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## Obama's Mideast plan moves forward

### Despite misgivings, Congress poised to approve strategy for arming Syrian rebels against Islamic State

By **TRAVIS J. TRITTEN**  
*Stars and Stripes*

**WASHINGTON** — Worries swirled this week on Capitol Hill over arming foreign fighters and entering into another war in the Middle East.

But Congress set aside deep misgivings about the Obama admin-

istration's new offensive against the Islamic State and was poised Thursday to quickly approve one of its key provisions: equipping and training Syrian rebels as an opposition force.

The authority to send support to the fighters was passed 273-156 Wednesday evening by the House as part of a temporary federal bud-

get bill that will fund the military through December. The Senate was expected to pass the budget and Syria measure late Thursday, after Stars and Stripes' deadline.

The rally to war was a striking shift from one year ago, when Congress rejected an administration plan to intervene in Syria and polls showed the public was weary

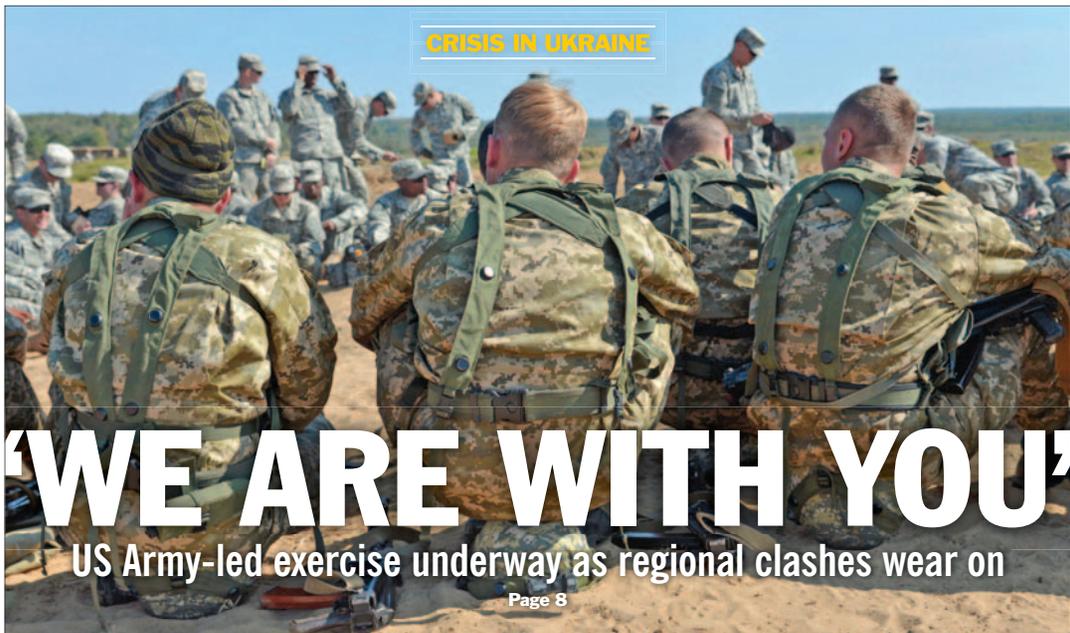
from more than a decade of combat in Iraq and Afghanistan. In recent weeks, the Islamic State's quick advance through Iraq and its beheading of two American journalists galvanized support in both chambers and across party lines for striking the group.

"Their ideology is really straightforward — they want to

destroy us," Rep. Adam Smith, D-Wash., the ranking member on the House Armed Services Committee, said Thursday. "This threat exists and we have to confront it."

Still, doubt over the Obama administration's plan dominated Hill hearings and debates.

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Ukrainian army cadets sit on their helmets during a break at Exercise Rapid Trident near Yavoriv, Ukraine, on Wednesday with soldiers from the U.S. Army's 173rd Airborne Brigade.

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**"I have crazy family members who I don't want contacting me through Facebook."**

— Heklina, a San Francisco drag queen who is among those sparring with Facebook after the social media site began deleting profiles, citing its requirement that users go by their "real names" on the site

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**AF drops oath's 'God' requirement**

By **CHRIS CARROLL**  
*Stars and Stripes*

**WASHINGTON** — The Air Force announced Wednesday it would drop a requirement for airman to say "so help me God" in oaths, backtracking after an airman had been denied re-enlistment when he crossed it out on a form last month.

Air Force officials previously told the airman, based at Creech Air Force Base, Nev., that U.S. law required the phrase to be included in the oath. The case came to light after the airman sought representation from the American Humanist Association,

a Washington-based organization that advocates for what it calls "an ethical and life-affirming philosophy free of belief in any gods."

Previously, the Air Force allowed troops to opt out of the phrase, as do the other military services.

But the Air Force issued a revised instruction in 2013 that required the phrase, with officials citing the fact that the relevant section of Title 10 of the U.S. Code contains no opt-out.

Legal experts, however, predicted the Air Force would soon backtrack, because the Supreme Court and lower courts have long held that the reference to a deity

is optional. Additionally, the U.S. Constitution explicitly forbids use of a "religious test" to hold elected office or a position of public trust.

The announcement comes after the Air Force sought a legal opinion from the Department of Defense General Counsel. The Air Force is updating its written instruction, but the new policy takes effect immediately, officials said Wednesday. The airman's current term of service is set to end in November.

"We take any instance in which airman report concerns regarding religious freedom seriously," said Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James. "We are

making the appropriate adjustments to ensure our airmen's rights are protected."

Monica Miller, a lawyer for the American Humanist Association, said officials notified her client Wednesday afternoon that he could re-enlist.

"I am very pleased that the Department of Defense has instructed the Air Force to respect the First Amendment rights of our client by allowing him to re-enlist with the omission of 'so help me God,'" she said. "I sincerely hope that this opinion from the DOD settles the issue once and for all."

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**New chief petty officers pinned in global ceremonies**

*Stars and Stripes*

Those selected this year to become chief petty officers were pinned Tuesday at official ceremonies held on land and at sea worldwide.

Family, friends and fellow servicemembers attended. It was the 121st class of chief petty officers to join the chiefs' mess after about six weeks of rigorous training that mentally and physically test the selectees.

"It's surreal. Honestly, it's the greatest day of our lives," Chief Petty Officer Jose Alonso told Stars and Stripes soon after he was pinned with his anchor at Naval Support Activity Bahrain. The anchor collar device is a trademark of the chief petty officer's uniform.

Holders of the chief's rank, established in 1893, are charged with leading sailors and maintaining good order and discipline in the Navy. According to the CPO creed, the rank carries with it "responsibilities and privileges that do not appear in print" and have no official standing.

Chiefs are known for being a fountain of wisdom about the Navy. "Ask the chief," is a common expression sailors use when faced with a tough challenge.

"It's totally beyond words on what it really feels like, but it's actually happening. It's nothing I could have really truly anticipated," said Chief Petty Officer Vincent Lindwall, who was also pinned at NSA Bahrain. "I'm going to do my best to make sure I live up to this anchor."

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**Above:** Chief Petty Officer David West, from Mount Vernon, Wash., receives his cover during a pinning ceremony for newly selected chiefs in the hangar bay of the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz. **Left:** Chief petty officer selectees march while singing cadence during a chief pinning ceremony at Naval Air Facility Alstut.

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## WAR/MILITARY

# Wrangling delays Afghan power-sharing deal

By SLOBODAN LEKIC

Stars and Stripes

KABUL, Afghanistan — Differences over releasing results of the disputed presidential election are holding up final agreement on a power-sharing deal between the two candidates to succeed President Hamid Karzai that would pave the way for finalizing a pact to allow U.S.-led troops to remain in the country next year, officials from both camps said Thursday.

Aides to former Foreign Minister Abdullah Abdullah and former Finance Minister Ashraf Ghani said Tuesday that the two sides were close to an agreement that would end months of uncertainty after a two-round election that each side claims was rigged by the other.

The two have promised to accept the results of a U.N.-monitored investigation into voter-rigging, which included a massive ballot recount.

Kate Clark, a researcher with the Afghan Analysts Network, said the two camps were wrangling over the percentages of the election's final results.

Representatives for both Ghani and Abdullah said the only significant unresolved issue was how to release the results of the U.N. audit, which reportedly invalidated a large number of ballots suspected to be fraudulent.

"Abdullah's team asked that the audit results not show a big difference in order to avoid angering supporters of the losing candidate, because this could trigger

violence," said a member of Ghani's campaign, who asked not to be named because he was not authorized to speak to the media.

"Ghani disagreed with the request and asked that the election commission should announce the actual result of the audit," he said.

Abdullah's spokesman, Mujib Rahman Rahimi, confirmed on local radio that Abdullah's representatives had raised this issue.

Both campaigns stressed that they had settled most of the outstanding issues involved in establishing a new chief executive's position in the Cabinet that would be chosen by the losing candidate — presumably Abdullah.

The U.S. and NATO are anxious for a president to be named, as the clock is ticking on the deadline for

all foreign combat troops to withdraw by the end of the year. The terms for a follow-on mission of nearly 10,000 U.S. forces acting mostly as advisers and trainers are laid out in a bilateral security agreement agreed early this year. Karzai refused to sign it; both candidates have said they would, but until they do, a similar NATO agreement is also on hold.

The U.S. proposed a formation of a unity government as a way to break the impasse after Abdullah claimed "industrial-scale" fraud in the April election, in which he led, and the June runoff in which initial results showed Ghani with a commanding lead, prompting the U.N.-supervised audit of the 8 million ballots cast.

The audit was completed last

week, but the results have not been announced.

Local media reported that representatives of the two campaigns were meeting in the U.S. Embassy in Kabul. An embassy spokeswoman refused to confirm that, but said U.S. Ambassador James Cunningham was directly engaged in the talks.

On Wednesday, State Department spokeswoman Marie Harf told reporters in Washington that Cunningham and the special representative for Afghanistan/Pakistan, Dan Feldman, were "both on the ground there talking to each of the candidates, helping move this forward, and hopefully as soon as possible."

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## SIGAR: US spent \$6.5M on unneeded towers for telecommunication

By CARLO MUNOZ

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At a cost of \$6.5 million, the State Department built six telecommunication towers in Afghanistan that apparently have never been used as intended, a government watchdog said in a letter earlier this month.

In proceeding with the project, the State Department ignored objections to the project from its own officials and from the Defense Department, said the letter from the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction, which was addressed to Secretary of State John Kerry and was released Thursday.

The towers were initially designed to expand cellular communications as well as radio and television access across contested areas in southern and eastern Afghanistan where "insurgent activity... was threatening and destroying commercial and government-owned cell towers," the State Department said in a March letter responding to previous SIGAR inquiries.

Opening and expanding telecommunication services in "strategically important" provinces in eastern and southern Afghanistan made the tower program "one of the highest strategic communication priorities" for U.S.-led reconstruction efforts in the country, the State Department letter said.

Even before construction began in 2011, Afghan telecommunication officials told their State Department counterparts that Afghan telecom providers would not connect to the system, among other concerns raised, the SIGAR said. The Defense Department said it "did not want the towers because of the high cost of fueling the towers' generators," the SIGAR letter said.

"Given this information, I am

**The State Department said cellular communications firms would not use the towers because their operators were being threatened by the Taliban.**

concerned that the officials responsible for planning and executing this project did not take into consideration a number of apparent red flags which were evident prior to the decision to commit over \$6.5 million in U.S. taxpayer funds," SIGAR chief John F. Sopko wrote.

"Despite these concerns, the State Department moved forward with construction," he added.

In the end, the new towers "could not be used for their intended purpose" the SIGAR said.

Department officials turned over two of the towers to the Pentagon and intended to auction the remaining towers.

Communications towers have been frequent targets of attacks from insurgents, who have attempted to cut off local residents and Afghan security forces from the central government in Kabul.

The State Department said cellular communications providers would not use the towers because their operators were being threatened by the Taliban.

The SIGAR has yet to issue its official findings on the program, spokesman Alex Bronstein-Moffly said Wednesday.

Auditors are holding off on a final report until the State Department provides additional information on the project, he said.



DAVID GOLDMAN/AP

## Warm welcome

A message for Maj. Andrew McDonald, left, decorates the car as his wife, Lori, helps load his bags after his unit returned Tuesday from a deployment to Afghanistan with the Georgia National Guard's 48th Infantry Brigade Combat Team in Macom, Ga. Two hundred Guardsmen returned home Tuesday from a nine-month deployment during which they provided security and facilitated the transfers of U.S. military installations to their Afghan counterparts.

## Drone crashes near Pakistani border

By JOSH SMITH AND ZUBAIR BABAKARKHAIL  
Stars and Stripes

KABUL, Afghanistan — An unarmed coalition reconnaissance drone crashed Wednesday in the mountains of eastern Afghanistan near the border with Pakistan, Afghan police and international military officials said.

"There were no reports of enemy forces in the area at the time of the incident, nor were there any reports of injuries to

civilian personnel or damage to property," a spokesman for the International Security Assistance Force told Stars and Stripes in an email.

The international coalition continues to conduct reconnaissance in support of Afghan forces, as well as for its own ongoing military operations.

ISAF officials would not confirm the type of remotely piloted aircraft that went down but said it was not armed.

The aircraft, which was operat-

ing from the coalition airfield in Jalalabad, went down in the Khas Kumar district of Kunar province, which borders Pakistan.

The crash site was in a remote, unpopulated area controlled by Afghan local police militias, Kunar provincial Police Chief Abdul Habib Saidkhail said.

At the request of American military officials, his officers retrieved the wreckage and returned it to ISAF forces, Saidkhail said.

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PACIFIC

# Soldiers get suspended sentences for disturbance

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SEOUL, South Korea — Three 2nd Infantry Division soldiers were given suspended sentences Wednesday — essentially putting them on probation — for causing a drunken disturbance at a South Korean water park.

The division later issued a statement that said situations like the May 31 incident at Everland theme park's Caribbean Bay attraction undermine the volunteer work other 21D soldiers perform in the community, from serving in soup kitchens to distributing coal and volunteering at orphanages.

"I will not allow carelessness of

indiscipline to tarnish 21D reputation and our strong relationship with our Korean neighbors," division commander Maj. Gen. Thomas S. Vandal said in the statement.

Three Camp Casey-based soldiers — Pvt. Marcus Cobb, Pfc. Alex Wilkerson and Spc. Nicholas Myers — were sentenced to six months on convictions of obstruction of performance of official duties.

Myers also was convicted of committing an indecent act by force and received a 10-month sentence, according to the Suwon District Court. The sentences for all three were suspended for two years. The maximum sentence for the obstruction charge is five years, and the indecent act charge

carried a maximum 10-year term.

Police have said the soldiers, who admitted wrongdoing last month, began smoking at the park, and a female employee was guiding them to a designated smoking area when one of them touched her shoulder, waist and back, according to previous statements from the Yongin Dongbu Police chief of criminal affairs.

A second soldier gave a worker at the park's information desk a high-five but then did not let go of her hand and told her she was sexy. Authorities said that while the soldier who had touched the other female employee moved his hips or buttocks, the second soldier made a remark the worker

thought was sexual in nature and humiliated her.

One of the soldiers then punched a male employee in the face, kicked him and refused to cooperate with authorities, according to police. An officer also was punched and an assailant spit in his face. The soldiers told police they were drunk and remembered little of what happened at the park.

Police also said the soldiers had been shooting at least one water pistol filled with alcohol at other patrons and stealing their food.

Suwon District Court Judge Choi Chul-min said the soldiers' lack of prior criminal records, admissions of wrongdoing and expressions of regret for their actions played a role in determining

their sentences. The fact that they had been drinking — something that, in Korean courts, often leads to a lighter sentence because defendants are believed to be unable to control themselves — did not excuse their behavior.

"What they did is not minor," Choi said, referring to the assault on the police officer.

21D said it has cooperated fully with local police to make sure the soldiers were given due process under South Korean law and the Status of Forces Agreement, which sets legal protections for members of the U.S. military community stationed on the peninsula.

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# Compensation expected soon for Philippine reef damage

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The Philippines is expected to get a U.S. government payout soon to compensate for damage caused when a Navy minesweeper ran aground on a protected reef more than a year ago.

U.S. Ambassador to the Philippines Philip Goldberg told reporters Monday that the U.S. government was in the final stages of reviewing a Foreign Claims Act compensation request that was received June 13. He said he expected an announcement "very soon."

"The United States deeply regrets this incident and the damage caused to the reef," embassy spokeswoman Anna Ritchey wrote in a statement to Stars and Stripes. "We are continuing to work closely with the government of the Philippines to resolve the issue of compensation for damage to the reef."

No one was injured when the USS Guardian ran aground on Tubbataha Reef around 2:25 a.m. on Jan. 17, 2013, while transiting the Sulu Sea after a port visit in Subic Bay. The crew of 79 was removed the next day during a harrowing exit from the ship, which took on water and was later cut up and removed in pieces. The ship's leadership was later relieved of duty.

Philippine media outlets are reporting that more than 2,300 square meters of coral reef were damaged after the ship became lodged on the World Heritage Site and slid around for weeks. The size of the payment has been estimated at upward of \$1.4 million.

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**Top: Capt. Kevin Adams performs triage on a simulated chemical weapons attack casualty outside the clinic during the Beverly Midnight 14-4 exercise at Osan Air Base on Wednesday.**

**Above: Airmen cut off the simulated casualty's mission oriented protective posture suit for decontamination.**



PHOTOS BY **ARMANDO R. LIMON**/Stars and Stripes

**An airman posing as a simulated casualty with chemical weapons injuries lies in a holding chamber in the control room at Osan Air Base, South Korea.**

# S. Korea-based unit takes part in chemical attack response exercise

By **ARMANDO R. LIMON**  
*Stars and Stripes*

OSAN AIR BASE, South Korea — Airmen with the 51st Fighter Wing responded to simulated chemical warfare attacks and performed other defensive postures during the Beverly Midnight 14-4 exercise this week at Osan Air Base, South Korea.

The 51st Medical Group's contamination control team performed a mass casualty decontamination at the Osan clinic on Wednesday. The scenario challenged medical personnel to clean a potential chemical warfare casualty before the patient could receive medical treatment inside the clinic.

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## MILITARY

# New allowance aims to ease long deployments

Hardship Duty Pay-Tempo goes into effect this week for Marines, sailors deployed for more than 220 days

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Sailors and Marines on lengthy deployments began accruing a new allowance Wednesday aimed at making long tours at sea more tolerable.

Known as Hardship Duty Pay-Tempo, the allowance applies to all active-duty and reserve troops on operational deployments of more than 220 days. It is prorated at \$16.50 for every day over the

threshold, with a cap of \$495 a month. Authorized by Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus this summer for a span of two years, the incentive officially went into effect Wednesday.

It may be months before the money hits troops' accounts, however. The military pay system must first be updated, according to a Navy news release, a process scheduled to be completed by year's end.

The change affects ships currently on deployment, including the USS Bataan Amphibious Ready Group, whose deployment in February was recently extended, and the USS George H.W. Bush Carrier Strike Group, which departed Virginia in February for a nine-month tour. The allowance does not affect deployments that ended before Wednesday, the news release said.

The benefit is the latest an-

nounced by a Navy concerned about the impact of more frequent and lengthier deployments on its force. Sea duty billets remain difficult to fill, and the service is concerned that retention issues could follow a gradually improving economy.

The Navy increased pay rates for sailors at sea earlier this year, and it kept tuition assistance at 100 percent despite initial plans to curtail the benefit.

The service has also expanded eligibility for its Command Advancement Program, which allows sailors at sea to be promoted early and without an advancement exam.

Carrier groups are now making nine- and 10-month cruises, compared with the six-month tours common in the past.

The Navy wants to standardize deployment length to eight months.

## Soldier, DOD civilian killed in Afghanistan are identified

From wire reports

A soldier based at Fort Bragg, N.C., and a civilian worker for the Defense Department have been killed Tuesday in Afghanistan.

The Defense Department said Wednesday that Maj. Michael J. Donahue, 41, of Columbus, Ohio, and Stephen Byus, 39, of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, died Tuesday in Kabul of wounds suffered from an enemy attack.

Donahue was assigned to the Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, XVIII Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg.

Byus was a member of the Defense Logistics Agency Land and Maritime in Columbus, Ohio, working as a supply specialist. He was assigned to the Combined Security Transition Command Afghanistan.

In addition, a Polish soldier died in the suicide car bombing near the American Embassy in Kabul.

Donahue was on his third combat tour when he was killed. Donahue was an operations support officer.

The fallen soldier's family could not immediately be reached for comment. However, Donahue's battalion commander Lt. Col. Gabriel Barton said in a statement, "The Dragon Family has suffered a great loss today, and we would like to express our deepest condolences to the Donahue Family. Maj. Michael Donahue was an exceptional officer and a huge part of our team and our family. We will never forget him."

According to Fort Bragg, Donahue enlisted in the Army in February 1996 and commissioned through Officer Candidate School in April 2000. Following a series of assignments, he arrived at Fort Bragg in July 2012.

Donahue is survived by his wife, Sherri, and their children Victoria, Seamus and Bailey.

The Associated Press and Boston Herald contributed to this report.

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# VETERANS

## Psychologist reprimanded over vet's evaluation

By Amy Beth Hanson  
The Associated Press

HELENA, Mont. — A Department of Veterans Affairs psychologist whose evaluation downgraded the disabling effects of a veteran's brain injury has been publicly reprimanded by the Montana Board of Psychologists for practicing outside the scope of his expertise.

The board's Sept. 4 ruling, first reported by the Great Falls Tribune, also prohibits Dr. Robert Bateen from performing neuropsychological evaluations without additional training. Bateen said he had been doing such work under VA policies.

Capt. Charles Gatlin suffered a traumatic brain injury in September 2006 when a car bomb went off near him in Iraq. He underwent three comprehensive neuropsychological exams.

In the final one, in August 2009, a neuropsychologist determined Gatlin's cognitive and motor deficits were likely stable and he was retired from the Army with a 70 percent disability rating, which was used to determine his benefits.

Two years later, after Gatlin moved to Montana, his application for VA benefits required he be evaluated at the VA Medical Center at Fort Harrison. Bateen's evaluation determined that Gatlin's cognitive test scores were in the average range — the board found they were not — and any cognitive dysfunction was mild and suggested a diagnosis of post-traumatic stress disorder. The evaluation resulted in a 10 percent disability rating.

Gatlin and his wife, Arianna Del Negro, challenged the decision through the Board of Veterans' Appeals, arguing that Bateen used improper testing, did not evaluate all potential cognitive deficits, did not give weight to the earlier, more thorough test results, and offered opinions in an area of psychology for which he was not qualified.

The veterans' agency rejected all appeals along with a request for a referral to a neuropsychologist.

Del Negro said they took the case to the state licensing board, which initially agreed with their arguments in November 2013.

The decision said Bateen is not absolved from having to meet a standard of care required under his state license by saying he was following VA policy.

# Discharges could change over PTSD

By Tom Philpott

As many as 80,000 veterans who suffered from post-traumatic stress and received other-than-honorable discharges can use evidence of their PTSD to petition service boards to upgrade the bad discharges.

At stake for individuals is removal of lifelong stigmas that have scarred reputations, limited job prospects and blocked critical veteran benefits.

Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel this month directed that boards for correction of military records or naval records begin to "fully and carefully consider every petition based on PTSD brought by each veteran."

His Sept. 3 memo gives Army, Navy and Air Force secretaries "supplemental guidance" that boards are to use when petitioners seek discharge upgrades claiming that unrecognized post-traumatic stress disorder caused misbehavior that led to other-than-honorable discharges.

Many of the veterans who will gain from the new guidance served during the Vietnam War, before the medical community recognized PTSD as a disabling, service-connected condition. PTSD received a medical diagnostic code in 1980, five years after that war officially ended.

Hagel instructed boards to give "liberal consideration" to any language found in medical records describing one or more symptoms that meet diagnostic criteria for PTSD or related conditions. Liberal consideration also is to be used when veterans' civilian providers have diagnosed PTSD.

And where PTSD "is reasonably determined to have existed at the time of discharge," it is to be "a mitigating factor" in the misconduct that generated an other-than-honorable discharge.

Hagel likely is reacting to several recent developments, including a federal class action lawsuit filed last March on behalf of Vietnam veterans that generated a wave of publicity and attracted an influential advocate in Hagel's former Senate colleague, Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn.

Blumenthal said last week that many veterans went to war when PTSD "was undiagnosed and untreated" and it "caused many of them, particularly from the Vietnam era, to be given less-than-honorable discharges."

The Veterans Legal Services Clinic at Yale University Law School filed the class-action lawsuit, Monk v. Mabus, with five

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combat veterans and three veterans' organizations named as plaintiffs. Their complaint says that as a result of undiagnosed PTSD, these veterans were unable to perform assigned duties and were discharged for misconduct attributable to post-traumatic stress. Yet over the years, the lawsuit contends, the military "has categorically refused to correct these wrongful discharges."

One plaintiff, Conley Monk, 66, joined the Marine Corps at age 20. Nine months later he was in Quang Tri Province, South Vietnam, flinching at enemy mortar rounds and sniper fire and, for him, living in a nightmarish habitat of mosquitoes and snakes, so different from what he had known.

The day he arrived in Vietnam with the 9th Motor Transport Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, the airport came under a barrage of mortar fire. From July through November 1969, he drove troop trucks and "many times we would be under fire," he recalled. "Every day, I prayed God would bring me back home to the United States."

When his unit redeployed to Okinawa, but a return to Vietnam remained a terrifying possibility, Monk said he suffered flashbacks

from undiagnosed post-traumatic stress. He used drugs, too, and was absent without leave.

One night, on returning to his unit, his sergeant grabbed him and accused him wrongly of theft. They fought. At his nonjudicial punishment proceeding, Monk said, "They offered me an undesirable discharge. I wanted to be relieved. I wanted to come home from the military. I accepted it."

But Monk soon learned a ticket home on a bad discharge cost him a lot. While friends attended college on the GI Bill, Monk needed student loans. He wasn't eligible for a VA guaranteed home loan or VA health care or disability compensation, which he sought for a foot condition he blamed on the dampness of Vietnam. The wartime stress also stuck around.

"I used to have nightmares of Vietnam," Monk said. "And whenever I would hear [a vehicle] backfire, I would hit the ground, thinking I was under fire. I would wake up in the middle of the night with cold sweats ... change my T-shirt and go back to sleep."

Fortunately for Monk, his "bad paper" didn't affect employment. He worked a full career as a substance abuse counselor in New Haven, Conn. But today, he has PTSD and Type 2 diabetes, both compensable conditions if a Navy board will upgrade his discharge to general or honorable. Hagel's guidelines have no effect on bad-conduct or dishonorable discharges.

Advocates for Vietnam vets

point to a sharp contrast in their treatment with that of Iraq and Afghanistan vets see today. Under a recent policy change to protect PTSD victims, the services cannot separate a member with a bad paper discharge without screening for PTSD and traumatic brain injury. The idea is that members with behavioral issues might be more deserving of mental health care and medical discharges than punitive discharges.

That wasn't the mindset during Vietnam and hasn't been the practice, even recently, of boards for correction of records, lawyer Rebecca Izzo wrote in a lengthy analysis of the issue published last spring in Yale Law Journal.

Not "every veteran with PTSD and a bad discharge deserves an upgrade," Izzo wrote. "However, under current practice, the [Army Board for Correction of Military Record] consistently disregards later evidence of PTSD, making it nearly impossible for veterans with bad discharges arising from conduct due to undiagnosed PTSD to get discharge upgrades."

Hagel's guidance will address that criticism.

Kaufman said vets who want help petitioning boards can call the legal services clinic at 203-436-9270 or search for legal services in their communities at Stateside Legal Services' website, <http://statesidelegal.org/>.

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## MILITARY

# Debate over VA death links could affect vets' lawsuits

By **HEATH DRUZIN**  
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — While it seems certain that Veterans Affairs hospitals offered substandard care to veterans, some of whom died while waiting months for treatment, getting compensation in court is likely to prove a tough fight for the stream of veterans and survivors expected to sue the government in the coming months.

"If you give people the impression that this is easy, they're going to be real frustrated," said Ronald Abrams, joint executive director of the National Veterans Legal Services Program. "It's combat — the VA is not playing nice, because you're in court and it's an adversarial process."

Outrage over a growing scandal that cost Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki his job increased after a testy Congressional hearing Wednesday at which congressmen sparred with acting VA Inspector General Richard Griffin over whether delays in care were responsible for patient deaths and whether VA officials influenced the IG's office to soften its report. A doctor working for the IG, under intense questioning, acknowledged that the delays could have contributed to the deaths. This was touted as a reversal by House Veterans Affairs Committee chairman Rep. Jeff Miller, R-Fla.

"The confirmation from IG officials today that delays in VA medical care contributed to the deaths of Phoenix-area veterans and IG officials' admission that they couldn't rule out the possibility that delays caused deaths changes the entire bottom line of the IG's Phoenix report," he said in a press release.

An IG spokeswoman refuted that notion Thursday, pointing out that the language of the report never ruled out a link.

"As Mr. Griffin stated at the hearing, delays may have contributed to patient deaths or they may not have contributed to patient deaths," VA IG spokeswoman Catherine Gromek said in an emailed response. "We have never wavered from our statement that we could not conclusively prove that delays caused the death."

While much of the debate swirling around the language of the report seems to be about semantics and headlines, Abrams said it could be important in the courtroom, where the question of whether delays in care are the equivalent of medical negligence could be key. "You're going to have to show by a preponderance of evidence that VA delays more likely than not caused their death, which is a high standard," he said.

The scandal started with revelations that Phoenix VA Health Care officials had created a secret wait list and falsified data to make it look like patients were getting prompt care, when many were languishing for months or more without getting appointments.

Soon, though, it became clear that the problems were national and now new VA Secretary Bob McDonald is scrambling to enact reforms.

Lawsuits stemming from the VA scandal would be filed under the Federal Tort Claims Act, which allows people to sue for injury or death caused by the federal government. Proving tort claims are notoriously tricky, and Abrams

says veterans who believe they were affected by substandard VA care or delays should go to their local bar association and get a list of lawyers who specialize in tort law. These cases will be complex and have statutes of limitations, he said, meaning filing in a timely manner is important. "This is not the usual VA claim," he said.

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Department of Veterans Affairs Acting Inspector General **Richard Griffin**, left, testifies during a House Committee on Veterans' Affairs hearing on "Scheduling Manipulation and Veteran Deaths in Phoenix: Examination of the OIG's Final Report" on Capitol Hill on Wednesday.

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## CRISIS IN UKRAINE



Lithuanian soldiers look for danger during convoy training at Exercise Rapid Trident.



Weapons and gear of 173rd Airborne Brigade soldiers sit in the sand near Yavoriv, Ukraine.



Georgian soldiers practice a drill during cordon-and-search training on Thursday.

# Training with a country at war

Showing solidarity with an ally, US joins forces with Ukraine in Rapid Trident exercise



Sgt. Kevin Crosby, of the 173rd Airborne Brigade, gives a thumbs up after showing Romanian soldiers cordon-and-search tactics.



British soldiers keep alert during convoy training. About 1,300 troops are taking part in the exercise.



Pfc. Luis Carrera, of the 173rd Airborne Brigade, takes notes during traffic control training.



A Ukrainian army cadet "ambushes" American soldiers during convoy training at Exercise Rapid Trident.

BY JOHN VANDIVER  
*Stars and Stripes*

YAVORIV, Ukraine — Young Ukrainian cadets lay concealed in the bushes, prepared to test their skills against seasoned troops from the U.S. Army's 173rd Airborne Brigade.

Fake grenades exploded and the sound of gunfire burst from the bushes as the Ukrainians took the fight to the U.S. soldiers, who were eventually forced to retreat from the onslaught.

It's just an exercise. But for these up-and-coming Ukrainian officers and hundreds of active-duty troops, this year's U.S. Army Europe-led Rapid Trident has added meaning, given the war that has raged in Ukraine's east between Ukrainian forces and Russia-backed separatists.

"I think it is good training, learning how to fight the terrorists," said Mykhailo Kutnyi, 20, who is in his final year of military school, using the term the government applies to the separatists. "We learn how to make ambush. We learn how to stop the column and destroy the enemy."

Another cadet, Andriy Shapovalov, said working with foreign militaries is a way to improve his fighting skills, which could come in handy if he deploys to the east next year as a lieutenant. "I know what the enemy will be doing in ambush and I'm prepared," said Shapovalov, 20. "I think we are going east to help our comrades."

Roughly 700 Ukrainian troops are taking part in the combat drills at the International Peace Keeping and Security Center in Yavoriv, a sprawling base in western Ukraine that is among the largest training sites in all of Europe. A 200-strong company from the U.S. 173rd Airborne and servicemembers from 13 other nations — about 1,300 troops in all — are also taking part in the exercise, which runs through Sept. 26.

While many of the Ukrainian participants aren't poised for an immediate deployment east, other troops on base are busy gearing up for war. Waves of Ukrainian forces are rotating through the base for pre-deployment training. They're out of sight, but the near-constant sound of

heavy live fire in the distance serves as a reminder that Ukraine is a country at war.

In March, Russia annexed Ukraine's Crimea peninsula, and since then pro-Russia militants have been waging an insurgency in the country's east. Ukrainian, U.S. and NATO officials have accused Russia of sending tanks and soldiers into the country, a move that has brought relations between the West and Moscow to a post-Cold War low.

At the moment, a fragile cease-fire is in place, but outbreaks of violence continue, threatening to reignite the larger conflict.

Army 1st Lt. Jacob Wijnberg, a platoon leader with the 173rd, had come into the Army expecting to deploy to Afghanistan. But since Russia's moves in Ukraine, he has been leading troops through a series of training missions in Poland, part of an effort to reassure wary NATO allies on or

near Russia's borders.

"It's not the mission you expected, but it's been pretty fulfilling," Wijnberg said. "You're helping to carry out a part of American foreign policy and strategy, which is great."

While the conflict in Ukraine's east isn't the main focus of Rapid Trident, some troops say the exercise is a way to show solidarity with an ally.

Ukraine is not a member of NATO, but it is an alliance partner. NATO has a similar relationship with another former Soviet republic, Georgia, which has the status of "aspirant." Russia invaded Georgia in 2008, ostensibly to protect minorities in a breakaway region.

"It was only about six years ago that Russian tanks rolled into Georgia," said Lt. Beka Metreveli, a Georgian platoon leader. "So we've experienced the same thing. We've always been close with Ukraine, and we're showing support to our brothers."

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A Romanian soldier patrols a road during training at Exercise Rapid Trident on Wednesday near Yavoriv, Ukraine.

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# CRISIS IN UKRAINE



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Sgt. 1st Class Josh Ward, right, of the Joint Multinational Readiness Center, talks with British soldiers during convoy training at Exercise Rapid Trident near Yavoriv, Ukraine, on Wednesday.

## Trident: Exercises are key for US in ensuring NATO allies can operate together on battlefield

FROM PAGE 8

The feeling runs both ways. "The Georgians for us are like brothers," said Ukrainian Maj. Maksym Klunnyi, who serves as a trainer in the army. "They support us with their soul, and they, along with the other countries, send a message — we are with you."

For the U.S., such exercises are key to building ties and ensuring that NATO members and nonalliance partners can operate together on the battlefield. The focus is on a range of tactics, such as countering roadside bombs, fighting through ambushes and urban warfare.

Sgt. 1st Class Brett Coffman, a trainer and mentor from the Joint Multinational Readiness Center in Grafenwöhr, Germany, who is observing the drills, said one area of focus is getting some units

unaccustomed to frequent training to become more assertive in the field.

"I'm pushing them to react faster," Coffman said during a convoy exercise. "Sometimes, they're not as aggressive, and the reaction time is slower."

During one convoy run, a team of Lithuanians got the message. When confronted by the enemy, the soldiers unloaded their weapons and dismounted from their trucks to push the enemy back rather than staying in their vehicles.

Still, there were areas for improvement. When the ambush hit, the trucks came to a halt and jammed up together.

"That's not good. You throw a grenade and there will be a lot of casualties," Staff Sgt. Travis Stackman, a mentor from the JMRC, told the Lithuanians.

During the opening week of the exercise, troops are working on skills that will later be applied in a large field exercise. Sometimes the tips are a little unconventional.

Klunnyi, the Ukrainian instructor, gave a team of U.S. soldiers a lesson on securing an outpost in a contested area, based on tactics Ukrainian troops use in the east.

Among the tips: Befriend the wild dogs and feed them well. They're a cheap, early warning system for approaching threats, Klunnyi said.

"In the eastern part, our guys use these techniques and, believe me, they work."

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## Ukrainian leader asks for lethal military aid

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The United States will provide \$46 million in new security assistance to Ukraine's military but short stop of fulfilling an urgent request from Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko for lethal aid to help his country fight against Russian-backed separatists.

Poroshenko pleaded his case during remarks Thursday to a rare joint meeting of Congress. While he thanked the U.S. for the nonlethal equipment it is providing his country's beleaguered military, he said more was needed to stop the provocations near the Russian border.

"Blankets and night vision goggles are important, but one cannot win a war with a blanket," he said during a 40-minute address that was repeatedly interrupted by applause from lawmakers.

Poroshenko was to hold talks with President Barack Obama at the White House later Thursday, a meeting that sends a message to Russian President Vladimir Putin about the West's support for Ukraine.

Ahead of Thursday's meeting, U.S. officials said Obama would announce a security assistance package that will provide Ukraine with counter-mortar radar to help detect incoming artillery fire. The U.S. also will provide vehicles and patrol boats, body armor and heavy engineering equipment.

Despite some support for Poroshenko's request within the Obama administration, officials said the president continues to

oppose lethal assistance and does not envision directly arming the Ukrainian military as an effective way to end the conflict.

Lawmakers have also pressed Obama to ramp up military aid to Ukraine. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee was expected to vote Thursday on bipartisan legislation that would increase

**Blankets and night vision goggles are important, but one cannot win a war with a blanket.**

military and nonmilitary assistance, as well as impose broad sanctions on Russia's defense, energy and financial sectors.

"President Putin has upended the international order, and a slap on the wrist will not deter future Russian provocations," the committee's chairman, Sen. Robert Menendez, a Democrat, said.

"In the face of Russian aggression, Ukraine needs our steadfast and determined support, not an ambiguous response. We are left with no choice but to apply tough sanctions against Russia, coupled with military assistance to Ukraine."

The legislation would authorize \$350 million in fiscal 2015 for military assistance, including anti-tank and anti-armor weapons, ammunition, counter-artillery radars and surveillance drones.



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# WAR ON TERRORISM



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## World chips in to help fight militants

Members of the Canadian air force load ammunition into a plane bound for Iraq. The Canadian military is flying 500 metric tons of ammunition from the Czech military to the Kurdish Regional Government to help fight Islamic State militants.

## Spain will step in to fill Patriot void left by Dutch departure from Turkey

BY MATT MILLHAM  
Stars and Stripes

Spain on Wednesday said it will send Patriot missile batteries and 130 soldiers to Turkey as NATO mulls extending the deployment of missile defenses near the Syrian border.

The troops and missiles are expected to replace Dutch units in Adana, Turkey, when the Dutch withdraw in January 2015.

The Dutch — along with the U.S. and Germany — each deployed two Patriot batteries in early 2013 to protect Turkey's southern border from spillover from Syria's raging civil war. The deployment was sparked by sporadic cross-border shelling in October 2012 that killed a number of Turkish citizens.

Initially planned as a yearlong deployment, the U.S., Germany and the Netherlands all extended the assignment through January 2015. The Netherlands announced in August that it no longer had the resources to continue the mission and would pull out after that date.

"There has been some work done to find a replacement for the Dutch," U.S. Army Lt. Col. Jay

Johnson, a NATO spokesman, said.

The mission was scheduled to end in January, Johnson said.

"Right now, we're currently doing a review. It looks like it's going to be extended further because the threat appears to still be in Syria," Johnson said, "but the final decisions haven't been made."

In a news release from NATO headquarters, U.S. Gen. Philip Breedlove on Thursday thanked Spain for its decision to send Patriot batteries to Turkey.

"The Alliance's southern border is located in a difficult neighbourhood and considerable instability remains in Syria and across the region," he said.

The potential extension of the Patriot missile mission comes as President Barack Obama is attempting to build a military coalition to deal with the self-styled Islamic State militants operating across Turkey's border in Iraq and Syria. Turkey has yet to commit to military action against the group, which is believed to be holding a number of Turkish citizens hostage.

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## War veterans in House split on Syria measure

BY KEVIN FREKING  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The effort to train and arm Syrian rebels proved a tough sell with many Iraq and Afghanistan veterans now serving in the House. Wariness among veterans crossed party lines as Republicans and Democrats alike said they feared weapons and training would one day be used against Americans instead of against militants seeking an Islamic state.

Overall, eight Iraq and Afghanistan veterans in the House opposed President Barack Obama's plan to arm and train the reb-

els when it cleared the House Wednesday. Seven voted for the measure, which was being considered Thursday in the Senate.

California Republican Rep. Duncan Hunter, a former Marine who served in Fallujah, said he couldn't vote for something he knows cannot work. "Arming Islamists to fight other Islamists is not a winning strategy," Hunter said Wednesday. "I don't believe the weapons and tactics that we bestow to the Islamists will only be used against America's enemies."

Democratic Rep. Tulsi Gabbard of Hawaii called the proposal unrealistic, saying it would take

too long to train too few fighters.

Over that time, the Islamic State militants will grow in strength, she said before voting no.

"We've heard this story before. We know how it ends," said Gabbard, who worked in a medical unit in Iraq as a member of the Army National Guard. "Look at Iraq. Look at Libya. Clearly our leaders have not learned their lesson."

Republican Brad Wenstrup of Ohio, a combat surgeon who served in Iraq and voted yes, said that training vetted, moderate Syrian rebels was "one step in the right direction and it is supported by military experts."

# Congress: Bill would fund arms, training for rebels

FROM FRONT PAGE

"We know the Free Syrian Army cannot take on ISIL," said Sen. Bob Corker, R-Tenn., the ranking member on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, using an alternative name for the Islamist group. "You talk multi-year operations — we are talking decades, if that is going to be our salvation."

Corker said there is a growing belief that the fight against the Islamic State could take 10 years. President Barack Obama has said it will likely take several years.

Rep. Buck McKeon, R-Calif., chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, estimated that U.S. involvement could last six years, well past Obama's second term that ends in 2016.

"This is going to be for the entire duration of his presidency and probably the next president," he said Thursday.

The legislation authorizes funds already allocated to the Defense Department, and explicitly rules out a ground war, but it does allow the administration to redirect money to the Syrian rebels battling President Bashar Assad and the Islamic State after notifying Congress of its plans and progress.

It is attached to a continuing resolution budget bill that will fund the Department of Defense, the Department of Veterans Affairs disability claims processing and investigations of improper conduct, and staff off furloughs or a shutdown while Congress works to pass annual funding.

Rep. Loretta Sanchez, D-Calif., said the Syria effort could backfire.

Rebels equipped and trained by the U.S. could attack civilians or cause more violence in the region, she said, citing congressionally approved support for counter-revolution forces in Nicaragua in the 1980s that led to claims of kidnapping, torture and executions.

"This blood will be on our hands when this happens," she said.

Doubts also began to grow over the Obama administration pledge that no U.S. ground troops will be sent to fight again in Iraq.

The president was elected partly on a promise to wrap up the Iraq War, which was launched in 2003, and withdrew troops in 2011.

In May, Obama announced that U.S. forces in Afghanistan — the longest war in the nation's history — will be reduced to 9,800 at the end of the year.

With U.S. ground troops off the table, the administration has built a war plan that relies on local forces in Syria, the Iraqi army and Kurdish peshmerga, stepped-up U.S. airstrikes and an international coalition of over 50 countries to defeat the Islamic State.

But Joint Chiefs Chairman Gen. Martin Dempsey told lawmakers Tuesday that he might recommend ground forces to the president if conditions in Iraq change.

Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., pressed Secretary of State John Kerry on the potential escalation in the war during a hearing Wednesday.

He said local forces in the region may not be reliable enough to take on the Islamic State — Syrian rebels are focused on fighting

the Assad regime, the Iraqi army may not be

prepared to fight, and Kurdish forces are mainly interested in protecting their own territory in northern Iraq.

"There may come a point where, from what you are saying, that the only thing that may solve this is U.S. combat forces and we are not going to do that and ISIL can stay," he said.

Kerry again denied that ground forces would be needed, saying he would not comment on Rubio's theoretical scenarios.

His testimony on the Hill was part of an administration effort this week to whip up support for the Iraq and Syria operations — an effort met with a mixed response.

"I don't know what is going to happen here," Kerry said. "Let's start down that road and see what happens."

Kerry and Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel said the administration believes the Syrians, Iraqis and Kurds should lead the fight to free their territory from the Islamic State and that, with support, they can be victorious.

The Defense Department's civilian and military leaders are in complete agreement with every component of the president's strategy," Hagel said in prepared remarks Thursday to the House Armed Services Committee, "and we strongly believe it offers the best opportunity to degrade and destroy ISIL."

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## NATION

# California fire threatens more than 2,000 homes

The Associated Press

**POLLOCK PINES, Calif.** — An out-of-control wildfire in Northern California threatened more than 2,000 homes and consumed huge swaths of timber land east of Sacramento while another town near the Oregon border took account of the damage done by a wildfire that burned 200 homes earlier in the week.

In the fire east of Sacramento, 2,500 firefighters were taking on the blaze that was threatening 2,003 homes and another 1,505 smaller structures, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection said.

"It's been an explosive couple of days," CalFire spokesman Daniel Berlant said.

The fire has burned nearly 44 square miles of trees and brush and is just 5 percent contained.

"We are faced with a large and dangerous fire," Laurence Crabtree, a U.S. Forest Service supervisor for the Eldorado National Forest, told the Sacramento Bee.

"We have had significant losses of public timber land, private timber land and watershed."

Most of the threatened homes were in Pollock Pines, 60 miles east of Sacramento. Hundreds of them are under evacuation orders, but it wasn't immediately clear exactly how many.

Gov. Jerry Brown declared a state of emergency late Wednesday, freeing up funds for the two fires. Brown had also secured federal grants to fight each of them.

In the town of Weed, where a blaze began Monday and raged across the community, teams of firefighters went house-to-house Wednesday to pin down damage done by a wildfire that officials estimated had destroyed 110 homes and damaged another 90.

The new figures brought a marked increase from the initial estimate that a total of 150 structures had been destroyed or damaged in the blaze that began Monday and rapidly swept across the town. Four firefighters lost

their homes.

Two churches, a community center and the library also burned to the ground, while an elementary school and the city's last wood-products mill were damaged by flames that had been pushed by 40 mph winds.

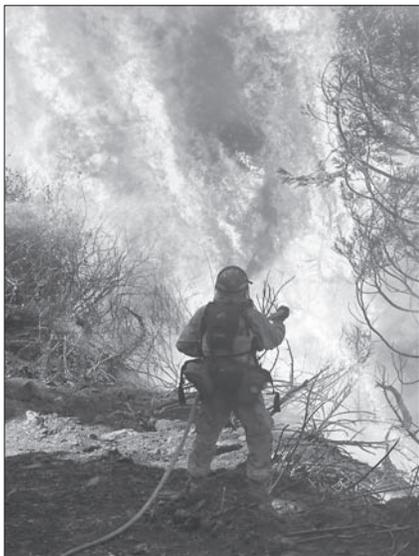
Insurance companies worked to find places to live for the people who lost their homes.

The cause of the blaze was under investigation. It was 60 percent contained after burning 375 acres.

Burned neighborhoods remained off-limits, but people have been finding ways in since the fire started.

The Rev. Bill Hofer, pastor of Weed Berean Church, said power was back on in his home, which was still standing on the edge of the devastation zone, and he was planning to return Wednesday night — despite the evacuation order — to deter vandalism.

"The more people home with the lights on, the better," he said.



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**A firefighter battles a wall of flames from a fire near Fresh Pond, Calif., on Wednesday.**



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**Five teenagers were inside this Ford Bronco that authorities said crushed after one of the passengers lit the driver's armpit hair on fire near Boise, Idaho.**

## Sheriff says burned armpit hair led to Idaho accident

The Associated Press

**BOISE, Idaho** — An SUV full of teenagers crashed in Idaho after one of the passengers lit the driver's armpit hair on fire with a lighter, authorities said Wednesday.

All five young people in the Ford Bronco were hurt in the crash Sunday and received medical treatment, the Ada County Sheriff's Office said.

Two of the passengers, ages 15 and 16, were thrown from the vehicle, but none of the five suffered life-threatening injuries.

The Sheriff's Office said the rollover occurred after a 16-year-old boy was goofing off in the

front seat and lit Tristian Myers' armpit hair on fire while Myers, 18, was driving. The crash happened about 5:30 a.m. in southeast Boise.

Deputies cited Myers with inattentive driving, while the 16-year-old was cited for interfering with the driver's safety. The passenger's name wasn't released. A 17-year old also was in the front seat but was not cited.

Deputies also said none of the teens was wearing a seat belt, and there was evidence Myers was driving too fast.

A court date will be scheduled later for Myers, who has no listed phone number. It was not immediately clear if he had an attorney.

## Rain from tropical storm falls on Ariz.

By TERRY TANG  
AND BRIAN SKOLOFF  
The Associated Press

**TUCSON, Ariz.** — A weakened Pacific storm slammed much of southern Arizona, but it appeared to spare Tucson on Wednesday night.

Rainfall from remnants of Hurricane Odile was steadily hitting south and east of Tucson, according to the National Weather Service. The agency issued a flash-flood warning for Nogales, where a major street was flooded with several inches of water.

Officials in Nogales initially thought they would have to evacuate two nearby trailer parks where about 100 families live, Mayor Arturo Garino said late Wednesday. However, the water receded, and the city's public works department was able to clear the street.

"The debris on the street was

minimal," Garino said. "Everything was taken care of within an hour and a half."

A larger wash that cuts through the middle of the city was on the edge of spilling over earlier. But it also receded from an at-risk level of 12 feet to between 5 and 6 feet, Garino said. The border city, which is 70 miles south of Tucson, is downhill of Nogales, Sonora, Mexico. As a result, rainwater from the Mexican side doesn't take long to seep into the city's washes.

A flash-flood watch was also in effect for four counties — Santa Cruz, Cochise, Graham and Greenlee.

Meanwhile, a flash-flood watch for Tucson that was to expire Thursday was canceled. There was a 40 percent chance of overnight rain in Tucson, but it likely won't amount to flooding danger, according to the National Weather

Service. The city was originally expected to receive between 2 and 5 inches of rain, but it now seems to be on the edge of tropical depression Odile.

"If the rainfall occurring 50 to 80 miles south of us was over Tucson, there would be really big problems," meteorologist Gary Zell said.

Tucson residents on Wednesday morning were bracing for the possibility of an epic storm. People lined up in bumper-to-bumper traffic and scooped sand into trash and canvas tote bags as rain began to fall on Arizona.

It's the second blast of hurricane-related weather to hit the desert region in the past two weeks — the result of an especially active Pacific storm season. Odile was once a Category 3 Hurricane, but it was downgraded to a tropical depression by the time rain started falling in Arizona.

## Border Patrol to begin testing body cameras

The Associated Press

**SAN DIEGO** — The U.S. Border Patrol purchased body cameras and will begin testing them this year at its training academy, two people briefed on the move, said, as new leadership moves to blunt criticism about agents' use of force.

R. Gil Kerlikowske, who has led the Border Patrol's parent agency since March, announced the plans Tuesday to a small group of activists who have pressed for cam-

eras, according to a person who attended the briefing and spoke on condition of anonymity because the discussion was intended to be private. Testing will occur at the Border Patrol academy in Artesia, N.M.

The Customs and Border Protection commissioner didn't tell activists how many cameras were bought or discuss when or whether they would be introduced to any of the roughly 21,000 agents in the field, the person said. The meet-

ing in Detroit was the latest discussion that Kerlikowske has held with some of his most vocal critics of the Border Patrol's use of force.

Another person briefed on the plans said testing will occur from October to December and that it was unclear if or when they would be introduced in the field.

The measure is a first step toward satisfying activists who have long demanded cameras as a way to keep a check on potential abuses.

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# COMMAND & CONTROL

Valiant Shield a lesson in interservice communication and capability

By ERIC SLAVIN  
*Stars and Stripes*

ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam — Capt. Jarrod Dix likens the Marines and the Air Force working together to putting an Alabaman and a Scotsman together in the same room: They may speak the same language, but they have very different ideas of what makes a good football match.

Valiant Shield is the largest U.S.-only military exercise in the world, and developing new strategies to combat threats in the air, sea and cyberspace are a big part of it.

However, most participants say the biggest piece is getting the different services to figure out how to work together in an exercise so they don't have to do it on the fly in a combat zone.

"In our case with Marines on the ground, sometimes the Air Force will be called to support them with their jets, and if they don't speak the same way ... they're going to spend way too much time just trying to talk and not getting the actual job done," said Dix, a Marine F-18 pilot out of Beaufort, S.C.

Senior officials at Valiant Shield acknowledge that the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines weren't able to work together very well in the post-Vietnam War era. They started making the effort in the 1980s and '90s.

A 1994 paper from the School of Advanced Airpower Studies on Operation Desert Storm in Iraq found that the four services tried to work together, but framework and doctrine sometimes constrained their effectiveness.

Fortunately for U.S. forces, that didn't matter much during that war, "largely due to a great deal of combat preparation time, abundant combat resources and a safe build-up/landing area," according to the research paper.

Fast forward to 2014, and the U.S.



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An F-18 jet takes off from the USS George Washington during the Valiant Shield exercise Wednesday in waters near Guam.

military is preparing for potential battles where they are attacked first, their resources are spread globally and their overseas bases are within striking distances of advanced, long-range missiles that are proliferating around the world.

Valiant Shield brings together 18,000 servicemembers, some of whom are operating systems unique to their services.

For example, the Air Force has a massive array of long-range bombers. The Navy has its seapower, which the Marine Corps can augment in ways that don't involve a single infantryman firing a rifle.

Even the Army is getting into Valiant Shield for the first time since the maneuvers' inception in 2006. The air- and sea-oriented exercise incorporates the Army's Patriot missile batteries and Terminal High Altitude Area Defense, which can target ballistic missiles.

The scenarios change daily at Valiant Shield, which began Monday and ends Sept. 23, but they all involve attacks from U.S. units posing as the enemy.

In some of the scenarios, the Marine Corps and the Air Force take the enemy role, and the "good guy" Navy commander must call on friendly Air Force units to fight.

At the general and ad-

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miral level, this is part of what's known as "command and control." Giving those leaders an idea of what other services can do to win a fight — and how to use them most effectively — is the biggest thing the military's leadership gets from the exercise, said Rear Adm. Mark Montgomery, who heads the USS George Washington Carrier Strike Group.

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## Going below deck on the USS George Washington

By ERIC SLAVIN  
*Stars and Stripes*

ABOARD THE USS GEORGE WASHINGTON — Whenever an aircraft carrier takes visitors for a tour during an exercise like Valiant Shield, the flight deck is the main attraction, and the F-18 fighter pilots are the stars.

The cameras are trained on the excitement of arresting-wire landings, or the afterburners firing on takeoff.

Off camera, there are a lot more sailors working long, loud hours to support flight operations on the deck and in the hangar below.

For all the talk of an increased operational tempo at Valiant Shield, where 18,000 servicemembers from the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines are fighting together, sailors say their underway tempo in the Asia-Pacific region is already very high, almost all the time.

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## PACIFIC

# Lesson: Joint concept about combining the force strengths

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The joint concept isn't just about doubling the number of fighter jets available to a commander. It's melding different strengths together so that, as Montgomery put it, "two plus two can end up equaling six."

For example, Marine units on Guam and Tinian have set up radar stations that extend the George Washington's radar capabilities well beyond the horizon, said Col. Christopher Papaj, the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing assistant commander assigned to the carrier during the exercise.

Meanwhile, the Air Force can stopgap a potential Navy limitation.

China is developing an anti-access, area-denial strategy that seeks to keep ships out of large swathes of Asia-Pacific waters with ballistic and cruise missiles, according to this year's Pentagon report to Congress.

If it keeps carriers at a distance, Navy fighters — and particularly the future F-35 — may not have the range they need.

That potentially complicates the U.S. guarantee to defend Taiwan, which China claims as its own. China also has disputed claims to territories in the East China Sea and South China Sea.

However, the Air Force and, to a lesser extent, the Marines can give Navy fighters added range through mid-air refueling, given sufficient cover.

"The Air Force has a lot of big wing fuel tankers, and we can move our airport wherever we want," said Capt. William Koyama, commander of Carrier Air Wing Five. "When we put those two together, we can sustain anything in the air."



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**Above: Lt. Cmdr. Ivan Borga displays the "Ouija board" that keeps track of all aircraft aboard the USS George Washington on Wednesday in waters near Guam. Below left: An E-2C Hawkeye lands aboard the aircraft carrier. Below right: An arresting wire takes an F-18 flying at roughly 150 mph and stops it in about two seconds during flight operations.**



# Below: Most personnel on aircraft carrier not exclusively tied to fighter jets

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Petty Officer 2nd Class Brian Haynes' job is to move aircraft around on the cavernous but tightly packed hangar deck.

It might seem mundane, but one misdeed in the wrong direction can cost millions of dollars in airplane parts, something that Haynes, of Waterboro, S.C., thinks about "all the time."

For him, Valiant Shield means sending more aircraft than usual up the carrier's open-decked elevators.

"Otherwise, it's always fast-paced on the GW," Haynes said.

Just as the majority of an air squadron's personnel don't actually fly, the majority of an aircraft carrier's sailors aren't exclusively tied to attack fighters. Besides those who run the ship, there are maintainers for air roles like electronic warfare, surveillance gathering and rescues, among other functions.

Last year, the USS George

**‘You've got jets with missiles loading up around you, the wind is going crazy and everybody is running.’**

**Petty Officer 3rd Class Michael Moore**

Washington gained the HSM-77 Saberhawks, a helicopter strike squadron that can fight submarines.

Ask a group of helicopter maintainers what the exercise has been like for them, and they all agree that it's busy and unpredictable — in other words, not too different from normal days.

"We're so used to it, we don't think about it, really," said Petty Officer 2nd Class Justin Nixon, of Smyrna, Tenn.

Keep asking, and after a while they smile and talk about that first time, when they each went up topside and arrived on a moving flight line in the middle of the ocean.

"You've got jets with missiles loading up around you, the wind is going crazy and everybody is running," said Petty Officer 3rd Class Michael Moore, of Whidbey Island, Wash.

At any given time, there may be a dozen aircraft landing and taking off in quick succession, while sailors like Nixon and Moore are prepping their MH-60R Seahawk for a mission. Even though the ship is often likened to a floating city, it's only 1,092 feet long. Space is at a premium and everyone has to stay alert, according to the sailors.

"The big safety thing is to always keep your head on a swivel," Nixon said.

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**The USS George Washington's hangar deck is crowded with fighter jets and other aircraft during Valiant Shield on Wednesday.**

NATION

# Facebook is such a drag

Performers blast site over policy requiring usage of real name

By BARBARA ORTUAT AND PAUL ELIAS  
The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — San Francisco drag queens are sparring with Facebook over its policy requiring people to use their real names, rather than drag names such as Pollo Del Mar and Heklina. But the world's biggest social network is not budging from its rules.

In recent weeks, Facebook has been deleting the profiles of self-described drag queens and other performers who use stage names because they don't comply with the social networking site's requirement that users go by their "real names" on the site.

On Wednesday, Facebook declined to change its policy after meeting with drag queens and a member of the San Francisco board of supervisors. The company said it usually deletes accounts with fake names after investigating user complaints.

"This policy is wrong and misguided," said Supervisor David Campos, who was flanked by seven drag queens during a news conference at San Francisco City Hall.

The drag queens and others in the lesbian, gay, bisexual and



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**Drag queens, from left, Lil Ms. Hot Mess, Sister Roma and Heklina speak about their battle with Facebook on Wednesday at City Hall in San Francisco. Facebook has been deleting the profiles of performers who use stage names because the site requires users to go by their "real names."**

transgender community say many Facebook account holders fear using their real names for a variety of reasons, including threats to their safety and employment.

"I have crazy family members who I don't want contacting me through Facebook," said a self-described drag queen who calls herself Heklina.

Facebook said it temporarily restored hundreds of deleted accounts for two weeks. After that they'll have to either change their name to their real name, or convert their profile to a fan page.

Campos and the drag queens, led by the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence — a San Francisco group of drag performers and activists that's been around since 1979 — say they plan another meeting with Facebook and are hopeful that the company will ultimately alter its policy.

If Facebook doesn't change its policy, the drag queens at San Francisco City Hall on Wednesday said they would organize protests and boycotts.

Facebook says its policy "helps prevent bad behavior, while creating a safer and more account-

able environment."

The company says performers and others have other ways of keeping their stage identities on the site, including creating pages that are meant for businesses and public figures.

Many in the drag queen community are professional performers who rely on Facebook to publicize gigs. They said a fan page isn't the same as a regular Facebook page.

Facebook estimates that 6 to 11 percent of its monthly user accounts were duplicate or fake in 2013.

# Wandering pooch found 3,000 miles from home

The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — A Jack Russell terrier that went missing from its Pennsylvania home has turned up at an animal shelter nearly 3,000 miles away.

A good Samaritan this month spotted 7-year-old Gidget wandering in a Portland suburb and brought her to the Bonnie L. Hays Animal Shelter, said Deborah Wood, manager of Washington County Animal Services.

Wood said Wednesday that a microchip revealed that Gidget's owner lived near Philadelphia. Contacted by the shelter, the owner said her dog has been missing since April 22.

It's a mystery how the dog arrived in Oregon.

Wood said Gidget was a little thin, but otherwise in good shape. She has regained some of the estimated five pounds she lost during her 4½ months away from home.

The shelter and the owner are trying to figure out how to get the dog back to Pennsylvania. The owner doesn't have the money to fly out, Wood said, and the shelter doesn't provide transportation. Wood said perhaps someone traveling from Portland to Philadelphia would be willing to take the dog with them.

"I kind of see this as a Disney story," Wood said. "And we are very committed to the happy ending that we'll figure out how to get her back to her home."

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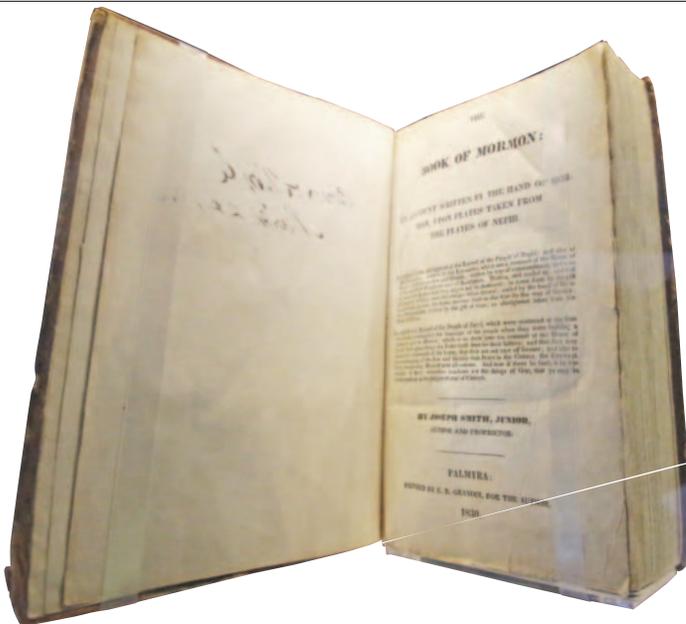
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## FAITH



A first-edition copy (1830) of the Book of Mormon is displayed at the "Foundations of Faith" exhibit at the The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints History Library in Salt Lake City.

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# Public gets 1st look at rare Mormon artifacts

By BRADY MCCOMBS

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — In one glass case sits a weathered page from the original Book of Mormon manuscript that Latter-day Saints believe was translated from ancient Egyptian and dictated to scribes by founder Joseph Smith 185 years ago with help from God.

In other nearby cases are Smith's first journal and the first printed editions of books that contain commandments, doctrine and covenants based on early revelations Smith received while forming The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in upstate New York in 1830.

They are part of a new public exhibit that features some of the faith's most treasured artifacts dating back to the early days of Mormonism. The priceless collection of 26 books, manuscripts and documents was unveiled earlier this month at a news conference with church leaders that marks the latest example of the faith being more forthcoming about its history and tenets.

"These four display cases comprise our most precious documents," said Steven E. Snow, church historian and recorder. "They go to the foundation of our faith. These are our spiritual roots."

The religion founded with 30 followers now counts 15 million worldwide after experiencing a tripling of membership in the past three decades. As Mor-



A page from a Latter-day Saints book of scripture the Pearl of Great Price, first edition (1851), can be seen at the "Foundations of Faith" exhibit.

mons became more prominent in America and questions emerged about the burgeoning faith, some criticized it as being secretive about its beliefs and practices.

In recent years, the Salt Lake City-based church has taken concerted steps to change that image.

A year ago, it began releasing books containing historical documents that shed light on how Smith formed the church. The religion also has issued a series of in-depth articles that explain or clarify some of the more sensitive parts of its history that it once sidestepped, such as the faith's past ban on black men in the lay clergy and its early history of

polygamy.

The church's website has become a treasure trove of information about its doctrine, gospel and practices.

The new "Foundations of Faith" exhibit at the church's Salt Lake City history library is another illustration of the religion's push to open its vault and take on questions, said Terry L. Givens, professor of literature and religion and the James Bostwick chair of English at the University of Richmond.

The collection should generate widespread interest among Mormons who will be able to see, in person, the artifacts associated with keystone events in church

history, Givens said.

"The items have been in the church vault, taken out from time to time to show, but they have never before been displayed in one collection. Church leaders hope the exhibit will bolster members' faith and help non-Mormons better understand the religion.

"We need to be open and transparent," Snow said. "There are questions that arise occasionally, and we need to deal with them in an honest, forthright way, which we are trying to do."

The document likely to draw the most interest is the page from the Book of Mormon, considered the religion's most valuable manuscript, said Richard E. Turley,

assistant church historian and recorder.

Before he was killed by a mob in 1844, Smith buried the entire manuscript in the cornerstone of a building under construction in Nauvoo, Ill., the city Mormons fled to in the mid-1800s to avoid religious persecution. The water-damaged manuscript was found in the rubble of the unfinished hotel some 40 years later. The church has only about one-fourth of the manuscript in its archive today, Turley said.

The exhibit also includes a collection of sacred hymns chosen by Smith's wife, Emma, in 1835; documents that show the early foundation of the faith's organization for women and girls; and the first translations of the Book of Mormon into non-English languages such as Danish and Spanish.

Church officials declined to give a monetary value for the collection, saying only that many items are priceless and irreplaceable. They have implemented new security measures in the library to protect them.

Philip Barlow, professor of Mormon history and culture at Utah State University, equated the experience of seeing the documents to Americans viewing the U.S. Constitution for the first time.

"There's something really important about the tangibility for the public of these documents in their original form," Barlow said. "It's a link with the past that has a sort of visceral power to change consciousness."

## WORLD

# Australian raids net 15 in beheading plot

By KRISTEN GELINEAU  
The Associated Press

SYDNEY — Police on Thursday said they thwarted a plot to carry out beheadings in Australia by supporters of the radical Islamic State group. They detained 15 people and raided more than a dozen properties across Sydney, though nine of those brought in were freed before the day was over.

The raids involving 800 federal and state police officers — the largest in the country's history — came in response to intelligence that an Islamic State leader in the Middle East was calling on Australian supporters to kill, Prime Minister Tony Abbott said.

Abbott was asked about reports that the detainees were planning to behead a ran-

dom person in Sydney.

"That's the intelligence we received," he told reporters. "The exhortations — quite direct exhortations — were coming from an Australian who is apparently quite senior in ISIL (the Islamic State) to networks of support back in Australia to conduct demonstration killings here in this country.

"This is not just suspicion, this is intent and that's why the police and security agencies decided to act in the way they have," Abbott said.

Nine of those detained were later released, New South Wales police said. They did not say why, or whether they will face charges later.

The raids came just days after the country raised its terrorism threat to the second-

highest level in response to the domestic threat posed by supporters of the Islamic State group. At the time, Abbott stressed that there was no information suggesting a terrorist attack was imminent.

Later Thursday, Attorney General George Brandis confirmed that a person born in Afghanistan who had spent time in Australia and is now working with the Islamic State group in the Middle East ordered supporters in Australia to behead people and videotape the killings.

"If the... police had not acted today, there is a likelihood that this would have happened," Brandis told the Australian Broadcasting Corp.

Abbott and Brandis did not name the Australian. But Mohammad Ali Baryalei,

who is believed to be Australia's most senior member of the Islamic State group, was named as a co-conspirator in court documents filed Thursday. Police have issued an arrest warrant for Baryalei, 33, a former Sydney nightclub bouncer.

One of those detained, Omarjan Azari, 22, of Sydney, appeared briefly in a Sydney court on Thursday. Azari is charged with conspiracy to prepare for a terrorist attack.

A second man was charged Thursday night in connection with the raids. The 24-year-old, whom police didn't name, was charged with possessing ammunition without a license and unauthorized possession of a prohibited weapon. He was released on bail and ordered to appear in court next week.

## Polling close as Scots begin vote on independence

The Associated Press

EDINBURGH, Scotland — Scots held the fate of the United Kingdom in their hands Thursday as they voted in a referendum on becoming an independent state, deciding whether to unravel a marriage with England that built an empire but has increasingly been felt by many Scots as stifling and one-sided.

The question on the ballot paper is simplicity itself: "Should Scotland be an independent country?" Yet it has divided Scots

during months of campaigning, and polls suggest the result is too close to call.

A final Ipsos MORI poll released Thursday put support for the No side at 53 percent and Yes at 47 percent. The phone survey of 991 people has a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

The future of the 307-year-old union with England will be decided in 15 hours on Thursday; polls close at 10 p.m. GMT. Turnout is expected to be high, with more than 4.2 million people registered to vote.

The campaign has generated an unprece-

dent volume and intensity of public debate and participation. The Yes side, in particular, has energized young people and previously disillusioned working-class voters.

For some voters, this was a day they had dreamed of for decades.

"Fifty years I fought for this," said Isabelle Smith, 83, a Yes supporter in Edinburgh's maritime district of Newhaven, a former fishing port. "And we are going to win. I can feel it in my bones."

The vote result is anticipated Friday morning.



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A school pupil walks away from a polling place after casting his vote, as anyone over 16 can vote in the Scottish independence referendum, in Edinburgh, Scotland, on Thursday.

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# LOOK BACK

Ben McKenzie primed to lead Batman prequel 'Gotham'



FOX photos

Ben McKenzie, left, and Donal Logue star in the TV series "Gotham." It premieres on AFN-Spectrum on Sept. 28. The series is set after the murders of the parents of Bruce Wayne (David Mazouz, below right, with McKenzie) — who goes on to become Batman — and focuses on a young police detective, James Gordon, played by McKenzie.

BY ALICIA RANCILO  
The Associated Press

**B**en McKenzie expects viewers to tune into the premiere episode of Fox's Batman prequel series, "Gotham," on Monday. (The show premieres on AFN-Spectrum on Sept. 28.)

The series has the name recognition, history and premise to pique curiosity, and "if that gets people to watch, I'll take it," the 36-year-old actor said in a recent interview.

The challenge is to get viewers to tune in week after week, because there will be no caped crusader fighting injustice. Instead, "Gotham" focuses on McKenzie's young police detective James Gordon as he tries to keep his moral compass in a corrupt city.

McKenzie said there's a story worth telling.

"You don't know ... what happened before Bruce (Wayne) became Batman. You don't know how all of these villains became who they became. You don't know how all the people who were going to become villains who just got killed,

who didn't make it. You don't know how Jim navigated the terrain to get to where he ends up as commissioner," he said. "I think that's fascinating."

McKenzie's breakout came in 2003 on Fox's "The O.C." He played Ryan Atwood, a teen from the wrong side of the tracks with good intentions invited to live with a wealthy family in California. He then played a police officer for five seasons on TNT's gritty ensemble series "Southland." His character was a wide-eyed rookie who became more cynical and jaded.

With "Gotham," McKenzie is the lead — and it's a position that he's comfortable with. "I've been on two television shows that have both lasted for a while, so I have some idea how TV works," he said. "I want ... to have a show where people enjoy coming to work ... where people aren't competing with each other."

He wants to keep morale high, recently organizing a cast potluck on the roof of his New York apartment building. His contribution? A Texas-style brisket. "No big deal, whatever. I'm a great cook," he joked.

Co-star Donal Logue, who plays his partner, Harvey Bullock, says those efforts are working.

"He's such a good guy. He's so patient. He works so hard. Ben's the lead. On a show like this, you need a good captain. He's our captain, and he keeps everybody working and morale high."

McKenzie hopes viewers will share his perspective.

"If you are really a big (Batman) fan, wouldn't you love to see how it all came to be? How Bruce (Wayne) becomes Batman? The only way that Jim as commissioner is actually going to embrace this crazy notion of Bruce as Batman is through twists and turns that you're going to see."



## Jason Isbell cleans up at Americana Awards

Singer-songwriter Jason Isbell swept the major awards Wednesday night at the Americana Honors & Awards, creating another special moment with his wife, Amanda Shires.

Isbell won artist, album and song of the year during the 13th annual awards show at Ryman Auditorium in Nashville. Though surprisingly ignored by Grammy Awards voters, Isbell's album of the year winner "Southeastern" reverberated through the Americana community and made many of 2013's best-of lists.

He performed song of the year "Cover Me Up" with Shires, a significant figure on the album as muse and collaborator.

"I wrote this song for my wife," Isbell said. "I've had a lot of people ask me to dedicate it to their wives, girlfriends or cousin's wife or something strange like that. This was probably the hardest song I ever had to write because I wrote it for her and then I played it for her. It was very difficult. Do the things that scare you. That's the good stuff."

Isbell was one of this year's top nominees along with Kossane Cash and Robert Ellis. Each had three nominations and all were up for artist, album and song of the year.

Sturgill Simpson earned emerging artist of the year and the Milk Carton Kids took group/duo of the year. Buddy Miller, now executive music producer for the television show "Nashville" and the Americana's winningest performer, won his fifth instrumentalist of the year award.

The Americana Music Association also honored several pioneering musicians. Loretta Lynn received the lifetime achievement award for songwriting.



MARK ZALESKI/AP

Jason Isbell performs during the Americana Music Honors and Awards in Nashville on Wednesday.

## Other news

■ Prince William will replace his wife on this weekend's official visit to Malta because the pregnant Duchess of Cambridge is still suffering from acute morning sickness. Palace officials said Thursday the decision to cancel what would have been Kate's first official solo voyage overseas was made in consultation with doctors.

■ "Saturday Night Live" announced Thursday that Darrell Hammond, who spent 14 years on "SNL," will replace longtime announcer Don Pardo, who died Aug. 18, for the Sept. 27 season opener.

From The Associated Press

**“ You don't know ... what happened before Bruce (Wayne) became Batman. ... You don't know how Jim navigated the terrain to get to where he ends up as commissioner. I think that's fascinating. ”**



## Zachary Quinto rules out role in 'Heroes Reborn'

The Associated Press

Zachary Quinto got his big acting break on the TV series "Heroes," but he's ruling out any role in the "Heroes Reborn" mini-series due to air on the network next year.

The 37-year-old actor, who's best known for his role as Spock on the 2009 J.J. Abrams "Star Trek" reboot, says timing is part of the problem, but that he also felt

that it wasn't right for him creatively, because he's "really interested in cultivating other experiences" for himself.

"I'm not going to do it," he says.

Instead, he's turning his attention to mentoring two first-time filmmakers on the unscripted series "The Chair," which airs on the Starz network. In the series, from "Project Greenlight" creator Chris Moore, the filmmakers adapt their own

movie from the same original screenplay. Viewers vote on which film they prefer, with \$250,000 going to the winner.

There's also his production company, which executive produced "The Chair," the Oscar-nominated Robert Redford film "All Is Lost" and the upcoming NBC miniseries "The Slap," in which Quinto also is one of the three co-stars.

# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Couple sues police over their arrest for filming

**ME** PORTLAND — The American Civil Liberties Union of Maine has filed a lawsuit on behalf of a couple who were arrested after trying to film police officers in Portland.

The lawsuit filed Tuesday in Hancock County Superior Court against Benjamin Noyes, of the Portland Police Department, says the couple's arrest was illegal and unconstitutional.

The group says that Jill Walker and Sabatino Scattoloni tried to film an interaction between five police officers and a woman in May when they were told to leave or they would be arrested. The ACLU says the two were arrested after they asked the officer for the reason.

## Man gets 10 years for explosives death

**CA** EL CAJON — A 41-year-old man has been sentenced to 10 years in prison for setting off a homemade cannon-like device that killed his longtime girlfriend in San Diego County.

U-T San Diego reported that Richard Dale Fox received the sentence Monday in an emotional hearing where he apologized to the victim's family, asked forgiveness and said he lost the person that he loved most.

Prosecutors said Fox was drinking with friends in 2012 when he set off the device that sent fragments into his trailer and killed Jeanette Ogara, who was his girlfriend and the mother of his 4-year-old daughter.

## Man admits to bomb threat to avoid work

**TX** CORPUS CHRISTI — Federal prosecutors say a San Antonio man who did not want to go to work called a South Texas airport threatening that two bombs would be detonated.

Authorities said in a statement Monday that Steve M. Gutierrez III, 40, pleaded guilty to threatening to damage or destroy a structure using explosives.

Gutierrez in July was working at the construction site for a new U.S. Coast Guard facility at Corpus Christi International Airport. Prosecutors contend he called the general contractor saying officials should expect "two bombs to go off." The site was evacuated.

## \$13K restitution ordered in defacement case

**UT** PARK CITY — A California man pleaded guilty to defacing two Utah murals believed to have been done by the mysterious British graffiti artist Banksy.

Dave Williamson Noll, 36, will pay \$13,000 in restoration costs as part of a plea agreement.

Noll told a judge Monday he was suffering from a bout with bipolar disorder when he drove to Park City and damaged the works on New Year's Eve. The county prosecutor said Noll appears to be a frustrated artist.

The murals appeared in



TOM DORSEY, SALINA (KAN.) JOURNAL/AP

## Bath time for Ike

**Matthew Thompson cleans a bronze statue of Dwight Eisenhower at the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum in Abilene, Kan., earlier this week. The statue is cleaned every few years as needed.**

2010, when a documentary by Banksy debuted at the Sundance Film Festival.

## Man taking a swim delays ferry docking

**WA** SEATTLE — Seattle police said a man taking a dip off the Seattle waterfront delayed the arrival of a ferry.

The Seattle Times reported that the man jumped off Colman Dock and swam out to one of the ferry piers, preventing a ferry from docking on time. The man was arrested on investigation of second-degree malicious mischief.

## Man leaps to death, takes dog with him

**NJ** FORT LEE — Authorities said a northern New Jersey man jumped to his death from a cliff overlooking the Hud-

son River with his dog in his arms.

Palisades Interstate Parkway Police responded to a report of a car on fire on Henry Hudson Drive between Englewood Cliffs and Edgewater on Monday afternoon.

Police said they determined that the car's owner, Cross Yoler, 34, of Garfield, had jumped from the northern ledge of Fort Lee Historic Park with his Yorkshire terrier with him.

## Cemetery to restore Abraham Lincoln's vault

**IL** SPRINGFIELD — A vault that temporarily held Abraham Lincoln's body is set to be restored for an upcoming event that will mark the anniversary of his 1865 funeral in Springfield.

Illinois bid documents show up

to \$300,000 in repairs and waterproofing are planned at Oak Ridge Cemetery. The remains of Lincoln and his son, Willie, were kept in the vault from May 4, 1865, until Dec. 21, 1865, before they were eventually moved to a permanent tomb. The Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, which administers the Lincoln Tomb State Historic Site, said the vault restoration should be complete for the 150th anniversary of Lincoln's funeral in May 2015.

## Book keeps train's legend on track

**TN** JOHNSON CITY — After a pictorial book about one of the region's most storied locomotives laid the track, two authors are hoping their latest paperback will help the engine's legend pick up steam.

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## THE CENSUS

**90** The age of a Florida woman who celebrated her landmark birthday by flying a four-seat Cessna. Billy Jones had to sit on a pillow to see out the windshield Tuesday, but she took off with flight instructor Kurt Schneider by her side and landed some 30 minutes later at Flagler County Airport. The Daytona Beach News-Journal reported the flight wasn't out of the ordinary for the 5-foot-tall Jones. For her 80th birthday, she went skydiving. When she turned 85, she flew a glider. Jones has been taking flying lessons with Schneider for months "just for the fun of flying."



Tennessee's Legendary Steam Engine" released Aug. 19, authors Mark Stevens and Alf Peoples hope to shed light on some of the history, people and stories around the celebrated locomotive.

The book is a follow-up to Stevens' and Peoples' pictorial book, "The One & Only: A Pictorial History of the Clinchfield No. 1," which was published in November and contained around 500 photos.

## Officials: Petroglyph trails trashed by joyride

**NM** ALBUQUERQUE — Authorities say pathways at the Petroglyph National Monument have been damaged after someone took a joyride in hot-wired farm equipment.

KOAT-TV reported that someone over the weekend rode a Bobcat up the trails, trashing equipment and pathways.

The damage came as officials worked to rebuild trails a year after damaging rains.

Diane Souder, of the National Park Service, said the trails are a sacred area to the Pueblo people

## Store featured in film to host distributor

**PA** INTERCOURSE — A central Pennsylvania building that until recently housed a century-old grocery store featured in the Harrison Ford movie "Witness" will become the new home of a wholesale distributor of hardware and dry goods.

Lancaster Newspapers reported that Lestz & Co. plans to move into the former W.L. Zimmerman & Sons grocery store in Intercourse in Lancaster County. The store, which had operated since 1909, closed in late March.

Lestz & Co. operator Fred Cook said many of the firm's customers are Amish stores. He said the Lancaster operation will close Monday and Lestz & Sons' inventory will be moved to the vacant Intercourse store.

From wire reports

# BUSINESS/WEATHER

# Fed keeps rates low, but brace for rise

By **PAL WISEMAN**  
AND **MARTIN CRUSENBER**  
The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** — Record-low interest rates will be around for at least a few more months, the Federal Reserve made clear Wednesday.

Enjoy the easy money while it lasts.

By mid-2015, economists expect the Fed to abandon a nearly 6-year-old policy of keeping short-term rates at record lows. Those

rates have helped support the economy, have cheered the stock market and have shrunk mortgage rates. A Fed rate increase potentially could reverse those trends.

Mortgages could cost more. So could car loans. Investors could get squeezed.

"Borrowers should see the writing on the wall," said Greg McBride, chief financial analyst at Bankrate.com. "Interest rates are eventually going to go up. They should pay down variable-rate debt and keep an eye on that adjustable-

rate mortgage. They don't want to be caught flat-footed."

Investors, in particular, might recall that mere speculation about the end of the Fed's stimulus may shook global financial markets in May 2013. In coming months, as the prospect of higher rates nears, traders might once again dump stocks and bonds and send prices tumbling.

Higher yields on bank accounts and CDs could provide some modest relief for savers and retirees who have struggled for years to

get by on meager interest income.

But any gains they receive could be diminished by the likelihood that inflation will be higher once the economy is strong enough for the Fed to end its ultra-low rate policy.

The central bank said it intends to keep its benchmark rate near zero as long as inflation remains under control, until it sees consistent gains in wage growth, long-term unemployment and other gauges of the job market.

## EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Sept. 19)	\$1.3221
Dollar buys (Sept. 19)	€0.7564
British pound (Sept. 19)	\$1.68
Japanese yen (Sept. 19)	105.00
South Korean won (Sept. 19)	1,014.00

Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3713
British pound	\$1.6385/0.6103
Canada (dollar)	1.0952
China (Yuan)	0.1432
Denmark (Krone)	\$1.7769
Egypt (Pound)	7.5125
Euro	\$1.2887/0.7760
Hong Kong (Dollar)	0.7511
Hungary (Forint)	242.23
Israel (Shekel)	3.6453
Japan (Yen)	108.78
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2870
Norway (Krone)	6.3516
Philippines (Peso)	44.60
Poland (Zloty)	3.22
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7508
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2885
South Korea (Won)	1,046.10
Switzerland (Franc)	0.9371
Thailand (Bath)	32.29
Turkey (New Lira)	2,2336

(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., non-U.S. dollars), the U.S. military banking facility will use the rate of the bank which has 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.)

## EUROPE GAS PRICES

Country	Super E10	Super unleaded	Super plus	Diesel
Germany	\$3.711	\$3.698	\$4.057	\$4.100
Change in price	-4.9 cents	-4.7 cents	-4.7 cents	-1.3 cents
Netherlands	..	\$4.727	\$5.008	\$4.853
Change in price	..	no change	+0.1 cents	+0.1 cents
U.K.	..	\$3.858	\$4.080	\$4.071
Change in price	..	-4.7 cents	+0.2 cents	-1.3 cents
Azores	..	..	\$4.003	..
Change in price	..	..	-4.7 cents	..
Turkey	..	..	\$4.838	\$4.240
Change in price	..	..	no change	no change
Turkey	..	..	\$4.212	\$4.808*
Change in price	..	..	no change	no change
Italy	..	..	\$4.088	\$4.161
Change in price	..	..	no change	no change

## PACIFIC GAS PRICES

Country	Unleaded	Super unleaded	Super plus	Diesel
Japan	\$3.509	..	\$3.833	\$3.889
Change in price	..	..	+5.0 cents	..
Okinawa	\$3.509	..	..	\$3.889
Change in price	-9.0 cents	..	..	+9.0 cents
South Korea	\$3.539	..	\$3.879	\$3.929
Change in price	-4.0 cents	..	-5.6 cents	-1.0 cents
Guam	\$3.519**	\$3.699	\$3.869	..
Change in price	-5.0 cents	-5.0 cents	-5.0 cents	..

\* Diesel EFD \*\* Midgrade  
For the week of Sep. 20-26

## MARKET WATCH

Sept. 17, 2014

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17,156.85

**Nasdaq composite** +9.43  
4,562.19

**Standard & Poor's 500** +2.59  
2,001.57

**Russell 2000** +2.92  
1,153.89

## INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
3-month bill	0.09
Federal funds market rate	0.09
3-month bill	0.02
30-year bond	3.37

## WEATHER OUTLOOK

### FRIDAY IN THE MIDDLE EAST



### FRIDAY IN EUROPE



### SATURDAY IN THE PACIFIC



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

### Friday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	Chatanooga	84	60	Cir	Fort Wayne	71	49	Cir	Louisville	79	53	Pcldy	Pocatello	79	53	Pcldy	Sioux City	86	63	Cldy
Arlington, Va.	81	71	Cldy	Cheney	82	54	Cir	Fresno	86	66	Pcldy	Lubbock	77	66	Cir	Portland, Maine	57	39	Cir	Sioux Falls	83	62	Cldy
Akron, Ohio	72	47	Cir	Chicago	73	51	Cir	Goodland	85	60	Pcldy	Macon	86	63	Pcldy	Portland, Ore.	76	59	Cir	South Bend	70	50	Cir
Albany, N.Y.	65	39	Cir	Cincinnati	76	52	Cir	Grand Junction	80	58	Cldy	Madison	70	49	Pcldy	Providence	62	48	Cir	Spokane	76	56	Pcldy
Albuquerque	79	62	Cldy	Cleveland	71	48	Cir	Grand Rapids	68	43	Pcldy	Medford	86	56	Cir	Pueblo	86	56	Pcldy	Springfield, Ill.	75	50	Cir
Allentown, Pa.	70	47	Pcldy	Colorado Springs	83	55	Pcldy	Great Falls	77	53	Cldy	Memphis	85	65	Cir	Raleigh-Durham	78	61	Pcldy	Springfield, Mo.	82	61	Pcldy
Amarillo	76	62	Rain	Columbia, S.C.	80	65	Cldy	Green Bay	68	45	Cldy	Miami Beach	85	76	Rain	Rapid City	85	59	Rain	St. Louis	86	77	Rain
Anchorage	56	47	Cir	Columbus, Ga.	87	66	Cir	Greensboro, N.C.	77	50	Cldy	Midland-Odessa	83	69	Cir	Roanoke	80	63	Pcldy	Tallahassee	90	68	Cir
Asheville	74	55	Cldy	Columbus, Ohio	76	54	Cir	Harrisburg	70	48	Pcldy	Milwaukee	70	52	Pcldy	Richmond	79	60	Cldy	Tampa	86	76	Rain
Atlanta	81	65	Pcldy	Concord, N.H.	59	35	Cir	Hartford	67	45	Cir	Mpls-St Paul	77	57	Cir	Rochester	73	59	Pcldy	Topeka	88	64	Pcldy
Atlantic City	72	53	Pcldy	Corpus Christi	92	77	Rain	Helen	79	51	Cldy	Missoula	76	49	Rain	Rockford	73	50	Pcldy	Wichita	80	62	Cir
Austin	80	63	Pcldy	Dallas-Ft. Worth	90	73	Cldy	Honolulu	90	72	Cir	Mobile	88	69	Cldy	Salt Lake City	80	63	Pcldy	Wichita Falls	89	70	Cir
Baltimore	73	54	Pcldy	Dayton	74	51	Cir	Houston	89	73	Rain	Montgomery	89	67	Pcldy	Sacramento	87	63	Cir	Tulsa	88	68	Pcldy
Baton Rouge	88	70	Pcldy	Daytona Beach	84	73	Rain	Huntsville	86	59	Cir	Nashville	82	57	Pcldy	St. Louis	79	57	Cir	Tupelo	86	62	Cir
Birmingham	89	58	Cir	Denver	86	58	Pcldy	Indianapolis	83	51	Cir	New Orleans	87	72	Pcldy	St. Petersburg	86	77	Rain	Waco	84	71	Cir
Bismarck	84	58	Pcldy	Des Moines	84	56	Cir	Jackson, Miss.	91	64	Cir	New York City	67	54	Cir	St. Thomas	89	78	Rain	Washington	73	56	Pcldy
Boise	84	57	Cir	Detroit	68	45	Pcldy	Jacksonville	84	71	Rain	Newark	68	55	Pcldy	Salem, Ore.	81	57	Pcldy	W. Palm Beach	85	77	Rain
Boston	58	49	Cir	Duluth	64	49	Rain	Janeau	55	48	Rain	Norfolk, Va.	78	64	Cir	Salt Lake City	80	63	Pcldy	Wichita	88	68	Pcldy
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Brownsville	91	77	Cldy	Elkins	88	67	Cir	Key West	87	78	Cldy	Oklahoma City	88	69	Cldy	San Antonio	90	75	Pcldy	Wilkes-Barre	67	42	Cir
Buffalo	65	39	Cir	Erie	86	46	Cir	Knoxville	82	57	Pcldy	Omaha	85	64	Pcldy	San Diego	77	71	Rain	Wilmington, Del.	73	53	Pcldy
Burlington, Vt.	61	34	Cir	Eugene	82	54	Pcldy	Lake Charles	89	71	Cldy	Orlando	86	72	Rain	San Francisco	75	63	Cldy	Yakima	82	54	Pcldy
Caribou, Maine	54	29	Cir	Evansville	77	54	Cir	Lansing	68	41	Pcldy	Paducah	80	54	Cir	San Jose	78	60	Rain	Youngstown	70	44	Cir
Casper	82	53	Cldy	Fargo	60	43	Pcldy	Las Vegas	92	74	Pcldy	Pendleton	80	58	Pcldy	Santa Fe	77	58	Cir	National temperature extremes			
Charleston, S.C.	81	67	Cir	Flagstaff	71	50	Cldy	Lexington	78	51	Cir	Peoria	76	51	Cir	St. Marie	60	38	Rain	Hi: Wed., 103, Palm Springs, Calif.			
Charleston, W.Va.	79	50	Pcldy	Flint	66	36	Cir	Little Rock	87	64	Pcldy	Phoenix	94	78	Pcldy	Seattle	72	59	Rain	Lo: Wed., 30, Boulder, Colo. and Stanley, Idaho			
Charlotte, N.C.	79	60	Cldy	Fort Smith	85	67	Pcldy	Los Angeles	79	68	Rain	Pittsburgh	71	45	Cir	Shreveport	92	68	Pcldy				

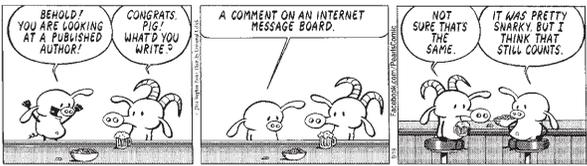
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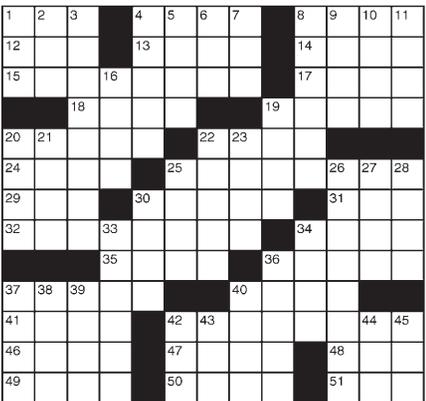
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Fort Knox



Eugene Sheffer Crossword



ACROSS

- 1 Pompous one
- 4 — mater
- 8 Microwaves
- 12 Play —
- 13 Ring out
- 14 Hebrew month
- 15 Comfy footwear
- 17 Vatican VIP
- 18 11th president
- 19 Winning
- 20 Buxom
- 22 Frilly, maybe
- 24 39-Down speaker
- 25 Change for the worse, e.g.
- 29 Goo fup
- 30 Brilliantly colored
- 31 Dead heat
- 32 In the cards
- 33 "The Da Vinci —"
- 35 Advantage
- 36 Document
- 37 Zoo howler
- 40 Moist
- 41 Deserve
- 42 Strong-jawed turtles
- 46 Differently
- 47 Caffeine nut
- 48 Scoundrel
- 49 Antelope's playmate
- 50 Midmonth date
- 51 Agent

DOWN

- 1 Billboards
- 2 Scale member
- 3 FedEx clientele
- 4 Cider provider
- 5 Welsh emblem
- 6 Run the veneer
- 7 Hirt and Gore
- 8 Gentle breeze
- 9 Burn aid
- 10 Former larva
- 11 Coaster
- 16 Survey
- 19 Scored 100 on
- 20 On in years
- 21 Stallion's mate
- 22 Embankment
- 23 Eager, plus
- 25 Circle
- 26 Corks
- 27 Staffer
- 28 Villainous look
- 30 "Livin' La — Loca"
- 33 Sawbuck
- 34 Bivouac
- 36 Half a 1960s quartet
- 37 Pay attention
- 38 Eli's alma mater
- 39 Celtic tongue
- 40 Secluded valley
- 42 Tackle moguls
- 43 Affirmative action?
- 44 Knock
- 45 Unkempt cwelling

Answer to Previous Puzzle



9-19 CRYPTOQUIP

WSHN GFPKYAM WSYW PYTCN

VFFECA ICAGC KHCGCN HN

EFHAJ VCZZ IHAYAGHYZZM.

H'E ZHTC Y NWYTC HA HW.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: HAVING TO INSTALL SO MANY AIR DUCTS HAS CAUSED HIM TO GET ANGRY. HE REALLY NEEDS TO VENT.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: H equals I

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR/OPINION

## For-profit schools slighted

Tom Philpott's Sept. 5 Military Update column ("Understanding G Bill in-state tuition ceiling") provides inaccurate information on veteran education benefits related to the Post-9/11 G Bill and mischaracterizes private-sector colleges and universities.

Contrary to the column's suggestion, the Yellow Ribbon Program is open to all degree-granting institutions approved for the Post-9/11 G Bill. Public institutions are fully eligible to participate in the program, but many have elected to participate at low levels or not at all. The lack of Yellow Ribbon participation on the part of public institutions is precisely what led to veteran advocates to push for in-state tuition in support of transitioning servicemembers and veterans.

The column's focus on private-sector in-

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stitutions takes readers on an exploration of topics completely unrelated to the story at hand. The in-state tuition issue only applies to public institutions. The notion that private-sector institutions are somehow linked to the in-state tuition issue is a red herring that led the columnist to miss basic

facts.

Today's veterans elect to attend private-sector institutions because they provide accelerated, career-oriented programs and many participate in the Yellow Ribbon Program at a level that allows veterans to maximize their Post-9/11 G Bill. Unfortunately, the opposite is true at some public institutions that simply look at veterans as additional revenue and prefer to see them pay the out-of-state tuition rate over the in-state tuition rate.

Veterans served the entire nation, not just one state. They have earned in-state tuition.

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 Association of Private Sector Colleges  
 and Universities  
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## In any era, football unsafe at any level

By JONATHAN ZIMMERMAN  
 In 1893, Theodore Roosevelt published an article in defense of college football. As player injuries mounted, some critics had called for a ban on the game. Nonsense, the future president wrote. "It is mere unmanly folly to try to do away with the sport because the risk exists." Instead, he argued, reform football to "minimize" its dangers.

Sound familiar? As millions of American boys and young men take to our football fields this fall, there's lots of talk about making the game safer. We've seen new rules on tackling, stronger penalties for infractions and time limits on practices.

But it's unlikely that these changes will significantly reduce injuries. For the last century, schools and colleges have tried to modify the game so fewer people get hurt. And it hasn't worked.

The first changes took place in the early 1900s. Before that time the game resembled rugby, with players piling on top of one another to control the ball. They could pass it sideways or backward but not forward.

The results were predictable: smashed noses, dislocated shoulders, broken necks and fractured skulls. Dozens of young men died, mostly from cerebral hemorrhage. "The sight of a confused mass of educated young men making batter-rams of their bodies, plunging their heads into each other's stomachs, piling upon each other or maiming each other for life — sometimes indeed ... killing each other ... is to me the brutal monstrosity," declared Cornell President Andrew D. White in 1891.

Fourteen years later, having ascended to the White House, Roosevelt convened a meeting of coaches from Harvard, Yale and Princeton. Amid newspaper reports of 18 football deaths that fall, the 1905 meeting set in motion a series of reforms to protect players from injury — and to guard the sport from critics who wanted to end it altogether.

The most controversial innovation was the forward pass, which would spread players more widely and decrease the amount of contact between them. But the leading opponent of the reform, Yale coach Walter Camp, warned that players streaking downfield would face even greater danger than the ones clumped together near the line of scrimmage. Camp turned out to be correct.

The recent increase of concussions — at every level of the sport — is partly due to "pass-first" offenses, which have led to more high-speed collisions. By stopping the game clock for incompletions, passing has also increased the total number of plays and, with it, the opportunities for injury.



JACK DEMPSEY/AP

Denver Broncos wide receiver Wes Welker has had three concussions in a 10-month span. After Welker's latest head injury, some fans and pundits suggested he should walk away from the game for his own good. "I appreciate their concern, I really do," Welker said. "But at the same time, I feel sharp and I feel ready to go."

Ditto for helmets, another reform designed to reduce harm on the field. In the early years of the game, some players grew their hair long to provide a modicum of head protection. Others began to wear leather helmets, which were developed by an Annapolis, Md., shoemaker to protect a Navy midshipman after the player's doctor told him that he might die from another hit to his head.

Enter the plastic helmet, which provided more cushioning. But it also became a weapon in its own right, allowing players to "lead with their heads" as they tackled. Despite new restrictions on that practice, helmet-to-helmet hits remain one of the key causes of concussions and other injuries.

And the most common victims are kids, who are starting football at ever-younger ages. Their necks aren't fully developed, so they can't brace for a hit the way adults can. And their brains haven't finished hardening, which makes their skulls more vulnerable to impact.

By the time they get to high school, kids have a 5 percent chance of sustaining a concussion for each season they play. And as a 2011 study showed, former football players who sustained two or more concussions in their youth have a significantly higher rate of cognitive impairment as adults.

The issue made its way back to the White House in May, when President Barack

Obama convened a meeting of coaches, doctors and scientists to discuss sport-related concussions. But the most powerful voice in the room was the one that didn't exist back in Roosevelt's time: the National Football League.

A judge recently approved a settlement to compensate retired NFL players suffering the effects of head injuries that is likely to cost the league several hundred million dollars. It also announced this year that it would donate \$45 million to the youth organization it founded, USA Football, in part to expand safety training for coaches. As the richest sports enterprise in America, the NFL can absorb almost any legal hit that comes its way. But our high schools can't. And the league needs them to continue sponsoring football teams, which — alongside college squads — are the main training system for the pros.

If he had a son, the president said last year, he'd "have to think long and hard" before letting him play football. But the rest of us need to think long and hard too about why we're putting so many kids at risk to subsidize a league that's already awash in money. And if we think we can wash away the risk, we're kidding ourselves.

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## OPINION

## What newspapers are saying at home

The following editorial excerpts are selected from a cross section of newspapers throughout the United States. The editors are provided by The Associated Press and other statewide syndicates.

### Vital to keep Ebola contained Decatur (Ala.) Daily

The Ebola virus is one of the least understood but most deadly viruses on the African continent, spreading rapidly if not checked in its early stages. The current outbreak threatens to become a continental pandemic.

Initially, health officials thought the outbreak was contained along the Liberia-Guinea border, but with people traveling to escape it or to conduct business, the virus has spread to other regions. Now, African nations are asking for greater assistance from the West.

The United States and United Kingdom are ramping up assistance in the form of medical equipment and military aid, including setting up clinics. The Obama administration is preparing to assign 3,000 U.S. military personnel to the afflicted region to supply medical and logistical support to overwhelmed health care systems and to boost the number of beds needed to isolate and treat victims of the epidemic.

The virus' exact origins remain a mystery, but scientists believe Ebola is transmitted from certain animals, including bats. It spreads among humans by contact with bodily fluids, either through broken skin or mucus membranes. ...

As is often the case in remote areas, Doctors Without Borders has been on the front line trying to contain the outbreak, but the humanitarian aid group has been overwhelmed. The outbreak had been contained early, but the movement of people in the region allowed it to spread. Many African nations have imposed travel restrictions and quarantines in an effort to control it. Part of the U.S. and British military assistance will be in containing movement of people. ...

More coordinated and well-funded response to easily spread diseases is becoming mandatory. The risks of piecemeal responses are too dangerous to consider.

### Higher standard for athletes? (McCord, Miss.) Enterprise-Journal

Domestic violence is a terrible thing, and the current brouhaha over National Football League players accused of it is putting a lot of public attention on a crime that too often has been tolerated by both victims and prosecutors.

If the publicity over the cases of Ray Rice, Adrian Peterson, Greg Hardy and others sends a message that domestic violence comes with a big price to those who dish it out, then some good will come from this. Give professional sports some credit. Whatever the negative aspects there are to big-money games, sports has helped pioneer positive changes in society, not the least of which is general acceptance of racial integration.

But a question that seems fair to raise is: Are millionaire football players — and their bosses — being held to a higher standard when it comes to striking a woman or whipping a child than the average person?

It's pretty obvious that they are. Perhaps a better question is: Should they be?

### No unity at this Block party The Wall Street Journal

A unanimous Supreme Court this year rejected President Barack Obama's three nonrecross appointments to the National Labor Relations Board as an abuse



of executive authority, but hey, no worries. One of those illegal appointees is now getting her second chance to be confirmed by the Senate.

In January 2012 Obama "recess" appointed Sharon Block, a then-deputy assistant secretary at the Labor Department and former aide to the late Sen. Ted Kennedy, to the NLRB along with labor stalwart Richard Griffin and Terence Flynn. Griffin and Block left the NLRB in 2013 as part of a Senate deal to avert a showdown over the filibuster.

Republicans agreed to confirm Obama's nominee on condition they not include Block and Griffin. A few days later Democrats turned around and promoted Griffin to be NLRB general counsel. Now the filibuster is gone and Obama has renominated Block to the board in clear violation of the spirit of the 2012 bipartisan deal.

At a recent Senate hearing Block was asked about the renomination on the board after a federal appeals court invalidated the recess appointments as unconstitutional. "I made a commitment to serve, and I took that commitment very seriously," Block told the committee. Block's oath of office begins with a pledge to uphold and defend the Constitution, but we digress.

All of this matters because Block's reappointment means the reconstituted NLRB will be able to rubber stamp many rulings first issued when the board was acting without a legal quorum. Hundreds of rulings from that era were invalidated when the Supreme Court judged the appointments unconstitutional in *NLRB v. Noel Canning*. Reasonable people will wonder how they can expect a fair rehearing before a board member who already ruled against them.

At the recent hearing Block said she would consider requests that she recuse herself from individual cases, but we won't be betting on it. During her time on the board Block has amassed a briefcase of decisions in favor of expanding the NLRB's authority to assist labor unions. ...

Now she will be back, rewarmed with a partisan Senate vote, but still guaranteed to vote for the interests regardless of the facts or legal precedent.

### Strikes warranted, but no cure The Seattle Times

The United States should recognize the limited scope of what it can achieve as it returns military advisers to Iraq and plots strategic airstrikes in Syria to curb the growing terrorist threat in the two volatile nations.

No matter how many smart bombs are dropped or megalomaniacal leaders are killed, the twisted ideology that birthed Islamic State — the terrorist group previously known as al-Qaida in Iraq — won't be totally eradicated. Its physical competence, however, can be severely maimed.

President Barack Obama recently outlined his measured military strategy to ac-

complish that goal by putting a muted U.S. military advisory presence on the ground, and by aiding the moderate forces opposing the militant Islamic group.

This show of detached U.S. "strength and resolve," bolstered by United Nations partnerships, will check the Islamic State's ability to threaten the United States and its allies, Obama argues.

Clearly, the U.S. must do more to cripple a group so bloodthirsty that it has brazenly beheaded two American journalists in recent weeks and posted videos of that barbarism online. But the additional effort should involve new tactics because the old and often-used military-intervention tool has routinely exacerbated problems in the Middle East instead of resolved them.

"All you can do in these situations is learn from history," said U.S. Rep. Adam Smith of Bellevue, Wash., the ranking Democrat on the House Armed Services Committee. "A full-scale U.S. military presence is not going to be the answer."

Ravaging terrorists who justify their cowardice by provoking the very reprisals they decry only continues the cycle of compounded intervention Obama has tried to avoid. ...

If members of Congress have signaled a willingness to give the president the support he needs. That's the proper course. But Obama and Congress should be explicit in redefining what victory means and the metrics to get there. That will help reassure the war-weary American people.

Still, military intervention has never changed the hearts, minds or politics of the Middle East. So, the president who campaigned as an anti-war U.S. senator is forced to choose from an assortment of bad options. In such cases, lowering expectations makes a lot of sense.

### Families still hurting financially The New York Times

The economy has been on the road to recovery since mid-2009, when the Great Recession officially ended. But, for most Americans, recovery is not there yet, and, at the recent rate of progress, it won't be for a long time, if ever.

New census data on income and poverty show that median household income barely budged in 2013 for the second year in a row, following two consecutive annual declines. At nearly \$52,000, it is still 8 percent below its level in 2007 before the recession. To make matters worse, the income declines from the recession came on top of losses carried over from the prior business cycle from 2000 to 2007. In all, median household income in America is 8.6 percent below its peak in 2000.

The situation is even bleaker for households led by people under age 65. Unlike older households, their income is not usually cushioned by steady Social Security payments; instead, they rely largely on paychecks in an era of flat or falling wages. For them, median income from 2000 to

2013 declined 11.2 percent, from nearly \$65,800 to \$58,450.

Even positive news in the report is overwhelmed by dismaying longer-term trends. The poverty rate fell from 15 percent in 2012 to 14.5 percent in 2013, the first meaningful year-to-year decline in seven years. (The poverty threshold for a family of four in 2013 was \$23,834.) But the rate is still well above the goal of 12.5 percent in 2007 and 11.3 in 2010. The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities has calculated that, at the recent pace of poverty reduction, it would take until 2020 for the rate to fall below the level in 2000.

Similarly, poverty among children fell from 2012 to 2013, but remains above its levels in 2007 and 2000. The improvement, such as it is, appears to stem from a rise in the employment and earnings of low-income parents. That is, of course, a positive sign in any recovery: When jobs begin to grow, low-income groups hit the hardest in the bad times should show clear signs of a rebound.

It also means, however, that further economic progress will depend on even more jobs at even higher pay. But several policymakers in Congress and at the Federal Reserve believe it is time to back off from remaining stimulus policies. ... Progress toward economic health has been and continues to be slow and unreliable. That's because the policy response never was and probably never will be commensurate with the damage caused by the serial recessions and poor recoveries since 2000.

### Can't change political climate The Oklahoman

Matt Ridley calls himself a "lukewarmer," a person who's somewhere in between when it comes to positions on global warming. Apparently, the number of such folks in high government positions is on the upswing — unlike the temperatures themselves.

A United Nations climate change summit this month will have some empty seats. They would otherwise be occupied by officials from China, India and Germany, among others, who've decided that global warming isn't quite as urgent as the U.N. and President Barack Obama think it is.

Ridley noted in a recent *Wall Street Journal* op-ed that the U.N. "no longer claims that there will be dangerous or rapid climate change in the next two decades." Really? Tell that to the Los Angeles Times, which no longer accepts letters to the editor disputing conventional wisdom on anthropogenic global warming.

Scattered news reports in recent days have chronicled a change in summertime Arctic ice loss. This is a normal phenomenon that happens every year but had been happening more dramatically until it wasn't. This year, Arctic ice loss in August was well on its way.

Global warming zealots are scrambling to cover their igloos in these challenging times for "settled science." The U.N.'s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has been downgrading its forecasts for global warming, with decreases for the period of 1995-2025, from 1.3 degrees Fahrenheit to about 0.9 degrees.

"Even that is likely to be too high," wrote Ridley, who is a member of the British House of Lords. "The climate-research establishment has finally admitted openly what scientists have been saying for nearly a decade: Global warming has stopped since shortly before this century began."

The "settled science" coalition, including the White House and many members of Congress, haven't gotten the memo. They will be looking for any sign of a sign, attempting to demonize Republicans about their obvious concern for the plight of the polar bears.

As they have throughout natural history, weather events come and go, strutting and fretting their hour upon the world stage while the passing of time signs anything that can be scientifically settled.



## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

# Shadow of the past

## Miami-Nebraska offers look back at days of glory

By ERIC OLSON  
The Associated Press

**W**Henever they run into each other at a function for Heisman Trophy winners, Mike Rozier reminds Gino Torretta of their schools' shared history.

"If you guys wouldn't have beaten us," the 1983 winner for Nebraska tells the 1992 winner for Miami, "you wouldn't have won the run you had. We put the Miami program on the map."

Miami, in turn, did the same for Tom Osborne's dominant Nebraska teams of the mid-1990s.

For two decades starting in the 1980s, the Hurricanes and Cornhuskers, along with Florida State, were the dominant programs in college football. Miami won 189 games and five national titles from 1983 to 2001, and the Huskers triumphed in 201 games and three titles.

The programs' images couldn't have been more in contrast. Miami, or "The U," represented the glitz of the South Florida fast lane, and the Huskers the staid, hard-working life on the Plains.

Four of the last five times the teams played, all in bowls, the winner was crowned national champion. Many of the participants went on to illustrious NFL careers.

The stakes will be considerably lower when they meet Saturday night in Lincoln.

No. 24 Nebraska (3-0) hasn't won a conference title since 1999 or played in a BCS game since it was a controversial pick to go to the 2002 Rose Bowl, where the Hurricanes won their last national title.

Unranked Miami (2-1) hasn't won a conference championship or played in a BCS game since the 2003 season.

Nebraska fans believe Miami's visit is long overdue. In four of the last five games Nebraska had to play on the Hurricanes' turf, the since-demolished Orange Bowl stadium. Osborne said Miami's home-field advantage probably was worth seven to 10 points.



GARY KAZANIAN/AP

Nebraska's Randy Gregory, top, tackles Fresno State's Josh Quezada during the second half of Saturday's game in Fresno, Calif. No. 24 Nebraska won 55-19.

The Huskers were just beginning their descent when the teams last met. Frank Solich's Huskers started 2001 with 11 straight wins but lost 62-56 at Colorado in their final regular-season game. Few believed Nebraska deserved to play in the BCS championship game in the Rose Bowl, and Larry Coker-coached Miami won 37-14.

The effects of the firing of Solich after the 2003 season and the ill-conceived hiring of Bill Callahan are still felt in Lincoln, where Bo Pelini is in his seventh season.

Miami lost to Ohio State in the BCS title game after the 2002 season but by 2006 was out of the Top 25, not to appear again for three years. Later, the discovery of NCAA violations by a booster brought a self-imposed bowl ban, probation and other sanctions. Third-year coach Al Golden continues to pick up the pieces.

No matter, these proud programs cling to glory years that are becoming more distant. If for only three hours, they'll re-live them Saturday night.

AP Sports Writer Tim Reynolds in Coral Gables, Florida, contributed to this report.

**Miami quarterback Brad Kaaya was thrown into the fire as a freshman starter this season and is now getting ready to face No. 24 Nebraska on Saturday night.**

Al an Diaz/AP

### The last five

Miami and Nebraska have played 10 times in football, with each team winning five games. The last five meetings have been in bowl games, and four decided national championships. Here's what happened:

**1984 Orange Bowl: Miami 31, Nebraska 30.** No. 1 Nebraska showed up as a 10½-point favorite. No. 5 Miami won in its first bowl in 33 years. Freshman QB Bernie Kosar got the Hurricanes out to a quick 17-0 lead. The Cornhuskers rallied to tie it, fell behind again by two touchdowns and then pulled to 31-30 with 48 seconds left. Nebraska coach Tom Osborne, in a career-defining decision, went for the two-point conversion and the win. Miami's Ken Calhoun batted away Turner Gill's pass for Jeff Smith, and the Hurricanes won the first of their five national titles.

**1989 Orange Bowl: Miami 23, Nebraska 3.** The No. 2 Hurricanes overwhelmed No. 6 Nebraska, but Notre Dame beat West Virginia in the Fiesta Bowl earlier in the day and ended up as national champion by virtue of its one-point, regular-season win over Miami. Steve Walsh threw two touchdown passes, and the Hurricanes limited Nebraska to 80 yards rushing.

**1992 Orange Bowl: Miami 22, Nebraska 0.** Gino Torretta led the top-ranked Hurricanes to scores on their first three possessions, and they won their fourth AP national title in nine years. Washington was the coaches' choice. No. 11 Nebraska clearly was overmatched, going to the Orange Bowl only because it was the Big Eight champion. The Huskers were shut out for the first time in 221 games.

**1995 Orange Bowl: Nebraska 24, Miami 17.** Osborne won the first of his three national titles in four years after Cory Schlesinger's touchdown runs of 15 and 14 yards led the No. 1 Huskers overcome a 17-9 fourth-quarter deficit against the No. 3 Hurricanes. QB Tommie Frazier started after having not played in more than three months because of blood clots. Brook Beringer took over after Nebraska fell behind 10-0 early, but Frazier returned in the fourth quarter to lead the tying and winning drives.

**2002 Rose Bowl: Miami 37, Nebraska 14.** The top-ranked Hurricanes opened a 34-point lead in the first half against a No. 4 Nebraska team that, according to most observers, didn't deserve to be in the BCS title game coming off a 62-36 loss to Colorado. Ken Dorsey shredded the Huskers' secondary, and Miami held an offense led by Heisman Trophy winner Eric Crouch to 259 yards. Miami won its fifth national title, and third at the expense of the Huskers.

— The Associated Press



KATHY WILLENS/AP

Nebraska quarterback Turner Gill walks off the field after the Huskers' 31-30 loss to Miami on Jan. 2, 1984 in the Orange Bowl.



# COLLEGE FOOTBALL

## Hill's play raising BYU QB's profile

By ANNE M. PETERSON  
The Associated Press



Virginia (2-1)  
at No. 21 BYU (3-0)  
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**T**here was a point in BYU's victory over Houston when quarterback Taysom Hill barreled across the line of scrimmage for a hard-fought first down. He threw a fist in the air and roared in jubilation.

Hill has made a career of such plays where he tucks the ball, puts his head down and fearlessly plows downfield. "Whatever it takes," he said.

"I love playing this game. I love my teammates and I love battling for them."

With every dash and pass he makes, Hill's profile is on the rise — as is BYU's. Now 3-0 with victories over the Cougars and Texas the week before, BYU has jumped to No. 21 to prolong the team's first national ranking since early 2012. BYU hosts Virginia on Saturday afternoon.

Hill is the very archetype of the dual-threat quarterback. He's thrown for 689 yards and four touchdowns while running for 356 yards and six more scores over the team's first three games. That's 1,045 yards of total offense.

"When you talk about dual-threat, if you looked up a dual-threat quarterback in a dictionary, they should have his picture there as an example," Houston coach Tony Levine said.

Texas defensive coordinator Vance Bedford said BYU's quarterback reminds him of Tim Tebow. Hill threw for 181 yards

and ran for 99 more with three touchdowns in BYU's 41-7 dismantling of the Longhorns.

"He is like a fullback when he gets the ball in his hands," Bedford said.

Hill has been named the FBS Independents' player of the week in each of the season's first three weeks and he's getting greater national attention with each game. He's handling it with his usual poise.

"Honestly, it's kind of hard because you're getting hit in every direction when that stuff comes up," he said. "I try to do my best to stay in the moment. We have to keep winning and we're going to get some great publicity for our program and our school. But I know in order for that to happen we just have to take care of business."

Against Houston, he threw for 200 yards and a touchdown, and rushed for 160 yards on 26 carries with another score. The performance put him over 4,000 yards passing and 2,000 yards rushing for his career, a feat only 14 other quarterbacks have accomplished



RICK BOWMER/AP

**BYU quarterback Taysom Hill (4) walks off the field after a 33-25 win over Houston on Sept. 11. Hill's play on the field — he has 689 yards passing and 356 on the ground in three games — has led the Cougars back into the national rankings for the first time since early in the 2012 season.**

in FBS history. He's averaging 118.7 yards rushing per game this season, most among FBS-level quarterbacks. He also averages 348.3 yards of total offense per game.

And he doesn't mind all those carries.

"I would say my mindset is, whatever it takes," he said. "If I have to carry a ball 23 times a game, I'm willing to do that for our football team. As long as we get the 'W' I'm cool with that."

Last season as a sophomore, Hill had six games with 100-plus

yards rushing. He finished with 4,282 yards in total offense, fifth on BYU's accomplished single-season list behind Steve Young, Jim McMahon and Ty Detmer (twice).

Originally committed to Stanford, Hill came to BYU instead, following his LDS mission in Australia. He played in six games as a freshman, starting two, before a knee injury cut his season short.

When BYU played Virginia to open last season, the Cavaliers won 19-16 at home after a two-hour lightning delay follow-

ing the first quarter. But seeing Hill up close convinced Virginia linebacker Henry Coley that the quarterback's name should be included in any Heisman conversation.

"I thought he should have been up there last year because he definitely put that team on his back, day in and day out. Even last year, he took some hits," Coley said. "I told him after the game, 'You got heart, man' because I don't want to say he is the team, but in my eyes, he kinda is the team because that sparked everything."

## E. Carolina aims to extend win streak over ACC teams



DON PETERSEN/AP

**East Carolina quarterback Shane Carden (5) celebrates in the end zone after scoring the game-winning touchdown against Virginia Tech last Saturday. East Carolina has long played a nonconference schedule loaded up with prominent names and power-conference opponents.**

By AARON BEARD  
The Associated Press

**GREENVILLE, N.C.** — East Carolina quarterback Shane Carden knows the best way for the Pirates to earn national attention — beat the big names that usually appear on their nonconference schedule.

The Pirates certainly are doing that against the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Last weekend's upset of then-No. 17 Virginia Tech marked the third straight win for the Pirates against ACC teams, all coming on the road in the last year. Next up is Saturday's visit from in-state rival North Carolina, a team the Pirates blew out last year to start the current streak against one of the five power conferences.

"You've got to win these games," Carden said. "If you want respect around the nation, if you want respect from the bigger conferenc-

es, you've got to win these games. And that's what we want."

The game closes another demanding nonconference slate for the Pirates (2-1) ahead of their first season in the American Athletic Conference. Coming off the program's first 10-win season since 1991, East Carolina opened with an easy win against North Carolina Central then played tough in a 33-23 loss at then-No. 21 South Carolina.

Last week, the Pirates ran out to a 21-0 lead, saw the Hokies rally to tie it late in the fourth before answering with a last-second touchdown drive for a 28-21 win.

Now they're preparing to face the Tar Heels (2-0) in front of a sellout home crowd, which will be eager for the chance to stick it to one of the spotlight-grabbing in-state ACC programs like UNC and North Carolina State.

Last year, the Pirates beat the Tar Heels 55-31 for their first win in Chapel Hill since 1975. They dominated all day and rolled to 603 total yards, a performance that UNC safety Tim Scott said

this week left the Tar Heels "embarrassed on our home field."

Two months later, the Pirates cruised to a 42-28 win against N.C. State in Raleigh.

East Carolina has played at least two ACC teams in a four-of-coach Ruffin McNeill's five seasons with his alma mater, winning four of those games.

It is part of an aggressive nonconference scheduling plan — launched in 2005 under former athletic director Terry Holland — that gave the Pirates more chances at reputation-boosting

wins and toughened them for play in their former Conference USA home, where they won two championships.

In these games, McNeill said, his players have focused on doing their job and making the routine play regardless of who is on the other sideline.

"If we had just begun this week preaching that, I'd be worried," McNeill said. "But we've been doing it. Now I've got a group who has been through it for five years, and they've passed it on to the ones that have been here for four years, to three and two and so on."

The scheduling plan won't change, either. The Pirates have more games scheduled against Virginia Tech, UNC, North Carolina State and South Carolina, and are adding dates with BYU, West Virginia and Florida.

"That's just kind of our mentality at ECU, that we've got a chip on our shoulder," Carden said. "We don't care who we're going to play, we'll go out there and play them hard."

## SPORTS BRIEFS

## Concussion ends career for Texas QB Ash

From wire reports

AUSTIN, Texas — Texas quarterback David Ash has given up playing football after suffering at least one concussion and lingering symptoms over the last year.

Longhorns coach Charlie Strong said on Wednesday that he told Ash "there was no way we were going to let you back on the field."

Added Strong, "His health is our major concern."

Strong said that Ash would remain a part of the program working with the team's younger quarterbacks.

Ash, a junior, suffered a concussion during the second week of the 2013 season in a game at BYU. That is the only concussion that Ash and the team have acknowledged. He returned two weeks later, against Kansas State, but left that game with what Texas officials called a head injury. He missed the rest of the season.

Ash was determined to return this season, but he acknowledged that there was some concern among family members.

He played in the opener, a victory against North Texas, but experienced headaches and dizziness after the game, Strong said.

Ash missed the next two games. The Longhorns have off this week.

Ash played in 29 games in Texas, starting 22. He ranks seventh in school history in career touchdown passes (31) and eighth in passing yards (4,728).

### Kaepernick appealing \$11K fine for language

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Colin Kaepernick said Wednesday he has been fined more than \$11,000 by the NFL and he will appeal the penalty for what an official called "inappropriate language" by the 49ers quarterback following a fourth-quarter interception in Sunday's 28-20 loss to the Bears.

Kaepernick reiterated that he did nothing wrong when he and Chicago defensive end Lamarr Houston went at it — and Kaepernick points to Houston's comments that the quarterback didn't say anything offensive or out of line. Kaepernick appealed the fine.

"It will be showed," Kaepernick said. "I didn't say anything. Lamarr Houston said I didn't say anything. We're going to leave it at that."

Side judge Laird Hayes threw the flag for unsportsmanlike conduct.

Houston told the Chicago Tri-



PATRICK SEMANSKY/AP

**Chris Kemeoatu, left, had his pro football career cut short after seven seasons with the Pittsburgh Steelers when he learned he'd need a kidney transplant. That's when his older brother, Ma'ake — a former nose tackle for the Baltimore Ravens — stepped in, and left the team in 2012 to donate his kidney. The brothers are now recovering from their August surgeries.**

bune after the game that he hadn't heard anything from Kaepernick and that he had said something to the quarterback after the first of two late interceptions by rookie Kyle Fuller that helped rally the Bears.

"I said, 'Nice pass,'" Houston said.

Because of Houston's comments, Kaepernick believes he has a case for an appeal.

"The player that I supposedly said something to has been quoted saying that I didn't say anything, and I don't know him, so it's not like he would have a reason to just randomly stick up for me," Kaepernick said.

In the letter from the league informing him of the fine, Kaepernick said there was no explanation as to what Hayes claims the quarterback said.

Coach Jim Harbaugh sought his own explanation and has heard from the NFL that there won't be a change to the call.

### Ex-Raven gives kidney to ex-Steelers brother

BALTIMORE — On the field, their ex-teams are huge NFL rivals.

Off the field, brothers Ma'ake Kemeoatu an ex-Baltimore Raven, and Chris Kemeoatu, an ex-Pittsburgh Steeler, are closer than close. When Chris' pro football career was cut short because he needed a kidney transplant, his older brother, whose organ was good match, quit the Ravens and donated his kidney to his 31-year-old brother.

University of Maryland Medical Center transplant surgeon Dr.

Stephen Bartlett said Wednesday that the surgery done Aug. 27 was a great success, and both brothers are on their way to recovery.

"He couldn't play anymore, and I didn't want to be in a position where he couldn't play but I'd keep playing," the 35-year-old former nose tackle said. "As soon as my brother's health was at risk I wanted to stop everything."

The former Raven said that when the family found out that his brother, who had been suffering from kidney problems since the eighth grade, would need a transplant, he immediately volunteered, quitting the team in 2012.

### Sharks sign Braun to \$19M extension

SAN JOSE, Calif. — The San Jose Sharks have signed defenseman Justin Braun to a \$19 million, five-year extension.

The deal announced Wednesday will keep Braun under contract through the 2019-20 season. Braun has one year remaining on his current contract.

Braun emerged as one of San Jose's top defensemen last season, often drawing the most difficult matchups. He was second on the team in average time on ice per game (20:59), tied for first in short-handed ice time per game (2:11) and set career-highs for points (17), goals (4) and assists (13).

In other NHL news:

■ Minnesota Wild goalie Josh Harding has a broken right foot, putting him out indefinitely.

The Wild announced Wednesday the injury was suffered in an off-ice incident. The team said Harding was hurt Sunday but did

not specify how.

Harding will not need surgery, but with training camp starting Friday and the opener Oct. 9 the Wild's tenuous depth in the net is a concern.

Harding, who was unavailable after December due to complications from multiple sclerosis, was being counted on as a backup.

### Scott, caddie Williams part ways

Adam Scott is looking for a caddie now that he and Steve Williams have decided to end their partnership.

Scott said in a statement Wednesday that he and Williams are at different stages of their lives.

Williams has been on the bag for 14 majors — 13 with Tiger Woods. He began working with Scott in the summer of 2012. He helped lead the putt on the 10th hole at Augusta National last year when Scott became the first Australian to win the Masters.

Williams has said he wants to cut back on his schedule.

### Navy expects Reynolds to start against Rutgers

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — After missing the first game of his career in college, high school or otherwise, U.S. Naval Academy quarterback Keenan Reynolds practiced this week with no visible signs of discomfort from a knee injury that kept him out of Saturday's 35-21 victory over Texas State University.

Navy coach Ken Niumatalolo indicated he and his staff are proceeding as if the junior will be on the field this weekend in Annapolis against Rutgers University at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium, and Reynolds said he was planning on being back in the starting lineup in the Midshipmen's first true home game of the season. (Navy opened the season Aug. 30 as the home team in a 35-17 loss to Ohio State University at M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore.)

"I thought [Reynolds] looked good," Niumatalolo said after practice Tuesday night. "Try not to push it too much, but he pretty much did everything. Just really careful with him."

### Rockets acquire guard Terry from Kings

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — The

Houston Rockets have acquired guard Jason Terry from the Sacramento Kings for two second-round draft picks and guard-forward Alonzo Gee.

The Kings also received guard Scotty Hopson and a trade exception from Houston in the deal announced Wednesday.

The 37-year-old Terry started last season with Brooklyn and averaged only 4.5 points in 35 games. He was moved to Sacramento at the trade deadline and didn't play the rest of the season as he recovered from a left knee injury.

Terry played in Boston in 2012-13 after eight seasons in Dallas, where he was named the league's Sixth Man of the Year in 2009 and 2011. Gee and Hopson came to Houston as part of a three-team trade in July that also brought Trevor Ariza to the Rockets.

In other NBA news:

■ Denver Nuggets center/forward J.J. Hickson was suspended for five games without pay by the NBA on Wednesday for violating the terms of the anti-drug program.

Hickson averaged 11.8 rebounds and 9.2 rebounds in 69 games last season, his first with Denver. He has played six seasons in the NBA with Cleveland, Sacramento, Portland and Denver, averaging 10.1 points and 7.2 rebounds.

### Petty committed to two cars for 2015

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Richard Petty Motorsports insisted Wednesday it is committed to running two cars in 2015 despite losing driver Marcos Ambrose and primary sponsor Stanley in the span of five days.

Ambrose said last weekend he is returning to his native Australia and will run V8 Supercars for Roger Penske. His sponsor, Stanley, said Wednesday it is moving to Joe Gibbs Racing to sponsor Carl Edwards for 12 races. Stanley brand DeWalt will sponsor Matt Kenseth for six races.

Aric Almirola this season qualified for the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship in RPM's No. 43 Ford. The team is looking for a driver and sponsor to take over the No. 9 Ford. RPM said it will continue its relationship with current manufacturer partner Ford Racing and continue its services contract with Roush Fenway Racing and Roush Yates Engines.

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New York Yankees	87	64	.576	1/2
Tampa Bay	77	74	.510	14 1/2
Toronto	74	79	.484	18 1/2
Boston	66	87	.433	26

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	83	68	.553	— 1/2
Chicago White Sox	77	74	.510	1/2
Minnesota	69	83	.454	15
Chicago	65	87	.428	19

West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	95	57	.625	
Oakland	85	73	.537	11 1/2
Seattle	81	70	.536	13 1/2
Houston	77	74	.510	15
Texas	59	92	.391	35 1/2

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Surces 1b	3	0	0	0	0	0	0

## Orioles 6, Blue Jays 1

Toronto	R	H	B	IP	ER	BB	SO
Reyes ss	4	0	1	1	0	0	0
Bautist rf	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pa0ez lf	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Li0nd dh	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
McM0y lf	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ma0rry lf	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
KT0rbin ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
J0nes lf	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
FR0nce ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Co0per lf	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pill0r ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Go0se cf	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

## Boston

Boston	R	H	B	IP	ER	BB	SO
Bu0cholz L8-9	4	6	5	4	1	3	0
Pa0ez lf	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
EM0rre lf	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
H0lmes W6-10	3	3	1	5	2	0	0
W00lf lf	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
J0z0me	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
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## Braves 3, Nationals 1

Washington	R	H	B	IP	ER	BB	SO
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T0pkins lf	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Schritt rf	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
S0uza lf	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
K0erns 2b	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
W00lf lf	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tr0yn p	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
De0lin p	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
W00lf lf	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
H0lmes lf	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
St0lts p	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

## National League

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Washington	71	64	.523	
Atlanta	76	70	.500	11 1/2
M0n0e0 lf	73	77	.487	15
New York	73	80	.477	15
Br0ads 1b	67	84	.441	17 1/2

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	84	68	.553	— 1/2
Br0ads 1b	79	73	.520	5
Milwaukee	75	74	.506	7
Chi0ago	68	84	.447	16

West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	86	66	.566	— 1/2
San Diego	70	81	.464	15 1/2
Arizona	62	90	.408	24
San Diego	61	87	.411	25

## Twins 8, Tigers 4

Detroit	R	H	B	IP	ER	BB	SO
Pa0ton L6-3	4	2	2	3	1	0	0
Leone	4	2	2	3	1	0	0
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St0lts p	4	0	0	0	0	0	0

## Indians 2, Astros 0

Cleveland	R	H	B	IP	ER	BB	SO
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## Phillies 5, Padres 2

Philadelphia	R	H	B	IP	ER	BB	SO
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## Philadelphia 5, Padres 2

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## San Francisco 6, Dodgers 2

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## San Francisco 6, Dodgers 2

## MLB

# Cards' Wainwright shuts out Brewers

By JASON L. YOUNG  
The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Adam Wainwright is rounding back into the shape the St. Louis Cardinals have become accustomed to from their ace.

Wainwright posted his 19th win, pitching a shutout Wednesday night as the Cardinals beat the Milwaukee Brewers 2-0 to hold their 2½-game edge in the NL Central.

It was his fourth consecutive win after a dreadful August during which he lost four of six starts and had a 5.17 ERA.

"For a long while I wasn't very good," he said. "It was good to be back making pitches when I need to."

Wainwright (19-9) worked around seven hits and tied for the major league lead in wins and shutouts.

St. Louis has won four of five and kept its advantage over second-place Pittsburgh. Milwaukee dropped 2½ games behind the Pirates for the second NL wild-card spot.

It was the second time in less than two weeks Wainwright went the distance against Milwaukee. He gave up one run to the Brewers in a 9-1 victory on Sept. 7 at Miller Park.

"I would say that was an impressive pitching performance," St. Louis manager Mike Matheny said. "He had everything and then when you watch the ninth and see 95 pop up there and you realize that this guy still had a lot in the tank."

Mike Fiers (6-3) held the Cardinals hitless until Wainwright singled up the middle with two outs in the sixth. It was Fiers' first start since beaming Miami's Giancarlo Stanton last week, ending his season.

Fiers said he needed to forget about hitting Stanton in order to help his team.

"Obviously, everyone knows what happened," he said. "But we



JEFF ROBERSON/AP

**St. Louis Cardinals pitcher Adam Wainwright, right, gets a hug from catcher Yadier Molina after throwing a complete game, 2-0 win over the Milwaukee Brewers on Wednesday for his 19th win of the season.**

have games ahead of us, we have games to win, important games and this was an important one."

Wainwright struck out seven and walked two in his ninth career shutout. He has thrown three shutouts this year, matching Detroit's Rick Porcello and Miami's Henderson Alvarez for most in the majors.

Wainwright and Dodgers ace Clayton Kershaw are atop the majors in wins.

This was the Cardinals' 21st shutout of the season, their most since 1968 when Bob Gibson and the rest of the staff had 30.

Fiers gave up one earned run and three hits in seven innings.

"Wainwright gave up more hits but he was able to pitch out of jams," he said. "Pretty much the only jam I got into, they made the hits when they had to and they needed to. I needed to be better in that one inning, I wasn't, so they capitalize."

The Cardinals broke through in the seventh. After hitting a drive that went about 3 feet wide of the foul pole, Matt Holliday walked with one out and reached third on Matt Adams' single, continuing home when Gold Glove center fielder Carlos Gomez slipped and mishandled the hit for an error.



JEFF ROBERSON/AP

**The St. Louis Cardinals' Matt Holliday, center, scores past Milwaukee Brewers catcher Jonathan Lucroy, right, as home plate umpire Manny Gonzalez watches during the seventh inning of Wednesday's game in St. Louis. The Cardinals won 2-0.**



KEVIN SULLIVAN, THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER/AP

**The Angels' Mike Trout and Kole Calhoun celebrate with Howie Kendrick after he scored on a David Freese single in the seventh inning on Wednesday against the Seattle Mariners in Anaheim, Calif.**

## Roundup

# Angels' Wilson shuts down Mariners, clinches AL West

The Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — The Los Angeles Angels spent an hour after their shutout victory over Seattle waiting in the clubhouse, their eyes glued to televisions while the Oakland Athletics blew a ninth-inning lead.

When the A's were finally finished, the Angels roared up the tunnel and onto their home field, goggles in hand and champagne bottles in hand.

After a five-year wait and a few more minutes on ice, the Angels are AL West champions again.

Los Angeles clinched the division title Wednesday night, getting seven dominant innings of one-hit ball from C.J. Wilson in a 5-0 victory over the Mariners.

"It's a great feeling," said Albert Pujols, headed to his first AL post-season in his third year with the Angels. "But at the end of the day, it's a better feeling when you get to hold that trophy. And that's what we're waiting for."

C.J. Cron hit a three-run homer for the major league-leading Angels (95-57), who wrapped up their first division crown since 2009 when Oakland lost to Texas. The Angels charged the field afterward, celebrating with several thousand fans who stuck around chanting "Let's go Rangers!" and "M-V-P!" for a grinning Mike Trout.

"Everybody just wanted it to happen tonight, so we're lucky to get to celebrate with our fans," said Wilson, who struck out seven. "I feel like we've been special for three years. We just haven't put it

all together until now."

The Angels had already secured a playoff spot Monday, capping a dominant run through the summer and into September. They have won 12 of 14, and lead Baltimore (92-60) by three games for home-field advantage throughout the postseason.

"They've won so many games in such a short amount of time, and it's really a credit to every guy," said Angels manager Mike Scioscia, who won his sixth AL West title in 11 seasons. "We're going to enjoy the champagne and then go try to win tomorrow."

**Rockies 16, Dodgers 2:** Justin Morneau equaled a season high with six RBIs — five in an eight-run first inning against spot starter Carlos Frias — as host Colorado routed Los Angeles.

**Giants 4, Diamondbacks 2:** Pinch-hitter Matt Duffy had a tiebreaking single in the ninth inning in San Francisco's win over host Arizona.

**Vankees 3, Rays 2:** Derek Jeter ended an 0-for-23 slump that was the second-worst of his career as New York beat host Tampa Bay.

**Royals 6, White Sox 2:** Lorenzo Cain hit a three-run homer as host Kansas City roughed up Chicago ace Chris Sale to cut Detroit's AL Central lead to a half-game.

**Twins 8, Tigers 4:** Danny Santana tripled, doubled and drove in two runs as host Minnesota beat Detroit.

**Indians 2, Astros 0:** Carlos Carrasco (8-5) threw a two-hit shutout with a career-high 12 strikeouts in his first complete game of his career to lead visiting Cleveland

past Houston. Yan Gomes had an RBI single in the fourth inning and a run-scoring triple in the sixth.

**Orioles 6, Blue Jays 1:** Steve Pearce homered twice and drove in four runs as AL East champion Baltimore beat visiting Toronto for a three-game sweep.

**Pirates 9, Red Sox 1:** Gregory Polanco, Neil Walker and Ike Davis homered as host Pittsburgh beat Boston to maintain its grip on the second NL wild-card spot.

**Brewers 3, Nationals 1:** Three runs scored on Christian Bethancourt's single in the sixth inning as host Atlanta beat its NL East rival, a day after Washington wrapped up the division title.

**Cubs 3, Reds 1:** Kyle Hendricks kept up his impressive rookie season, pitching seven strong innings to help host Chicago beat Cincinnati for a series sweep.

**Rangers 6, Athletics 1:** Sean Doolittle allowed a three-run homer to J.P. Arenencia during a fourth ninth inning as host Oakland fell to last-place Texas.

It was the fourth blown save in 25 chances for Doolittle (1-4) this season.

**Marlins 4, Mets 3:** Henderson Alvarez ended a three-start winless streak as visiting Miami beat New York to finish a trying 10-game trip in which they lost All-Star slugger Giancarlo Stanton to a season-ending injury when he was hit in the face by a pitch.

**Phillies 5, Padres 2:** Cole Hamels dominated San Diego again as visiting Philadelphia won to end a three-game losing streak.

NFL



LM Otero/AP

The NFL reached an agreement with the players association on changes to its performance-enhancing drug policy, including the addition of human growth hormone testing, which will allow Denver Broncos wide receiver Wes Welker and two other previously suspended players to return to their teams this week. Under the new rules announced Wednesday, players who test positive for banned stimulants in the offseason will no longer be suspended. Instead, they will be referred to the substance abuse program.

# League, union agree on new drug policy

## NFL gets HGH testing in exchange for relaxed penalties on substance abuse

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The NFL finally will have HGH testing, perhaps as early as the end of this month.

And of more immediate impact — this weekend — the new performance-enhancing drug policy the league and players' union agreed to Wednesday will allow the Broncos' Wes Welker and two other suspended players to return to the field.

Welker, Dallas Cowboys defensive back Orlando Scandrick and St. Louis Rams wide receiver Stedman Bailey had been suspended for four games. All can return Sunday under the new rules in which players who test positive for banned stimulants in the offseason will no longer be suspended. Instead, they will be referred to the substance abuse program.

Players who test positive for banned stimulants during the season will continue to get four-game suspensions.

"I said it was flawed and we got it fixed," said Welker, who tested positive for amphetamines in the offseason. "I think you know that just kind of goes to show it was flawed and it's fixed now and we can move on from it."

The league and union are also nearing an agreement on changes to the substance abuse policy. That could reduce Cleveland Browns receiver Josh Gordon's season-

long ban.

Testing for HGH was agreed upon in 2011 when a new collective bargaining agreement ended the lockout of the players. But the players had balked at the science in the testing and the appeals process for positive tests. Under the new deal, appeals of positive tests in the PED program will be heard by third-party arbitrators jointly selected and paid for by the NFL and union. Appeals will be processed more expeditiously under altered procedures.

The new rules also change the length of suspensions. Previously, all first-time violations of the performance-enhancing drug policy resulted in at least a four-game suspension.

Now, use of a diuretic or masking agent will result in a two-game suspension. The punishment for steroids, in-season use of stimulants, HGH or other banned substances is four games. Evidence of an attempt to manipulate a test is a six-game suspension. A second violation will result in a 10-game ban, up from a minimum of eight games. A third violation is at least a two-year suspension. Before, the ban was at least a year.

"We are talking about cleaning up our game and keeping a clean game," Scandrick said Wednesday. "We are not cleaning up our game if we are suspending guys for stimulants and not testing guys for human growth hormones."

# Run: Teams rarely have QBs practice their sliding

FROM BACK PAGE

Yet even with all the mobile quarterbacks now in the league, the simple act of sliding feet first to be protected by rule from defenders seems to be a lost art.

Cam Newton, who has the most yards (2,032) and touchdowns (28) running the past three years of any quarterback, missed the Carolina Panthers' season opener after cracking his ribs going headfirst at the end of a run in a preseason game. Playing with a flak jacket Sunday, he took off twice. Geno Smith of the New York Jets went headfirst in the opener a couple times and slid once against the Packers in Week 2.

Tennessee's Jake Locker missed the final seven games of 2013 hurting his right foot on an option play where he dove forward for more yards. The Los Angeles Angels drafted Locker twice as a center fielder. So how did he slide on a baseball field?

"I was headfirst most of the time," Locker said.

Wilson, who played in the Rockies' system as a second baseman, took part in the Texas Rangers' spring-training camp a few weeks after winning the Super Bowl earlier this year. Colin Kaepernick of San Francisco threw two no-hitters in high school before choosing football. He went headfirst with several Bears approaching Sunday night, a play wiped out by a hold. Bears quarterback Jay Cutler finished off a 25-yard run sliding with his left leg out front.

Kaepernick said last week that finishing off a run is pretty instinctual.

"I mean I've been running the football since I was 8 years old, so I'm not too worried about it at this point," Kaepernick said.

Teams rarely have their quarterbacks practice sliding. After Smith's headfirst approach in the opener, Jets coach Rex Ryan said maybe Derek Jeter could teach Smith to slide. Panthers coach Ron Rivera joked last month he might need someone from the Triple-A baseball Charlotte Knights to teach his quarterback how to slide. Rivera wants Newton to slide but doesn't want to take away who his quarterback is as a player.

"He can't help himself (and) he ran a couple of times. He did the best he could with it," Rivera said of Newton.

Reid would rather his quarterbacks slide feet first, but he also recalled having a



REED HOFFMANN/AP

**Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Alex Smith slides feet first against the Tennessee Titans defense. Living to take the next snap and stay on the field is a crucial part of the job for an NFL quarterback.**

pretty good one who went headfirst. That would be Michael Vick in Philadelphia, who missed three games in 2010 after getting hurt leading with his head but returned for a career year. He still slides headfirst.

Whisenhunt said the Steelers tried getting Kordell Stewart to practice sliding.

"He was awful, and it just wasn't worth the time," Whisenhunt said. "Then he ended up doing OK in the games. I think it's more about understanding where you are on the field and what's around you. But at some point, and I think I've said this, it's fourth-and-1, it's a goal-line play, you got to play football."

Anytime a quarterback runs, defenders can land a lick that won't draw a flag as long as he goes headfirst. The biggest challenge for defenders is looking to see if the quarterback is sliding or diving. Going headfirst means hit away, as long as they avoid the quarterback's head.

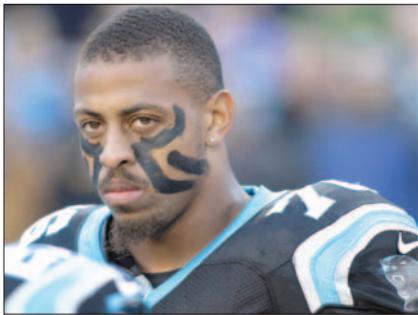
"You want to remind that quarterback to stay in the pocket," Titans safety Bernard Pollard said.



NICK WASS/AP

**Washington Redskins quarterback Robert Griffin III dives during a game against the Dallas Cowboys in 2012. Griffin's awkward slides have been cause for concern since he suffered a knee injury that ended his spectacular rookie season.**

## NFL



BOB LEVERONE/AP

The Panthers' Greg Hardy, convicted July 15 of assault but appealing the ruling, was put on the commissioner's exempt list by Carolina until his case is resolved.

## Panthers' Hardy also on exempt list

By STEVE REED

The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The Carolina Panthers placed Greg Hardy on the exempt-commissioner's permission list on Wednesday, meaning the Pro Bowl defensive end has been removed from the team's active squad until his domestic violence case is resolved.

The decision came just hours after the Minnesota Vikings took a similar disciplinary approach with Adrian Peterson, who is addressing child abuse charges in Texas.

Hardy was convicted July 15 of assault on a female and communicating threats after the victim claimed the player threw her in the bathtub and onto a sofa covered with guns before threatening to kill her. Hardy is appealing the ruling and a jury trial is set for Nov. 17.

He will continue to be paid his weekly salary of \$770,588.23. Hardy also is allowed to be at the team facility, but will not practice.

Panthers general manager Dave Gettleman said it was a tough decision given the changing climate in the NFL.

"Our overriding goal has always been to do the right thing," Gettleman said.

The GM said he expects Hardy to be out at least through November.

Hardy said he understands he needs to step away from football and take care of his legal problems.

"I am entitled to due process and my day in court, and that's where my focus should be," Hardy said in a statement. "I appreciate the Panthers for giving me this opportunity and look forward to being back with my teammates. I am disappointed to leave my teammates and the Carolina Panthers during our season. My decision to take a leave of absence allows me to focus on my family until the legal process has run its

## Key developments in NFL controversies

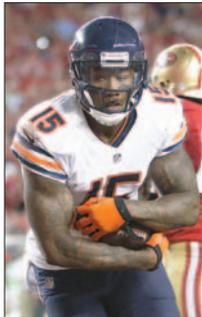
**Vikings: we made a mistake:** The Minnesota Vikings reversed course and indefinitely benched star running back Adrian Peterson, claiming they "made a mistake" in reinstating him as he faced a child abuse charge in Texas for spanking his son with a tree branch. In an interview with the Houston Chronicle, Peterson's mother said the player was "trying hard to be a good parent" and "that she had used her hands, branches and belts to discipline Peterson and his siblings." "When you whip those you love, it's not about abuse, but love," Bonita Jackson said.

**Dwyer arrested:** Arizona running back Jonathan Dwyer was arrested on aggravated assault charges in connection with two altercations at his home in late July involving a 27-year-old woman and an 18-month-old child. One of the counts was "aggravated assault causing a fracture." The Cardinals said they became aware of the situation on Wednesday and are cooperating with the investigation. Dwyer has been deactivated from all team activities.

**Hardy removed:** The Carolina Panthers removed Greg Hardy from the team's active roster until his domestic violence case is resolved. Hardy was convicted July 15 of assault on a female and communicating threats after the victim claimed the 6-foot-4, 275-pound player threw her in the bathtub and onto a sofa covered with guns before threatening to kill her. Hardy is appealing. "We have attempted to be thoughtful about this, but there is no rule book for this," Carolina general manager Dave Gettleman said.

**Sponsor watch:** Nike suspended its sponsorship deal with Peterson. In a statement, the company said that it "in no way condones child abuse or domestic violence of any kind and has shared our concerns with the NFL."

**Marshall case resurfaces:** The father of a woman who once dated Bears receiver Brandon Marshall recalled abuse allegations from 2008 in a news conference, and claimed he wrote the NFL about his daughter's case, but never got a response. Marshall served a one-game suspension in the case. Attorney Gloria Allred, who is calling the news conference, said she is asking the league to come up with a better investigation procedure.



TONY AVILA/AP

**Chicago Bears wide receiver Brandon Marshall was the subject of a news conference in which the father of a woman Marshall dated recalled abuse allegations. Marshall denied the allegations.**

# Cardinals quickly respond on Dwyer

Police: Arizona RB head-butted his wife, punched her in face and took cell phone

By BOB BAUM

The Associated Press

PHOENIX — The Arizona Cardinals say they first learned of the domestic abuse accusations against running back Jonathan Dwyer on Wednesday afternoon.

By evening, citing "the serious nature of these allegations," the team had deactivated Dwyer from all team activities.

The quick reaction came with the backdrop of intense criticism of the NFL's handling of a spate of such cases.

Dwyer head-butted his wife and broke her nose after she refused his sexual advances, and punched her in the face the next day, police said Thursday.

The details surfaced in a law enforcement report a day after Dwyer was arrested on aggravated assault charges and was taken into custody at the Cardinals' practice facility and headquarters in Tempe. He spent a night in jail and made a brief court appearance before being released on bail early Thursday.

The arrest came at a time when the NFL and its commissioner are under fire for violent off-the-field encounters involving some of the league's marquee players, including Ray Rice, Adrian Peterson and Greg Hardy.

The NFL has said the Dwyer case will be reviewed under the league's personal-conduct policy. Dwyer was arrested on Wednesday for investigation in two altercations on July 21 and 22 at his Phoenix residence, just days before the Cardinals reported to training camp. His wife left the state after the incidents, but came forward a week ago after Dwyer apparently sent suicidal text messages including a photo of a knife.

In the first encounter, police say Dwyer attempted to kiss and undress his wife, but she refused. Someone who heard the argument reported the assault to police, who showed up at the apartment but did not make an arrest. Dwyer hid in a bathroom and the wife said she hadn't been assaulted and denied he was in the home because the running back threatened to kill himself in front of her and their child if she told police about the assault, police said.

The next day, Dwyer punched his wife with a closed fist on the left side of her face, according to police. He also punched walls and threw a shoe at his 17-month-old son, who was not injured, police said.

As his wife tried to call police, Dwyer grabbed her cellphone and threw it down from the home's second story. Witnesses told po-



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**Phoenix police officers escort Arizona Cardinals running back Jonathan Dwyer to the 4th Avenue Jail following his arrest on Wednesday on aggravated assault charges in connection with two altercations at his home in July involving a woman and an 18-month-old child.**

lice that Dwyer's wife said, "I'm calling the police" as she held her swollen face and clutched her son.

During his police interview on Wednesday, Dwyer acknowledged hiding in the bathroom when police responded to the first argument, and sending a photo of a knife with suicidal threats. Dwyer denied committing an assault, though he acknowledged that he punched walls in his home, threw a phone, and that his wife bit his lip during the disputes, according to the police report. As he was released from jail on Thursday, he said he never hurt his son.

During Dwyer's initial court appearance late Wednesday, defense attorney Jared Allen asked that Dwyer be allowed to leave the state for his job, but a court commissioner denied that request after prosecutor Jay Rademacher said the Cardinals had deactivated Dwyer.

The NFL has been jolted by domestic violence issues since a videotape surfaced that showed former Baltimore Ravens running back Ray Rice knocking out his then-fiancee in an Atlantic City, New Jersey, elevator.

Then Minnesota Vikings star running back Adrian Peterson was indicted on felony child abuse charges for using a tree branch, or "switch," to discipline his 4-year-old son.

On Wednesday, the Carolina Panthers decided that star defensive end Greg Hardy won't play any more games for the team until his domestic violence case is resolved.

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# Heads or tails?

## Rushing QBs play off instinct when deciding how to finish out a run

 BY TERESA M. WALKER  
 The Associated Press

**W**hen his quarterback takes off running, Tennessee Titans coach Ken Whisenhunt only worries if he picked up the first down and what play to call next. Kansas City coach Andy Reid wants the quarterback on the ground as soon as possible. Seahawks coach Pete Carroll doesn't want Russell Wilson hit but sees his quarterback running away from defenders when not in the pocket.

How the quarter-

back finishes off the run — sliding feet first or diving forward with the head — is only an issue when he gets hurt.

“It’s just like telling your children to be smart when they drive their car,” Whisenhunt said. “It’s an important part of it, but once they’re out there on the field, it’s in their hands.”

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Titans head coach on advising quarterbacks on how to protect themselves while running

Being healthy enough to take the next snap and stay on the field is a crucial part of the job for an NFL quarterback. Yet for many of the mobile quarterbacks now in the league, such as the Carolina Panthers’ Cam Newton, pictured here with Detroit Lions tackle Ndamukong Suh in pursuit, the simple act of sliding feet first to be protected by rule from defenders seems to be a lost art.

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