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## Senators make case for saving A-10

Lawmakers, Air Force advocates move to preserve Warthog in FY15 defense budget

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*Stars and Stripes*

WASHINGTON — Retired Air Force Master Sgt. Eric Brandenburg says he probably never would have returned from combat in Iraq and Afghanistan if not for the A-10 Warthog.

The Silver Star recipient and former joint terminal attack controller stood beside powerful Senate lawmakers Wednesday and urged the Air Force to back off a proposed retirement of the aircraft, saying it is uniquely capable of provid-

ing close air support, saving the lives of American troops on the battlefield.

The press conference, which included Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., and Kelly Ayotte, R-N.H., was the most recent push by lawmak-

ers on Capitol Hill to block the Air Force 2015 budget proposal to phase out the hard-fighting aircraft, known for the belch of its massive Gatling gun and its ability to fly slow and low to support infantry on the ground.

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## GETTING IT RIGHT



Relatives of downed WWII bomber crew fighting Arlington to get date correct

By CHRIS CARROLL ■ *Stars and Stripes*

**L**imping home from a World War II bombing mission on a stormy night, a U.S. B-24 Liberator slammed into the rocky flank of a remote mountain in southern China. The bomber and its 10 crewmembers plummeted into the ravine below.

What happened to them remained a mystery until 1996, when Chinese farmers hunting medicinal herbs on the steep slopes of Kitten Mountain in Guangxi province discovered smashed piles of aluminum and steel that still reeked of aviation fuel.

Scattered around the wreckage were the bones of the air crew, whose families had wondered about their fates for more than 50 years.

On the slope of the mountain today, a massive stone monument erected by communist officials pays homage in English and Chinese to World War II cooperation between the two nations.

Along with the names of the American crew, the monument displays the date they died: Aug. 31, 1944.

For the U.S. military, however, March 20, 1946, is close enough for government work.

That date, carved in stone at the crew's final resting place at Arlington National Cemetery, was when the Army reclassi-

fied the crewmembers from missing in action to dead. It's the only official date they have, cemetery managers say.

But to the family members of some of the crew, tombstones that memorialize the date of a postwar administrative action — rather than the day the men died in combat — is an indignity.

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Crewmembers pose with a U.S. B-24 Liberator that slammed into a remote mountain in southern China during World War II. Their loss was a mystery until 1996, when Chinese farmers discovered the remains. Courtesy of James Drager

# QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Kryn was my everything. (I) will not ever quit on him or this.”

— Amy Miner, widow of Army veteran and PTSD sufferer Kryn Miner, who was shot and killed by his teen child after threatening to kill his family

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# MILITARY

## A-10: Senators want Defense Authorization Act to save plane

### FROM FRONT PAGE

“If our leaders don’t listen to the troops fighting on the ground, [the troops] are going to fail. Our troops need the A-10,” said Brandenburg, who deployed repeatedly in support of the Army’s 75th Ranger Battalion for eight years after 9/11 and who was awarded five Bronze Stars for combat valor.

McCain said the aircraft is a favorite of infantry soldiers.

“We listened very carefully to the U.S. Army,” he said. “They are the ones who need the close air support, they are ones who are in grave danger without it.”

With the A-10’s combat record as a backdrop, a group of 10 senators called the proposed Air Force retirement premature. They want the chamber to save the Warthog from extinction when it marks up its version of the National Defense Authorization Act on Tuesday. The House Armed Services Committee already rejected the A-10 plan in its draft defense budget passed last week.

“I believe and hope the Senate will also act to protect the A-10 for our men and women in uniform,” said Ayotte, who has helped lead the effort to preserve the aircraft. The Senate coalition, which also includes Sens. Saxby Chambliss, R-Ga., Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, and Johnny Isakson, R-Ga., disagreed with the Department of Defense position that the A-10 is too expensive and dated to keep around. The cost per flying hour is actually less than other aircraft that provide support for ground troops, including the F-15E and F-16 fighter jets, the B-1 bomber, the AC-130 gunship and the B-52 Stratofortress, they argue.

But the DOD is scraping for savings and has been unhappy with Congress’ refusal so far to support a phase-out of the A-10. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel unveiled the proposal earlier this year, saying the retirement of the Air Force fleet of some 300 Warthogs would save the department \$3.5 billion over five years.

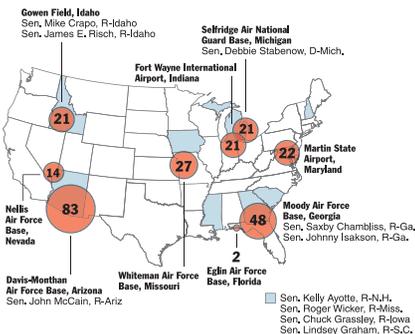
A Pentagon spokesman said last week that Hagel was “certainly not pleased” — a rare comment on active legislation. The DOD is under intense pressure to cut costs due to the Budget Control Act of 2011, also known as sequestration, which triggered deep, automatic reductions in the federal spending after a divided Congress could not reach a budget agreement.

Many popular defense programs and equipment could be on the chopping block in the coming year, including subsidies to base supermarkets, health care benefits, pay raises, the A-10 program, the Navy’s littoral combat ship funding and the USS George Washington aircraft carrier, which needs an expensive nuclear overhaul to stay in operation.

The military’s top brass say the cuts are unwanted — Joint Chiefs Chairman Gen. Martin Dempsey said he had personally been saved

### Support for the A-10

A coalition of senators are pushing to save the Air Force’s A-10 Warthog from the chopping block. Here’s a look at the number of planes and where they are based. Many of the lawmakers represent states where A-10 fleets are based.



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by A-10 air support — but necessary due to the funding squeeze. House lawmakers, especially Republicans, have balked at slashing defense spending, saying it could weaken national security and erode trust among servicemembers.

Now, A-10 support is growing in the Senate. Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., who chairs the Senate Armed Services Committee, said he may vote to keep the aircraft if spending offsets can be found. “I support preserving the A-10 to accomplish that, we must find a realistic way to pay for it,” he said Tuesday in a statement to Stars and Stripes.

“I’m optimistic that when the Senate Armed Services Committee marks up the defense authorization bill next week, we will be able to do so.” The Senate coalition may just be successful, at least at saving the Warthog in the chamber’s upcoming draft defense budget, said Todd Harrison, director of defense budget studies at the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments.

“I fully expect they are going to push hard, and they may very well succeed,” Harrison said. “It’s going to be an uphill battle

for the Air Force to retire the A-10 even in the Senate.”

With elections looming, lawmakers would not want to vote against the Warthog program and risk military cuts and job losses in a number of communities outside bases where the aircraft is operated, he said.

The A-10 is “almost as important to Moody [Air Force Base] as it is to troops on the ground,” said Sen. Johnny Isakson, R-Ga., who represents the base along with Chambliss and spoke at the news conference Wednesday.

Davis-Monthan Air Base in Tucson, Ariz. — McCain’s state — is home to about 80 of the aircraft, the largest concentration in the world. Nine U.S. bases and one U.S. base in South Korea have the Warthog.

Many races are already heating up, with this issue being front and center in Tucson.

Rep. Ron Barber, who added an amendment to save the A-10 to the House Armed Services Committee draft defense budget last week, is running against Martha McSally, a former A-10 pilot who is campaigning on defeating the aircraft’s retirement.

The A-10 is the largest mission at Davis-Monthan and the retirement could mean the loss of 2,000 jobs, said Bruce Dusenberry, chairman of the Southern Arizona Defense Alliance, a group comprising private-sector leaders who represent military interests in the Tucson area.

“The immediate reaction was, ‘Oh no,’” Dusenberry said.

The loss could also affect the other military bases and vast training ranges that dot southern Arizona and are interconnected to the A-10 program, according to Dusenberry.

“It’s hard to know the ripple effect,” he said. “It would be a major impact.”

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**Sen. Carl Levin,** Senate Armed Services Committee chairman

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President Barack Obama leads applause for former Army Sgt. Kyle White after presenting him with the Medal of Honor at the White House on Tuesday.

# ‘They are my heroes’

Bracelet honoring fallen comrades outshines Medal of Honor at ceremony for White

By JON HARPER  
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The stainless steel bracelet on former Army Sgt. Kyle White's right wrist far outshone the Medal of Honor that President Barack Obama placed around his neck at a White House ceremony Tuesday.

White received the nation's highest award for military valor in recognition of his actions during a patrol in the rugged mountains near Arunais in eastern Afghanistan. He was serving as a radiotelephone operator with C Company, 2nd Battalion (Airborne), 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade, when his team of U.S. and Afghan National Army troops was ambushed by a larger and more heavily armed Taliban force Nov. 9, 2007, after a meeting with Afghan villagers.

Describing him as "a soldier who embodies the courage of his generation," Obama recounted how, after being knocked unconscious by an enemy grenade, White, barely 20 at the time, regained consciousness as bullet fragments splattered in his face. Despite his wounds, White repeatedly braved enemy fire to try to save his comrades, including former Spc. Kain Schilling, who was one of White's guests at the ceremony. Twice during the battle, White used tourniquets, one of them his own belt, to prevent a severely wounded Schilling from bleeding to death.

"I'm here today because of Kyle's actions. He not only saved my life, but the lives of many others," Schilling told reporters on Monday.

White also used a radio to help direct air and mortar strikes against the Taliban to keep the enemy at bay.

"Base commanders were glued to their radios, listening as American forces fought back an ambush in the rugged mountains. One battalion commander remembered that 'all of Afghanistan' was listening as [White] described what was happening," Obama said.

After medevac arrived, White made sure that all the other wounded service members were aboard the helicopters be-

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Army Sgt. Kyle White  
Medal of Honor recipient

fore he left, according to Obama.

White is the seventh living Medal of Honor recipient from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Another member of the 173rd Airborne Brigade — Staff Sgt. Salvatore Giunta — received the award for his actions, also in Kunar province, Afghanistan.

Before presenting the award, Obama pointed out something that White wears every day.

"If you look closely at [White] on his way to work, you'll notice a piece of the war that he carries with him, tucked under his shirt sleeve: a stainless steel bracelet around his wrist, etched with the names of his six fallen comrades, who will always be with him," Obama said.

The six — 1st Lt. Matthew Ferrara, Sgt. Jeffrey Mersman, Spc. Sean Langevin, Spc. Lester Roque, Pfc. Joseph Lancour and Marine Sgt. Phillip Bocks — were White's battle buddies who died in the ambush.

Schilling made the bracelet for White and wears an identical one himself.

"I just kind of wear it as a reminder," White told Stars and Stripes. "And it kind of motivates me, as well. It's like, no matter what is going on in my life, like if something is hard ... you look down and you'd be like, you know, these guys, if they were here right now they would not be complaining."

Obama praised White as someone who has thrived after leaving the military, despite struggling with post-traumatic stress. White used his G.I. Bill benefits to attend the University of North Carolina and now works as an investment analyst at the Royal Bank of Canada in Charlotte.

"When Kyle walks into the office every day, people see a man in a suit headed

Read more about Sgt. Kyle White and see photos and video from the ceremony [stripes.com/go/white](http://stripes.com/go/white)



to work," Obama said. "And that's how it should be — a proud veteran welcomed into his community, contributing his talents and skills to the progress of our nation."

"I really want to kind of help educate servicemembers that are thinking about leaving the service and going back into the civilian world ... about the post-9/11 G.I. Bill and the importance of an education and ... how necessary it is for certain jobs out there," White said in an interview with Stars and Stripes.

After the ceremony White told reporters that he is "still uncomfortable with hearing my name and the word hero in the same sentence."

"The Medal of Honor is said to be the nation's highest award for valor by one individual," he said. "But to me, it is much more. It is representation of the responsibility we accept as warriors and members of a team. It is a testament to the trust we have in each other and our leaders. Because of these reasons, a medal cannot be an individual award ... That is why I wear this medal for my team."

Then White talked about his bracelet.

"I also wear a piece of metal around my wrist. ... This is maybe even more precious than the metal symbol just placed around my neck," he said. "On it are the names of my six fallen brothers. They are my heroes."

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## DOJ: Student loan company penalized for cheating vets

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WASHINGTON — The student lender Sallie Mae, which in recent weeks reorganized into separate corporations, agreed to pay almost \$100 million in compensation and penalties for overcharging military members who took out education loans.

Under an agreement reached with the Department of Justice announced Tuesday, Navient Corp., which took over Sallie Mae's student loan servicing business, agreed to pay \$60 million in compensation and a \$55,000 penalty for charging military members excessive student loan interest rates. A federal law, the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, or SCRA, caps the rate at 6 percent.

Speaking to reporters at the Justice Department, Attorney General Eric Holder said Sallie Mae charged excessive interest to 93 percent of active-duty servicemembers who took out loans with the corporation, and to about 60,000 servicemembers in all.

The \$60 million settlement under the SCRA is the first of its kind, Holder said.

"By requiring Sallie Mae to compensate its victims, we are sending a clear message to all lenders and to all servicers who would deprive our servicemembers of the basic benefits and protections to which they are entitled," Holder said. "This type of conduct is more than just inappropriate; it is inexcusable. And it will not be tolerated."

Another successor company, Sallie Mae Bank — which company officials said is no longer involved with student loan servicing — reached an agreement with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation to pay back \$30 million in late fees improperly charged to servicemembers, as well as a \$3.3 million penalty.

In a news release, Navient president and CEO John (Jack) F. Remondi, apologized for operational errors and said the company had instituted new procedures and safeguards.

"We offer our sincere apologies to the servicemen and servicewomen who were affected by our processing errors and thus did not receive the full benefits they deserve," Remondi said. "Over the past several years, we have implemented changes in our procedures and training programs to prevent these mistakes from happening again."

Sallie Mae Bank on Tuesday also said it plans to do better by troops in the future.

"We regret any inconvenience or hardship that our customers may have experienced," the company said in a news release. "Initiatives are under way to prevent such errors from reoccurring and apply the clear regulatory guidance these orders now provide."

Holder said the problems came to light after troops complained to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

Standing next to Holder at the Justice Department, Secretary of Education Arne Duncan promised his department would comb through all the student lenders it works with to make sure other companies weren't imposing improper fees or interest rates on troops.

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MILITARY

# Report: GI's friends declined aid

# Pentagon seeking to move Manning

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SEOUL, South Korea — The men trending to a U.S. soldier after he was knocked out in an early-morning street brawl turned down multiple offers to call an ambulance, according to two managers at a hip-hop club that he was thrown out of after getting into an argument with other troops.

Spc. Carl A. Lissone died about 10 hours later from a brain hemorrhage, following a train ride to a city some 40 miles away and a short stay in a hotel just outside the Army base where he was stationed.

Whether the beating alone killed Lissone, or whether immediate medical care may have saved his life could determine if any charges are filed.

South Korean police say all those involved — in the fight and Lissone's trip to Pyeongtaek — were U.S. troops, including his alleged attacker, identified by a Pyeongtaek police official as a roughly 20-year-old U.S. servicemember stationed at Osan Air Base.

Few details have been released about the May 4 incident.

The U.S. military has taken the lead in the investigation with assistance from South Korean police, who interviewed Lissone's suspected attacker as well as the soldiers who were with him. The National Forensic Service conducted an autopsy on Lissone; only the cause of death has been released so far.

Police said at least four U.S. servicemembers were involved in the fight that occurred well after the 1 a.m. curfew for troops here. It is unclear how many people tried to assist Lissone.

A Pyeongtaek police official on Wednesday could not confirm accounts by the managers of Club Naked in Hongdae, a popular entertainment district, that employees offered to call an ambulance for Lissone after the 3:45 a.m. altercation.

One of the managers, speaking on condition of anonymity, said a bouncer kicked out a group of men who were arguing. He did not know how many were involved or what started the dispute.

When the manager went outside to smoke, he saw Lissone unconscious and leaning against the wall of a nearby store. He told his employees to bring water and paper towels to help clean him up but said it seemed "unthinkable" that the soldier might die.

South Korean police say that even though Lissone was bleeding from the nose and ears, the group took a train from Seoul to Pyeongtaek, home to U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys, where Lissone, an information technology specialist, was stationed with the 304th Expeditionary Signal Battalion, 1st Signal Brigade.

The group arrived around 7:30 a.m. at the Royal Hotel, about a five-minute walk from Humphreys in a run-down neighborhood of bars, restaurants, hotels and knockoff clothing stores geared toward the

local military community.

A hotel employee said two men were holding up Lissone and put him in a chair. As they checked into a room, the men told the desk clerk that Lissone was drunk and that they planned to stay for only a short rest.

Police said video footage recorded by a street camera showed a foreigner administering CPR to Lissone outside the hotel around 1 p.m.

He was taken to a Pyeongtaek hospital at 1:16 p.m. and pronounced dead a short time later.

The Club Naked manager said that while U.S. troops usually don't cause trouble at the club, the business decided after the incident to ban all servicemembers under 21 — a move that would reinforce the U.S. Forces Korea policy that bans drinking by troops under 21. The legal drinking age in South Korea is 19.

The Hongdae district has twice been placed off-limits to U.S. troops — in 2007 after a U.S. servicemember raped a 67-year-old woman there and in December 2002-May 2006 because of unspecified "force-protection concerns."

No ban is currently in effect, and the area, with its thriving nightlife fueled by students from nearby universities, is a popular destination for U.S. servicemembers.

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WASHINGTON — In an unprecedented move, the Pentagon is trying to transfer convicted national security leaker Pvt. Chelsea Manning to a civilian prison so she can get treatment for her gender disorder, defense officials said.

Manning, formerly named Bradley, was convicted of sending classified documents to anti-secrecy website WikiLeaks. The soldier has asked for hormone therapy and to be able to live as a woman.

The request was the first ever made by a transgender military inmate and set up a dilemma for the Defense Department over how to treat a soldier for a diagnosed disorder without violating long-standing military policy. Transgender people are not allowed to serve in the U.S. military and the Defense Department does not provide such treatment, but Manning can't be discharged from the service while serving her 35-year prison sentence.

Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel last month gave the Army approval to try to work out a transfer plan with the Federal Bureau of Prisons, which does provide such treatment, two Pentagon officials said on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak on the record.

"No decision to transfer Pvt. Manning to a civilian detention facility has been made, and any such decision will, of course, properly balance the soldier's medical needs with our obligation to ensure Pvt. Manning remains behind bars," Pentagon press secretary Rear Adm. John Kirby said.

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# DOD sends drones to aid in search for abducted girls

By JON HARPER  
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WASHINGTON — In response to an ongoing abduction crisis, the U.S. military has deployed drones to an area in Nigeria where Boko Haram operates have killed and detained scores of the extremist Islamic militants who were suspected of planning a fresh attack, the residents and a security official said.

Residents in Nigeria's northern states have been forming vigilante groups in various areas to resist the militants who have held more than 270 schoolgirls captive since last month. In Kalabaje, a village about 155 miles from the Borno state capital of Maiduguri, residents said they were taking matters into their own hands because the Nigerian military is not doing enough to stem Boko Haram attacks.

On Tuesday morning, after learning about an impending attack by militants, locals ambushed two trucks with gunmen, a security official told The Associated Press. At least 10 militants were detained, and scores were killed, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity because he is not authorized to give interviews to journalists. It was not immediately clear where the detainees were being held.

Steve Warren told reporters. Warren would not say specifically what types of drones are being used or how many of them have been deployed, but he pointed out that they are they are only conducting surveillance missions and are not intended to for combat purposes. "Every one of them is unarmed. These are strictly for the purposes of ISR," Warren said. He would not say where the drones are based.

On Tuesday, the Pentagon acknowledged that manned aircraft were being used to search for the girls, but did not say whether drones were involved.

The intelligence information obtained from the surveillance aircraft is being fed to an inter-agency U.S. advisory team on the ground at the American Embassy in Abuja. The U.S. team, which includes a contingent of military experts from the U.S. Africa Command and the country team in



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**A vendor arranges local newspapers with headlines related to the abduction of Nigerian schoolgirls by an Islamic militant group on Monday in Abuja, Nigeria.**

Nigeria, is analyzing the information and providing advice to the Nigerian forces who are looking for the girls, Warren said.

The Pentagon has said it has no intention of deploying U.S. special operations forces to help rescue the girls. The American military personnel are simply there to advise and assist the Nigerians with communications, logistics and intelligence, according to officials.

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# Islamic militants killed by Nigerian vigilante group

The Associated Press

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Kalabaje trader Ajid Musa

said that after residents organized the vigilante group, "it is impossible" for militants to successfully stage attacks there.

"That is why most attacks by the Boko Haram on our village continued (to) fail because they cannot come in to here and start shooting and killing people," he said.

Earlier this year in other parts of Borno, some extremists launched more attacks in retaliation over the vigilante groups.

Borno is where more than 300 girls were abducted last month and one of three Nigerian states where President Goodluck Jonathan has imposed a state of emergency, giving the military special powers to fight the Islamic extremist group, whose stronghold is in northeast Nigeria.

Boko Haram kidnapped the girls on April 15 from a school in Chibok. At least 276 of them are still held captive, with the group's leader threatening to sell them into slavery. In a video released Monday, he offered to release the girls in exchange for the freedom of jailed Boko Haram members.

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**U.S. Marines Special-Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force Crisis Response team members board an MV-22B Osprey at Moron Air Base, Spain, on Tuesday en route to Naval Air Station Sigonella, Italy, in response to security concerns in northern Africa.**

# Africa concerns prompt a Marines move to Italy

By JOHN VANDIVER  
*Stars and Stripes*

STUTTGART, Germany — A team of crisis response Marines has moved from Spain to a U.S. base in southern Italy in response to new security concerns in northern Africa, according to U.S. European Command.

About 180 Marines and sailors, along with two KC130s and four Ospreys, were moved Tuesday to Naval Air Station Sigonella in Sicily, military officials said. The base is a strategic launching pad that offers quick access to potential hot spots in northern Africa. The team is ready to respond if needed to undisclosed security concerns at U.S. installations in the region, military officials said.

"The contingent was moved because we have concerns about the security situation in North Africa," said Navy Capt. Greg Hicks, EUCOM spokesman. "I can't get into specific intelligence, but the security situation in North Africa

warranted this precautionary move."

The Moron, Spain-based Marine Air-Ground Task Force Crisis Response unit, formed last year in the wake of the attacks on a U.S. diplomatic facility in Benghazi, Libya, is mobilized periodically in connection with potential threats in Africa. The unit took part in embassy evacuation efforts in South Sudan last year.

The latest alert comes at a time when there are security concerns stretching from Mali, where French forces have been fighting Islamic militants, to Nigeria, where U.S. military personnel are assisting in the search for girls kidnapped by the Boko Haram regional terrorist group. By moving Marines to Sigonella, the troops are now a short flight from Libya, where there also has been widespread concern over Islamic militants taking root there.

In Yemen last week, the U.S. suspended operations at its embassy, citing security concerns.

Last month, U.S. officials killed two armed Yemenis who were trying to kidnap them, *The New York Times* reported.

In March, the Defense Department announced it would boost its presence in Spain, adding more Marines to the MAGTF, which was slated to grow from 500 to 850 Marines.

Hicks said military and State Department officials elected to pre-position the Marines in Sicily "to be prepared to protect U.S. personnel and facilities in U.S. installations in North Africa."

"Given their commitment to protecting the men and women who serve our embassies around the world and out of an abundance of caution, the U.S. Department of Defense, in coordination and consultation with the Department of State, is positioning resources in the region in the event they are needed in the future," Hicks said.

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# Crash victim identified

*Stars and Stripes*

The Army has identified the soldier killed in a fiery car crash west of Ansbach, Germany, on Sunday as Sgt. Kamien A. Stanford.

He was a member of the 12th Combat Aviation Brigade's 3rd Battalion, 158th Aviation Regiment, based at Katterbach Army Airfield.

Stanford, 28, was born in Saginaw, Mich., and enlisted in the Army in 2008 as a signal support specialist, according to a biography provided by his unit. He deployed to Iraq in 2009 and Afghanistan in 2013.

Stanford was posthumously promoted to staff sergeant, a spokesman for the 12th CAB said in an email Wednesday.

Stanford died after his sport utility vehicle hit a highway divider on the A6 autobahn near

Schwäbisch Hall, swerved across the road, rolled down an embankment and landed on its side in a ditch, where it caught fire. According to a report from German police, one of three other soldiers with Stanford was driving when the accident occurred.

Passers-by stopped to aid the soldiers and rescued three of them.

Two were taken to a medical facility in Schwäbisch Hall and have been released, Capt. Michael Barranti, a 12th CAB spokesman, said in an email. The third remains hospitalized in Stuttgart in critical but stable condition.

Barranti said Stanford died at the scene.

A memorial ceremony for Stanford is scheduled for 1 p.m. May 20 at the Katterbach Chapel.

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# Hearing in petty officer slaying delayed to July

By MATT MILLHAM  
*Stars and Stripes*

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — A hearing to determine whether Air Force Staff Sgt. Sean Oliver will face court-martial for the murder of Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Dmitry Chepusov has been postponed.

A military judge on Friday granted a defense request to delay Oliver's Article 32 hearing, similar to a civilian grand jury proceeding, a spokesman for the 86th Airlift Wing at Ramstein Air Base said in an email Wednesday. The hearing, which was set to start this past Monday, has been tentatively rescheduled for July 18. Details about why the judge granted the delay "are not pub-

licly releasable," the spokesman said.

Oliver is charged with premeditated murder and other offenses in the Dec. 14 death of Chepusov, a broadcaster for the American Forces Network. Oliver and Army Spc. Cody Kramer, who is also charged in connection with Chepusov's murder, were both AFN technicians.

German police found Chepusov lifeless in the passenger seat after pulling Oliver over for driving erratically in downtown Kaiserslautern in the early hours of Dec. 14. Preliminary results of an autopsy by German authorities concluded that Chepusov died of "force to the neck."

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# Dire security future in climate change report

By **BARRIE BARBER**

Dayton (Ohio) Daily News

National security threats caused by climate change could become "catalysts for conflict" while the world hasn't taken enough action to address the advancing problem, high-ranking retired military leaders conclude in a study released Tuesday.

In a Center for Naval Analyses report titled "National Security and the Accelerating Risks of Climate Change," a military advisory board of 16 former admirals and generals concluded the impact of climate change is already being felt and in some cases faster than

expected.

"Former military leaders called on the United States to take a more leading role on an international response to the problem. They compared the challenge of climate change to facing the Soviet nuclear threat in the Cold War and to terrorism in recent years.

"The major security risks of projected climate change are as serious as any challenges we have faced," they said in a signed letter in the report. Former Air Force Materiel Command leader and retired Gen. Donald J. Hoffman was among those who signed the document and is a member of the federally funded research and de-

velopment center's military advisory board.

The longer action is delayed, the more challenging it will be to mitigate or adapt to climate change, the retired general said. "There's enough evidence out there to say climate change is happening."

While the report reached no conclusion on the cause of climate change, Hoffman cited the release of greenhouse gases over the last century during the industrial revolution as a cause. Climate change will hurt the economy and critical transportation infrastructure, threaten coastal areas with rising sea levels, disrupt agriculture and manufacturing and strain mili-

tary forces and readiness, the report said.

The issue has been controversial, and just this week U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., said in an ABC News interview he did not believe man-made causes have sparked climate change. "I do not believe that the laws that they propose we pass will do anything about it, except it will destroy our economy," he was quoted as saying.

Michael Breen, executive director of the Truman National Security Project and the Center for National Policy, said climate change is a threat to national and global security and that the United

States should take a stronger leadership role to address that threat.

"Believing in climate change is like believing in the Mississippi River or some other natural phenomenon," said Breen, an Army veteran who served in Iraq and Afghanistan. "This is a real thing in the real world and there's no political difference of opinion here. It's happening whether you believe in it or not."

The CNA report said efforts to mitigate climate change thus far have not been enough to confront a future with the "significant potential" of water, food and energy insecurity, political instability and extreme weather events.

## Ambassador Kennedy visits Fukushima

By **SETH ROBSON**

Stars and Stripes

U.S. Ambassador to Japan Caroline Kennedy donned a white protective suit, helmet and mask to guard against radiation during a tour of the ruins of the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power station Wednesday.

Damage to the plant following a massive earthquake and tsunami on March 11, 2011, caused the release of a radioactive plume that contaminated air and water as far south as Tokyo and led to the evacuation of thousands of U.S. military family members from Japan.

Kennedy met with Tepco President Naomi Hirose before visiting the plant — accompanied by a group of officials and her son, John "Jack" Schlossberg, a history major at Yale.

According to a pool report, the group's first stop at the power station was the No. 4 reactor, where workers are still removing spent nuclear fuel rods from a storage pond.

Kennedy stood on a balcony overlooking the area while a Tepco official explained how the fuel rods were being moved to a safer storage pool. About a dozen plant workers who had been moving fuel rods with a 100-ton crane passed during the briefing.

Out of the more than 1,500 fuel rod assemblies, nearly 900 have already been transferred, according to Tepco spokesman Kenichiro Matsui.

Kennedy also visited a control room for the plant's No. 1 and No. 2 reactors. On the day of the earthquake, 11 plant staff worked in the room, in pitch darkness, trying to bring the reactors under control, officials said.

Today as many as 5,000 people work at the plant each day, removing the fuel rods and building tanks to store contaminated water, according to Matsui.

There are about 1,200 to 1,300 tanks on the site storing around 450,000 tons of contaminated water, he said.

By the end of March 2016, Tepco wants to set up enough tanks to store 800,000 tons. It not only builds tanks on site but also brings in completed tanks built by Mitsubishi Heavy Industries. Tepco is building around 15 new tanks a month, and plans to ramp up the pace to 20 tanks a month, officials said.

A pool reporter who toured the plant with Kennedy reported many of the new tanks were already in place on a site littered with heavy equipment and building material.

In comments after the tour, Kennedy, dressed in a blue Tepco work outfit, said the U.S. has done all it can to support Japan following the earthquake.

"We stand ready to help in any way we can going forward in the future," she said, adding that she was grateful for the chance to see the recovery effort at Fukushima. "It's very hard to visualize and understand the complexity of the challenge when you just read about it," she said.

Kennedy's son said he was inspired by the workers efforts at the plant.

"I hope my peers, my generation, in the United States will keep Fukushima in mind and understand that there is still work to be done and that we can all do something to help," he said.

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## Date: Effort to change date on Arlington marker hits roadblocks

### FROM FRONT PAGE

For more than a decade, they've unsuccessfully tangled with the Army bureaucracy to get the date changed on the large monument marking the spot where conmingled remains of the crew are buried.

Six members of the crew are buried individually at the cemetery, with the same date on their headstones.

"I think it's cheating these guys of what they're owed," said J.D. Deming, nephew of 2nd Lt. Robert Deming, navigator on the flight.

"These guys deserve a World War II date on their grave for heroism — not a 1946 weather balloon accident."

The son of one of the flight's gunners said the families would accept just about any solution.

"Hell, we're willing to pay to change it," said James Drager, a retired Navy captain who was 6 months old when his father, Staff Sgt. William Drager, went down in China. "Just make it so when my grandchildren visit there, they'll see the right date — they won't be confused that maybe this happened after the war."

Arlington doesn't accept private payments, and solutions have been elusive.

Despite promises years ago from Army officials to family members and at least one U.S. senator that a formal review board would determine the correct date of death, there's no sign that such a review was ever done, the Army now says.

Nevertheless, the head of the Army National Military Cemeteries recently recommended that family members marshal their evidence of the actual dates of death and submit it for a board review, again.

Both Arlington and the Defense Department agencies that account for missing U.S. troops have been hammered by scandals in recent



J.D. Deming family photo

**A monument to the lost crew of a U.S. B-24 bomber that stands near the site of the crash in southern China shows the date the plane went down in 1944. Family members of the crew, including J.D. Deming, who took a photo of a Chinese guide holding a photo of his uncle, want the correct date of death reflected on a burial monument at Arlington National Cemetery.**

years. Mismanagement at Arlington's premier military cemetery resulted in graves being mixed up and bodies buried on top of each other, a DOD investigation revealed, leading to the firing of a series of cemetery officials.

More recently, numerous reports suggested the U.S. war dead accounting mission was hampered by power struggles and alleged misconduct. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel in March ordered a restructuring of the mission and the combination of the two main agencies involved: the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command and the Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office.

The date on the B-24 crew's group monument isn't the result of malfeasance or misconduct. Federal law establishes the legal dates of death for missing servicemembers, and Arlington can't unilaterally change it, officials say. It matters little if the date the crew went missing is well-documented,

or if the pulverized condition of the wreckage seems to rule out survivors.

It's an explanation that Drager, unofficial leader of the effort, said he's been hearing since 2001 or 2002.

"We've been through this over and over and over," he said. "I guess we'll try and get something together one more time."

### Disappearance

For the crewmembers, their second mission over enemy territory was their last.

The raid was a small part of a daring campaign masterminded by a visionary World War II aviator, then-Maj. Gen. Claire Lee Chennault. He'd won fame for assembling the 1st American Volunteer Group of fighter pilots in China and Burma, later dubbed the "Flying Tigers," in the months before the attack on Pearl Harbor.

In 1943, he persuaded Presi-

dent Franklin Roosevelt to pump up the size of U.S. air presence in China to target Japanese shipping in the South China Sea. The plan combined during low-altitude daytime bombing attacks on ships with night raids over Japanese ports and bases on the mainland and on the island of Formosa, now called Taiwan.

On the afternoon of Aug. 31, 1944, the 375th Bombardment Squadron lifted off from an airfield at Liuzhou, China, for an attack on the harbor at Takao, Formosa, more than 500 miles east. A Japanese fighter ace, Takeo Tanimizu, shot down one B-24 over the target. He said he believed he had also badly damaged the plane that later crashed.

As the B-24 struggled home, the Liuzhou airfield came under attack, which forced the pilot, 2nd Lt. George Pierpont, to divert to an airfield to the north in Guilin, which was socked in with bad weather: The plane never arrived,



and it disappeared for more than half a century.

In letters dated Oct. 10, 1944, an Army Air Forces officer officially notified families of what they already knew — their loved ones were missing. Nearly a year and a half later, another letter was sent, this time from the War Department's adjutant general's office.

Because the crew and plane, reported missing in action Aug. 31, had still not been found, the military was declaring them dead but offering no formal ruling of whether they were killed immediately, had been taken prisoner or met another fate.

"The finding does not establish an actual or probable date of death; however, as required by law, it includes a presumptive date of death for the purpose of termination of pay and allowances, settlement of accounts and payment of benefits. In the case of your husband," the War Department wrote to wives of the crew members, "the date has been set as 20 March 1946."

### Recovery

In 1997, the year after Chinese farmers discovered the crash site, Drager accompanied personnel from the Central Identification Laboratory, Hawaii, on their first foray to look for remains. The organization has since become part of the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command.

Drager used his military background to pull some strings and add himself to the mission.

"The colonel in charge of the operation told me, 'Officially, we're not allowed to take you in there, but if you happen to show up in Guilin when we do...'"

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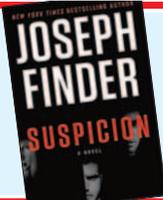
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## Date: Army has yet to act on its promise to review B-24 crash case

FROM PAGE 8

Chinese locals regarded the Americans with grim accounts of weather on the mountain, as well as the "Five Step Snake" said to infest the area's dense jungle, with venom so deadly a victim has time to take just five steps before dropping dead. The laboratory planned its mission around the snake's peak activity season.

Simply reaching the crash site required a strenuous climb capped with rappels down cliff faces to a series of ledges where the pieces of the plane had fallen 52 years earlier. Drager was stunned by the scene.

"I've seen enough aircraft accidents that I can tell you it almost looked like it happened last week," he said. "You could still smell the gas and oil. There were bullets, guns, boots — everything was right there."

Rain, wind and worsening weather forced the recovery mission off the mountain within several weeks, but they resumed it again in following years. It ended when searchers at last uncovered partial remains of a 10th crewmember — Drager's father.

Though he'd never known the man, Drager said it was an emotional experience.

Throughout his boyhood he had been told he looked like his father and had grown up on stories about his hardness in the outdoors.

"They'd say things like, 'You know boy, if anyone's still over there you'd better be the one to make it out, because's was a tough guy, a woodsman.'"

### Elusive fix

Staff Sgt. William Drager and the rest of the air crew returned home to a majestic interment ceremony at Arlington on Aug. 21, 2000, replete with a B-52 flyover and a large contingent of the Old Guard.

At the ceremony, the plaques on the coffins showed a 1944 date of death.

Months later, family members who revisited the cemetery were alarmed at what they saw on the stones that had been set in place, J.D. Deming said.

Initial contacts with Army and cemetery officials led them to believe the date change could be made, but nothing happened.

"There's never any actual push-back," he said. "It's kind of caught in a bureaucratic whirlpool, and it just sits there."

Family members next wrote to federal legislators for help, including Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz. — for whom Deming was a deputy press secretary in the early 1990s and Sen. Bill Nelson, D-Fla. Over the years they contacted others as well, including Sen. Ander Crenshaw, R-Fla., and Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen, R-N.J.

Advocacy from an influential senator seemed to shake something loose with the Army.

On July 27, an official with the Army's Casualty and Mortuary



CHRIS CARROLL/Stars and Stripes

The DeLucia brothers — from left, Anthony, Elmer and Augustino pose for a photo before heading to combat in the European and Asian theaters in World War II. Anthony went missing in action.

Affairs Operations Center, formerly in Alexandria, Va., responded to an inquiry from Nelson's office. To address concerns, Lt. Col. Michael J. Worth wrote that the Army would "convene a Casualty and Memorial Board of Officers to review the date of death."

"While the information your constituent has presented to us is compelling, we will need time to review the case file and consult with the Families of the others aboard that flight and consider their opinions. As a result, our review may take several weeks or months."

In an email to Drager sent the same day, Worth attached the letter he had sent to Nelson and said: "We are going to convene a Casualty and Memorial Affairs Board to review the matter. We are not promising to change the date, but we are considering this."

The families waited for an outcome. When nothing happened and they tried to get answers from officials, they were met with only noncommittal replies and unreturned calls, they said.

Worth, now an Army colonel who no longer works in Casualty and Mortuary Affairs, said he could not comment publicly on the matter when contacted by Stars and Stripes.

After a records search, officials from Army Human Resources Command said there's no indication the matter was ever examined by a review board.

"Army Human Resources Command has no record that a Casualty and Mortuary Affairs Board of Officers ever convened to specifically address changing the date on the B-24's Liberator crew group interment markers," Army HRC spokesman Bill Costello wrote in a May 7 email.

Family members can contact the Department of Veterans Affairs to seek changes to individual markers, he wrote, but changes to a group marker would be more difficult.

"Changing the date to an actual date of death is problematic given the uncertainty surrounding this incident," Costello wrote. "Since no benefits or entitlements are affected, there is no governmental purpose for making a change."

### New suggestion

In a March letter to Drager, Army National Military Cemeteries Executive Director Patrick Hallinan cited legislation and

policies requiring the cemetery to follow official death dates, and recommended new steps for families interested in changing the group marker.

"To further assist you with obtaining official documentation that reflects a date of death other than March 20, 1946 ... I recommend you contact the Army Board for Correction of Military Records for an official change to the date of death finding," Hallinan wrote.

Some relatives of the crew say that after previous experiences trying to follow approved channels, intervention by a powerful official might be needed to make the change happen.

"I believe all it would take is for one motivated individual to get off his or her comfortable seat and walk this through channels," David Ward, nephew of 2nd Lt. George Ward, the bombardier on the flight, wrote in an email.

"This is Kafkaesque," Deming said. "They're just digging in their heels and will not budge. I do believe it's a can of worms they're afraid they'll open" — with other family members potentially coming out of the woodwork to demand grave marker changes at military cemeteries — "and that's why they won't do it."

One thing each crew relative who spoke to Stars and Stripes agreed on: At the 70th anniversary of the crash this summer, they want the plane crash date, not a paperwork date, reflected on stones at Arlington.

"Do we have to do civil disobedience and glue up a sign?" Deming said. "No, we're not going to dishonor Arlington."

### A brother's wish

The closest surviving family member to any of the crash said he wants to live to see the date on the monument corrected.

Elmer DeLucia stormed Omaha Beach on D-Day and had been fighting his way across Europe for several months as the sight man on a 4.2-inch mortar crew when grim news arrived in a letter from his eldest brother.

Their middle brother, Staff Sgt. Anthony DeLucia — or "Bib" as the family called him — was missing in the Pacific. Along with the nine crewmembers of the B-24 bomber on which he served as flight engineer, Anthony DeLucia had not returned from the Aug. 31 mission. It was his 24th birthday.

When Elmer DeLucia returned



Elmer DeLucia

home to Bradford, Pa., the following year — his chest covered with combat medals and Purple Heart. He found a family struggling to endure the

cost of the war. His eldest brother, Augustino, was injured and lost an eye in a bombing mission over Europe.

His father had suffered a stroke that the family believes was brought on by stress after learning Anthony was missing. DeLucia, who still lives in Bradford, weeps when he recalls his reunion with his formerly vigorous father, who for years would continue to hold out hope his son would be found alive on an island in the Pacific.

"He'd say, 'Bib's a strong swimmer, and I think he's out there,'" and for a time refused to accept

a death benefit from the Army. Elmer DeLucia recalls that only on his deathbed in 1954 did the father acknowledge the reality of his son's death.

"He said, 'I'll be seeing Bib soon,'" DeLucia said.

Elmer DeLucia said it comforts him that Anthony DeLucia's remains are home in Bradford, with a correct date on the marker to boot. But part of his brother's body is likely buried with the commingled remains at Arlington, he said.

DeLucia, who works a weekly shift as a greeter at Wal-Mart simply for the chance to chat with customers — most of whom he seems to know — has a relentlessly sunny personality. But the date dispute at Arlington reduced him to sputtering anger.

"What are they doing down there? I can't believe they made a mistake like that — how could they do that?" he said. "I want them to fix it. Just fix it right now."

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# Widow carrying on husband's PTSD work

The Associated Press

BURLINGTON, Vt. — Amy Miner says the last night of her husband's life got off to an amazing start.

Kryn Miner and his wife attended a wedding in April in Vermont with two of their four children, dancing and celebrating with good friends.

Then things went wrong. The troubled 44-year-old Army veteran became verbally abusive toward his wife on the ride home and began to hit himself. Prosecutors say he threatened to kill his family, assaulted his wife, and then threw a loaded handgun to their teen child who came to her aid.

"Do you want to play the gun game?" the sniper-qualified Miner asked the teen, according to authorities.

The teen fired six shots when Miner pulled another gun from a bag. Prosecutors ruled the April 26 shooting justified and the teen won't face charges.

Kryn Miner was a loving father and husband, his wife said. A dedicated career soldier. The guy who would walk into a room and make immediate friends.

But after 11 deployments in seven years, he became troubled. He suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder and a traumatic brain injury after Amy Miner said he was thrown into a wall after a blast in Afghanistan in 2010 while serving with the Vermont National Guard.

Amy Miner, 39, said her husband's mental health became a constant struggle and that she agreed to an interview with The Associated Press a little more than two weeks after her husband's death to speak out about the need to provide better treatment for veterans.

"The truth of the matter is if we can't take care of our veterans we shouldn't be sending them off to war," she said. "It doesn't make sense. Because they're coming back and this is the result and it's happening more and more."

About 15 percent of veterans who served in Iraq and Afghanistan suffer from PTSD, according to the office of Veterans Affairs. PTSD is a treatable condition and many soldiers diagnosed with it are successful and high functioning, Army Medical Command spokeswoman Maria Tolleason said.

But PTSD also affects entire families who must deal with a loved one who may become isolated because of anxiety or act out due to anger or depression.

Dr. Thomas Simplicio, director of the division of public psychiatry at the University of Vermont, said the more families know about the disorder the better.

"If your father is all of a sudden flying off of the handle or breaking dishes, or whatever, and it happens to be after you said something, one might make the wrong conclusion that his behavior is the result of your activity," he said.



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**Left: Family, friends and members of the military gather beside Kryn Miner's casket after his funeral outside St. Lawrence Church in Essex, Vt., on May 2. His widow Amy Miner, believes the Veterans Affairs health system must do more to help veterans who struggle with post-traumatic stress disorder after returning home. Right: Miner holds an April 2013 photo of herself and her husband.**

Kryn Miner joined the military in 1987, serving with the 82nd Airborne Division. He became a paratrooper, ranger and sniper, jumping into Panama and serving in the Gulf War, Iraq and

Afghanistan. Amy Miner said things changed after the blast in Afghanistan, one of 19 in his 25-year career. He tried to kill himself in September 2013.

He began therapy at a Veterans Affairs facility, but Amy Miner said he often had to wait for hours to see different counselors. He got into another treatment program and learned how to cope

with some of his depression and anxiety, but they didn't deal with PTSD.

He turned to the Lone Survivors Foundation, which helps wounded veterans return to civilian life, offering retreats to servicemembers diagnosed with combat-related PTSD and their families. The foundation educates veterans and their families about PTSD, coping skills and reducing symptoms of stress.

"He was deeply committed to the notion that our nation's veterans have access to the peer support network and resources they need to manage the impact of their time in the service," said Beau Teal, the owner of Cross-Fit Burlington, where Miner was a trainer. He also developed a workout for veterans battling emotional wounds.

Amy Miner said her husband's new mission was getting help for others suffering from PTSD, including a Chicago TV appearance to speak about the Lone Survivors Foundation and telling his story at a gala to raise money.

After the tragic end to his life, Amy Miner said she will continue her husband's work.

"Kryn was my everything," she said. "(I) will not ever quit on him or this."

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NATION

# San Diego fires calm down after thousands flee

The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — A pair of wildfires flared and thousands of residents fled amid drought conditions and spiking heat in California, but both blazes had calmed as night fell and the winds that had whipped them diminished.

Evacuation orders were lifted for all of the more than 20,000 residents in and around San Diego on Tuesday night just a few hours after they were called, and all but a handful of the 1,200 homes and businesses told to evacuate in Santa Barbara County had been allowed to return.

The two blazes, 250 miles apart, each covered more than 800 acres and each was 5 percent contained, but the San Diego-area fire was closer to more populated areas. The rugged terrain and unseasonably warm temperatures made firefighting difficult, creating some scary moments that quickly passed.

Neither blaze caused any home damage or injuries, but another hot, dry day is expected Wednesday.

“We believe we have a pretty good handle on it,” San Diego Fire Chief Javier Mainar said. “We hope to do some more work through the night and into tomorrow, but I think the largest part of the emergency has passed.”

The flames erupted in the fire-prone Rancho Bernardo area of the city, driven by hot, dry Santa Ana winds.

By late afternoon, the flames ripped through canyons to approach expensive homes and new subdivisions on the ridges. It spread to Rancho Santa Fe, one of the nation’s wealthiest communities, known for its multimillion-dollar homes, golfing and horseback riding.

Black and gray smoke billowed over northern San Diego, filled with whirling ash and embers that



A helicopter targets a wildfire burning north of San Diego on Tuesday. Wildfires pushed by gusty winds hatched through canyons parched by California’s drought, prompting evacuation orders for more than 20,000 homes around San Diego.

created small spot fires. Flames crept within yards of some homes before firefighters doused them.

On one road, people on bicycles and skateboards stopped to watch as a plane dumped water on flames a half-mile away. At least two high schools and three elementary schools were evacuated.

Cameron Stout, filling his tank at a gas station, got a text from his wife shortly after noon saying that

she was packing up and leaving with the family’s pictures, laptops and other valuables. Their next-door neighbor’s home burned in a fire 15 years ago, he said.

“This area’s been through this before,” he said. “I thought the recent rains would have prevented this from happening. But after a couple days of 100 degrees, it’s reversed all that.”

Katy Ghasemi, 14, was held for

hours in her high school classroom before the school let the children go home. Students studied, ate lunch, did yoga and looked out the windows at the fire.

“There were a lot of flames. Some were right near the front gate,” she said.

The city of San Diego issued between 16,000 and 17,000 evacuation orders, according to San Diego County Sheriff Bill Gore.

# Hundreds contact FBI about pedophile

The Associated Press

The number of possible victims of a teacher suspected of drugging and molesting boys during a four-decade career at nearly a dozen schools around the world has risen sharply, with the FBI saying hundreds of people have contacted it about the case.

Calling William Vahey one of the most prolific pedophiles in memory, the FBI had said that the teacher molested at least 90 boys whose photos were found on a memory drive stolen by his maid in Nicaragua.

That figure appeared low after Special Agent Shauna Dunlap said Tuesday that the bureau has now “been contacted by several hundred individuals from around the globe wishing either to reach out as potential victims or provide information in the ongoing investigation.”

Dunlap said officials wanted as many people as possible to call or contact the FBI through its website to receive counseling and provide information about Vahey, who killed himself at age 64 after the evidence of molestations



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William James Vahey appears in a photo in the 1973 book for Tehran American School, where he taught in 1972-73.

emerged.

Vahey taught at 10 schools on four continents and was one of the most beloved teachers in the world of international schools that serve the children of diplomats, well-off Americans and local elites. His case has rattled the community of international schools, where parents are being told their children may have been victims, and administrators are scurrying to close loopholes exposed by Vahey’s abuses.

# Explorer says he found Columbus’ ship

The Miami Herald

MIAMI — A top underwater explorer says he is certain that he has found the Holy Grail of shipwrecks — Christopher Columbus’ long-lost Santa Maria flagship used in his initial voyage to the New World.

Barry Clifford said he discovered the ship’s remains near the coast of Cap-Haitien in northern Haiti, where the Spanish explorer reported in his journal that it had run aground on Christmas morning in 1492. Years earlier, Clifford photographed what he now believes to have been a 15th-century wrought-iron lombard or cannon that has since disappeared.

“There are only seven lombards that have been found in the Western world,” Clifford told The Miami Herald on Tuesday. “We found the eighth, exactly the distance where Columbus said he lost the Santa Maria.”

The Santa Maria ship drifted into a reef and had to be abandoned. Columbus ordered sailors to build a fort nearby in Haiti before sailing the remaining two ships — La Nina and La Pinta — back to Spain to report his findings.

The claim, which still needs to be verified, has its share of skeptics, including another underwater explorer who also believed he had discovered the remains of the Santa Maria while snorkeling in 1987 off Haiti’s northern coast. “There is a lot of water, a lot of

history around Haiti, and there have been many, many shipwrecks along the coast of Haiti,” said Daniel Koski-Karell, whose 1991 mission to confirm his hunch was thwarted by political turmoil.

Should the scientific evidence of the wreckage pan out this time, the discovery would solve a more than 500-year-old riddle that has plagued historians and marine archaeologists and been the subject of many failed explorations. It would also help in the rebranding of a country struggling to rebuild four years after a devastating earthquake and desperately trying to reshape its image in the world.

“It would be a tremendous discovery for Haiti,” Haitian Prime Minister Laurent Lamothe told the Herald.

Lamothe, like others in the government, aren’t breaking out the champagne just yet.

A confident Clifford, who said

he’s been in touch with Haitian President Michel Martelly, is already envisioning a traveling exhibit of the wreckage that would be “a positive statement from Haiti around the world.”

“This ship that changed the course of human history needs to be protected and preserved for the Haitian people; that is much more valuable than gold,” he said. “This is an irreplaceable resource for the Haitian people.”

Clifford won’t provide the precise coordinates of the wreckage, only that it’s on a reef in less than 20 feet of water in an area not larger than two football fields.

He is concerned, he said, that what’s left will be looted and said he has asked Martelly to help preserve the site until a scientific diving expedition and underwater archaeological excavation can be conducted to determine whether the materials are consistent with the late 15th-century ship.

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OPINION

What's the plan to answer China?

Washington Post editorial

With a \$1 billion oil rig the size of a football field, China has literally laid down a new marker in its ambition to dominate the South China Sea — and challenged President Barack Obama's "rebalancing" policy in Asia, only weeks after the president's tour of the region.

The rig is about 130 miles off the coast of Vietnam, in waters that Vietnam claims as an exclusive economic zone under international law. China's claim is more tenuous, but it is backed up with a flotilla of some 80 ships that for a week have engaged in a dangerous contest of ramming and water-hosing Vietnamese vessels.

The message of the deployment is as simple as it is provocative: The regime of Xi Jinping intends to unilaterally assert China's sovereignty over almost all of the South China Sea without regard for the competing claims of five other countries or Obama's newly restated commitment to uphold defense agreements with two of those nations.

In that sense, the rig, like Russia's invasion of Ukraine, is a fundamental challenge to the international order the United States has tried to preserve since the end of the Cold War.

China's ambitions are described by an audacious map, dating from the pre-Communist era, that claims some 80 percent of the South China Sea and a number of island chains or waters also claimed by Japan, the Philippines, Taiwan, Brunei and Indonesia, in addition to Vietnam. For years Beijing has talked with those nations and others in Southeast Asia about establishing a code of conduct for the sea, and it discussed the possibility of joint development of oil and gas with Vietnam a few months ago.

The move of the oil rig appears to reflect a calculation that a more aggressive policy



The first deep-water drilling rig developed in China is seen 200 miles southeast of Hong Kong in the South China Sea on May 7, 2012.

XINHUA/AP

will not meet meaningful resistance from China's neighbors or the United States. The target of the initiative, Vietnam, is particularly vulnerable, as it lacks strong military ties with Washington and is ruled by a Communist Party with a strong, pro-Chinese faction.

The Vietnamese leadership has responded rather vigorously. In addition to the several dozen ships that are sparring with China's near the rig, the regime allowed anti-Chinese demonstrations in Hanoi on Sunday, and its prime minister condemned China at a summit meeting of Southeast Asian nations.

China's neighbors, however, predictably declined to take sides, issuing a communique that expressed "serious concerns" about "ongoing developments" without mentioning China. The Obama administration,

for its part, issued a statement saying China's action was "provocative" and "part of a broader pattern" to "advance its claims over disputed territory in a manner that undermines peace and stability in the region."

But the U.S. response is not likely to extend beyond rhetoric; a State Department official said in Hanoi last week that the administration took no position on the competing territorial claims.

Vietnam and the Philippines could bring a case against China at an international tribunal under the Law of the Sea treaty. But Beijing is likely to shrug off that form of pressure. Most likely it will continue to act unilaterally in the region until it meets concerted resistance, whether diplomatic or military. If the United States and its allies have a plan for that, it isn't evident.

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Considering the future of air traffic control

By JILL SCHENSUL

How do you lose an airplane?  
The disappearance of Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 has been so baffling, so complete, it's frightening. The not knowing gnaws at us all.

But the search for the plane and the 239 people aboard did illuminate one area of air traffic that most of us never think about: air traffic control. As often happens when something goes terribly wrong, we realize what really goes on behind the scenes isn't quite what we expected. Knowledge is power, sure, but it can also make you a little queasy next time you get on an airplane.

Most of us were wondering how you lose a plane when GPS technology lets you track anything or anyone anywhere these days. These days?

I remember 10 years ago, taking a car service to the airport and the driver telling me his company could know where he and everyone else was at any time, thanks to GPS technology. No going home for lunch anymore, he lamented.

Today, the GPS on my smartphone is so precise it even knows which way my car is facing when it gives me directions. Yelp and YP will tell me what Mexican restaurants are within walking/biking/driving distance — after Google asks permission to "share my location."

Yet an airplane disappears, and nobody, not OnStar, not air traffic control, not even Google or Verizon, can find it. I think most of us who put our trust in

the "system" were surprised to hear that the air-traffic control system in the 21st century is not GPS-equipped. In fact, I figured that where air traffic and thousands of planes carrying millions of passengers are concerned, they used something even better than GPS.

Instead, air traffic control keeps track of planes via radar, which was, granted, cutting edge when it was introduced in the World War II era. But radar has a lot of gaps in its coverage. Like over an ocean, where you and your pilot may be on your own, since receivers for radar are on land only and extend only so far. After that, radio communication, visuals and preapproved flight plans come into play.

The Federal Aviation Administration is on the case, however. Has been for eight years now, working on what it calls NextGen, the next generation international air-space control system. At its core is something called Automatic Dependent Surveillance Broadcast (ADS-B) — aviation-ese for GPS guidance. ADS-B is satellite tracking, which can cover pretty much anywhere, and certainly more than radar.

On April 14, the FAA announced that it had finished setting up the land component for the system. It also said that all aircraft operating in controlled airspace in the United States must be equipped with ADS-B by 2020.

When NextGen is ready, it sounds like it will be the Second Coming of aviation, as the FAA explains it. But right now, this utopia isn't helping my confidence in the

current situation, especially when I think about what we don't have until NextGen becomes operational:

■ With NextGen, both pilots and air traffic control — for the first time — will have real-time displays of air traffic. (No, that little animation on your seatback showing where you are is a collection of data reported over time.)

■ When 2020 comes around, pilots will have — again, for the first time — digital communications with air traffic control.

■ That new system will, finally, replace nearly 20 separate voice systems used across the United States.

■ For the first time, there will be a single national reporting system for the whereabouts of all airplanes.

That's in 2020. Until then?

If 2020 seems very far away, remember that you're measuring in human years, not bureaucratic years, a time measurement falling somewhere between dog years and tectonic movement years.

Keep in mind that the FAA began this project eight years ago, and while it went over budget in record time, it also fell behind schedule with commensurate alacrity. A February 2012 investigation by the Government Accounting Office found that NextGen at that point was going to cost at least \$4.2 billion more than originally expected, and some programs could be delayed more than 14 years.

By which time, of course, the whole NextGen will be outdated.

Jill Schensul writes for The Record in Hackensack, N.J.

OPINION

# Show no tolerance for the terrorizing of women

By ANN McFEATHERS

WASHINGTON

**W**hat is it about girls going to school that infuriates so many grown men, turning them into beasts?

The appalling abduction of well more than 200 Nigerian school girls and the shocking delay in the West before mobilizing a response are two more indications of how far the world is from nailing this civilization thing.

The girls, some of Nigeria's best and brightest, were dragged out of bed by Islamic militants and spirited away in trucks. According to a girl who escaped, they were treated like slaves.

Two weeks later, as the Nigerian government hemmed and hawed about not finding the girls and with countries such as the United States and Great Britain observing diplomatic niceties before helping, militants were boasting about selling the girls into sexual slavery or as child brides.

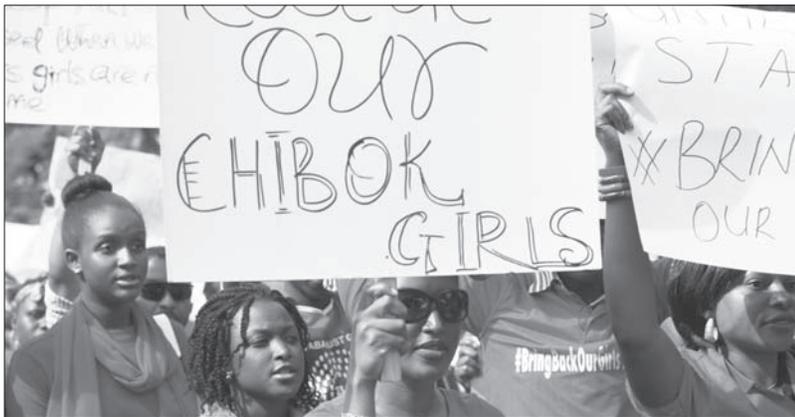
On Capitol Hill, all 20 female senators, who rarely agree on anything, demanded to know why it was taking so long to find the stolen girls.

We are reminded of Malala Yousafzai, the brave Pakistani girl who was shot in the head by the Taliban for speaking out about the importance of educating girls. As she heals, the 15-year-old wrote in her book, "I Am Malala," that her life's work will be the education of girls.

We remember the years of terrorism in Rwanda where women and young girls were gang raped to impregnate them as a weapon in civil war.

As Americans pull out of Afghanistan after more than a decade, the Taliban has quickly reverted to shutting down girls' schools, terrorizing women who walk alone and otherwise trying to drive females back to the Stone Age.

Americans have traveled a long, winding road and squandered in education. Even many educated fathers (and mothers) wanted their daughters to marry, breed and obey their husbands more than they wanted female children to get an educa-



SUNDAY ALAMBA/AP

Nigerian women call on the government during a demonstration Tuesday to rescue schoolgirls kidnapped in Chibok, Nigeria.

tion, use their minds and be able to support themselves.

Ignorant Islamic militants wrongly use misunderstood religious precepts as an excuse to keep girls uneducated and used as sex slaves without rights or, often, decent living conditions. These militants burn with righteous fervor but they are basically cowards who fear a world where their prehistoric beliefs are not ascendant.

What should scare us is how many misguided militants there are and how quickly they can prevail in countries where poverty and political turmoil tamp down human rights. As Vladimir Putin is to Ukraine's sovereignty so are Islamic militants to the rights of women everywhere.

Former British Prime Minister Gordon Brown has become an outspoken cham-

panion of ending discrimination against girls whether they are in Nigeria, Pakistan or India. He says that discrimination against girls is akin to the discrimination against blacks and that the world has a duty to fight both. He is correct, and President Barack Obama should be more forceful on this issue.

Too many men are too unsure of their manhood and their place in the world to tolerate the prospect of girls becoming their equals. So they grab their guns and some kind of uniform and get together in gangs — such as Boko Haram in Nigeria — to try to go back to an era where violence against women was accepted.

Every day we see the vestiges of the cruelty people inflict on each other. The sultan of Brunei oversees new laws that call for flog-

ging and stoning same sex couples, adulterers and women who have abortions. The owner of the Los Angeles Clippers hates black people. A bigot in the West steals \$1 million in grazing rights from taxpayers and is lionized by politicians.

The juxtaposition of the World Economic Forum for Africa being held in Nigeria while militants openly kidnap school girls is maddening. We must make human traffickers afraid. We must punish those who degrade others. We must make clear that civilized people will not tolerate this evil.

When children anywhere are denied education and brutalized, it's OK to be angry, very angry, and to demand retribution.

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# America's oil boom and the price you pay at your pump

Chicago Tribune editorial

**A**fter a harsh winter, it's time to get out and hit the open road. So what's with \$4-a-gallon gasoline? North American oil production is on the rise, so you might have expected a break at the pump by now. Yet gas prices remain stubbornly high.

What happened to the homegrown energy boom? Wasn't North Dakota supposed to be America's Saudi Arabia? How come gas isn't back to \$2 a gallon?

The boom is real, and North Dakota, along with states and Canadian provinces, is producing a gusher of oil. The North American energy bonanza now underway is helping the U.S. economy to pull out of the doldrums. It helped ease the pain of Chicago residents during the cold winter, since stepping up natural gas production kept heating bills lower.

But gasoline, alas, is not going to be half-price anytime soon, if ever. America's oil boom is delivering broad benefits, but not necessarily at the pump.

The good news is that oil analysts say gas prices probably peaked for this year in late April. Based on today's market conditions, prices could decline by a nickel or a dime over the next month. The U.S. Energy In-

formation Administration expects a gallon of regular unleaded to sell for an average of \$3.49 nationwide in 2014 and \$3.39 in 2015. That's a steady, significant decline from \$3.63 in 2012 and \$3.51 in 2013. Chicago prices generally run higher than the national average.

Prices bounce around during the year. It's not unusual for prices at the pump to rise in the spring, ahead of the summer driving season. That's due in part to refineries switching to a different formula for gasoline that meets clean-air requirements during the warm-weather months. As companies draw down winter stockpiles, conduct routine spring maintenance and ramp up production of the summer blend, prices are prone to short-term spikes.

This year, the transition has gone smoothly. Supplies of reformulated gasoline are building. The usual run-up in prices ahead of the summer driving season is likely to be especially short-lived. Prices also vary by geography. Some parts of the country could see gasoline selling below \$3 a gallon later in 2014.

The controversial extraction technology known as fracking is contributing to the enhanced production of domestic oil and natural gas. The light, sweet crude produced in the U.S. sells at a considerable

discount here compared with the price paid on other continents because there is so much of it at our disposal, according to Tom Kloza, chief oil analyst for the Oil Price Information Service. The oil industry, as well as energy-dependent chemical, utility and industrial users, has been growing fast as a result. That economic activity ultimately creates jobs.

The impact at the pump is limited because oil is an internationally traded commodity. By virtue of its soaring production, North America is more insulated from price shocks prompted by disruptive events in the Middle East and other oil-producing regions than it has been in years. The U.S. shale boom is replacing oil being kept off the market because of geopolitical issues in Ukraine, Iran and elsewhere.

But the U.S. can't insulate itself entirely from global energy markets.

Market forces impose important discipline. Responding to signals of supply and demand ensure that capital is invested wisely. A free market, including free trade, allocates resources better than any other system. Over time, free markets are most efficient. Consumers benefit.

Even as America pursues free-trade deals in Europe and Asia, its energy policy is built on a glaring inconsistency. Federal

law allows the export of gasoline, diesel and other refined products, but not crude oil. That ban began in 1975, after the Arab oil embargo. It continues to this day, despite the harm it does to America's credibility with its trading partners and the distortion it creates in the U.S. economy.

For years, the export ban didn't matter much because the U.S. was by far the world's biggest importer of oil. Now that North America is producing much more energy, the ban does matter. If shale-oil production continues to expand as forecast, domestic crude will be a glut on the U.S. market, reducing the incentive to maintain that production.

America needs to keep its energy boom going by encouraging production in traditional as well as alternative energy sources. That should include lifting the ban on crude exports.

Energy prices are always a moving target. We got a break on heating bills during an extremely cold winter, thanks to natural-gas production. But we'll pay more this summer to cool our homes, reflecting rising costs to secure electricity supply. Gasoline may not seem cheap these days, but it's a relative bargain. America needs to keep conserving and producing energy to keep those costs in check.

WORLD



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Rescue workers carry the body of a miner outside the coal mine in Soma, Turkey, early Wednesday amid a crowd of mourners and onlookers. At least 238 miners were killed in an explosion in the mine.

# Mine blast kills hundreds

## Violent protest erupts following explosion in Turkey

By **DESMOND BUTLER**  
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*The Associated Press*

SOMA, Turkey — A violent protest erupted Wednesday in the Turkish city of Soma, where at least 238 coal miners have died after a mine explosion.

Many in the crowd expressed anger at Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan's government. Rocks were being thrown and some people were shouting that Erdogan was a "murderer" and a "thief"

The protesters faced off against riot police, who had gas masks and water cannons, in front of the ruling NKP party headquarters.

Earlier in the day, women wailed uncontrollably, men knelt sobbing and others just stared in disbelief outside a coal mine in western Turkey as rescue workers removed a steady stream of bodies after an underground explo-

sion and fire. The fate of an estimated 120 miners remained unclear in one of Turkey's worst mining disasters.

Erdogan postponed a foreign trip and visited the mine in Soma, about 155 miles south of Istanbul. The deaths were caused by carbon monoxide poisoning, officials said.

Erdogan said the tragedy would be investigated to its "smallest detail" and "no negligence will be ignored." He discussed rescue operations with authorities, walked near the entrance of the mine and also comforted two crying women. Earlier, Erdogan declared three days of national mourning, ordering flags to be lowered to half-staff.

Energy Minister Taner Yildiz said 787 people were inside the coal mine in Soma at the time of Tuesday's explosion and 363 of them had been rescued. Scores were injured, Yildiz told reporters

in Soma, where he was overseeing operations by more than 400 rescuers.

The last worker rescued alive emerged from the mine around dawn, a government official said on condition of anonymity because she didn't have prior authorization to speak publicly to journalists about the issue. As of 3:30 p.m., it had been about 10 hours since anyone had been brought out alive.

"Regarding the rescue operation, I can say that our hopes are diminishing," Yildiz said before Erdogan's visit.

Erdogan said there were an estimated 120 workers still inside the mine.

"Our hope is that, God willing, that will be brought out," he said. "That is what we are waiting for."

Tensions were high as hundreds of relatives and miners stood outside the mine. The crowd shouted at officials, including when Yildiz passed by.

# Vietnamese mobs attack factories in protest of China

*The Associated Press*

HANOI, Vietnam — Mobs burned and looted scores of foreign-owned factories in Vietnam following a large protest by workers against China's recent placement of an oil rig in disputed Southeast Asian waters, officials said Wednesday.

The unrest at industrial parks near Ho Chi Minh City is the most serious outbreak of public disorder in the tightly controlled country in years. It points to the dangers for the government as it tries to manage public anger at China while also itself protesting the Chinese actions in an area of the South China Sea claimed by Vietnam.

Vietnam has sent ships to confront the rig which are engaged in a tense standoff with Chinese vessels protecting it.

The rioting Tuesday into Wednesday in Binh Duong province followed protests by up to 20,000 workers at the industrial parks. Smaller groups of men attacked factories they believed were Chinese-run, but many were Taiwanese or South Korean, the provincial government said in a statement.

On Wednesday morning, groups

of men on motorbikes remained on the streets and factories in the area were closed, said a park manager who declined to give his name because of the sensitivity of the situation. Riot police were stationed around the area but men were still seen carrying looted goods, said a security guard, who also declined to be identified.

Firefighters battled to extinguish a fire at Tan Than Industries, a Taiwanese bicycle factory, where walls were toppled in the riots. Smoke poured out of blackened windows at other factories, as people waved Vietnamese flags while riding motorcycles through the streets.

Police said 440 people had been detained over the violence. Tran Van Nam, vice chairman of the Bing Duong government, said Chinese, Taiwanese and South Korean factories that hadn't already shut down had been asked to do so temporarily for the sake of public order. He said the "situation was now under control."

Taiwanese-owned athletic shoe manufacturer Yue Yuen, which makes shoes for Nike, Adidas and Reebok, said it had closed its three complexes close to Ho Chi Minh City as a precautionary measure.



JEFF NESMITH/AP

Firefighters stand across from Tan Than Industries as the Taiwanese bicycle factory burns in Di An Town, Binh Duong province, Vietnam, on Wednesday. Mobs burned and looted factories in protest against China's placement of an oil rig in disputed waters.

# Kiev launches Ukraine peace talks without its main foes

By **NATALIYA VASILYEVA**  
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*The Associated Press*

KIEV, Ukraine — Ukraine's government launched talks Wednesday on decentralizing power as part of a European-backed peace plan, but didn't invite its main foes, the pro-Russia insurgents who have declared independence in the east.

That deliberate oversight left it unclear what the negotiations might accomplish.

In his opening remarks, acting President Oleksandr Turchynov said authorities were "ready for

a dialogue" but insisted they will not talk to the separatists who have seized buildings and fought government troops across eastern Ukraine.

Turchynov chaired the first in a series of round tables with spiritual leaders, lawmakers, government figures and regional officials as part of a peace plan drafted by the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, a security group that also includes Russia and the United States.

"Let's have a dialogue, let's discuss specific proposals," Turchynov said. "But those armed people who are trying to wage a

war on their own country, those who are with arms in their hands trying to dictate their will, or rather the will of another country, we will use legal procedures against them and they will face justice."

Acting Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk told the round table that they will be holding discussions across the country "in as many regions as possible," but didn't name any specific one.

Oleksandr Efremov, leader of the Party of Regions in the Ukrainian parliament, the support base for former President Viktor Yanukovich, voiced hope that the dis-

cussions will be held in the east "where things are perceived in a different way."

Efremov called on the government to withdraw troops from the Donetsk region and urged authorities to understand that people are genuinely wary of the new government and that they haven't seen any friendly steps from Kiev yet.

The OSCE road map aims to halt fighting between government forces and pro-Russia separatists in the east and de-escalate tensions ahead of Ukraine's May 25 presidential vote. It lets the Ukrainian government decide the specifics of the talks.

The Ukrainian leader also said the government would not stop its offensive to retake eastern cities now under the control of the separatists who declared independence Monday in the Luhansk and Donetsk regions, home to 6.6 million people.

Insurgents in the east shrugged off the round table as meaningless.

"We haven't received any offers to join a round table and dialogue," Denis Pushilin, an insurgent leader in Donetsk. "If the authorities in Kiev want a dialogue, they must come here. If we go to Kiev, they will arrest us."

MILITARY



PHOTOS BY DAVID PROEBER, THE (BLOOMINGTON, ILL.) PANTAGRAPH/AP

The leadership team from Task Force Legion MilSim Paintball Battalion poses for a photo before practice at Urban Warfare Paintball in Bloomington, Ill., April 5. The group of veterans uses the sport as a means to raise money for charity and a sense of teamwork that they miss from their national service. Below, under a hail of paintball fire, the team splits its forces as it attempts to overcome a competing unit. The veterans say paintball provides a social outlet and a way to help adjust and relieve stress.

# A sense of brotherhood

## Paintball helps group of veterans adjust to life outside the military

By MARY ANN FORD

The (Bloomington, Ill.) Pantagraph

NORMAL, Ill. — While Chris Aguayo was serving in the U.S. Army, he witnessed his best friend burn to death in a Humvee. “It took its toll on me,” he said. “I had survivor’s guilt. I went into a huge depression.”

In an effort to cope, he requested a change in military bases. It was there that one of his buddies suggested he start playing paintball.

“It was my first taste of playing paintball with a group,” he said. It happened only months before he was deployed to Afghanistan — his second tour of duty. He previously went to Iraq.

“It was a big help for me,” he said. “It jump-started my idea to put together my own team. I wanted to take that and give back to other active members and vets.”

Now Aguayo, 29, a freshman at Illinois State University, has organized a military-structured Task Force Legion that has paintball teams across 10 states, including the Charlie Company in Illinois.

“It’s basically our way to use our military training,” said Aguayo. “For us, being able to utilize our training and skills ... we’re able to release stress.”

Dave Morgan, who served in the U.S.



Navy from 1993-2003, is the leader of the third platoon out of Champaign.

“Brotherhood is the biggest thing,” he said. “People in the military know what to expect with each other. We’ve gone through some stuff. This is a stress reliever; you forget the day.”

Morgan said after years of structure that comes in the military, “It’s a culture shock when you first get out.”

Jordan Smith, 25, also an ISU freshman, said the structure of Task Force Legion helps him cope with his post-traumatic stress.

“PTSD can be a real nightmare,” he said. “I want to do all I can to keep others from having to go through it.”

Smith met Aguayo in August and the two “really hit it off; we have a common bond,” he said. Smith became Aguayo’s right-hand man, in charge of headquarters, recruiting, logistics and administration.

For Chad Bradford, a Marine vet and now leader of the second platoon in Normal, Task Force Legion provides a social outlet, a sense of direction and a sense of brotherhood.

“When I first returned I didn’t feel like I fit in,” he said. “I was hesitant to admit I was a vet.”

As a part of Task Force Legion, Bradford, 24, also an ISU student, said he can help other vets and “let them know they are not alone.”

Bradford said the group is trying to get recognized as an ISU registered student organization so they can have access to emails for other vets on the college campus. But Task Force Legion also is open to anyone, Aguayo said.

One current member is a firefighter; there are others thinking about enlisting in one of the armed forces.

“We teach leadership and professionalism,” said Aguayo. “We can educate those who want to go into the service.”

# AMERICAN ROUNDUP



JOSE LUIS VILLEGAS, SACRAMENTO (CALIF.)/BEE/MT

## Horsing around

Tracy Blum, of Roseville, Calif., swims with her quarter horse, Gambler, in Folsom Lake on Monday in Folsom, Calif.

### 8-year-old helps mom deliver brother at home

**FL** TAMPA — Thanks to a 911 dispatcher, an 8-year-old Tampa girl helped her mother deliver a baby boy while waiting for paramedics to arrive at their home.

According to Tampa Fire Rescue, Krystle Garcia was in labor Monday morning when she called 911. The dispatcher alerted paramedics, but they weren't quick enough to get there before the baby started to arrive.

Authorities said the dispatcher talked Garcia and her daughter, Jazmine, through the delivery of the baby. During an eight-minute call, Jazmine calmly relays the dispatcher's instructions to her mother, gets towels and other items and secures the baby's head.

### 2nd Greek organization banned from school

**CT** STORRS — The University of Connecticut has banned a second Greek organization over a hazing episode in which a woman says she was forced to lie on the floor and "size-like bacon" and then drink alcohol until she passed out.

The Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity joins the banned sorority Kappa Kappa Gamma, which had its registration and recognition revoked last week over the same incident. The university says the hazing of sorority members occurred at Sigma Alpha Epsilon's off-campus house in March.

The fraternity won't be allowed to reapply as a student organization for at least five years. That is a year longer than the punishment meted out to Kappa Kappa Gamma.

### THE CENSUS

# 200

The approximate number of reptile species kept at Reptile Gardens in Rapid City, S.D. The facility recently landed in Guinness World Records as home to the world's largest collection of reptiles. "I was shocked but absolutely thrilled," Gardens spokesman Johnny Brockelsby, who sought the Guinness listing, told the Rapid City Journal. "We have always claimed we were the world's largest... [this] immediately gave us credibility." Brockelsby's father started Reptile Gardens 77 years ago with a sack of rattlesnakes. It now has a variety of reptiles from across the world, including an albino Burmese python named Marilyn, right.



### Teacher who tried to stop fight reinstated

**MI** DETROIT — A teacher who was fired after using a broomstick to break up a fight between two students at a Detroit high school has been reinstated by the school district. Education Achievement Authority spokeswoman Chrystal Wilson said Tiffani Eaton will receive retroactive pay from the date of her dismissal and has the option of being assigned to another building within the state-run district.

Cellphone video shows the boys slugging it out late last month in a Pershing High ninth-grade classroom. It also shows the teacher hitting one across his back to stop the altercation.

Eaton said "the matter needed more investigating," and officials never asked for her side of the story.

### Pasta maker settles false-advertising suit

**ND** FARGO — A company accused of falsely advertising the health benefits of its nationally distributed Dreamfields Pasta has agreed to pay \$5 million to consumers as part of a class-action settlement.

The complaint accuses Carrington, N.D.-based Dakota Growers Pasta and its parent company

of bogus claims that the product was a low-carbohydrate alternative to traditional pasta.

The plaintiffs said the pasta was more expensive than most brands and they wouldn't have shelled out the money if they knew the pitch about low carbs was false.

### Parking worker pleads guilty in coin theft

**OH** CINCINNATI — The city of Cincinnati has seized \$20,000 from a former parking collections worker who admitted to stealing \$50 in quarters every week for about eight years.

Marc Corsmeier, 56, of Loveland, pleaded guilty in Hamilton County court on Monday to one count of theft in office and was sentenced to three years of probation.

He also has to pay back the money, but he won't be using quarters — the city already got restitution by seizing \$20,000 from Corsmeier's pension fund, The Cincinnati Enquirer reported.

Prosecutors said the scheme was uncovered after a convenience store owner who knew where Corsmeier worked thought it was strange that he always paid in quarters.

After telling another city worker who frequented his store about the oddity, that employee contacted city officials, who soon called the police.

### Cops to stop seizing suspects' condoms

**NY** NEW YORK — The New York Police Department will no longer confiscate unused condoms from suspected sex workers to be used as evidence of prostitution, ending a longstanding practice that had been criticized by civil rights groups for undermining efforts to combat AIDS and other sexually transmitted infections.

Under the new policy announced Monday, officers may continue to seize condoms as evidence in sex-trafficking and promotion of prostitution cases, but they will not use them in support of prostitution cases.

Critics had said the previous policy amounted to police harassment, and noted that New York City spends more than \$1 million a year to distribute free condoms.

### Wrong-way driver, officer killed in crash

**AZ** TEMPE — An off-duty police officer on his way home from work was killed Monday in a head-on collision with a driver who was going the wrong way on a Phoenix-area freeway.

The driver of the wrong-way vehicle was also killed, and authorities said he may have been impaired while traveling some

35 miles in the opposite direction across three freeways.

An officer had slowed traffic and tried to ram the SUV to stop it as it drove through Phoenix, but the driver swerved and continued on.

Within a half-hour of triggering the first 911 calls, the wrong-way driver collided with Brandon Mendoza's car on a ramp connecting Interstate 10 and the U.S. 60 freeway.

Authorities are awaiting autopsy results to identify the wrong-way driver and the level of drugs or alcohol, if any, that were in his body.

### Record Mother's Day climb on volcano

**WA** LONGVIEW — Sunday was the mother of all climbing days at Mount St. Helens.

A record number of permits — 971 — were sold to climb the Southwest Washington volcano that day. In honor of Mother's Day, many of the climbers wore skirts or dresses.

In addition to the nearly 1,000 permits sold for Sunday, another 468 were sold for Saturday climbing, making for a potential two-day total of nearly 1,500 climbers.

No one knows how many permit-holders actually showed up or reached the summit of the 8,363-foot peak but reports from the field indicated a crowded climb.

From wire reports

## FACES



No HAN GUAN/AP

Australian actor Hugh Jackman uses a fan's phone to take a selfie during the red carpet for his latest movie "X-Men: Days of Future Past" in Beijing, China, on Tuesday. "The Chinese market in particular is just booming, so the larger the market becomes the more the stories are going to reflect what that market wants," Jackman says. "I see collaboration in every way as a positive." The movie opens in the U.S. on May 23 and starts in some installation theaters May 30.

# Keep claws & carry on

## Hugh Jackman not ready to give up Wolverine role

By LOUISE WATT  
The Associated Press

**H**ugh Jackman said Tuesday he wasn't ready to give up playing the popular X-Men character Wolverine as he visited China to promote the franchise's latest movie, which includes local elements intended to appeal to the massive Chinese audience.

He also told The Associated Press that he thinks he will need future treatments for skin cancer after a second growth was removed from his nose last week.

"X-Men: Days of Future Past," the seventh movie in the mutant superhero franchise that has grossed \$2.3 billion worldwide, premiered in Beijing on Tuesday. Jackman said it might have been premature for him to have called the next movie his last as Wolverine.

The latest film sees Jackman travel back to 1973 in a bid to change history and save humans and mutants from destruction. It

has Chinese elements, including the casting of Chinese actress Fan Bingbing, highlighting how Hollywood studios are keen to attract audiences in the world's second-biggest movie market, as box-office revenue growth flattens out at home.

Fan, who has a small role as the teleporting superhero Blink, said that the movie would gross more in China because of her participation. When the movie's action moves to the superheroes' last place of sanctuary, a remote monastery, Chinese subtitles indicate it is China.

Jackman said there was a change in Hollywood owing to China's growing might.

"The Chinese market in particular is just booming, so the larger the market becomes the more the stories are going to reflect what that market wants," he said in an interview. "I see collaboration in every way as a positive. At the end of the day audiences sniff out cynicism, they sniff out if something is just a marketing-driven thing."

Jackman, 45, whose nose was bandaged

after a basal cell carcinoma was removed last week, said he will probably have more cancerous growths. His type of skin cancer is slow-growing and can recur, but it is highly treatable. He told The Associated Press: "I'm realistic about the future and it's more than likely that I'll have at least one more but probably many more, which is not uncommon for an Aussie particularly from English stock growing up in Australia where I don't remember ever being told to put sunscreen on."

He added: "But the beauty of this is it's all preventable, it's just about getting proper check-ups. I can be a typical man, a little lazy, I couldn't be bothered and now I'm not lazy at all."

While Jackman previously said that he was pretty sure he wouldn't act in any further X-Men movies after the next one, which is scheduled for release in 2017, he told the AP: "I think I might have overplayed my hand a little bit by saying I'm almost sure that the next one will be my last."

## ABC adds 12 new shows; CBS adds four dramas, one comedy

The Associated Press

ABC will add a new drama from "Scandal" and "Grey's Anatomy" powerhouse producer Shonda Rhimes to its schedule in the fall, giving her ownership of Thursday night on a network that's lagging behind its competitors among advertiser-favored young adults.

Rhimes' "How to Get Away With Murder," a legal thriller starring Viola Davis, is among 12 new series that will occupy an ABC schedule that's heavy on crime dramas and rich in ethnic diversity. Rhimes is

"one of the greatest voices on television," ABC Entertainment Group President Paul Lee said Tuesday before the network revealed its new schedule to advertisers.

The network, known for its multi-ethnic casts, is adding shows focused primarily on non-white characters or with minority casts—something often missing from major broadcast networks. New sitcoms include "Black-ish," starring Anthony Anderson and Tracee Ellis Ross as a suburban family trying to embrace their African-American identity, and "Fresh off the Boat," about an immigrant Chinese family pursuing the

American dream in the 1990s.

On the genre front, "Marvel's Agent Carter," starring Hayley Atwell, will air midseason between runs of "Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D."

Tea Leoni will portray the U.S. secretary of state in a new CBS drama this fall.

The top-rated broadcast network released a new schedule Wednesday that includes five new series that will start in the fall, four of them dramas. A New Orleans-based spinoff of television's most popular series, "NCIS," is among them.

## Beyonce, Jay Z, Drake lead at BET Awards

Beyonce and Jay Z are making headlines for another reason this week: They lead in nominations at the BET Awards.

The network announced Wednesday that both performers are nominated for five awards, along with Drake. Pharrell and rising performer August Alsina each have four nominations.

The BET Awards will air live June 29 from the Nokia Theatre L.A. Live.

Beyonce will compete twice for video of the year with the songs "Partition" and "Drunk in Love," which features Jay Z. Her competition includes Pharrell's "Happy," Drake's "Worst Behavior" and Chris Brown's "Fine China."

On Monday, celebrity website TMZ posted a leaked security video that appears to show Beyonce's sister, Solange, attacking Jay Z inside a New York hotel elevator in Beyonce's presence.

## Ludacris to host awards

Ludacris will host the 2014 Billboard Music Awards.

The rapper-actor will host the awards show, airing live on ABC from the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas on Wednesday, click track productions announced Wednesday.

Katy Perry, Miley Cyrus, Jennifer Lopez, John Legend, Lorde and Carrie Underwood will perform. Lorde and Imagine Dragons are the top contenders, competing in 12 categories. Imagine Dragons will bustle Cyrus, Perry, Bruno Mars and Justin Timberlake, who is nominated for 11 awards, for top artist. Timberlake's "The 20/20 Experience" will compete against efforts from Beyonce, Eminem, Drake and Luke Bryan for top Billboard 200 album.

## Other news

■ TBS says Conan O'Brien will be sticking around with his late-night hour through 2018. "Conan" premiered on TBS in November 2010.

■ This year's winner of "American Idol" and country singer Jennifer Nettles will join the lineup of performers at the National Memorial Day Concert on the Capitol lawn in Washington, D.C. Organizers announced Tuesday that Nettles will perform a musical tribute for returning veterans from Afghanistan, who will join her on stage at the concert May 25.

■ The Grace Kelly melodrama "Grace of Monaco" kicked off the 67th annual Cannes Film Festival on Wednesday. The Hollywood Reporter called the film "a stiff, starchy, thunderingly earnest affair which has generated far more drama off screen than on." The film stars Nicole Kidman as Kelly during her marriage to Prince Rainier III of Monaco.

■ Jonatan Kellerman and his son, Jesse Kellerman, have a deal with G.P. Putnam's Sons for a pair of novels they will collaborate on. The first, "The Golem of Hollywood," is scheduled for Sept. 16. The sequel, "The Golem of Paris," will be out a year later. The protagonist is a Los Angeles homicide detective.

■ Malik Bendjelloul, the Swedish director of the "Searching for Sugar Man" documentary, was widely known for his enthusiasm, kindness and high spirits — so the news Wednesday that he had taken his own life shocked colleagues. Bendjelloul's brother Johar Bendjelloul confirmed to The Associated Press that his 36-year-old younger brother committed suicide Tuesday. He told daily Aftonbladet that his brother had struggled with depression for a short period.

From The Associated Press

# BUSINESS/WEATHER

## Microsoft unbundles Xbox One, Kinect

The Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES** — In a move to spur sales of the Xbox One and catch up with rival Sony's PlayStation 4, Microsoft Corp. said Tuesday it will start selling the console without the Kinect sensor, which cuts \$100 from the price.

The new price of \$399 begins June 9. Microsoft says it is also allowing entertainment apps like Net-

flix to be used on both the Xbox One and the older Xbox 360 console without having to pay for an Xbox Live Gold membership, which costs \$60 a year.

The membership will continue to be required for multiplayer game mode, but it will also provide discounts on games and free games.

Phil Spencer, who was named head of Xbox in March, said unbundling Kinect was important to

reaching more fans. "Value is important," he said in an interview. "Making sure you have an opening price point that can reach as many people as possible is critical."

Kinect is an accessory that detects motion and allows users to control the console using their voice.

Microsoft said last month that sales of Xbox One had slowed to 1.2 million in the quarter through

March, compared to the 3.9 million it sold in the holiday quarter. The total of 5.1 million was behind Sony's 7 million in sales of the PS4. Both launched in November.

Spencer added that it no longer made sense to reserve apps such as Netflix and YouTube to paying subscribers since such apps are widely available on DVD players and other Internet-connected devices.

### Drivers beware: Your air bag may not deploy

Here's an unsettling fact about cars equipped with air bags: They don't always deploy when drivers — or regulators — expect them to.

Thirteen people have died in crashes involving older GM cars with defective ignition switches. In each of those crashes, and in others in which occupants were

injured, the air bags failed to deploy even after striking trees, guard rails or other objects.

Puzzled by these failures, federal safety regulators told Congress last month they believed the cars' air bags should have worked for up to 60 seconds after the engine stalled. But GM has since told The Associated Press that regulators were mistaken: The cars only had enough reserve power to sense a crash and deploy

the air bags for 150 milliseconds after the switch malfunctioned and cut off the car's power.

General Motors is recalling 2.6 million small cars to fix the ignition switches. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is now scrambling to find out from other automakers and air bag suppliers how their air bags would function in similar situations.

From The Associated Press

MARKET WATCH	
May 13, 2014	
Dow Jones industrials	19.97
Nasdaq composite	-13.69
Standard & Poor's 500	4,130.17
Russell 2000	0.80
	1,897.45
	-12.49
	1,121.16

INTEREST RATES	
Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	0.75
Federal funds market rate	0.08
3-month bill	0.62
30-year bond	3.45

## WEATHER OUTLOOK



Thursday's US temperatures																									
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Ablene, Texas	82	51	Cir	Cheyenne	57	40	Cldy	Fresno	101	67	Cir	Lubbock	80	47	Cldy	Portland, Maine	68	54	Cir	Sioux Falls	54	33	Pcldy		
Akron, Ohio	70	41	Rain	Chicago	55	40	Rain	Goodland	65	41	Pcldy	Macon	79	49	Rain	Portland, Ore.	85	53	Cir	South Bend	52	39	Rain		
Albany, N.Y.	79	62	Cldy	Cincinnati	63	41	Cldy	Grand Junction	70	45	Pcldy	Madison	53	37	Cldy	Pueblo	70	44	Cir	Spokane	81	54	Pcldy		
Albuquerque	74	51	Cir	Cleveland	63	40	Rain	Grand Rapids	49	37	Rain	Medford	89	52	Cir	Rapid City	61	40	Cir	Tallahassee	79	50	Rain		
Allentown, Pa.	80	63	Rain	Colorado Springs	63	41	Cldy	Great Falls	70	45	Cldy	Memphis	68	53	Cldy	Raleigh-Durham	82	63	Rain	Tampa	84	67	Rain		
Amarillo	74	46	Pcldy	Columbia, S.C.	80	59	Rain	Green Bay	77	57	Cldy	Miami Beach	85	73	Cir	Reno	89	57	Cir	Toledo	69	41	Cir		
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Caribou, Maine	73	57	Cldy	Fairbanks	66	44	Cldy	Las Vegas	95	72	Cir	Pendleton	88	56	Cir										
Casper, Wyo.	63	38	Cldy	Fargo	52	32	Pcldy	Lexington	63	43	Cldy	Peoria	63	43	Cldy										
Charleston, S.C.	82	59	Rain	Flagstaff	71	38	Cir	Lincoln	60	36	Pcldy	Philadelphia	81	64	Cldy										
Charleston, W.Va.	69	49	Rain	Flint	56	37	Rain	Little Rock	71	47	Cldy	Phoenix	98	72	Cir										
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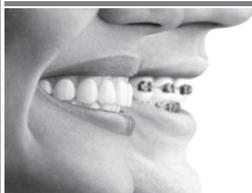
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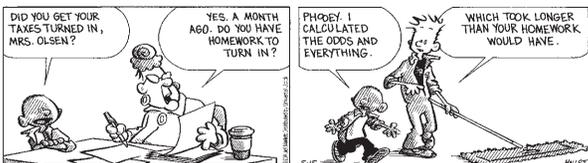
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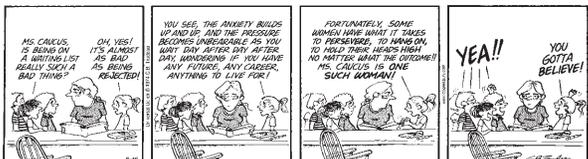
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#### ACROSS

- 1 Stylish
- 5 Domino spot
- 8 Practice pugilism
- 12 "Rose" ("The Music Man" song)
- 13 Raw rock
- 14 Horse-play?
- 15 Still
- 16 Teensy
- 17 Dumbfounded
- 18 Worked at a loom
- 20 Opulence
- 22 Chopper
- 23 Afternoon social
- 24 Hula hoop holders
- 27 Answered a prary
- 32 Green, in a way
- 33 Tokyo's old name
- 34 Get older
- 35 Melissa Etheridge's "Come to —"

#### DOWN

- 1 Ball of thread
- 2 Apiary structure
- 3 Concept
- 4 Artist's surface
- 5 Like some doughnuts or old wigs
- 6 Rage
- 7 Equal
- 8 Gaps
- 9 Father of Pochontas
- 10 Sheltered
- 11 Cones' partners
- 19 Former spouse
- 21 Judge Lance
- 24 Height of fashion?
- 25 Unfriendly
- 26 High-carb snack
- 28 Altar affirmation
- 29 Took a meeting
- 30 Id counterpart
- 31 Morning moisture
- 36 Amount absorbed
- 37 Ultra-modernist
- 38 Obscurely absorbed gesture
- 41 Coll. forerunner
- 42 Shoppers' mecca
- 43 Toast topper
- 44 Spongy toy brand
- 46 Florence's river
- 47 Tilt
- 48 Fender bender
- 51 Payable

#### Answer to Previous Puzzle

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Pistons hire Van Gundy as coach, president

The Associated Press

AUBURN HILLS, Mich.—The Detroit Pistons said Wednesday they have hired Stan Van Gundy as their coach and president of basketball operations.

The team will introduce Van Gundy at a news conference Thursday.

Owner Tom Gores said Van Gundy is a proven winner and a teacher who can help shape the franchise. Van Gundy said he's honored to help Gores build the Pistons into a team that competes for championships.

Van Gundy is 371-208 in seven-plus seasons as a coach with Miami and Orlando. He reached the NBA Finals in 2009 with the Magic.

Detroit went 29-53 last season, missing the playoffs for a fifth straight year. That was the end of Joe Dumars' tenure as team president. Coach Maurice Cheeks was fired in February.

Surgery looms for Marlins' Fernandez

LOS ANGELES—The Marlins got the news they'd been declining since Sunday, when ace Jose Fernandez was scratched from his regular bullpen session in San Diego. He is probably going to miss the rest of the season.

Miami's 7-1 loss to Josh Beckett and the Los Angeles Dodgers on Tuesday night was overshadowed by an announcement from team president Michael Hill made in the Dodger Stadium press box during the third inning. Hill said Marlins doctor Lee Kaplan had recommended Tommy John surgery to repair a significant tear in Fernandez's right elbow.

The 21-year-old Fernandez, last season's NL Rookie of the Year, is 4-2 with a 2.44 ERA in eight starts.

Panthers' Hardy released on \$17K bond

CHARLOTTE, N.C.—Panthers Pro Bowl defensive end Greg Hardy was released from jail on \$17,000 bond Wednesday, one day after being arrested on charges of assault on a female



MICHAEL CONROY/AP

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and communicating threats. Hardy left jail wearing sweatpants and a black tank top but did not comment.

Charlotte Mecklenburg County Judge Rebecca Thorne T'in called Hardy a potential threat and ordered him not to have any contact with the accuser and to attend three Alcoholic Anonymous meetings per week.

His attorney, Chris Fialko, argued in court — and later outside the courtroom — that Hardy and friend Sammy Curtis were attacked by the accuser, and that it was Hardy who made the 911 call to police at 4:18 a.m. Tuesday.

But the accuser's attorney, Stephen Goodwin, said his client was held down by Curtis and prevented from calling police. Goodwin said she has bruises from "from her head to her toes" and that she was "flung around the room" by the 6-foot-4, 290-pound Hardy.

Hardy spent Tuesday night in

jail. He appeared in court wearing an orange jumpsuit.

T'in said the court was "very concerned" about the bruises on the accuser's back.

Illinois suspends Paul following arrest

CHAMPAIGN, Ill.—Illinois basketball coach John Groce suspended forward Darius Paul for the 2014-15 season Tuesday for what the coach called "multiple transgressions."

Paul pleaded not guilty to resisting a peace officer and consumption of liquor by a minor after his arrest on campus last month.

The 20-year-old sophomore is the brother of former Illini star Brandon Paul and was due to see his first action at Illinois next season. He sat out last season under NCAA rules after transferring from Westminster in Michigan.

Groce said the decision to sus-

pend Paul was made with the team's best interests in mind. Groce said he believes the penalty is necessary to "help Darius as a person."

Assistant sports information director Derrick Burson said Paul's scholarship is revoked for next season.

Portugal investigating Brazil coach Scolari

LISBON, Portugal — Brazil coach Luiz Felipe Scolari is under criminal investigation in Portugal for suspected tax fraud and money laundering, according to U.S. court documents obtained Wednesday by The Associated Press.

Portuguese tax authorities suspect 74 million euros (\$10.1 million) that was transferred from Portugal to a bank in Miami between 2003 and 2008, when Scolari was coach of Portugal's

national team, were local income that the Brazilian did not declare.

A U.S. district judge last week granted Portugal's request for a series of Miami bank accounts to be examined, Florida court documents show. An assistant U.S. attorney was placed in charge of collecting the evidence.

Tax fraud and money laundering together carry a maximum penalty of 17 years in prison in Portugal, and the investigation is an unwelcome distraction for the Brazil coach as his country prepares to host the World Cup.

The 65-year-old Scolari denied any wrongdoing after the court documents were first reported Monday by OffshoreAlert, a Florida-based site specializing in investigations.

"I have correctly filed all my tax returns. In all the countries where I've worked, I've always declared my income," Scolari said in a statement sent to the AP in Sao Paulo late Tuesday. "If anything is wrong, it's not my fault. I hope justice gets to the bottom of the facts."

IOC creates fund for Ukrainian athletes

LAUSANNE, Switzerland — IOC President Thomas Bach expressed "growing concern" Wednesday at political developments in Ukraine and gave \$300,000 to help its athletes.

Bach said in a statement that "the situation of Ukrainian athletes has dramatically deteriorated."

The emergency fund will be used for "Ukrainian athletes, through the Ukraine (Olympic Committee), for training and competition purposes."

Bach said the IOC "is following the political, economic and social developments in Ukraine with the greatest attention and growing concern."

Tension between Ukraine and Russia has increased since the Sochi Olympics in February.

Bach said "I repeat my appeal of Sochi to all political leaders involved to enter into a summit dialogue in the Olympic spirit of mutual respect and peace."

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EASTERN CONFERENCE		Pts	GF	GA
Sporting KC	5	2	13	14
New England	4	3	10	13
Chicago	4	3	10	13
Houston	3	4	12	15
Toronto FC	3	4	12	11
Columbus	3	4	12	11
Portland	3	4	12	11
Chicago	1	5	6	17
Philadelphia	1	2	5	8
Montreal	0	6	7	17

WESTERN CONFERENCE		Pts	GF	GA
Seattle	7	3	22	29
Real Salt Lake	5	0	10	20
FC Dallas	5	0	10	20
Vancouver	4	2	16	12
San Jose	4	2	10	11
San Diego	2	3	10	11
San Antonio	2	5	3	12
Chicago	2	5	3	12
Portland	2	3	6	13
Colorado	1	3	6	13

Notes: Wednesday, May 14  
 1. Houston 1, Columbus 0  
 2. Seattle 3, FC Dallas 0  
 3. San Jose 0, Portland 0  
 4. D.C. United 1, Philadelphia 0  
 5. Sporting Kansas City 3, Montreal 0  
 6. Chicago 5, New York 1  
 7. Vancouver 1, Columbus 0  
 8. San Jose 2, FC Dallas 1

**Saturday, May 11**  
 1. Portland 1, Los Angeles 1  
 2. Chicago 3, Colorado 1  
 3. New England 5, Seattle 0  
 4. Philadelphia 1, Columbus 0  
 5. San Jose 2, FC Dallas 1

**Wednesday's game**  
 Real Salt Lake at Sporting Kansas City

**Saturday**  
 New York at Toronto FC  
 Philadelphia at Philadelphia  
 Montreal at D.C. United  
 Los Angeles at Houston  
 FC Dallas at FC Dallas  
 Colorado at Real Salt Lake  
 Seattle at Seattle  
 Columbus at Portland

**Sunday's game**  
 Sporting Kansas City at Chicago

NWSL		W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Seattle	6	0	0	18	13	21	8
Western New York	3	3	1	10	18	18	18
FC Dallas	3	3	1	10	11	10	11
Portland	2	1	2	8	6	11	4
Washington	2	4	0	8	8	14	4
San Jose FC	1	3	0	6	11	10	9
Houston	1	3	0	6	9	9	9
Boston	1	3	0	6	9	9	9

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

**Wednesday, May 7**  
 Western New York 2, FC Kansas City 1  
 Seattle FC 1, Chicago 1

**Saturday, May 11**  
 Sky Blue FC, Portland 0  
 Houston 0, Washington 0  
 Western New York 2, Sky Blue FC 0  
 Chicago 1, Houston 0  
 FC Kansas City 2, Washington 1

**Wednesday's games**  
 Portland at Houston  
 FC Kansas City at Seattle FC

**Thursday's game**  
 Chicago at Boston  
 Western New York at Washington

**Sunday's games**  
 Houston FC Kansas City at Boston

## AP spotlight

**May 15** — Vagrant, ridden by Robert Swin, wins the second Kentucky Derby.

**1918** — The Preakness, run in two divisions, is won by War Cloud, ridden by Chryso Loftus in the first half and Harry J., ridden by C. Peak, wins the second half.

**1948** — Citation, ridden by Eddie Arcaro, wins the Preakness Stakes by 5 1/2 lengths over Vagrant.

**1971** — Canonero II, ridden by Gustavo Ayala, wins a 1 1/2-length victory over Eastern Fleet in the Preakness Stakes.

**1983** — Len Barker of Cleveland jacks off the Indians beat the Toronto Blue Jays 3-0 at the home stadium.

**1990** — Pro Kima ends a bizarre NHL Monday game with a 1-0 victory over the overtime wins the longest game in NHL Cup final history for the Edmonton Oilers, 2-1, in overtime. The game ends over the Boston Bruins in a game delayed 25 minutes by a lightning problem.

## Tennis

**Italian Open**  
 Tuesday  
 At Foro Italico

**Purse: Men, \$2.7 million (Masters)**  
**10,000; Women, \$1.63 million (Premier)**  
**Surface: Clay, outdoor**

**Singles**  
**Men's First Round**  
 Marin Cilic (CRO) def. Santiago Giraldo, Colombia, 6-2, 6-2, retired.  
 Andrej Golubev, Kazakhstan, def. Fernando Verdasco, Spain, 6-3, 6-4.  
 Kevin Anderson, South Africa, def. Vasek Pospisil, Canada, 6-3, 6-4.  
 Ernests Gulbis, Latvia, vs. Alejandro Falco, Colombia, 6-1, retired.  
 Tommy Haas (15), Germany, def. Roberto Sepati, Italy, 6-1, 4-6, 6-3.  
 Dmitry Tursunov, Russia, def. Andrej Bautista Agut, Spain, 6-0, 7-6 (4).  
 Filip Posing, Netherlands, def. Marco Cecchinato, Italy, 7-6 (4), 7-5.

**Second Round**  
 Novak Djokovic (2), Serbia, def. Radek Stepanek, Czech Republic, 6-3, 7-5.  
 Stanislas Wawrinka (3), Switzerland, def. Pere Riba, Spain, 6-0, 6-3.  
 Milos Raonic (8), Canada, def. Simone Bolelli, Italy, 3-6, 7-6 (5).  
 David Ferrer (5), Spain, def. Mikhail Kukushkin, Kazakhstan, 6-2, 6-1.

**Women**  
**First Round**  
 Camila Giorgi, Italy, def. Dominika Cibulkova, Slovakia, 6-3, 6-2.  
 Garbine Muguruza, Spain, def. Nastasia Burnett, Italy, 6-1, 6-3.  
 Daniela Brancaccio, Switzerland, def. Anastasia Pavlyuchenko, Russia, 6-3, 6-3.  
 Christina McHale, United States, def. Sorana Cirstea, Romania, 6-2, 6-1.  
 Sara Errani (10), Italy, def. Daniela Schett, Switzerland, 6-2, 6-1.  
 Hantuchova, Slovakia, 6-0, 4-6, 6-0.  
 Lucy Suarez Navarro, Spain, 6-1, 6-3.  
 Mona Barthel, Germany, 6-2, 6-2.  
 Maria Sharapova, Russia, def. Roberta Vinci, Italy, 6-2, 7-6 (5).

**Second Round**  
 Petra Cetkovicova, Czech Republic, def. Angelique Kerber (7), Germany, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2.  
 Zhang Shuai, China, def. Petra Kvitova (5), Czech Republic, 6-2, 6-2.  
 Li Na (2), China, def. Casey Dellacqua, Australia, 6-1, 6-4.

**Doubles**  
**Men**  
**First Round**  
 Pablo Andujar and Marcel Granollers, Spain, def. Marius Copil and Florin Mergea, Romania, 6-3, 6-4, 6-10.  
 Grigor Dimitrov, Bulgaria, and Lukas Rosol, Czech Republic, def. Daniel Brancaccio and Robert Farah, Colombia, 6-3, 7-6 (5).

**Women**  
**First Round**  
 Robyn Slone, United States, and Alison Riske, United States, def. Jean-Julien Rojer, Netherlands, and Horac Tecau, Romania, 3-6, 6-2, 11-9.

**Women**  
**Final Round**  
 Anabel Medina Garrigues, Spain, and Yaroslava Shvedova, Kazakhstan, def. Victoria Azarenka, Belarus, 6-3, 6-2.  
 Kalashnikova, Georgia, 6-2, 5-7, 6-10.  
 Flavia Pennetta, Italy, def. Gabriela Dabrowski, Canada, and Alicia Rosales, Poland, 6-3, 6-1.

Jelena Jankovic, Serbia, and Alla Kudryavtseva, Russia, def. Svetlana Kuznetsov, Russia, and Sam Stosur, Australia, 7-6 (5), 6-3.

Vera Dushevina, Russia, and Zheng Sijia, China, def. Martina Hingis, Switzerland, and Sabina Ligidin, Ukraine, 6-2, 6-4.  
 Ingrida Nemeckaite and Lisa Raymond, United States, def. Chan Hao-ching and Chan Yung-jan, Taiwan, 6-2, 6-2.

Patryk Jarkn, Czech Republic, and Megan Moulton-Lyle, United States, def. Camila Giorgi and Karin Knapp, Italy, 7-6 (4), 5-7, 11-9.

**1999** — Prairie Bayou, ridden by Mike Smith, rebounds from a second-place finish in the Kentucky Derby to become the first gelding to win the Preakness in 79 years.

**1998** — So Ri Pak shoots a 68 at the LPGA Championship, a 10-day event. Total of 9 under-133 — the lowest 36-hole score in the history of the tournament.

**1998** — Notah Begay III joins Al Barber and Chip Beck as the only players to score 59 on a 36-hole round at the Nike Old Dominion Open.

**1997** — Charles Long, 12th, wins the Preakness and a chance to become the 12th Kentucky Derby champion, but a late finishers' charge of Merifer's 12's horse, Triple Crown player for trainer D. Wayne Lukas, wins the race.

Farrell, a patron in the Pimlico infield, interferes with the running of the Maryland Breeders' Cup Handicap. The race winner, Yes It's True, is disqualified but wagers on fifth-place finisher Arce are refunded due to the incident.

## College Lacrosse

**NCAA Division I Lacrosse tournament**  
 Play-In Round  
 Wednesday, May 7  
 Bryant 5, Richmond 5  
 Air Force 13, Richmond 5

**First Round**  
**Saturday, May 10**  
 Albany (NY) 13, Loyola (Md) 6  
 North Carolina 13, Harvard 5  
 Maryland & Cornell 7  
 Denver & North Carolina 5

**Sunday, May 11**  
 Johns Hopkins 14, Virginia 11  
 Princeton 16, Pennsylvania 11  
 Duke 20, Air Force 9  
 Bryant 10, Syracuse 11

**Quarterfinals**  
**Sunday, May 11**  
**At Hempstead, N.Y.**  
 Maryland vs. Bryant  
 North Carolina vs. Notre Dame

**Sunday, May 18**  
**At Newark, Del.**  
 Johns Hopkins vs. Duke  
 Drexel vs. Denver

**Semifinals**  
**Saturday, May 24**  
**At M&T Bank Stadium**  
 Baltimore  
 Maryland-Bryant winner  
 Johns Hopkins-Duke winner vs. Drexel-Denver winner

**Championship**  
**Sunday, May 25**  
**At M&T Bank Stadium**  
 Baltimore  
 Semifinal winners

## Boxing

**Fight schedule**  
**May 15**  
 At Del Mar (Calif.) Fairgrounds, Antonio Orozco vs. Martin Honorio, 10, for Orozco's NABF junior welterweight title; Manuel Avila vs. Jose De Mora, 10, for N.Y. junior featherweight title.

At The Meadows Theater, Brookly, N.Y., Junior Wight vs. Steve Bujko, 10, for the WBC, International and WBC International junior welterweight titles.

**May 16**  
 At FOXWOODS, Mountbancourt, Conn., Joel Diaz Jr. vs. Tyler Asseltine, 10, super featherweight titles; Mike Rodriguez vs. Joaquin Alcine, 10, light middleweights; Carlos Rosoy vs. Willie Hernandez, 10, rounds heavyweight.

**May 17**  
 At the Forum, Inglewood, Calif., Juan Manuel Marquez vs. Mike Alvarez, 12, WBC welterweight title; Victor Postol vs. Selcuk Aydin, 12, WBC junior welterweight title; Magdaleno vs. Oscar Bravio, 10, junior lightweight titles.

**May 23**  
 At Turning Stone Resort & Casino, Verona, N.Y., Brandon Adams vs. Willie Monroe Jr., 10, "Boxino" middleweight title; Petr Petrov vs. Fernando Carcamo, 10, "Boxino" lightweight final.

**May 24**  
 At Bell Center, Mexico, Adonis Stevenson vs. Andrej Fonfara, 12, for Stevenson's WBC super welterweight title; Daniel Serrano vs. Michael Medina, 10, featherweight title; Mikael Zvezki vs. Prince Doku Jr., 10, for the vacant NABF welterweight title; Eleider Alvarez vs. Alexander Johnson, 12, for the vacant WBC Silver light heavyweight title; Dariusz Brzezinski vs. Michael Garcia, 10, middleweights; Jerrell Charlo vs. Charles Ota, 10, junior middleweights.

At the MGM Grand Garden Court, Corpus Christi, Texas, Bryant Jennings vs. Mike Reppert vs. William Ortiz, 12, junior welterweight title; Daniel Geale vs. Matthew Macklin, 10, super featherweight title; Jason Johnson, 10, super middleweights.

At Tuxtla Gutierrez, Mexico, David Sanchez vs. Robert Duran, 12, for the vacant WBO junior bantamweight title; Clive Attwell, 12, for Gonzalez's WBC featherweight title.

**May 30**  
 At Moscow, Alexander Povetkin vs. Mueglur Charv, 12, for vacant WBC international heavyweight title.

At Macao, China, Sjmpive Vetejeka vs. Nicolas Donaire, 12, for Vetejeka's WBA super WelterWB featherweight titles; Jonathan Walters vs. Alejandro Perez, 12, for Walters' WBA super featherweight title; Evgeny Gradovich vs. Alexander Mikirkirchian, 12, for Gradovich's IBF featherweight title; Yuta Iizuka vs. Yuta Iizuka Ishimoto, 12, IBF junior featherweight title.

At Krefeld, Germany, Felix Sturm vs. Samuel Lino, 12, for Sturm's IBF middleweight title.

At Wembley Stadium, London, Carl Froese vs. George Groves, 12, for Froese's IBF-WBA super middleweight title; Jamie Smith vs. George Groves, 12, for Groves' IBF-WBA super middleweight title; James DeGale vs. Brandon Gooden, 12, super featherweight title; Kevin Mitchell vs. Ghibran Ibrahim, 12, super featherweight title; DeGale vs. Brandon Gooden, 12, super featherweight title.

At Mexico City, Sriakset Sor Rungvisai vs. Rungvisai, 12, for Rungvisai's WBC super flyweight title.

At Las Vegas, Javier Fortuna vs. Juan Antonio Lopez, 12, for Lopez's junior lightweight title; Luis Rosa vs. Luis Del Valle, 10, junior featherweights.

## Deals

**Tuesday's transactions**  
**BASEBALL**  
**American League**  
**CHICAGO WHITE SOX** — Assigned RHP KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Placed INF Omar Vizquel on the 15-day DL. Reinstated to May 7. Selected the contract of INF Pedro Gonzalez from the Royals.

**LOS ANGELES ANGELS** — Assigned LHP David Lesh to the 15-day DL. Reinstated to May 7. Selected the contract of P(L) Optioned RHP Cory Rasmus to Salt Lake. Recalled RHP Matt Shoemaker from Salt Lake.

**NEW YORK YANKEES** — Placed RHP Brandon Lugo on the 15-day DL. Reinstated to May 7. Recalled OF Zoilo Almonte from Scranton/Lehigh Valley.

**TORONTO BLUE JAYS** — Optioned INF Jonathan Diaz to Buffalo (IL). Recalled OF Kevin Pillar from Buffalo (IL).

**National League**  
**MILWAUKEE BREWERS** — Placed 3B Aramis Ramirez on the 15-day DL. Optioned OF Caleb Gindoff to Nashville. Reinstated UT Elian Herrera from Nashville. Reinstated OF Ryan Braun from the 15-day DL.

**NEW YORK METS** — Recalled RHP Jayson Stark to Las Vegas (PCL). Placed RHP Gonzalez Germen on the 15-day DL. Reinstated to May 7.

**PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES** — Assigned INF Jayson Nix outright to Lehigh Valley (PCL).

**ST. LOUIS CARDINALS** — Placed LHP Tyler Lincecum on the 15-day DL. Reinstated RHP Eric Fomaturo to Memphis (PCL). Placed RHP Ryan Freelman and RHP Jesse Rondon from Memphis (PCL).

**SAN DIEGO PADRES** — Sent RHP Casey Lugo to the 15-day DL. Reinstated to May 7. Assigned Activated OF Carlos Quentin from the 15-day DL. Reinstated OF Quackenbush from El Paso (PCL).

**TEXAS RANGERS** — Placed OF Jose Perez to Fresno (PCL). Reinstated LHP David Huff from the 15-day DL.

**USA BASKETBALL** — Named Greg Ustaszewski as head coach of the U.S. National Basketball Association.

**NBA** — Promoted Amy Brooks to executive vice president, team operations and business operations and Emilio Colton to executive vice president, global marketing partnerships.

**CLEVELAND JAGHARS** — Promoted interim general manager David Griffin to general manager.

**INDIANAPOLIS COLTS** — Entered into a single-affiliation relationship with Baker's Sporting Goods.

**FOOTBALL**  
**National Football League**  
**BUFFALO BILLS** — Released OL Jamaal Johnson-Webb. Signed DBs Deen Bromfield and Kevin Ricks. Signed RBs James and James Gaines. DT Damien Janikowski. Signed RBs Matt Jones and Johnson. Agreed to terms with DB Derek Brown. Signed DT signed DB Joe Johnson.

**CHICAGO BEARS** — Agreed to terms with Charles Lenzy Jr., RB Ka Deem Carey, DT Joe Ferguson and P Patrick O'Donnell on four-year contracts.

**MINNESOTA VIKINGS** — Signed QB Matt Cassel to a one-year contract. WRs Carter, Foster and Erik Strickland. Signed DT Dion Jordan. Whaley, RB Ben Malena, QB Dustin Vaughan and QB Dashaun Phillips.

**MIAMI PATRIOTS** — Claimed LB Allen Bradford off waivers from the Colts. Signed DT Dion Jordan.

**KANSAS CITY CHIEFS** — Signed G Zach Rodriguez to a one-year contract.

**MINNESOTA VIKINGS** — Released BS Simoni Lawrence and Terrell Manning. Signed O Connor Boffel; DT Pierre Burdick; DT Matt Cohen; DT Anthony Wyrk; DT Dexter Foster and Erik Strickland.

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**Baseball America Top 25**  
 DURHAM, N.C. — The top 25 teams in the Baseball America poll with records through May 14 and previous ranking (voting by the staff of Baseball America).

Rank	Team	Record	Pvs
1	Virginia	41-9	2
2	Arizona	38-12	1
3	Louisiana-Lafayette	46-7	3
4	Indiana	39-16	4
5	Washington	36-11	6
6	Cal Poly	31-10	8
7	Florida	34-18	4
8	Indiana	34-14	6
9	Louisville	40-12	10
10	Mississippi	39-13	14
11	Oklahoma State	35-13	13
12	Texas Christian	36-14	12
13	Arizona	36-14	14
14	Louisiana State	36-14	16
15	North Carolina	33-17	17
16	Alabama	32-19	19
17	Mississippi State	33-17	22
18	Kansas	33-21	22
19	North Carolina	34-14	22
20	UC Irvine	34-16	25
21	Texas	34-15	25

**Collegiate Baseball poll**  
 TUCSON, Ariz. — The Collegiate Baseball poll records through May 14. Voting is done by coaches, sports writers and sports informationists.

Rank	Team	Record	Pvs
1	Oregon St.	48-9	8
2	Arizona State	41-49	2
3	Louisiana-Lafayette	39-8	7
4	Mississippi	36-11	4
5	Washington	36-11	4

# HIGH SCHOOL: DODDS EUROPE

## Trio of teams are diamonds in the rough

### Alconbury, Baumholder and AFNORTH making strides in building programs

By GREGORY BROOME  
Stars and Stripes

The term "small ball" has an entirely different meaning in DODDS Europe baseball.

For the organization's small Division II and Division III schools, simply fielding a team can be difficult. So difficult, in fact, that three Division II schools with robust overall athletics programs — AFNORTH, Alconbury, and Baumholder — either didn't start or didn't finish the 2013 baseball season.

All three schools managed to field very competitive softball teams last spring even as their baseball counterparts went dormant. Alconbury won the Division III European championship, while AFNORTH reached the Division II title game. Baumholder finished 5-9 on the regular season, with six of those losses coming to much larger Division I neighbors Ramstein, Kaiserslautern and Lakenheath.

But like a brushed-back hitter dusting himself off and rising to his feet, each of the three schools is stepping back up to the plate for 2014.

With all but one weekend of the season successfully completed, it appears the Lions, Dragons and Bucs will all be present when the DODDS Europe Division II-III tournament begins May 22.

But the road back to the diamond hasn't been easy for any of them.

Last spring, AFNORTH folded its team midseason, forfeiting scheduled May games and skipping the European tournament. The Lions were outscored 48-8 in two losses apiece at Bitburg and Lakenheath, the only four games the team played last season. The collapse came just four years after AFNORTH won the 2009 DODDS Europe Division III championship.

Head coach Rawn Jones said his team started the 2013 season with just nine players, a small, unsustainable roster rendered unplayable by an early-season disciplinary issue. In the end,

Jones said, the team simply "disbanded."

"I didn't like how we ended," Jones said. "You always want to finish what you start."

This year's 14-man team, culled from the 20 who showed up for try-outs, isn't much deeper in terms of personnel. The roster featuring four returnees and only one athlete Jones described as a focused "baseball player" in sophomore pitcher/infielder Trent Weldon. As for the newcomers to the game, Jones simply wants them to "learn how to compete."

The team is living up to those basic standards. The 2014 Lions are on the cusp of achieving Jones' standard of completing the schedule and advancing to the tournament, and have even notched a few wins on its way. AFNORTH tripled its win total with a Saturday sweep of Bitburg and enters its final doubleheader Saturday against SHAPE with a 3-7 record.

"If they can learn how to play together and if we can get a fair tournament seeding, or luck, we take our chances from there," Jones said. "If you've given you best and play the game correctly, that is all that is required."

A similar mantra is sounding at Alconbury.

The Dragons also played last in 2012, beating Baumholder 5-3 for its only regular-season win and bowing out of the postseason with two double-digit losses on the first day. But the arrival of new DODEA teacher and coach David Musselman reignited the Dragons.

"Every school I was affiliated with in the States had a baseball team," Musselman said. "I thought, 'Why should this school be any different?'"

The program's reboot was complicated by the fact that Alconbury was being moved from the tiny Division III ranks to the deeper and more competitive Division II level.

Musselman said his team was underdog despite the lingering memories of the school's uninspiring 2012 season.

"When I talked to the boys they were pumped up for playing,"



MICHAEL S. DARNELL/Stars and Stripes

Ansbach's Brandon Piccinini slides into third as Baumholder's Taylor Moore tries to tag him out during the doubleheader between the Cougars and the Buccaneers on April 19 in Ansbach.

Musselman said. "There was no thought but that we would field a team."

The Dragons have maintained 12 active players, right on the edge of a passable roster, throughout the two-month season. Eight of them, Musselman said, had no experience with organized baseball, he recalled explaining the meaning of the diamond's white lines to some of his less seasoned recruits. Older hands like Wes Redcliff have aided the transition, Musselman said.

Perhaps predictably, however, the team's enthusiasm hasn't translated to the win column. At season-opening March 29 doubleheader split with AFNORTH yielded Alconbury's only win of the year entering the final weekend of the regular season. The Dragons will be hard-pressed to add to that total with a season-ending trip to Division I Lakenheath looming Saturday.

Still, Musselman strives to keep morale high, even as his inexperienced boys take lumps from more-talented teams he said are intentionally seeking to "embarrass and humiliate" the Dragons. He asks his players to occupy themselves with enjoying their experience with the sport, free of the psychological burden of rebuilding the Dragons' baseball program.

"All my boys need to be concerned about is playing the game and having fun. We as a coaching staff take that very seriously," Musselman said. "It is not their concern for building a sustainable program. That is my responsibility."

Like Alconbury, Baumholder baseball reignited this spring thanks to the intervention of a willing coach.

Baumholder last played in 2012, struggling through a one-win regular season that included six losses by forfeit but faring reasonably well in the Division II/III European tournament. The Bucs finished 2-2 in the postseason — their wins came against AFNORTH and Alconbury — and suffered their second loss to eventual champion SHAPE. Still, the season failed to inspire the school to field a follow-up team in 2013.

Bucs assistant football coach Erik Majorowitz, fresh off a successful reclamation project with the school's wrestling program, volunteered to coach baseball.

Majorowitz said the student interest level was easily high enough; 24 potential players showed up for the initial meeting, leaving him a 15-player roster even after the track team siphoned off a few students. Eight members of the team are freshmen, but Majorowitz said

senior captains Taylor Moore and Austin Van Doren have provided a solid foundation.

But Baumholder has followed the same path as AFNORTH and Alconbury, punctuating its feel-good story of resiliency with a slew of oppressive losses. The Bucs started their season with eight straight defeats, finally breaking the streak with a doubleheader sweep of Alconbury on May 3.

"It has been tough, but I've tried to keep their expectations realistic," Majorowitz said. "All I ask is that we improve each time we take the field, and I think we've done that."

As the Division II tournament nears, it's unlikely that the Lions, Dragons or Bucs have the manpower to threaten the formidable likes of Naples and SHAPE for the European title. But at this stage, success is measured in smaller steps. All three teams are set to finish the season; all three will enter the summer with at least one win to justify their efforts. For now, that will have to do.

"It is hard for young minds to understand why it takes a year or two," Jones said. "But the group that finally gets it is the group that will hopefully win a championship."

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## Top performances in Europe

### Girls soccer

- **Alex Frank, Vicenza:** The Virginia Military Institute signed started in her final regular-season DODDS Europe appearance, scoring six goals in a 7-1 victory over Florence.
- **Kaeli Ebner, Kaiserslautern:** The forward provided both goals as the Raiders traveled to Kandern for a 2-0 win over Black Forest Academy on Saturday.

### Boys soccer

- **Nathan Sevigny, Aviano:** The Saints

knocked off nemesis American Overseas School of Rome for the first time in more than a decade Saturday with Sevigny providing both goals in a 2-1 victory.

■ **Caudis Karich, AFNORTH:** The versatile player scored twice and assisted on another goal for the Lions as AFNORTH earned a 6-3 win over Division II rival SHAPE.

### Softball

- **Amber Marvin, Patch:** The two-way heroics of Marvin fueled a stunning sweep of Ramstein on Saturday. She earned a pitching victory in the

nightcap for the Panthers and went a combined 5-for-8 with seven RBIs.

■ **Peyton Chandler, Hohenfels:** The Tigers' star was nearly perfect at the plate in two wins over Ansbach, hitting for the cycle across two four-hit games.

### Baseball

- **Robert Navarro, Ramstein:** The hard-hitting Royal powered his team's 3-1 weekend with a grand slam against AFNORTH and another home run in a 4-2 victory over Patch.
- **Parker Boyle, Patch:** The Panthers' own

power threat went deep for a three-run home run in the eighth inning to give Patch a 9-6 win over Ramstein on Saturday.

### Track

- **David Vidovic, Hohenfels:** The reigning Stars and Stripes football Athlete of the Year started on the track on Saturday, winning both the 100 and 200-meter dashes in a five-school meet.
- **Katie Funchion, Bamberg:** The Baron sprinter stunned the field at Hohenfels with sizeable wins at 100 and 200 meters.

# HIGH SCHOOL: DODDS PACIFIC

## Perry aiming for 3-peat Far East favorites easy to spot except in D-II girls

By DAVE ORNAUER  
Stars and Stripes

En route home from a practice Monday, the coaching father asked his senior star son: "Well, you ready for Far East next week?"

"I don't want next week to come yet," the son replied.

"Why not?"  
"Because I don't want it to be over."

Gaku Lange has reason to feel that way. The slender senior striker has been the straw that stirs the M.C. Perry boys soccer team's drink since 2011. He's racked up 138 goals and 67 assists and Perry has won two Far East Division II titles in that span.

The Samurai go for a third straight title and fourth overall starting Monday in what is the last hurrah for Lange and four other senior starters: Eric Saiki, Martin Ziola, Calvin Barker and Sam Hess.

"The seniors are hitting the mark when after Far East, it's graduation and moving on to the next thing," said Lange's father and coach, Mark, who has told his seniors to not lament because it's ending, but enjoy every last moment of the week.

"That's what we're going to do, enjoy the moments, show up and play football," Mark Lange said.

While Zama looms as the main threat to Perry's title reign, Mark Lange says he has "a lot of respect" for all the teams in the tournament, but the Samurai are hoping to make more history.  
"We're on a mission for that fourth star, and three in a row would be pretty special," he said. "It will come down to ... who can play well."

Far East tournaments run for four days this year, girls D-II at Edgren, boys Division I at Kadena and girls D-I at Kubasaki. Forecasts call for rain all week on Okinawa, cloudy skies with showers at Iwakuni and cloudy to partly cloudy skies at Misawa.

Another team flush in seniors is Seoul American's boys, who along with Christian Academy Japan and host and defending champion Kadena seem the main challengers for the D-I crown.

Falcons coach Steve Boyd has eight seniors, led by HoKyong Adkins and his 27 goals, "but it's not to do or die," he said, adding that the program has been "on the upswing" for four years and has benefited from solid contributions from Yongsan Garrison's youth soccer program.

"This is a solid team," better than the one that won in 2011, Boyd said. "On any given day, we can compete with anybody. I just hope my seniors are ready to meet the challenge, avoid sickness and injury and we should be there when it counts."

Another host team, Kubasaki's girls, enter the D-I event without second-option striker Sydney Johnson (knee). The Dragons still



C.J. MITCHELL/Special to Stars and Stripes

**Seoul American's HoKyong Adkins, heading the ball against Seoul Foreign, leads the Falcons with 27 goals and is one of eight seniors heading to Okinawa for the Far East boys Division I tournament.**

loom as one of three favorites, including Kanto and DODDS Japan champion Kinnick and defending champion American School in Japan.

"Of course, Sydney's a great player and we're going to miss

her ... but I have girls who want to step up, do the best they can and perform well for us," coach Terry Chumley said.

Those include goalkeeper Harleigh Lewis, whom Chumley calls a "mainstay," and junior striker



ANJU YAMANAKA/Special to Stars and Stripes

**Kinnick's Kaile Johnson, center, is the leading scorer among girls in the Pacific this season with 35.**

### Far East soccer tournaments

#### Boys Division I

**Dates** — May 19-22. **Site** — Kadena Air Base, Okinawa.  
**Participants** — Christian Academy Japan; Kadena; Kubasaki; Kinnick; Yokota; Seoul American; Guam.  
**Format** — Round robin first three days, playing for spots in fifth- and sixth-place, third- and fourth-place and championship and second-place matches.

#### Girls Division I

**Dates** — May 19-22. **Site** — Camp Foster, Okinawa.  
**Participants** — Pool A: Christian Academy Japan; Kubasaki; Kinnick; Guam; Seisen; Pool B: American School in Japan; Yokota; Seoul American; Kadena.  
**Format** — Pool play first two days, five teams in one pool, four teams in the other. Pool A playing 30-minute halves, Pool B playing 40 to equalize the number of pool-play minutes. All qualify for single-elimination playoffs with consolation, last two days.

#### Boys Division II

**Dates** — May 19-22. **Site** — Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni  
**Participants** — Osan; Humphreys; E.J. King; Zama; Perry; Daegu; Okinawa Christian School; Edgren.  
**Format** — Single round-robin, four teams each in two pools, first day. Modified single-elimination with consolation/playoff matches, last three days.

#### Girls Division II

**Dates** — May 19-22. **Site** — Misawa Air Base, Japan.  
**Participants** — Osan; Sacred Heart; Perry; E.J. King; Humphreys; Edgren; Zama; Daegu.  
**Format** — Single round-robin, eight teams in one pool first 1½ days. All teams qualify for double-elimination playoffs, last 2½ days.

Marissa Mesquita, the leading scorer with 21 goals. "Her ability to score and pass, she's a very critical element," she said.

Chumley also hopes the discord that plagued the Dragons in last year's title match, a 2-0 loss to ASIJ, is behind them. "We have common goals and we've been working on supporting and respecting each other, trying to build not a group of individuals, but a team," Chumley said.

They should get a strong challenge from Kinnick (14-0-2), with Pacific-leading goal-scorer Kaile Johnson (35), a strong midfielder and solid goalkeeping in Courtney Bacon; and ASIJ, with senior striker Katey Helwick (19), a two-time Far East co-Golden Boot winner.

The only one of the four Far Easts that appears to be wide open is the D-II girls, in which any one of five teams are capable of winning.

Perry, with its young core of underclassmen including Bobbi Hill (16 goals, 10 assists) and sophomore Ani Erhart (nine, four), is a slight favorite, but defending champion Osan, led by Andrea Carandang's 15 goals, finished 8-2-1 after an 0-4 start. Also in the mix are Zama and Edgren.

"It's going to be a tough fight, but I think we definitely have a chance," Samurai coach Suzette Lopez said. "We have a lot of skill and a lot of heart as we did in previous years. I think we're all closely matched. It's going to be a good tournament."

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## NFL/COLLEGE LACROSSE



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Rams seventh-round draft pick Michael Sam listens to a question during a news conference on Tuesday in St. Louis.

# Sam ready to 'focus on football'

First openly gay player introduced with other Rams picks is 'determined to be great'

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — The overflow crowd at Rams Park did not intimidate Michael Sam.

He seemed almost eager for the attention and scrutiny.

The first openly gay player drafted by an NFL team was confident and engaged Tuesday as he was formally introduced by the St. Louis Rams, handling questions and scrutiny with aplomb well beyond that of a typical seventh-round pick.

"I'm determined to be great," Sam said. "I understand that right now you guys want to make a big deal of it."

Sam put his arm around coach Jeff Fisher after sharing the podium with other late-round picks.

He joked that he'd never before heard the term "teener" and even rose in his chair to mock intimidation of fellow Missouri draftee E.J. Gaines, a sixth-rounder who'd been asked what the SEC co-defensive player of the year was like as a teammate.

Sam, who came out to teammates and coaches before his senior season at Missouri, disagreed that his sexuality had been a secret.

"Apparently, everybody else makes a big deal out of it," Sam said. "But my teammates and my school didn't."

"It's OK to be who you are," he added. "Whether you're gay, straight, black or white, it's OK to be comfortable in your own skin."

After getting the go-ahead from owner Stan Kroenke and making the pick Saturday, Fisher called it a "second historic moment" for a franchise that signed running back Kenny Washington in 1946 as the NFL's first black player in the modern era.

Just as in his post-draft teleconference with St. Louis media that was sprinkled with salty language, Sam was feisty.

He's had a few months to get accustomed to the role of trailblazer instead of a silent star.

Sure, he's a role model. Right now he'd much rather be the Rams' description of "designated pass runner."

"I will always support equality, period," Sam said. "But my job is to focus on football and help this team win a championship."

The appearance of perhaps the most famous seventh-round pick in NFL history attracted a massive amount of people.

A half-dozen TV trucks lined a crammed parking lot at Rams Park, an hour before the team's two first-round picks were due at the podium.

About 80 media members attended the news conferences.

Three days earlier when the Rams chose Sam with the No. 249 overall pick, the media contingent was in single digits.

"There's some energy here," general manager Les Snead said with a smile between rounds of interviews. "But I don't think this is a circus. This deserves attention, but we'll get it over and we'll get to work."

Sam shared the dais with five other players taken in the sixth and seventh rounds Saturday as the draft came to a close.

Snead joked that Tennessee State center Demetrius Rhane, taken one pick after Sam at 250th overall, should get the first question after it got lost in the hubbub Saturday.

"I'm not sure anybody knows we drafted Demetrius," Snead said, adding that he hoped someday that pick 249 will someday be a footnote in sports history, and not such a big deal.

For Sam's subsequent solo session with reporters, he was flanked by Fisher and Snead, with Rams chief operating officer Kevin Demoff joining the group.

Everyone seemed eager to embrace Sam.

Second-round pick Lamaricus Joyner, a cornerback from Florida State, has never had an openly gay teammate. He applauded Sam's decision.

"He's a courageous young man," Joyner

said. "He's a brave young man that we need in this organization."

The team's two first-round picks were first to the podium. Offensive tackle Greg Robinson, chosen second overall, sported a bow tie.

Both got their due. Both welcomed Sam to the family.

Robinson and Sam did a TV commercial together for a credit card company. Aaron Donald met Sam at ceremonies for the Lombardi and Nagurski awards.

"He's a cool guy," Donald said. "He's a football player, he works his butt off and that's what you want. You want playmakers around you and he's a playmaker."

Third-round pick Tre Mason, a running back from Auburn, said Sam was a "man of his own and he's entitled to do that."

"We're a team and he's also a family member to me now."

Sam will put on the pads later in the week when the team holds a three-day rookie orientation, much, if not all of it, closed to the media.

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Sam realizes it's up to him to make the most of this chance, and he bristles at the naysayers who contend he's in the NFL only because he came out.

"Will I make the cut?" he said, repeating a question. "You want to find out in a couple months, huh?"

# Ex-Duke coach has moved on at Bryant

The Associated Press

SMITHFIELD, R.I. — Bryant University's upset win over second-seeded Syracuse in the first round of the NCAA men's lacrosse tournament is a sweet victory for its coach, who has spent the past eight years building the program after he was fired as coach at Duke amid false rape allegations against three players.

"The word monumental comes to mind," coach Mike Pressler said on Monday after the 10-9 win Sunday over the Orange, one of the nation's top college lacrosse programs. "To pull that off was just a remarkable win. So proud of my guys, especially the senior class."

The Bulldogs are now preparing for Saturday's quarterfinals matchup against Maryland. It's the first time the Bulldogs have reached the quarterfinals in school history. They've played in Division I for just six years.

"Sometimes the stars are just in alignment, and Seabiscuit wins, and Bryant beats Syracuse," said Bryant President Ron Machtley, calling it a storybook win. "They've given everybody confidence that although we're a relatively unknown and small school, we don't worry about stepping onto a playing field with schools that think that they have a superior ability to win. We can win, and Mike proved it last night."

Pressler was used to high-profile success during 16 seasons at Duke. He had 153 wins there, including three Atlantic Coast Conference championships, and 10 trips to the NCAA tournament. He was named the U.S. Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association's coach of the year in 2005.

But his career was nearly ruined in 2006, when a woman said she was raped during a lacrosse team party. The season was canceled and Pressler was fired, even though an internal university investigation later concluded he was the only school employee to take significant action when misconduct allegations arose. North Carolina state prosecutors later declared the players innocent.

When Pressler came to Bryant in August 2006, the Bulldogs played in Division II and the program was just a few years old. They entered Division I in his third season there and the team made the playoffs in its first year of eligibility last year. Pressler signed a 5-year contract extension in the fall to stay through 2019.

Pressler says the events at Duke are "very much in the rearview mirror," and his team's appearance in last year's tournament was more emotional than this year, when the goal is "to get there and go beyond."

He says he's asked about the possibility of his team facing Duke more than he thinks about it, and that their hands are full with Maryland.

"We've got a long way to go before that's even a thought. The only way we would possibly see Duke would be in the national championship game, I believe," he said. "If somehow that did materialize either this year or years to come, I think there would be a story there. But we don't have enough time on our hands to be thinking about those things right now."

# NHL PLAYOFFS

## Scoreboard

### Second round

(Best-of-seven; x-if necessary)

#### EASTERN CONFERENCE

**Monday**  
 Montreal 3, Boston 2, OT  
 Boston 5, Montreal 3  
 Montreal 4, Boston 2  
 Boston 1, Montreal 0, OT  
 Boston 4, Montreal 2  
 Montreal 4, Boston 0

#### Wednesday at Boston

**N.Y. Rangers 4, Pittsburgh 3**  
 Pittsburgh 3, Pittsburgh 2, OT  
 Pittsburgh 3, N.Y. Rangers 0  
 Pittsburgh 2, N.Y. Rangers 0  
 Pittsburgh 4, N.Y. Rangers 2  
 Rangers 5, Pittsburgh 1  
 N.Y. Rangers 3, Pittsburgh 1

#### Tuesday: N.Y. Rangers 2, Pittsburgh 1

#### WESTERN CONFERENCE

**Chicago 4, Minnesota 2**

Chicago 5, Minnesota 2

Minnesota 4, Chicago 0

Minnesota 4, Chicago 2

Chicago 2, Minnesota 1

#### Tuesday: Chicago 2, Minnesota 1, OT

#### Anaheim 3, Los Angeles 2

Los Angeles 3, Anaheim 2, OT

Los Angeles 3, Anaheim 1

Anaheim 3, Los Angeles 2

Anaheim 2, Los Angeles 0

Anaheim 4, Los Angeles 4

#### Wednesday: Los Angeles 3

#### Friday: Los Angeles 3

#### at Anaheim

### Tuesday

#### Rangers 2, Penguins 1

N.Y. Rangers 2, Penguins 1, 0-2

Pittsburgh 0, 1 0-1

First Period—1, N.Y. Rangers, Boyle 2

(D.Moore, Dorsett), 5:25

Second Period—2, Pittsburgh, Jokinen

7:33, 11:35, 3, N.Y. Rangers,

Richards 4 (St. Louis, Stepan), 7:56 (pp),

Pittsburgh 10-13—13-26

#### Power-play opportunities—N.Y. Rangers

9 of 12; Pittsburgh 0 of 1

Goalies—N.Y. Rangers, Lundqvist 8-6

0 (36 shots-35 saves), Pittsburgh, Fleury

7-6-0 (20-15)

A—18,635 (18,367), T—2:30.

#### Blackhawks 2, Wild 1 (OT)

Chicago 2, Minnesota 1, 0 0 1-2

Minnesota 1, 1 1 0 0-1

First Period—1, Chicago, Versteeg 1,

1:58

Second Period—2, Minnesota, Haula 4

(Cooke, Stoner), 2:29

Goals on the ice—Chicago, Kane 6 (Seabrook, Keith), 9:42

Shots on goal—Chicago, 8-8-6-5—27,

Minnesota 9-14-7-5—35

#### Power-play opportunities—Chicago 0

of 1; Minnesota 0 of 1

Goalies—Chicago, Crawford 8-4-0 (35

shots-34 saves), Minnesota, Bryzgalov

3-6-0 (27-25)

A—19,396 (17,954), T—2:58.

### Calendar

May 25-31 — NHL combine, Toronto, Ont.

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June 25 — NHL awards, Las Vegas.

June 27-29 — NHL Draft, Philadelphia.

# Lundqvist, Rangers oust Pens

## New York wins Game 7 to cap rally from 3-1 deficit in series

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — The horn sounded and Henrik Lundqvist lifted his arms in a mixture of joy and exhaustion.

Hey, nobody said carrying a team back from the brink was going to be easy, even for the goaltender his New York Rangers teammates call "King."

Determined at the start and dominant at the finish, Lundqvist lifted the resilient Rangers past the rudderless Pittsburgh Penguins 2-1 in Game 7 of the Eastern Conference semifinals Tuesday night to cap a furious rally from a 3-1 series deficit.

"When you face a challenge like that it's about how you answer and we just did it the right way," Lundqvist said. "We came together as a group and played a really smart game."

Helps when the best player on the ice happens to be in your net. Lundqvist stopped 35 shots to win his NHL record fifth straight Game 7 as the Rangers advanced to face either Montreal or Boston in the conference finals. That series is tied 3-3, with the Bruins hosting Game 7 on Wednesday night.

Whoever survives will face a team whose confidence is soaring. The Rangers have been playing hockey for 88 years. The franchise had never come back after losing three of the first four games until now.

"We were talking about we were going to need to give our-

selves some chances in these games," New York defenseman Ryan McDonagh said. "We weren't even close after Game 1. I think everyone took a long hard look at ourselves that if we dug deep, something could be done here."

Could it ever. Brian Boyle and Brad Richards scored for New York, who never trailed over the final three games thanks in part to Lundqvist stopping 102 of the final 105 shots the suddenly ineffective Penguins sent his way.

Not that Pittsburgh didn't try. The Penguins spent most of the third period in New York's end. During one furious sequence Lundqvist made a handful of saves in a span of seconds — including one with his paddle laying helplessly on the ice underneath him — to preserve a one-goal lead.

"They took their game to another level in the third period and our goaltender took his game to another level," New York coach Alain Vigneault said. "He was able to stop a barrage of opportunities and he was the difference in tonight's game."

Jussi Jokinen scored his team-high seventh goal of the postseason for the Penguins. Marc-Andre Fleury made 18 saves for the Penguins, who were outscored 10-3 over the final three games.

The Penguins fell to 2-7 all time at home in Game 7s, including three such losses in the past four seasons.



New York Rangers goalie Henrik Lundqvist, top, leaps into the air Tuesday as time expires in Game 7 of a second-round playoff series in Pittsburgh. The Rangers won 2-1 to take the best-of-seven series.

# Repeat: Blackhawks find a way

### FROM BACK PAGE

Kris Versteeg scored at 1:58 of the first and Corey Crawford made 34 saves for the Blackhawks, who are 14-0 in Games 5 or 6 of playoff series that were tied after Game 4. They're also 12-2 in games with a chance to win a series, including 6-1 on the road.

The Blackhawks were outplayed for much of the series and frustrated by Minnesota's tight checking and speed in transition that limited them to fewer than 22 shots in four of the six games. But the veterans were able to cash in on the few opportunities that presented themselves, especially in Game 5.

"I don't know what it is against this team; we never really seem to play our best, whether dating back to last year's playoffs or even this year," said Kane, whose Blackhawks beat the Wild 4-1 in the first round last year. "We still feel we have another level to get to. It's exciting to say you didn't play your best and you still won a

series in the second round of the playoffs. That's a positive thing going forward."

Erik Haula scored and Ilya Bryzgalov stopped 25 shots for the Wild, who pushed a frenetic pace for much of the night but missed prime chances to score.

They paid for it in the extra period, when a simple dump-in by Brent Seabrook took an unusual bounce back toward the slot. The puck slid past Peter Regier but not Kane, who deked once and flipped it into the net.

"Whatever it is, if the luck finds me or the heavens above give me some blessings in overtime, I'll

keep taking it," Kane said. "We have a bunch of guys with experience; everyone's done it. But it's always exciting when you do."

With their offense handcuffed for much of the series, the Blackhawks had to grind this one out. Their stifling penalty kill unit again shut out the Wild on Tuesday night and killed 18 of 20 power plays in the series.

Undaunted, the Wild peppered Crawford throughout the game, getting energy from a raucous home crowd that had willed the team to a 5-0 record in Xcel Energy Center in these playoffs. Haula scored on a breakaway early in the second period to tie the game 1-1, but the Wild couldn't push anything else past Crawford, who stopped Justin Fontaine twice on breakaways and got a little luck himself when Zach Parise and Jason Pominville each missed open nets.

"We shot, we tried to get traffic in front of him and screen him and we had great opportunities," Parise said.

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## MLB

## NL roundup

## Dodgers get Beckett back into win column

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Josh Beckett wound up on the right side for the first time in a long time.

Beckett earned his first victory in more than a year and the Los Angeles Dodgers extended Jacob Turner's winless streak, beating the Miami Marlins 7-1 on Tuesday.

Beckett (1-1) gave up an unearned run and four hits over 6½ innings, striking out six and walking three. The three-time All-Star and former World Series MVP was 0-6 in 14 starts since Sept. 30, 2012.

"They talk about the date that I got my last win, and people think I had 30 starts last year," Beckett added. "But the number of starts is the real indicator. And last year I didn't pitch good enough to win in the starts I did make."

Beckett had a rib removed last July in a surgery to alleviate a nerve condition that was affecting his right arm, limiting his season. He was 0-5 with a 5.19 ERA in eight outings.

"You can't help but think about it after a while," Beckett said. "But I knew if I kept making pitches, this team was bound to score some runs. This lineup we're running out there every day is pretty good."

Miami lost its fifth in a row after learning ace Jose Fernandez had a significant elbow tear and that the team doctor had recommended Tommy John surgery.

"Getting the confirmation that we all obviously didn't want is a big blow for us, for the team and for the organization," manager Mike Redmond said. "I know he's going through some tough decisions, but we know he'll get himself fixed up."

Beckett, who spent his first five big league seasons with the Marlins, empathized with the 21-year-old Fernandez.

"The one good thing about that surgery: For the most part, people come back from it and they know how to rehab that," Beckett said.

"If it was a shoulder or something like that, I think it would be a little bit bigger issue. He'll be back full strength next year. Obviously, they're going to miss his leadership and what he brings to the ballpark on the days he pitches and the days he doesn't. He brings the 'Puig factor' to that ballpark."

Dodgers star Yasiel Puig extended his career-best hitting streak to 13 games with

two hits, including an RBI double. It was Puig bobblehead night at Dodger Stadium and the outfielder caught a ceremonial first pitch from his mother, Maritza.

Turner (0-1) is winless in 16 starts since last July. He gave up four earned runs in 5½ innings and is 0-10 in 17 career starts on the road with a 3.97 ERA.

The game was scoreless until the Dodgers got five runs in the sixth. Dee Gordon hustled for a double with one out, Puig walked and Hanley Ramirez hit a two-run double. Adrian Gonzalez followed with an RBI double, Matt Kemp singled home a run and Justin Turner hit a sacrifice fly.

**Padres 2, Reds 1:** Chase Headley homered in the ninth inning off Aroldis Chapman, the first hit the hard-throwing lefty allowed since his return from being hit in the head by a ball, as San Diego beat host Cincinnati for their fourth straight win. Joaquin Benoit (1-0) allowed a walk in the eighth. Huston Street got the last three outs for his 12th save in as many chances. Street hasn't allowed a run in his last 10 innings.

**Diamondbacks 3, Nationals 1:** Bronson Arroyo (4-2) scattered seven hits in his 16th career complete game and also singled twice off Stephen Strasburg, leading host Arizona over Washington.

Arizona's Paul Goldschmidt doubled twice and drove in two runs.

**Brewers 5, Pirates 2:** Jonathan Lucroy hit a bases-loaded, two-run single, and battered Milwaukee withstood the early exits of star outfielders Carlos Gomez and Ryan Braun to best visiting Pittsburgh.

**Cardinals 4, Cubs 3 (12):** Pinch-hitter Greg Garcia was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded and one out in the 12th inning, sending host St. Louis over Chicago. Jhonny Peralta led off the 12th with a single for his third hit. Justin Grimm (1-2) retired Matt Holliday on a popup, but walks to Allen Craig and Yadier Molina loaded the bases for Garcia.

**Braves 5, Giants 0:** Mike Minor pitched three-hit ball into the seventh inning and Evan Gattis drove in a run with his first career triple as visiting Atlanta beat the San Francisco Giants for the first time in five tries this season.

Freddie Freeman, B.J. Upton and Andrew Simmons added RBI singles in a three-run sixth against Ryan Vogelsong (1-2) to help the Braves win for the fourth time in five games.



GAIL BURTON/AP

Detroit Tigers' Miguel Cabrera, left, is congratulated by Torii Hunter after hitting a three-run homer against the Baltimore Orioles in the ninth inning that helped the Tigers beat the Orioles 4-1 at Camden Yards in Baltimore on Tuesday.

## AL roundup

## Cabrera's 3-run homer in 9th lifts Tigers by 0's

The Associated Press

BALTIMORE — A reversed call got the uprising started. Then came a walk after the Detroit Tigers were down to their last strike.

That forced Tommy Hunter to go up against Miguel Cabrera, perhaps the last person a struggling closer wants to face with the outcome hanging in the balance. Cabrera hit a hanging curveball over the center-field wall for a three-run homer, and the Tigers rallied past the Baltimore Orioles 4-1 on Tuesday night.

After being held scoreless on three hits over the first eight innings, the Tigers improved to 1-12 when trailing after eight innings.

"You never know in baseball," Detroit manager Brad Ausmus said. "When the top of our order swings the bat, we can score some runs quickly."

Hunter held a 1-0 lead before giving up a leadoff single to Alex Avila. Pinch-runner Rajai Davis was called out trying to steal, but Ausmus challenged the call and after looking at the replay, umpires called Davis safe at second.

"The instant replay was probably the turning point, I guess," Ausmus said. Hunter (1-1) got two straight outs before working the count on Torii Hunter to 1-2. The at-bat ended in a walk.

"You can't let arguably one of the best hitters in the game come to the plate," Tommy Hunter said. "You've got to throw a strike right there and I missed."

Two pitches later, Cabrera connected. "It's a chance that we win or we're going to lose," Cabrera said. "You don't have to think too much of it. You've got to go out there and try and see what happens."

Victor Martinez followed Cabrera's sixth home run with a shot to right that landed on Eutaw Street beyond the scoreboard in right field.

Justin Miller (1-1) pitched one inning to

earn his first big league win and Joe Nathan has three outs for his ninth save. Nathan has seven saves and a 0.00 ERA in his last eight outings.

Adam Jones hit a first-inning homer for the Orioles, who have dropped three in a row following a five-game winning streak. Jones has five home runs, four in the last seven games.

Baltimore starter Ubaldo Jimenez gave up three hits, walked two and struck out seven in seven innings. After going 0-4 with a 6.59 ERA in April, the right-hander is 2-0 with a 0.46 ERA in May.

**Twins 8, Red Sox 6:** Chris Parmelee hit a game-ending homer in the ninth inning and host Minnesota overcame David Ortiz's 4-for-5 night with two homers and four RBIs to beat Boston.

Kurt Suzuki singled with two outs off reliever Andrew Miller (1-1) before Parmelee lined an 0-1 pitch into the right-field seats for his first two RBIs of the season.

**Astros 8, Rangers 0:** Dallas Keuchel pitched a seven-inning shutout for his first shutout, leading host Houston past Texas.

Keuchel (4-2) struck out seven without a walk. He gave up just one extra-base hit, a double by Adrian Beltre in the first inning, and threw his second career complete game. L.J. Hoes and Carlos Corporan each homered and drove in three runs.

**Rays 2, Mariners 1:** David Price struck out 12 in his second complete game this season and visiting Tampa Bay rallied in the ninth inning against Seattle closer and former Ray Fernando Rodney.

**Blue Jays 5, Indians 4:** R.A. Dickey won for the third time in four starts and Juan Francisco homered in host Toronto's victory over Cleveland.

**Athletics 11, White Sox 0:** Brandon Moss homered twice and Drew Pomeranz and three relievers combined on a four-hitter as host Oakland shut out Chicago for its sixth consecutive win.



AP

Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Josh Beckett won for the first time since 2012 and had been 0-6 in his past 14 starts after having a rib removed last July in a surgery to alleviate a nerve condition that was affecting his right arm.

MLB/NBA



The New York Mets' Daniel Murphy watches the path of his fifth-inning, three-run homer off New York Yankees relief pitcher Alfredo Aceves in Tuesday's 12-7 victory at Yankee Stadium in New York.

Interleague roundup

Mets' Granderson, Murphy pop Yanks

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Daniel Murphy stood in the batter's box, twisting his body as if he were directing the flight of his soaring drive down the right-field line.

The way the New York Mets were hitting balls all over Yankee Stadium the past two nights, it was hard to blame him for thinking he still had some control over where that one might end up.

With a full moon hanging over the right field stands, Murphy's shot struck high off the foul pole for a three-run homer Tuesday that highlighted the Mets' 12-7 victory over fill-in starter Vidal Nuno and the Yankees.

"Man, I didn't know if it was going to stay or not. I wasn't trying to pump it. I was giving it some body English," Murphy said. "It's always nice to get rewarded for a good swing."

**Daniel Murphy**  
New York Mets

Curtis Granderson also hit a three-run shot, connecting for the second consecutive night in his old ballpark, and the Mets won both Subway Series games in the Bronx. He helped his new team jump out to a quick lead after the Mets used four homers to rally for a 9-7 victory the night before.

"It's nice to come here and feel good about yourself offensively, scoring some runs, hitting some homers," captain David Wright said. "Hopefully that translates and gives us some momentum going back home."

Wright had three hits and two RBIs, and Daisuke Matsuzaka (1-0) pitched 3½ innings in relief of a wild Zack Wheeler as the Mets

earned their sixth straight win over their crosstown rivals, including a 4-0 mark last year.

Eric Young Jr. scored three runs without a hit and the Mets won their third in a row to return to .500 after losing eight of nine.

The Yankees learned right fielder Carlos Beltran has a bone spur in his right elbow that might require surgery, then lost their fourth in a row to drop to .500.

"We've got to start playing better and pitching better and doing everything more consistently. We've got to go out and win a game tomorrow," Yankees manager Joe Girardi said. "A lot of times that changes the mood."

The Mets took advantage of a sloppy Nuno (1-1) at the start. Young was hit by a pitch, Murphy walked on 10 pitches, Wright had an RBI single and, one out later, Granderson hit his fourth homer in 11 games.

Brian McCann hit a two-run homer in the bottom half as the Yankees pulled to 4-3, but the Mets soon pulled away for good. Making his fifth start in place of Ivan Nova, out for the season following Tommy John surgery, Nuno gave up seven runs on four hits, four walks and a hit batter.

**Royals 5, Rockies 1:** James Shields cooled down hot-hitting Colorado over seven sharp innings and Lorenzo Cain and Salvador Perez both homered in host Kansas City's victory.

Aleicis Escobar added a pair of RBIs and relievers Wade Davis and Aaron Crow wrapped up the win for the Royals, who were opening a nine-game homestand.

**Angels 4, Phillies 2:** Luis Jimenez hit a tiebreaking two-run double in the sixth inning and Matt Shoemaker tossed five effective innings as visiting Los Angeles beat Philadelphia.

Lee allowed four unearned runs and six hits, striking out seven in seven innings. He was hurt by three errors by third baseman Cody Asche.

Magic Johnson is 'delusional'

Johnson defends himself from attacks by Clippers' owner

By James Rainey  
Los Angeles Times

MAGIC JOHNSON described Los Angeles Clippers owner Donald Sterling as "delusional" in thinking that his players love him and lost "in another world" if he believes that the public wants him to maintain his grip on the NBA franchise despite his racially inflammatory remarks.

The critiques by the one-time Lakers great came Tuesday, a day after Sterling lashed out at Johnson as an unworthy role model who did little to support fellow blacks. Sterling also implied that Johnson misled him in an attempt to take over the Clippers.

Johnson mounted a robust defense of his integrity and his role as a leader of the black community, saying in an interview with CNN's Anderson Cooper that he was disturbed and angry that Sterling seemed entirely unaware of the business and charitable works that Johnson and other blacks have done for their community.

"The problem is he is living in the Stone Ages, Johnson said. "He can't make the comments about African Americans or Latinos. He just can't do it."

Johnson's interview came as he continued to receive an outpouring of support from the community and from political leaders — including President Bill Clinton and Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti — and on the day when the NBA said it was still moving toward stripping Sterling of the franchise that he bought in 1981.

But the complications surrounding the ownership crisis became clear earlier Tuesday, when Sterling's wife, Shelly, described her resolve to hold on to the team. Her attorney pledged to "go to war," if necessary, to maintain Shelly Sterling's half-ownership of the Clippers. The 79-year-old, who says she is estranged from her husband, told NBC's "Today" show she was being unfairly punished for his failures.

"I didn't do anything wrong," Shelly Sterling said. "Why should I suffer and lose my team? I would like it to be left as a legacy to my family, and I've helped build it. I just can't see me not owning it, or a piece of it."

Donald Sterling, 80, said in his CNN interview Monday that he might fight a decision by NBA owners to oust him from the 30-team league, though he said he hoped to



DANNY MOLOSHOK/AP

Los Angeles Clippers owner Donald Sterling only dug himself into a deeper hole after slamming Magic Johnson when he was supposed to be atoning for his own racist remarks.

avoid an expensive conflict.

"He's a man who's upset and he's reaching," Johnson said in explaining why he thought Sterling attacked him. "He's trying to find something that he can grab on to help him save his team. And it's not going to happen."

Johnson, who owns many businesses and is part of the group that controls the Los Angeles Dodgers, said he believed Sterling would not be able to maneuver his way out of his predicament.

"He can't buy his way out of this one. He has bought his way out of all the other situations," Johnson said. "He can't do it with this one."

The tempest around the Clippers began the night of April 25, when the web site TMZ posted a recording in which Sterling told his frequent companion, V. Stiviano, that he did not want to her to publicly associate with blacks. Sterling was upset because Stiviano, 31, had posted on social media a photo of herself posing with Johnson.

Days later, NBA Commissioner Adam Silver banned the league's longest-tenured owner from the league, fined him \$2.5 million and began a process to strip him of the team. A vote by the owners has not yet been called.

Sterling's appearance on CNN was widely anticipated to center on his apology,

but instead the apartment magnate criticized Johnson as someone who had shamed himself by contracting HIV.

Johnson said he had appreciated a message from President Clinton, who called to "thank me for all my work in urban America." Mayor Garcetti said Johnson represents "the best of L.A." and reiterated his call for a change in Clippers ownership.

"If you ask every single guy on this team, they'd say they love their family. They love their teammates. That's who we're playing for," Clippers forward Blake Griffin said.

Johnson said the recent revelations about Sterling support the accusations that former NBA great Elgin Baylor made in a lawsuit, alleging that he was a victim of age and race discrimination, and the owner's "plantation mentality," when he worked for the Clippers.

Magic Johnson believes Los Angeles Clippers owner Donald Sterling is lost in "another world" if he believes the NBA will continue to let him own the franchise.

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NBA PLAYOFFS

Scoreboard

**Second round**  
**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

**Miami 3, Brooklyn 1**  
Miami 107, Brooklyn 86  
Miami 94, Brooklyn 85  
Miami 102, Brooklyn 96  
**Wednesday** at Miami  
**x-Friday** at Brooklyn  
**x-Sunday** at Miami

**Indiana 3, Washington 2**  
Washington 102, Indiana 96  
Indiana 86, Washington 82  
Indiana 85, Washington 63  
Indiana 95, Washington 102, Indiana 79  
**Tuesday** at Washington  
**Thursday** at Washington  
**x-Sunday** at Indiana

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

**San Antonio 3, Portland 1**  
San Antonio 116, Portland 92  
San Antonio 114, Portland 97  
San Antonio 118, Portland 103  
Portland 103, San Antonio 92  
**Wednesday** at San Antonio  
**x-Friday** at Portland

**Oklahoma City 3, L.A. Clippers 2**  
L.A. Clippers 105, Oklahoma City 105  
Oklahoma City 112, L.A. Clippers 101  
Oklahoma City 118, L.A. Clippers 112  
L.A. Clippers 101, Oklahoma City 99  
**Tuesday** at Oklahoma City 105, L.A. Clippers 104  
**Thursday** at L.A. Clippers  
**x-Sunday** at Oklahoma City

**Tuesday**  
**Thunder 105, Clippers 104**

**L.A. CLIPPERS** — Barnes 5-8 2-2 16, Griffin 10-20 5-24 Jordan 0-1 0-0 0-0, Paul 6-16 4-5 17, Redick 6-12 1-1 16, Davis 2-4 0-0 5, Coon 0-0 0-0 1, Crawford 1-2 0-2 3-7, Dudley 0-0 0-0, Granger 2-3 2-7, Hollins 0-0 0-0. Totals 38-88 16-20 104.

**OKLAHOMA CITY** — Durant 6-22 12 27, Ibaka 4-8 0-0 8, Perkins 1-4 0-0 2, Westbrook 10-22 15 38, Serolofosa 4-5 0-8, N.Collison 0-1 2-2, Jackson 2-5 3-4 8, Adams 4-5 1-3 9, Butler 1-3 0-0 3, Fisher 1-1 0-0 0, Jones 0-0 0-0. Totals 37-77 25-36 105.

**L.A. Clippers** 34 24 28 18-104  
**Oklahoma City** 25 27 28 25-105  
Three-Point Goals: L.A. Clippers 12; Thunder 12  
Barnes 1-2, Paul 1-5, Collison 0-3  
Oklahoma City 7-17 (Durant 3-6, Westbrook 2-6, Butler 1-1, Jackson 1-2, Fisher 1-1, Perkins 0-1)  
Rebounds: L.A. Clippers 51 (Griffin 17), Thunder 49 (Durant 15)  
L.A. Clippers 21 (Paul 14), Oklahoma City 21 (Westbrook 6)  
Total Fouls: L.A. Clippers 21, Oklahoma City 22  
Oklahoma City defensive three second. Fouls—Westbrook—A—18-205 (18:03).

**Wizards 102, Pacers 79**

**WASHINGTON** — Ariza 4-9 2-10, Nene 2-6 0-0 4, Gortat 13-15 5-7 31, Wall 11-20 2-4 12, Cole 17-23 6-10, Green 10-16 0-0 Webster 0-4 2-2, Harrington 1-2 3-4, Thomas 1-2 0-2, G. Smith 0-0 0-0, Jr. 1-1 0-2, Temple 1-1 0-2, Seraphin 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 41-82 15-19 102.

**INDIANA** — George 5-12 1-5, West 7-14 2-37, Hibbert 2-7 0-0 4, G.Hill 1-8 1-2 Westbrook 4-8 0-0 9, May 0-0 0-0, Turner 3-11 0-0 2, Scoia 2-5 1-1 5, Watson 2-4 2-5, Copeland 3-5 3-9, Allen 1-2 0-0 2, Butler 0-0 2-2, Sloan 1-4 0-2. Totals 30-77 13-22 79.

**Washington** 25 20 31 26-102  
**Indiana** 19 19 14 27-79  
Three-Point Goals—Washington 10; Indiana 2  
Wall 3-6, Neal 2-5, Gooden 0-1, Harrington 0-2, Cole 1-2, G. Smith 0-2, Webster 0-2, Indiana 6-15 (George 3-5, Stephenson 1-1, West 1-1, Watson 1-3, Copeland 0-1, Sloan 0-2, G.Hill 0-2). Fouled Out—Harrington, Westbrook—Washington 10; Gortat 10, Indiana 33 (Westbrook 6). Assists—Washington 21 (Ariza, Wall) 5, Indiana 19 (Turner, West, 7) 10. Rebounds—Washington 31 (Gortat 10), Indiana 33 (Westbrook 6). Total Fouls—Washington 22, Indiana 20. Technicals—Indiana defensive three second. Fouls—Indiana 18-125 (18:25).

**Playoff leaders**

	Scoring				FG	FT	PTS	AVG
	G	F	M	P				
Durant, OKC	12	124	94	369	30.8			
James, MIA	11	82	64	241	21.9			
Westbrook, OKC	12	113	82	227	27.3			
Harden, HOU	6	50	49	216	36.0			
Aldridge, POR	10	103	59	267	26.7			
Howard, HOU	9	9	9	167	18.6			
DeRozan, TOR	8	45	17	167	20.9			
Griffin, LAC	12	109	66	284	23.7			
Lillard, POR	10	76	57	181	18.1			
Curry, GS	10	57	37	161	23.0			

	FG Percentage			FGA	FGA	PCT
	G	F	M			
Johnson, TOR	31	49	63			
Valanciunas, TOR	66	107	517			
Ibaka, OKC	31	49	63			
James, MIA	66	107	517			

	Rebounds				DEF	TOT	AVG
	G	F	M	P			
Howard, HOU	6	27	55	82	13.7		
Noah, CHI	12	49	82	137	11.4		
Jordan, LAC	12	39	109	148	12.3		
Millsap, ATL	10	21	75	105	10.5		
Aldridge, POR	10	21	75	105	10.5		
Gortat, WAS	16	34	69	103	10.3		

	Assists		G	AST	AVG
	G	F			
Paul, LAC	12	12	12	10.3	
Curry, GS	6	27	55	9.3	
Westbrook, OKC	12	12	12	9.7	
Griffin, LAC	12	12	12	9.7	
Wall, WAS	10	69	6.9		
Lillard, POR	10	62	6.2		

# Thunder rally to stun Clippers

## Oklahoma City erases 7-point deficit in final 50 seconds to take 3-2 lead

The Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Russell Westbrook finished off Oklahoma City's stunning comeback.

Clippers coach Doc Rivers believes he should never have had the chance.

Westbrook scored 38 points and made three free throws with 6.4 seconds remaining as the Thunder overcame a seven-point deficit in the final 50 seconds to beat Los Angeles 105-104 on Tuesday night and go up 3-2 in the Western Conference semifinals.

"I think when you get a win like this it brings everybody closer," Westbrook said. "It lets you know you can't mess around. You have to take every moment, every play and go out and win the game."

The play that led to Westbrook's free throws is in dispute.

Kevin Durant made a three-pointer, then Los Angeles' Jamal Crawford missed in close before Durant made a layup with 17 seconds left. Westbrook stole the ball, and in a scramble, the Thunder got possession with 11.3 seconds to play, setting up Westbrook's play. The Clippers believed the ball went off Oklahoma City's Reggie Jackson, but the officials awarded the ball to the Thunder. After review, the play stood.

"Everybody knows it was our ball," Rivers said. "The bottom line is they thought it was a foul and they made up for it. Let's take away the replay. We were robbed. It was our ball, whether it was a foul or not."

The Thunder were more focused on what they did after the call. They can clinch the series in Los Angeles.

"I've never seen a game like this with us," Durant said. "It just shows that you can never keep us



Oklahoma City Thunder guard Russell Westbrook shoots between Los Angeles Clippers forward Matt Barnes, left, and guard Chris Paul in the second quarter of Game 5 of their Western Conference semifinal series on Tuesday in Oklahoma City. The Thunder won 105-104 to lead the series 3-2.

down. We're going to fight until the end no matter what happens. We fought through it all and persevered through it all."

After the Thunder got possession, Westbrook was fouled by Chris Paul while shooting a three-pointer with the Thunder trailing by two. Westbrook, who had missed a three-pointer that would have won Game 4 in the closing seconds, welcomed the chance for redemption.

"I'm still upset about that shot that I missed in L.A. for the game, so tonight, I just tried to take my time, take a deep breath and knock them down," he said.

After the free throws, Paul drove to the hoop, but Jackson stole the ball from him, and time expired.

"Probably the toughest thing I've been through, basketball-wise," Paul said. "Everything that happened there at the end is on me. It was just bad basketball."

Durant scored 10 of his 27 points

in the final 3:23 after shooting 3-for-17 through three quarters.

The Clippers appeared on their way to taking control of the series. Now, they are on the brink of elimination.

"We've been regrouping all year," Rivers said. "We'll be ready to play when we get to L.A. This one's going to hurt. None of this would have happened if we'd taken care of business. That didn't happen. We'll be ready."

# Wizards stay alive with blowout over Pacers

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The Wizards were tired of getting shooed around in the Eastern Conference semifinals. So on Tuesday, Marcin Gortat and his teammates pushed back hard.

Gortat delivered the best playoff game of his career, 31 points and 16 rebounds, and John Wall scored a playoff-best 27 points as Washington routed Indiana 102-79 to cut the Pacers' Eastern Conference semifinals lead to 3-2.

"We don't have anything to lose now," Gortat said. "We play desperate. At the end of the day, we might lose. We have to play every minute of every game like it's the last one of the season."

The Wizards made a stunning turnaround after losing three straight, two on their home court in incredibly demoralizing fashion. Washington scored a franchise-low 63 points in Game 3 and then blew a 19-point, second-half lead in Game 4.

Washington refused to let it happen again this time, earning a trip home for Game 6 on Thursday.

Wall broke free, Gortat dominated the middle and the motivated Wizards were simply overwhelming inside with a 62-23 rebounding edge in Game 5.

Gortat produced more points and rebounds in 36 minutes than he had in the previous two games combined (six points and 13 rebounds). He was 13-for-15 from the field, 5-for-7 from the free-throw line, tied his career-best point total and finished with playoff career bests for points and rebounds.

"I was a decoy in Game 3 and Game 4," the 30-year-old Polish native said. "(Tuesday) was the time for me to perform. At some point in the second half, it was just fun to be in the game."

The much more aggressive point guard went 11-for-20 from the field and 3-for-6 on threes, finishing with five rebounds, five assists and five turnovers as he sliced through the Pacers' defense.

"They didn't stop me from being aggressive on both ends," Wall said. "But the biggest thing was just the way we played in the third quarter. They outscored us by like 40 in the other four games, so the third quarter was big for us tonight."

The 31-14 disparity during those 12 minutes completely changed the game, putting talk about the presumed conference finals rematch between Indiana and two-time defending NBA champ Miami temporarily on hold.

One possible explanation for what happened to the Pacers was fatigue. Four of Indiana's five starters played at least 39 minutes in Game 4. Coach Frank Vogel was concerned enough that he gave the Pacers a day off Monday.

David West led Indiana with 17 points and six rebounds, but Paul George struggled after playing 46 minutes in Game 4. He was 5-for-15 from the field with 15 points, one rebound, two assists and four turnovers.



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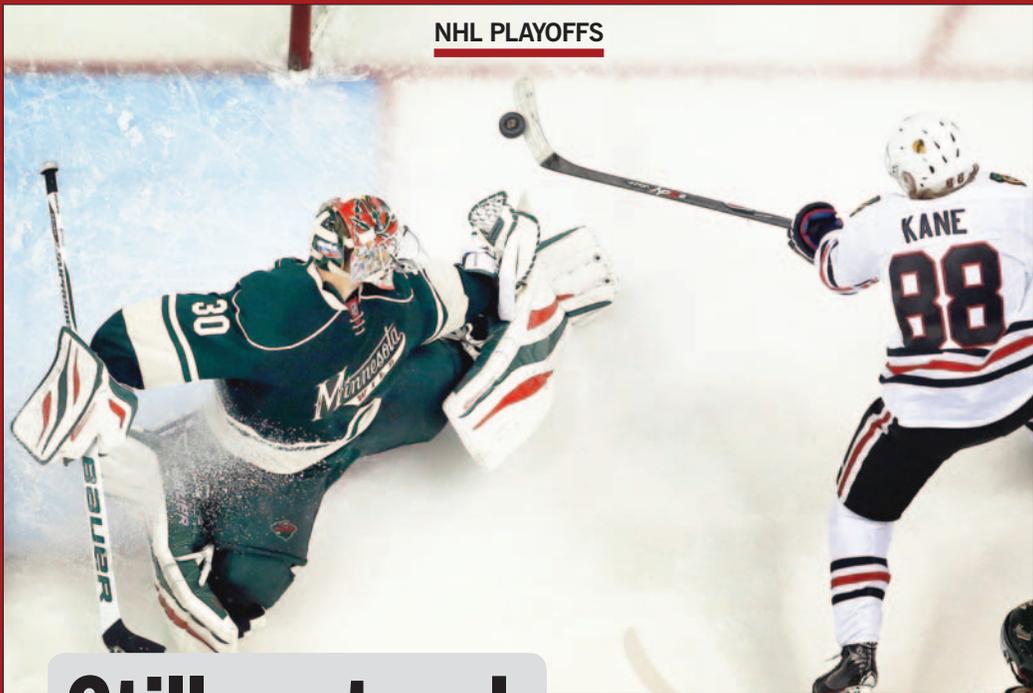
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## Last-minute comeback

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CARLOS GONZALEZ (ABOVE); JEFF WHEELER (BELOW), MINNEAPOLIS STAR TRIBUNE/MCT

Above: Chicago's Patrick Kane lifts the puck past Minnesota goaltender Ilya Bryzgalov for the series winner Tuesday during overtime of Game 6 in St. Paul, Minn. Below: Chicago celebrates winning the best-of-seven series.

# Still on track

## Kane's series-winning goal in OT keeps Chicago in hunt for repeat

*The Associated Press*

ST. PAUL, Minn. — The Chicago Blackhawks know that holding on to the Stanley Cup isn't going to be easy.

They wouldn't have it any other way.

Patrick Kane scored on a backhand at 9:42 of overtime to lift the Blackhawks to a 2-1 victory over the Minnesota Wild in Game 6 of the Western Conference semifinals on Tuesday night, moving his team one step closer to defending its title.

They needed to come back from a 2-0 deficit to beat St. Louis in the first

series and were pushed hard by the upstart Wild in Round 2. They will meet either Anaheim or Los Angeles in the Western Conference finals. Anaheim leads that series 3-2 and Game 6 was Wednesday night in Los Angeles.

"It was a very competitive series," Blackhawks coach Joel Quenneville said. "Both these series were tight, tough, demanding. But certainly you get a break here about what we accomplished. We should be excited about what we've achieved, enjoy the break, knowing we have a very tough opponent coming up."

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