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## Ukrainian military recaptures eastern airport

Operation expels pro-Russian separatists from facility near border

By SERGEI L. LOIKO  
*Los Angeles Times*

MOSCOW — Ukrainian forces launched combat operations against pro-Russian separatists Tuesday and recaptured a military airport in the eastern part of the country, the acting president said.

Explosions and gunfire were heard from around the airport, located between the towns of

Kramatorsk and Sloviansk. Both towns were seized last week by armed separatists, said the UNIAN news agency.

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A Ukrainian warplane flew over the airport firing at separatist positions, and troops using armored

vehicles followed with a ground assault, the report said.

Acting Ukrainian President Oleksandr Turchynov told the Supreme Rada, or parliament, that he had received information that the airport had been recaptured.

"They have called from the Donetsk region to say that Ukrainian commandos have liberated the airport from the terrorists in the town of Kramatorsk," he said.

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A Ukrainian air force Su-27 fighter jet flies outside Sloviansk, just north of Kramatorsk, Ukraine, on Tuesday.

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Triple- and double-decked containerized units house troops at Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti.

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# QUOTE OF THE DAY

"It was just a fun way of spending Friday evening time, and a good chance to try my skills in a legal hacking action"

— "Fedor Indutny," one of several hackers who accepted a challenge from Web services company CloudFare to try and learn if the Heartbleed bug could be exploited for dangerous purposes

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# MILITARY

# Pitt to play McChrystal in war flick

By Patrick Dickson Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Hollywood is going to war again, and this time, Brad Pitt is in charge.

Pitt will star as Gen. Stanley McChrystal, the former commander of all Western forces in Afghanistan, in a film adaptation of "The Operators," the book that chronicles the rise and fall of McChrystal and, according to its cover, the "wild and terrifying inside story of America's war in Afghanistan."

No production date has been set, but director David Michôd, who helmed the 2010 crime drama "Animal Kingdom," will direct. Pitt's Plan B company will produce "The Operators"; it also produced last year's best-picture Oscar winner, "12 Years a Slave."

Pitt is no stranger to the war film genre; he starred in Quentin Tarantino's "Inglorious Basterds" and this year will star in "Fury" as "a battle-hardened Army sergeant named Wardaddy" who commands a Sherman tank and crew behind enemy lines in Nazi Germany.

McChrystal, the blunt-speaking Special Forces operator, took command in summer 2009 and soon after recommended a troop



Brad Pitt, left, will play former U.S. Army Gen. Stanley McChrystal, right, in "The Operators."

surge to turn the tide against a resurgent Taliban. In 2010, freelance writer Michael Hastings penned a Rolling Stone magazine article called "The Runaway General," in

which McChrystal and his staff mocked Vice President Joe Biden and several other senior civilian government officials. McChrystal tendered his resignation before the leaked article was published.

Hastings, who also wrote "The Operators," was killed in a single-car accident in Los Angeles in 2013.

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# Sailor, Marine sea pay to rise May 1

By James Kimber Stars and Stripes

TOKYO — The approved boost to sea pay for sailors and Marines serving aboard ships will take effect May 1, the Navy announced Monday.

Sailors and Marines could see as much as a 25 percent increase in the monthly stipend, Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus said in a news release, to help fill thousands of critical positions at sea that typically involve frequent, long deployments.

"Those Sailors and Marines on sea duty, deployed away from home around the world, are the backbone of the Navy and Marine Corps, and enable us to provide and maintain our global presence," Mabus said in March when

the incentive was approved. "This increase is long overdue and is meant to reward our Sailors and Marines for their continued sacrifices as part of 'America's Away Team.'"

This is the first increase in sea pay in more than a decade and was initially expected to take effect this summer.

The adjustment is aimed at keeping pace with the dollar's inflation rate since October 2011. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, \$1.32 is needed today to buy what \$1 bought in October 2011.

Additionally, sailors and Marines who have served more than 36 consecutive months in a sea billet will see a boost to the incentive-based career sea pay premium. That premium will increase

anywhere from \$100 to \$200 per month, depending on rank and time at sea.

"It's long overdue," Chief of Naval Personnel Vice Adm. Bill Moran said during an all-hands call aboard the USS Bataan earlier this year. "We haven't adjusted sea pay in over 10 years, and we are absolutely convinced that it is the right thing to do for sailors who are committed to sea duty or serving at sea."

Approximately 100,000 sailors receive career sea pay and approximately 13,000 receive career sea pay premium.

The Navy expects the increase to cost \$66 million per year.

The updated chart can be accessed on the Navy's website.

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# Fire reported aboard US cruiser in Atlantic

The Navy says a fire was reported aboard a guided-missile cruiser as it was transiting the Atlantic Ocean.

The fire aboard the USS Hue City broke out late Monday, according to U.S. Fleet Forces Command.

The Navy said in a statement Tuesday that no injuries were reported and that the ship is operating on its own power. The extent of the damage is under assessment and the cause of the fire is under investigation, the Navy said.

The ship left Mayport, Fla., on Friday for a deployment to the Navy's 6th Fleet area of responsibility, which includes waters near Europe and Africa.

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MILITARY

# Restrictions on streaming sites eased at Misawa

By James Kimber  
Stars and Stripes

Misawa base residents no longer are shut out when they try to access their favorite U.S. streaming media websites, and their solution could help other overseas servicemembers and DoD civilians who have lost access to online TV, movie and game providers.

A geographic restrictions problem was lifted for base residents in an effort initiated by a few airmen from the 35th Fighter Wing Communication Squadron at the remote Japan air base and in coordination with U.S. media company executives.

"We are in a unique position to help provide content to U.S. servicemembers and to help improve their quality of living," said Maj Reid Novotny, the squadron's commander.

Geographic restrictions are often put into place by streaming media companies. A computer's IP address shows its location, and if it's outside the website's service area, a message comes up stating the content is not available.

According to Novotny, the restriction problems, ironically, arose with base improvements and a change in Internet providers several years ago. While the provider advertised faster, more reliable bandwidth, it also offered only IP addresses from Japan, triggering the restrictions many overseas military families and expats experience.

"Netflix accounts for 25 percent of all Internet traffic in Misawa, so it was easy to see that there's a real desire here for state-side content," Novotny said. "Our basic thought was that there was no difference between a U.S. citizen in the States and a U.S. citizen on a military base in Japan."

The streaming media executives agreed.

"We're the first overseas military base to go through any kind of process to get services unlocked for local host nation IPs," said Senior Airman Auguste Archer, a cyber-surety technician at the wing who is an active gamer and online media consumer. "The first time I went to use the online video gaming website Steam and

it didn't work, I knew we had to fix this problem."

Through a series of persistent phone calls and emails, Archer teamed up with Airman 1st Class Erik Baker to lead the effort in contacting numerous online service providers to get Misawa airmen and families some of their favorite movies and shows back.

"We spent about an hour each day for about six months to make sure everything ran smoothly and flawlessly," Baker said. "Once we came to a solution, it was collecting a long list of IP addresses and sharing them with the media companies."

While there are several options to bypass these restrictions, from DNS forwarding services to setting up a virtual personal network or even installing a browser extension, many of these services involve an additional bill. Archer and Baker wanted a free solution.

It was as simple as an official document from the squadron commander listing each IP address the contracted Internet provider owned and stating they were on base. Netflix, for exam-

ple, used the list to open a new email system exclusively for military members to allow their content to broadcast overseas.

"Obviously, it's a huge morale boost for everyone here," Archer said. "Regaining access to these services is great. It makes a huge impact for a big company like Netflix to work with us."

This concept is not without limitations: it only applies to residents on base, who also must subscribe to the base's contracted Internet provider. Because many providers have bandwidth caps, users who stream media and download games have to be budgeted or risk penalty fees or throttled service. And base residents who use other Internet technologies, like WiMax, or simply tether their smartphone, aren't eligible.

Still, Misawa's system lays the groundwork for other overseas bases to do the same. Even Defense Media Activity in Fort Meade, Md., took notice.

Christopher Hopwood, DMA technical operations director, said AFN is researching how to best mix video on demand, streaming

and other technology with their existing broadcast services while simultaneously being good stewards of taxpayer dollars.

"Our overseas military audience is critically important to us," Hopwood said. "AFN's mission is to give these military personnel, DoD civilians and their families balanced news, quality entertainment and relevant command information. And we're always looking for better, smarter ways to deliver programming."

The challenges include ensuring state-side content providers' rights are protected and, more importantly, ensuring operational security is never sacrificed.

Hopwood said if there is a delivery solution, "we will use a delivery method that is secure, and ensure that only authorized overseas audience members can access AFN programming. We are looking at all options, not just IP identification."

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# S. Korean assembly expected to vote on funding for US troops

By Ashley Rowland  
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SEOUL — South Korean lawmakers this week are expected to vote on a controversial defense cost-sharing agreement that has sat untouched for months in the National Assembly, even as the resulting funding shortage has forced the U.S. military to take drastic steps to avert mass furloughs of its Korean employees.

The U.S. and South Korea reached an agreement on the latest Special Measures Agreement — which sets Seoul's annual contribution toward the upkeep of the 28,500 U.S. troops regularly stationed on the peninsula — in January after months of negotiations. However, the agreement won't go into effect until it is approved by the National Assembly, where it has faced stiff opposition from politicians who claim it obligates Seoul to pay too much money while not giving them enough oversight of how U.S. Forces Korea spends the funds.

After being stalled for months at the subcommittee level, the National Assembly's foreign affairs committee approved the agreement on Tuesday, and the agreement is expected to come up for a final vote before the National Assembly on Wednesday.

The latest SMA requires Seoul to increase its contributions 5.8 percent in 2014, and — despite complaints about the lack of transparency — requires USFK to submit reports to the Korean government about its spending of those funds. In addition to the paying 920 billion won, or about \$866.6 million annually, South Korea will make unspecified contributions toward labor, logistics and construction. The previous SMA, signed in 2009, set South Korea's annual contributions at \$775 million with provisions for inflation increases.

South Korea has offset the costs of the stationing of U.S. troops in the country through SMAs since 1991.

Failure to approve the SMA would be a major source of embarrassment for con-



Ahn Young-joon/AP

**A U.S. soldier gets off a humvee after a live-firing drill at the U.S. Army's Rodriguez range in Pocheon, South Korea, on Friday. The drill was part of the annual Foal Eagle military exercises by the U.S. and South Korea.**

servative South Korean President Park Geun-hye, particularly as she prepares to welcome President Barack Obama to Seoul next week, analysts say.

"It's a good sound bite for your constituents that you're trying to save money for the taxpayers," said Daniel Pinkston, based in Seoul for the International Crisis Group.

Bruce Bechtol of Angelo State University in Texas said that failure to pass the SMA would be a major setback to the Park administration, and would send the message to the U.S. that — rightly or wrongly — South Korea isn't shouldering its share of the burden of defending the peninsula.

"The amount of money that the United States and South Korea are quibbling over in the SMA is a very small amount of money

in the grand scheme of things," Bechtol said. "South Korea needs to put out the perception to the U.S. and Congress that they are carrying their load. It's as much a perception issue as a reality issue, but that perception issue is very important."

Last month, Park urged the National Assembly to pass the agreement, warning that not doing so would harm South Korea workers and companies hired by USFK and could hurt the nation's credit rating.

Under the SMA, South Korea normally funds as much as 71 percent of the salaries of USFK's Korean employees. A funding shortfall caused by the National Assembly's failure to ratify the agreement led USFK to announce in February that thousands of those workers could be furloughed on April 1. However, USFK announced last

month that it would make up the shortfall in order to avoid furloughs.

A key roadblock to ratification of the agreement has been the supposed lack of oversight of USFK's use of South Korean funds, a perception that has been widely disseminated in the media and by some politicians. However, South Korea's foreign ministry has previously declined to comment on why Seoul believes its oversight of defense-fund spending has been inadequate. A February report to Congress on U.S.-South Korea issues said that in response to South Korean criticism, the latest agreement makes U.S. use of SMA funds more transparent by requiring South Korea's Ministry of National Defense to approve every contract using those monies. USFK is also required to submit an annual report on its use of SMA funds to the National Assembly.

"Even with these changes, Korean opposition lawmakers complained that the agreement is 'humiliating,'" the report said.

It also noted that some lawmakers believe the U.S. might use SMA money to fund some of its relocation to installations south of Seoul, which would be a violation of a 2004 agreement.

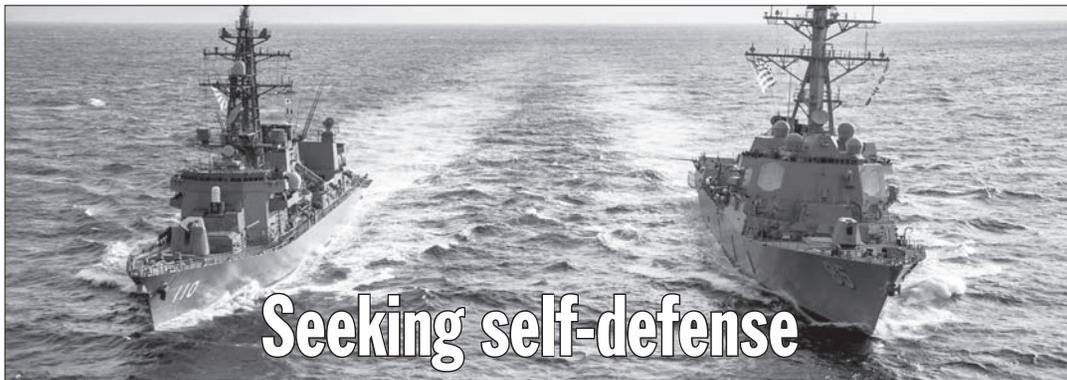
Yang Uk, a senior research fellow of the Korea Defense and Security Forum in Seoul, said he believes the controversy surrounding the agreement is simply an example of the normal tug-of-war between opposing political parties, and that the National Assembly will ultimately end up ratifying the agreement as it has done with previous SMAs.

If it doesn't, South Korea will come under fire for trying to get a free ride from the U.S.

"There could be a misunderstanding on both sides, so we need to handle this quickly and carefully and make sure there is no apprehension between the two allied nations," he said.

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## PACIFIC



CHRIS CAVANARO/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

The Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force destroyer Takanami, left, sails alongside the USS McCampbell on March 9 in the Pacific Ocean.

# Seeking self-defense

## Despite opposition, Japan's PM presses ahead with a plan to expand use of military

By ERIK SLAVIN  
Stars and Stripes

**YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan** — Japan is poised to introduce a plan that would allow its forces to defend allies for the first time in the post-World War II era, even as polls indicate public opposition to a reinterpretation of the nation's pacifist constitution.

Advisers to Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's government say the legal maneuvers to end Japan's ban on engaging in collective self-defense will begin before the end of the national Diet session on June 22 despite recent speculation that doubts from the public and some lawmakers within Abe's ruling coalition would force delays.

Under current Japanese law, Japan can't fight back if a U.S. Navy ship with which it is sailing comes under fire unless the Japanese ship is also attacked. Nor can Japan use its Self-Defense Forces — a quasi-military the size of Britain's — to rescue Japanese aid workers taken hostage in a foreign country.

If ending the ban were just about those two examples, there would be far less controversy. A January Kyodo News poll showed 70 percent approval for aiding Japanese hostages, and the United States enjoys high favorability ratings among Japanese. Nevertheless, only 29 percent favored lifting the collective self-defense ban when asked the broader question in April by the Asahi Shimbun, which also opposes the government measure in its editorial pages. The unease comes primarily from the worry that it will increase Japan's chances of fighting for the first time since WWII, possibly in a war that does not directly threaten the country.

Secondarily, many opponents frown on the government's methods.

### The strategy

Instead of changing the constitution, which would require far more effort and a two-thirds majority vote in the Diet, Abe wants to change other laws to reinterpret it.

"How can something regarded as a violation or illegal under the present constitution suddenly be made legal?" Mizuho Fukushima, a Diet upper house member with the Social Democratic Party, told reporters recently. "We believe what is being done by Mr. Abe is basically the destruction of the current constitution."

Fukushima's view has been expressed by others among the fragmented jumble of opposition parties in the Diet. But most con-



EIN DEVENBERG/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

Petty Officer 2nd Class Nathan Breen shows a Japanese soldier how to hot-wire a Humvee during a training exercise at Naval Air Facility Atsugi, Japan, in November.

cede that without public uproar or a schism within Abe's overwhelming majority coalition, he will have the votes to end the ban. Abe already has gone to work on lobbying New Komeito, a small party within his coalition that initially expressed objections, to support his plans.

As of yet, public opposition to ending the ban hasn't mattered much, either. Abe retains about 60 percent popularity in most polls, despite majority opposition to his policies on defense, restarting nuclear reactors and raising taxes.

His "Abenomics" plan to revive Japan's stagnant economy remains the linchpin of his popularity, coupled with the fact that no other party has effectively challenged him. The Democratic Party of Japan scored a measly 5.8 percent approval rating in a March Nikkei poll — which made it Japan's most popular opposition party.

Meanwhile, the government will begin its collective self-defense push with a Cabinet resolution and introduction of the issue to the full Diet. The resolution will come after a national security panel finishes its report on legal changes necessary to support a reinterpretation.

"We expect that the panel will submit its report next month," Takeshi Iwaya, chairman of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party's security research council, told reporters April 9. "The government will start a full-blown discussion on the issue only after the report is submitted. However, the LDP is

already discussing the issue in a forum."

The law authors would then need amendment and approval by the Diet, where the LDP holds a commanding majority.

Shinichi Kitaoka, deputy chairman of the Advisory Panel on Reconstruction of the Legal Basis for Security, told Stars and Stripes that the changes to the Self-Defense Forces law might not be ready by Dec. 31 but shouldn't be much later than that.

### The motive

China's claims on Japanese-administered territory, as well as its disputes over islands in the South China Sea with Japanese and U.S. allies, play a big part in Abe's reasoning. So does Japan's desire to pull its weight in United Nations-approved operations.

However, Abe also wanted the ban on fighting alongside allies lifted in 2006, during his aborted, one-year term as prime minister — well before China's forces became more assertive over disputed territory.

Some supporters of collective self-defense point to the embarrassment of Japan's 2004 deployment to Iraq on humanitarian and reconstruction missions. Because they weren't allowed to fire on anyone, Japan's forces stayed mostly on their base. When moving, they had to be guarded by the Dutch and small African countries, among others, Kitaoka said.

"Japan has a much bigger military than them and still they were defended by them

— that's ridiculous," Kitaoka said.

Japan's alliance with the United States works in part, Navy officials have said, because the overwhelming advantage U.S. forces have in offensive capability allows Japan to play a complementary defensive role. But Japanese government officials say smaller countries sometimes balk at being paired with Japan in international operations, knowing they may not get support in a potential firefight.

Not surprisingly, China has reacted negatively to Japan's ambitions.

So has South Korea, where a disputed island territory and belief that Japan's government is unapologetic over Korea's suffering during WWII have made Abe about as popular as North Korean dictator Kim Jong-un.

It's a different story in Southeast Asia, where countries like the Philippines continue to face standoffs at sea with the Chinese over disputed territory. Southeast Asia also widely welcomed a recent decision by Japan that would allow it to export arms for the first time in the post-WWII era.

The United States, which has been working to strengthen its military alliance with the same Southeast Asian nations, also gave Abe's plans to end the collective self-defense ban its approval.

"We welcome Japan's efforts to play a more proactive role in the alliance, including by re-examining the interpretation of its constitution relating to the right of collective self-defense," Defense Secretary Hagel said in a written response to Japan's Nikkei newspaper just before his April visit to Tokyo.

There is some historical irony in the U.S. stance. The United States wrote Japan's 1947 constitution, and in it stated that "the Japanese people forever renounce war as a sovereign right of the nation and the threat or use of force as means of settling international disputes."

That constitutional passage has become part of Japan's national identity — supporters and opponents of the collective self-defense ban largely agree on that.

But where ban supporters see a slippery slope to war, those who want to ease the restriction say that identity will keep Japan from using the right to collective defense in all but a handful of narrowly construed circumstances.

"All countries in the world are ready to exercise this right except Japan," Kitaoka said. "This is a very modest step."

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MIDEAST

# Statistics tell violent story of Afghan election

By JOSHUA PARTLOW  
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KABUL — The days leading up to Afghanistan's presidential election this month were full of headline-grabbing Taliban attacks. Gunmen and bombers assaulted the election commission headquarters, the luxury Serena Hotel and the American charity Roots of Peace. But on voting day, the country seemed unusually calm, prompting Afghan politicians to speculate the Taliban had allowed the election to proceed.

"I don't think the other side put too much pressure," said Hedayat Amin Arsala, a presidential candidate. "They even prevented some people from attacking."

The statistics tell another story. Data released Monday by the U.S. military in Kabul show that April 5 was, in fact, an unusually violent day, spiking far above the norm, although falling 36 percent short of the peak number of attacks during the 2009 election, one of the bloodiest days of the war.

Of the 286 insurgent attacks during this election, the vast majority (226) occurred in eastern Afghanistan, followed by 21 in the Kandahar area of southern Afghanistan, 17 in the west, 14 in the north, seven in the Helmand re-

gion and just one in Kabul. Since the U.S. military does not have the presence around the country it used for first-hand reporting, it collected those figures from Afghan authorities.

Of the serious violence, most was what is known as "direct-fire" or gun fights. There were 38 of those incidents. There were also 16 attacks by "indirect fire," meaning rockets or mortars, and five improvised explosive devices exploded.

These figures do not include violence that occurred during operations by Afghan special forces.

The violence took a toll on the Afghan soldiers and police who deployed in force to guard polling centers and protect voters. Seventeen members of the Afghan security forces were killed and 58 others were wounded.

The highest losses were suffered by the Taliban. The insurgency lost 141 fighters, and 33 others were wounded in action, according to these reports.

The violence did not prevent voters from turning out in large numbers. The election commission estimates that 7 million people voted, more than in the 2009 election, but fewer than in 2004, the first presidential election after the fall of the Taliban in 2001.



AFGHAN PUBLIC WORKS MINISTRY/AP

Afghanistan Deputy Minister of Public Works Ahmad Shah Wahid, seen in his office in Kabul in December, was abducted by gunmen in Kabul on Tuesday.

## Gunmen seize Afghan official

By AMIR SHAH  
The Associated Press

KABUL — Gunmen abducted the Afghan deputy public works minister in Kabul on Tuesday, officials said, a grim reminder of the insecurity plaguing Afghanistan as most foreign troops prepare to withdraw from the country at the end of the year.

Ahmad Shah Wahid was on his way to work when five gunmen ran his car off the road in northern Kabul, dragged him into their 4-wheel-drive vehicle and sped away, said Gul Agha Hashim, the city's police chief of investigations.

The armed men shot and wounded Wahid's driver when he

tried to drive to safety, said public works ministry spokesman Soheil Kakar.

It was not immediately clear who was behind the abduction. Kakar said there has been no ransom demand.

Wahid, who is in his mid-50s, studied engineering and road construction in Italy and has been deputy minister for four years. Before that, he worked in the ministry overseeing road reconstruction, Kakar said.

"He is a very professional man and had no disputes with anyone," Kakar said.

Kidnappings for ransom and abductions by Taliban insurgents are relatively common in Af-

ghanistan, but Wahid is the highest-ranking government official abducted in years.

A Taliban spokesman said by telephone that he was not aware of Tuesday's abduction but would check to see if the insurgents were involved.

Criminal gangs also target wealthy Afghans in the capital to collect ransoms, though it's impossible to know how common abductions are because most go unreported to police.

NATO troops have trained up a 340,000-strong national police and army force in Afghanistan to fight against the Taliban and secure the country, but day-to-day security remains a struggle.

## Senator questions if US is up to mental health challenge

By CHUCK RAASCH  
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

WASHINGTON — The Army's mental health caseload has doubled since 2007, and Sen. Dick Durbin says the United States is not "up to that challenge" that "may be with us for some time."

"What we are learning is that the cost of war goes way beyond the end of conflict," the Illinois Democrat said in an interview.

The mass shooting at Fort Hood in Texas this month, in which Army Spc. Ivan Lopez killed three fellow soldiers and wounded 16 others before taking

his own life, brought back into focus the mental health strains on soldiers, sailors and Marines in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Lopez had served in Iraq and had sought treatment for post-traumatic stress, the base commander told reporters.

Lopez's attack came less than five years after Major Nidal Malik Hasan killed 13 and wounded 32 in a 2009 rampage at the same military installation. He has been sentenced to death.

Congress and the Pentagon have been struggling to provide resources and focus to address the problem of mental health

among military veterans. Army spending on mental health has gone from \$322.6 million in fiscal year 2013 to \$358.4 million in the current year, with just under \$375 million requested for next year.

Although Durbin said "we may never know" what provoked Lopez to turn his gun on fellow soldiers, the shock is especially deep because improved prevention and treatment programs at Fort Hood had given the base one of the best reputations on mental health treatment in the military.

"It was considered one of the leaders when it came to providing this kind of counseling and,

unfortunately, even its resources couldn't stop this tragedy," Durbin said.

Even before the latest Fort Hood shooting, Congress was trying to confront expanding needs in civilian mental health care, prompted in part by a mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., in 2012, in which 20 children and six adults died.

Congress approved this month and President Barack Obama signed into law a pilot program pushed by Sen. Roy Blunt, R-Mo., that will make federal funds available to states willing to expand

mental health services at clinics. It also encourages treatment of mental health in tandem with physical health. Eight states will test the program, and Blunt said Missouri could be one of them.

"This is a huge step in the right direction because it does begin to talk about the totality of health as opposed to mental health as somehow a different topic," Blunt said.

At a Senate Appropriations Committee hearing on Pentagon health programs, Army Surgeon General Patricia Horoho told Blunt that she believes the same estimate applies to members of the military.

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Ukrainian Army troops receive munitions at a field on the outskirts of Izyum in eastern Ukraine on Tuesday. At least 14 armored personnel carriers with Ukrainian flags, one helicopter and military trucks were situated 24 miles north of the city on Tuesday.

# Russia testing Obama's ability to stop advances

By JULIE PACE  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama is once again faced with the complicated reality of following through on his tough warnings against overseas provocations as the White House asserts that Russia is stoking instability in eastern Ukraine.

Obama has vowed repeatedly to enact biting sanctions against Russia's vital economic sectors if the Kremlin tries to replicate its actions in Crimea, the peninsula it annexed from Ukraine, elsewhere in the former Soviet republic.

Despite those warnings, Russian President Vladimir Putin appears to be testing Obama's limits, instigating protests in eastern Ukraine, the White House says, and massing tens of thousands of troops on the border, but so far stopping short of a full-scale military incursion.

"They have been willing to do anything to provoke the situation that no one anticipated," Matthew Rojansky, a regional analyst at the Wilson Center, said of Russia.

"It's such a high-stakes, high-risk situation, and here they are right in the middle of it."

For Obama, the U.S. response to the chaos in Ukraine has become more than a test of his ability to stop Russia's advances. It's also being viewed through the prism of his decision last summer to back away from his threat to launch a military strike when Syria crossed his chemical weapons "red line" — a decision that has fed into a narrative pushed by Obama's critics that the president talks tough but doesn't follow through.

While there has been no talk of "red lines" when dealing with Putin, Obama has said repeatedly that the Kremlin's advances into eastern Ukraine would be a "serious escalation" of the conflict that would warrant broad international sanctions on the Russian economy. But perhaps trying to avoid another Syria scenario, White House officials have carefully avoided defining what exactly would meet Obama's definition of a "serious escalation," even as they make clear that they believe Russia is fomenting the violence

in cities throughout Ukraine's vital industrial east.

"We are actively evaluating what is happening in eastern Ukraine, what actions Russia has taken, what transgressions they've engaged in," White House spokesman Jay Carney said Monday. "And we are working with our partners and assessing for ourselves what response we may choose."

As with the situation in Syria, Obama faces few good options as he watches Russia destabilize Ukraine, the former Soviet republic that has sought treaties with Europe.

There's little appetite in either the U.S. or Europe for direct military action, and the White House said Monday it was not actively considering sending Ukraine lethal assistance. That's left Obama and his international partners largely reliant on economic and diplomatic retaliation.

The president has wielded some of his available options since the situation in Ukraine devolved in late February, but those actions so far have had little success in stopping Russian advances.

# Airport: Separatist leader says Ukraine opened fire on his forces

FROM FRONT PAGE

Rossiya-24, a Russian television news network, said between four and 11 people were killed. The network did not say how many died on each side.

The leader of a local separatist force, Sergei Tsyplakov, earlier told Russian television's Vesti news program that Ukrainian armored personnel carriers opened fire at his forces near the airport, injuring two of his men.

Earlier in the day, the Ukraine Security Service identified the leader of the armed group holding a police station and administrative building in Sloviansk as a Russian military intelligence officer.

Security Service agents said the man, identified as Igor Strelkov, tried to recruit them earlier in April to capture administrative buildings in the eastern industrial center of Khar'kov, an agency spokesman told UNIAN.

The agency said Strelkov was heard in an intercepted telephone conversation Monday speaking to a coordinator about an ambush in which one Ukraine Security Ser-

vice senior officer was killed and four others were wounded.

In earlier remarks to parliament Tuesday, Turchinov said an "anti-terrorist operation" had begun in the northern part of the Donetsk region.

He said the Ukrainian military would be careful to protect civilians. "There are hundreds of thousands of people ... deceived by the Russian propaganda, and there are thousands of innocent Ukrainians nearby. This is why any anti-terrorist operation should be conducted with maximum balance and responsibility, as its goal is to protect people," he said in remarks distributed by parliament's news service.

Demonstrators outside parliament demanded tougher action, including distribution of arms to civilian volunteers. Turchinov said that would only increase the chance that weapons would fall into the wrong hands.

"Go work in the police or join the ranks of the National Guard," Turchinov said. "To break windows in the Supreme Rad is not an act of heroism."

# EU, NATO to work more closely

The Associated Press

LUXEMBOURG — Spooked by Russia's actions against Ukraine and what the Kremlin may attempt in the future, European Union defense ministers agreed Tuesday to step up cooperation with the U.S.-led NATO defense alliance.

NATO Secretary-General Anders Fogh Rasmussen came to Luxembourg to brief the ministers on what NATO is doing to counter what Western governments have denounced as an ongoing Russian campaign of pressure and intimidation against Ukraine, and to seek to "strengthen cooperation" with the trade bloc in the military realm.

"We need to train and exercise more together, for instance the NATO Response Force and the EU battlegroups, so that we stand ready for whatever the future may bring," Rasmussen told journalists.

Many EU members, including Britain, Germany and France, belong to NATO, but some others do not. Non-NATO members in the planned battlegroups include Finland, Sweden, Ireland, Austria and Cyprus.

EU officials said Rasmussen found a receptive audience. Gen.

Patrick de Rousiers of France, chairman of the EU's Military Committee, said defense ministers in the ensuing discussion appeared in the main to endorse "an increase of relations between the European Union and NATO in all areas," from development

**‘We need to train and exercise more together ... so that we stand ready for whatever the future may bring.’**

**Anders Fogh Rasmussen**  
NATO secretary-general

of military capabilities to preparation for and involvement in actual operations. Maciej Popowski, deputy head of the EU's External Action Service, said the recent Russian President Vladimir Putin's

government have galvanized EU member governments to "get real" about commitments to defense that many European countries previously made, but let slide in large part because of tough economic times.

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# Chief: Sex offenders held in murders wore GPS devices

By GILLIAN FLACCUS  
The Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Two parolees raped and killed at least four women while wearing GPS trackers, and there may be more victims, a California police chief alleged Monday.

Franc Cano and Steven Dean Gordon, both registered sex offenders, were both wearing ankle bracelets when the women were assaulted and killed last fall and earlier this year, Anaheim police Chief Raul Quezada said at a news conference.

Authorities at the news conference did not explain how Cano and Gordon allegedly managed to carry out the killings while under supervision, but Quezada said data from the GPS devices were “one of the investigative tools we used to put the case together.”

Anaheim police Lt. Bob Dunn earlier said the two were complying with a requirement to check in monthly with authorities and police had no reason to watch them more closely and hadn't received

any such request from other agencies.

The discovery of one woman's body on a conveyor belt at an Anaheim trash-sorting plant last month was the key to breaking the case, Quezada said.

Quezada said authorities were confident that there was at least a fifth victim and perhaps more.

The department has contacted other places with missing-persons cases across the country, Dunn said earlier.

Police believe the men killed a woman in Anaheim this year and three in Santa Ana last October and November while on parole.

Cano, 27, and Gordon, 45, were arrested by investigators on Friday. Each man was charged Monday with four felony counts of special circumstances murder and four felony counts of rape.

If convicted, they could face a minimum sentence of life without parole or the death penalty. They were being held without bail and expected to be arraigned Tuesday.

Police at first didn't link the dis-

appearances of the four women to the suspects, considering their missing persons rather than murder victims.

“These individuals were not on our radar whatsoever,” Santa Ana Police Chief Carlos Rojas said of the suspects. “Our three missing in Santa Ana just completely went off the grid and we were trying to follow up as much as we could.”

Police believe Cano and Gordon have known each other since cutting their ankle bracelets in 2012 and boarding a Greyhound bus to Las Vegas using fake names. The men were arrested by federal agents on May 8, 2012, after a two-week stay at the Circus Circus Hotel & Casino, according to documents filed in U.S. District Court in Nevada.

Both were wanted fugitives. Gordon traveled using the alias Dexter McCoy and Cano chose Joseph Madrid, authorities said.

Cano and Gordon were previously ordered to register as sex offenders after being convicted in separate cases of lewd and lascivious acts with a child under 14.

# Anti-Semitic attacks in the US were down before Kansas deaths

The Associated Press

OVERLAND PARK, Kansas — A group monitoring anti-Semitic attacks in the U.S. cautiously noted a sharp decline in such incidents less than two weeks before the fatal shootings over the weekend outside two Jewish sites in suburban Kansas City.

The contrast between the Anti-Defamation League's 2013 audit and the Sunday attack that killed three people highlights what hate-group trackers say is a broader trend: more overall tolerance disrupted by periodic bursts of violence from a disenfranchised fringe.

An avowed white supremacist is accused in the attacks outside

the Jewish Community Center of Greater Kansas City and a nearby Jewish retirement home in Overland Park, Kansas. The suspect, Frazier Glenn Cross, 73, is a Vietnam War veteran from southwest Missouri who founded the Carolina Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in his native North Carolina and later the White Patriot Party.

Cross remained jailed Tuesday. It was unclear when formal charges would be filed against Cross, who shouted “Heil Hitler” at television cameras as he was arrested. Officials said Monday that a federal grand jury is expected to consider what investigators are calling a hate crime.

In a report April 1, the Anti-Defamation League noted a 19 percent

drop in anti-Semitic incidents last year compared with 2012, part of what the group called a “decade-long downward slide” and one of its lowest tallies since it started keeping such records in 1979.

ADL director Abraham Foxman noted that while the overall number of anti-Semitic incidents had declined, the number of anti-Semitic assaults in 2013 was nearly twice as high as those tallied the previous year.

Still, he called the audit's overall findings — which included reports of assaults, vandalism, harassment and bullying — a “reflection of how much progress our country has made in shunning bigotry and hatred.”

# Police: Utah mom admitted killing her 6 newborns

By BRADY MCCOMBS  
The Associated Press

PLEASANT GROVE, Utah — Megan Huntsman was clear about what she did with six of her newborn babies.

Huntsman, 39, told police she either strangled or suffocated them immediately after they were born. She wrapped their bodies in a towel or a shirt, put them in plastic bags and then packed them inside boxes in the garage of her home south of Salt Lake City.

What's not clear is why. A day after her arrest on charges of killing her six babies, investigators and her neighbors puzzled over the discovery, including how she could have concealed a half-dozen pregnancies over a 10-year period.

“How can you have a baby and not have evidence and other people know your neighbor, SanDee Wall. “You can't plan when a baby is going to come. Just the thought of somebody putting a baby into a box is a heartbreaker.”

Huntsman, who was arrested Sunday on six counts of murder, was ordered held on \$6 million bail — \$1 million for each baby. The remains of a seventh baby

police found appears to have been stillborn, authorities said.

According to a probable cause statement released by police Monday, Huntsman said she gave birth to at least seven babies between 1996 and 2006 at her former home in Pleasant Grove, a leafy, sleepy town about 35 miles south of Salt Lake City.

All but one of the babies was born alive, she said. During the interview with police, she was unemotional and matter of fact, according to Pleasant Grove police Lt. Britt Smith.

Her estranged husband, Darren West, made the discovery Saturday while cleaning out the garage of the house, which is owned by his parents. He called Huntsman, who admitted to him it was her baby, according to court documents.

West called police, who then found the bodies in the garage.

Investigators believe Huntsman is the mother of them all based on what she has told them but has ordered DNA tests to make sure that's the case. They don't know who the babies' fathers are. It could take weeks to get the results. Utah County Attorney Jeff Butman said.

# Social Security quits seizing tax refunds to settle old debts

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — People with old Social Security debts are getting a reprieve — for now.

The Social Security Administration had been participating in a program in which thousands of people were having their tax refunds seized to recoup overpayments that happened more than a decade ago.

On Monday, Acting Social Security Commissioner Carolyn W. Colvin said she was suspending the program while the agency conducts a review.

Social Security recipients and members of Congress complained that people were being forced to repay overpayments that were sometimes paid to their parents or guardians when they were

children.

The Social Security Administration says it has identified about 400,000 people with old debts. They owe a total of \$714 million.

So far, the agency says it has collected \$55 million, mainly by having the Treasury Department seize tax refunds.

Colvin said she was suspending the program “pending a thorough review of our responsibility and discretion under the current law to refer debt to the Treasury Department.”

The program was authorized by a 2008 change in the law that allows Social Security and other federal agencies, through the Treasury, to seize federal payments to recoup debts that are more than 10 years old.

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# Robot sub sent on 2nd search for jet

By MARGIE MASON  
The Associated Press

PERTH, Australia — A robotic submarine looking for the lost Malaysian jet began its second mission Tuesday after cutting short its first because the ocean waters where it was sent were too deep, officials said.

Monday's planned 16-hour search lasted just six hours, and none of the data collected by the U.S. Navy's Bluefin 21 submarine offered clues to the whereabouts of the plane.

The unmanned sub is programmed to hover 100 feet above the seabed, but it started searching atop a patch that was deeper than the sub's maximum operating depth of 15,000 feet, the search coordination center and the U.S. Navy said.

A built-in safety feature returned the Bluefin to the surface and it was not damaged, they said.

The data collected by the sub was later analyzed and no sign of the missing plane was found, the U.S. Navy said.

Crews shifted the search zone

away from the deepest water before sending the Bluefin back for Tuesday's mission, the U.S. Navy said.

Search authorities had known the primary search area for Flight 370 was near the limit of the Bluefin's dive capabilities. Deep-diving submersibles have been evaluated, but none is yet available to help.

A safety margin would have been included in the Bluefin's program to protect the device from harm if it went a bit deeper than its 2,790-meter limit, said Stefan Williams, a professor of marine robotics at the University of Sydney.

Meanwhile, officials were investigating an oil slick about 3.4 miles from the area where the last underwater sounds were detected.

Crews collected an oil sample and sent it back to Perth in western Australia for analysis, a process that will take several days, said Angus Houston, the head of the joint agency coordinating the search off Australia's west coast.

He said it does not appear to be from any of the ships in the area, but cautioned against jumping to



KELLI LUNT, AUSTRALIAN DEFENSE FORCE/AP

**An autonomous underwater vehicle is deployed from ADV Ocean Shield on Monday in the search for the missing Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 in the southern Indian Ocean.**

conclusions about its source.

The search moved below the surface after a U.S. Navy device towed by an Australian ship detected underwater sounds consistent with signals from an aircraft's black boxes, which record flight data and cockpit conversations. The devices emit "pings" so they can be more easily found, but their batteries last only about a month and are now believed to have failed.

Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott raised hopes last week when he said authorities were "very confident" the signals were from the black boxes on Flight

370, which disappeared March 8 during a flight from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, to Beijing with 239 people on board, mostly Chinese.

Up to 11 planes and as many ships were scouring a 24,000-square-mile patch of ocean about 1,400 miles northwest of Perth on Tuesday, hunting for any floating debris.

The weeklong surface search is expected to end in the next two days. Officials haven't found a single piece of debris confirmed to be from the plane, and Houston said the chances that any would be found have "greatly diminished."

# Change to health care premiums cuts deficit

From wire reports

WASHINGTON — Lower-than-expected health insurance premiums under the Affordable Care Act will help cut the long-term cost of the program 7 percent over the next decade, according to the latest report from the Congressional Budget Office.

The government's reduction of \$104 billion in subsidies for those premiums was the main factor that led the nonpartisan fiscal watchdog to cut its projection of the nation's federal deficit by nearly \$300 billion through 2024.

According to the CBO report, released Monday, the average annual premium for the new health care exchanges' midlevel Silver plan — used as a benchmark — is expected to be \$4,400 by 2016. That would be 15 percent lower than the office's estimate before the health law was passed four years ago.

The cost was cheaper because the benefits offered, including doctor choices and coverage, were narrower than the CBO initially expected, though it predicted benefits and premiums would rise in future years.

Because health plans are expected to cost less, federal subsidies offered this year to low-income individuals also will decrease — as much as \$300 per enrollee from a previous estimate.

Those subsidies account for more than \$1 trillion of the nearly \$1.4 trillion cost of the Affordable Care Act over the next decade.

The White House said the CBO revisions show that the health law is achieving one of its primary goals by limiting the growth of health care spending.

Independent analysts noted that the CBO continues to project that overall deficits will begin to grow again after their recent declines, requiring difficult choices in the future on taxes and entitlements to address the growing national debt.

The CBO expects the number of enrollees to quadruple by 2016 before leveling off at 25 million over the rest of the next decade. An additional 13 million will have health coverage through Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program than would have had coverage without the Affordable Care Act, it said.

# Boston Globe honored for marathon bombing stories

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — An award that usually is met with cheers and jubilation instead came with a moment of silence, as The Boston Globe won the Pulitzer Prize for breaking news for its "exhaustive and empathetic" coverage of the Boston Marathon bombing and the manhunt that followed.

The Globe's newsworm was closed to outsiders Monday, the day the awards were announced and a day shy of the anniversary of the tragedy. Staff members marked the announcement by honoring those killed and injured.

"There's nobody in this room who wanted to cover this story," Globe Editor Brian McGrory told the newsworm. "Each and every one of us hopes that nothing like it ever happens again on our watch."

The bombing last April 15 that killed three people and wounded more than 260 also led to a Pulitzer

prize in the feature photography category for Josh Haner, of The New York Times, for his photo essay on a blast victim who lost his legs.

The Times also won in the breaking news photography category, for Tyler Hicks' coverage of the Westgate mall terrorist attack in Kenya.

The Washington Post and The Guardian won the Pulitzer Prize in public service for revealing the U.S. government's sweeping surveillance programs in a blockbuster series of stories based on secret documents supplied by National Security Agency leaker Edward Snowden.

The NSA stories were written by Barton Gellman at the Post and Glenn Greenwald, Laura Poitras and Ewen MacAskill, whose work was published by The Guardian U.S., the British newspaper's American operation, based in New York.

The Washington Post won a second Pulitzer in the explanatory re-

## Other newspaper prizes

- Chris Hamby, the Center for Public Integrity, investigative reporting for detailing how lawyers and doctors rigged a system to deny benefits to coal miners suffering from black lung disease.
- David Phillips, The Gazette of Colorado Springs, Colo., for national reporting for an investigation that found that the Army has discharged escalating numbers of traumatized combat veterans who commit crimes at home.
- Jason Szap and Andrew R.C. Marshall, Reuters, for international reporting for coverage of the violent persecution of a Muslim minority in Myanmar.
- The Oregonian won for editorial writing for its focus on reforms in Oregon's public employee pension fund. The prize was the third in the newspaper's history for editorial writing.
- Will Hobson and Michael LaForgia, The Tampa Bay (Florida) Times, for local reporting for writing about squalid housing for the homeless.
- Inga Saffron, The Philadelphia Inquirer, for architecture criticism.
- Kavin Sears, The Charlotte Observer, for editorial cartooning.
- No award was handed out for feature writing.

## Arts

- Donna Tartt, fiction, for "The Goldfinch."
- Dan Fagin, general nonfiction, for "Toms River: A Story of Science and Salvation."
- Alan Taylor, history, for "The Internal Enemy: Slavery and War in Virginia, 1772-1832."
- Megan Marshall, biography, for "Margaret Fuller: A New American Life."
- Année Baker, drama, for "The Flick."
- Vijay Seshadri, poetry, for "3 Sections."
- John Luther Adams, music, for "Become Ocean."

From The Associated Press

porting category, for Eli Saslow's look at food stamps in America.

The Pulitzerz are given out each year by Columbia University on the recommendation of a board of

distinguished journalists and others. The two winners of the public service award will receive gold medals. The other awards carry a \$10,000 prize.

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# Unmanned mining

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Nick Courtis, project manager of autonomous haulage systems at Rio Tinto Group, watches as an autonomous haul truck drives through a pit at the company's West Angelas iron ore mine in Pilbara, Australia.

## Drones portend high-tech future for operating dangerous facilities

By DAVID STRINGER  
Bloomberg News

MELBOURNE, Australia — Mines without miners?

Not quite. Still, a technology boom in robots, drones, driverless trucks and pilotless trains is beginning to reshape one of the world's most labor-intensive industries, portending automation of logistics, supply chains and mapping and allowing development of mines in regions once thought too dangerous or remote to exploit.

Already about 200 driverless haul trucks are working iron ore mines, mainly in Australia. Meanwhile, mining giant Rio Tinto, which funds one of the world's largest nonmilitary robotics programs, soon will use unmanned trains to deliver cargo to the coast and set drones aloft at its remote mines.

Drones can monitor stockpiles, map exploration targets and track equipment and will eventually deliver parcels to workshops according to Accenture — and on a schedule far ahead of that envisioned by Amazon.com CEO Jeff Bezos, who one day wants Amazon's books and DVDs delivered immediately to customers via miniature helicopters.

Come and see me in about October," said John McGagh, head of innovation at Rio Tinto in Brisbane, Australia, where staff use the world's largest multi-content touchscreen to monitor mining operations from Utah to Queensland. "You will see drones flying around. That's not so long

away."

Technological advances in the development of drones and robots will help create mines of the future in remote locations such as Mongolia that can be directed from NASA-inspired control rooms in first world cities in the United States and Australia. BHP Billiton, the world's biggest, Anglo American and Rio are among miners ramping up this automated global high-tech race, betting new equipment will help cut costs and improve returns as well as allowing them to exploit deposits so far considered too complex or too dangerous for humans.

While drones swarm overhead, the mines of 2030 also may see scuttling robots that map underground chambers to within a millimeter of detail with lasers or use automated drills to separate waste from valuable ore as they burrow into rock. At waste dumps, so-called molecular sponges created from crab shells will be used to extract every last metal particle.

"Drones will be able to shorten supply chains, and will change your ability to monitor, track and manage the key aspects of your mining business that are time-critical in remote places," said Nigel Court, Perth-based natural resources industry leader for Asia Pacific at Accenture. "One of the great things we'll see with drones is immediate spare part delivery, literally within hours, where right now it can take days."

Mining companies have the advantage of operating often in re-



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**A SteadiDrone QUAD aerial drone fitted with a GoPro video camera hovers in a field in Knysna, South Africa. Drones can monitor stockpiles, map exploration targets and track equipment for mine operators.**

ote regions where drones aren't likely to be threats to high-density populations. Amazon's drones will operate in the thick of civilization, which explains the go-slow approach. The company envisions small, helicopter-like devices called Octocopters delivering packages weighing as much as 5 pounds, Bezos said in December.

Winning Federal Aviation Administration consent may take Amazon as long as a decade, according to John Hansman, an aeronautics professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

There are no good estimates on what drone and robot technology might save the \$1 trillion global mining industry, though there are hints based on current

applications of smart technology. Rio's use of sensors to fine-tune copper processing has seen free cash flow improved by \$80 million over the past year, according to CEO Sam Walsh, who's reduced costs companywide by \$2.3 billion since he took his post in January 2013.

Australia's mining industry alone spends about \$3.7 billion per year on research and development, according to the country's Bureau of Statistics. Rio spent \$370 million on its 730-person technology and innovation unit in 2013, according to its annual report. Spending on the unit fell by 11 percent from the previous year as Rio pared its budget and compares with a 52 percent reduction in exploration expenditure.

Yet, only about 0.5 percent of the world's fleet of about 40,500 mining haul trucks are currently driverless, and in many regions, producers are likely to be slow to adopt new technology, said Brenton Saunders, a Sydney-based investment analyst with ET Investment Management Ltd.

"The big issue is that in countries in South America or in South Africa, the cost of employing five guys to do the same job as your new, flashy machinery is still cheaper than your new, flashy machinery," Saunders said by phone. An automated haul truck costs between \$3 million and \$5 million, depending on its size and other specifications, according to Erie, Pa.-based mining equipment researcher Peter Gleiwicz at The Parker Bay Co.

A fully automated mine, which offers the precision achieved in automaking, is probably only a decade away, according to Rowan Melrose, Brisbane-based president of automation and technology at equipment maker Sandvik AB's mining unit.

Robot miners, with operators or supervisors based in control rooms a continent away, could change the equation for assets like Rio's Resolution copper project in Arizona, which may become North America's largest, according to Rio's McGagh.

"This thing is 2.5 kilometers deep, and it's 85 degrees Centigrade down there. You are going to have a lot of machines down there," McGagh said.

# BUSINESS/WEATHER

## Heartbleed fixes may disrupt Internet

By **BRIAN FUNG**  
The Washington Post

Efforts to fix the notorious Heartbleed bug threaten to cause major disruptions to the Internet over the next several weeks as companies scramble to repair encryption systems on hundreds of thousands of websites at the same time, security experts say.

Estimates of the severity of the bug's damage have mounted almost daily since researchers announced the discovery of Heartbleed last week. What initially seemed like an inconvenient matter of changing passwords for protection now appears much more serious. New revelations suggest that skilled hackers can use the bug to create fake websites that mimic legitimate ones to trick consumers into handing over valuable personal information.

The sheer scale of the work required to fix this aspect of the bug — which makes it possible to steal the "security certificates" that verify that a website is authentic

— could overwhelm the systems designed to keep the Internet trustworthy.

The Heartbleed bug put many consumers' user names and passwords at risk. Undetected for two years, the bug quietly undermined the basic security of the Internet by leaving a gap in OpenSSL, an encryption technology used widely by businesses to protect sensitive data. By some estimates, the bug affected as much as two-thirds of the Internet. The flaw prompted thousands of Web users to change their passwords on Google, Yahoo, Facebook and other major services.

No examples have surfaced of anyone actually exploiting the vulnerability. But on Friday, Web services company CloudFlare issued an open challenge to hackers to see if Heartbleed could be used to do something really dangerous — steal the security certificates that prove Google, for instance, is really Google.

CloudFlare's initial tests suggested it was probably impossible

for an attacker to steal a site's security certificate and lure visitors to a duplicate that looked and behaved exactly like the real version. (Most browsers, if they detect an invalid security certificate, will block access to the site and warn the user that it may be illegitimate. But with a stolen certificate, a fake site would be allowed to load as if it were the real thing.)

For the challenge, CloudFlare urged Internet users to run their own tests on a dummy server with the Heartbleed bug. Hackers had to steal the security certificate from the server, then send a message to CloudFlare that was "signed" with the certificate in order to prove they had obtained it. Within nine hours of the challenge's launch — and three hours after he began working on the problem — a hacker named Fedor Indutny became the first to crack the code.

"It was just a fun way of spending Friday evening time, and a good chance to try my skills in a legal hacking act," Indutny

wrote in an email to The Washington Post. "After starting a script on a cloud server, I watched a movie and totally forgot about it. Checking the logs in approximately 1 hour, to my surprise, revealed a private key to me."

Indutny's coup was quickly followed by three more successful attempts at hacking the security key. One of the hackers, Ben Murphy, told the Post it took him two hours to retrieve the secret key from CloudFlare's server.

### MARKET WATCH

April 14, 2014

<b>Dow Jones Industrials</b>	<b>+146.49</b>
	16,173.24
<b>Nasdaq composite</b>	<b>+22.96</b>
	4,022.69
<b>Standard &amp; Poor's 500</b>	<b>+14.92</b>
	1,830.61
<b>Russell 2000</b>	<b>+3.92</b>
	1,115.35

### EXCHANGE RATES

<b>Military rates</b>	
Euro costs (April 15)	\$1.4196
Dollar buys (April 15)	€0.7044
British pound (April 15)	\$1.71
Japanese yen (April 15)	99.00
South Korean won (April 16)	1,013.00
<b>Commercial rates</b>	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3771
British pound	\$1.6734
Canada (Dollar)	1.0999
China (Yuan)	6.2190
Denmark (Krone)	6.4013
Egypt (Pound)	8.9755
Euro	\$1.3824/1.7234
Hong Kong (Dollar)	222.18
Hungary (Forint)	3.4665
Israel (Sheqel)	101.71
Japan (Yen)	99.2816
Kuwait (Dinar)	3.9678
Norway (Krone)	44.43
Philippines (Peso)	44.43
Poland (Zloty)	3.03
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7505
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2519
South Korea (Won)	1,040.12
Switzerland (Franc)	0.8766
Thailand (Baht)	32.27
Turkey (Lira)	1.1250

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

### INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	7.75
Federal funds market rate	0.08
3-month bill	0.63
30-year bond	3.49

## WEATHER OUTLOOK

### WEDNESDAY IN THE MIDDLE EAST



### WEDNESDAY IN EUROPE



### THURSDAY IN THE PACIFIC



The weather is provided by the American Forces Network Weather Center, 22 Weather Squadron at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

### Wednesday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	Chatanooga	64	29	Cir	Fort Wayne	48	23	PCldy	Louisville	55	30	PCldy	Pocatello	53	32	Cldy	Cody	63	41	Cldy
Ablene, Tex	70	39	Cir	Cheyenne	40	35	Cir	Fresno	84	54	PCldy	Lubbock	76	39	PCldy	Portland, Maine	43	34	Cir	Sioux Falls	52	40	Rain
Akron, Ohio	47	21	Cir	Chicago	53	29	Cir	Goodland	59	37	Cir	Macon	65	36	Cir	Portland, Ore.	61	47	Cir	South Bend	50	24	PCldy
Albany, N.Y.	43	27	Cir	Cincinnati	52	25	PCldy	Grand Junction	57	41	Cir	Madison	53	25	Cir	Providence	47	35	Cir	Spartanburg	58	35	Cir
Albuquerque	73	43	PCldy	Cleveland	45	23	PCldy	Grand Rapids	49	22	Cldy	Medford	69	42	PCldy	Pueblo	56	35	Cir	Springfield, Ill.	59	31	Cir
Allentown, Pa.	48	27	Cir	Colorado Springs	49	36	Cir	Great Falls	38	31	Snow	Memphis	63	36	Cir	Raleigh-Durham	53	31	Cir	Springfield, Mo.	60	32	Cir
Amarillo	72	39	Cir	Columbia, S.C.	62	38	Cir	Green Bay	42	23	Cldy	Miami Beach	82	72	Cir	Rapid City	39	32	PCldy	St. Louis	69	39	PCldy
Anchorage	48	34	Cir	Columbus, Ga.	64	38	Cir	Greensboro, N.C.	53	30	Cir	Midland-Odessa	79	41	PCldy	Roanoke	54	33	Cir	Tallahassee	70	39	Cir
Asheville	55	26	Cir	Columbus, Ohio	50	25	PCldy	Harrisburg	48	26	Cir	Milwaukee	49	27	Cir	Richmond	53	32	Cir	Tampa	77	55	PCldy
Austin	61	35	Cir	Concord, N.H.	51	31	Cir	Hartford	45	25	PCldy	Mpls-St. Paul	42	31	Rain	Rockford	51	34	PCldy	Tucson	47	23	Cir
Atlantic City	49	35	Cir	Corpus Christi	74	45	PCldy	Helena	47	35	Snow	Missoula	47	31	Cldy	Rochester	38	23	PCldy	Topeka	69	42	Cir
Austin	71	40	PCldy	Dallas-Ft. Worth	67	41	PCldy	Honolulu	65	51	Cir	Mobile	68	39	Cir	Rockford	56	28	Cir	Tucson	69	42	Cir
Baltimore	50	29	Cir	Dayton	49	23	PCldy	Houston	71	40	Cir	Montgomery	67	36	Cir	Sacramento	60	51	Cir	Tulsa	69	42	Cir
Baton Rouge	66	34	Cir	Denver	70	56	PCldy	Huntsville	61	30	Cir	Nashville	61	29	Cir	St. Louis	60	34	PCldy	Tupelo	63	30	Cir
Bilings	40	34	Snow	Denver	48	35	Cir	Indianapolis	52	41	Cir	New Orleans	65	43	Cir	St. Petersburg	76	63	PCldy	Waco	69	39	PCldy
Birmingham	63	34	Cir	Des Moines	62	38	Cir	Jackson, Miss.	64	32	Cir	New York City	50	30	Cir	St. Thomas	83	76	PCldy	Washington	52	33	Cir
Bismark	33	24	Cldy	Detroit	44	22	PCldy	Jacksonville	64	48	PCldy	Newark	50	31	Cir	Salerno, Ore.	62	45	Cir	West Palm Beach	80	68	Cldy
Boise	59	37	Cir	Duluth	27	19	Snow	Janeau	48	38	Cldy	Norfolk, Va.	56	41	Cir	Salt Lake City	67	44	PCldy	Wichita	72	41	Cir
Boston	44	35	Cir	El Paso	83	53	Cir	Kansas City	65	41	Cir	North Platte	54	35	Cir	San Angelo	74	38	Cir	Wichita Falls	70	39	Cir
Bridgport	58	30	Cir	Elkins	51	23	Cir	Key West	83	75	Cir	Okla. City	64	38	PCldy	San Antonio	74	44	PCldy	Wilkes-Barre	42	21	Cir
Brownsville	77	49	Cldy	Erie	36	17	PCldy	Knoxville	61	27	Cir	Omaha	62	38	PCldy	San Diego	68	59	Cir	Wilmington, Del.	50	29	Cir
Buffalo	39	19	Cir	Eugene	63	44	Cldy	Lake Charles	67	38	Cir	Orlando	77	56	PCldy	San Francisco	70	51	Cir	Yakima	62	35	Cldy
Burlington, Vt.	37	23	Cir	Evansville	57	28	Cir	Lansing	47	21	PCldy	Paducah	59	29	Cir	San Jose	71	50	PCldy	Youngstown	46	19	Cir
Caribou, Maine	37	32	PCldy	Fairbanks	48	23	Cldy	Las Vegas	85	62	PCldy	Pendleton	61	37	PCldy	Santa Fe	70	32	PCldy				
Casper	38	30	Cir	Fargo	35	26	Snow	Lexington	52	24	Cir	Peoria	59	31	Cir	St. Ste. Marie	32	9	Cir				
Charleston, S.C.	61	40	Cir	Flagstaff	64	28	PCldy	Lincoln	60	38	PCldy	Philadelphia	50	32	Cir	Savannah	64	42	Cir				
Charleston, W.Va.	57	26	Cir	Flint	47	18	PCldy	Little Rock	63	33	Cir	Phoenix	92	62	Cir	Seattle	59	45	Cir				
Charlotte, N.C.	57	31	Cir	Fort Smith	67	38	Cir	Los Angeles	75	56	PCldy	Pittsburgh	49	21	Cir	Shreveport	68	36	Cir				

National temperature extremes  
Cldy Hi: Mon., 93, Death Valley, Calif.  
Lo: Mon., 7, Yellowstone Lake, Wyo.

STARS AND STRIPES

OPINION

Clinton appears formidable in 2016

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BY STEVE PAUL

No matter what happens in the midterm election this November, a larger political scenario looms for 2016.

For the Democrats right now, the presumptive though not entirely certain presidential nominee is Hillary Rodham Clinton. "I'm thinking about it," she said coyly last week. For the Republicans — well, it's too early to say.

But, according to demographics and polling, it's all uphill for the GOP.

That's one observation made in Kansas City last week by a pair of longtime political observers. David Von Drehle, the Kansas City-based editor-at-large for Time magazine, and Earl Cannon, Washington bureau chief of the Real Clear Politics website, held a chat session on stage before a few hundred listeners at the Kansas City Public Library's Central branch.

Cannon, who has covered presidential politics since the Reagan years, drew on his reading of voter trends and demographics to suggest that the gender gap alone will work in Clinton's favor.

Then again, Cannon began the talk by reminding the audience how he declared, in 2005, that Hillary Clinton would be the next president of the United States.

Responding to a later question he and Von Drehle agreed that, contrary to popular belief, Clinton ran a very good primary campaign in 2008, but she was up against a ground-breaking and great campaign run by Barack Obama and his political team. A lot of emotion had already come with a Clinton candidacy, including the, uh, complications that beset the presidency of Obama's husband, Bill.

"Anyone who has covered the Clintons," Cannon said, "has mixed feelings about

them."

And don't forget that red-meat GOP issue regarding the tragedy at Benghazi, which occurred under Hillary Clinton's watch as secretary of state. You can almost hear the super-PAC, attack-ad video machine already geared up for that one.

Still, Cannon noted, Clinton topped a Gallup poll in December 2013 of the most admired women in the United States. Her numbers (15-plus percent) essentially equaled those of the next three women combined — Oprah Winfrey (6 percent), Michelle Obama (5) and Sarah Palin (5).

With the talk recently of a Republican candidacy by former Florida governor Jeb Bush, brother of George W. Bush, the speakers speculated on whether American voters would be weary of what appeared to be political dynasties in the making.

"The best guy on the other side is the guy who takes the dynasty issue away from you," Cannon said.

In putting together its tickets, the GOP has made nothing but mistakes over the Kansas City convention in 1976, Cannon said. Presidential nominee Gerald Ford could have made history by choosing Texan Anne Armstrong as his

running mate, but passed her over for Bob Dole, of Kansas, who, Cannon said, added no political help to the ticket.

No matter what direction the Republican ticket in creating a ticket for the coming presidential campaign, Clinton would likely outsmart them.

When pressed by a questioner about possible Clinton running mates, Cannon and Von Drehle agreed that most likely she would choose someone of Hispanic heritage, perhaps one of the Castro twins of

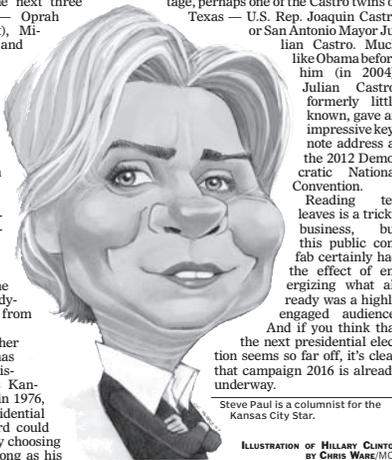
Texas — U.S. Rep. Joaquín Castro or San Antonio Mayor Julian Castro. Much like Obama before him (in 2004), Julian Castro, formerly little known, gave an impressive keynote address at the 2012 Democratic National Convention.

Reading tea leaves is a tricky business, but this public confab certainly had the effect of energizing what already was a highly engaged audience.

And if you think that the next presidential election seems so far off, it's clear that campaign 2016 is already underway.

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Release, debate CIA report, then move on

BY JEFFREY H. SMITH

Last week, the Senate Intelligence Committee, led by Sen. Dianne Feinstein of Calif., voted to declassify parts of its report on the CIA's rendition, detention and interrogation program. The White House, the CIA and the Senate still have to negotiate which portions of the report will be redacted before it is made public. This is an important step in resolving the ugly dispute that has erupted between the intelligence committee and the intelligence agency.

The dispute presents two very serious questions. Was the program consistent with American values and did it produce valuable intelligence? And is effective congressional oversight of secret activities possible in our democracy?

The answer to the first question may be debatable, but the second is not. We must have effective oversight of secret activities.

How did we fall into this quagmire and, more importantly, how do we get out?

After the 9/11 attacks, the CIA and George W. Bush correctly understood his responsibility: to do all he could to protect the nation from another attack. But his administration loosened us from our moorings by approving some aspects of the rendition and detention program, principally "enhanced interrogation" techniques. The CIA engaged in activity, such as waterboarding, that the U.S. had long regarded as torture. When details of the program were leaked, many Americans were repelled.

According to media accounts, the Senate report concludes that the program did not produce any significant intelligence and that CIA officers employed techniques

more brutal than authorized and then misled their senior officers, who then misled Congress.

It is important to understand, as best we can, what happened. The CIA has said it agrees with a number of the findings but disagrees with others. The CIA should not hesitate to quickly declassify the Senate report, and to undertake any redaction that is not of the agency. As the report apparently contains graphic details, measures must be taken to protect Americans overseas from possible reaction to the document's release.

When the dust settles, we are likely to conclude, as with President Lincoln's suspension of habeas corpus and executed President Franklin D. Roosevelt's internment of Japanese Americans, that we overreacted in a time of national emergency. We should commit to never do it again.

But it is not clear that another investigation of the program is warranted.

Moreover, CIA officers need to know that the law will not be served off behind them if a program properly authorized by one administration and Congress is regarded as improper by a future administration or Congress. CIA officers must be held accountable for how they carry out the programs, but we should not criminalize activities that were properly not oversight committees are responsible for ensuring that intelligence activities are legal, consistent with our values and support policy objectives. Congress has placed its trust in these committees, and, by extension, so have the American people.

Oversight is crucial to the success of our intelligence activities. The CIA is often called on to undertake risky and highly controversial missions. No such mission can succeed if it is inconsistent with our basic values or not supported by the American people. That support results from candid discussion and debate in Congress. To ensure that support, intelligence agencies must be as open as possible with the committees. They must never lie to Congress.

There is a requirement for government agencies to report possible violations of law to the Justice Department. It may be that prudence called for informal discussions with Justice rather than a formal referral. It is Justice's job, not the CIA's, to consider issues of separation of powers and criminal prosecution. This whole affair is now being investigated by the Justice Department and the Senate. Until we know the facts, I find it hard to believe that the CIA acted in bad faith or to intimidate the committee.

I am confident that Congress and the CIA want trust and regular order restored between the agency and the congressional committees. The nation faces critical security issues, and the sooner we can get the report released, the debate concluded and move on, the better.

Jeffrey H. Smith was general counsel of the CIA from 1995 to 1996 and general counsel of the Senate Armed Services Committee from 1986 to 1988. He wrote this for the Los Angeles Times.

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OPINION

# How the world can respond to Vladimir Putin

By PETER GOLDMARK  
Newsday

The Russian military buildup along the Ukrainian border and Vladimir Putin's seizure of Crimea have become pivotal moments for Western powers and NATO.

During the Cold War, the Kremlin had little doubt that if the Soviet Union attacked or invaded Europe — anywhere in Europe — it would have a full-scale conflict with NATO and the United States. Today, frankly, it's unclear what would happen if Russia seized Moldavia or, say, two cities in eastern Ukraine.

Those who say they long for the clarity and symmetry of the Cold War forget the danger of living under an international regime in which "stabilizing deterrence" was the threat to incinerate half the planet. But a new, volatile period brings dangers and instabilities of its own.

There are enclaves all over this world populated by minorities that, like Crimea, would on balance rather be part of a nation other than the one they find themselves in.

There are parts of the world with natural resources like oil or gas — such as the South China Sea — that become natural strategic objectives for surrounding countries. Energy and food will be subjects of strategic contest for many decades to come because not all countries have both, and the haves are tempted to use energy and food as instruments

of coercion vs. the have-nots.

There is no international body with the strength, the legitimacy and the freedom to act that can guarantee national integrity for all countries.

The United States and Europe are both in economic difficulty, and both have sought to reduce military spending and commitments.

For most of the period since World War II, the western alliances have been both dominant and stabilizing; today they are shrinking and uncertain.

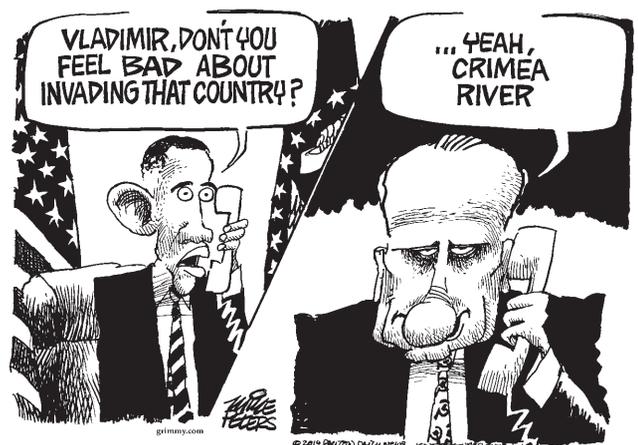
And there are areas of potential international conflict that are not primarily defined by traditional geographic boundaries, such as cyberspace and China's drive to dethrone the dollar as the sole global reserve currency.

On the latter, there can be little doubt that the wily Putin is probing not only China on this subject, but also fossil fuel-producing enemies of the West, since the production and sale of oil and gas are significant parts of hard-currency transactions.

Stopping expansions like Putin and providing a stable international framework will require difficult choices, including:

Committing NATO unambiguously to defend central Europe along a clearly defined line, and establishing tripwire troop presence to underline that commitment.

Establishing a body outside the U.N. Security Council, perhaps acting on its own as an adviser to the General Assembly, composed of countries respected for their



support of international stability and the rule of law, that can issue non-vestable opinions on short notice on whether a given military action by a nation violates international law or the U.N. Charter.

Establishing an international court of arbitration to which some disputes over natural resources might be referred.

Creating an international energy fund modeled on the International Monetary Fund that

would have the capacity to extend emergency short-term energy assistance as well as the resources and know-how to help countries develop long-term policies for energy independence. (A similar function for food could be housed in existing international agencies, such as the World Food Program with relatively minor modifications to their charter and function.)

The expansionist autocrats, including Putin, are asking them-

selves whether any countries are willing to back with force a post-Cold War system of rules and institutions that will limit "neighborhood" aggression and provide structures to contain disputes over food and natural resources.

This challenge requires more than the silence and incoherence the West has shown thus far.

Peter Goldmark, a former publisher of the International Herald Tribune, headed the climate program at the Environmental Defense Fund.

# China's Tibet conundrum: how to conquer a myth

By STEFAN HALPER  
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Los Angeles Times

Beijing has no shortage of issues to confront. There's the South China Sea, uncontrollable corruption, a slowing economy and factional disputes within the party and military. But China's intractable one of the most difficult challenges in modern statecraft: how to conquer a myth.

Despite China's attempts to dislodge its mythic appeal, Tibet as Shangri-La seems firmly set in the world's imagination. The once-independent nation, set high on a broad plateau adjacent to the Himalayas, is a worldwide symbol of mystery, aspiration, spirituality and possibility. World leaders remain eager to meet with its exiled spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama, who can fill auditoriums anywhere he travels. And when people around the world picture a sacred landscape, it is likely to be Tibet that comes to mind.

This was not what Mao Tse-tung envisioned when he sent his People's Liberation Army to invade Tibet in 1950. He knew the move posed a complex political and military challenge, but he hoped a quick success would secure the tiny nation for China before the West could rise to support any Tibetan resistance.

Yet today, some six decades after the area was conquered, and after many years of efforts by Beijing to repopulate the area with ethnic Chinese, Tibet remains un-

won. And China, usually so adroit at avoiding diplomatic reversals, has drawn global condemnation for its policies in Tibet, even while so little progress is made there.

The People's Liberation Army occupation grinds on, and the world watches as Chinese soldiers patrol Lhasa's streets with fire extinguishers, ready to douse self-immolators protesting Beijing's rule.

In Beijing, tour operators sell tickets to Tibetans' most sacred religious sites as though they are part of an amusement park. At the Jokong Temple, for example, pilgrims still come from great distances to prostrate themselves each morning along the six-tenths-of-a-mile-long stone path around the temple. But Chinese tourists come too, dutifully having their tickets stamped at each stop on their Tibetan tour as they gawk at the ancient rituals. This booming tourist industry steadily drains the gravitas from Tibet's deep socio-religious rhythms, but it hasn't yet killed them.

Beijing has poured billions of dollars money into Tibet in an attempt to shift attention from its systematic deconstruction of Tibetan culture. Though the Dalai Lama's likeness cannot be displayed and other cultural expressions have been banned, roads and rail services have been improved. Hot water is now commonplace, and housing and schools have been modernized in the larger cities where most of the Han Chinese live. Naturally, these rapid changes have introduced tension within Tibetan society, as some seek to

benefit from the "opportunities" Beijing presents — business licenses, municipal jobs, etc. — while others in villages across Tibet struggle to limit the erosion of their heritage.

Tibetan resistance to Han culture has been paralleled over the last half a century by a deep sympathy in the West for traditional Tibet. This has introduced a new and different dimension to China's Tibet problem: Western infatuation with the Tibetan myth has enabled Tibetans to exercise a unique "soft power" — the power of moral condemnation — that Beijing can neither control nor ameliorate. It is a soft power that has raised profound questions about the values that inform Chinese society and governance. Most vexing for Beijing, it has slowed China's progress on the world stage.

Global condemnation of China's destruction of Tibetan culture is nearly universal. Events such as the 2008 riots in Lhasa during the Olympics and the horrifying self-immolations, of which there have been 126 since 2009 (four so far this year), are often reported on the front pages of newspapers. The stories nearly always depict the Chinese occupation as cruel and repressive.

This is particularly problematic at a time when the Chinese leadership is trying to emphasize to the world its progressive values, reforms and respect for the rule of law. Just as China seeks a leadership role in the World Bank, the International Criminal Court and the World Trade Organization, its prospects are clouded by the moral stain of its rule in Tibet.

Since neither China nor Tibet benefit from the current policies, it is time for Beijing leaders to take a new look at Tibet.

China's "one country, two systems" template, though imperfect, has worked in Hong Kong. Why not extend a version of it to Tibet, granting Tibetans greater control over their domestic governance along with greater freedom of religion? China's sovereign control of the territory, especially with regard to defense and foreign policy, would remain in place, and legal safeguards and dispute resolution mechanisms could be instituted to ensure the rights and safety of both Han Chinese and Tibetans. Even the Dalai Lama, who has called for a Tibet with greater local autonomy, is not seeking full independence for Tibet.

One impetus for Beijing to consider such an option is that when the current Dalai Lama dies (he is now 78), the Tibetan leadership is likely to become more radical and confrontational. If that were to happen, China's policies might become more repressive, which would in turn enhance Tibet's soft power and cause global opinion to turn even more negative toward Beijing. Alternatively, if China were to grant Tibet greater autonomy, China would be applauded for finding a rational solution to a difficult problem.

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SETTLING INTO DJIBOUTI

# Digging in for the long haul

US ponders the long-term potential of the military's core forward base in Africa

By JOHN VANDIVER  
Stars and Stripes

**T**he U.S. military's operational hub in this strategic Horn of Africa nation still has the lonely dust-swept feel of combat outposts that have come and gone in Iraq and Afghanistan, but something more enduring is taking root in Djibouti as commanders ponder the long-term potential of the military's core forward base in Africa. "I think we just keep building," said Rear Adm. Alexander Krongard, deputy commander of Combined Joint Task Force Horn of Africa. "Everyone wants to be here, and the reason is it sits on a really important piece of real estate. The longer we are here the more it pays to build permanent facilities, which given enough time, are much cheaper than tents or containers."

At Camp Lemonnier, a former French Foreign Legion post taken over by the U.S. soon after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, military officials now see a base that could be destined for the kind of permanent U.S. mili-



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**Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti, a former French Foreign Legion post, is home to Combined Joint Task Force Horn of Africa.**

tary presence found in other parts of the world. That means few tents and container-style housing units and more concrete in the years ahead.

Given the likelihood of an endur-

ing U.S. military presence in the country, commanders are contemplating something unthinkable just a few years ago: Should tours to Djibouti one day be accompanied?



AP/Stars and Stripes

"It's the classic debate. Should families be here?" said Capt. Kelly Passmore, commander of the 449th Air Expeditionary Group at Camp Lemonnier. "We see the French military with their families here as well as our own embassy people. It's an interesting idea."

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**Although most tents at Camp Lemonnier are no longer being used to house servicemembers, most will stay erected in case of a temporary influx of troops.**



# SETTLING INTO DJIBOUTI

## Long haul: US considering accompanied tours in Djibouti

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While there are no formal plans yet for such a move, accompanied tours — a signal of U.S. commitment to a region — are a subject senior officials are openly discussing these days.

Rather than a reflexive “no way,” commanders say the merits of a future with accompanied tours should be analyzed.

“It absolutely merits thinking about,” said Krongard, speaking about the prospects of one day bringing families to Djibouti. “But to do it right would take some legitimate support back inside the Beltway and would take some pretty extensive deliberation.”



**For soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines this is really home and what you have is what you have. One of my top priorities would be to get a more enduring personnel facility.**

**Navy Capt. Michael S. Newman**  
Camp Lemonnier commander of base facilities

road that leads directly into Somalia. In addition, a growing presence across Africa, also aims to boost its profile, having recently signed a multimillion dollar security deal with Djibouti, underscoring the strategic significance of a nation only slightly bigger than New Jersey.

The U.S. military is pressing forward with \$500 million in active construction projects now underway. The new construction will bring a host of improvements to a base that has grown from 85 acres in 2002 to 500 acres today. New taxiways to the existing commercial runway and a combat aircraft loading area, which would function as a parking apron for the growing Air Force mission in Djibouti, are among the on-going efforts.

A new headquarters for CJTF-HOA and the installation com-



U.S. Air Force HC-130 and C-130 aircraft sit on the tarmac at Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti.

## Air Force on the rise in Africa amid Afghan drawdown

By JOHN VANDIVER  
STARS AND STRIPES

CAMP LEMONNIER, Djibouti — With an expansion effort well underway at this strategic military hub, expect more Air Force assets to be stationed at Camp Lemonnier in the years ahead as resources once dedicated to the war in Afghanistan begin to shift toward the African continent. “Our presence here in Djibouti is enduring and I think it is growing,” said Col. Kelly Passmore, 449th Air Expeditionary Group commander at Camp Lemonnier. “As DOD has capacity that is freed up from our transition out of Afghanistan, it gives us forces that are able to now focus on this region.”

Additional aircraft taxiways and ramp space at Lemonnier will add flexibility “that will give us a more robust capability,” Passmore said. “It’s very likely it will get filled out over time.”

For the Air Force, the mission at Camp Lemonnier centers on providing air lift support for crisis response units, maintaining surveillance and reconnaissance capabilities for intelligence gathering efforts in the region



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### Pararescuemen of the 82nd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron at Camp Lemonnier discuss equipment preparation for a mission.

and ensuring that a team of special operators is prepared to execute rescue missions around the clock.

“We cover the entire region and we’ve got enough assets here that it is a rare day that we aren’t able to meet that requirement,” said Passmore, whose unit provided airlift when Army crisis responders were sent into South Sudan to se-

crete the U.S. Embassy there.

In 2013, the airlift and personnel recovery mission unified under Air Force command. For years, the responsibility also was shared with the Marine Corps. The shift to an Air Force-led effort has helped bring command, Passmore said. The personnel recovery effort involves a range of air craft, including HH60 helicopters

and HC-130s designed specifically for medical evacuations.

As the overall operation tempo increases in Africa, the potential for medical evacuations, whether for illness or combat injuries, is likely to grow.

Capt. Keegan Owens, a combat rescue officer with the 82nd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron, said his unit is in a constant state of readiness, prepared to parachute into the line of fire should hostilities emerge.

“It’s our job to get in while bullets are flying,” Owens said. “These (pararescuemen) are able to provide the very best medical care in the most dangerous combat environment.”

Meanwhile, Passmore declined to go into detail about a high-stakes mission that is an open secret around Camp Lemonnier: intelligence surveillance and reconnaissance operations conducted out of Djibouti.

“Obviously there is ISR capacity here,” he said. “The location in Djibouti is key. It is key for multiple combatant commands. From here you can reach Central Command’s and Africa Command’s areas of concern.”  
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mand group also is in the works, as well as a mini backup operations center for Central Command to use in the event of contingencies in its area of operations, which includes the waters around the Horn of Africa.

New triple-decked containerized housing units also are slated to soon open, and construction on one of the base’s first barracks buildings is underway, a trend that will continue going forward as Lemonnier moves away from temporary structures.

For now, the base coffee shop, tiny Navy Exchange and gym are all in small makeshift facilities, but plans for a building that consolidates all support and recreational services is in the works, officials said.

“I think we are at a transition point,” said Navy Capt. Michael S. Newman, commander of base facilities at Lemonnier.

“It’s not Iraq and it’s not Afghanistan, but it’s not Norfolk or San Diego, where you can go out the gate and get a lot of things,” Newman said. “For soldiers, sail-

ors, airmen and Marines this is really home and what you have is what you have. One of my top priorities would be to get a more enduring personnel facility.”

In addition, the military has its eye on leasing a small slice of territory that occupies a swath of land in the middle of its 500-acre presence at Lemonnier. Known respectively as the Djiboutian and French notches.

The U.S. hopes to eventually incorporate those areas into Camp Lemonnier, which the U.S. government leases for about \$38 million per year from the Djiboutian government.

The areas, which have been rumored to also be of interest to the Russians and possibly China, would give some flexibility to the space-squeezed base, U.S. military officials said. Washington is in the midst of talks with Djiboutian officials over the land and the long-term lease.

“There was some discussion the Russians had some sort of interest,” Newman said. “I don’t know how serious that was or if it was a



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### Servicemembers play pool inside 11 Degrees North, an all-ranks bar and recreation center at Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti.

Djiboutian negotiating tactic.”

With or without the additional acreage at Camp Lemonnier, which generates all its own power and produces as much as 200,000 gallons of water a day, future

construction for the military in Djibouti has only one way to go, Newman said.

“We need to start thinking up rather than out,” Newman said.

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U.S. soldiers with East Africa Response Force load onto a C-130 Hercules at Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti.

MICHAEL THEURICH/Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force



## 'THINGS ARE UNPREDICTABLE HERE'

### Crisis response force adds firepower to US base in Africa

By JOHN VANDIVER ■ Stars and Stripes

Staff Sgt. Alan Wardell was anticipating a slow-going deployment when he got the order to go to Africa, one with enough downtime to bulk up at the gym and head back to Kansas lean and mean.

"It was going to be the diet and gym deployment," said Wardell, who serves with the 1st Combined Arms Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment out of Fort Riley. "But that's not how it worked out. Things are unpredictable here."

Just days after arriving at Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti, in late December, Wardell and other members of the Army's new East Africa Response Force were called to action in South Sudan, where ethnic conflict between warring factions came dangerously close to the U.S. embassy in Juba.

About 45 soldiers boarded a C-130 and headed for the hot spot, where they would help with civilian evacuations and embassy security in Juba.

"We're basically the firemen for AFRICOM (U.S. Africa Command). If something arises and they need troops somewhere, we can be there just like

that," said Capt. John Young, who serves as company commander for the response force.

The prime mission for Combined Joint Task Force Horn of Africa at Camp Lemonnier — U.S. Africa Command's main operational hub on the continent — remains focused on a 10-nation area that includes Somalia, where U.S.-trained African Union forces have been fighting al-Qaida-aligned insurgents for years now.

"I think the heart of our mission is trying to create militaries that are capable on their own of bringing stability, so you can have peace and security

in this region," said Vice Adm. Alexander Krongard, deputy commander of CJTF-HOA. "Frankly, we don't have a lot of forces to move around on the ground. We're not into the wholesale training of giant armies."

EARF is part of AFRICOM's more muscular posture that emerged after the 2012 attacks on U.S. diplomatic facilities in Benghazi, Libya.

Those attacks, which left four dead including U.S. ambassador Chris Stevens, exposed a lack of critical crises response capability on the continent. That prompted the Army to form EARF — a company-size element that

is forward stationed at Camp Lemonnier. Together with a Marine Air Ground Task Force in southern Spain, and additional special operations forces assigned to AFRICOM, the command for the first time has assigned units on a short string.

A platoon-size element from the Army unit continues to provide security in Juba, while the rest of the force, drawn from the 1st Combined Arms Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, remains on call in Djibouti.

"You never know what's going to happen, but getting called up on a mission like that really justifies your deployment," said Wardell, who, like all other EARF soldiers, carries a beret at all times in the event of a crisis.

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Capt. John Young

company commander for East Africa Response Force



# SETTLING INTO DJIBOUTI

**A U.S. vessel with Coastal Riverine Squadron-1 Forward Wave 2 skips across the water while on patrol in Djibouti port.**



## Sailors in Djibouti patrol to prevent another USS Cole

By JOHN VANDIVER  
STARS AND STRIPES

CAMP LEMONNIER, Djibouti — Before sunrise, the sailors slip off base in a boat-hauling convoy through the darkened streets of Djibouti, harbor-bound.

Sailors of Coastal Riverine Squadron-1 Forward Wave 2, deployed to Camp Lemonnier to guard big U.S. Navy ships cruising into Djibouti's port, have the tricky task of offloading their 34-foot Sea Ark vessels onto a crowded ramp occupied by rickety fishing canoes.

"You have to be careful here," said U.S. Coast Guard Cmdr. Alan Tubbs, who leads 69 sailors deployed with CRS Wave 2. "People sometimes are sleeping under those boats."

On a recent morning, the offload went off without a hitch as the three Sea Arks slid past the overturned wooden fishing boats and headed out to deep water.

With Yemen a mere 50 miles across the narrow stretch where the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden meet, and Somalia directly to the south, the tiny nation of Djibouti is nestled in a key strategic zone where the U.S. maintains drones, special operations forces, crisis-response soldiers and an array of airlift capability. It's all aimed at countering threats and building the capabilities of partner militaries.

But when it comes to securing Djibouti's waterways for passing U.S. Navy vessels, the job belongs to the Navy's Coastal Riverine Squadron. Formed soon after the 2000 terrorist attack on the USS Cole in Yemen, Coastal Riverine squadrons provide security for Navy ships navigating dangerous waters around the world.

The high-speed boats, which can reach speeds of about 40 knots, or 46 mph, are mounted with two .50-caliber machine guns and one M240 7.62mm machine gun at the front.

"When you are postured like that, people don't want to come near you," Tubbs said.

Ultimately, the squadron's job is to de-escalate tensions and ensure no unknown vessels get near U.S. warships, which often refuel in Djibouti.



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**Petty Officer 1st Class Cindy Berkshire keeps a lookout during a patrol of the Djibouti port with Coastal Riverine Squadron-1 Forward Wave 2.**

On patrol with Coastal Riverine Squadron-1 in Djibouti port  
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late tensions and ensure no unknown vessels get near U.S. warships, which often refuel in Djibouti.

The hardest part of the job, sailors say, is distinguishing when an unidentified boat poses a true threat. In a busy harbor often filled with fishing boats, language barriers pose a challenge, sailors said.

If a boat does approach, the team goes through a variety of measures to ensure the boat keeps its distance. Loudspeakers, flares and aggressive boat maneuvers that flick up white water all send a message of warning to the approaching vessel, sailors said.

"It's to show an aggressive posture, said

## Response: Crisis teams added at time of uncertainty in Africa

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For Lt. Col. Robert Magee, who commands the 1-18 Infantry Regiment, crisis response is only one part of the mission in Djibouti. While one company of troops is always on call, most of the remaining 700 soldiers provide security at Camp Lemonnier or travel across Africa to conduct training missions with U.S. partners. The unit, which is part of the Army's regional alignment concept that pairs units with regions of the world, is intended to provide combatant commands with a more reliable source of support. For AFRICOM, that means more forces for more missions.

In 2013, AFRICOM conducted 546 security activities on the continent, ranging from operations and exercises to small training events. A sharp spike from the 172 missions the command inherited when it became fully operational in 2008.

Since arriving in Djibouti in December, Magee's troops have been key to boosting the Army's role on the continent, training roughly 2,000 troops from about 25 different countries. Overall, the 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, which includes the soldiers of 1-18, have trained five battalion-size units and scores of smaller teams across the region, preparing African soldiers for deployments in places such as Somalia and Mali, Magee said.

"As a result of that training, I think they were much better than they would have been on their own," Magee said.

Sgt. John Lehto, a sniper team leader, said the feedback he's received from the troops he's trained, including Burundi soldiers bound for Somalia, has been positive. "When we were done with our mission, they told us they were not the same men they were before," said Lehto, who provided marksmanship instruction to Somalia-bound Burundian troops. "All they talked about was how they wanted them (the Somali terrorist group al-Shabab) out of that country."

Last year, AFRICOM also sent a small team of advisers into Mogadishu to coordinate with AU forces operating in the area. While the advisers are fewer than 12 troops, the deployment was likely the first time regular troops have been assigned to Somalia since the infamous 1993 "Black Hawk Down" battle that left 18 U.S. troops dead.

The troops now in Somalia have a non-combat role, military officials said. "For us to try to enable the African troop contributing country we need to understand a little better what is going on there," Krongard said. "That small team provides us situational awareness and a means to understanding what the thinking is inside Somalia."

As the mission in Djibouti grows, an ever-present rapid response team will be key to contending with crises virtually impossible to forecast, Krongard said.

"It's the sheer unpredictably here," Krongard said. "A lot of things come out of the blue. You wake up in the morning and prepare for whatever comes during the day, and that is just the nature of the job."

That's why we go through these test rides," he said. "I need to be comfortable in what they are doing out here."

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## FACES

# ' Fargo' on TV? You betcha

By FRAZIER MOORE  
The Associated Press

After failed attempts and broken dreams, by golly, someone went and put "Fargo" on series TV.

The FX series was set to premiere in the States on

Tuesday night (it debuts April 20 on AFN-Spectrum) and it mesmerizes. As a furtherance of the 1996 crime classic by Joel and Ethan Coen that starred Frances McDormand, William H. Macy and Steve Buscemi, the TV adaptation is a wonder.

Like that movie, the series is set in rural, snow-glazed Minnesota, but 20 years later (2006), and is stocked with new characters, deadly mischief and a bounty of stars including Allison Janney, Tolman as a bright-eyed deputy and Martin Freeman as a nebbishy insurance salesman (distant echoes of the roles played by McDormand and Macy in the film). Also on hand are Colin Hanks, Bob Odenkirk, Oliver Platt, Kate Walsh, Keith Carradine, Adam Goldberg, Keegan-Michael Key and Jordan Peele, and more.

At the core of its deliciously deranged narrative is Lorne Malvo, a sotto-voce psycho whose mysterious path brings him to the town of Bemidji, with many repercussions.

Lorne is played by Billy Bob Thornton, who radiates still menace while sporting what he calls "a haircut gone wrong."

"This was not from a salon," Thornton explains. "It was done by a friend. But looking in the mirror, I thought, 'Wow — this dark character having bangs, which you associate with innocence, would be great.' So we decided to go with it."

The man bringing "Fargo" back after ill-fated tries by NBC and CBS in the late 1990s is Noah Hawley, who serves as the show runner, an executive producer and the writer of all 10 episodes.

Somehow Hawley internalized the rules and deadpan tone of the Coens (on board as executive producers), then ran with their sense of twisted realism to create his own thing.

"He captured the Coen Brothers' spirit, got their vibe, and yet he didn't imitate 'em," says Thornton. "I thought, if you've done that, you've done something great."

When he encountered Lorne Malvo in the pilot script, "I don't know why, but I just went, 'Yeah. That fits: a hand in a glove.'"

"I liked the idea of playing a guy who has no conscience," Thornton said. "He has this weird sense of humor. He likes to mess with people. And as we went along I started thinking, he's a loner, so messing with people is actually his social life, his recreation."

This is a guy who, when threatened by a thug twice his size, unconcernedly steps to his bathroom, drops his trousers and takes a seat. His foe, appalled, beats a hasty retreat.

"He doesn't like weakness," Thornton adds. "He has this weird curiosity about weak people. And he sees them as people he can use."

Having drawn Freeman's jammed-up pipsqueak into his lair, Lorne shares his code on being tough: "We used to be gorillas. All we have is what we can take and defend."

Thornton, 58, is friendly, easygoing and charismatic with his soft Southern accent — like his character, a force to be reckoned with.

"The most important thing for an actor to know is who he is," Thornton says. "He's got to know, 'OK, I'm the guy for this role — or not.' Like I always tell people, 'If you're doing a movie about Charles de Gaulle, get a French man. That ain't me.'"

"People will say, 'Well, you need to stretch yourself as an actor.' But if you start trying to play people who are inherently not you, that's not going to be your strongest stuff."

Billy Bob Thornton  
as Lorne Malvo in a  
scene from "Fargo."

CHRIS LARGE, FX/AP

## Strahan's 'GMA' gig confirmed with his visit

Michael Strahan made good on reports that he's joining "Good Morning America" by visiting the ABC breakfast show on Tuesday.

The former NFL star and current co-host with Kelly Ripa of "Live With Kelly and Michael" got a red-carpet welcome from the "GMA" team.

Anchor Robin Roberts expressed excitement that Strahan will be there "a couple of days a week."

Then the cast presented him with an alarm clock and a huge coffee cup. His brief appearance ended with promises he'll be back "next week."

Strahan joins Roberts, George Stephanopoulos, Amy Robach, Lara Spencer and Ginger Zee on television's top-rated morning show.

## Judge: Jackson's mom should pay costs

A judge indicated that Michael Jackson's mother should pay the promoter of her son's ill-fated comeback shows more than \$800,000 in costs associated with her failed lawsuit.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Yvette Palazuelos issued a tentative ruling Monday against Katherine Jackson.

The five-month trial ended with a jury determining that AEG Live LLC did not negligently hire the doctor convicted of causing Michael Jackson's death in 2009.

AEG Live initially sought more than \$1.2 million to cover the cost of court reporters and exhibits. Katherine Jackson's lawyers claimed only about a quarter of that amount was justified.

Both sides agreed not to argue the tentative ruling, although once finalized it can be appealed.

## Flavor Flav takes deal in Vegas battery case

Entertainer Flavor Flav pleaded guilty Monday to reduced charges and was sentenced to probation and more counseling in a Las Vegas domestic violence case involving the teenage son of his longtime girlfriend.

The 55-year-old rapper and reality TV personality, whose legal name is William Jonathan Drayton Jr., acknowledged in court that he wielded a kitchen knife during an Oct. 17, 2012, argument at home in Las Vegas.

The family has reconciled and is undergoing counseling, defense attorney Kristina Wildeveld told Senior Clark County District Court Judge Kathy Hardcastle.

## Other news

■ MSNBC says its host Lawrence O'Donnell was injured with his brother Michael in a taxi accident Saturday while vacationing out of the country. The network didn't specify where the accident occurred. They are both expected to make a full recovery.

■ The Criterion Collection and Hulu have extended their deal to keep the video platform as the exclusive streaming home of Criterion's vast library of art house films.

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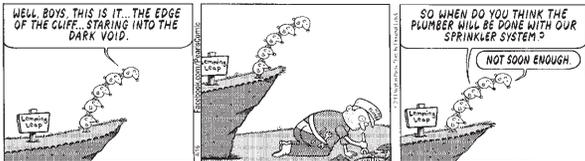
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- Playground fixture
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- Simple
- Rod's partner
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- Occupation
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- Offer unwanted advice
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## Auto racing

### NASCAR Sprint Cup schedule

**Feb. 15** - x-Sprint Unlimited (Denny Hamlin)  
**Feb. 16** - x-Budweiser Duel 2 (Nenny Hamlin)  
**Feb. 20** - x-Budweiser Duel 1 (Matt Kenseth)  
**Feb. 23** - Daytona 500 (Dale Earnhardt Jr.)  
**March 2** - The Profit on CNBC  
**March 9** - Kobalt 400 (Brad Keselowski)  
**March 16** - Ford City 500 (Carl Edwards)  
**March 23** - Auto Club 400 (Kyle Busch)  
**April 4** - STP 500 (Kurt Busch)  
**April 7** - Duck Commander 500 (Joey Logano)  
**April 12** - Bojangles' Southern 500 (Kevin Harvick)  
**April 14** - Toyota Owners 400, Richmond, Va.  
**May 4** - Aaron's 499, Talladega, Ala.  
**May 10** - x-Sprint 400, Kansas City, Mo.  
**May 16** - x-Sprint Showdown, Concord, N.C.  
**May 17** - x-NASCAR Sprint All-Star Race, Concord, N.C.  
**May 25** - Coca-Cola 600, Concord, N.C.  
**June 1** - FedEx 400 benefiting Autism Speaks, Dover, Del.  
**June 8** - Pocono 400, Long Pond, Pa.  
**June 15** - Quicken Loans 400, Kalamazoo, Mich.  
**June 23** - Toyota/Save Mart 350, Sonoma, Calif.  
**June 28** - Quaker State 500, Sparta, Ky.  
**July 5** - Coke Zero 400, Daytona Beach, Fla.  
**July 13** - Camping World RV Sales 300, Loudon, N.H.  
**July 27** - Crown Royal Presents The Hero's Name Here 400 at The Brickyard, Indianapolis  
**Aug. 3** - GoBowling.com 400, Long Pond, Pa.  
**Aug. 10** - Cheez-it 355 at The Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y.  
**Aug. 17** - Pure Michigan 400, Brooklynton, Mich.  
**Aug. 23** - Irwin Tools Night Race, Bristol, Tenn.  
**Sept. 6** - Atlanta 500, Hampton, Ga.  
**Sept. 8** - Federated Auto Parts 400, Talladega, Ala.  
**Sept. 14** - Chicagoland 400, Joliet, Ill.  
**Sept. 21** - Oram'sylvania 300, Loudon, N.H.  
**Sept. 28** - AAA 400, Dover, Del.  
**Oct. 5** - Hooters/Kellogg's 400, Kansas City, Kan.  
**Oct. 19** - Bank of America 500, Concord, N.C.  
**Oct. 19** - GEICO 500, Talladega, Ala.  
**Nov. 2** - Goody's 400, Charlotte Motor Speedway, Concord, N.C.  
**Nov. 9** - Quicken Loans Race for Heroes 500, Avondale, Ariz.  
**Nov. 16** - Ford EcoBoost 400, Homestead, Fla.  
**x**-points race

**June 27** - Kentucky 300, Sparta, Ky.  
**July 4** - Subway Firecracker 250, Daytona Beach, Fla.  
**July 12** - New England 200, Loudon, N.H.  
**July 19** - Chicagoland 300, Joliet, Ill.  
**July 26** - Indiana 250, Indianapolis, Ind.  
**Aug. 2** - Iowa Speedway 250, Newton, Iowa.  
**Aug. 9** - Zippo 200, Watkins Glen, N.Y.  
**Aug. 16** - Nationwide Children's Hospital 200, Lexington, Ohio.  
**Aug. 23** - Coca-Cola 600, Concord, N.C.  
**Aug. 30** - Great Clips 300 benefiting Florida's Children's Cancer Program, Talladega, Ala.  
**Sept. 5** - Virginia 529 College Savings 250, Richmond, Va.  
**Sept. 13** - Jimmy John's Freaky Fast 300, Joliet, Ill.  
**Sept. 19** - VisitMyrtleBeach.com 300, Sparta, Ky.  
**Sept. 26** - Delaware 200, Dover, Del.  
**Oct. 4** - Kansas 300, Kansas City, Kan.  
**Nov. 1** - O'Reilly Auto Parts Challenge, Fort Worth, Texas  
**Nov. 8** - Phoenix 200, Avondale, Ariz.  
**Nov. 15** - Ford EcoBoost 300, Homestead, Fla.

**NASCAR Camping World truck schedule**  
**Feb. 21** - NextEra Energy Resources 250, Daytona Beach, Fla.  
**March 30** - Kroger 250 (Matt Crafton)  
**May 9** - SP250, Kansas City, Kan.  
**May 15** - North Carolina Education Lottery 200, Concord, N.C.  
**June 1** - WinStar World Casino & Resort 400, Fort Worth, Texas  
**June 8** - UOH 225, Sparta, Ky.  
**June 15** - UOH 175, Las Vegas, Nev.  
**June 22** - 1-800-CarCash Midsummer Classic, New Weston, Ohio  
**Aug. 2** - Pocono Mountains 150, Long Pond, Pa.  
**Aug. 16** - Michigan National 500, Brooklyn, Mich.  
**Aug. 20** - UOH 200, Bristol, Tenn.  
**Aug. 31** - Chevrolet Silverado 250, Brownsville, Ontario  
**Sept. 12** - Chicagoland 250, Joliet, Ill.  
**Sept. 19** - UOH 175, Las Vegas, Nev.  
**Sept. 27** - Smith's 325, Las Vegas, Nev.  
**Oct. 4** - Kroger 200, Ridgeway, Va.  
**Oct. 25** - WinStar World Casino & Resort 400, Fort Worth, Texas  
**Nov. 7** - Phoenix 150, Avondale, Ariz.  
**Nov. 14** - Ford EcoBoost 200, Homestead, Fla.

**IndyCar schedule**  
**March 30** - Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg (Tony Stewart)  
**April 13** - Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach (Alex Zanardi)  
**April 27** - Honda Indy Grand Prix of Alabama (Birmingham, Ala.)  
**May 10** - Grand Prix of Indianapolis, Indianapolis, Ind.  
**May 25** - Indianapolis 500, Indianapolis, Ind.  
**June 31** - Chevrolet Indy Dual in Detroit Race 2, Detroit  
**June 7** - Firestone 600, Fort Worth, Texas  
**June 28** - Shell-Pennzoil Grand Prix of Houston 1, Houston  
**July 29** - Shell-Pennzoil Grand Prix of Houston 2, Houston  
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NBA

# Wizards block Heat's path to No. 1 seed

By JOSEPH WHITE  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — LeBron James' only visible significant role was that of postgame heckler, interrupting Michael Beasley's interview amid a loose, upbeat locker room that normally wouldn't jibe with a 21-point loss — or throwing in a towel in the race for a No. 1 seed.

James and Chris Bosh took the night off Monday, and the Heat were beaten 114-93 by the Washington Wizards in a no-contest game that guaranteed the Eastern Conference's top seed for the Indiana Pacers.

So, no disappointment at all? "There would be no disappointment," said Dwyane Wade, who played because he needed some minutes after his recent nine-game layoff with a hamstring injury. "When the playoffs start, we have a new season and we will be looking forward to it."

So the Pacers are locked in to a first-round series against the eighth-seeded Atlanta Hawks, while the two-time defending champion Heat get the No. 2 seed and either the Wizards or the Charlotte Bobcats. Miami began the day still in contention for the top spot, but they would have needed to win their last two games and have Indiana lose to Orlando on Wednesday because the Pacers hold the head-to-head tiebreaker.

Figuring it would be better to be fresh for the postseason, Heat coach Erik Spoelstra sat two of his Big Three, saying they were deal-



ALEX BRANDON/AP

Wizards forward Al Harrington, left, guards Heat forward Michael Beasley in the second half Monday night in Washington. The Wizards won 114-93.

ing with "minor ailments" from "the residual of a long season." "It was out of our control. Those guys put in a lot of mileage," Spoelstra said. "Our schedule was fairly extreme down the stretch. I've never been a part of a group that's played that many games in that few of days down the stretch. That's not an excuse, but we want

to just make sure our guys are sharp and feeling healthy."

James has made it part of his annual routine to rest before the playoffs. He missed the final game in 2011 and sat out the last two in both 2012 and 2013.

Trevor Ariza scored 25 points to lead the Wizards, who shot 59 percent and made 14 three-point-

ers and remain one game ahead of the Bobcats in the race for the No. 6 seed. Washington has made it a point to avoid finishing seventh to keep from having to face the Heat in the first round — knowing the cast of characters will be different than it was Monday night.

"We played against a totally different Miami Heat today than

usual," Wizards center Marcin Gortat said. "Nothing to be excited about ... It was more like a scrimmage game than a big battle."

The Heat went with their 20th starting lineup of this season and trailed by as many as 36 in the second half. Beasley finished with 18 points, Toney Douglas had 14, and Wade scored nine in 18 minutes. Miami has lost four of five and is just 11-13 since March 4, including 3-9 on the road.

Gortat had 10 points and 13 rebounds, and John Wall added 13 assists for the Wizards, who have seemingly escaped their three-point shooting slump. After going 6-for-50 from long range over a three-game span, they've since made 22 of 51 in their last two games. Ariza, whose shooting was hampered by a bout with the flu, made five of eight three-pointers Monday night.

Also, Nene, who sat out of the Wizards' previous game after feeling some stiffness in his recently sprained left knee, looked more like his energetic old self as he scored 18 points off the bench.

Andre Miller supplied the game's biggest highlight, making an overhead paint-to-paint pass to Bradley Beal that would make an NFL quarterback jealous. Beal caught the ball in stride and made the layup in one fluid motion while drawing a foul to set up a three-point play.

"It was a post route," Beal said. "The safety bit on a ball fake, so I was able to beat the corner and I got free for a touchdown. Hopefully the Redskins will pick me up."

## Playoff picture starts slowly coming into focus

By TIM REYNOLDS  
The Associated Press

A look at where things stand in the NBA playoff picture, with two days remaining in the regular season and all 16 teams that will head to the postseason this weekend now having clinched their spots:

### East update

It's coming into focus. Slowly. Indiana will be the No. 1 seed, wrapping that up when Miami lost at Washington. So the Heat are the No. 2 seed, and Atlanta will play the Pacers starting this weekend.

Everything else? Who knows. Toronto and Chicago will take the race for No. 3 down to the final day; the Raptors need a win or a Bulls loss to get that spot, with No. 4 going to the other club. Brooklyn can wrap up No. 5 with a win Tuesday. Washington has a chance at fifth, yet could finish No. 7. And Charlotte got a buzzer-beater win at Atlanta to keep its chance at finishing No. 6 — and avoiding Miami — alive.

### West update

Memphis grabbed the final available playoff spot by winning in Phoenix on Monday night, a tremendous game that wasn't decided until the final seconds. The loss eliminated the Suns, who were one of the feel-good stories in the league all season.

Meanwhile, Oklahoma City still hasn't clinched the No. 2 seed; the Thunder lost at New Orleans, extending the Los Angeles Clippers' slim hopes of finishing second alive for at least another day.

So just like in the East, all that's left to decide are some seedings. Fifth-seeded Portland will open at fourth-seeded Houston in the West quarterfinals; after that, just about everything will have to be decided after Wednesday's slate of finales.

Houston clinched No. 4 by beating San Antonio — which will be the top seed — on Monday night. Golden State locked up No. 6 by topping Minnesota.

### Tuesday's games

**New York at Brooklyn:** Nets playing for No. 5 seed. Knicks lead weird season series 2-1. New York has won by 30 and 29. Brooklyn by 23.

**Denver at L.A. Clippers:** Long shot, sure. But if the Clippers win here, and beat Portland, and OKC loses its finale to Detroit, Doc Rivers' club gets No. 2.

### Current bracket

First-round matchups if the season ended Monday...

**East:** Indiana-Atlanta, Miami-Charlotte, Toronto-Washington, Chicago-Brooklyn.

**West:** San Antonio-Memphis, Oklahoma City-Dallas, L.A. Clippers-Golden State, Houston-Portland.



CHRIS YOUNG, THE CANADIAN PRESS/AP

The Raptors' Kyle Lowry lies on the court after being fouled during Monday's game against the Bucks. The Raptors are vying with the Bulls for the No. 3 spot in the East.

### Note of the day

Mike Miller loves this time of year. Including his season-high 21-point effort in Memphis' big win Monday, he now has a total of four 20-point games in the last three seasons.

They've all come in April or June.

### Quote of the day

"We were able to play everybody — no injuries — and we got a good sweat out of it."

— San Antonio's Tony Parker, as his team tuned up for the playoffs in a loss to Houston

## SWIMMING

# Racing his legacy

## Phelps takes calculated risk with comeback

By PAUL NEWBERRY  
The Associated Press

**M**ichael Phelps will be facing quite an opponent when he returns to the pool.  
His legacy.

The most decorated Olympian ever is coming out of retirement to swim next week in Arizona. It will be his first competitive meet since the 2012 London Olympics, where he won the last of his 18 golds and 22 medals overall — a staggering total no one else comes close to.

The swimmer's camp is low-keying the comeback, refusing even to acknowledge it's the first step toward competing at the 2016 Rio Games although everyone knows Phelps wouldn't be going to all this trouble (drug testing, training five days a week) if he wasn't gunning for the only meet that really matters.

By taking that approach, Phelps has left himself with plenty of wiggle room should his comeback fail to meet his incredibly high standards. Rest assured, he doesn't want to wash out like others who bailed on retirement, including fellow swimmers Ian Thorpe and Janet Evans. Both attempted to qualify for the London Olympics and didn't even make it past their national trials, a sad epitaph to their brilliant careers.

Phelps' coach, Bob Bowman, insisted nothing can take away from Phelps' impact on the sport, no matter what happens over the next week or month or two years.

"His legacy is sealed," Bowman told The Associated Press on Monday.

It should help that Phelps is planning to swim less-strenuous races and fewer events than he did in his prime. And he's still only 28, far from over the hill as an athlete.

"He wouldn't be doing this if he didn't think he could do it," said Dara Torres, who pulled off numerous comebacks and won three silver medals at the 2008 Beijing Olympics at age 41.

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## memorable Michael Phelps moments

### GREAT HAUL OF CHINA

Phelps will forever be linked to his remarkable performance in Beijing, where he won eight gold medals (five individual, three relays) to break Mark Spitz's iconic Olympic record. Only 11 other athletes have won as many gold medals in their careers as Phelps won during that magical week in China. For good measure, he set or was part of seven world records. The only time he missed out might have been his most impressive triumph — rallying to beat Milorad Cavic by one-hundredth of a second in the 100-meter butterfly.

### LONDON CALLING

After serving a three-month suspension over an embarrassing bong picture and facing doubts about whether he wanted to keep competing, Phelps returned for his fourth Olympics in 2012. He swam seven events — one less than in 2004 and 2008 — and started out with a disappointing fourth-place finish in the 400 IM. He bounced back to win four golds and two silvers, smashing Soviet gymnast Larisa Latynina's record of 18 career medals.

### DOUBLING DOWN

Phelps became the first swimmer to set world records in two different events on the same day at the 2003 world championships in Barcelona. He took down the mark in the 100-meter butterfly during a semifinal heat and smashed his own record in the final of the 200 individual medley about an hour later.

### YOUNG MICHAEL

In 2000, Phelps qualified for his first Olympic team at age 15, making him the youngest U.S. male swimmer since 1952. The following year, still three months shy of his 16th birthday, he became the youngest male to set a world record in the 200 butterfly.

### AUSSIE, AUSSIE, AUSSIE

A bit overlooked given Phelps' Olympic dominance was his performance at the 2007 worlds in Melbourne, Australia. Tuning up for Beijing, he went 7-for-7 with five world records. Alas, he didn't get a chance to claim an eighth victory through no fault of his own; the heavily favored U.S. team was disqualified in the prelims of the 400 medley relay while Phelps was resting up for the final.

— Paul Newberry



AP





MLB

# Baseball stands out with paternity leave policy

By JON KRAWCZYNSKI  
The Associated Press

Tony Perez was on the road with the Cincinnati Reds in 1966 when he got the call that his first child was on the way. There was no discussion about leaving the team to attend Victor's birth, no such thing as paternity leave.

"They didn't give you any time off when I was playing," the Hall of Fame batter said, recalling he received the news about noon before going to the ballpark. "We played that night. We got a day off in Chicago the next day and I flew home on my own."

These days, more pro athletes are taking time off to be with their families in the delivery room. Yet Major League Baseball remains the only one of the four major professional leagues in North America to have a standardized paternity leave policy. The NFL, NBA and NHL leave the matter up to individual players and their teams.

"There is stress on both sides," said Philadelphia Phillies manager Ryne Sandberg, who watched shortstop Jimmy Rollins miss a game against Texas this season to fly home to be there for the birth of his second child. "Job stress and stress from the family side. So this being in place takes care of that, just makes it a done deal for the player, and the team deals with it. It takes the pressure off the player."

New York Mets second baseman Daniel Murphy was criticized on sports talk radio this month for taking three days, which is provided for in MLB's rules, to spend time with his wife and newborn



Ross D. FRANKLIN/AP

**New York Mets second baseman Daniel Murphy, left, was criticized on talk radio for taking time off to spend with his wife and newborn son. However, he received much support from players and coaches.**

son Noah. But in the days that followed, Murphy received wide support from players and coaches who say the times have changed.

"That's a negotiated right that is a win for everybody," said Miami Marlins infielder Ed Lucas, who missed one game last September for the birth of his son. "It shows compassion on the side of the team. It's the only major sport that has paternity leave. But we're also the only sport that plays every day."

Players in the NFL, NBA and NHL all have several off days a

week in most cases and squads stocked with extra players, giving the teams and the athletes the freedom to work on a case-by-case basis. In MLB, a three-day absence usually means three games missed, so the burden on the team, and the potential guilt felt by the player, is much higher.

"Traditionally speaking, some guys were afraid to ask," Pittsburgh Pirates manager Clint Hurdle said. "So many guys didn't want to ask because of job security. It was almost like a standard way of doing it that you

didn't leave."

MLB general managers and the players' union recognized this trend a few years ago. At the GM meetings in 2011, a rule was drafted to allow a team to place a player on the paternity leave list for three days and call up a replacement from the minor leagues.

"When you have a policy, it just makes it easier for clubs and players," said Dan Hlubik, MLB executive vice president for labor relations who helped draft the policy. "It's automatic. You place

the player on the list and he goes and everybody knows when he's coming back."

Halem said the measure received universal support among owners and union leaders. In the first three years of the policy, 73 players were placed on the list.

NASCAR recently made changes to be more accommodating. Until this season, a driver could not miss a race without giving up the chance to win a championship. This year, under the new format, a driver can miss a race and still make the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship. Matt Kenseth and Paul Menard had standby drivers this season, with their wives due to give birth.

Both said they were willing to miss a race, if necessary. Neither had to because both women gave birth on weekdays.

It doesn't always go so smoothly. In 1993, Houston Oilers offensive line coach Bob Young said right tackle David Williams "let the guys down, and he let hundreds of thousands of fans down" when he chose to miss an NFL game to stay by his wife's side while she gave birth to their son.

Then there is Oakland A's reliever Dan Otero, who missed one game while attending the birth of daughter Kinsley in September. Did he get a grief?

"Not at all," Otero said. "They were mad at me I came back early."

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NL roundup



JEFFREY PHELPS/AP

**The Milwaukee Brewers' Ryan Braun reacts after striking out against St. Louis Cardinals starting pitcher Lance Lynn on Monday. Lynn fanned 11 in a 4-0 victory.**

## Lynn, Cards stop Brewers' streak at 9

The Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — The Milwaukee Brewers' nine-game winning streak was ended Monday when Lance Lynn struck out 11 in seven innings and Jon Jay hit a three-run homer for the St. Louis Cardinals in a 4-0 victory.

Lynn allowed three hits in seven innings before Carlos Martinez finished the surprising Brewers, who still have the majors' best record at 10-3. Lynn (3-0) frustrated hitters by mixing a fastball that topped 95 mph with a slider.

Jonny Perales hit a solo shot in the second off Brewers starter Matt Garza (0-2) before Jay sent a ball over the wall near the right field corner in the sixth.

**Brewers 9, Phillies 6:** Dan Uggla hit two home runs, including a grand slam in the ninth inning that lifted visiting Atlanta to a wild victory over Philadelphia.

Evan Gattis also homered twice and Uggla drove in five runs as the Braves won their fourth straight. The teams combined for five homers and 12 runs in the final two innings.

Gattis, Uggla and Andrelton Simmons hit consecutive homers in the eighth that put Atlanta ahead 5-1.

Domonic Brown's three-run homer capped a five-run eighth that gave the Phillies a 6-5 lead.

But the Braves rallied against Jake Diekmann (1-1).

Luis Avilan (3-1) wound up with the win and David Carpenter got his first save.

Ryan Howard homered and Marlon Byrd drove in two runs for Philadelphia. Ugly had two hits, and is batting .489 this season.

**Pirates 7, Reds 7 (suspended, rain):** Neil Walker and Gaby Sanchez hit back-to-back homers twice as Pittsburgh and host Cincinnati combined for 10 homers in six innings before rain forced a suspension.

The game was to be resumed in the top of the seventh inning Tuesday afternoon. Pittsburgh had three solo shots and Cincinnati had four homers, most of them into a heavy rain. Already, it's the most homers in a major league game since 2006.

Pittsburgh had three sets of back-to-back homers, only the third time that has happened in major league history.

**Nationals 9, Marlins 2:** Jordan Zimmermann bounced back from the shortest start of his career to pitch seven innings and lead visiting Washington over Miami, which endured its eighth consecutive loss.

Bryce Harper had two doubles and an RBI triple for Washington. He has batted .520 over his past seven games to boost his average to .348.

Zimmermann (1-0) allowed two runs,

struck out seven and lowered his ERA from 8.10 to 5.27.

Brad Hand (0-1) fell to 1-11 in his career as a starter. He lasted only three innings while allowing five runs and five extra-base hits.

**Mets 7, Diamondbacks 3:** At Phoenix, Lucas Duda had four hits and two RBIs, and Zack Wheeler pitched effectively into the seventh inning as New York beat Arizona.

David Wright added two RBIs and the Mets had 13 hits to open a three-game series in the desert they hope won't be too costly.

Juan Lagares left in the seventh inning with a strained right hamstring after legging out a grounder. Curtis Granderson went out in the sixth with rib and forearm injuries he sustained in a collision with the wall in the first, though X-rays were negative.

Wheeler (1-2) worked around traffic to end a five-start winless streak.

**Padres 5, Rockies 4:** San Diego scored twice in the eighth inning on Rex Brothers' wild pitch and catcher Wilin Rosario's errant throw back to the plate on its way to a victory over visiting Colorado.

Dale Thayer (2-0) pitched a perfect eighth inning and Houston Street worked the ninth for his fourth save.

# NHL PLAYOFFS

## Eastern Conference capsules



**Bruins vs. Red Wings**  
**Records:** Boston (54-19-9, NHL-best 117 points); Detroit (39-28-15, 93 points)  
**Coaches:** Bruins — Claude Julien (7th season, 301-163-65); Red Wings — Mike Babcock (9th season, 151-108-88)  
**Season series:** Red Wings, 3-1  
**Last year's playoffs:** The Bruins lost to Chicago in the Stanley Cup Finals. The Red Wings lost to Chicago in the conference semifinals.  
**Key players:** Bruins — C David Krejci (19 goals, 50 assists, 69 points); G Tuukka Rask (36-15.6, 2.04 GAA); Red Wings — RW Gustav Nyquist (28 G, 20 A, 48 pts., 57 games); D Niklas Kronwall (8 G, team-high 41 A, 49 pts.)  
**Outlook:** Boston was second in the NHL in fewest goals allowed per game (2.08)... Red Wings LW Henrik Zetterberg is recovering from back surgery and practicing, but won't play in the series.



**Penguins vs. Blue Jackets**  
**Records:** Pittsburgh (43-24-7, 108 points); Columbus (49-27-7, 93 points)  
**Coaches:** Penguins — Dan Bylsma (6th season, 51-35-17, 332); Blue Jackets — Todd Richards (3rd season, 85-70-16)  
**Season series:** Penguins, 5-3  
**Last year's playoffs:** Penguins lost to Boston in the conference finals. The Blue Jackets didn't qualify.  
**Key players:** Penguins — C Sidney Crosby (58 G, 58 A, 116 points); LW Chris Kunitz (35 G, 33 A, 68 points); Blue Jackets — D D Victor Johansen (33 G, 42 A, 59 points); G Sergei Bobrovsky (32-20-5, 2.38 GAA)  
**Outlook:** Crosby won his second NHL scoring title with 104 points and led the NHL with 43 assists... Lightning captain Steven Stamkos (324 save percentage) missed the final three games with an upper-body injury.



**Lightning vs. Canadiens**  
**Records:** Tampa Bay (46-27-7, 101 points); Montreal (49-28-8, 100 points)  
**Coaches:** Lightning — Jon Cooper (2nd season, 51-35-12); Canadiens — Michel Therrien (5th season, 152-119-237, 26 GAA)  
**Season series:** Lightning, 3-1  
**Last year's playoffs:** The Canadiens lost the first round to Ottawa. The Lightning didn't qualify.  
**Key players:** Lightning — RW Steven Stamkos (25 G, 15 A, 40 points in 37 games); D Ryan McDonagh (14 G, 29 A, 59 points); Canadiens — G Carey Price (34 G, 21 A, 60 points); LW Max Pacioretty (39 G, 21 A, 60 points)  
**Outlook:** D PK Subban led Montreal with 43 assists... Lightning captain Steven Stamkos (324 save percentage) missed the final three games with an upper-body injury.



**Rangers vs. Flyers**  
**Records:** Rangers (45-16-96, 96 points); Flyers (42-30-10, 94 points)  
**Coaches:** Rangers — Alain Vigneault (1st year, 45-31-5, overall 427-319-251, 61 GAA); Flyers — Craig Berube (1st season, 20-10-10)  
**Season series:** 2-2  
**Last year's playoffs:** The Rangers lost in the conference semifinals to Boston; the Flyers (33-24-25, 2.36 GAA, 920 save percentage) lost to the Bruins (41 G, 29 A, 43 points); Flyers — C Claude Giroux (28 G, 38 A, 66 points); Flyers — C Sean Couturier (2.50 GAA, 917 save percentage)  
**Outlook:** Wayne Simmonds had a career-high 39 goals to lead the Flyers... Rick Nash led the Rangers with 26 goals. The Rangers had the 20th-most scorers, with Brad Richards (20) being the leader.

— Marc Narducci, The Philadelphia Inquirer



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Chicago's Patrick Kane takes the ice for Game 5 of the Stanley Cup's first-round series against Minnesota on May 9, 2013. Kane has been integral to Chicago's Blackhawk championships in 2010 and 2013.

# Time: Blackhawks aiming for their 3rd title in 5 years

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year where everything went our way the whole way, but that wasn't case."

The Blackhawks are shooting for their third title in five years. If they win it all this time around, they'll be the first to repeat since Detroit in 1997 and 1998.

They finished fifth in the Western Conference with 107 points and earned the third seed in the Central Division after storming through the regular season a year ago. They had to get by without their two biggest stars down the stretch after Kane (lower body injury) and Toews (upper body) were sidelined. Both are now ready to go.

Games 1 and 2 are Thursday and Saturday in St. Louis, with the best-of-seven series shifting to Chicago for Games 3 and 4.

"Everybody likes our team," coach Joel Quenneville said. "Everybody believes that we can win a championship, but I don't feel the weight of the world that, 'Hey, have to win, have to win, have to win.' We're all excited about that challenge."

Kane is simply looking forward to suiting up again.

"I'm excited to get things going," he said. "I've watched a lot of hockey lately, so it's going to be nice to play in some games now."

That's something he has not done since March 19. The Blackhawks beat St. Louis at home that night, but they lost their top scorer along the way. Kane, who was leading Chicago with 69 points, hurt his left leg when St. Louis' Brenden Morrow fell into him.

## Schedule

Eastern Conference		Western Conference	
FIRST ROUND (Best-of-seven) (5-4 if necessary)		FIRST ROUND (Best-of-seven) (5-4 if necessary)	
Detroit vs. Boston		Minnesota vs. Colorado	
Friday: at Boston	Sunday: at Boston	Thursday: at Colorado	Saturday: at Colorado
Monday: at Detroit	Thursday: April 24: at Detroit	Monday: at Minnesota	Thursday: April 24: at Minnesota
x-Saturday, April 26: at Boston	x-Monday, April 28: at Detroit	x-Saturday, April 26: at Colorado	x-Monday, April 28: at Minnesota
x-Wednesday, April 30: at Boston	x-Wednesday, April 30: at Boston	x-Wednesday, April 30: at Colorado	x-Wednesday, April 30: at Colorado
Montreal vs. Tampa Bay	Chicago vs. St. Louis	Chicago vs. St. Louis	Chicago vs. St. Louis
Wednesday: at Tampa Bay	Thursday: at St. Louis	Thursday: at St. Louis	Thursday: at St. Louis
Friday: at Tampa Bay	Friday: at St. Louis	Friday: at St. Louis	Friday: at St. Louis
x-Saturday, April 26: at Montreal	x-Saturday, April 26: at Montreal	x-Saturday, April 26: at Chicago	x-Saturday, April 26: at Chicago
x-Sunday, April 27: at Montreal	x-Sunday, April 27: at Montreal	x-Sunday, April 27: at Dallas	x-Sunday, April 27: at Dallas
x-Tuesday, April 29: at Tampa Bay	x-Tuesday, April 29: at Tampa Bay	x-Tuesday, April 29: at Anaheim	x-Tuesday, April 29: at Anaheim
Columbus vs. Pittsburgh	Philadelphia vs. N.Y. Rangers	Philadelphia vs. N.Y. Rangers	Philadelphia vs. N.Y. Rangers
Wednesday: at Pittsburgh	Saturday: at Pittsburgh	Saturday: at Pittsburgh	Saturday: at Pittsburgh
Monday: at Columbus	Wednesday: April 23: at Columbus	Wednesday: April 23: at Dallas	Wednesday: April 23: at Dallas
x-Saturday, April 26: at Pittsburgh	x-Saturday, April 26: at Pittsburgh	x-Friday, April 25: at Anaheim	x-Friday, April 25: at Anaheim
x-Monday, April 28: at Columbus	x-Monday, April 28: at Columbus	x-Sunday, April 27: at Dallas	x-Sunday, April 27: at Dallas
x-Wednesday, April 30: at Pittsburgh	x-Wednesday, April 30: at Pittsburgh	x-Tuesday, April 29: at Anaheim	x-Tuesday, April 29: at Anaheim
Philadelphia vs. N.Y. Rangers	Los Angeles vs. San Jose	Los Angeles vs. San Jose	Los Angeles vs. San Jose
Thursday: at N.Y. Rangers	Thursday: at San Jose	Thursday: at San Jose	Thursday: at San Jose
Sunday: at N.Y. Rangers	Sunday: at San Jose	Sunday: at San Jose	Sunday: at San Jose
Tuesday: at Philadelphia	Tuesday: at Los Angeles	Tuesday: at Los Angeles	Tuesday: at Los Angeles
Friday: April 25: at Philadelphia	Friday: April 25: at Los Angeles	Friday: April 25: at Los Angeles	Friday: April 25: at Los Angeles
x-Saturday, April 26: at Philadelphia	x-Saturday, April 26: at Los Angeles	x-Saturday, April 26: at Los Angeles	x-Saturday, April 26: at Los Angeles
x-Tuesday, April 29: at Philadelphia	x-Tuesday, April 29: at Los Angeles	x-Tuesday, April 29: at Los Angeles	x-Tuesday, April 29: at Los Angeles
x-Wednesday, April 30: at N.Y. Rangers	x-Wednesday, April 30: at San Jose	x-Wednesday, April 30: at San Jose	x-Wednesday, April 30: at San Jose

Two weeks later, Toews came up holding his left arm after getting drilled by Pittsburgh defenseman Brooks Ripstein.

The Blues have endured their share of injuries. "They dropped the final six games to fall out of contention for the No. 1 overall seed. They also missed out on the Central title with Colorado taking the division, which also meant the Blackhawks avoided the surging Avalanche.

"We're not going to think that we have an easier team to play against," Toews said. "That's definitely not going to be the case.

"They're a team that loves to play physical against us and we've got to expect that. There's no reason why we can't return that as well. We'll be ready to bring that type of effort."

He's had time to recharge, physically and mentally. The same goes for Kane.

"We've had some rest here and like I said, I've been watching a lot of hockey, whether it's been the Blackhawks or other teams, and kind of tuning in to see all the games played and see some things that you can pick up on," Kane said.

## Western Conference capsules



**Avalanche vs. Wild**  
**Records:** Colorado (52-22-8, 112 points); Minnesota (43-27-12, 98 points)  
**Coaches:** Avalanche — Patrick Roy (1st season, 52-22-8); Wild — Mike Yeo (3rd season, 104-82-26)  
**Season series:** Avalanche, 4-1  
**Last year's playoffs:** The Avalanche didn't qualify. The Wild lost in the first round to Chicago.  
**Key players:** Avalanche — C Nathan MacKinnon (24 G, 39 A, 63 points); LW Gabriel Landeskog (26 G, 39 A, 65 points); Wild — RW Jason Pominville (30 G, 30 A, 60 points); LW Zach Parise (29 G, 27 A, 56 points)  
**Outlook:** Colorado's Semyon Varlamov led the NHL with 41 wins and his 327 save percentage was second among goalies who had 30 or more starts... Ilya Bryzgalov went 7-1-3 with three shutouts after joining the Wild in March.



**Blues vs. Blackhawks**  
**Records:** St. Louis (52-17, 111 points); Chicago (46-25, 107 points)  
**Coaches:** Blues — Ken Hitchcock (3rd season, 124-85-20); Blackhawks — Joel Quenneville (6th season, 268-127-59)  
**Season series:** Blues, 3-2  
**Last year's playoffs:** The Blackhawks won the Stanley Cup. The Blues lost in the first round to the Blackhawks.  
**Key players:** Blackhawks — LW Patrick Schiefel (46 G, 47 points); RW Marian Hossa (30 G, 30 A, 60 points); Blues — RW Zachary White (30 G, 47 A, 64 points); LW Jamie Schwartz, 25 G, 21 A, 56 points, team-best plus-28)  
**Outlook:** Chicago forwards Jonathan Toews (upper body) and Patrick Kane (lower body) are among the league's injured... St. Louis acquired G Ryan Miller on Feb. 28 and he went 10-8-1.



**Ducks vs. Stars**  
**Records:** Anaheim (50-29, 116 points); Dallas (40-31-11, 91 points)  
**Coaches:** Ducks — Bruce Boudreau (3rd season, 113-55-22); Stars — Lindy Ruff (1st season, 40-31-11)  
**Last year's playoffs:** The Ducks lost the first round to Detroit. The Stars didn't qualify.  
**Key players:** Ducks — C Ryan Getzlaf (31 G, 45 A, 87 points); RW Corey Perry (43 G, 39 A, 82 points); Stars — C Tyler Skewes (27-17-4, 2.07 GAA, 91.5%)  
**Outlook:** The Ducks had six players with a plus-20 rating: Perry (32), D Hampus Lindholm (29), Getzlaf (28), D Francois Beauchemin (26), D Ben Lovejoy (21) and D Bryan Allen (20)... Stars G Kari Lehtonen appeared in 65 games.



**Sharks vs. Kings**  
**Records:** San Jose (49-19, 111 points); Los Angeles (46-28-8, 100 points)  
**Coaches:** Sharks — Todd McLellan (3rd season, 159-92-41); Kings — Darryl Sutter (3rd season, 88-57-24)  
**Season series:** Kings, 2-1  
**Last year's playoffs:** The Sharks lost to the Kings in the conference semifinals to Chicago.  
**Key players:** Sharks — C Joe Pavelski (41 G, 38 A, 79 points); C Joe Thornton (31 G, 65 A, 76 points); Kings — G Jonathan Quick (27-17-4, 2.07 GAA, 91.5%)  
**Outlook:** Last year in the playoffs, the Kings beat San Jose in seven games and five of those contests were decided by a goal, with one in OT. The Kings received a boost from RW Marian Gaborik, who had five goals and 11 assists since being acquired on March 5.

— Marc Narducci, The Philadelphia Inquirer

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STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS: 10 THINGS TO KNOW

# Wild cards add wrinkle to first round

By LARRY LAGE  
The Associated Press

Here's a look at 10 things to watch when the NHL playoffs begin Wednesday with a new format, some stars returning from injuries and renewed rivalries:

**1 New look:** Forget what you knew about how teams matched up in the playoffs. When the league went from having six divisions to four this season as part of its realignment, the plan for postseason was also altered. Two wild cards were added in each conference and at least half the first-round series were guaranteed to have teams face division opponents.

**2 In the East:** The Atlantic Division-winning and defending Eastern Conference champion Boston Bruins will face the wild card Detroit Red Wings in the opening round. The team that advances will face the division's second-place Tampa Bay Lightning or third-place Montreal Canadiens. The Metropolitan Division-champion Pittsburgh Penguins will play the wild-card Columbus Blue Jackets and the winner moves on to face the division's second- or third-place teams, the New York Rangers or Philadelphia Flyers.

**3 Out West:** The Pacific Division-champion Anaheim Ducks are set to match up with the wild-card Dallas Stars, the fifth team in from the Central, in the only interdivision series. The winner will play the Pacific's second-place San Jose Sharks or Los Angeles Kings. The Central champion Colorado Avalanche face the wild-card Minnesota Wild and the team that advances will match up with the division's second- or third-place teams, the St. Louis Blues or defending Stanley Cup-champion Chicago Blackhawks.

**4 On the mend:** The Blackhawks expect to have

Jonathan Toews and Patrick Kane in the lineup when they play at St. Louis on Thursday after each had long layoffs to heal injuries. Kane has been out since hurting his left knee March 19 — against the hard-hitting Blues. Tampa Bay might have to get to the second round on the ice. Bishop has been out since last week with an upper-body injury and isn't going to be re-evaluated until early next week. "It's unfortunate, not just for our team, but for Ben," Lightning coach Jon Cooper said. "He's had a great run with us this year." Tampa Bay has to hope Anders Lindback, who has played in one playoff game previously, makes the most of his opportunity to play in net.

**5 Buckle up:** One of the many intriguing matchups in the opening round has the 2012 Stanley Cup champion Kings against the Sharks for the third time in four postseasons. The Kings eliminated the Sharks in Game 7 of the second round last year after being eliminated by them in Game 6 of an opening-round series in 2011. Los Angeles and San Jose have played 22 times the last three years, including the playoffs, and each has won 11 of those games. "We figured we were going to see them at some point," Sharks defenseman Dan Boyle said. The Rangers and Flyers, whose arenas are about 100 miles apart, have met many times in the playoffs in the past, but not since 1997 when Philadelphia got past New York in five games and went on to lose in the Stanley Cup finals.

## Did you know

The Montreal Canadiens are the only franchise of the seven



that call Canada home to qualify for the Stanley Cup playoffs this season. The last time only

one Canadian team made the postseason was 1973 — when the Canadiens won one of their record 23 league championships.

SOURCE: The Associated Press

**6 Presidential privilege:** Boston had the best record in the regular season, giving the franchise its first Presidents' Trophy since 1990. The Bruins can be pardoned for not being too cocky about their chances because they lost three of four matchups this season against the Red Wings, who are in a 23rd straight postseason.

"All of the pressure is going to be on them," Detroit goalie Jimmy Howard said. "They've got to win, we're not supposed to. We've got to make it as hard as possible on them."

**7 Crosby's chance:** Penguins superstar Sidney Crosby won the Art Ross Trophy for the first time since he really was a kid, scoring a league-high 120 points during the 2006-07 season as a 19-year-old, second year pro. Crosby crushed the competition in scoring, reaching the 100-point mark for the fifth time in his career to finish 17 points ahead of Ducks center Ryan Getzlaf. "There's so much more to his game than just scoring, but it is pretty amazing to see," Pittsburgh coach Dan Bylsma said.

**8 Welcome back:** The Stars are in the playoffs for the first time since 2008. Columbus is still playing for just the second time in its 13-season history and first since 2009. The Avalanche are playing among the league's best after three years of missing the postseason. The Lightning are back in the 16-team tournament for the first time since 2011. Dallas forward Tyler Seguin was in the postseason the previous three years in Boston, and he's got advice to share with teammates: "A big thing with the playoffs is, you've got to hate the other team."

**9 Selanne's swan song:** Ducks star Teemu Selanne plans to retire after this season, ending a 21-season run that includes a Stanley Cup in 2006. The 43-year-old "Finnish Flash" averaged less than half a point per game for the first time in a decade. Selanne has become a supporting player on a talented team that should advance for the first time since 2009.

**10 Woe Canada:** The hockey-crazed country north of the U.S. border is represented by only one team — Montreal — in the playoffs. It has been 41 years since that was true and back then, the Scotty Bowman-led Canadiens won one of their NHL-record 23 championships.

AP Sports Writers Fred Goodell, Josh Dubow, R.B. Fallstrom and AP freelance writer Dan Sica contributed to this report.



Sidney Crosby won the Art Ross Trophy as the NHL's leading scorer with 104 points this season, reaching the 100-point mark for the fifth time in his career, and leads the Metropolitan Division-champion Pittsburgh Penguins into a first-round series with wild-card qualifier Columbus.

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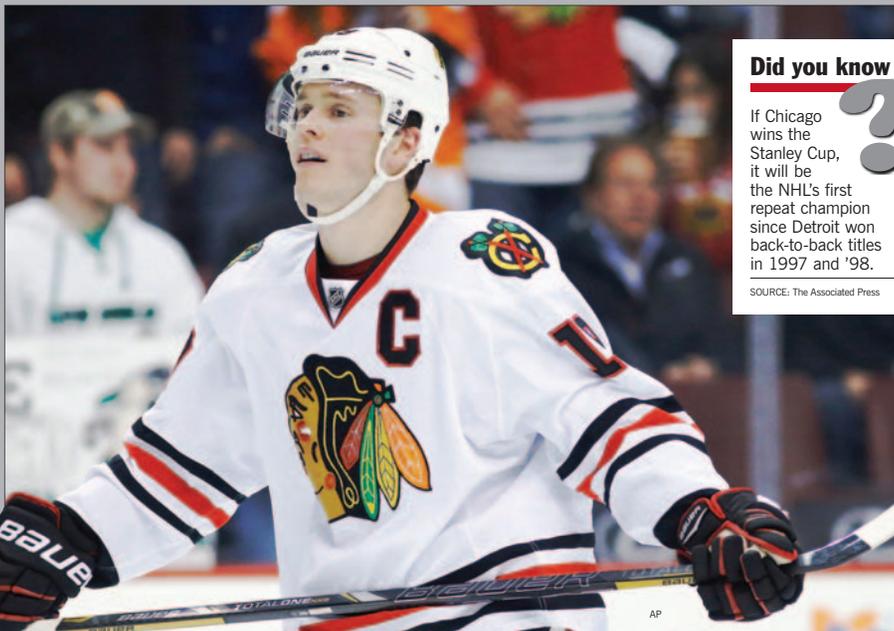
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St. Louis hands Milwaukee first loss in 10 games | **MLB, Page 29**

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#### Did you know



If Chicago wins the Stanley Cup, it will be the NHL's first repeat champion since Detroit won back-to-back titles in 1997 and '98.

SOURCE: The Associated Press

Chicago stars Jonathan Toews, above, and Patrick Kane, below, are ready for the playoffs after being sidelined at the end of the regular season.

# Just in the nick of time



## Big guns Kane, Toews return as Hawks begin title defense

By **ANDREW SELIGMAN**  
*The Associated Press*

CHICAGO — Jonathan Toews and Patrick Kane had time to heal. Now, they're ready to launch a title defense.

The Chicago Blackhawks have their stars back and their sights set on a second straight Stanley Cup as they head into the playoffs with a first-round matchup against the St. Louis Blues.

"I think once we get a feel for just being in a playoff game again it's going to be exciting," Toews said after Monday's skate. "It's a long season, a lot of challenges coming your way, a lot of injuries, a lot of ups and downs. I think we've done a great job of dealing with all that. We would have liked to have home ice. We would have liked to maybe have a season like we did last

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