectgear.com; \$29.99



The camera takes a photo whenever the lens sees something. To shut it off, turn it face down or just place it in your pocket.

To take a photo manually, just tap the front.

An internal battery lasts up to two days depending on usage and can store 4,000 images in the 8GB of internal memory. A microUSB port is used for charging and connecting to your computer for download.

Possibly the coolest feature is the built-in accelerometer that keeps your image's orientation correct no matter how it's worn.

The Narrative Clip does everything as advertised. There's even a free Narrative app to help keep your photos organized.

Online: getnarrative.com; \$279, available in arctic white, graphite gray and orange

A-Audio headphones are produced by a new company, which is probably the reason I'd never heard of them before I tested them.

First, before I heard a single note of music, the over-the-head Legacy headphones passed the first test — they're quite comfortable.

Their padded ear cups with memory foam make them feel great. Inside each ear cup is a 40mm custom driver.

They're built with Three Stage Listening Technology, which A-Audio points out are the only headphones to offer that.

The technology can be changed with a switch on the headset to customize the sound with bass enhancer, active noise cancellation and audio modes.

On a noisy flight, the active noise cancellation is handy, and on the ground, since I'm a bass junkie, the bass enhancer is perfect.

With all options, the sound is crystal clear, and the comfort makes you forget you have them on.

A lot of attention clearly was given to the development of the design and look of the headphones.

Along with the padded ear cups, they are made with chrome-plating, steel construction (polishing cloth included) with zinc hinges for durability.

The leather headband has diamond-quilted stitching, and the rotating ear cups have anti-vibration octagonal aluminum bezels, which I have to admit is the first time I've heard that term.

They collapse for easy storage in the included case and include cables for hands-free calls and a dual jack for sharing your music.

Online: A-Audio.com; \$299, available in Liquid Chrome and Matte Phantom Black



The **Narrative Clip** is the world's smallest (1.42-x-1.42-x-0.35 inches) wearable camera, GPS and accelerometer-integrated device that automatically snaps photos as you go.

The device fits into the trendy category of wearable technology and enables people's instant need to tell the world where they are, what they're doing and who's around them via social media.

The camera has settings for taking a photo at intervals, such as every 30 seconds; you can also press the button to take an image with the 5-megapixel camera.

A stainless steel clip attaches to your clothing, or you can even be clever and hide the camera to really go undercover. Obviously you must make sure the lens is not covered.



MCT photos

The Narrative Clip wearable camera connects to your clothing, enabling you to subtly capture every moment of your life as it's happening.

ITUNES MUSIC

Top 10 songs on the iTunes Store for Sept. 10:

- "Shake It Off," Taylor Swift
- "Centuries," Fall Out Boy
- "All About That Bass," Meghan Trainor
- "Bang Bang," Jessie J, Ariana Grande & Nicki Minaj
- "Two Night Town," Jason Aldean
- "Maps," Maroon 5
- "Burnin' It Down," Jason Aldean
- "Blame," Calvin Harris
- "Rafter Be (featuring Jess Glynne)," Clean Bandit
- "BreeK Free (featuring Zedd)," Ariana Grande

— Compiled by MCT

SPOTIFY MUSIC

The most streamed tracks on Spotify from Sept. 1-7:

- "All About That Bass," Meghan Trainor
- "Stay With Me," Sam Smith
- "BreeK Free," Ariana Grande
- "Bang Bang," Jessie J, Ariana Grande & Nicki Minaj
- "Chandelier," Sia
- "Black Widow," Iggy Azalea
- "Rude," MAGIC!
- "Anaconda," Nicki Minaj
- "Maps," Maroon 5
- "Shower," Becky G

— Compiled by The Associated Press

ITUNES MOVIES

Top 10 movies downloaded from the iTunes Store for Sept. 10:

- "Live Die Repeat: Edge of Tomorrow"
- "Captain America: The Winter Soldier"
- "A Million Ways to Die in the West"
- "Fad Up"
- "Joe"
- "Draft Day"
- "Blended"
- "The Longest Week"
- "The Other Woman"
- "Brick Mansions"



— Compiled by MCT

VIDEO GAMES

The Top 10 Xbox 360 games for September:

- "Destiny," Activision
- "Diablo III: Reaper of Souls Ultimate Evil Edition," Blizzard
- "The Walking Dead Season Two Episode Five: No Going Back," Telltale Games
- "Madden NFL 15," EA Sports
- "Dark Souls II: Crown of the Old Iron King," Bandai Namco
- "Ultra Street Fighter IV," Capcom
- "Dark Souls II: Crown of the Sunken King," Bandai Namco
- "Wolfenstein: The New Order," Bethesda
- "Watch Dogs," Ubisoft
- "GRID Autosport," Codemasters

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APPS

Top 5 new free apps for Sept. 10:

- ANDROID
- Angry Birds Stella
 - Diamond Digger Saga
 - Madden NFL Mobile
 - Wipeout 2
 - Jump Jump Ninja
- Top 5 free apps for Sept. 10:
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INDEPENDENT NEWS FOR THE U.S. MILITARY COMMUNITY

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

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

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

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

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

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

separate editions, running up to 24 pages per issue.

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

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

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

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

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



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

needs of their respective military communities.

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

STARS AND STRIPES RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2004 American Legion Excellence in Journalism Award – Ground Truth Series

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

MLB

Bumgarner strikes out eight in Giants' win

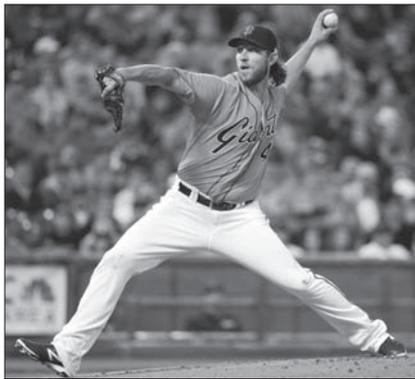
By JANIE McCAULEY
The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Madison Bumgarner pitched himself into the San Francisco record book, took a share of the major league lead for wins and, most important to the soft-spoken southpaw, moved his team one step closer in an NL West race that could go down to the wire.

Bumgarner struck out eight on the way to his 18th victory, and the Giants moved within one game of NL West-leading Los Angeles by beating the Dodgers 9-0 on Friday night.

"It's not hard to get up for the Dodgers series, especially the circumstances we're in," Bumgarner said. "The offense did an unbelievable job and kept scoring runs."

Pinch-hitter Travis Ishikawa splashed a three-run homer into McCovey Cove, and Brandon Crawford hit a two-run drive in the fifth to help Bumgarner win his fifth straight start. Buster Posey and Crawford hit RBI



MARCO JOE SANCHEZ/AP

San Francisco starting pitcher Madison Bumgarner earned his 18th victory on the Friday as the Giants defeated the Dodgers 9-0 in San Francisco on Friday.

doubles in the first as the Giants jumped on Hyun-Jin Ryu (14-7).

The Dodgers' left-hander excited after only one inning because of irritation in his pitching shoulder. He said it's similar to the problem he dealt with in May that landed him on the disabled list, raising doubt whether he will pitch again this season.

Ryu will be re-examined Saturday in the Bay Area.

"I'm staying positive. I felt this before in the past, so hopefully it will be the same time that it took to recover from that," Ryu said through a translator. "I think it was a week or two."

San Francisco, which leads the NL wild-card race, is one game back of Los Angeles for the first time since Aug. 4. The Giants have won a season-best 10 straight home games after handing the Dodgers their fifth shut-out loss.

This group has its swagger back at home.

"It's as good as it can be. It's been that way for a while now," Bumgarner said. "We've got a lot

of guys who have been here and done this before."

Bumgarner (18-9) reached 200 strikeouts for the first time in his career when he fanned Scott Van Slyke in the second. The lefty is tied with Dodgers Sunday starter Clayton Kershaw, Cincinnati's Johnny Cueto and the Cardinals' Adam Wainwright for most wins in the majors.

Los Angeles lined up its top starters for this series, while Giants manager Bruce Bochy opted to keep his pitchers on their regular schedule because things have been working well so far in September.

"It's for the first place. We're a game behind them," Crawford said. "We know the stakes."

The Dodgers had the best road record in baseball and swept the Giants in three games at AT&T Park from July 25-27 — outscoring San Francisco 17-4.

"It's live theater every night, we just don't know the ending here," Dodgers manager Don Mattingly said before the game.

Statistics

American League

TEAM BATTING	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Avg
Brewers	524	69	141	17	47	.270
Los Angeles	516	72	139	14	68	.263
Toronto	502	65	111	16	62	.261
Baltimore	509	64	109	19	63	.258
Minnesota	495	56	126	10	53	.254
Tampa Bay	496	59	123	10	54	.248
Chicago	505	67	124	13	64	.246
Boston	501	57	127	11	59	.241
Houston	493	60	118	15	54	.241

INDIVIDUAL BATTING

Player	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Avg
VMartinez Det	511	80	171	30	97	.335
Babe Ruth	499	75	161	18	71	.326
Canse	539	74	174	13	76	.323
Brantley Tex	507	78	138	18	31	.318
JBreau CWS	502	71	159	33	39	.317
McCabe Det	552	92	122	10	101	.310
Chisenhall Cle	568	81	171	16	73	.301
Eaton CWS	434	66	129	21	34	.297
Clippard CWS	425	48	124	7	29	.292
HKendrick LAA	576	83	168	7	69	.292
Chisenhall Cle	425	48	124	7	29	.292
Loney TB	554	56	161	9	66	.291
Kaloupek LA	442	83	127	16	56	.287
Aybar LAA	527	62	128	7	66	.287
Troul LAA	556	104	161	32	105	.286
Yates Minn	408	56	124	18	62	.285
YGomes Cle	506	58	141	10	58	.284
DNavarro Tor	435	38	126	12	68	.284
Alonzo Bal	493	68	168	25	75	.283
JHarris Bal	483	68	168	25	75	.283
ToHunter Det	587	65	137	15	75	.281
Rios Tex	492	54	128	4	54	.280
Liouws Tex	482	46	120	8	46	.280
LMartin Tex	474	57	132	7	36	.278
Kinsler Det	522	92	173	13	79	.278
Wright Bos	648	99	152	15	103	.277
Elisby NYM	509	61	126	6	67	.277
Wright Bos	521	61	126	6	67	.277
ASeaborg CWS	514	66	141	2	46	.274
Seider Sea	523	62	141	2	46	.274
Al Ramirez CWS	559	73	153	14	65	.274
Marks Bal	605	72	165	12	44	.273
Wright Bos	511	71	151	21	74	.273
Gardner NYM	501	81	135	16	56	.273
Wright Bos	520	81	141	26	74	.272
Hosmer KC	449	58	120	9	26	.267
Butler KC	511	53	131	19	29	.267
Aoki KC	434	35	115	1	36	.265
Al Johnson Sea	555	83	146	39	101	.263
Cruz Bal	495	49	107	11	22	.252
Castellanos Det	464	47	127	10	30	.252
Wright Bos	525	68	148	19	52	.252
Andrus Tex	588	68	148	19	52	.252
Encarnacion Tor	420	67	110	30	83	.262
Wright Bos	525	68	148	19	52	.252
Joyce TB	392	50	102	8	51	.260
Wright Bos	405	49	107	9	34	.259
Donaldson Oak	553	85	141	26	94	.255
De Aza Cle	405	50	106	9	45	.255
Wright Bos	525	68	148	19	52	.252
Jeter NYM	430	41	134	4	40	.253
Wright Bos	525	68	148	19	52	.252
Yescobar TB	549	41	116	6	37	.252
Infante Cle	481	46	121	6	60	.252

INDIVIDUAL PITCHING

Player	ERA	W	L	BB	SO	Sh	Sv
Seattle	3.00	1105	437	410	1173	9	48
Klaikland	3.25	1146	481	388	1109	11	29
Tampa Bay	3.49	1183	521	434	1326	20	34
Kansas City	3.50	1259	512	402	1251	13	48
Baltimore	3.50	1211	517	433	1262	12	49
Los Angeles	3.52	1180	527	437	1227	11	42
Cleveland	3.62	1272	535	431	1284	13	48
New York	3.77	1260	549	363	1277	11	43
Boston	3.98	1323	594	454	1118	24	34
Detroit	3.99	1335	586	423	1137	7	35
Toronto	4.02	1275	582	454	1085	15	40
Houston	4.24	1323	615	442	1038	11	32
Chicago	4.33	1322	629	499	1026	5	32
Minnesota	4.60	1432	661	378	1100	7	27
Texas	4.69	1397	674	462	1023	17	27

INDIVIDUAL PITCHING

Player	ERA	W	L	BB	SO	Sh	Sv
Quintana CWS	1.67	174	50	152	710	3	38
Pughes Minn	1.88	200	55	165	815	9	35
WChen Bal	1.68	173	31	123	645	4	35
Tillman Bal	1.88	166	63	132	338	3	35
B Norris Bal	1.54	142	46	126	138	3	37
Elias Sea	1.61	146	63	142	102	3	31
DrPrice Det	1.90	172	45	127	12	3	35
Kuroda NYM	1.77	175	35	125	10	9	39
Wright Bos	1.69	175	41	125	10	9	39
Odorizzi TB	1.59	144	55	168	102	4	38
Hutchison Tor	1.69	158	54	159	110	4	36
Wright Bos	1.62	203	45	114	110	4	34
Giambi Minn	1.59	160	51	90	111	4	38
CWilton LAA	1.56	156	45	115	111	5	30
Nelson CWS	1.54	160	49	114	8	9	46
Verlander Det	1.85	203	62	143	132	8	42
Wright Bos	1.51	196	65	127	112	8	42
Buchholz Bos	1.53	163	51	119	8	8	51
Lewis Tex	1.51	191	41	121	9	13	52

National League

TEAM BATTING	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Avg
Colorado	556	83	138	14	63	.263
Los Angeles	499	605	127	11	57	.260
St. Louis	503	624	130	19	60	.260
San Diego	513	621	129	12	59	.257
Pittsburgh	545	569	128	9	64	.254
Milwaukee	551	526	126	12	62	.252
Washington	501	596	126	11	57	.252
Arizona	510	623	146	10	59	.252
Philadelphia	509	609	130	19	61	.252
Cincinnati	513	621	129	12	59	.252
Atlanta	496	540	121	17	51	.245
Chicago	512	552	118	19	52	.240
New York	509	519	118	14	54	.238
San Diego	500	570	118	14	54	.238
New York	477	47	107	9	44	.224

INDIVIDUAL BATTING

Player	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Avg
Harrison Pitt	464	50	146	15	72	.315
JMorse NYM	509	156	123	18	79	.313
McClellan Phi	503	68	156	20	83	.310
Posey SF	538	66	156	20	83	.310
Lucroy Minn	533	61	151	13	30	.302
Span Was	569	90	174	4	32	.301
Goldschmidt Phi	486	122	139	6	60	.300
DanMurphy NYM	538	73	161	9	53	.299
Pence SF	596	103	179	19	79	.298
Ar Ramirez Minn	447	45	132	13	64	.295
McGehee Minn	556	52	163	4	70	.293
Freeman Atl	503	59	156	13	75	.293
Yelich Mila	517	87	151	9	51	.292
Castro Chi	523	66	152	11	60	.291
Arenado Co	488	58	124	18	61	.291
MA Adams StL	485	50	141	15	64	.291
Burd Lad	539	69	151	12	69	.291
Harmonia Minn	539	69	151	12	69	.291
Anderson Was	497	58	142	11	60	.291
Samuel Phi	441	45	126	11	50	.286
Blackmon Col	536	67	153	16	69	.285
Cozart Minn	526	59	150	21	68	.285
NWheeler Phi	488	52	142	11	60	.285
Wright Bos	497	47	141	16	78	.283
Wright Bos	523	62	142	12	62	.282
Kemp SF	486	63	136	19	60	.280
Morse SF	488	48	126	16	61	.280
Harmonia Minn	483	48	126	16	61	.280
Rizzo Chi	481	35	135	30	77	

MLB

NL roundup

Wainwright overpowers Rockies for 18th victory

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS—Adam Wainwright snapped out of a midseason funk with a complete game in his previous start for St. Louis, and Colorado saw a pitcher who still had shutdown stuff.

“When I’m cruising, I’m ahead in the count, throwing all my pitches for strikes, trusting my defense and pounding the bottom of the zone,” Wainwright said after earning his 18th win in the Cardinals’ 5-1 victory on Friday night. “So, doing those things, usually things work out right.”

Matt Holliday hit a long three-run homer to left in the first inning for the Cardinals, who stopped a three-game losing streak. The distance of Holliday’s 17th homer was estimated at 467 feet.

Wainwright (18-9) allowed one run and six hits in eight innings with eight strikeouts and no walks. He retired his final 16 batters while improving to 7-1 against Colorado and matching Clayton Kershaw, Johnny Cueto and Madison Bumgarner for the major league lead in wins.

Wainwright noted that Colorado’s lineup is not as formidable without Troy Tulowitzki and Carlos Gonzalez.

“They’re missing two of the best hitters in baseball and they’re still a very good lineup,” Wainwright said. “Guys all through the order can hit home runs.”

Holliday ended a nine-game RBI drought and homered for the first time this month, sending a drive off Jorge De La Rosa (13-11) into Big Mac Land beyond left field. It was the second-longest homer at 9-year-old Busch Stadium behind Holliday’s 469-foot drive against the Chicago Cubs’ Ryan Dempster on July 20, 2012.

The NL Central-leading Cardinals stayed 2½ games ahead of second-place Pittsburgh.

De La Rosa allowed four runs — three earned — and four hits in six innings. Colorado has scored just three runs during a four-game losing streak. The Rockies had been shut out the previous two games in New York against the Mets.

“We had a lot of good at-bats,” said eighth-place hitter D.J. LeMahieu, who was 0-for-4 with nothing out of the infield. “We lined out three or four times. We definitely had better at-bats than the New York series, that’s for sure.”

Pirates 7, Cubs 3: Gerrit Cole won consecutive starts for the first time since early June. NL hitting leader Josh Harrison had three hits and host Pittsburgh earned its seventh win in eight games.

Phillies 3, Marlins 1 (10): Cody Asche hit a two-run homer in the 10th inning to lift host Philadelphia to the win.

Mets 4, Nationals 3: Juan Lagares hit a go-ahead double and host New York made it stand up, ending a 12-game home skid against Washington.

Brewers 3, Reds 2: Lyle Overbay hit a game-winning single off Jumbo Diaz with one out in the ninth inning to lift host Milwaukee over Cincinnati.

Padres 6, Diamondbacks 5: Eric Stults snapped a string of three straight losses, Rene Rivera homered and visiting San Diego extended its losing streak to seven games, its longest of the season.



PATRICK SEMANSKY/AP

Members of the Baltimore Orioles celebrate with Jimmy Paredes (38) after he drove in two runs in the 11th inning of the first game of Friday’s doubleheader against the New York Yankees in Baltimore. Baltimore swept both game of the doubleheader.

AL roundup

Orioles take 2 from Yanks

Baltimore extends streak to 6 games

The Associated Press

BALTIMORE — The Baltimore Orioles lose players and keep winning.

Bud Norris pitched seven innings of three-hit ball, and the Orioles beat the Yankees 5-0 Friday night to become the first team since 2006 to sweep a doubleheader from New York.

In the first game of the day-night twin-bill, Jimmy Paredes hit a two-run double with two outs in the 11th inning for a 2-1 victory.

Baltimore slugger Chris Davis began a 25-game suspension without pay for a positive test for an amphetamine. The suspension will cover the final 17 games of the regular season and run into the playoffs, or perhaps into 2015.

The Orioles had already lost catcher Matt Wieters (elbow surgery) and third baseman Manny Machado (knee) for the year.

Undeterred, Baltimore extended its winning streak to a season-high six games, moved a season-best 29 games over .500 (88-59) and increased its lead over second-place Toronto in the AL East to 11½ games. The Orioles lowered their magic number for clinching the division to five.

“It’s just another bump in the road that you’ve got to overcome,” outfielder Nick Markakis said. “It’s a long season and we know what we have to do.”

Starters J.J. Hardy, Adam Jones and Markakis sat out the second game, and the Orioles still pulled off the sweep. “I think we played every position player

here in both games and ... I wasn’t going to pitch anybody twice in the doubleheader,” manager Buck Showalter said. “Fortunately I did that but only because we’ve got some skilled people that can do a job.”

It was a wasted day for the Yankees, who scored just one run in 20 innings. New York dropped five games back for the second AL wild card and is in danger of missing the postseason in consecutive years for the first time since 1992-93.

“No excuses,” first baseman Brian McCann said. “We have to be able to score runs.”

Tigers 7, Indians 2: J.D. Martinez homered, tripled and drove in four runs for host Detroit, and David Price pitched into the eighth inning.

Red Sox 4, Royals 2: Allen Webster pitched six solid innings and Jemile Weeks stroked a pair of doubles and scored two runs as visiting Boston beat sputtering Kansas City.

Mariners 4, Athletics 2: Robinson Cano, Kendrys Morales and Logan Morrison homered, and host Seattle won to pull within a half-game of Oakland for the top spot in the AL wild-card chase.

Angels 11, Astros 3: David Freese hit a two-run homer and Mike Trout had an RBI triple during their team’s seven-win fifth inning, and host Los Angeles beat Houston for its ninth consecutive victory.

Rays 1, Blue Jays 0: Nathan Karns got his first major league win in his debut, Ryan Hanigan homered for the first time in almost three months and visiting Tampa



CHARLIE RIEDEL/AP

Boston’s Mookie Betts is hit by a pitch thrown by Kansas City starter Yordano Ventura during the fifth inning of Friday’s game in Kansas City, Mo.

Bay stopped Toronto’s four-game winning streak.

Interleague

Rangers 2, Braves 1: Robinson Chirinos hit a tiebreaking single in the eighth inning to lead host Texas past Atlanta.

SPORTS BRIEFS/NBA

Briefly

Mercury finish sweep, claim third WNBA title

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Diana Taurasi and Candice Dupree scored 24 points each and the Phoenix Mercury, playing without star center Brittney Griner, beat the Chicago Sky 87-82 Friday night to complete a three-game sweep of the WNBA Finals for their third championship.

DeWanna Bonner added 12 points for the Mercury, who also won titles in 2007 and 2009. Griner sat out following surgery to correct a retinal issue after she was hit in the right eye in Game 2.

Elena Delle Donne scored 23 points, Sylvia Fowles had 20 points and Allie Quigley had 19 for the Sky.

Taurasi, who was 4-for-9 on threes, scored 14 points in the fourth quarter and became the WNBA's all-time leading scorer in the Finals. Phoenix, which had a WNBA-record 29 wins during the regular season, shot 49.3 percent overall from the field.

In another basketball news: ■ Milos Teodosic scored 24 points and Serbia reached the championship game of the Basketball World Cup by beating France 90-85 on Friday night in Madrid.

The Serbians will face the defending champion and unbeaten U.S. on Sunday.

Kyle Busch wins pole for Chase opener

JOLIET, Ill. — Kyle Busch will start the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship on the pole for Sunday's opening race at Chicagoland Speedway.

Busch got the top spot when rain washed out Friday's qualifying session and the field was set by practice times from earlier in the day. Starting next to Busch on the front row will be Ryan Newman, with Carl Edwards right behind him.

Five Chase drivers will start in the top 10. Joey Logano will start the furthest back in the field at 28th.

NASCAR this season changed the Chase format to an elimination style, and the expanded 16-driver field has the next three races to advance to the next round. Four drivers will be cut following the Sept. 28 race at Dover.

Other racing news: ■ Friday's NASCAR Truck Series race at Chicagoland Speedway in Joliet, Ill., was postponed by rain.

The Trucks Series race was pushed back to Saturday night after the Nationwide race.

■ Marcos Ambrose has informed Richard Petty Motorsports he will leave NASCAR at

the end of this season and return to his native Australia.

The announcement Saturday comes amid mounting speculation that Ambrose will join Roger Penske as the team enters prepares to enter Australia's V8 Supercar Series. Penske acknowledged in July he was "looking at the opportunity" to work with Ambrose in Supercars.

Horschel up 2 shots in Tour Championship

ATLANTA — Billy Horschel had another 4-under 66 to build a two-shot lead at the Tour Championship, putting him halfway home to a \$10 million bonus.

Horschel might be the hottest player in golf. His next battle is with the best player in golf — Rory McIlroy.

McIlroy finished with three big putts for a 65. He was two shots out of the lead and played with Horschel in the final group on Saturday. Chris Kirk, the No. 1 seed in the FedEx Cup finale, had four bogeys in his round of 68. He also was two shots behind, along with Jason Day (67).

■ In other golf news:

■ Brittany Lincicome had six birdies in a 6-under 65 to take a one-shot lead from Hyo-Joo Kim of South Korea at the halfway stage of the Evian Championship on Friday in Evian-Les-Bains, France.

The 28-year-old American has

won a major before, the Kraft Nabisco in 2009, but clinched the last of her five LPGA titles in 2011 at the Canadian Women's Open.

She finished second behind South Korea's Inbee Park at this year's LPGA Championship, when she also led after 36 holes.

Mi-Jung Hur is three shots behind Lincicome.

Redskins owner voices support for Goodell

ASHBURN, Va. — Redskins owner Dan Snyder says he supports NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell, stating he "has always had the best interests of football at heart" and "we are fortunate to have him."

The team released a two-sentence statement on Saturday morning, following a week of criticism of Goodell and his handling of the Ray Rice domestic violence case. Video of Rice punching his then-fiance became public and Goodell says he never saw it until it surfaced.

The Associated Press reported a law enforcement official sent the video to the league in April.

On Friday, Vikings running back Adrian Peterson was indicted in Texas for using a branch to spank one of his sons, then benched by Minnesota.

Snyder is under pressure to change his team's nickname, but has vowed he never will. Goodell has supported Snyder's stance.



DAVID TUTT/AP

Atlanta general manager Danny Ferry plans to undergo sensitivity training and meet with local leaders during his leave of absence.

Atlanta GM Ferry on leave of absence

By PAUL NEWBERG
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Atlanta Hawks general manager Danny Ferry took an indefinite leave of absence Friday, making the move under fire for racially charged comments about a player.

Hawks CEO Steve Koonin has resisted calls for Ferry to be dismissed, but said the 47-year-old GM asked for the leave.

"My hope that this time away from the Hawks organization allows him the privacy he needs to listen to the community, to learn about his mistakes, and to begin the long process of personal healing," Koonin said in a statement. Ferry issued his own statement, saying he plans to undergo sensitivity training and meet with local leaders. He gave no indication that he plans to step down.

"My focus moving forward is to tirelessly work to rebuild trust with this community and with our fans," he said.

Ferry made an inflammatory assessment of Luol Deng during a conference call with the Hawks' ownership group in June as the team was pursuing the free agent. The GM described Deng as someone who "has a little African in him."

"He's like a guy who would have a nice store out front and sell you counterfeit stuff out of the back," Ferry said on the call, which was recorded.

Deng, who was born in what is now South Sudan, signed with the Miami Heat but didn't know of Ferry's comments until this week. Deng said he was proud of his African roots, while adding he was "saddened and disappointed that this way of thinking still exists today. I am even more disturbed that it was shared so freely in a business setting."

Koonin said Ferry was disciplined for his comments, but re-

fused to disclose the punishment. Both Ferry and Koonin have said the GM was merely repeating statements made by others in scouting reports on Deng.

An internal investigation into Ferry's comments uncovered an unrelated email sent two years ago by the team's controlling owner, Bruce Levenson, who theorized that black fans were keep-

ing suburban white fans from attending games. Levenson said he was embarrassed by what he called an ill-advised attempt to improve the team's attendance and that he intends to sell his share of the Hawks.

My focus moving forward is to tirelessly work to rebuild trust with this community and with our fans.

Danny Ferry
Hawks GM

The whole embarrassment to the NBA, which only last month forced Donald Sterling into selling the Los Angeles Clippers after he was heard on secretly recorded conversations with his girlfriend asking if she not bring African-Americans to his games. Steve Ballmer bought the Clippers.

After listening in on the conference call, co-owner Michael Gearon Jr. sent a letter to Levenson recommending that Ferry resign or be fired. That led the team to hire a law firm to investigate the matter, which led to the discovery of Levenson's email.

Koonin said Ferry's comments were "deeply troubling" but added that the matter was exasperated by discord among the ownership group, presumably referring to Levenson and Gearon.



KAMIL KRZACZYNSKI/AP

Phoenix's Brittney Griner, left, holds the WNBA championship trophy Friday as she stands with Diana Taurasi after the Mercury defeated the Chicago Sky 87-82 in Game 3 in Chicago and swept the series.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Petty leads No. 8 Baylor in rout of Buffalo

Senior QB unaffected by back injury; throws for 416 yards, 4 TDs

By JOHN WAWROW
The Associated Press

AMHERST, N.Y. — Bryce Petty's back feels fine, and the Baylor Bears can breathe easy.

The senior quarterback showed no signs of being affected by two cracked bones in his back by leading No. 8 Baylor to a 63-21 win over Buffalo on Friday night. Petty showed he was capable of carrying the Bears' explosive offense by completing 23 of 34 attempts for 416 yards and four touchdowns through three quarters.

"A lot of answered prayers," said Petty, who was hurt in a season-opening 45-0 win against SMU two weeks ago.

Petty completed his first nine attempts for 197 yards, and even showed he could take a few hits by running the ball twice for 11 yards.

"I kind of wanted that, to be honest with you," Petty said of getting tackled. "I really wanted that just to go ahead and have the confidence that it's going to be OK."

Coach Art Briles was pleased with how his quarterback immediately settled in.

"This was kind of a coming out party, and I thought he was exceptional," Briles said. "That's the Bryce that we're used to knowing."

Same could be said about the potent Bears, who have now outscored their opponents 178-27 this season.

Baylor scored on its first four possessions on its way to a 35-0 halftime lead. Baylor had more touchdowns (five) than Buffalo had first downs (four) through two quarters.

Shock Linwood had 97 yards rushing and two touchdowns. Lynx Hawthorne and Jay Lee each caught two touchdowns passes, and 18-year-old freshman KD Cannon added to his highlight-reel résumé with an electrifying 89-yard touchdown catch.



HARRY SCULL JR., THE BUFFALO NEWS/AP
Baylor quarterback Bryce Petty celebrates a touchdown against Buffalo during the third quarter of Friday's game in Amherst, N.Y.

The Bears, coming off a 70-6 win over FCS' Northwestern State, showed no signs of fatigue in their third game in 13 days after blowing out their first two opponents at home.

The Mid-American Conference Bulls (1-2) are no strangers to being routed by Baylor after a 70-13 loss at Waco, Texas, last season.

They didn't fare much better in their re-

match at home until the game was essentially over.

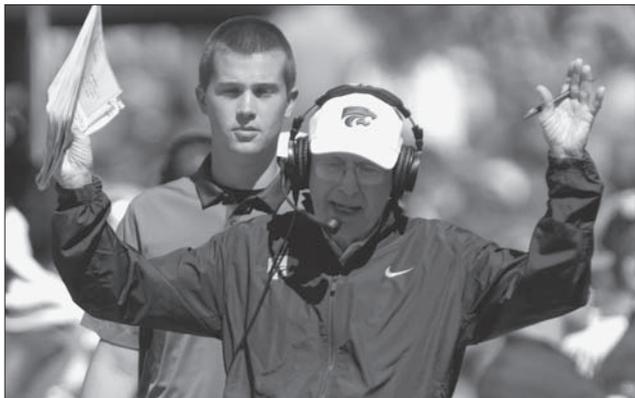
Buffalo scored twice on consecutive possessions in the third quarter: Joe Licata hit Devon Hughes for 41-yard touchdown pass, and Anthonie Taylor scored on a 41-yard run.

The touchdowns were the first surrendered by the Bears this year.

Licata was 14-for-21 for 171 yards, and

Hughes had six catches for 72 yards. Backup quarterback Tony Daniel closed the scoring with a 17-yard touchdown pass to Malcolm Robinson.

"We can play with any team in the country. The only team that can beat us is ourselves," Buffalo coach Jeff Quinn said. "There were some moments in tonight's contest we didn't deliver our best performance."



JUSTIN HAYWORTH/AP

Kansas State head coach Bill Snyder reacts to a play during the first half of last week's game against Iowa State in Ames, Iowa. The notoriously regimented Snyder could no doubt have preferred to be getting his No. 19-ranked Wildcats ready for a game on Saturday, but instead has the weekend off as they prepare for a primetime Thursday night matchup against No. 5 Auburn.

No. 19 Kansas State preps for primetime

By DAVE SKRETTA
The Associated Press

MANHATTAN, Kan. — In Bill Snyder's perfect world, the notoriously regimented coach would be getting No. 19 Kansas State ready for a Saturday afternoon game against a relatively non-descript opponent.

He sure wouldn't be getting ready for a Thursday night date with No. 5 Auburn.

Yet forced to play on a day he abhors, against an opponent that he'd rather not deal with, Snyder is forcing himself to look for the positives. The game against the Tigers will be on national TV, a marquee game at home for his program, and there are a few extra days to get ready for it with the Wildcats getting this weekend off.

"It will be here in a heartbeat.

There is no doubt about that," Snyder said. "We have to be awfully careful about not putting things off. It's our intent to treat this week like it is a game week as much as possible."

Little hard to do that without a game at the end of it.

In reality, Snyder is basically sliding Kansas State's normal game-week schedule back a few days, turning Saturday into what would typically be Monday. That means the game Thursday night against Auburn will fall on what the team would consider Saturday — proof, perhaps, the wizard of Manhattan really can do anything, including the bending of time.

"It's the next one on the schedule," Snyder said simply. "I just haven't looked at anything beyond that. It would be a waste of time, probably."

NFL



JACK DEMME/AP

Player representatives to the union voted to implement HGH testing for the current NFL season on Friday. Overall changes are retroactive for players who are suspended under previous policies, and for those in the appeal process. Those players, presumably including Browns receiver Josh Gordon, who is suspended for the season, and Broncos receiver Wes Welker (four games), pictured above, would be subject to standards of the new policies.

Suspensions could be reduced under league's new drug policy

Players like Broncos' Welker, Browns' Gordon would be eligible to return to field this season

By SAM FARMER
The Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — The long-awaited agreement on human-growth-hormone testing in the NFL turned out to be a false start.

Hours after the NFL Players Association voted in favor of new testing rules, including for HGH, the NFL said the deal isn't done.

"We have not yet reached an agreement with the union," league spokesman Greg Aiello said in an email. "There continue to be significant unresolved issues."

Earlier Friday, the NFLPA announced in a news release that its board of representatives voted to approve new policies for both substances of abuse and performance-enhancing drugs.

If approved, the proposed drug policy would allow for retroactive reduction of some suspensions, including those of Denver receiver Wes Welker (amphetamine), Dallas cornerback Orlando Scandrick (amphetamines) and Cleveland receiver Josh Gordon (marijuana).

Welker and Scandrick, both originally suspended for four games, would be eligible to return as soon as a new deal was approved. Gordon's suspension would be reduced from a full season to 10 games.

Players and the league originally agreed to HGH testing as part of the collective bargaining agreement signed in 2011, and they promised to work out the details as soon as possible. It remains unresolved, however, as players have balked at the science in the testing and the appeals process for positive tests.

In prematurely announcing the deal was done Friday, NFLPA President Eric Winston called the accord a "historic moment" for the players and the league.

"We have collectively bargained drug policies that will keep the game clean and safe, but also provide our players with an unprecedented level of fairness and transparency," Winston said in a written state-



TONY DEAK/AP

Cleveland Browns wide receiver Josh Gordon catches a pass during an NFL football practice in Berea, Ohio. The Browns could see their superstar receiver's suspension reduced from a full season down to ten games under the proposed new drug policy approved by the NFL Players Association on Friday.

ment. "Players should be proud of their union for standing up for what was best for the game."

The proposed deal would mean an independent arbitrator would hear appeals for positive tests, with the league and the union jointly selecting, approving and paying for three to five arbitrators.

Players would have the right to challenge any aspect of the science of the HGH isoforms test, and the collection of blood specimens would be prohibited on game day.

Woes: Vikings RB booked on child abuse charge

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He said Peterson "has never hidden from what happened" and that he cooperated fully with the investigation, voluntarily testifying before a grand jury for several hours.

"Adrian will address the charges with the same respect and responsiveness he has brought to this inquiry from its beginning. It is important to remember that Adrian never intended to harm his son and deeply regrets the unintentional injury," Hardin said.

The stunning sequence of events reignited a debate about corporal punishment but also added fuel to a fire burning hot since Baltimore Ravens running back Ray Rice first received a two-game suspension for hitting his then-fiancée.

An investigation headed by former FBI director Robert Mueller was convened to assess the league's handling of the situation, after a longer version of a security video surfaced revealing Rice's punch to the face of his now-wife in a casino elevator that knocked her out cold.

Acknowledging he "didn't get it right" with the initial discipline, NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell announced tougher penalties for players accused of domestic violence, including six weeks for a first offense and at least a year for a second.

The league has also come under scrutiny in the cases of Carolina Panthers defensive end Greg Hardy and San Francisco 49ers defensive tackle Ray McDonald, both still playing with domestic abuse cases pending. Hardy was convicted July 15 of assaulting a woman and communicating threats, but he is appealing. San Jose police have been continuing to actively investigate an Aug. 31 incident involving McDonald.

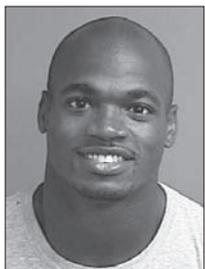
Goodell's memo sent to all 32 teams said more severe discipline will be imposed "if there are aggravating circumstances such as the presence or use of a weapon, choking, repeated striking, or when the act is committed against a pregnant woman or in the presence of a child." Whether the charge against Peterson would fall under that umbrella was not immediately clear.

The NFL did not respond Friday to requests for comment on Peterson's situation.

The charge of child abuse was especially jarring, given the tragedy that unfolded around Peterson last season.

Not long after finding out that he had a 2-year-old son living in South Dakota, Peterson rushed to a hospital there after police said the boy was brutally beaten by his mother's boyfriend. The boy, and a 28-year-old man is scheduled for trial next month on second-degree murder charges.

A man who identified himself as Peterson's union, Chris Peterson, answered the door at the running back's house in Eden Prairie, Minn., near Vikings



MONTGOMERY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE/AP

This photo provided by the Montgomery County sheriff's office shows the booking photo of Adrian Peterson. Peterson was indicted in Texas for using a branch to spank one of his sons. Peterson turned himself in early Saturday at a jail in Montgomery County, near Houston, where he has a home. He was processed and released.

headquarters. He said Peterson was not there and that the family had no comment.

Widely considered the best running back in the league, Peterson has rushed for 10,190 yards and 86 touchdowns in his eight-year career, including a 2,097-yard season in 2012 that fell 9 yards short of the all-time record.

Peterson did not practice Thursday because of what coach Mike Zimmer called a "veteran day," allowing experienced players to rest, but Peterson was at the team facility and spoke to reporters that day about facing the Patriots. Matt Asiata is Peterson's backup.

Peterson returned to practice Friday and was in the locker room following the workout with the rest of his teammates for lunch. Shortly thereafter, Peterson posted a message on his Twitter account that said in part: "It's your season! Weapoms may form but won't prosper! God has you covered don't stress or worry!"

Hardin, his defense attorney, is a familiar name in sports circles. He successfully defended Roger Clemens in his recent perjury trial over the alleged use of performance-enhancing drugs and two years ago represented Los Angeles Lakers forward Jordan Hill, who was sentenced to one year of probation after pleading no contest to assaulting his former girlfriend.

He has worked with Peterson before, too: In 2012, he said Peterson was the victim after the player was charged with misdemeanor resisting arrest following an incident at a Houston nightclub.

Associated Press writers Jeff Baenen in Eden Prairie, Minnesota, and Tim Jacobs in Chicago contributed to this report.



GAMEDAY

WEEK 2

TELEVISED GAMES

Marquee matchup

Atlanta Falcons (1-0) at Cincinnati Bengals (1-0)

AFN-Atlantic, 7 p.m. Sunday, Central European Time

SERIES RECORD: Falcons lead 7-5; Falcons have won past three.

LAST MEETING: Falcons beat Bengals 39-32, Oct. 24, 2010, at Atlanta.

FALCONS OFFENSE: OVERALL (1), RUSH (14), PASS (1).

FALCONS DEFENSE: OVERALL (30), RUSH (24), PASS (27).

BENGALS OFFENSE: OVERALL (15), RUSH (24), PASS (8).

BENGALS DEFENSE: OVERALL (28), RUSH (13) PASS (26).

STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES: Falcons quarterback Matt Ryan passed for franchise-record 448 yards with three touchdowns and a 128.8 rating last week. He has 156 career passing TDs and moved into first place in team history last week. Led 24th game-winning drive in fourth quarter or overtime, the most since entering the league in 2008. In his only start against Cincinnati on Oct. 24, 2010, he completed 24 of 33 passes for 299 yards with three TDs and one interception for a 118.1 rating. ... In his last game against Cincinnati on Dec. 18, 2011 with St.

Louis, Falcons running back Steven Jackson had 143 yards from scrimmage (71 rushing, 72 receiving). Has the most rushing yards (10,733) since joining the league in 2004.

... In his past three against NFC teams, Bengals QB Andy Dalton has completed 71 of 100 passes for 970 yards with nine TDs and one interception for a 127.5 rating. He has a 31-18 record, the highest winning percentage of any QB in franchise history (with a minimum of 20 starts). ... In his past four games at home, Bengals RB Giovani Bernard has averaged 93.5 yards from scrimmage. He had 110 last week (48 rushing, 62 receiving). ... Bengals WR A.J. Green had 131 receiving yards against the Ravens, including the game-winning 77-yard TD in the fourth quarter. In his past five games against NFC teams, he has 32 receptions for 517 yards and seven TDs. Since entering the

league in 2011, he has 3,964 receiving yards, the most in the AFC. ... Since 2012, Cincinnati's Geno Atkins leads all defensive tackles with 18 ½ sacks. Defensive end Wallace Gilberry has five sacks in his last seven games, including 1 ½ against the Ravens.



New Orleans Saints (0-1) at Cleveland Browns (0-1)

AFN-Sports
7 p.m. Sunday

Central European Time

Series: The Browns lead 12-4 and have won four of the past five.

Last meeting: The Browns won 30-17 on Oct. 24, 2010, in New Orleans.

Notes: The Saints' Drew Brees passed for 333 yards in last week's loss to Atlanta. It was his 79th career 300-yard game, the second most in league history (Peyton Manning). Browns rookie running back Terrace West rushed for 100 yards last week in his NFL debut.



Seattle Seahawks (1-0) at San Diego Chargers (0-1)

AFN-Sports
10 p.m. Sunday

Central European Time

Series: The Seahawks lead 26-23 and have won six of the past seven.

Last meeting: The Seahawks won 27-20 on Sept. 26, 2010, in Seattle.

Notes: The Seahawks have won five in a row dating back to last season, outscoring their opponents 152-65. Since 2006, Chargers quarterback Philip Rivers has 32,459 passing yards, the second-most in the league (Drew Brees).

Atlanta Falcons wide receiver Julio Jones

JOHN BAZEMORE/AP



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Kansas City Chiefs (0-1) at Denver Broncos (1-0)

AFN-Atlantic
10:25 p.m. Sunday

Central European Time

Series: The Chiefs lead 56-51, but the Broncos have won the past four.

Last meeting: The Broncos won 35-28 on Dec. 1, 2013, in Kansas City.

Notes: Chiefs quarterback Alex Smith has won nine of his past 12 starts in September. Last week, Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning became the second QB in history to pass for more than 65,000 yards in his career (Brett Favre).



Chicago Bears (0-1) at San Francisco 49ers (1-0)

AFN-Sports
2:20 a.m. Monday

Central European Time

Series: It's tied 29-29-1, but the 49ers have won the past two.

Last meeting: The 49ers won 32-7 on Nov. 19, 2012, in San Francisco.

Notes: Bears running back Matt Forte had eight catches for 120 yards in the teams' last meeting. 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick made his first career start against the Bears and finished the game with a 133.1 rating. He had a 125.5 rating last week against the Cowboys.

Also on AFN: Houston Texans (1-0) at Oakland Raiders (0-1), joined in progress, AFN-Xtra, 11:30 p.m. Sunday CET.

EXPANDED STANDINGS

American Conference

	W	L	T	Pct	East			AFC	NFC	Div
					PF	PA	Home Away			
Miami	1	0	0	1.000	33	20	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0
N.Y. Jets	1	0	0	1.000	19	14	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0
Buffalo	1	0	0	1.000	23	20	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
New England	0	1	0	.000	20	33	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-1-0
South										
Tennessee	1	0	0	1.000	26	10	0-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0
Houston	1	0	0	1.000	17	6	1-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0
Jacksonville	0	1	0	.000	17	34	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-1-0
Indianapolis	0	1	0	.000	24	31	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-1-0	0-0-0
North										
Cincinnati	1	0	0	1.000	23	16	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0
Baltimore	1	1	0	.500	42	29	1-1-0	0-0-0	1-1-0	0-0-0
Pittsburgh	1	0	0	1.000	36	53	1-0-0	0-1-0	1-1-0	0-0-0
Cleveland	0	1	0	.000	27	30	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-1-0
West										
Denver	1	0	0	1.000	31	24	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0
San Diego	0	1	0	.000	17	18	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-1-0
Oakland	0	1	0	.000	14	19	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
Kansas City	0	1	0	.000	10	26	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-0-0

National Conference

	W	L	T	Pct	East			NFC	AFC	Div
					PF	PA	Home Away			
Philadelphia	1	0	0	1.000	34	17	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0
Washington	0	1	0	.000	6	17	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-1-0
Dallas	0	1	0	.000	17	28	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-0-0
N.Y. Giants	0	1	0	.000	14	25	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-1-0
South										
Carolina	1	0	0	1.000	40	14	0-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0
Atlanta	1	0	0	1.000	37	34	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0
New Orleans	0	1	0	.000	34	37	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-1-0
Tampa Bay	0	1	0	.000	14	20	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-1-0
North										
Minnesota	1	0	0	1.000	34	6	0-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0
Detroit	1	0	0	1.000	35	14	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0
Chicago	0	1	0	.000	20	23	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-1-0
Green Bay	0	1	0	.000	16	36	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-1-0
West										
Seattle	1	0	0	1.000	36	16	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0
San Francisco	1	0	0	1.000	28	17	0-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0
Arizona	1	0	0	1.000	18	17	1-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0
St. Louis	0	1	0	.000	6	34	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-0-0

REST OF THE SCHEDULE

Dallas at Tennessee
New England at Minnesota
Miami at Buffalo
Jacksonville at Washington
Arizona at N.Y. Giants
Detroit at Carolina
St. Louis at Tampa Bay
N.Y. Jets at Green Bay

Monday

Philadelphia at Indianapolis

Next Week

Tampa Bay at Atlanta
Sunday, Sept. 18
San Diego at Buffalo
Dallas at St. Louis
Washington at Philadelphia
Houston at N.Y. Giants
Minnesota at New Orleans
Houston at Cincinnati
Denver at Carolina
Green Bay at Detroit
Indianapolis at Jacksonville
Denver at Cincinnati
San Francisco at Arizona
Seattle at Carolina
Kansas City at Miami
Pittsburgh at Carolina
Monday, Sept. 22
Chicago at N.Y. Jets

SPORTS



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O's take two from Yankees,
stretch win streak to six | **Page 27**

NFL



TOM GANNAN/AP

The Minnesota Vikings benched running back Adrian Peterson for Sunday's game after his attorney said he had been indicted by a Texas grand jury on a charge of child abuse. Attorney Rusty Hardin says the charge accuses Peterson of using a branch, or switch, to spank his son. Hardin says Peterson never intended to harm the boy.

NFL's off-field woes continue as RB Peterson is indicted

By DAVE CAMPBELL
The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — The NFL was already under heavy criticism this week for the way it handled a domestic violence case involving a prominent player.

Now the league has another public relations problem: A charge of child abuse

for an even bigger star.

Running back Adrian Peterson was indicted in Texas for using a branch to spank one of his sons and the Minnesota Vikings promptly benched him for their game Sunday against the New England Patriots.

Peterson turned himself in early Saturday at a jail in Montgomery County,

near Houston, where he has a home. He was processed and released, according to a jail records official who declined to give her full name, citing a department policy.

Peterson's attorney, Rusty Hardin, said Friday that the charge of injury to a child accuses his client of using a "switch" to punish the boy, whose age

was not disclosed.

"Adrian is a loving father who used his judgment as a parent to discipline his son. He used the same kind of discipline with his child that he experienced as a child growing up in East Texas," Hardin said.

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