

# a hazy future?

## Yellow haze: There's nothing clear about Asian skies

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**J**CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa is about the only thing clear about the skies over large parts of South Korea and western Japan each spring and summer is that an unhealthy yellow haze of pollution drifts over from China.

Mountains and the tops of tall build-

ings fade in the smog. Warnings are issued for residents to stay inside on the worst days.

Things are even worse in Beijing and other major Chinese cities, and the country has taken some steps to reduce the high concentration of desert sand and what's known as PM2.5 pollution, installing emissions-cutting exhaust filters, reducing coal use, tightening vehicle emission standards and working to reduce particulate matter.

The effectiveness of the efforts is uncertain. Government officials and researchers in Japan and South Korea describe the situation as a delicate balancing act in which some believe China's steps are working while others say the haze hasn't gotten any better and could get worse — depending on climate conditions, China's enormous population and lofty industrial goals.

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The weather phenomenon called HwangSa — also referred to as Yellow Sand or Asian Dust — has been known to engulf cities in South Korea.

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## UMUC cuts overseas faculty by 50 percent

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**VICENZA, Italy** — Citing drawdowns, defense budget cutbacks and declining enrollment, the University of Maryland University College has made drastic staff cuts, laying off half of its full-time faculty overseas.

Scores of professors were let go this past spring, reducing full-time faculty in Europe from 104 to 53, according to UMUC officials. Some professors not subject to layoffs left voluntarily, officials said.

Nancy Williamson, vice president and director of the college's Europe operations, said in a recent

interview that the college would nonetheless provide the same level of service it had been. "We absolutely will,"

she said, "if not better."

**Thomas Murphy**, a history professor based at Aviano Air Base

The department faculty were let go with severance pay and a brief letter on July 31 from the overseas operations vice president of the college, which since the 1950s has been the premier provider of college classes for U.S. servicemembers overseas.

The buyouts amounted to a month's pay for every year of service.

"It's sad to think that today you'll be taking steps to leave Europe and Asia for parts unknown," wrote Allan Berg. "However, I know that most of you were like me and never really unpacked all of your bags."

For many, that wasn't the case, said Thomas Murphy, a history professor based at Aviano Air Base in northern Italy who'd been with UMUC for 16 years.

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# MILITARY

## UMUC: Laid-off professors can't immediately seek part-time slots

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“We had the rug pulled out from under us,” he said. “It wasn't just the question of a job. It was a question of a whole way of living.”

In a change of policy, professors who were being let go were told that they would not be eligible to join the ranks of part-time “adjunct” professors for at least three years. Those positions are not well paid and have few benefits. But they do provide ID cards and enhanced visa status.

“We argued, ‘We're in Europe already. We're tested entities,’” Murphy said. “Why lock us out?”

Murphy said he did not dispute that enrollment was declining but rather questioned the college's response. “That's what got to the faculty: the way they were being treated, regardless of the policy.”

Williamson said that the college had all the adjunct faculty it needed. She said laid-off faculty members had been provided with adequate transition assistance: the severance payments, which she said the college had never provided before.

“We didn't need them to continue to teach for us,” Williamson said.

Cutting half the faculty will have no negative impact on students, UMUC officials said.

About half of the professors who were let go had been teaching less than full course loads, Williamson said, either because they lived in communities with fewer troops or the subject they taught wasn't in great demand.

“It's less enrollment and where they chose to live,” she said. “There wasn't necessarily the need.”

Remaining professors in Europe will be based in communi-



MATT MILLHAM/Stars and Stripes

Graduates of the University of Maryland University College Europe class of 2014 file out after their commencement ceremony on May 3 at the Gartenschau in Kaiserslautern, Germany. According to the college, 26,425 students were enrolled at UMUC in Europe in 2000; last year, there were 20,196.

ties with the highest enrollments: Ramstein, Wiesbaden, Kaiserslautern and Stuttgart in Germany and Aviano and Naples in Italy.

In addition, traveling faculty will teach courses as needed throughout Europe.

“For example, if an anatomy class is needed in an installation, we can send a faculty member to teach this course at that installation for one academic term or session each year,” UMUC spokeswoman Iris Close said in an email. “During the rest of

the academic year, he/she would teach needed courses at other installations/countries.

“In fact, the changes will provide our students with a wider range of course offerings throughout the academic year,” she said.

According to the college, student enrollment, or what the college calls “head counts,” has steadily declined, both in Asia and Europe. In 2000, 26,425 students were enrolled in Europe; last year, there were 20,196. The graduation rate has also declined: 1,563 undergraduate degrees

were awarded in 2000; last year, 548.

UMUC faculty work on annual contracts. They do not enjoy tenure or seniority protections.

Until now, the contracts were routinely renewed, said Murphy, 52, who hopes to remain in Europe. He said he had applied for a historian position with NATO, and was also looking for a variety of jobs on U.S. bases at Aviano and Vicenza, Italy.

“Teaching, bartending, whatever comes along,” he said. [montgomery.nancy@stripes.com](http://montgomery.nancy@stripes.com)

## Correction

Robert H. Scales' Aug. 15 column “Airstrikes on Islamic State will lose effectiveness” should've said Harry S. Truman was the president who allowed the French army to employ American napalm against the Viet Minh at the Battle of Vinh Yen in the winter of 1951.

## Army's Bergdahl probe is now in its final stage

The Army's investigation into the 2009 disappearance of Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl has entered the final stage, Army officials said Friday, but they cautioned that it will take at least three more weeks for a final draft to be completed and even longer for it to be presented to top Army leaders.

The investigating officer, Army Maj. Gen. Kenneth Dahl, ques-

tioned Bergdahl this month over two days, said his civilian lawyer, Eugene Fidell. Dahl is working to establish what happened to the soldier, who went missing from his base in Afghanistan's Paktika province on June 30, 2009, and was imprisoned by militants for five years, some of that time in a locked cage. He was recovered May 31 in a controversial exchange for five Taliban detainees held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Dahl is in the process of completing his draft report, but “it is

possible that he will have to follow up on outstanding issues,” said Wayne Hall, an Army spokesman. The report will undergo a separate legal review before it is presented to top Army officials.

The results of the investigation could significantly affect Bergdahl's future. At stake is an Army determination of whether it should bring criminal charges against him for deserting his post or going absent without leave.

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## PACIFIC

A large, dense plume of dust blows southward and eastward from the desert plains of Mongolia over Japan and the Pacific Ocean. The massive dust storm (brownish) can easily be distinguished from clouds (bright white).

Courtesy of NASA

## Hazy: Medical official says pollution is associated with increase in ailments

### FROM FRONT PAGE

"Basically, since the late 1990s, when the economic growth in China started, the particles started to come to Japan and South Korea," said Toshihiko Takemura, associate professor of atmospheric pollution studies at the Kyushu University in Fukuoka, a couple of hours north of Sasebo Naval Base in southern Japan. "The amount of incoming PM2.5 in Japan neither decreased nor increased in the past 15 years."

Col. Hee-Choon Sam Lee, chief of Force Health Protection and Preventive Medicine for the 65th Medical Brigade in South Korea, said particulate matter is associated with an increase in common illnesses including eye infections and upper respiratory conditions, such as coughing and asthma.

Because the military population in South Korea is small, it's difficult to say whether air pollution causes an increase in those illnesses within the USFK community, he said. Korean hospitals — which have a larger pool of patients — report a link between declining air quality and illness, he said.

"It is not an acute problem (for the military), but overlap exposure to it can cause someone to have so many asthma attacks that it might not be feasible for that person to remain in Korea," he said, adding that his comments represent his opinion and not that of the military.

A small handful of USFK-affiliated patients who are sensitive to air quality may experience health problems severe enough for them to consider going back to the U.S. early or to not extend their tours, he said.

Particulate exposure in South Korea is highest through the late

fall and winter months, though that period has been coming earlier and staying later.

PM2.5 particles are about one-thirtieth the width of a human hair and can reach deep inside the lungs, according to Japan's Environment Ministry website. They pose various health risks, especially to those with respiratory ailments, such as asthma and bronchitis, and at-risk populations such as children and the elderly, and could contribute to lung cancer and heart attacks.

PM2.5 often attaches itself to the sand, which is lifted by ascending air currents and is carried by subtropical westerly winds, according to officials from Japan's Fukuoka District Meteorological Observatory.

Japanese Environment Ministry safety guidelines warn residents to stay inside when PM2.5 levels exceed 70 micrograms per cubic meter on a daily average. Fukuoka officials issued a forecast geared toward at-risk populations when the pollution exceeds 30 micrograms per cubic meter.

"The levels this year are lower than those of an average year, but this is basically attributed to the climate condition," said Seiji Sugata, senior researcher at the National Institute for Environmental Studies Japan. "Because they fluctuate year by

year, we should not react quickly to short-term trends. Should the climate conditions move adversely, the situation could worsen."

Officials from South Korea's National Institute of Environmental Research in Incheon said the levels there are not as bad as last year but are worse than past years due to climate conditions.

"This year's particulate matter so far is similar to last year's," said an NIER air quality research division spokesman who spoke on the traditional condition of anonymity. "In comparison with the past few years before 2013, this year's

particulate matter is worse."

There are concerns that the dust season may be expanding. Dr. Lee Sangsam, of the Asian Dust Research Lab in South Korea, said it began early this year — in January — in South Korea. Officials in the Japanese city of Fukuoka issued a health warning in July, later than usual.

The peak season of PM2.5 particles in western Japan is April and May, according to the Nagasaki prefectural government's environmental health center. Density levels begin to rise in January and normally begin to subside after the rainy season and through summer when a high-pressure system in the Pacific Ocean dominates, according to officials at the center.

Residents in those two countries just have to deal with it.

"For handling particulate matter, people need to control some of their actions: controlling outdoor activities, wearing masks specially designed to filter particulate matter, closing windows to keep out particulate matter, cleaning houses by using wet vacuums and so on," said Lee Jong-tae, a professor of Environmental Health at Korea University in Seoul.

The issue has nagged China's neighbors, but it is also a real concern at home for the Chinese. State-run media has called for environmental improvements as

conditions continued to deteriorate in Beijing.

Controlling dust and PM2.5 was the top issue at the 16th Tripartite Environment Ministers' Meeting for China, Japan and South Korea in late April, according to a joint communique. The meeting yielded nothing with teeth. The ministers exchanged environmental policies, agreed to share relevant data — including hourly PM2.5 monitoring — and pledged to work jointly to tackle nine priority areas, topped by air quality improvement.

Takemura said steps have been taken at the local level. In Yokkaichi and Kitakyushu, cities in northern Kyushu, citizens have been adversely affected by the pollution, causing officials to work closely with cities in China, offering technical support and advice.

Early last year, U.S. Forces Japan established a working group with U.S. military stakeholders from across Japan to study air quality concerns, said USFJ spokesman Lt. Col. David Honchul.

Deciding to rely on information from Japan's extensive air-monitoring system rather than set up their own, the working group developed a three-tier Air Quality Awareness Program, which is being prepared for implementation. It focuses on education, air monitoring and notifications.

To monitor air quality in Japan, see <http://aqicn.org/city/japan/saseboshi/fukuishi/> or check the Japan Meteorological Agency maps at <http://www.jma.go.jp/en/kosafact/>.

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# what is pm2.5?

**P**article pollution is a mixture of microscopic solids and liquid droplets suspended in air. This pollution, also known as particulate matter, is made up of a number of components, including acids (such as nitrates and sulfates), organic chemicals, metals, soil or dust particles, and allergens (such as fragments of pollen or mold spores).

Fine particle pollution or PM2.5 describes particulate matter that is 2.5 micrometers in diameter and smaller — 1/30th the diameter of a human hair.

Fine particle pollution can be emitted directly or formed secondarily in the atmosphere. Examples Sulfates are a type of secondary particle formed from sulfur dioxide emissions from power plants and industrial facilities. Nitrates, another a type of fine particle, are formed from emissions of nitrogen oxides from power plants, automobiles, and other combustion sources.

The chemical composition of particles depends on location, time of year, and weather.

SOURCE: EPA

## MILITARY

# Celebrating their youth

Zamir Thomas, 8, gets swimming tips from Travis Lucette, a staff member at Camp Corral in Front Royal, Va.

PHOTOS BY JANI CHIKWENDU/The Washington Post

## Dozens of camps spring up nationwide to help military children 'get to be a kid for a week'

By KAREN CHEN  
The Washington Post

It smells like sunscreen and bug spray and swimming pool chlorine in the lush, wooded mountains of Front Royal, Va., the telltale scents of summer camp. For a week, the children at Camp Corral share bunks, rock climb, pretend to be spies and make the noises of kids being kids.

But when it comes time to retire the American flag at week's end, silence replaces the laughter and squeals. For the sons and daughters of active, wounded and fallen military men and women, the ceremony carries special emotional weight.

Dominic Gierber recalled that moment in his first summer as a camp counselor two years ago. He was sitting next to an 8-year-old camper who had shared his cabin all week. During the ceremony, camp staff explained that the flag had served the country and it was now time to honor it and let it go.

The boy started to cry. "I could see it tore at him personally," recalled Gierber, 19. "He said, 'I don't get it, it's still a flag. It's still our friend. Why are they doing this?'"

Gierber could relate to the campers' habitual sirs and ma'ams, but his dad was never injured in a war. Between campfires, he found himself trying to comfort children less than half his age who were not as lucky.

To cheer him up, Gierber — whose camp name is "Zeus" because of his tall build — gave the boy a piggyback ride back to the dorm.

Camp Corral, at the Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center off Shenandoah National Park, is among dozens of camps that have sprung up across the country since Sept. 11, 2001, to bring



military children together for a summer respite of adventure, new friends and simple fun, said Terry Buchanan, youth initiatives director of the National Military Family Association. The group created camps called Operation Purple, which serve about 1,200 children across the United States each summer.

About 1.1 million of the 2.5 million servicemembers deployed since 9/11 are parents, according to NMFA estimates.

"All their stories are unique, but they have the commonality of going through what they're going through," Buchanan said. "Mental health support is interwoven into the experience."

That support may come in the form of trained counselors, who can listen to a child's concerns, or exploring nature with new friends. The children of these families face challenges beyond those typical to growing up, often having to relocate and deal with injury or loss of a parent abroad.

Physical injuries are obvious to the children, but sometimes the mental trauma that comes with serving in a war zone is tough for children to grapple with, said Betty Fortlouis, executive director of Camp Corral, which holds 22 camp sessions in 16 states, partnering with various accredited camps such as those hosted by the YMCA and 4-H.

Starting with one camp in 2011

and since expanding, the camps are funded by the national, restaurant chain Golden Corral, allowing military children to attend for free.

"When you're a member of a military family, it's a demanding lifestyle," Fortlouis said. "You have to understand service to your country is first, and so your family sometimes has to be second, which can be hard to understand. The children get to be a kid for a week."

At Front Royal, 192 campers ages 8 through 15 tried activities such as air riflery, ziplining, crafts and learning to build a fire with flint and steel. One camper made a functional pinball machine out of cardboard and duct tape.

Cathy Valenza, 37, of Chantilly, Va., served in the Air Force for 14 years before leaving the military in 2011 so her children could grow up in one place. She also wanted to tend to her health after a battle with thyroid cancer. Valenza's two oldest children, Caitlyn, 15, and Tristan, 13, attended Camp Corral for the third summer this year. The entire family learns the campfire songs and ends up singing them all year, she said.

"They get very close, very quickly, and that's very similar to the military when you're in boot camp and you learn to depend on those around and you have to trust each other quickly and keep these bonds," Valenza said.

**Top left:** Bunkmates, clockwise from left, Jessica Hincapie, Stephanie Chavanne, Caitlyn Valenza and Sarah Lueking chat in camp housing.

**Middle:** Camp counselor Aidan Bergel, 16, dives into the pool as participants watch.

**Bottom:** Counselors and staff members lead campers in a cheer.

## MILITARY

# Georgia's role in coalition lifts NATO hopes

By ERNESTO LONDONO

The Washington Post

**TBILISI, Georgia** — When the United States pulled together international coalitions to support its wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, few allies volunteered as quickly and enthusiastically as this small former Soviet state.

As the Afghan war comes to a close after 13 years, the makeup of the multinational force has grown as anemic as the conflict has become unpopular. Yet Georgia, driven by an incessant quest to join NATO, is among the stragglers sticking it out until the end, and playing an outsized role.

The coalition of the willing, born during a moment when the fear of terrorist attacks gripped Western capitals, has become to a large extent a coalition of aspirants. For several small, militarily weak nations, the past decade of war has offered transformational opportunities by boosting their fighting prowess, providing access to world leaders and altering regional politics.

Georgia, which had 20 percent of its territory occupied by Russia in 2008, was among those motivated by a calculation that years of serving in combat zones alongside U.S. troops would earn it a spot in the alliance that binds members to come to each other's defense.

While some Afghan war troop contributors have been welcomed to NATO, others put on tracks to join the alliance, Georgia remains locked out — a source of particular consternation here at a time when Russia has just annexed part of Ukraine and continues to destabilize eastern Ukraine, according to alliance officials. Georgian officials are also upset that Washington has not processed requests for military equipment they want to buy in an effort to be better prepared should they go to war with Russia again.

"Clearly, there's a sense of disappointment in general that we've performed and contributed more than some NATO members," Georgian Defense Minister Irakli Alasania said in a recent interview. "We don't have any security guarantees, no security blankets. The only force we can count on is ourselves."

Tbilisi's 805-strong force in Afghanistan is roughly equal to the collective contributions of NATO members Spain (247); France (177); Denmark (165); Belgium (147); Portugal (147); and Greece (10). The only country that has more troops per capita is the minuscule and impoverished Pacific island of Tonga, which keeps some 55 soldiers in Afghanistan.

Unlike most other contingents in the Afghan coalition, Georgia has not demanded caveats to shield its soldiers from the riskiest assignments or to spare them from fighting. It has made only two requests: to be trained by U.S. Marines and to be given civilian responsibility for sectors of the Afghan battle space.

"They've distinguished them-



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**Georgian soldiers Sgt. Guram Beroshvili, 29, left, and Sgt. Alex Ormotsadze, 28, guard an entry point to an American base in southern Afghanistan in June. Georgia's quest to join NATO has led the country to take an outsized role alongside U.S. troops in Afghanistan.**

selves in terms of their valor," said Evelyn N. Parkas, a deputy assistant secretary of defense whose regional portfolio includes Georgia. "They have suffered the way we have in terms of casualties."

Georgian officials might sound bitter when speaking about their elusive NATO membership aspiration, which they blame primarily on opposition from Germany and France, strong commercial partners of Moscow. But they are not altogether ungrateful. The Afghan war provided the nation of 4.5 million with an opportunity to turn a ragtag, demoralized and poorly led military into a professional and increasingly capable fighting force.

With support and guidance from the U.S. military, Georgia recently built a state-of-the-art military academy whose culture and curriculum are modeled after the vaunted U.S. Army school in West Point, N.Y. U.S. Marines run a training program on the outskirts of Tbilisi, the capital, for Georgian battalions preparing to deploy to Afghanistan.

On a recent afternoon, Capt. Christopher Machi, a Marine working with a Georgian battalion in southern Afghanistan, marveled at how far his trainees have come.

"Their small-tactics abilities are quite good," he said. "They're definitely a warrior culture and they've been in heavy combat here during the last few years."

Georgian soldiers deployed to Afghanistan are far from circumspect when discussing their role in backing their country's political aspirations. Speaking at a base in Zabul Province, where his unit was tasked with providing security for an American infantry battalion, 1st Lt. Gocha Giorgadze said he and his com-

## Lending a hand

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rades understand what their sacrifice is about.

"During the war with Russia, we saw a series of weaknesses in our army and we have sought to improve those problems," he said, referring to the 2008 conflict during which Russian forces quickly overwhelmed the Georgian military. "Practice has shown us that everything is possible."

Realizing that the prospect of NATO membership remains distant, Irakli, the defense minister, has been pressing Washington for help in boosting his country's air defense systems and anti-air

capabilities. Like many Georgians, he speaks about a new conflict with Russia as a near certainty.

"We're now putting together capabilities that would cost Russia heavy losses," said Stavridis, the dean of the Fletcher School at Tufts University. "It would lead the alliance to a place where we would have to make some very difficult decisions."

NATO officials have signaled that they will not give Georgia a formal ascension plan during next month's summit in Wales, although they expect to offer enhanced status as a partner nation of the alliance.

Stavridis said that the West's quickly souring relationship with Russia, which began with Moscow's annexation of Ukraine's Crimea region earlier this year, could end up working in Georgia's favor.

"As relations between NATO and Russia crater, it enhances the possibility over time of Georgia getting more equipment and training," he said. And, if the current trajectory holds, perhaps Washington could persuade allies to put the country on membership track.

"It would show the Russians that Russia doesn't get a vote on who gets into NATO," he said.

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# CRISIS IN IRAQ

## Women held captive by militants may be pressed to marry

By Liz Sly

The Washington Post

**DAHUK, Iraq**—Hundreds of Yazidi women who were captured by Islamic militants during their sweep through the town of Sinjar are being incarcerated at scattered locations across northern Iraq in what increasingly looks like a deliberate attempt to co-opt them into service as the wives of fighters.

As the militants with the Islamic State surged into the area from surrounding Arab villages two weeks ago, snaring those who had not managed to flee, they showed a marked interest in detaining women, notably the youngest and prettiest, according to witnesses, relatives and in some instances the women themselves.

Women were separated from men, then younger women were separated from older ones and most were shunted off in buses or trucks.

Once in custody, the women are presented with a bleak choice.

Those who convert to Islam can be promised a good life, with a house of their own and — implicitly — a Muslim husband, because the interpretation of Islam promoted by the Islamic State does not permit women to live alone.

Otherwise, they have been told, they can expect a life of indefinite imprisonment — or, they fear, death.

### Assembled details

The accounts of the women's capture and detention have been assembled from multiple interviews with Yazidi refugees, witnesses, activists and women who have been able to reach out to the outside world using cellphones they were carrying when they were detained. The identities of the women, and some of the specifics of their accounts and communications, are being withheld to protect them from being discovered by their captors.

The accounts point to a deliberate effort to harness the women into the service of the Islamic State's project to create a caliphate across the Muslim world by persuading them to convert and then marrying them to the men of the group.

The women "are considered apostate, and it is halal (forbidden) for Muslims to marry a non-Muslim," said Hoshiyar Zebari, a Kurdish leader who until recently served as Iraq's foreign minister. He puts the number of women detained at more than 1,000.

"Many fighters came from foreign places without wives, so they want to marry them as to be able to become brides of the jihadis," he said.

Exactly how many women have been caught up in the dragnet is unclear. The Iraqi government claims that 1,500 women have been held in a camp that was destroyed in the brutal blitz by the ex-

tremists through the Sinjar area, where a majority of the residents are Yazidis but some are Christian, Shiite or Sunni Arab.

Women from other sects also have been detained, but the majority of the captives appear to be Yazidis, whose beliefs are considered heretical by the Islamist extremists.

**'Many fighters came from foreign places without wives, so they want the women to convert so that they can become brides of the jihadis.'**

**Hoshiyar Zebari**  
Kurdish leader

are already being held, according to an eyewitness.

The new arrivals had been detained the previous day in the small village of Kocho, where Kurdish officials and Yazidis say more than 80 men were lined up and shot before the younger women were separated from the older ones and taken away.

### Some spared, some not

The oldest of the women in Kocho were not detained but are being held there by Islamic State fighters, who also spared the oldest men, said Ziad Kirani, a Kurdish peshmerga commander in Sinjar, citing the account of one of six survivors of the massacre who escaped injured to a nearby village.

Once at the school, the eyewitness said, the youngest women were separated from older ones and driven away, along with a dozen or so boys between the ages of 10 and 12 who had apparently been detained with their mothers.

The reports from the massacre at Kocho and its aftermath illustrate a disturbing pattern that has emerged in the two weeks since the majority-Yazidi town of Sinjar was overrun, prompting tens of thousands of panicked adherents of the minority sect to run for their lives to the mountains.

Some did not get away in time. Among them was an aunt of



SEBASTIAN MEYER/The Washington Post

**Khalinda Sharaf Ajour, of Dahuk, Iraq, says two of her daughters were captured by Islamic State militants.**

Haji Kirani, 45, who managed to escape to Dahuk, the city in Iraq's Kurdistan region where many of the refugees have found sanctuary.

His aunt lived in the town of Sinjar and was snatched along with her daughter as the militants surged in — unopposed, the Yazidis say, because the Kurdish peshmerga forces responsible for defending the town fled.

As Kirani ascended the mountain, escaping with the other Yazidis, he received a phone call from his aunt, telling him she was being transported in a truck with scores of other women. Over the next few days, she called several more times, relaying her location as she was moved around — first in a prison, then a hotel in Mosul, and then some kind of "hall" in a location she did not know.

"I can see a lot of trees," Kirani said she told him.

Then, late last week, the phone calls stopped.

### Pleas, not threats

The more lurid rumors of mass rapes and sexual enslavement of the women who were caught appear to be exaggerated. The women who have managed to place phone calls say they have been well, if frugally, treated. Lunch in one of the locations consists of a fistful of

boiled rice and dinner of a piece of bread and an egg.

But the Islamic State fighters who are guarding the women appear to have mostly demonstrated prurient adherence to the tenets of Islam that forbid contact with non-Muslim women. When a local Iraqi guard attempted to fondle a woman in one location where hundreds are being held, a senior guard from Morocco or Algeria — the woman who conveyed the story to a relative was not sure — ordered the molester's finger to be cut off.

For the most part, the Islamic State men entreat rather than threaten the women to convert, the women say.

In the wake of the initial onslaught against Sinjar, all of the women were taken to Badoosh prison on the outskirts of the city of Mosul, according to multiple reports.

Since then, groups of the women have been moved around, leading to fears that they have been killed or sold. Some of those women, however, have simply shown up at other locations a few days later, contacting their relatives to say they are well — suggesting the fighters are seeking both to disperse the women and organize them into groups.

But the fate of some of the women remains unknown.

# Kurds retake portions of dam

By DIAA HADID  
The Associated Press

**IRBIL, Iraq** — Kurdish forces took over parts of Iraq's largest dam on Sunday, less than two weeks after it was captured by the Islamic State extremist group, Kurdish security officials said, as U.S. and Iraqi planes aided their advance by bombing militant targets near the facility.

The U.S. began targeting Islamic State fighters with airstrikes a little more than a week ago, allowing Kurdish forces to fend off an advance on their regional capital, Irbil, and to help tens of thousands of members of religious minorities escape the extremists' onslaught.

Recapturing the dam would be a significant victory against the Islamic State, which has seized vast swaths of northern and western Iraq and northeastern Syria. The dam on the Tigris supplies electricity and water for irrigation to a large part of the country.

The Kurdish forces, known as peshmerga, launched the operation early Sunday to retake the Mosul Dam. Gen. Tawfik Desty, a Kurdish commander, told The Associated Press. He said his forces now control the eastern part of the dam and that fighting is still underway.

Another commander said Kurdish forces later were hindered by roadside bombs planted by retreating Islamic State fighters. He added that peshmerga forces had taken the nearby town of Tel Kasubi by Sunday morning.

"They are advancing slowly. The obstacles are the roadside bombs. It's a Daash tactic," he said, referring to the Islamic State by an Arabic acronym. The commander spoke on condition of anonymity in line with military regulations.

"They have reached inside the dam. There is no fighting, just the (roadside) bombs and the abandoned buildings are all rigged with explosives," he said. "We will continue to advance and advance until we are given further instruction."

He said the peshmerga are now waiting for 15 Iraqi military Humvees with mechanized bomb-disposal units. He said some of the explosives had been placed in abandoned buildings by Iraqi troops in an earlier bid to stall the militants' advance.

On Saturday, the U.S. Central Command said nine airstrikes had been launched near the dam, destroying four armored personnel carriers, seven armed vehicles, two Humvees and another armored vehicle.

NATION

# Police, protesters clash after Mo. curfew



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Police Col. Ron Replage, left, and Capt. Ron Johnson talk with Malik Shabazz, center, president of the Black Lawyers for Justice, during a march with protesters in Ferguson, Mo., on Saturday.

## Police official: Reports of violence were reason for police escalation

The Associated Press

FERGUSON, Mo. — The first night of a state-imposed curfew in Ferguson ended with tear gas and seven arrests after police dressed in riot gear used armored vehicles to disperse defiant protesters who refused to leave a St. Louis suburb where a black, unarmed teen had been shot by a white police officer a week earlier.

Missouri State Highway Patrol Capt. Ron Johnson said protesters weren't the reason for the escalated police reaction early Sunday morning after the midnight curfew took effect, but a report of people who had broken into a barbecue restaurant and a man who flashed a handgun in the street as armored vehicles approached the crowd of protesters.

Also overnight, a man was shot and critically wounded in the same area, but not by police. Authorities were searching for the shooter. Someone also shot at a police car, officials said.

The protests have been going on since Michael Brown, 18, was shot and killed Aug. 9 by a white Ferguson officer, Darren Wilson. The death heightened racial tensions between the predominantly black community and mostly white Ferguson Police Department, leading to several run-ins between police and protesters and prompting Missouri's governor to put the Highway Patrol in charge of security.

The Ferguson Police Department waited six days to publicly reveal the name of the officer and documents alleging Brown robbed a convenience store before he was killed, though Ferguson Police Chief Thomas Jackson said Wilson did not know Brown was a suspect when he encountered him walking in the street with a friend.

Gov. Jay Nixon, who declared a

state of emergency in Ferguson on Saturday after protests turned violent the night before, said Sunday morning on ABC's "This Week" that he was not aware the police were going to release the surveillance video.

"It's appeared to cast aspersions on a young man that was gunned down in the street. It made emotions raw," he said.

In announcing the curfew, Nixon said that though many protesters were making themselves heard peacefully, the state would not allow looters to endanger the community.

"We must first have and maintain peace," Nixon said during a news conference that was interrupted repeatedly by people objecting to the curfew and demanding Wilson be charged with murder. "This is a test. The eyes of the world are watching."

Meanwhile, Nixon said the U.S. Department of Justice is beefing up its civil rights investigation of the shooting. Johnson said 40 FBI agents were going door-to-door in the neighborhood gathering information about the shooting.

Johnson said earlier Saturday that police would not enforce the curfew with armored trucks and tear gas but would communicate with protesters and give them ample opportunity to leave. But as the curfew deadline arrived, remaining protesters refused to leave the area as officers spoke through a loudspeaker: "You are in violation of a state-imposed curfew. You must disperse immediately."

As officers put on gas masks, a chant from the distant crowd emerged: "We have the right to assemble peacefully."

A moment later, police began firing canisters into the crowd

# Scrutiny heightens on policy of selling old military gear

By TAMI ABDOLLAH AND ERIC TUCKER  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — After a decade of sending military equipment to civilian police departments across the country, federal officials are reconsidering the idea in light of the violence in Ferguson, Mo.

The public has seen images of heavily armed police, snipers trained on protesters and tear gas plumes. Attorney General Eric Holder said that when police and citizens need to restore calm, "I am deeply concerned that the deployment of military equipment and vehicles sends a conflicting message."

Rep. Hank Johnson, D-Ga., said he will introduce legislation to curb the trend of police militarization. Democratic Sen. Carl Levin, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said his committee will review the program to determine if the Defense Department's surplus equipment is being used as intended.

As the country concludes its longest wartime period, the military has turned over thousands of surplus weapons and armored trucks to local police who often trained alongside the military.

A report by the American Civil Liberties Union in June said police agencies had become "excessively militarized," with officers using training and equipment designed for the battlefield on city streets. The report found the amount of



LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT/AP

Los Angeles County Sheriff's deputies descend from a helicopter in a drill simulating a terrorist attack in downtown Los Angeles in July 2013. In light of the recent events in Ferguson, Mo., Washington is reconsidering its practice of providing military gear to local police.

goods transferred through the military surplus program rose in value from \$1 million in 1990 to nearly \$450 million in 2013.

"Every police force of any size in this country has access to those kinds of weapons now," said David Harris, a police expert at the University of Pittsburgh law school. "It makes it more likely to be used (and) is an escalation all by itself."

In Louisiana, masked police in full body armor carrying AR-15 assault rifles raided a nightclub without a warrant, looking not for terrorists but underage drinkers and fire-code violations. Officers in a California train using the same counterinsurgency tactics as those

used in Afghanistan.

"They're not coming in like we're innocent until proven guilty," said Quinn Eaker.

In 1990, Congress authorized the Pentagon to give surplus equipment to police to help fight drugs, which then gave way to the fight against terrorism.

Though violent crime nationwide is at its lowest level in generations and wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have largely concluded, the military transfers have increased.

Police say the equipment, which includes free body armor, night vision goggles and scopes, keeps officers safe and prepares them for the worst case.

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# NATION



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A pair of investigators walk on the property of Stephen Howells Jr. and Nicole Vaisey in Hermon, N.Y., on Saturday. The couple is accused of kidnapping two young Amish sisters.

## Official: Abductors abused Amish girls

The Associated Press

CANTON, N.Y. — Two young sisters were sexually abused after their abduction from a roadside farm stand in New York state, a prosecutor said Saturday.

St. Lawrence County District Attorney Mary Rain's disclosure came hours after the county's sheriff said the couple charged in the kidnapping were prowling for easy targets and may have planned to abduct other children.

Stephen Howells Jr. and Nicole Vaisey were arrested and arraigned Friday on charges they abducted the 7-year-old and 12-year-old sisters with the intent to physically or sexually abuse them.

"We felt that there was the definite potential that there was going to be other victims," St. Lawrence County Sheriff Kevin Wells said.

The sisters were abducted Wednesday from the farm stand in front of the family's home near the Canadian border. They were set free by their captors about 24 hours later and turned up safe at the door of a house 15 miles from where they were taken.

The sheriff said Howells, 39, and Vaisey, 25, "were targeting opportunities."

The suspects are being held without bail. A preliminary court appearance is scheduled for Thursday.

Vaisey's lawyer, Bradford Rieneau, told The New York Times that Howells had abused Vaisey and treated her submissively. He said she made a "voluntary statement" to investigators after her arrest and was obtaining an order of protection against him.

"She appears to have been the slave and he was the master," Rieneau told the newspaper.

There was no answer Saturday at the St. Lawrence County Conflict Defender's Office, which is representing Howells.

Wells said the girls were able to provide details to investigators about their time in captivity.

The kidnappings touched off a massive search in the family's remote farming community. Searchers scoured the community of about 4,000 people, but were hampered by a lack of photos of the girls. The Amish typically avoid modern technology, and the family had to work with an artist who spoke their language, a German dialect known as Pennsylvania Dutch, to produce a sketch of the older girl.

## Shoddy US roads take toll on economy

By DON LEE  
Los Angeles Times

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — It was a beautiful May afternoon when Donnel Gomes took his week-old silver Mercedes for a spin into the city. He turned onto Broad Street, a main thoroughfare downtown, and kaboom!

The car fell into a huge pothole, blowing its right tire, ripping the front axle and knocking out the air bag system. Cost: \$3,800.

"It was a wreck," said the electrician, 48, although he reckoned he got off easy compared with a motorcyclist whom Gomes saw thrown into the air after hitting a crater on another downtown street. "A damn minefield," he said of traversing many of the roads in Providence, R.I.

Rhode Island has an unusually large share of shoddy highways, streets and bridges, but it's not much better in the rest of the country.

America's transportation infrastructure, once an engine of mobility and productivity, has fallen into such disrepair that it's become an economic albatross.

Consumers shell out billions of dollars for extra car repairs every year. Inefficient and poorly maintained roads mean costly bottlenecks for businesses, which discourage expansion and hobble American companies competing in the global economy.

Congestion on major urban highways costs the economy more than \$100 billion a year in fuel and lost work time, estimates the American Society of Civil Engineers.

America's transportation structures look all the more frayed next to those in advanced economies in Europe and Japan, or in China, which has been busily constructing high-speed rail and new airports.

U.S. spending for transportation and other infrastructure accounts



MEL MELCON, LOS ANGELES TIMES/MCT

Pedestrians walk near a pothole in Hancock Park, Calif.

for 2.4 percent of its economy versus about 12 percent for China, said economist David Dollar, a former China director for the World Bank.

**‘It’s become a white-knuckle experience for many commuters.’**

Casey Dinges  
American Society of Civil Engineers

Europe's infrastructure spending is about 5 percent.

Dollar, now with the Brookings Institution, said visiting Chinese officials

and business leaders frequently remark how surprised they are at America's declining infrastructure, sometimes asking whether they can help finance improvements.

American politicians, from President Barack Obama down to small-town mayors, decry the deplorable condition of infrastructure, but many are reluctant to raise taxes or boost tolls and user fees.

Between the federal government and local entities, government spending for highways runs less than \$90 billion a year, which is barely enough to maintain the status quo, let alone improve roadway conditions and performance.

That's partly why the share of congested highways in U.S. cities has risen from 25 percent in the early 1980s to more than 40 percent today, according to the Transportation Department. Roads with "acceptable ride quality" fell from 87 percent in 1995 to 82 percent in 2010.

It's especially tough for states such as Rhode Island that have been lagging economically and depend heavily on Uncle Sam for transportation funds. The federal highway program is funded by an 18.4-cents-per-gallon gas tax, but that hasn't budged since 1993.

Now, the fund is on the verge of insolvency. Congress came through this month with a last-minute replenishment of money, but it'll only last until May.

The upshot is that states and localities make do with what they can.

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## NATION

# Gov. Perry rejects 'outrageous' indictment

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Texas Gov. Rick Perry is lashing out at the "outrageous" criminal charges filed against him and defending the veto that led a grand jury to indict him on two felony counts of abuse of power.

Perry, a potential candidate for the Republican presidential nomination in 2016, appeared defiant Saturday when he met with reporters outside his Capitol office in Austin, Texas.

Already the longest-serving governor in state history in office since December 2000, he made it clear that he plans to complete his final term in January as planned.

"We don't settle political differences with indictments in this country," Perry said. "It is outrageous that someone would use political theatrics to rip away at the very fabric of our state's



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**Gov. Rick Perry speaks Saturday at the capitol building in Austin, Texas.**

constitution." His scheduled appearance on Sunday morning news show was

expected to provide him with a national audience to press his case.

A Travis County grand jury on Friday indicted Perry for carrying out a threat to veto state funds to the local district attorney, an elected Democrat who refused to resign following a drunken-driving arrest. That 2013 veto prompted a criminal investigation.

"The details of my decision-making were very clear," Perry said. "I said early on that I was going to clearly veto those dollars as long as they had someone in that office who I had lost confidence in. And I had lost confidence."

Perry is the first Texas governor since 1917 to be indicted. The charges came as he has sought to reintroduce himself to Republican leaders and rank-and-file party members eager to win back the White House. Several stumbles during his presidential bid in 2012 led to his early departure

from the race.

Perry's veto cut \$7.5 million in funding to the state's ethics watchdog housed in the county district attorney's office. A state judge assigned a special prosecutor to investigate the veto following a complaint filed by a left-leaning watchdog group, which accused Perry of trying to leverage his power to force the resignation of District Attorney Rosemary Lehnberg.

That unit of public corruption investigators is based in Austin, a liberal haven in the mostly conservative state. Voters in the county reliably elect a Democrat to serve as district attorney.

Perry said he was confident that he would prevail and said those responsible for this "farce

of a prosecution" would be held accountable.

Many Democrats criticized Perry's aggressive reaction to the indictment and accused him of trying to shift the blame.

Yet state Sen. Wendy Davis, the face of the party in Texas who's running a high-profile campaign for governor, took a more cautious tone Saturday.

"The charges that were brought down by the grand jury are very, very serious," Davis said, adding that she trusted the justice system to do its job.

Tensions between Republicans and the public integrity unit have simmered for years. Conservatives have long grumbled that the unit operates through a partisan lens and targets Republicans.

## Have insurers found new ways to discriminate against the sick?

BY RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Ending insurance discrimination against the sick was a central goal of the nation's health care overhaul, but leading patient groups say that promise is being undermined by new barriers from insurers.

The insurance industry responds that critics are confusing legitimate cost-control with bias. Some state regulators, however, say there's reason to be concerned about policies that shift costs to patients and narrow their choices of hospitals and doctors.

With open enrollment for 2015 three months away, the Obama administration is being pressed to enforce the Affordable Care Act's anti-discrimination provisions. Some regulators have been issued; others are pending after more than four years.

More than 300 patient advocacy groups recently wrote Health and Human Services Secretary Sylvia Mathews Burwell to complain about some insurers' practices that "are highly discriminatory against patients with chronic health conditions and may ... violate the (law's) nondiscrimination provisions."

Among the groups were the AIDS Institute, the American Lung Association, Easter Seals, the Epilepsy Foundation, the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, the National Kidney Foundation and United Cerebral Palsy. All supported the law.

Coverage of expensive drugs tops their concerns.

The advocates also say they are disappointed by how difficult it's proved for consumers to get a full picture of plans sold on the new insurance exchanges. Digging is often required to learn crucial de-

tails such as drugs covered, exact copayments and which doctors and hospitals are in the network.

Washington state's insurance commissioner, Mike Kreidler, said "there is no question" that discrimination is creeping back.

"The question is whether we are catching it or not," said Kreidler, a Democrat.

Kansas' commissioner, Sandy Praeger, a Republican, said the jury is out on whether some insurers are back to shunning the sick. Nonetheless, Praeger said the administration needs to take a strong stand.

"They ought to make it very clear that if there is any kind of discrimination against people with chronic conditions, there will be enforcement action," Praeger said. "The whole goal here was to use the private insurance market to create a system that provides health insurance for all Americans."

The Obama administration turned down interview requests.

An HHS spokeswoman said the department is preparing a formal response to the advocates and stressed that today's level of consumer protection is far superior to what existed before President Barack Obama's law, when an insurance company could use any existing medical condition to deny coverage.

The law also takes away some of the motivation insurers have for chasing healthy patients. Those attracting a healthy population must pay into a pool that will reimburse plans with a higher share of patients with health problems. But that backstop is under attack from congressional Republicans as an insurer "bailout."

Compounding the uncertainty is that Washington and the states now share responsibility for policing health plans sold to

individuals.

Although the federal government is running insurance markets in 36 states, state regulators are still in charge of consumer protection. A few states refuse to enforce any aspect of the law.

Kreidler said the federal government should establish a basic level of protection that states can build on. "We're kind of piecemealing it right now," he said.

Much of the concern is about coverage for prescription drugs. Also worrisome are the narrow networks of hospitals and doctors that insurers are using to keep premiums down. Healthy people generally shop for lower premiums, while people with health problems look for access to specialists and the best hospitals.

Before Obama's overhaul, insurance plans sold on the individual market could exclude prescription coverage. Now the debate is over what's fair to charge patients.

Some plans are requiring patients to pay 30 percent or more for drugs that go for several thousand dollars per month. HIV drugs, certain cancer medications, and multiple sclerosis drugs are among them.

Although the law sets an overall annual limit on what patients are required to pay, the initial medication cost can be a shock.

The insurance industry trade group America's Health Insurance Plans says there's no discrimination because patients have many options on the insurance exchanges. Gold and platinum plans feature lower cost-sharing, but have higher premiums. Standard silver plans generally require patients to pay a greater share of medical bills, but some have fairly robust drug coverage.

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WORLD

# Optimism fades about Gaza war talks

By MOHAMMED DARAGHEH  
The Associated Press

CAIRO — A Palestinian negotiator said Sunday his side is “less optimistic” about indirect talks with Israel over the Gaza war as a deadline on a temporary cease-fire looms.

The Palestinian team reassembled in Cairo on Sunday after members returned from consultations in Qatar, Lebanon and elsewhere in the Middle East. The Israeli team also returned Sunday to resume the Egyptian-mediated talks. A current five-day cease-fire is due to end late Monday.

The negotiations have been going on between the sides since early last week. They are aimed at ending the latest war between Israel and Hamas-led Islamic militants in the Gaza Strip and improving conditions for the territory’s 1.8 million people. Israel wants guarantees to end rocket fire and attacks on its citizens.

Close to 2,000 Palestinians have been killed — most civilians — and more than 10,000 people have been wounded since the war began July 8, according to United Nations figures. In Israel, 67 people have been killed, all but three soldiers.

A member of the Palestinian delegation told The Associated Press on Sunday that the gaps between the sides were still significant and



**Palestinian protesters face Israeli soldiers following a demonstration to support the people of Gaza on Friday.**

that it was far from certain whether a deal could be reached before the cease-fire expires.

“We are less optimistic than we were earlier,” he said.

The negotiator said that a key sticking point remains Hamas’ insistence that Israel pledge to end its Gaza blockade before the talks conclude. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he is not authorized to discuss the issue with journalists.

Under the terms of an Egyptian proposal, Israel and the West

Bank-based Palestinian Authority would negotiate the end to the blockade at some point in the future.

The blockade has restricted the flow of goods into Gaza and blocked virtually all exports, as well as limited Palestinians’ movement in and out of the territory.

Israel says the closure is necessary to prevent arms smuggling, and officials are reluctant to make any concessions that would allow Hamas to declare victory.

Israel, meanwhile, is demand-

**‘If Hamas thinks its defeat on the battlefield will be papered over by a victory at the negotiating table, it is mistaken.’**

Benjamin Netanyahu  
Israeli prime minister

ing that Hamas be disarmed, or at the very least, be prevented from re-arming, something the militant group has rejected.

Speaking before Israel’s weekly Cabinet meeting, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said that Hamas had suffered a huge setback in the four-week war and that would be reflected at the Cairo talks.

“If Hamas thinks its defeat on the battlefield will be papered over by a victory at the negotiating table, it is mistaken,” he said.

Hamas has recovered from previous rounds of violence with Israel, including a major three-week air and ground operation in January 2009 and another weeklong air offensive in 2012. It still has an arsenal of several thousand rockets, some with long ranges and relatively heavy payloads.

## 2 UN peacekeepers killed in north Mali

BAMAKO, Mali — The U.N. secretary-general said two United Nations peacekeepers have been killed and seven wounded in a suicide attack in Mali.

Ban Ki-moon said he was saddened by the deaths and condemned the attack against U.N. personnel in a statement issued Saturday.

The mission said the suicide attack took place in Ber in the region of Timbuktu. It marks the third time this week that U.N. peacekeepers have been targeted in northern Mali.

## Clash in Yemen leaves 1 soldier, 4 others dead

SANAA, Yemen — A firefight between Yemeni troops and al-Qaida fighters killed one soldier and four suspected militants, the Defense Ministry said in a statement Sunday.

The military said the attack targeted a house where it believed militants stayed in the southeastern province of Hadramawt. It said five suspected militants were arrested after the overnight clashes that lasted until early Sunday.

At least 1,000 troops have been sent to Hadramawt over the past days as reinforcement in the offensive against al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula, which the U.S. considers to be the group’s most dangerous offshoot.

## Kenya to bar travelers from Ebola-hit countries

NAIROBI, Kenya — The Kenyan government over the weekend said it will bar passengers traveling from three West African countries hit by the Ebola outbreak, closing a debate in East Africa’s economic powerhouse about whether the national airline was exposing the country to the deadly disease.

The suspension is effective midnight Tuesday for all ports of entry for people traveling from or through Sierra Leone, Guinea and Liberia, said Kenya’s Health Ministry. Nigeria was not included in the ban, which also allows entry to health professionals and Kenyans returning from those countries.

## 35 cargo stowaways ID’d as Afghan Sikhs

LONDON — Police investigating the death of an illegal immigrant inside a ship’s cargo container said the victim and 34 survivors are Afghans from the country’s tiny Sikh colony. Essex Police Superintendent Trevor Roe said it took a day to determine the stowaways’ nationality because they lacked documents, and finding the right translators proved difficult. Police initially thought they were Indian.

Four remained hospitalized Sunday, a day after dock workers at Tilbury, east of London, found the 34 survivors screaming and pounding the walls inside the cargo container. Paramedics declared one dead at the scene and treated others for hypothermia and dehydration.

From wire reports

# Syrian airstrikes target Islamic State group

By RYAN LUCAS  
The Associated Press

BEIRUT — Syrian government warplanes pounded an Islamic State group stronghold as well as other towns controlled by the extremists, conducting a wave of airstrikes Sunday that killed at least 11 people, activists said.

For more than a year, President Bashar Assad’s air force rarely targeted territory controlled by the Islamic State group in northern Syria, instead focusing on mainstream rebel groups. But government jets have begun hitting the extremists more regularly since the jihadis overran much of neighboring northern and western Iraq in June.

Even in that context, the intensity of Sunday’s air raids appeared unusually high, with at least 25 strikes hitting the group’s stronghold of Raqqa in northeastern Syria, the Britain-based

Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said.

Observatory director Rami Abdurrahman said 14 of those raids targeted a military court and other buildings used by the group.

He said at least 31 Islamic State members were killed in Raqqa, and about 40 were wounded. He said there were an additional 22 civilian casualties, but he didn’t have an exact breakdown of the dead and wounded.

The Local Coordination Committees, an activist collective, also reported the airstrikes on Raqqa, but put the death toll early in the day at 11. Differences in casualty figures are common in the immediate aftermath of attacks in Syria.

Both activist groups also reported government airstrikes on Islamic State-controlled areas in Deir el-Zour province bordering Iraq and Aleppo province bordering Turkey, including the towns of Akhtarin and Dabiq.

Both communities were among around a dozen towns and villages that fighters from the extremist group overran last week in Aleppo province. Those gains have jeopardized the mainstream rebels’ position in the province as well as the city of Aleppo itself, where opposition fighters are also under assault by government troops.

They have also brought the extremist group, whose fighters have been bolstered by U.S. heavy weapons looted from Iraqi military bases, closer to a confrontation with Syrian government forces in Aleppo. The desire to weaken the group may be one reason for the uptick in airstrikes on it.

The government may also be trying to dispel long-held questions about its determination to directly confront the group, while also countering calls by rebels for the United States to conduct airstrikes against the extremists in Syria.

# Iran tells UN nuclear watchdog chief no talks on missiles

By NASSER KARIMI  
The Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Iranian President Hassan Rouhani told the visiting head of the U.N. nuclear watchdog on Sunday that Tehran will not discuss its long-range missile program as part of talks aimed at resolving a decade-long nuclear dispute, official media reported.

“Iran’s missile power is not negotiable at any level under any pretext,” Rouhani told Yukiya

**‘Iran’s missile power is not negotiable at any level under any pretext.’**

Hassan Rouhani  
president of Iran

Amano, the director-general of the International Atomic Energy Agency, the official IRNA news service reported.

The president added, however, that Iran is prepared to cooperate with the IAEA’s probe into

whether its civilian nuclear program has a military component, “since there is no room for using a weapon of mass destruction in Iran’s defense doctrine.”

Western nations have long suspected Iran of covertly seeking

nuclear weapons capability, accusations denied by Tehran, which insists its nuclear program is only for civilian purposes like power generation and the production of medical isotopes.

Iran’s long-range missile program is of major concern for Israel, which fears it may one day mount nuclear warheads on the projectiles, and it has not ruled out military action to prevent that from happening. Iran insists the missile program is a vital deterrent to a possible Israeli attack.

## WORLD

# Ukraine says troops entered rebel-held city

By PETER LEONARD  
The Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine — Army troops have penetrated deep inside a rebel-controlled city in eastern Ukraine in what could prove a breakthrough development in the four-month-long conflict, the Ukrainian government said Sunday.

However, the military acknowledged that one of its fighter planes was shot down by the separatists, who have been bullish about their ability to continue the battle and have bragged about receiving support from Russia.

Ukraine's national security council said government forces captured a district police station in Luhansk on Saturday after bitter clashes in the Velika Vergunka neighborhood.

Weeks of fighting have taken their toll on Luhansk, which city authorities say has reached the verge of a humanitarian catastrophe. The siege mounted by government forces has ground delivery of basic provisions to a halt and has cut off power and

running water.

After rebel forces have regularly yielded territory in recent weeks, they have continued to show formidable fighting capabilities.

Ukrainian military spokesman Oleskyi Dmitrashkovsky said Sunday that the separatists shot down a Ukrainian fighter plane over the Luhansk region after it launched an attack on rebels. The pilot ejected and was taken to a secure place, he said. Another military spokesman, Andriy Lyenko, later said that the status of the pilot was still being clarified. Part of a large Russian aid convoy carrying supplies intended for Luhansk and other afflicted zones on Sunday headed to the section of border closest to the city, but the 16 trucks stopped just short of the frontier crossing in the early afternoon. The convoy of nearly 270 vehicles has been marooned for days in a town near the border amid objections from Ukraine, which initially complained that the mission was not authorized by the International Committee for the Red Cross.



ERFREM LUKATSKY/AP

**Volunteers take an oath of allegiance to Ukraine on Sunday in Kiev before being sent to the eastern part of Ukraine to join the ranks of special battalion Azov fighting against pro-Russia separatists.**

The Red Cross, which would have responsibility for distributing the aid, on Saturday said the main holdup was a lack of security guarantees from all sides in the conflict.

A large X-ray machine was brought to the Russian crossing point in the afternoon, and Paul Picard, the head of a border-monitoring mission from the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, said it would be used to inspect the cargo.

As the status of the Russian aid convoy remained uncertain, the foreign ministers of Ukraine, Russia, Germany and France

were expected to meet in Berlin on Sunday evening over the crisis.

Donetsk, the main rebel-held city, also is suffering through fighting, including frequent shelling. Ten civilians have been killed and eight wounded in the past 24 hours, city authorities reported Sunday.

The leader of the self-proclaimed rebel government in the Donetsk region, Alexander Zakharchenko, has boasted that new military equipment was on its way from Russia. In a video posted online during the weekend, he said the shipment included tanks

and some 1,200 fighters who have undergone training in Russia.

Lysenko, the military spokesman, said the government had information that separatists had received reinforcement from Russia, but added that there is evidence rebels are complaining about not receiving some of the equipment they have been promised.

Russia has consistently denied allegations that it is supporting the rebels with equipment or training. But Ukraine's president on Friday said Ukraine had destroyed a large number of military vehicles that had recently crossed from Russia.

# Pope makes biggest gesture yet to China, eyes ties

By NICOLE WINFIELD  
The Associated Press

HAEMI, South Korea — Pope Francis made his strongest gesture yet to reach out to China on Sunday, saying he wants to improve relations and insisting that the Catholic Church isn't coming in as a "conqueror" but is rather a partner in dialogue.

Francis outlined his priorities for the Catholic Church in Asia during a meeting of about 80 of the region's bishops, urging them to engage with people of different cultures empathetically.

"In this spirit of openness to others, I earnestly hope that those countries of your continent with whom the Holy See does not yet enjoy a full relationship may not hesitate to further a dialogue for the benefit of all," he said.

Then deviating from his text, he added: "I'm not talking here only about a political dialogue, but about a fraternal dialogue. These Christians aren't coming as conquerors, they aren't trying to take away our identity."

He said the important thing was to "walk together."

The Vatican spokesman, the Rev. Federico Lombardi, said the pope's remarks were "obviously

a sign of goodwill for dialogue" with China as well as the other countries in Asia with which the Vatican doesn't have diplomatic relations: North Korea, Vietnam, Myanmar, Laos, Bhutan and Brunei. "This offer of the pope for dialogue is to all these lands and not just one, even if China is the biggest," he said.

He acknowledged that Francis so far has refrained from making any publicly policy statement about China, which counts some 12 million Catholics, but that the speech was a clear affirmation of a desire for dialogue. It was also a message to the region's bishops that they can sow the seeds for dialogue through charitable works and educational services even before official diplomatic relations with the Holy See are established.

China cut relations with the Vatican in 1951 after the Communist Party took power and set up its own church outside the pope's authority. China persecuted the church for years until restoring a degree of religious freedom and freeing imprisoned priests in the late 1970s. The Vatican under then-Pope Benedict XVI sought to improve ties by seeking to

## Former sex slaves seek help from pope

SEOUL, South Korea — Lee Yong-soo hopes a meeting Monday with Pope Francis will provide some solace for the pain that still feels fresh more than seven decades after Japanese soldiers forced her into prostitution during World War II.

Lee, 86, and two other elderly former "comfort women" will sit in the front row during the last Mass of the pope's five-day trip to South Korea. Francis cannot solve a long-running grievance that has become a major hurdle to better ties between neighbors and U.S. allies Japan and South Korea, but the

women are looking for greater global attention as they push Japan for a new apology and compensation. They also want a chance to share with the pope their feelings on the brutality they suffered as girls.

"If we do get a chance to speak with him, I want to cling to him in tears and ask him to help us resolve our pain," Lee, a devout Catholic who was 15 when forced into sexual slavery, said by telephone. "I want to ask him to help us end this problem in a peaceful way."

"Time is running out. Only 55 of the 238 women registered as official victims of sexual slavery survive, according to Seoul's Ministry of Gender Equality and Family website.

From The Associated Press

unify the state-sanctioned church with the underground church still loyal to Rome.

Vatican-China ties already have broken new ground on Francis' first Asian trip, with Beijing agreeing to let Francis' Alitalia charter fly through its airspace. When St. John Paul II last came

to South Korea in 1989, Beijing refused to let him fly overhead. With the fly-by confirmed, Francis sent the traditional greetings he sends to the leadership of countries he flies over. That said, there have been reports that some Chinese Catholics who wanted to participate in the Asian Catholic

youth festival here were prevented from coming.

For the Vatican, the main stumbling block in relations remains the insistence of the official Chinese Catholic Patriotic Association on naming bishops without papal consent. For China, the naming of bishops is a matter of its national sovereignty, while it also objects that the Holy See has diplomatic relations with Taiwan.

Lombardi sought to stress that the Vatican was always open to dialogue, and was not interested in questions of political sovereignty. "Authorities have not to fear the Holy See as a power that comes to exercise its foreign powers in the land, but is a religious authority that is of another order than the political and civil authorities," he said.

There was no immediate response Sunday from Beijing authorities — either from the government or the Patriotic Association. But earlier in the week, after the telegram was sent, Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying told the government's China Daily that "we have noticed the remarks of Pope Francis."

WORLD



VINCENT YU/AP

A copy of a full-page obituary announcement in Thursday's Oriental Daily is displayed in Hong Kong on Friday.

## Rival counters fake obituary in Hong Kong

The Associated Press

HONG KONG — A Hong Kong pro-democracy media magnate appeared in a humorous video to counter an obituary of him published Thursday in a rival newspaper.

Next Media boss Jimmy Lai says in the video he is "sorry to disappoint" whoever paid for the full-page announcement in the Oriental Daily.

The newspaper hasn't commented, and it wasn't clear who took out the announcement, which said Lai Chee-yung, died at 65 from AIDS and multiple cancers. It referred to Lai by his Chinese name but used a different written character for Chee that sounds the same.

The graphic style of the fake obituary mirrored that of real obituaries in Hong Kong media. It said the tycoon was also known as "Fatty Lai," and that his family members also had severe diseases and couldn't attend his funeral. It offered condolences to staff at Two Media, a reference to Lai's company, which in Chinese is known as One Media.

Lai owns Apple Daily, Hong Kong's sole pro-democracy newspaper. It and Oriental Daily are among the most popular publications in the semi-autonomous Chinese territory.

It's the latest incident to raise fears about press freedom in Hong Kong, which has tumbled in a ranking by international watchdog group Reporters Without Borders to 61st place from No. 18 in 2002.

The video intersperses cartoon images with shots of Lai filming himself, selfie-style. The plot has Lai being taken to the afterlife by traditional Chinese gods of the underworld but sent back because his name doesn't match.

"This joke isn't good enough because I still don't have AIDS," Lai says. "If you want me to die, you'll have to keep cursing me."

Next Media Ltd. is known for firing out animated clips summarizing big news events for its readers. One of its best-known videos portrayed "Tiger Woods' infamous car crash" that preceded the golfer's divorce.

# Papal visit highlights religious divide

## While millions in South welcome pope, Catholicism in North tightly controlled

By ERIC TALMADGE  
The Associated Press

TOKYO — Yes, North Korea has Catholics. It even has a Catholic church.

But while Pope Francis is being welcomed by millions of South Korean Catholics, Christianity has been largely quashed north of the border, and as a string of recent arrests suggest, would-be missionaries there face severe risks amid a North-South religious divide that is perhaps wider than ever.

The church in North Korea is under tight government control and is not recognized by the Vatican. Indeed, services there would be hardly recognizable as Catholic to outsiders.

Inside North Korea's one cathedral are crosses, but no crucifixes. Weekly services feature hymns and prayers offered in a highly formalized manner, but there are no sacraments. Nor are there priests, state-appointed laymen officiate services.

Officials in Pyongyang had no immediate comment on Francis' five-day South Korea visit. Just one hour before the pope arrived in Seoul, South Korea, on Thursday, North Korea launched three short-range projectiles into the ocean. It later said the timing was meant to mark the anniversary of its liberation from Japan.

A rocket researcher quoted by North Korea's main news agency dismissed the idea that the launches had anything to do with



GREGORIO BORGIA/AP

The faithful pray during a mass conducted by Pope Francis during the 6th Asian Youth Day in Haemi, South Korea, on Sunday.

the pope as "nonsensical." "I just wonder why, among all the numerous days of the year ... the Roman pope chose to visit Korea on the day when we carried out the test-firing of our latest tactical rocket," the Korean Central News Agency quoted Kim In Yong as saying.

North Korea quickly rejected an invitation to join in a peace and reconciliation Mass that Francis will celebrate Monday in Seoul. The North slapped down the invitation not on religious grounds

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Son Jung-hun

Seoul human rights activist raised in Pyongyang

but with complaints about South Korea's participation in military exercises with the United States.

"We feel deeply sorry about the outcome, but we will continue to pray for another chance to celebrate the holy Mass with the North Korean faithful," Vatican spokesman the Rev. Federico Lombardi said.

Compared with South Korea, where there are more than 5 million Catholics, estimates of the size of the North Korean Catholic flock range from 800 to about 3,000.

The lower estimates come from the United Nations Human Rights Commission, which recently cited the lack of religious freedom in the North as one example of its poor human rights record. The higher estimate comes from the Korean Catholic Association, a North Korean government-controlled body that is responsible for all official information about the church and coordinates a weekly service for followers.

Before the advent of the North Korean regime, Pyongyang had more Christians than any other city in Korea and was known as the "Korean Jerusalem." Seen as fertile ground for missionary

work, Pyongyang also had a seat-of-bishop.

Most of that presence was erased by the early 1950s, and the North has kept a tight lid on all Christian activities in the country since.

Son Jung-hun, 49, a human rights activist in Seoul who was born and raised in Pyongyang before defecting to the South at age 35, said regular people in Pyongyang cannot go to the Catholic church and participate in services.

"The Catholics in Pyongyang would not know about the pope's visit to South Korea, the history of South Korean Catholicism and the significance of the pope's visit," Son said. "Senior government officials who work in foreign affairs and others know about the pope's visit, but average citizens will never know."

Being a Catholic, per se, is not illegal. Article 14 of the 1948 constitution states that citizens "shall have the freedom of religious belief and of conducting religious services." But because the ideals of Christianity — and the worship of Jesus — are not in line with North Korea's rigorously enforced political ideology, believers are considered suspect.

## Building collapse sheds light on N. Korean priorities

By ERIC TALMADGE  
The Associated Press

PYONGYANG, North Korea — Pyongyang isn't just any North Korean city. So when a 23-story apartment building under construction collapsed in the center of the showcase capital in May, officials faced a bona fide emergency.

Their response was in some ways predictable: a grudgingly slow and piecemeal confirmation, followed by scapegoating and spin. Three months later, they still refuse to give a death toll, saying only that it was "serious" and that leader Kim Jong Un "sat up all night feeling painful after being told about the accident."

But in a country where acknowledgment of failure is rare, experts say North Korea's handling of the collapse also shines a light on how it is grappling with some deeper issues, including its image among foreign investors, the limits on its control over information and the need to address, at a public level, the concerns of its citizens.

Well aware of how far North Korea lags behind its more prosperous neighbors, Kim has singled out development projects as a key priority since he assumed power following the death of his father

in 2011. Last week, while visiting a block of apartment houses being built in Pyongyang for university teachers, he reportedly said the nation's soldier-builders are "racing against time in ushering in a great heyday of building a rich and powerful country."

Nowhere is that race more feverish — or the political stakes higher — than in Pyongyang.

Home to more than one-tenth of North Korea's 24 million people, Pyongyang has always been the focus of development and the prime beneficiary of state funding. Providing better housing for Pyongyang residents, who have a much higher standard of living than other North Koreans, is a key means for the leadership to ensure their support and loyalty.

In a country that sorely needs to improve its basic infrastructure, there is no public debate over



WONG MAYE-E/AP

North Koreans paint the facade of their apartment building in Pyongyang, North Korea.

whether North Korea really needs a new luxury ski resort, or a 105-story, pyramid-shaped hotel that has been a Pyongyang landmark for more than 20 years but has yet to open for business. Questioning the value of megaprojects held up as symbols of progress and national pride in North Korea is taboo.

Housing, however, hits closer to home.

"This accident happened because they broke the rules and methods of construction," Pyongyang resident Pak Chol told The

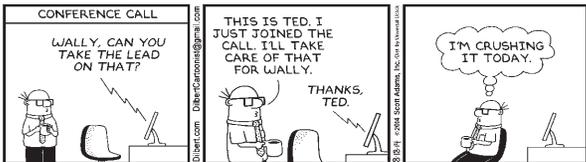
Associated Press after the accident was reported by the state media. "We must make sure that this kind of terrible accident never happens again by sticking to the proper method of building."

"Symbolically, to have a newer building go down in the heart of the city is quite bad indeed," said Geoffrey See, managing director of the Singapore-based nonprofit Choson Exchange, which conducts training on economic policy, entrepreneurship and law in North Korea.

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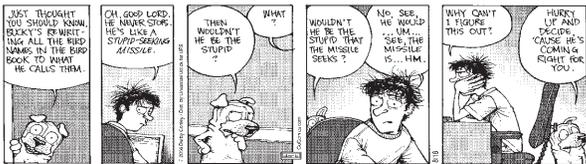
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- 20 Rent from a renter
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- 32 Lesley of "60 Minutes"
- 34 Poorly lit
- 35 Cried
- 37 Barefoot
- 39 Resistance measure
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- 42 Attack
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- 49 Like some chicken
- 51 Card game
- 52 Young nooculum
- 53 Debt note
- 54 "Once — a time ..."
- 55 Droops
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- 24 Spotted
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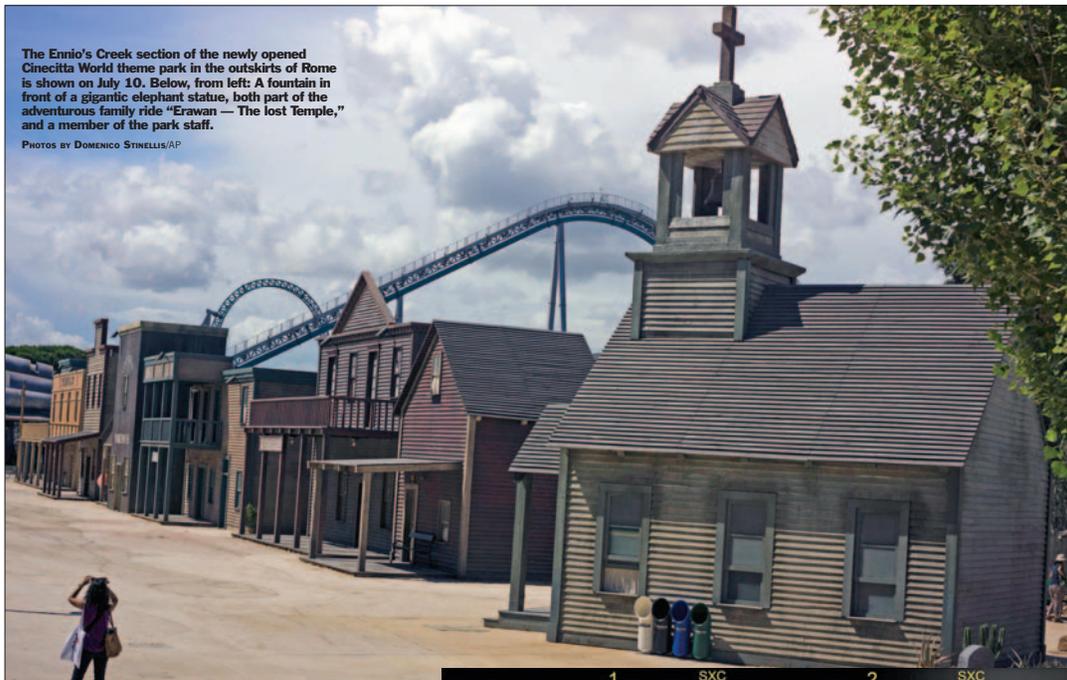
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The Ennio's Creek section of the newly opened Cinecitta World theme park in the outskirts of Rome is shown on July 10. Below, from left: A fountain in front of a gigantic elephant statue, both part of the adventurous family ride "Erawan — The lost Temple," and a member of the park staff.

PHOTOS BY DOMENICO STINELLIS/AP



# 'Hollywood on the Tiber'

## Amusement park pays tribute to Italian film industry's golden age

By KAVITHA SURANA  
The Associated Press

ROME — A new amusement park outside Rome celebrates the world of cinema, taking visitors back to the golden age of Italian film production when the Rome-based Cinecitta Studios — still in operation — were known as "Hollywood on the Tiber."

"Here, the idea is that people will also enter not only sets, but the confusion of a place where they are shooting movie. Everything will be illusion," said Emmanuel Gout, president of Cinecitta Parks. "The visitor will become a protagonist in the day, becoming a star, becoming involved in some fake movie."

At a submarine set, visitors get into character by donning marine helmets and racing through an action-packed movie scene.

These marines bark orders and frantically spin valves, trying to avert an impending disaster.

Fans of Sergio Leone spaghetti Westerns will delight in the Western set, which features an Italian Morricone soundtrack for make-believe cowboy showdowns. A 1920s New York set is inspired by Dante Ferretti's set work for the Martin Scorsese film, "Gangs of New York." Ferretti designed all the sets for the park.

Beyond the lights, camera and action, no amusement park is complete without some wild rides. Cinecitta World mixes roller coasters with the pleasure of cinematic recreation: a futuristic corkscrew roller coaster connected to a spaceship and a water coaster in an ancient Rome set.

Italy is not exactly known for its amusement parks — most tourists

come to Rome to view real ancient ruins, like the Colosseum. Cinecitta World's creators hope the park will coax tourists to tack an extra day onto their itineraries.

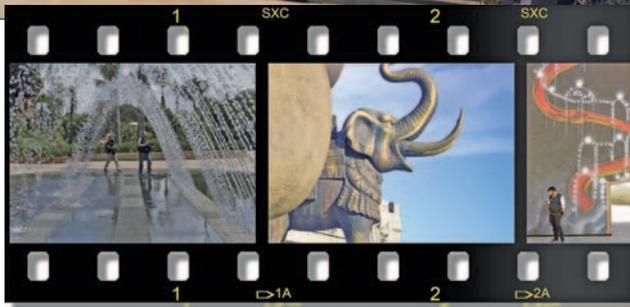
"The average tourist spends five days in Paris but two and a half days in Rome," said Luigi Abete, president of the Italian Entertainment Group. "After they opened the Disney theme park outside Paris, the average stay went up."

Cinecitta World stands out among theme parks in several ways. For one thing, the food is better; no greasy funnel cakes or corn dogs to be found. Visitors instead can sit down to a civilized meal at an Italian wood-fired pizzeria at the Gatsby-esque Charleston Club; a healthful buffet (with a glass of wine, for grown-ups) at the Old American Bistro; or a rollicking barbecue at the saloon.

But beyond the food, there's plenty of kitsch at Cinecitta World. With its jumble of loose references to bygone films that many children (and even some adults) won't be familiar with — from the 1914 silent film "Cabiria" to American classics like "High Noon" and "Indiana Jones" — it seems oddly and refreshingly disconnected from the current moment.

"While other places say what you have to dream, we don't. We are free," Gout said.

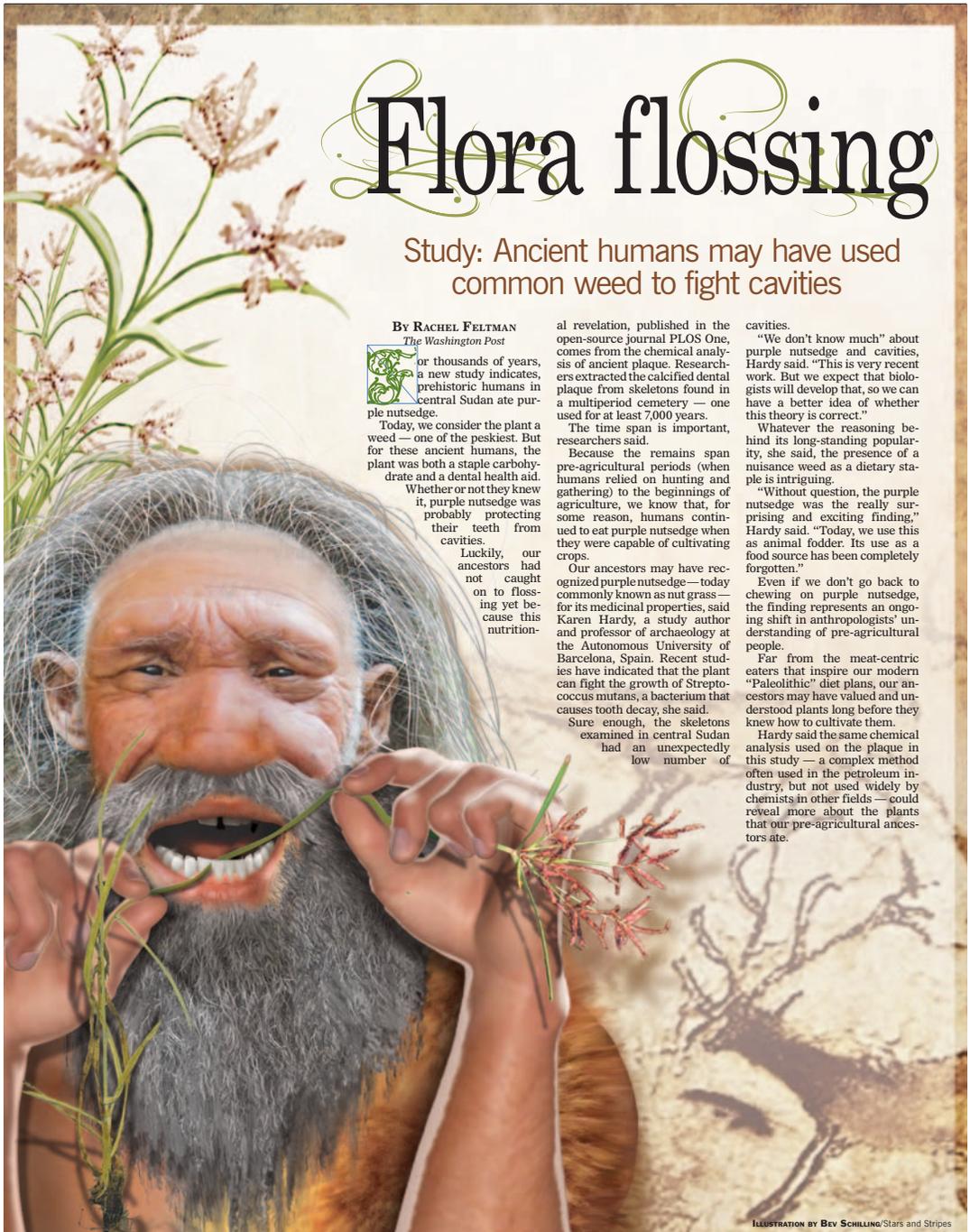
Italians seem to agree. "It takes us back in time," said Mirella Monti, a visitor at a preview before the park's official July 24 opening. "Cinema always has this effect. In a few seconds, it catapults you into a completely different environment than reality — it could be the future or the past."



## IF YOU GO

**CINECITTA WORLD**  
Open daily 10 a.m.-11 p.m. through Aug. 31. Hours vary beginning Sept. 1. Adults, 29 Euros (\$39); children under 10 and adults over 65, 23 Euros (\$31). Children shorter than one meter (40 inches) are admitted free. A 45-minute drive from Rome, or reachable via direct shuttle bus from Termini train station, the Vatican, the Eur Fermi stop of metro line B, or the Santa Palomba regional train line station. Across the street from the park is the popular Castel Romano Shopping Village.  
<http://www.cinecittaworld.it/>

## SCIENCE AND MEDICINE



# Flora flossing

## Study: Ancient humans may have used common weed to fight cavities

By RACHEL FELTMAN  
The Washington Post



For thousands of years, a new study indicates, prehistoric humans in central Sudan ate purple nut sedge.

Today, we consider the plant a weed — one of the peskiest. But for these ancient humans, the plant was both a staple carbohydrate and a dental health aid.

Whether or not they knew it, purple nut sedge was probably protecting their teeth from cavities.

Luckily, our ancestors had not caught on to flossing yet because this nutritious

al revelation, published in the open-source journal PLOS One, comes from the chemical analysis of ancient plaque. Researchers extracted the calcified dental plaque from skeletons found in a multiperiod cemetery — one used for at least 7,000 years.

The time span is important, researchers said.

Because the remains span pre-agricultural periods (when humans relied on hunting and gathering) to the beginnings of agriculture, we know that, for some reason, humans continued to eat purple nut sedge when they were capable of cultivating crops.

Our ancestors may have recognized purple nut sedge — today commonly known as nut grass — for its medicinal properties, said Karen Hardy, a study author and professor of archaeology at the Autonomous University of Barcelona, Spain. Recent studies have indicated that the plant can fight the growth of *Streptococcus mutans*, a bacterium that causes tooth decay, she said.

Sure enough, the skeletons examined in central Sudan had an unexpectedly low number of

cavities.

“We don’t know much” about purple nut sedge and cavities, Hardy said. “This is very recent work. But we expect that biologists will develop that, so we can have a better idea of whether this theory is correct.”

Whatever the reasoning behind its long-standing popularity, she said, the presence of a nuisance weed as a dietary staple is intriguing.

“Without question, the purple nut sedge was the really surprising and exciting finding,” Hardy said. “Today, we use this as animal fodder. Its use as a food source has been completely forgotten.”

Even if we don’t go back to chewing on purple nut sedge, the finding represents an ongoing shift in anthropologists’ understanding of pre-agricultural people.

Far from the meat-centric eaters that inspire our modern “Paleolithic” diet plans, our ancestors may have valued and understood plants long before they knew how to cultivate them.

Hardy said the same chemical analysis used on the plaque in this study — a complex method often used in the petroleum industry, but not used widely by chemists in other fields — could reveal more about the plants that our pre-agricultural ancestors ate.

# AMERICAN ROUNDUP



RICK BOWMER/AP

## Scenic symphony

Graeme Mutchler warms up with his trombone during rehearsal before the Utah Symphony performance Friday at the edge of Bryce Canyon National Park, Utah. The 75-piece Utah Symphony was aiming to complement the beauty of Utah's soaring red rocks and canyons with free desert performances near Utah's national parks over the weekend.

### Man in burqa disguise allegedly robs ATM

**IL CHICAGO** — Authorities said a security guard donned a burqa to disguise himself as he stole \$168,000 from a suburban Chicago ATM last week.

The allegations against Gildardo Lopez Jr., 31, of Chicago and an alleged accomplice are spelled out in a criminal complaint filed Friday.

The Chicago Sun-Times reported that the filing says authorities arrested Lopez on Thursday outside a Chase Bank in La Grange. It says he was dressed in the all-concealing garment worn by some Muslim women and carrying a suitcase full of cash.

The complaint says Lopez had been hired to service the ATM and then boasted of the planned theft to an informant.

### No bidders for possibly booby-trapped land

**NH CONCORD** — No one bid for the compound of a tax-evading couple convicted of amassing an arsenal of weapons and holding federal law enforcement officials at bay for months.

The auction of Ed and Elaine Brown's fortress-like home on 100 acres in Plainfield was held at U.S. District Court in Concord on Friday. The minimum bid was \$250,000. Elaine Brown's dental office in a prime Lebanon commercial zone also was being auctioned with a minimum bid of \$507,500, but it also attracted no bidders.

Prospective bidders were not allowed to tour the properties, in part because the U.S. Marshals Service raised the possibility that explosives or other booby traps could be buried on the residential

property.

The standoff was sparked when marshals came to take the Browns into custody after they were convicted of tax evasion and sentenced to five years in prison.

They were convicted in 2009 of amassing weapons, explosives and booby traps and plotting to kill federal agents who came to arrest them. Ed and Elaine Brown, both in their 70s, are serving more than three decades in prison.

### Police: Chemicals in tea due to earlier mix-up

**UT SALT LAKE CITY** — An industrial cleaning solution that ended up in tea that a woman drank at a Utah restaurant was unintentionally mixed into a bag of sugar a month earlier, authorities said Friday.

South Jordan Cpl. Sam Winkler said a former employee told authorities the mixing of the cleaning product into the sugar bag happened July 5.

On Aug. 10, a worker took large quantities of the substance thought to be sugar and poured it into the iced-tea dispenser, he said. Customer Jan Harding, 67, drank the tea that day at Dickey's Barbecue in South Jordan, severely burning her esophagus and mouth. She remained hospitalized Friday in critical condition.

The cleaning product is meant for degreasing deep fryers.

Winkler said police are waiting to see what happens with Harding's condition before moving forward with any arrests or charges.

### Mom registering son for school has baby there

**TX PASADENA** — A multitasking mother in

labor gave birth to a Houston-area school where she stopped to register her 4-year-old son while headed to a hospital.

Vanessa DeLeon, of Pasadena, and her newborn son were doing well when they were transported Thursday to Bayshore Medical Center.

DeLeon said her contractions began earlier Thursday but she was intent on first getting to Fisher Elementary School to register her son, Alexis, for prekindergarten.

A school nurse and a Pasadena police officer helped DeLeon deliver the baby at the campus clinic. The boy, named Geovanni, weighed 6 pounds, 3 ounces.

### Age limit to oust some state court officials

**LA BATON ROUGE** — A new law preventing anyone 70 or older from running for constable or justice of the peace in Louisiana is facing stiff opposition — especially among the officials who are about to be banned from re-election because of their age.

The mandatory retirement provision was signed into law in June with little fanfare. Now, however, the law is drawing fire as the deadline for filing to run in the November election approaches next week. Some of the court officials affected by the new law say they intend to run anyway, even though it says they are too old.

"I'm 77 years of age, but I feel that I'm more qualified and capable of being a justice of the peace at this age than I was when I was elected 42 years ago," said Lynwood Broussard, who represents a ward in Lafayette Parish in south-central Louisiana. "I feel that the people in my district should decide if I'm capable or too old to represent them."

### Law students sue over bar exam software

**OR PORTLAND** — Five law students have sued a Florida software company over a computer submission system that malfunctioned while they and thousands of others across the country were taking the bar exam one day in July.

With one day of the grueling session behind them, law students taking the bar exam with computers on July 29 were surprised to find they couldn't upload their answers using software they purchased from ExamSoft Worldwide Inc.

Five students have the company — two in Washington state, two in Illinois and one in California, claiming direct harm and damage to their future earnings. They're also seeking class action status and looking for other students harmed by the failed test.

The plaintiffs argue that ExamSoft should have seen the problems coming — a tidal wave of test-takers operating on new software. The company said in a statement that it believes the problems were caused by a server configuration issue, not by the number of students using the servers.

### Man, 85, unhurt after driving car into pool

**CA ALTADENA** — An 85-year-old man was unharmed Saturday after he crashed his car into a backyard pool, authorities said.

Officers responded around 11:45 a.m. to a report in Altadena of a car crashing into a pool in the 2700 block of Scripps Place, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's De-

### THE CENSUS



**100** The approximate number of tuxedo cats dropped off at a San Francisco animal shelter in recent months.

In the latest drop-off, Marin Humane Society spokeswoman Lisa Bloch said that a car pulled up to the shelter in Novato on Aug. 11, leaving behind three boxes containing 24 tuxedo cats, named for their distinctive black and white markings. She said it was the fourth such occurrence in the last 18 months. The San Francisco Chronicle reported that all the cats, which range from kitten to full-grown, appeared to be in good health. The person who's responsible for leaving the cats has been caught on surveillance tape, Bloch said, and the shelter wants to offer that person information about getting pets fixed.

partment told KNBC-TV.

The man was pulling into his garage when the crash occurred, Los Angeles County Fire Department Capt. Jeff Sims told the San Gabriel Valley Tribune.

The car went through a rear garage door and into a backyard swimming pool, ending up fully submerged, Sims said.

From wire reports

## FACES

# 'Anything Goes'

## for Florida Georgia Line's 2nd album

BY CHRIS TALBOTT  
The Associated Press

**B**rian Kelley and Tyler Hubbard of country dude duo Florida Georgia Line know all eyes on Music Row are on them as they prepare to release their second album, "Anything Goes," on Oct. 14.

Everybody wants to see if country's favorite party boys can keep the festivities rolling, and Kelley and Hubbard don't really mind.

"A little bit of that pressure creates some pretty good creativity," Kelley said. "We just pushed really hard — little melody changes, adding little things here, an 808 drop there, a breakdown here, a different guitar lick there, whatever it may be, we really spent a lot of time on the little details.

"Better is better, and that's our motto."

For the most part, the 12 tracks on the Joey Moi-produced album mine the same high-spirited territory as debut "Here's to the Good Times" — upbeat rockers meant to evoke midnight bonfire parties at the lake. Their music is part of a trend that some within the community say has pushed country's sound too far toward the pop music middle.

Their fans, however, could care less, and made their "Cruise" remix featuring Nelly the most popular digital download in country music. While there is no rapping, the duo listened to the fans on "Anything Goes" and continued to push the boundaries of the genre.

They completely ditch the metaphor and sing openly about smoking marijuana on "Sun Daze," perhaps setting up a difficult choice for radio program directors. And then there are the 808 bass drops on a handful of songs that will no doubt drive country purists crazy, but add an interesting counterpoint to the sunshine bright rock guitar tones on the album.

"We took all that good energy and the success that the fans have given us and put it into making this next record, and I think it shows," Kelley said. "There's a couple sad

**Brian Kelley of Florida Georgia Line says the duo's upcoming album features "a couple sad songs, there's a couple that make you think, but at the same time it's a party album. It's a feel-good album. Right when you get to the last song you're going to want to start it all over again."**

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NBC/AP

**Chuck Todd, above in September 2013, will replace David Gregory as moderator of "Meet the Press."**

### Todd taking over 'Meet the Press'

Embattled "Meet the Press" moderator David Gregory is leaving NBC News and Chuck Todd will replace him on the venerable Sunday morning public affairs program, NBC said Aug. 14.

Todd begins his new role on Sept. 7. He remains as NBC News' political director, but will relinquish his duties as Chief White House correspondent and anchor of MSNBC's "The Daily Rundown." He has been a frequent guest on "Meet the Press" as a political analyst.

The 42-year-old Todd came to NBC in 2007 after working for National Journal's "The Hotline," where he was editor-in-chief.

He becomes only the 11th permanent host of "Meet the Press," which premiered in 1947 and bills itself as "the world's longest-running television program."

Gregory had been moderator since 2008. He had been with NBC News since 1995.

### Emmy Awards plan Robin Williams tribute

The producer of Emmy Awards — to be broadcast Aug. 25 — says Robin Williams will receive a "meaningful" remembrance during the ceremony. Producer Don Mischer says plans for the ceremony's traditional "in memoriam" sequence are under discussion. He said in a statement Aug. 14 that Emmy organizers are still coming to terms with Williams' death, but they intend to give him the tribute he deserves.

Williams was found dead Aug. 11 in his home Marin County, Calif. Officials say he committed suicide.

Williams' wife, Susan Schneider, said Aug. 14 that Williams was in the early stages of Parkinson's disease when he died. He had not made the diagnosis public.

### Kattan gets probation for drunken driving

Chris Kattan has been sentenced to three years' probation for driving under the influence and crashing his Mercedes into a Department of Transportation vehicle on a southern California freeway earlier this year.

The Los Angeles Times reports the former "Saturday Night Live" star was also ordered Aug. 14 to pay a \$500 fine and attend an alcohol education program. The 43-year-old was arrested in February after he struck the vehicle that belonged to a crew conducting maintenance on a guardrail.

From The Associated Press

## Chan says of his work in 'Chinese Zodiac': 'That's not special effects'

BY LIU DIXON  
The Associated Press

Action movie veteran Jackie Chan admits doing stunt work is "not like it used to be" as he no longer bounds back from big scenes.

"The next morning, you realize wow, it hurts!" says the actor, who turned 60 earlier this year.

"My body tells me to slow down 30 percent and probably in another two years, 20 more, then 50 percent. So slowly, slowly, then I

will tell the whole world, stop doing action."

Chan may recognize it's time to slow things down, but he didn't let that stop him going all out for what he describe as his last "big" action movie — "Chinese Zodiac." The action star gives an acrobatic display in which he becomes a human torpedo on wheels, fights in the air while skydiving and engages in his trademark hand-to-hand combat and physical comedy.

"That's not special effects, that's not Iron Man, not Spider-Man, that's the real Jackie

Chan," he says.

For his next movie, "Dragon Blade" with John Cusack and Adrien Brody, Chan has swapped the somersaults and leaping around for some good old-fashioned swordplay.

And when it comes to future projects he says he will start to take the foot of the gas.

"Slowly, slowly I will let more people do it for me. Myself, I'll only do the tight shot, close shot, otherwise the big wide shot, I'll let someone else do it."

# BUSINESS/WEATHER

## Turmoil has yet to sink US markets



RICHARD DREW/AP

Specialist Jay Woods is reflected July 3 in a screen at his post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange that shows five years of the Dow Jones industrial average.

By **JOHN BOAK**  
AND **BERNARD CONDON**  
The Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — Europe appears on the brink of another recession, Islamic militants have seized Iraqi territory. Russian troops have massed on the Ukraine border, and the resulting sanctions are disrupting trade. An Ebola outbreak in Africa and Israel's war in Gaza are contributing to the gloom.

It's been a grim summer in much of the world. Yet investors in the United States have largely shrugged it off — so far at least.

A big reason is that five years after the Great Recession officially ended, the U.S. economy is showing a strength and durability that other major nations can only envy. Thanks in part to the Federal Reserve's ultra-low interest

rates, employers have ramped up hiring, factories have boosted production and businesses have been making money.

All of this has cushioned the U.S. economy from the economic damage abroad. Investors have responded by keeping U.S. stocks near all-time highs. Not even reports Friday of a Ukrainian attack on Russian military vehicles unnerved investors for long, with blue chip stocks regaining nearly all their midday losses by the close.

"We're in a much better place psychologically," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics. "And it's allowing us to weather the geopolitical threats much more gracefully."

Still, the global turmoil comes at a delicate time.

China, the world's second-big-

gest economy, is struggling to contain the fallout from a runaway lending and investment boom that's powered its growth since before the 2008 financial crisis. The economies of Japan and Germany, the world's third-

and fourth-largest, shrank in the spring. So did Italy's.

It might not take much — an oil-price spike, a prolonged recession in Europe, a plunge in business or consumer confidence — to derail the global economy.

### EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Aug. 18)	\$1.3736
Dollar buys (Aug. 18)	€0.7280
British pound (Aug. 18)	\$1.71
Japanese yen (Aug. 18)	100.00
South Korean won (Aug. 18)	999.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3771
British pound	\$1.6697/0.5989
Canada (dollar)	1.0892
China (Yuan)	6.1475
Denmark (Krone)	5.5649
Egypt (Pound)	7.1525
Euro	\$1.3397/0.7464
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7503
Hungary (Forint)	234.53
Israel (Shekel)	3.4871
Japan (Yen)	100.32
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2833
Norway (Krone)	6.1382
Philippines (Peso)	43.63
Poland (Zloty)	3.14
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7208
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2448
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Switzerland (Franc)	0.9027
Thailand (Bath)	31.87
Turkey (New Lira)	1.6161

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., for chasing 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	8.25
Federal funds market rate	0.09
3-month bill	0.03
30-year bond	3.13

## WEATHER OUTLOOK



The weather is provided by the American Forces Network Weather Center, 2nd Weather Squadron at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

### Monday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	Chatanooga	87	71	Rain	Fred Wayne	79	62	City	Louisville	84	71	Rain	Pocatello	90	54	PCldy	Slous City	84	63	PCldy
Ablene, Tex	97	72	Pldy	Cheyenne	83	56	PCldy	Fresno	98	68	City	Lubbock	96	69	City	Portland, Maine	75	53	PCldy	Siox Falls	81	61	City
Akron, Ohio	78	64	City	Chicago	78	66	City	Goodland	94	62	City	Macon	95	73	PCldy	Portland, Ore.	88	63	PCldy	South Bend	79	64	City
Albany, N.Y.	75	50	City	Cincinnati	79	67	City	Grand Junction	83	64	PCldy	Madison	80	64	City	Providence	78	60	PCldy	Spokane	89	65	City
Albuquerque	90	66	PCldy	Cleveland	78	64	City	Grand Rapids	79	62	City	Medford	94	65	PCldy	Pueblo	94	58	PCldy	Springfield, Ill.	83	68	City
Allentown, Pa.	80	61	City	Colorado Springs	89	57	PCldy	Great Falls	85	59	PCldy	Memphis	92	76	City	Raleigh-Durham	92	72	City	Springfield, Mo.	91	72	City
Amarillo	86	67	City	Columbia, S.C.	94	73	PCldy	Green Bay	89	69	PCldy	Miami Beach	92	80	PCldy	Rapid City	82	57	City	St. Louis	89	74	City
Anchorage	63	52	City	Columbus, Ga.	94	74	PCldy	Greensboro, N.C.	89	69	PCldy	Midland-Odessa	94	73	PCldy	Reno	91	59	City	Tallahassee	93	75	Rain
Asheville	84	65	Rain	Columbus, Ohio	80	66	City	Harford	89	69	PCldy	Milwaukee	74	64	City	Richmond	89	71	City	Tampa	93	79	PCldy
Atlanta	90	73	City	Concord, N.H.	76	48	City	Hartford	87	56	PCldy	Missoula	88	54	City	Rio Rancho	84	67	City	Toledo	79	60	City
Atlantic City	82	67	City	Corpus Christi	97	79	PCldy	Helena	87	58	PCldy	Missoula	88	54	City	Rochester	74	54	PCldy	Topeka	94	70	City
Austin	85	63	City	Dallas-Ft. Worth	99	78	City	Honolulu	98	76	City	Mobile	88	76	City	Rockford	69	64	City	Waco	97	77	PCldy
Baltimore	85	69	City	Dayton	79	65	City	Houston	95	78	PCldy	Montgomery	94	75	City	Sacramento	88	60	City	Tulsa	98	77	PCldy
Baton Rouge	94	76	City	Daytona Beach	94	76	City	Huntsville	90	71	Rain	Nashville	88	72	Rain	St. Louis	89	74	PCldy	Tupelo	89	72	Rain
Billings	88	59	PCldy	Denver	89	61	PCldy	Indianapolis	80	67	City	New Orleans	92	78	City	St. Petersburg	82	57	City	Wichita	89	71	PCldy
Birmingham	90	73	Rain	Des Moines	85	66	City	Jackson, Miss.	91	74	City	New York City	81	64	City	St. Thomas	90	80	City	Wilmington	87	70	City
Bismarck	80	58	City	Detroit	77	62	City	Jacksonville	94	76	PCldy	New York	88	65	City	Salem, Ore.	91	61	City	W. Palm Beach	91	75	City
Boise	94	63	City	Duluth	89	68	Rain	Janeau	62	50	Rain	Norfolk, Va.	89	74	City	Salt Lake City	95	81	City	Wichita	89	71	PCldy
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Caribou, Maine	70	52	City	Fairbanks	67	52	City	Las Vegas	103	81	PCldy	Pendleton	92	62	City	Santa Fe	87	59	PCldy	Yonkers	77	61	City
Casper	87	53	City	Fargo	80	61	Rain	Lexington	82	69	Rain	Peoria	82	67	City	St. Ste Marie	70	55	PCldy	Yonkers	77	61	City
Charleston, S.C.	95	76	PCldy	Flagstaff	79	52	City	Lincoln	90	65	City	Philadelphia	84	69	PCldy	Savannah	95	75	PCldy	Yonkers	77	61	City
Charleston, W.Va.	82	68	Rain	Flint	77	58	PCldy	Little Rock	94	75	City	Phoenix	104	82	PCldy	Seattle	81	61	City	Yonkers	77	61	City
Charlotte, N.C.	90	70	City	Fort Smith	96	74	PCldy	Los Angeles	83	66	PCldy	Pittsburgh	78	64	Rain	Shreveport	93	76	City	Yonkers	77	61	City

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OPINION

China outsources its dirty work to US

By ADAM MINTER  
 Bloomberg News

There's very little that the Chinese government likes less than the projection of U.S. military power. The reasons range widely — from a general distaste for the U.S. meddling outside its borders to Beijing's frequent support for autocratic regimes. China steadfastly opposes the idea of U.S. intervention in Syria, for instance, and in 2011, it refused to back military action in Libya (though it abstained from the Security Council vote to authorize strikes).

So earlier this month, when the state-owned China Daily newspaper reached out to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for a comment on President Barack Obama's authorization of airstrikes in Iraq, it might well have expected a stock condemnation of U.S. imperialism. It received something quite different: "China supports safeguarding Iraqi sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity, and efforts to combat terrorism," the paper said, paraphrasing the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. "And keeping an open mind about operations that preserve security and stability in Iraq."

The response, in China, should not have been entirely unexpected. China has a great deal at stake in ensuring that the jihadists of the Islamic State do not continue to destabilize the Middle East. A day after the China Daily story, the popular and influential state-owned Global Times newspaper acknowledged, as much in a widely circulated editorial, "ISIS's rise, combined with the American airstrikes,

has limited impact on China," the editorial declared. "China's disadvantage is that our dependence on Middle Eastern oil is increasing, and much faster than any other developed country."

In other words, unless the Islamic State is dealt with sooner rather than later, its impact on China won't be so limited.

As with Libya, though, the most help that China seems ready to offer is a tacit willingness not to complain about the United States and others intervening in Iraq. This reluctance to defend its own Mideast energy supplies more forcefully has not gone unnoticed by the Obama administration. During an interview Saturday, Obama smiled when The New York Times' Tom Friedman referred to China as "the biggest energy investor in Iraq."

"They are free riders," Obama said. "And then they've been free riders for the last 30 years, and it's worked really well for them."

Even if, as seems likely, China's leadership quietly agrees with that sentiment, they certainly don't like hearing it broadcast by the resident of the United States. After a couple of days, their propagandists struck back in the People's Daily, the official mouthpiece of the Communist Party. The tit-for-tat headline nicely summed up the tone: "Experts say the United States is the real 'free rider.'" In the article, Shi Yinzhong, director of the Center for American Studies at Renmin University, hailed the geopolitical benefits that China's resurgence has supposedly brought the world, then asked, "Obama says that China

has been a 'free rider' for three decades, but didn't the United States enjoy benefits from China's economic boom and peaceful foreign policy?"

On Wednesday, the People's Daily weighed in again, this time with an editorial (its editorials are official statements of policy on behalf of the Communist Party) that suggested how much Obama's criticism had irked Chinese leaders. The piece notes the "unmistakable relationship between the current chaos in Iraq and the U.S.' decision in 2003 to 'launch a brutal war in Iraq to overthrow its regime.'" Then, in a passage that's subsequently been published in part in the state media's English-language news sites (under the inexplicably off-message headline "Leading newspaper denies China's exploitation of Iraq"), it offers this subtle poke in the ribs:

"If the Americans want to compare themselves with China on Iraq, they'll only embarrass themselves further. America is obviously the 'invader' and 'deserter' while China has only played the peaceful role of 'partner' and 'builder'."

It's hard to argue that China has played a constructive "builder" role in Iraq recent years, especially as its oil interests have expanded, just as it is difficult to counter China's claim that U.S. mistakes contributed to the rise of the Islamic State. Regardless, over time, as China's renewable energy needs are almost certainly going to push Beijing to become a more active Middle Eastern stakeholder. It's time that China stops fighting that reality.

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Israel eschewed tunnel mapping, then attacked

By JANINE ZACHARIA

Israel recently wrapped up its ground offensive in Gaza and declared its tactical objective achieved: All of Hamas' known "terror tunnels" were destroyed.

But given the devastation this military operation caused in Gaza — hundreds of innocent Palestinians killed, thousands injured and displaced, whole neighborhoods flattened — and the cost to Israel in military casualties and international reputation, it's worth asking: Was there another way to solve the problem?

There may have been. Yossi Langotsky, an Israeli geologist who led Israel's successful search for natural gas deposits beneath the Mediterranean seabed, told The Jerusalem Post that he pushed the Israel Defense Forces for a decade to tap geologists' expertise to locate Hamas' tunnels but was rebuffed. Paul Bauman, a Canadian geophysicist and expert on discovering underground voids, told The Times of Israel that he showed the IDF how it could map the tunnel threat several years ago, but it never followed up.

Nigel Holmes, founder of Britain's Geologic Surveys, a company that helps clients locate hidden pipes, tunnels, mine shafts and other underground "threats," described for me how Israel could use a wire-and-peg system called resistivity imaging to produce a subsurface picture allowing experts to spot possible tunnels. Such a system can see more than 100 feet deep — the reported depth of the deepest Hamas tunnels. Cost-wise, it would be a "drop in the ocean to cover the border with resistivity lines," Knowles said. "It's blatantly obvious."

This kind of technology wasn't, it seems, a secret to the Israeli army. An Israeli officer involved in military planning told me that, in fact, the IDF located and destroyed some 10 tunnel shafts from Israel's side

of the border after Hamas used a tunnel to capture Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit in 2006.

But Israeli decision-makers deemed the tunnel-detection technology too primitive for a broader investment. Israel viewed it as only a partial solution, not a game-changer like the Iron Dome anti-missile system. Tunnels that enabled militants to move underground — out of sight of Israeli surveillance — but didn't terminate in Israel wouldn't be addressed by a border-mapping system. Moreover, I'm told that Israel had a better sense of where the tunnels originated in Gaza than where they terminated in Israel, making it more attractive to the military planners charged with locating and destroying them.

More significant than the military's skepticism, however, may have been decisions by Israel's political leadership. Though the tunnel threat was catalogued in Israel's existing intelligence reports, terms to fully publicize support for ground offensive, it was a much lower priority strategically in recent years than Iran's suspected nuclear weapons program and Hezbollah's missile arsenal. Several cross-border infiltration attempts by Hamas militants in July, carried out as Israel pursued its air offensive to stop rocket attacks, terrified Israelis and bolstered support for the tunnel-destruction mission.

It's worth remembering that Iron Dome didn't work well at first. The technology cost at least \$1 billion to develop and deploy, and there was political resistance inside Israel, especially from the military brass, to investing so much in a defensive system (some funding came from the United States). But after the 2006 war with Hezbollah, during which Israel had no answer for the barrage of rockets fired by the Lebanese Shiite militia, the system became a higher priority. And today Israel has a stunning technology that can shoot a rocket out of the sky.

Had Israel invented the same energy into the much less complicated technology required for tunnel mapping along a tiny 32-mile border, perhaps it could have neutralized this threat in a less deadly way. Israel is, after all, no technological slouch, and, unlike rockets, tunnels are not moving targets. Famously, Israeli programmers (working with the United States) reportedly succeeded in infecting Iranian nuclear scientists' computer servers with viruses that set back that country's nuclear program significantly. Israelis today are at the forefront of just about every cutting-edge technology.

Not the least, of course, was diplomacy. Instead of invading, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu could have rallied the international community around the tunnel problem the way he has rallied it to sanction Iran over its suspected nuclear weapon program, or the way he is campaigning for the "demilitarization of Gaza" — a position in which Israel's leadership acknowledged that there could have been a political solution to the problem by agreeing to a cease-fire with Hamas before the ground invasion began. If that cease-fire had held, Israel would not have gone into Gaza to destroy the tunnels. When it failed, Gaza would simply capitalize on Israeli support for a war against Hamas — and their fears — to expand the objective from stopping the rockets to destroying tunnels. It was an opportunistic move.

Sadly, Israel will now have to invest time and money in perfecting the tunnel-detection technology anyway. It's not just from Gaza that a war against Hamas exists, but also from the West Bank, Lebanon and Egypt. "There will be a much more serious effort," the IDF officer told me, "to map the geology of the West Bank, Lebanon, Sinai and Gaza, of course."

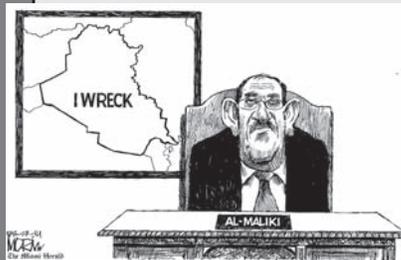
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## SPORTS BRIEFS/GOLF



AP PHOTO

Reigning NHL MVP Sidney Crosby said Friday that he's pleased with the way his wrist has responded to treatment over the summer and is anxious for training camp to begin as the Pittsburgh Penguins try to recover from their second-round collapse in the playoffs.

## Briefly

# Crosby: Wrist feels 'good'

The Associated Press

ESTERO, Fla. — Pittsburgh Penguins star center Sidney Crosby's right wrist appears to be on the road to recovery.

The reigning NHL MVP said Friday he's pleased with the way his wrist has responded to treatment over the summer and is anxious for training camp to begin as the Penguins try to recover from their second-round collapse in the playoffs.

"It's good," Crosby said. "You want to see how things progress throughout the summer once you start skating and get back to that regular routine. You want to see how it reacts so I'm happy with the way it's gone."

Crosby led the NHL with 104 points on his way to a second Hart Trophy as the league's top player, but scored just one goal in 13 playoff games as Pittsburgh fell to the New York Rangers in seven games after blowing a 3-1 lead. He insisted in the aftermath he was healthy only to reveal he'd been dealing with the wrist for the latter part of the season.

The 27-year-old considered

surgey before opting to wait and see if further treatment would produce the desired results. He looked just fine skating alongside fellow NHLers Nathan MacKinnon and Matt Duchene of the Colorado Avalanche, Jonathan Tavares and Kyle Okposo of the New York Islanders and the Toronto Maple Leafs' David Clarkson under the direction of trainer Matt Belfry.

## Bears agree to deal with WR Santonio Holmes

CHICAGO — Former Super Bowl MVP wide receiver Santonio Holmes signed a one-year contract with the Chicago Bears on Saturday.

The team also announced receiver and kick returner Eric Weems was released.

The Bears are looking for a third receiver behind stars Brandon Marshall and Alshon Jeffery. Marquess Wilson was battling for that job when he broke his collarbone last week.

A first-round draft pick by Pittsburgh in 2006, Holmes was the Super Bowl MVP in his third year. He had his best season

statistically the following year in 2009 with 79 catches for 1,248 yards and five touchdowns.

In other NFL news:

■ St. Louis Rams backup running back Isaiah Pead is likely out for the season with a torn ACL in his left knee.

Pead was a second-round pick in 2012 and made one start his rookie year. He appeared in 10 games last season, mostly on special teams, and had been fourth on the depth chart behind Zac Stacy, Benny Cunningham and rookie Tre Mason.

## Rose hears cheers as US beats Brazil 95-78

CHICAGO — The roars for Derrick Rose started with the pregame introductions and did not fade until the final buzzer.

The Chicago Bulls superstar was back on his court, back in his element.

Rose showed some of his old explosiveness, fellow Chicago product Anthony Davis scored 20 points, and the U.S. beat Brazil 95-78 on Saturday night in a tuneup for the World Cup of Basketball.

## Roundup

# Sutherland makes Champions Tour history with 59

The Associated Press

ENDICOTT, N.Y. — Kevin Sutherland was only eight holes into his round Saturday at the Dick's Sporting Goods Open and already thinking about a 59.

"You're not supposed to do that, are you?" he said.

The way this magical round went, nothing was going to stop him. Sutherland became the first player in Champions Tour history to shoot a 59, and it might have been even better except for a three-putt bogey from about 40 feet just off the 18th green.

"Thank God I didn't four-putt," he said.

The 59 gave Sutherland a one-shot lead over Steve Lowery. Sutherland was at 14-under 130 at En-Joe.

Sutherland, playing in his third Champions Tour event since turning 50 in June, opened with four straight birdies — two of them longer than 30 feet — and hit hybrid into 6 feet for eagle on the par-5 fifth hole. He ran off three more birdies, including a bunker shot he holed on No. 7 that hit the pin instead of rolling 10 feet away. Sure enough, after thinking about a 59, he made par on No. 9 to go out in 27.

Not only did the gallery begin to grow, Sutherland said the players ahead would watch him hit into the green. He made a 35-foot birdie putt on No. 11 for his second straight birdie, and then settled down for three straight pars. He drove onto the par-4 16th hole for a two-putt birdie to reach 13 under, and then he stuffed his approach to tap-in distance on the 17th, leaving him a par away from 58.

Lowery had nine birdies in his round of 65.

**LPGA Tour:** Brittany Lincicome maintained her lead at the LPGA Championship in Pittsford, N.Y., the tour's fourth major championship of the season.

The long-hitting Lincicome began the day at Monroe Golf Club with a three-shot advantage over Inbee Park and Lexi Thompson and shot 1-under 71 to finish the third round at 10-under 206.

Lincicome was a shot ahead of Park and Suzann Pettersen. Pettersen had a 67 and Park shot 69.



KRISTOPHER RADER/AP

Kevin Sutherland smiles on the 18th green after finishing the second round of the Dick's Sporting Goods Open at En-Joe Golf Course in Endicott, N.Y. Sutherland shot the first 59 in Champions Tour history Saturday. Six players have shot a 59 on the PGA Tour.

Mirim Lee was alone in fourth at 7 under after a 69. Seventeen-year-old Lydia Ko had a 71 to join Meena Lee and Gerina Pillier at 6 under. Pillier shot 69, and Lee had a 71.

Thompson finished with a 74 and was at 4 under.

Lincicome won the 2009 Kraft Nabisco for her lone major title and has five LPGA Tour victories. The United States is seeking to win its fourth straight major title of the season.

**PGA Tour:** At Greensboro, N.C., Nick Watney birdied the final hole for a 5-under 65 and a one-stroke lead after the third round of the Wyndham Championship.

Watney made a 20-foot birdie putt from the right edge of the green on the par-4 18th. The five-time PGA Tour winner had a 14-under 196 total at Sedgfield Country Club.

Brad Fritsch was second after a 65.

Freddie Jacobson and second-round co-leader Heath Slocum were 12 under in the PGA Tour's regular-season finale. Jacobson shot a 66, and Slocum had a 68.

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# AUTO RACING/BASEBALL



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Chris Buescher drives through a corner during the NASCAR Nationwide Series Children's Hospital 200 at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course on Saturday in Lexington, Ohio. Buescher won the race.

## Roundup

# Buescher gets first victory

The Associated Press

LEXINGTON, Ohio — As the laps dwindled, Chris Buescher's anxiety rose.

The 21-year-old rookie was leading the NASCAR Nationwide Series race at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course — gunning for his first victory — but was running out of fuel.

"I was really focusing on taking deep breaths at that point," Buescher said about the final laps before he hung on to capture the Nationwide Children's Hospital 200 on Saturday for his first victory. "I found myself on every straightaway just telling myself to relax a little bit."

Buescher took the lead on the 68th of 90 laps and sipped fuel the rest of the way to hold off Regan Smith and Brian Scott.

Smith, in particular, was waiting for Buescher to run out of gas. "I was surprised that he made it," he said. "I didn't have much more for him there at the end. I was sitting there watching him, thinking at any point he was going to run out."

Buescher, driving the Roush Fenway Racing Ford sponsored by — fittingly — Nationwide Children's Hospital in nearby Columbus, took the lead from Brendan Gaughan and weathered a restart to hold on the rest of the way.

"We do have a fuel-pressure gauge in the car and I think it was with two (laps) to go it started flashing at me," Buescher said. "On certain areas of the track, (the car) was just starving for fuel. I spent the last lap just kind of shaking (the car) back and forth a little bit to make sure we got all the fuel we could into the pickup. It was nerve wracking to say the least."

In the end he had enough left over to make a celebratory run — in the wrong direction — down the home straight after the rest of the field had left the track.

"It was cool to be able to pull it off and to have plenty left over for a good burnout at the end," Buescher said with a grin.

Crew chief Scott Graves had no choice but to keep Buescher on the track, even as his fuel evaporated. Buescher went the final 38 laps without topping off his tank.

"This isn't the first time this year," Graves said of Buescher's ability to make his gas last. "We did it at Loudon as well and surprised a lot of people (while finishing fifth). He's quickly gaining the reputation as a fuel-saver, for sure."

The victory was Buescher's first in 30 NASCAR Nationwide Series races, also representing his eighth top-10 finish in 2014. Chase Elliott, who finished fourth, retained his lead in the season standings by 10 points over Smith.

Alex Tagliani was fifth, followed by Justin Marks, Elliott Sadler, Dylan Kwasniewski, Trevor Bayne and Dakoda Armstrong.

During the fourth caution of the day on lap 51 — Kenny Habul drifted off the course and into the grass — pole-sitter Sam Hornish Jr. stunned the crowd strung along the 2.258-mile track by pulling into the pits and then turning into the garage area. His crew worked feverishly to get him back on the track, but his day was done — after leading or being close to the lead all the way to that point — due to missing a shift that led to engine trouble.

Scott and Tagliani — his closest pursuers — pitted and dug in for the finish.

Bayne and then Gaughan traded quick leads before Buescher took over.

On Lap 58, Tagliani nosed Scott off the track briefly. Scott had to pit soon after, with steam rolling off his overheated engine. He was able to finish — although he never made up the lost time.

## Sauter wins first Truck race of season

BROOKLYN, Mich. — Johnny Sauter's unusually positive outlook turned out to be spot on.

"I told my wife when I went to bed last night, I said, 'Man, I think I'm going to win tomorrow,'" he said. "For me to say something like that means something. I'm usually a pretty pessimistic person."

Sauter won his first NASCAR Truck Series race of the season Saturday, holding off ThorSport Racing teammate Matt Crafton at Michigan International Speedway. Sauter also took over the points lead. Ryan Blaney finished 21st after winning the pole and dropped from first place to third, behind Sauter and Crafton.

Crafton gave up the lead with a late pit stop, but was still within striking distance when Sauter held him off in the final stretch.

"The team said after the race, 'Sorry, we should have tried to make it,'" Crafton said. "But we were just on the order of making it or not making it and it was a tough call."

Even with that stop, Crafton made it close at the end, with Sauter leading the final four laps and winning by only 0.433 seconds.

"As I was creeping toward the restart line, I saw him kind of light the tires up like he was leaving pit road," Sauter said. "I knew once we go toward Turn 1 and he was still on the apron, I thought that I was going to have enough momentum to clear him, but by the time we got to Turn 2 I wasn't so sure."

It was the fastest race in series history, with an average speed of 161.110 mph. The previous record was 154.737 at Texas Motor Speedway on Nov. 2, 2012.

This was Sauter's 10th career trucks victory, and he has now won at least one race in six consecutive seasons.

## Little League World Series roundup

# Rhode Island rallies past Nashville in sixth

The Associated Press

SOUTH WILLIAMSSPORT, Pa. — CJ Davock hit a two-run, two-out single in the bottom of the sixth inning to give Cumberland, R.I., an 8-7 victory over Nashville, Tenn., on Saturday night in an elimination game in the Little League World Series.

Nashville scored five runs off reliever Davock in the top of the inning. With two out, Robert Hassell III hit a two-run homer to give Nashville a 6-5 lead, and Sam Slaughter added his second home run of the game.

In the bottom of the inning, Mason Matos had a one-out single to cut it to one. Nick Croteau grounded out, with the runners advancing to second and third, and Davock followed with his walk-off line drive to center.

On Monday, Cumberland will face the loser of the game Sunday between Chicago and Pearlland, Texas.

Nashville will play Vancouver, British Columbia, in a consolation game Tuesday.

**Venezuela 10, Canada 0:** Ronny Medina hit a grand slam in the fifth inning, putting an early end to Venezuela's 10-0 win over Canada.

Cesar Leonardo Vivas drove in three runs for the winners from Maracaibo, Venezuela. After striking out in his first at-bat, Vivas singled home Ansaldo

Caicedo in the third, with Julio Rejon also scoring on the play because of an overthrow.

Vivas added a two-run single the next inning for a five-run lead.

Medina's slam put the mercy rule into effect.

Jose Luis Atencio allowed two hits in 4 1/3 innings and struck out six against the team from Vancouver, British Columbia.

Venezuela next plays Puerto against the South Korea-Monday Rico winner.

**Lynnwood 7, Rapid City 5:** Colton Walsh hit a two-run home run in the top of the fourth inning to give Lynnwood the lead and the Washington club beat South Dakota to remain alive.

Walsh homered off reliever Daniel Vigoreto to give Lynnwood a 6-5 lead.

Rapid City was eliminated from title contention.

**Australia 10, Czech Republic 1:** Callum Schipp struck out 11 batters to help Australia.

Schipp tossed a three-hitter through 5 1/3 innings. The Aussies helped Schipp by scoring one run in the second and fourth innings.

The Czech Republic allowed five runs on five hits in the fifth inning, and Australia added three runs in the sixth.

Javier Pelkonen went 3-for-3 with three RBIs and a home run.

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The Braves' Chris Johnson, left, safely advances to second base behind the Athletics' Alberto Callaspo, right, on the wild pitch during the sixth inning Saturday in Atlanta. The Braves won 4-3.

# Braves edge struggling A's

By CHARLES ODOM  
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — The Braves are trying to use a visit from Oakland, which came to Atlanta with the majors' best record, to prove they shouldn't be dismissed in the NL playoff hunt.

Chris Johnson drove in two runs with three hits, Julio Teheran threw six strong innings and the Braves edged the suddenly struggling Athletics 4-3 on Saturday night.

"We're not giving up. We're not going to crumble," Johnson said after the Braves' remained six games behind Washington in the NL East. Atlanta began the night two games behind the NL wildcard leaders.

The A's matched their worst slide of the season by losing four in a row as they fell percentage points behind the Los Angeles Angels in the AL West. It is the

first time since April 28 they have not held sole possession of first place in the division.

"It's tough to go through this as a team, but I feel like everyone goes through it and maybe this is our time right now," said Sonny Gray, who gave up four runs in 5 1/3 innings.

"We've just got to go out there and play with confidence." Oakland has dropped six of seven overall.

"They're a tough ballclub," Johnson said. "They've played really well all year. We're just trying to prove to ourselves we can play with them and we can stay in this thing."

Teheran (11-9) gave up two runs on four hits and three walks. The Braves had lost 12 of 15 before winning the first two games of the series.

Craig Kimbrel got his 36th save in 40 chances. Manager Bob Melvin said Gray

(12-7) had no breaks as he gave up eight hits and absorbed his fourth straight defeat.

"I thought he pitched well," Melvin said. "He got a little tired at the end but three of those hits are bloopers; two of them scored runs."

There was a brief delay in the bottom of the sixth when a nude man ran onto the field. He was quickly tackled by security officers and taken off the field.

Stephen Vogt hit a two-run homer and John Jaso also homered for Oakland. The A's also lost four straight from May 22-25.

Atlanta closed it out after Josh Reddick led off the A's ninth with a long fly ball that Justin Upton caught at the left-field wall.

Freddie Freeman hit an RBI double and scored on Johnson's single to give Atlanta a 2-0 lead in the first. Upton led off the fourth with a single and scored on Andreton Simmons' two-out, bloop single to left field for a 3-0 lead.

Roundup

## Ortiz joins elite Red Sox company with 400th HR

The Associated Press

BOSTON — David Ortiz hit a pair of two-run homers, including his 400th in a Red Sox uniform, and drove in a career high-tying six runs to power Boston past the Houston Astros 10-7.

Big Papi joined Hall of Famers Ted Williams and Carl Yastrzemski as the only players to hit 400 homers while playing with the Red Sox.

Williams hit 521 homers and Yaz had 452. Both spent their entire careers with the Red Sox.

Alex Wilson (1-0) earned the victory. The Red Sox trailed 6-3 before scoring four in the sixth. Jackie Bradley Jr. had a sacrifice fly off Josh Fields (2-6) to push Boston ahead.

**Yankees 3, Rays 2:** Derek Jeter hit a tiebreaking single in the ninth inning as the visiting Yankees ended a five-game skid with a victory over the Rays.

Brett Gardner opened the ninth with an infield single off Jake McGee (3-1) and advanced to second on a throwing error by second baseman Logan Forsythe. After failing to lay down a sacrifice bunt, Jeter put New York ahead with a single to right-center on a 2-2 pitch.

**Angels 5, Rangers 4:** Albert Pujols and Howie Kendrick homered to power visiting Los Angeles to the victory.

The Angels (72-49) are alone in first place in the AL West for the first time since 2011, but they are only two percentage points ahead of Oakland, which lost at Atlanta.

Los Angeles has won nine in a row over Texas, tying the series record set in 1985 and matched a year later.

**Padres 9, Cardinals 5:** Jedd Gyorko hit his third career grand slam and drove in five runs, sparking visiting San Diego to the rain-delayed victory.

Gyorko's eighth homer came on an 0-1 pitch from Kevin Siegrist (1-3) with one out in the seventh. The Padres had loaded the bases on two singles and a walk before Gyorko's drive to left.

Rain then halted play later in the inning. The game was delayed 1 hour, 46 minutes.

**Blue Jays 6, White Sox 3:** Melky Cabrera's two-run double in the seventh inning lifted the visiting Blue Jays.

The Blue Jays, who snapped a four-game losing streak, scored three runs in the seventh to retake the lead after the White Sox tied it with three runs in the sixth.

**Twins 4, Royals 1:** Phil Hughes threw

seven sharp innings and Kurt Suzuki hit his third homer of the season as the host Twins beat first-place Kansas City.

Hughes (13-8) allowed one run, seven hits and struck out six to oust hard-throwing rookie Yordano Ventura (9-9), who threw six innings of one-hit ball before the Twins broke through in the seventh.

**Indians 6, Orioles 0:** Carlos Carrasco shut out AL East-leading Baltimore on three hits in seven innings, lifting host Cleveland over the Orioles.

Carlos Santana hit a three-run homer in the first off Ubaldo Jimenez (4-9) and Michael Brantley added a two-run shot in the fifth as the hot-and-cold Indians won for the fifth time in six games.

**Mets 7, Cubs 3:** Wilmer Flores provided a spark with his bat and glove, leading Jonathon Niese and the host Mets to a win.

Juan Lagares drove in two runs and reliever Vic Black escaped a major jam unscathed to keep New York in control after Niese (7-8) exited. Third baseman David Wright also was removed in the seventh, one inning after he was hit in the upper back by an 88 mph fastball from Dan Straily.

**Marlins 2, Diamondbacks 1:** Henderson Alvarez made a successful return to the mound after missing two starts, pitching



MICHAEL DRYER/AP

David Ortiz hit two home runs against the Astros to become just the third Red Sox player to hit 400 home runs.

seven strong innings to lead host Miami.

Alvarez (9-5) allowed one run and five hits. He struck out six after missing time with right shoulder inflammation. He lowered his home ERA to a National League-best 1.46 among qualifiers.

**Giants 6, Phillies 5:** Gregor Blanco hit a tiebreaking RBI single in the eighth inning, helping host San Francisco rally.

Michael Morse had two doubles and a triple as the Giants won for the second time in three games following a five-game skid. Blanco went 2-for-2 with two RBIs.

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# MLB SCOREBOARD

## American League

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	69	52	57.0	6 1/2
Texas	67	56	54.6	7 1/2
New York	62	59	51.2	7
Tampa Bay	61	62	49.6	8
Seattle	56	66	45.9	13 1/2

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	65	54	54.9	—
Detroit	66	55	54.8	1/2
Cleveland	64	56	53.8	1 1/2
Chicago	58	65	47.2	9 1/2
Minnesota	58	67	46.5	11 1/2

West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	62	49	55.9	—
San Francisco	61	54	52.9	1 1/2
Seattle	76	44	63.1	—
Houston	57	61	48.1	10 1/2
Texas	47	76	38.2	26

## Braves 4, Athletics 3

Oakland	r	h	b	IP	HR	ER	BB	SO
Crisp cf	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jaso c	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Dillon 3b	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Moss lf	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vout lf	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reddick rf	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Callas 2b	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Parrino pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sogard ss	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gray p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Otero p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fulmer p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Abad p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Abad p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DNors p	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	29	5	3	3	0	0	0	0

## Marlins 2, Diamondbacks 1

Cleveland	r	h	b	IP	HR	ER	BB	SO
Marks rf	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lough lf	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pearee ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ajones cf	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
N Cruz dh	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Harjedy ss	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Flahry 2b	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Schoop 2b	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

## Phillies 5, Yankees 3

Oakland	r	h	b	IP	HR	ER	BB	SO
Teahan W11.9	6	4	2	2	3	1	1	1
DCarpenter H1.3	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1
Wright H1.7	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1
Kimbrl S3-6-40	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1
WP—Greg 7-2-11.1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
AB—40,760 (49,580).								

## National League

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	60	56	51.6	6
Atlanta	63	51	55.2	—
Miami	61	62	49.6	8
New York	59	67	46.5	11 1/2
Philadelphia	54	69	43.9	15

West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	69	55	55.8	—
St. Louis	67	53	55.8	—
Pittsburgh	64	59	52.0	4 1/2
Cincinnati	61	60	50.7	6
Chicago	56	66	45.9	11 1/2

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	66	49	57.1	—
San Francisco	64	58	52.5	4 1/2
Arizona	53	70	43.1	16 1/2
Colorado	47	75	38.5	21 1/2

## Twins 4, Royals 1

Oakland	r	h	b	IP	HR	ER	BB	SO
Griffey Jr. W11.4	5	1	2	2	1	1	1	1
Otero	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Abad	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cook	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	8	1	2	2	1	1	1	1

## Marlins 2, Diamondbacks 1

Cleveland	r	h	b	IP	HR	ER	BB	SO
Marks rf	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lough lf	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pearee ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ajones cf	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
N Cruz dh	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Harjedy ss	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Flahry 2b	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Schoop 2b	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

## Phillies 5, Yankees 3

Oakland	r	h	b	IP	HR	ER	BB	SO
Griffey Jr. W11.4	5	1	2	2	1	1	1	1
Otero	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Abad	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cook	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	8	1	2	2	1	1	1	1

## Friday's Games

Cleveland 2, Baltimore 1, 11 innings  
 Detroit 2, Houston 5, Boston 3, 10 innings  
 Atlanta 5, N.Y. Yankees 0  
 L.A. Angels 5, Oakland 4  
 Kansas City 6, Minnesota 5  
 Chicago White Sox 11, Toronto 5  
 Arizona 5, Pittsburgh 4  
 Kansas City 3, Miami 2  
 N.Y. Mets 3, Chicago Cubs 2  
 St. Louis 4, San Diego 2  
 Cincinnati 3, Colorado 2  
 Milwaukee 5, L.A. Dodgers 3  
 Philadelphia 5, San Francisco 3, 10 innings

## Saturday's Games

N.Y. Yankees 3, Tampa Bay 2  
 Cleveland 6, Seattle 2  
 Boston 4, Houston 7  
 Minnesota 4, Kansas City 1  
 Atlanta 4, Oakland 5  
 Toronto 6, Chicago White Sox 3  
 St. Louis 4, Texas 4  
 San Francisco 6, Philadelphia 5  
 Washington 4, Pittsburgh 3  
 Chicago 5, Los Angeles 4  
 N.Y. Mets 7, Chicago Cubs 1  
 Philadelphia 3, St. Louis 2  
 Cincinnati at Colorado, ppd., water main

## Sunday's Games

Baltimore at Cleveland  
 Seattle at Detroit  
 Cincinnati at Boston  
 N.Y. Yankees at Tampa Bay  
 Kansas City at Toronto  
 Toronto at Chicago White Sox  
 L.A. Angels at Texas  
 Atlanta at Miami  
 Chicago Cubs at N.Y. Mets  
 Cincinnati at St. Louis  
 Philadelphia at San Francisco  
 Philadelphia at St. Louis  
 Milwaukee at L.A. Dodgers  
 Pittsburgh at Washington  
 Oakland at Atlanta

## Monday's Games

L.A. Angels at Cleveland  
 Washington (6) at Boston (10)  
 Yankees (6) at Orioles (10-7) at Chicago White Sox (Sale 10-2)  
 Kansas City (L.Vargas 9-5) at Minnesota (11-1)  
 Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 4-1) at N.Y. Mets (Lincecum 8-5)  
 Arizona (Nuno 0-3) at Washington (Cabrera 8-5)  
 Atlanta (E.Santana 12-6) at Pittsburgh (Wright 5-4)  
 Orioles (Ellias 9-9) at Philadelphia (Williams 0-4)  
 Cincinnati (Leake 9-11) at St. Louis (Masterson 2-0)

## Tigers 4, Mariners 2

Seattle	r	h	b	IP	HR	ER	BB	SO
Aicklen cf	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ackey lf	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Canz 3b	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Adair 2b	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Denorf 1f	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Seager 3b	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lim 1b	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Morrin 1b	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clayton 2b	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	30	2	2	2	0	0	0	0

## Atlanta Braves

Oakland	r	h	b	IP	HR	ER	BB	SO
Griffey Jr. W11.4	5	1	2	2	1	1	1	1
Otero	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Abad	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cook	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	8	1	2	2	1	1	1	1

## Marlins 2, Diamondbacks 1

Cleveland	r	h	b	IP	HR	ER	BB	SO
Marks rf	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lough lf	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pearee ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ajones cf	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
N Cruz dh	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Harjedy ss	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Flahry 2b	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Schoop 2b	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

## Phillies 5, Yankees 3

Oakland	r	h	b	IP	HR	ER	BB	SO
Griffey Jr. W11.4	5	1	2	2	1	1	1	1
Otero	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Abad	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cook	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	8	1	2	2	1	1	1	1

## Tigers 4, Mariners 2

Seattle	r	h	b	IP	HR	ER	BB	SO
Aicklen cf	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ackey lf	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Canz 3b	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Adair 2b	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Denorf 1f	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Seager 3b	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lim 1b	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Morrin 1b	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clayton 2b	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	30	2	2	2	0	0	0	0

## Atlanta Braves

Oakland	r	h	b	IP	HR	ER	BB	SO
Griffey Jr. W11.4	5	1	2	2	1	1	1	1
Otero	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Abad	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cook	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	8	1	2	2	1	1	1	1

## Marlins 2, Diamondbacks 1

Cleveland	r	h	b	IP	HR	ER	BB	SO
Marks rf	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lough lf	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pearee ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ajones cf	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
N Cruz dh	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Harjedy ss	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Flahry 2b	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Schoop 2b	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

## Phillies 5, Yankees 3

Oakland	r	h	b	IP	HR	ER	BB	SO
Griffey Jr. W11.4	5	1	2	2	1	1	1	1
Otero	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Abad	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cook	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	8	1	2	2	1	1	1	1

## Tigers 4, Mariners 2

HPB—by Hernandez (M.Cabrera), PB—Zumino. T—255. A—43,833 (41,681).

## Atlanta Braves

HPB—by Shoemaker (Chirinos), Mornin (Choo), by Lewis (Fresco), WP—Morin. T—303. A—32,209 (48,114).

## Marlins 2, Diamondbacks 1

HPB—by Greene (Casali), T—259. A—31,942 (31,042).

## Nationals 4, Pirates 3

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## MLB

# Price wins duel as Tigers knock out Hernandez early

The Associated Press

**DETROIT** — David Price got into a sticky situation in the eighth, and Brad Ausmus decided to leave the ace in the game.

Price then rewarded his manager for the vote of confidence.

Price wriggled out of the jam in his final inning, and the Detroit Tigers snapped Seattle's five-game winning streak with a 4-2 victory over Felix Hernandez and the Mariners on Saturday.

The Tigers have a three-run lead when the Mariners loaded the bases with one out in the eighth. When Ausmus came out of the dugout, Price was sure his night was done.

"I've never had a manager come out in the middle of the inning and not pull me," he said. "That had never happened."

But Ausmus just wanted to check in with Price, who is 1-0 with a 3.18 ERA in three starts since he was acquired from Tampa Bay in a three-team trade last month.

"This is only David's third game for us, so I'm not used to how he handles himself late in the game," Ausmus said. "I went out there to ask him if he was OK, he gave me a very definitive answer, and I went back to the dugout."

Price (12-8) then struck out Austin Jackson — one of the players Detroit traded for him — and then got Dustin Ackley to ground into a force at second.

"That was a huge moment for me," Price said. "I wanted to finish that inning off, so I looked Brad straight in the eye and told him I was good to go. I didn't want to be one of those pitchers who looks down and mumbles that he's OK. I wanted to make sure he knew I was ready."

Hernandez was pulled after five innings and 92 pitches. He was hit on his left hip by Ian Kinsler's comebacker on the third out of the fourth inning, and took another glancing blow from a ball hit by Miguel Cabrera in the fifth.

"He's fine, we just took him out as a precaution after he got hit again by Miguel in the fifth," Mariners manager Lloyd McClendon said.

Hernandez allowed two runs and seven hits, struck out three and walked none.

Hernandez (13-4) lost his record streak of 16 straight starts of at least seven innings and no more than two runs. Hernandez broke Tom Seaver's major league mark of 13 straight earlier this month.

"I'm fine — I'm going to live," Hernandez said. "I was throwing a lot of pitches tonight, especially at the beginning of the game. I wasn't missing by much."

"The streak's over, but I'll start a new one soon."

Joe Nathan pitched the ninth, allowing one run while picking up his 25th save. It was his first appearance since making a profane gesture at Comerica Park fans on Wednesday, and he received a mixture of cheers and boos when he was introduced.

"I apologized on Thursday, but I still feel terrible for my actions, so I want to apologize again," said Nathan, who didn't celebrate after the final out. "I'll keep apologizing until the fans understand how upset I am that I let my frustration get the best of me. I don't want my entire career to be known for three seconds of anger."

Nick Castellanos hit a solo homer in the fourth for Detroit. He also had a two-out RBI single in the Tigers' two-run seventh.



MARK J. TERRILL/AP

Milwaukee's Ryan Braun, left, and Dodgers pitcher Clayton Kershaw watch Braun's two-run home run during the fourth inning on Saturday in Los Angeles. Kershaw lost for the first time since May 28.

## Brewers' 2 HRs top Kershaw

By JOE RESNICK

The Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES** — Clayton Kershaw gave up two home runs, as many as he did in his previous 11 starts, and that was enough to snap his winning streak.

Ryan Braun and Carlos Gomez homered against the two-time NL Cy Young Award winner and three-time defending major league ERA champion on Saturday night, as the Milwaukee Brewers beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 3-1 behind eight solid innings from Yovani Gallardo. It was Kershaw's first loss in more than 2½ months.

"It comes down to [the fact that I] got outpitched," said Kershaw, who had a 1.16 ERA in his previous 13 starts since his last loss on May 28 against Cincinnati. "Yovani pitched better than I did and we lost the game. I just made more mistakes than he did and it showed up on the scoreboard."

Gallardo (8-6), who threw 96 pitches in eight strong innings, allowed a run and six hits with three strikeouts and a walk. The right-hander has won back-to-back starts for the first time since his first two outings of the season.

"Yo was just outstanding," Brewers manager Ron Roenicke said. "He had great command and an outstanding fastball. He pitched off the fastball the

whole game, mixing in his slider and curveball. He really dominated. That's a good club, so you can't mess around and make mistakes against them."

Francisco Rodriguez got three outs for his major league-leading 38th save and 342nd of his career, despite giving up a leadoff homer to Matt Kemp in the ninth.

Rodriguez, who broke a tie with Hall of Famer and former Brewers closer Rollie Fingers for 11th place on baseball's career list, has passed 11 players this season.

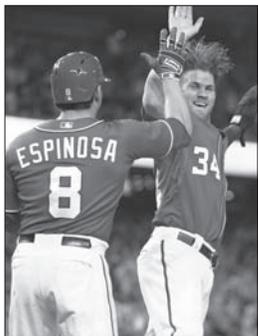
Kershaw (14-3) pitched his 17th complete game in 202 career starts. He allowed five hits and no walks while striking out 11.

"It's funny, I felt like I pitched so much better than I did in Milwaukee. I got lucky in Milwaukee, and I'm paying for it here."

Last Sunday, Kershaw held the NL Central-leading Brewers to one run in eight innings in a 5-1 victory.

"He's the best pitcher in baseball and he's been on an incredibly great run," Braun said. "It's extremely difficult to beat him, and it hasn't happened much this year. So for us to do that is an impressive accomplishment and something we're proud of."

"To split those two games he started is encouraging for us."



ALEX BRANDON/AP

Washington Nationals' Danny Espinosa, left, celebrates with Bryce Harper after Harper scored the winning run during the ninth inning on Saturday against the Pittsburgh Pirates at Nationals Park.

## Nationals rally for fifth straight win

By HOWARD FENDRICH

The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** — After Adam LaRoche's two-run homer in the eighth tied the game, and Wilson Ramos' ground-rule double in the ninth won it, Washington Nationals manager Matt Williams called his club "tenacious."

Kevin Frandsen, whose RBI single in the eighth started Washington's rally from a three-run deficit, went with the word "relentless."

No matter what you call it, these NL East-leading Nationals are showing a knack for coming through late in games, and their fifth walkoff win of the season came by the score of 4-3 against the Pittsburgh Pirates on Saturday night.

"When you're on a streak, when you've got a little lead in the division, it's easier to go relax and play," said LaRoche, who hit his 18th homer, "and not get too uptight late in games, regardless [of whether] you're down or not."

Trailing 3-0 heading into the eighth,

Washington grabbed its fifth consecutive victory to stay six games ahead of the second-place Atlanta Braves.

The Pirates, meanwhile, dropped their fourth straight and have fallen to third place in the NL Central.

"It's never good for the club, especially the position we're in right now, pushing hard," said Tony Watson, who came on in the eighth and gave away the lead.

Watson began his appearance by walking pinch-hitter Michael Taylor, then giving up singles to Denard Span and Frandsen that made it 3-1. After a double play, Watson faced the lefty-hitting LaRoche, who drove a 1-0 pitch into the home bullpen. Reliever Drew Storen, who was warming up, caught the ball on the fly.

Watson said he followed the same pitch sequence against LaRoche on Saturday as he had Friday.

"Yeah," Watson acknowledged, "it was dumb."

In the ninth, with another lefty in for Pittsburgh, Justin Wilson (3-3), Bryce

Harper checked his swing at a 3-1 pitch and went about halfway down the first-base line, figuring he had a leadoff walk. But plate umpire Mark Wegner had called the pitch a strike. Harper eventually paused, turned around, got back in the batter's box — and walked on the next pitch.

After Harper took second on a wild pitch, Ramos hit a ball that sailed over right fielder Gregory Polanco's head and bounced into the home bullpen to win it.

Helped, too, that Washington got four innings of scoreless relief after starter Gio Gonzalez allowed three runs and departed after 102 pitches in five innings.

Craig Stammen got nine outs — "Just carving," Harper said — before Matt Thornton (1-0) earned the win with a 1-2-3 ninth, getting a pair of strikeouts on 96 mph fastballs.

"They believe that they can come back, they believe that they can string hits together and we can score runs, and that's a good thing to have," Williams said. "That belief system is good."

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MARK DUNCAN/AP

Cleveland Browns quarterback Johnny Manziel throws on the run during practice at NFL football training camp in Berea, Ohio on Friday. Manziel won't start in the Browns' preseason game Monday night against the Redskins in Washington, but Cleveland head coach Mike Pettine has said he wants both Manziel and starter Brian Hoyer to get an even number of snaps.

# Not ready for primetime?

## Browns' QB Manziel says he's still learning, growing

By Tom Withers  
The Associated Press

BEREA, Ohio — Johnny Manziel, so full of swagger and cool, understands his limitations. He's only a rookie.

And as the celebrity quarterback prepares for Cleveland's exhibition on Monday night in Washington, a game that could decide whether he or Brian Hoyer starts the season opener at Pittsburgh on Sept. 7, Manziel acknowledged he's still got a lot to learn.

"I don't think I'm ready for Pittsburgh right now," he said.

Manziel, though, was quick to point out that he's made progress during training camp, and he expects to get better running Cleveland's offense.

"I've only played one game, but the more and more you see it, the more you get familiar with it, the better it will be," Manziel said after practice Saturday.

Manziel and Hoyer will split time with Cleveland's first-team offense against the Redskins in a game being hyped as a nationally televised matchup between Johnny Football and RG3, Washington quarterback Robert Griffin III.

Hoyer, who entered camp as the No. 1 QB and has done nothing to lose his starting job, was unaware that he's not part of the ratings campaign.

"I don't watch ESPN," he said. "It doesn't matter, because what matters is what coach (Mike) Pettine thinks and what (offensive coordinator) Kyle (Shanahan) thinks. The media can make any story they want. I avoid all of that. When it comes down to it, they're not the ones making the decisions."

The Hoyer-Manziel competition is nearing its conclusion, and it's still not clear if Pettine and his staff are leaning in one direction.

Pettine is determined to get his two QBs an even amount of snaps against the Redskins. Pettine said he'll reach out to Washington coach Jay Gruden to find out his plans to use his starters so he can ensure that Hoyer and Manziel face similar competition.

"If we have to make some adjustments to get the

matchups we want then we will," Pettine said. Pettine plans to meet with his staff and pick a starter Tuesday.

While most of the country is eager to see what Manziel will do on the Monday night stage, the Heisman Trophy winner is staying calm and focused.

"I don't think there's any pressure for me," he said. "I'm still learning. I'm still growing. This is my second game. My expectations aren't through the roof. It's go out and compete extremely hard, be a leader for those guys, whatever group I'm with, and we'll see what happens."

After his off-field behavior in the off-season was widely scrutinized, Manziel is finding his habits are always being watched. He conceded to being late for a meeting on Monday morning after he misread a change in the team's schedule. Manziel said he and Pettine talked and have "moved on."

"It was an honest mistake and something I need to learn from and make sure it doesn't happen again," Manziel said.

As for Hoyer, he hasn't changed his belief that the Browns are his team. While dealing with the hysteria caused by Manziel, he has maintained he's only trying to become the best quarterback possible. There may be signs that Manziel is Cleveland's quarterback of the future, but Hoyer is only concerned with the here and now.

He's aware that Pettine said the Week 1 starter should not think it's a permanent gig.

"It's a situation I dealt with last year when I came in and we kind of said it was a week to week thing," he said.

Hoyer also heard the trade speculation that began when the Browns signed veteran quarterback Rex Grossman earlier this week.

It's not worrying about.

"I guess people were trying to connect the dots and that's your job to do that," he said. "For me, I'm not concerned about anything like that. I'm looking forward to being the starting quarterback here."

**“I don't think I'm ready for Pittsburgh right now.”**

**Johnny Manziel**  
Browns rookie QB

# Last: Fundamental changes to game make 400-carry RBs thing of the past

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Last year, only McCoy and Lynch ran the ball 300 or more times. In 2003, 13 players did that.

Only nine teams in the league last season had one player take 60 percent or more of their rushing attempts, down from 14 in 2003 and 14 in 1998. Nine teams also had two players with 30 percent or more carries last year, up from five in 2003.

Last season's leader in team rushing attempt percentage was Chicago's Matt Forte with 72 percent, and he's not close to appearing on an all-time list. According to STATS research, the most recent player in the top 20 was Edgerrin James with 81 percent for Arizona in 2007. Even Peterson has never topped 72 percent in his career. James has the most in history, according to STATS, with 89 percent for Indianapolis in 2000.

Only two of the last 10 Super Bowl champions have featured a 300-carry running back. Lynch last season and Corey Dillon for New England in 2004-05. The New York Giants finished last in

the league in rushing in 2011 and still went on to win the title.

So how in the name of Emmitt Smith did the game get to this point?

With players bigger, faster and stronger, the guys running the ball now are simply more prone to getting beat up than their predecessors from the previous generations.

Teams must constantly develop replacements not only for down the road when the featured runner turns 30 but for in-game breaks to keep him fresh. The committee approach can also help prevent the defense from getting too comfortable with one particular style. The evolution of the passing game, with Charles and the Chiefs as an example, has also essentially transformed several running plays per game into short throws.

Thus, teams have a hard time justifying paying running backs as their franchise players. Peterson is the outlier with a salary cap hit this year of more than \$14 million. The next-closest running back is McCoy at \$9.7 million. The money has been shifting not



AP PHOTO

IN THIS JAN. 2, 1966, FILE PHOTO, CLEVELAND'S JIM BROWN (32) TURNS THE CORNER AS A GREEN BAY PACKER DEFENDER SWINGS WITH HIM IN GREEN BAY, WIS. LONG BEFORE QUARTERBACKS TOOK CENTER STAGE, THE NFL WAS A RUNNING LEAGUE. THROUGHOUT THE HISTORY OF THE LEAGUE, FROM RED GRANGE TO JIM BROWN TO O.J. SIMPSON TO WALTER PAYTON TO EMMITT SMITH, THE WORKHORSE BACK HAS BEEN A SYMBOL OF TOUGHNESS AND PERSEVERANCE.

only toward the quarterbacks, but also the guys paid to protect them or catch their spirals. Even the guys that try to sack quar-

terbacks and intercept passes are making more than running backs.

The Seahawks were cham-

ions with Lynch as a bruising old-school running back, and San Francisco has been one of the league's best teams lately with a similar approach behind Frank Gore. Those teams also feature quarterbacks with exceptional running ability and the read option as a staple of their playbooks. The way they move the ball is far different than when the Bears used to build their offense around Peyton.

Fundamental changes have taken place. The NFL might not ever see another 400-carry running back. But maybe it's wise.

"If you're looking at what's going on here lately you'd think it's been devalued a little bit, just from a numbers standpoint and money-wise, too. But you always hear the league's kind of cyclical." Vikings fullback Jerome Felton said. "I think if you look at teams that are successful, they do run the football. There's only so many Tom Bradys. There's only so many Peyton Mannings. So unless you have one of those guys, it's important to be able to run."

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

## Kelly: No need to change how we recruit

Irish coach says players can't cut corners but 'we have to do a better job educating them'

By TOM COYNE  
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SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Notre Dame coach Brian Kelly on Saturday dismissed talking that he needs to do a better job of recruiting players who are better students to avoid the academic problems that have plagued the football program for the past 15 months.

"I think we've brought in the right young men," he said. "I think we have to continue to do a better job educating them. We have to do a better job of providing the resources."

The news conference was the first time Kelly talked to the media since the university announced a day earlier that starting cornerback KeiVarae Russell, leading returning receiver DaVaris Daniels, defensive end Ishaq Williams and backup linebacker Kendall Moore were being withheld from practices and games until the university completes an investigation into whether papers and homework they turned in were completed by others.

Kelly said no one involved in the investigation has asked to talk to him or his staff. He cautioned against assuming the players are guilty, saying the investigation is ongoing.

Kelly said it's his job as head coach to create an environment where players know they can't cut corners.

"If you let your players do whatever they want and they feel like they're not accountable, then I don't think you should be a head coach," he said. "I think if you create an environment and you lay out the expectations of your program and they're not met, then they should be held accountable."

"Look, this is never a one-sided issue. We have to internally look at providing our student-athletes all of the resources necessary that, if in fact they took shortcuts, that they don't. We have to look hard at



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**Notre Dame football coach Brian Kelly talks to the media at the beginning of fall practice in South Bend, Ind., on Aug. 1. Notre Dame said Friday that it is investigating "suspected academic dishonesty" involving several students, including four members of the football team. Kelly said Saturday that he hasn't spoken to the players since they were informed of the investigation.**

that," he said.

Players know the high standards of Notre Dame, Kelly said, adding that his rules of conduct for players are posted in the locker room. "Treat women with respect, don't cheat, don't lie and don't steal."

Kelly said he doesn't have any more information about the investigation than what the university announced at the news conference Friday, saying as a coach he will be "on the outside looking in." He said

his reaction to the news was "shock and disappointment."

But Kelly said he's proud that Notre Dame has high standards, saying it's one of the reasons he accepted the job.

"We don't look the other way," he said.

The players were informed Friday about the investigation, and Kelly said he hasn't talked with them since.

The Irish, who open the season against Rice on Aug. 30, have faced other academ-

ic problems. Starting quarterback Everett Golson missed last season because of academic impropriety and Daniels sat out the spring semester. Kelly described them as "good kids who made bad decisions."

"If the players aren't allowed to return this season as a result of the investigation, it will be difficult to overcome," Kelly said.

"As players, you don't replace KeiVarae Russell. He's one of the best corners we've had here in some time. But we'll find a way," he said. "You don't replace a guy like that."

Replacing Daniels also will be a challenge, but Kelly said the Irish have depth at receiver.

"We're going to have to count on other players to step up and do the job for us," he said.

Kelly said he's not worried about Notre Dame possibly having to vacate some past victories, including possibly from the 2012 season when the Irish went 12-1 and their lone loss was to Alabama in the national title game. He said it wouldn't change his view of that season.

"I've never really counted my victories," he said. "It's not something I really spend much time thinking about."

It's been a tumultuous time at Notre Dame since Kelly arrived following the 2009 season, with a student manager killed when the scissor lift he was on toppled in high winds in 2010, several high-profile players being arrested and the academic troubles. Kelly was asked whether those issues reflected on his leadership.

"This isn't the time to have a debate on what my leadership or lack thereof is. My focus is on my football team and getting this team ready. There's a time and place for that. People have their opinions and certainly they're entitled to them. I'm going to focus on this football team and getting it ready for two weeks for Rice."

## Ohio State remaining cautious with QB Miller

By RUSTY MILLER  
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COLUMBUS, Ohio — Braxton Miller says he's ready to play in a game. Now.

He even challenged a sports writer to go out for a pass, to prove that his surgically repaired right shoulder is sturdy enough to wing a throw on demand.

"I feel good. I could throw right now. You want to run a route?" he said, laughing. "I feel good, man."

With two weeks remaining until the opener against Navy, Ohio State is being extremely cautious with the tender right arm of its star quarterback.

Miller, a two-time Big Ten player of the year, had surgery last spring on his throwing shoulder. He missed all 15 spring workouts while rehabbing and, after a full load of work in the first few days of fall camp, sat out Saturday's scrimmage with some soreness.

Coach Urban Meyer is not concerned — not now, anyway.

"It's still early," he said. "If this was [later in camp] and he didn't go, then that's going to hinder our

progress."

Ohio State's coaches, including Miller's protégé, offensive coordinator and QBs coach Tom Herman, are being very careful. They don't want to jeopardize their prized pupil, particularly when he's backed by largely inexperienced substitutes.

Sophomores Cardale Jones and Luke Morgan and freshmen J.T. Barrett and Stephen Collier are Miller's top understudies. None has faced the heat in a game hanging in the balance.

Because Miller is such a precious commodity, and also because the Buckeyes believe they have an abundance of other players to throw and hand the ball to, it's likely that he will run the ball less than he has in his first three seasons as a starter.

At least that's the plan in mid-August. In a game, with the outcome teetering on the brink in the closing minutes, well, then maybe that plan will be revised.

"There's a definite conscious effort to limit the called runs that we have had for him in the past," Herman said. "But you're also talking about one of the most

dynamic athletes in the country, too. So we'll be cautious with him, it's probably the best way to put it, while understanding that element of his game is what makes him so successful and makes him such a challenge to defend."

In other words, Ohio State doesn't want to run Miller any more than it has to. But it also wants to make sure it wins; there's no need saving him for a secondary bowl game.

"I'll get a chance to throw it around to a lot different guys this year. I'm very blessed with those additions this year. This is going to be fun once we step out on that field," Miller said. "You don't want to run when you're a quarterback; you want to get the ball out of your hands to the athletes."

So, for now, Meyer and his staff will continue to monitor and measure rest and test as the days to the first game winnow away.

"I'm just resting up. It's being comfortable with where I'm at and making sure I'm not overdoing what I need to do with my injury," Miller said. "You have to be restful." "But you've got to rush things."



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**Ohio State quarterback Braxton Miller, a two-time Big Ten player of the year, had surgery last spring on his throwing shoulder.**

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# Last of his kind?

## In pass-happy league, workhorse backs like Vikings' All-Pro Peterson are a dying breed

By DAVE CAMPBELL  
The Associated Press

**J**im Brown spinning his way through the line and breaking loose in the secondary with a burst of speed.

Walter Payton lowering a stiff arm and tearing away from the tackler with those long, almost-straight-leg strides.

Barry Sanders slithering around in the backfield and finding a seam to dart through.

Those are the enduring images of grit, perseverance and even elegance on which the NFL's multibillion-dollar empire was first built.

These days the workhorses have become a fading breed. Quarterbacks are the unquestioned stars of the modern game.

"We're not getting the ball 30 times or 20-something times a game. Sometimes I get the ball 10 times and the rest of it is

catches." Kansas City's Jamaal Charles said. "It's just the way they use me now. The game has changed."

Adrian Peterson nearly broke Eric Dickerson's NFL single-season rushing record in 2012 on his way to winning the league's MVP award for Minnesota. At this rate, though, Peterson could be the last running back to get one. Even he, with that relentless nature and throwback style, has acknowledged an acceptance of the shift in this role.

"I'm trying to win a championship, so if that's taking less of a pounding and being more productive in the pass game, I'm all in for it," Peterson said.

At age 29, Peterson is per-

haps the NFL's last great workhorse running back.

Maybe someone a year or two younger like Charles or Seattle's Marshawn Lynch or Philadelphia's LeSean McCoy will pass Peterson on the all-time list and defy the trend with a productive career into his mid-30s. But there are many signs that won't happen:

■ For the second straight draft, no running backs were selected in the first round, an absence not seen since 1963. Over the last five years, a total of seven running backs were first-round picks. From 2000-2004, there were 15. From 1985-1989, there were 25.

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Adrian Peterson  
Minnesota Vikings' running back



Minnesota Vikings running back Adrian Peterson, left, tries to break a tackle from Chicago Bears free safety Chris Conte.

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