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# The right to fight

## Hagel: Integration of women in combat units is civil rights issue

By JON HARPER  
*Stars and Stripes*

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. — Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel believes women have the right to serve in direct ground combat units if they meet physical requirements, and he made clear that he views lifting gender-based exclusions as a civil rights issue.

At Camp Lejeune on Tuesday, Hagel met with female Marines participating in training to see how well women can perform combat tasks within gender-integrated units.

The evaluations will help determine which combat specialties will open to women in the wake of last year's decision by Hagel's predecessor to rescind the blanket ban on women serving in direct ground combat units.

"The integration of our services ... is important," Hagel said. "We are a country that believes ... that every individual deserves the same opportunities if you're capable ... and can do the job."

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JON HARPER/Stars and Stripes

A female Marine assembles a rocket launcher at Camp Lejeune, N.C., on Tuesday. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel, who met with female Marines at the base, said that giving people a chance to succeed and maximize their talents is "the right thing to do."

## New Cold War with Russia? Open Skies says otherwise

By SETH ROBSON  
*Stars and Stripes*

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — During the past several days, a U.S. observation plane has been flying over Russian skies, taking photos of military installations and equipment — all with permission of the Russians.

The flight comes amid Russia's increasing isolation over its military moves in Ukraine and fears of a new Cold War between Moscow and Washington.

Once upon a time, all surveillance flights were conducted covertly by the likes of Francis Gary Powers, the former Air Force pilot who

spent almost two years in a Russian prison after his U-2 spy plane was downed by a Soviet missile over Sverdlovsk in 1960.

Since 2002, however, Russia, the United States and a number of other signatories to the Treaty on Open Skies have allowed a limited number of observation flights over their turf. International agreements set the number of flights, the type of surveillance equipment on board and airports that can be used.

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An OC-135B observation plane that has been conducting surveillance missions over Russia sits on the runway at Yokota Air Base, Japan.

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# QUOTE OF THE DAY

"We're selling everything that's not nailed down. Police aren't going to be able to protect every single individual. If you don't prepare yourself and get ready for the worst, you have no one to blame but yourself."

— Gun shop owner Steven King, on a surge in sales in Ferguson, Mo.

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# PACIFIC

# US-Japan exercise brings change

## As Keen Sword grows, so do Japanese security ambitions

By **ERIK SLAVIN**  
Stars and Stripes

IWAKUNI, Japan — The USS George Washington strike group may be the United States' most potent example of military power in the western Pacific Ocean — but for now, a Japanese admiral is directing its positioning at sea.

The Japanese have long taken positions of command during Keen Sword, a U.S.-Japan biannual exercise that began in the 1980s. However, U.S. officials say they believe this is the first time that a Japanese officer has been the sea combat commander in a "free play" Keen Sword this large and complex.

The free-play scenarios, as opposed to structured exercises that rely on preplanned positioning, tend to mean more surprises from the forces playing as the enemy.

"[Free play] puts you in dangerous positions you may not put yourself in, if you were given the opportunity to move around," said Rear Adm. John Alexander, who in October was named the carrier strike group's commander.

The Maritime Self-Defense Force's more prominent role in the biannual exercise mirrors the Japanese government's ambitions for a larger role on the world's security stage, particularly in the tense Asia-Pacific region.

When Keen Sword was first held, under the Cold War world order in 1986, Japan trained mainly to protect its shores while helping the U.S. monitor Soviet activity. Reaching far beyond its home islands was generally considered both unnecessary and taboo. Japan's post-WWII constitution requires the nation to "forever renounce war as a sov-



ERIK SLAVIN/Stars and Stripes

The Japanese destroyer JDS Kirishima transits along with the Yokosuka-based destroyer USS Stethem, as seen from the aircraft carrier USS George Washington, during the Keen Sword exercise Nov. 18.

ereign right of the nation."

Japan left offensive strike power to its U.S. allies, while it concentrated on more defensive-minded measures. That remains largely true in Japan's training and procurement, but recent moves suggest that Japan isn't willing to rely on the U.S. as heavily as in the past.

Japan's faltering economy and a government perceived as ineffective led to a landslide 2012 victory for the Liberal Democratic Party and Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, who has long wished to bolster Japan's defense.

Meanwhile, North Korea's emerging nuclear program and China's claim on the Japanese-administered Senkaku Islands have presented potential flash points in the region.

Abe has repeatedly chastised China for attempting to use force and coercion to gain territory in the region. Each country has increased sea and air patrols near the uninhabited islands.

Last year, Japanese troops traveled to California for training with U.S. Marines on retaking invaded islands.

At a sea exercise involving the

USS Germantown and the Marine 2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion, U.S. personnel taught their Japanese allies "everything that goes into tactically planning an amphibious assault," according to a military press release.

Next year, the Japanese will acquire amphibious assault vehicles, an opening step toward the assembly of a Marine-like force.

The Japanese government also plans to introduce legislation next year codifying a reinterpretation of the constitution, which would allow it to defend its allies in combat. Currently, it cannot legally defend a U.S. ship fired upon by a common enemy.

That reinterpretation has been heavily criticized in public polls because of the method used and because of concern that it will push Japan into unnecessary wars, despite government assurances that the right to "collective self-defense" will be employed only if Japan is threatened.

Japan's actions are a logical course of action to keep China from growing aggressive, said Edward Luttwak, senior associate with the Center for Strategic and International Studies, who re-

cently discussed regional strategy with Japanese officials in Tokyo.

"First people try to reinforce themselves, to increase their ability to operate — in the case of Japan, to remove obstacles to collective security," Luttwak later told reporters. "You do low-cost things like that, then you start building a little more force. But then you really do alliance [building]."

Japan is reaching out to countries throughout the region, several of whom have territorial disputes with China, to forge closer security ties.

Its closest relationship remains with the United States. Military officials say they expect Keen Sword, which included about 30,000 Japanese troops and 10,000 total U.S. personnel from all four military branches, to continue growing in complexity.

"We work with them all year, but then at the end of the year we have a large, complicated, difficult scenario where we're challenged in all aspects of our warfare areas," Alexander said. "It's the equivalent of a Super Bowl training exercise."

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## Correction

The Nov. 15 story on Air Force Master Sgt. Thomas Case being awarded the Silver Star should have said he was honored Nov. 13.

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## EUROPE



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Students in a dance workshop rehearse in a morning session at Creative Connections on Tuesday.

# Teens revel in arts immersion

## DODDS-Europe students come together for weeklong Creative Connections workshops

By JENNIFER H. SVAN  
Stars and Stripes

OVERWESSEL, Germany — If there's a downside to spending almost a full week out of school making art with like-minded students at a rustic retreat overlooking the Rhine River, it's this: It doesn't last long enough.

More than 160 students from military schools across Europe are participating this week in Creative Connections, a series of intensive workshops in the visual and performing arts taught by DODDS-Europe art, drama and music teachers.

Students arrived at the Oberwesel youth hostel Sunday night and have four days to practice and create before Thursday night's art show and stage performance.

"Every night I do a feedback session with the kids," said Hope Matthews, the fine arts coordinator for Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Europe. "They all said the only problem with Creative Connections is it just lasts one week." "We need two weeks."

"They love it," added Matthews, who is the Creative Connections project officer.

Student interest in exploring the arts in depth hasn't waned since the program's inception more than 30 years ago, organizers said. This year was no exception. More than 500 applications were received, with a panel of DODDS

judges choosing 12 to 16 participants for each class. Students said they were required to submit samples of their work, teacher recommendations and an essay about themselves and their interest in Creative Connections.

"Participation at Creative Connections is the equivalent of a semester's worth of art, packed into four and a half days," said Lynn Soebj, Creative Connections performing arts coordinator and a music teacher at Sigonella Middle/High School in Sicily. "This is their opportunity to be amongst students who are like them. They're enriched by this experience, by making art, creating with their peers who love to create as much as they do."

The chance to collaborate with students who love to break dance or spin a pirouette, belt out a Broadway tune, or perfect their watercolor techniques was especially valuable for participants from some of DODDS-Europe's smaller schools.

Ian Boggs and Jan Myckle Olivier, juniors at Naples High School in Italy, were the only boys in the dance "creative choreography" workshop. Both applied because of their interest in hip-hop and break dancing. Boggs became hooked on dance in eighth grade after he saw



Members of the show choir workshop at Creative Connections rehearse "Aquarius/Let the Sunshine In" on Tuesday.

Video of students participating in Creative Connections at: [stripes.com/go/creative](http://stripes.com/go/creative)

a YouTube video "of a guy doing dubstep," a genre of electronic dance music.

Boggs said there are probably only "two other people" at their school who share their interest in dance. At Creative Connections, they're channeling their love of dance into other styles, such as ballet and jazz. "You can express yourself," Boggs said.

Matthew Phillips, a junior at Alconbury High School in the United Kingdom returning to Creative Connections for a second time, seemed to relish the chance to express himself. During Tuesday's drama rehearsals, he drew loud laughs from his fellow thespians for his part in his group's dream sequence. Phillips' dream — or nightmare — was going to school naked, an awkward situation in real life that Phillips ached in make-believe, running off the stage in horror while trying to cover up.

This year, the drama students were divided into three groups and had to write and act their own scripts around the theme of storytelling.



Patrick Loynd, of Brussels, mixes his colors in the watercolor workshop.

### Showtimes

Teachers, parents and school administrators are invited to the art exhibition at 5:30 p.m. Thursday. The evening performance starts at 7, and will also be live-streamed at [doddsdot.net](http://doddsdot.net).

Phillips returned for a Creative Connections encore to be with other students who share his interest in drama and performing, he said.

"I'm meeting new people to create art and perform because I don't get the opportunity to perform at Alconbury a lot," he said. "For Graciela Vazquez, a freshman at Vicenza High School in Italy, being at Creative Connections is a chance to play an instrument she first dreamed about as a young girl.

"I watched this movie on the Disney Channel when I was really, really little, 8 or 9 years old," she said. "The girl on the movie was playing the upright bass. I thought it was really cool that a girl played an instrument that big."

When it came time to choose an instrument in sixth-grade band in

Georgia, Vazquez chose the upright bass.

Vicenza doesn't have a school orchestra — or an upright bass. Vazquez had to practice her music for Creative Connections — given to students in advance — a bass guitar.

The upright bass she was assigned was from Ramstein. It arrived Monday.

"So far it's been amazing," she said. "There's a lot of talented people here."

Creative Connections is also hard work. Students can't just sit back on their talent; they're expected to come in prepared, ready to jump into their chosen art with focus and determination. The instructors, meanwhile, have their work cut out for them as well, as they look for ways to challenge an already talented group of kids.

"They're good, that's why they're here," said Jessica Spencer, an art teacher at Alconbury High School who is an assistant for a mixed-media art workshop at Creative Connections. "But how do we push them personally forward? Sometimes we get tears, sometimes it's hard. It's heart and soul. It's intense."

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# MILITARY

## Women: Camp Lejeune task force being used to assess gender integration

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He noted that individuals who weren't white and male were long unfairly denied their rights and opportunities, but American society has changed.

He said giving people a chance to succeed and maximize their talents is "the right thing to do."

Some inside and outside the military oppose opening up combat roles to women due to concerns they won't be up to the task and it will harm unit cohesion.

Hagel acknowledged the challenges ahead.

"I know it is not easy. I know we are dealing with cultural issues," he said.

He noted the military has successfully integrated other excluded groups.

In 2010, the ban on gays and lesbians serving openly in the military was repealed. In 1948, President Harry Truman banned racial segregation in the armed forces. Both were controversial at the time.

Hagel is familiar with the challenges and culture of the combat arms. He served as an Army infantryman in Vietnam and received two Purple Hearts after being wounded in action.

"Cultures are important ... and a culture has to be factored into" policy decisions, Hagel said. But "everyone deserves an opportu-



Jon Harper/Stars and Stripes

A female Marine congratulates another Marine Wednesday after firing a rocket launcher during training at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

nity to succeed and do whatever he or she believes they are capable of doing. It doesn't mean we change [performance] standards, but it does mean that we open up new opportunities for all of our people. ... And that's what we're doing here."

### Evaluating performance

The Marine Corps' Ground Combat Element Integrated Task Force at Camp Lejeune is being used to assess the implications of gender integration and gather data about the performance of fe-

male troops.

About 100 female and 550 male Marines will be part of the task force when it gets up to full manning levels. During the intensive 16-week evaluation course, which began in October and continues to February, women are performing the same tactical tasks as their male counterparts in combat specialties like infantry, artillery and armor.

Cpl. Raquel Mathieu said it's been more difficult for the men in her provisional infantry unit to adjust because the female Marines already served in mixed-

gender support units.

"It took a little bit of time for them to get to know how to work with females," she said.

She said the male Marines have been supportive.

"In my platoon [no one ever said], 'Females can't do this, females can't do that.' We were always encouraging everybody to do the same thing," she said. "The males help push the females along."

Col. Matthew St. Clair, the commander of the task force, said things are going well. "I'm very pleased with where we are right now," he told reporters.

But it's too soon to compare the task force units' performance to that of all-male combat units, St. Clair said, because they have been together only a few weeks, and the female Marines come in at a major disadvantage. Most of the male Marines in the task force have been in their combat military occupational specialties for two or three years, whereas the females have had only basic levels of specialty training.

He said the biggest challenge is to "get them all on kind of the same playing field so that they all have a baseline level of proficiency and efficiency in the different occupations in which they're serving."

After they finish the training at Lejeune, the men and women

of the task force will go to other training bases for the final phase of evaluation.

### Changing the policy

The services, under orders to integrate women into new positions and units no later than Jan. 1, 2016, are conducting assessments to develop, review and validate gender-neutral individual occupational specialty standards. To keep an occupational specialty or unit closed to women, the services must make a case based on the evaluations and get the secretary of Defense's approval.

There has been speculation that the Marine Corps and the other services will ask the secretary to keep special operations forces all-male.

"We're not presupposing" that any occupational specialties need to remain closed, said a Marine Corps official who briefed reporters about the process on condition of anonymity. "We're going to go where the data [from the assessments] takes us."

Hagel did not say whether he would be amenable to barring women from certain combat jobs. His remarks suggested the justification bar to keep any doors shut will be high.

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# Congress hears testimony on VA suicide overhaul bill

By TRAVIS J. TRITTEN  
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WASHINGTON — A proposed review and expansion of Department of Veterans Affairs suicide prevention programs is gaining steam in Congress during the lame-duck session.

Mothers of two servicemen who committed suicide were set to testify late Wednesday in support of the Clay Hunt Suicide Prevention Act in the Senate, where a group of Republicans and two Democrats introduced the bill this week. House lawmakers were slated to review their version of the legislation later in the day.

It was a strong signal that lawmakers might consider passage before the close of the congressional session at the end of the year, according to Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, which has pushed the legislation. The bill mandates new resources and an outside review of VA efforts to reduce what the military calls a suicide epidemic, especially among younger vets returning from the past 13 years of war.

“While this bill won’t fix every-

thing, it is a big step in the right direction,” Sen. Richard Burr, R-N.C., ranking member on the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee, said during the bill hearing.

It is estimated that about 22 veterans commit suicide each day.

Burr joined fellow Republicans including Arizona Sen. John McCain and Sens. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., and Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., to introduce the bill Monday.

Susan Selke, the mother of Marine veteran Clay Hunt, spoke to reporters before she was slated to testify in front of Burr’s committee, saying she met privately with VA Secretary Bob McDonald on Tuesday about the legislation and was told he would support it.

The bill requires the independent review of suicide prevention programs to determine which work and what changes should be made. It also would create a new website to link veterans with mental health care services and provide incentives for psychiatrists to join the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Hunt survived a brush with a sniper’s bullet during combat in Iraq and became an advocate for

suicide prevention. He struggled with post-traumatic stress and survivor’s guilt, and took his own life in 2011 at the age of 28.

Selke, who was to testify with the mother of a Vermont National Guard combat vet, said she just learned of a new suicide among members of her son’s old unit, and that suicide has now claimed as many victims of the unit as combat did.

Alexander Nicholson, legislative director for IAVA, said the Clay Hunt Act is a first step toward stemming the deaths and figuring out how to improve the VA mental health care system.

House lawmakers have indicated they will take a floor vote on the bill during the lame-duck session, a critical step toward it becoming law, Nicholson said.

The Senate may not be able to craft its version and complete the process of getting it to a floor vote. Nicholson said Majority Leader Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., indicated to the group that he may consider allowing a fast-track floor vote that might make taking action on the suicide measure impossible.

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# Air Force major sick on return from Africa

By CHRIS CARROLL  
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WASHINGTON — An Air Force officer is being monitored at William Beaumont Army Medical Center at Fort Bliss, Texas, after returning sick Tuesday from deployment to a mission fighting Ebola in West Africa, military officials said.

The airman, a major who is not being identified, did not have an elevated temperature and has symptoms that medical personnel say are more in line with food poisoning or stomach flu, Fort Bliss spokesman Lt. Col. Lee Peters said.

A Defense official speaking on the condition of anonymity said the servicemember, who arrived on a plane load of 68 troops returning from Africa, was ill when he boarded the plane, but had been tested and found not to have Ebola before leaving.

Officials said the airman had had no contact with potentially infected locals. Since the operation began in September, military leaders have said U.S. troops are deploying primarily to help with command and control and logistical matters, and would not be involved in treating patients.

In accordance with protocols

being followed at Fort Bliss, the airman was separated from the other troops upon landing and isolated at the medical center for 72 hours of testing and observation, Peters said.

If he is well at the end of the three-day period, he’ll be placed with the other returning troops, who are undergoing a mandatory 21-day quarantine at Fort Bliss in accordance with Defense Department policies.

Nearly 2,400 U.S. troops are now serving in Operation United Assistance in Liberia, one of the countries where a record Ebola outbreak has killed more than 5,000 Africans.

There are signs the outbreak is slowing, however, and the Pentagon said Wednesday that plans for up to 17 Ebola treatment units have been scaled back to just 10 units, seven of which will have half the number of beds originally planned.

Troops continue to prepare to deploy. On Thursday, Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel signed an order authorizing the deployment of about 2,100 Army National Guard and Army Reserve soldiers to Africa to replace deployed troops.

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# Phone app for VA appointments advances

By Travis J. Tritten  
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Department of Veterans Affairs appointments via cellphone app are about to move closer to reality.

On Friday, the VA will ask companies to make proposals for a new mobile application for scheduling care at its nationwide network of hospitals and clinics, officials said during testimony Tuesday in the House.

Eventually, the app could allow veterans to request an appointment and see available slots. It is part of the agency's effort to overhaul a decades-old electronic scheduling system implicated in a

patient wait-time scandal and rife with security flaws that put millions of patients' personal information at risk to hackers.

"We are expecting to get capability online in [fiscal year] '15," said Stephen Warren, executive in charge and chief information officer at the VA Office of Information and Technology.

The VA expects to award the contract in March and begin rolling out a new overall scheduling system and the app during the following two years, Warren said during a Veterans Affairs Committee hearing.

He said recent advances in online scheduling technology used by commercial sites convinced the

VA that veteran self-scheduling is a realistic solution for the agency.

Beyond more convenience for patients, the overhaul of the VA computer system will also improve security that have been a long-standing problem for the existing VISTA computer system, which was built by the government and has its roots in the 1980s, Warren said.

"More than five years ago, security was not necessarily a key design feature when we were delivering a new service," he said.

Audits found the antiquated VISTA system allowed VA schedulers to manipulate electronic appointment records to conceal long delays in patient care. Staff used

a variety of gaming techniques with the system, including canceling appointment requests and re-entering them closer to actual appointment dates to make waits appear shorter.

In the Phoenix VA hospital system, local staff turned off a function in the computer system that kept a record trail for auditors, making investigations difficult, said Sandra McCauley, deputy assistant inspector general for audits and evaluations for the VA inspector general.

McCauley, who also testified before the House, said the IG has known about serious ongoing security problems in the VISTA system for the past 12 years. The VA

cannot properly scan its systems for non-Windows devices and has delayed installing security patches on individual computers for years in some cases.

That means millions of veterans' personal medical and identity information are vulnerable to being stolen, she said.

Rep. David Roe, R-Tenn., said the new scheduling system should take a page from the airline industry, which can seat passengers in a complex network of flights.

"I hope the scheduling system works better than the one they have now — it's terrible," Roe said.

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# Report faults VA for ongoing flaws in security of data

By Wyatt Olson  
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The Department of Veterans Affairs still has not taken adequate steps to protect private data despite security flaws that have been exploited by hackers, according to a report by the Government Accountability Office.

"Until VA fully addresses identified security weaknesses, its systems and the information they contain — including veterans' personal information — will be at an increased risk of unauthorized access, modification, disclosure, or loss," concluded the report, issued Monday.

The VA oversees a massive system, with more than 300,000 employees. It administers health care and other benefits to about 22 million veterans and their families through the Veterans Health Administration, the Veterans Benefits Administration and the National Cemetery Administration.

Several incidents in the past few years have highlighted weaknesses in the VA's information system. In 2010, a system was hacked in 2010 by attackers who exploited weak technical controls within the agency. In January this year, a software defect in the VA's eBenefits system, an application that is used by almost 3 million veterans to receive services, gave users unfettered access to information about other veterans. The private data of about 1,300 veterans or their dependents was potentially viewed by others, the report said.

The VA has taken some steps to patch network vulnerabilities and is now required to submit monthly reports to Congress detailing private data breaches. For example, in October the report stated that the data of 765 veterans had been affected by incidents such as lost/stolen devices and incorrect mailings.

The GAO report found, however,

that the agency had not yet taken adequate steps to fully protect its network.

In the wake of a 2012 cyberattack by "malicious outsiders," the VA's Network and Security Operations Center took steps to remediate network weaknesses that had been exploited.

"However, VA could not demonstrate the effectiveness of its efforts because staff could not locate the associated forensics analysis report or other key materials," Gregory Wilshusen, the GAO's director of information security issues, said during testimony Tuesday before the House Committee on Veterans Affairs.

"Without preserving such evidence, VA will be unable to demonstrate the effectiveness of its incident-response measures and may be hindered in assisting law enforcement agencies in investigating and prosecuting cyber crimes."

In addition, the VA had yet to even address the underlying vulnerability that allowed the 2012 intrusion, Wilshusen said.

Part of the problem is that VA policy doesn't allow the NSOC full access to the agency's computer networks.

The VA has also been slow to apply critical "patches" to vulnerabilities identified in software, the report said. As of May, the VA had not applied patches to the 10 most critical vulnerabilities identified by department security scans, even though some patches had been available for more than two years.

The report noted, however, that the VA is in the process of hardening its network to breaches. It has established an organization to oversee remediation of vulnerabilities and is working on creation of a database to track the implementation of patches and other fixes.

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A detainee is transported by guards at Guantanamo Bay in December 2006. A military judge has delayed a hearing on a challenge by a Muslim prisoner to the use of female guards at the prison.

# Resolution of dispute over female guards at Gitmo delayed to 2015

The Associated Press

MIAMI — A resolution of a dispute over the use of female guards inside the secret Camp 7 at the Guantanamo Bay prison will have to wait until at least January, a U.S. military judge ruled Tuesday.

Navy Capt. J.K. Mays agreed to a request by lawyers for an alleged al-Qaida commander to put off a hearing on the issue at the U.S. base in Cuba, according to Army Lt. Col. Myles B. Caggins, a Pentagon spokesman.

Lawyers for Abd al-Hadi al-Iraqi asked to put it off because of delays collecting evidence.

Waits left in place, over the objections of government prosecutors, an earlier order that requires the military to use only male guards to move al-Hadi at least while he considers whether to issue a permanent injunction. Al-Hadi is facing trial by mili-

tary commission at Guantanamo for war crimes. The case is in the pretrial stage and a trial date has not been scheduled.

His lawyers say al-Hadi began refusing to meet with them in recent months because the military had resumed including female guards among the escort teams that move him around the prison. His lawyers took it up with the judge, arguing that the issue was a violation of his Muslim faith, which prohibits physical contact with females unless he is related or married to them, and interfered with his legal representation on charges that could get him life in prison.

The objection to physical contact with female guards has also been raised by several other prisoners held in Camp 7, a secret unit for about 15 men designated by the Pentagon as "high-value detainees" but has not yet come before a judge handling their

cases. The U.S. holds a total of 148 prisoners at the U.S. base.

Military officials say it would amount to gender discrimination to ban women from taking part in the escorting of prisoners inside Camp 7. Prosecutors argued in a written motion that taking women out of the rotation would also "place additional strain and responsibilities" on the male guard force.

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MILITARY

# Study: Telemedicine counseling effective

By **MARTIN KUZ**  
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Traveling long distances to health clinics presents one of the biggest obstacles to military veterans in rural areas seeking and sticking with therapy for post-traumatic stress disorder.

A new study released Thursday suggests that telemedicine aids their access to care and increases the likelihood they will follow through with months of intensive counseling that can heal war's inner wounds.

The yearlong study, published online in the medical journal JAMA Psychiatry and funded by the Department of Veterans Affairs, examined 265 veterans with severe PTSD who live in rural settings.

One group of participants received counseling from behavioral health clinicians through interactive video and phone calls. Members in a second group could seek in-person care at VA medical centers and outpatient clinics run by the Veterans Health Administration.

A team of researchers found that those counseled via remote methods were eight times

as likely to complete at least eight sessions of cognitive processing therapy, considered the minimum "therapeutic dose" for treating post-traumatic stress disorder. The same group showed greater improvement in their symptoms for PTSD and depression.

**The researchers concluded that the need to travel long distances 'likely discouraged' veterans from engaging in counseling.**

The researchers, who included Dr. Paula Schnurr, acting executive director of the VA's National Center for PTSD, concluded that the need to travel long distances "likely discouraged" veterans in the second group from engaging in counseling.

Based on the results, the researchers described telemedicine as a "promising model" for counseling former servicemembers in rural areas.

The study, while small in scale, offers one

possible solution for easing the burden on a VA system overwhelmed by demand for mental health services.

More than 1.3 million veterans received behavioral health care at the VA's nearly 1,000 hospitals and clinics in 2012, an increase of almost 400,000 from six years earlier.

An estimated 20 percent to 30 percent of the 2.6 million troops who served in Iraq and Afghanistan suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder, and overall, 22 veterans commit suicide every day nationwide.

The lack of VA facilities in rural areas has spurred the agency to send out so-called "choice cards" to 670,000 veterans who live more than 40 miles from a VA hospital or clinic. The cards, mailed this month, cover medical costs of former military members who seek care at local hospitals.

The VA also plans to develop a cellphone app that will enable veterans to schedule appointments. Agency officials expect the app and an overhauled scheduling system to become available over the next two years.

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## USAF officer named as AFCEnt nominee

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — A high-level Air Force officer with Europe ties is President Barack Obama's nominee to be the next commander for U.S. Air Forces Central Command, Air Combat Command, the Pentagon announced Wednesday.

If confirmed, Maj. Gen. Charles Q. Brown Jr. would take command at Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar.

Since March 2014 Brown has been the director of operations, strategic deterrence and nuclear integration for U.S. Air Forces in Europe and Air Forces Africa at Ramstein Air Base.



Brown

The general was nominated to receive a third star. He would succeed Lt. Gen. John Hesterman III, who has directed U.S. Air Forces Central Command since July 2013. The Pentagon hasn't announced a new assignment for Hesterman.

Before coming to Europe, Brown was for nearly a year the deputy commander for U.S. Air Forces Central Command and deputy for the Combined Force Air Component Commander, U.S. Central Command, Southwest Asia.

From 2009 to 2011, Brown commanded the 31st Fighter Wing at Aviano Air Base, Italy.

From staff reports

# Turkey: Plan to train Syrian rebels not final

From staff and wire reports

ISTANBUL — Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan says no final decisions have been reached for Turkey to start training rebels fighting the Islamic State and Syrian government forces.

A U.S. military delegation spent two days late last week in Ankara discussing details of the train-

and-equip mission, but Erdogan's remarks raised doubt about when training could start.

He spoke to reporters before leaving on a trip to Algeria.

A Defense Department spokesman on Wednesday said the planning for training of the moderate op-position in Turkey is moving forward.

"We've had very productive meetings and consultations with

the Turks," Col. Steve Warren told re-porters at the Pentagon. "I'm not aware of any final decisions on locations or numbers or time lines, but our meetings have been productive and encouraging, and the Turks have already publicly said that they will support training members of the moderate opposition."

The issue will be among topics that retired Marine Gen. John

Allen, the U.S. envoy for the international coalition to counter IS, will have Wednesday with Turkish officials in Ankara.

Erdogan said the coalition still has not taken steps toward a comprehensive strategy in Syria, which he insists must be focused on the removal of President Bashar Assad.

Stars and Stripes reporter Chris Carroll contributed to this report.

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# MILITARY

## Open Skies: Treaty offers 'avenue for diplomacy'

FROM FRONT PAGE

"Most of the world has no idea this treaty even exists," said Navy Cmdr. Chris "Half" Nelson, who is overseeing the mission over Russia this week. "Whenever I mention that Russians fly aircraft over the U.S. taking pictures, it blows people's minds."

President Dwight D. Eisenhower proposed the treaty in 1955 — in an era when people feared mutually assured nuclear destruction — as a means of building confidence that neither side was preparing to attack. It wasn't signed until after the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991 and didn't come into force until Russia ratified it a decade later.

Nelson said Sunday that the U.S. has conducted 17 Open Skies missions to far this year, including three over Ukraine, which is also a signatory to the treaty.

Two of the Ukraine flights were conducted in March and April in response to unrest in that country, where the ouster of the pro-Russian president after months of protests was followed by Russia's annexation of the Crimean peninsula and its backing of separatists in the Russian-speaking east.

"Based on world events, there was a certain tension (during the Ukraine flights)," Nelson said, although the turmoil below wasn't obvious from the air.

When Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 was shot down over Ukraine in July, killing 283 passengers and 15 crew, it shocked Open Skies personnel, who conduct missions in Boeing OC-135Bs, which are similar in design to civilian passenger jets.

"Absolutely we thought about it (the risk that they might have been shot down, too)," Nelson said.

This year, the U.S. — which flies European Open Skies missions out of Royal Air Force Mildenhall in England — began flights to Siberia out of Yokota Air Base, Japan.

The Open Skies treaty specifies the equipment that observers can use. Right now that means old-style wet-film cameras with limited resolution, Nelson said.

"They are able to identify the difference between a plane and a tank or a truck, but we can't tell the type of aircraft or vehicle," he said.

Aircraft are more flexible observation platforms than satellites, which move on predictable orbits and are tracked by Russia, said Carl Baker, director of programs at the Pacific Forum think tank in Hawaii.

"Now that relations have soured (between Russia and the West), there is probably interest in demonstrating that capability on both sides," he said.

Open Skies can provide useful information about Russian troop movements, including personnel and equipment heading toward



PHOTOS BY SETH ROBSON/Stars and Stripes

An OC-135B Open Skies observation plane sits on the runway at Yokota Air Base, Japan, on Saturday. The plane has been conducting surveillance missions over Russia.

**"I looked at Russia as an adversary, but now it's a very different landscape. Here I am operating with my Russian counterparts, conducting observation missions for peace, security and stability."**

Cmdr. Chris "Half" Nelson  
U.S. Navy



the Ukrainian border, Baker said.

In the east, the U.S. and its allies would be interested in Russian naval assets following the deployment of Russian warships off the coast of Australia during President Vladimir Putin's visit for the G-20 meeting during this past weekend.

"There probably is some interest in seeing if there is a serious naval build-up in Kamchatka and Vladivostok," Baker said of the areas where Russia bases its Pacific Fleet. "It's a spot we wanted to look at during the Cold War."

It's notable that Open Skies missions are still going on even as Russia cuts back its cooperation with the West in other areas.

Russia recently pulled out of a 2016 Nuclear Security Summit in response to sanctions imposed by the U.S. and its allies over Ukraine. Russia has also gradually withdrawn from the Cooperative Threat Reduction program that provides U.S. support for decommissioning nuclear, biological and chemical weapons stockpiles in the old Soviet Union, Baker said.

"The Open Skies treaty is one avenue for diplomacy that is still open," Nelson said.

The treaty fixes points of entry for the missions headed to Russia. In the west, they must enter at Kubinka; in the east, they start at Ulan-Ude. Russian observation missions over the U.S. must start at Travis Air Force Base in California or Dulles International Airport in Virginia, Nelson said.

Once they enter Russia, the Open Skies personnel have 96

hours to complete their observation flights and another 24 hours to depart. They are allowed to fly over any part of Russia, he said.

Typically, 36 personnel are aboard, including half a dozen Russian personnel and four observers from other treaty nations. The aircraft normally flies at 30,000 feet, although it can drop as low as 10,000 feet to take photographs, Nelson said.

During a career as an F-14 Tomcat pilot, Nelson trained for aerial combat with Russian MiG fighters.

"I looked at Russia as an adversary, but now it's a very different landscape," he said of his work with Open Skies. "Here I am operating with my Russian counterparts in Russia, conducting observation missions for peace, security and stability."

The Open Skies personnel get along well with their Russian counterparts, who got a tour of San Francisco during a recent observation mission in the U.S. Between flights in Russia, the U.S. personnel sample local culture and food, said Nelson, who has acquired three sets of matryoshka dolls and flown over the Kremlin and Red Square.

"For the most part, very few people get to fly over Russia, period, but for sure over Siberia and eastern Russia," he said.

The land of the Gulag Archipelago, as seen from the air, is a vast landscape — mostly pine forests and snow-covered tundra with a northeast coast of steep, snow-covered cliffs, Nelson said.

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MILITARY

# Pendleton Fisher House underway

By JENNIFER HLAD  
Stars and Stripes

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. — When then-Marine Commandant Gen. James Amos dedicated the Fisher House at Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune, N.C., he thanked the Fisher House Foundation but said the work wasn't finished.

"You know, we're going to need one of these at Camp Pendleton," Amos said, according to Derek Donovan, vice president of programs and community relations for the Fisher House Foundation.

Nearly four years later, officials broke ground Tuesday on what will be the second Fisher House on a Marine Corps base.

Fisher Houses provide free temporary lodging for families of injured and ill troops and veterans so parents, children and spouses can stay nearby while their loved ones receive treatment. Family support is an "absolutely essential ingredient" in the healing process, said Brig. Gen. Joaquin Malavet, deputy commander of I Marine Expeditionary Force.

"We are building a foundation," he said, of a place to "foster unity and health."

The first Fisher Houses opened in 1991 at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., and Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington. The first one in southern California opened in 1992, at San Diego Naval Medical Center, which got a second in 2008.

The Pendleton facility will be the 65th Fisher House but the first to be paid for by just one sponsor, with a \$2.65 million do-



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From left: Derek Donovan, Fisher House Foundation vice president for programs and community relations; Capt. Mark Kobelja, Camp Pendleton Naval Hospital commander; Brig. Gen. Joaquin Malavet, I Marine Expeditionary Force deputy commander; and John Mateczun, UnitedHealthcare Military & Veterans president, ceremonially break ground on a Fisher House at Camp Pendleton, Calif., on Tuesday.

nation from the United Health Foundation — established by UnitedHealthcare, the contractor that administers health care for Tricare's West Region.

The completed facility will be roughly 8,000 square feet and include eight suites. Officials said they expect it to serve more than 280 families each year.

Though Fisher Houses have come to be associated with troops wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan, this facility is more likely to serve families of Marines who get injured or fall ill in southern California.

Camp Pendleton Naval Hospital routinely has two or three pa-

tients in the intensive care unit, hosts several surgeries each day and delivers dozens of babies each month, said Navy Capt. Mark Kobelja, the hospital's commander.

Marine recruits and troops stationed 165 miles away at Naval

Surface Warfare Center Port Hueneume, Calif., or 220 miles away at Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz., also receive care at Pendleton, Kobelja said.

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## Marine, 21, who died on Okinawa is identified

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — The Marine Corps on Wednesday identified a Marine who died after being found unconscious in his quarters.

Lance Cpl. Michael Tuttle, 21, of Fountaintown, Ind., was unresponsive when found in his barracks room at Camp Kinser Tuesday morning and was later pronounced dead at U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa. No other details were available, and the cause of death is under investigation.

Tuttle was assigned to 3rd Maintenance Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 35, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force, according to a Marine Corps statement.

"Lance Cpl. Michael Tuttle was an integral part of the Electronic Maintenance Company and 3rd Maintenance Battalion team," his platoon commander, Warrant Officer Joshua Thompson, said in the statement. "His work ethic and dedication to duty set the standard for others. He was constantly outgoing and always brought a smile to everyone he came in contact with."

Tuttle is survived by his mother and father, Misty and Michael, as well as four siblings, the statement said.

From staff reports



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GOP: New Senate will take up defeated pipeline bill

By DINA CAPPIELLO The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Incoming Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell is promising the new Republican majority will move quickly to resurrect Keystone XL pipeline legislation killed by Democrats...

people of my state until the day that I leave, and I hope that will not be soon," she said.

Republicans are likely to have enough votes to assure the bill's passage in January, when they will have at least 53 seats — 54 if Cassidy wins the Louisiana runoff.

"If you look at the new Congress, you can count four more (GOP seats) right away, and there may be others," Sen. John Hoeven, of North Dakota, the lead sponsor of the bill, said after the 59-41 vote Tuesday.

Heaven acknowledged that Republicans would need 67 votes to override a veto, but said one possibility is to include Keystone in a larger energy package that may not prompt a veto threat.

The vote was one of the last acts of this Senate controlled by the Democrats. It is expected to complete its work by mid-December. Cassidy, Landrieu's Republican opponent, said Louisiana families "need better jobs, better wages and better benefits," and the pipe-

line would provide them.

Democratic divisions were on vivid display in a bill that pitted environmentalists against energy advocates.

While Obama opposes the measure, likely 2016 presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton has repeatedly refused to take a position. Most recently, her spokesman did not respond to two requests over the weekend to do so.

The project would move oil from Canada into the United States and eventually to the Texas Gulf Coast. Supporters say it would create jobs and ease American dependence on Middle East oil.

Critics argue that the drilling itself is environmentally harmful, and said much of the Canadian crude would be exported with little or no impact on America's drive for energy stability.



CAROLYN KASTER/AP

Sen. Mary Landrieu, D-La., leaves a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington on Tuesday after the Senate rejected a proposal to fast-track the approval of the controversial Keystone XL oil pipeline. Landrieu was the bill's sponsor.

Not all House Republicans want to take shutdown option off the table

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Top Republicans say two things are clear: Last year's government shutdown hurt the party. And Republicans must not let the president's pending immigration action bait them into a repeat.

But some rank-and-file Republican lawmakers don't see it that way. They say another shutdown must be an option if President Barack Obama keeps his promise to halt by executive action the threat of deporting for large numbers of immigrants living in the U.S. illegally.

The disagreement may force Republican leaders to quell an insurrection just when they hope to capitalize on what they consider a presidential blunder.

Republican Rep. John Fleming said he's tired of conservative pundits criticizing government shutdowns "rather than saying, 'Hey, this could be a good way of holding the president's feet to the fire.'"

Fleming, in language echoed by numerous colleagues, said his constituents "want us to use every tool available to us to stop, or in some way limit, executive amnesty. They think it's unlawful, it's unconstitutional. To them it's shocking."

Party leaders, however, would like to shut down such talk of shutdowns.

(My constituents) want us to use every tool available to us to stop, or in some way limit, executive amnesty. They think it's unlawful.

Rep. John Fleming R-La.

over Republican efforts to repeal Obama's signature health care law led to a partial government shutdown in fall 2013. "Since bottoming out at 28 percent during the government shutdown," Gallup reported two months ago, Americans' favorable opinions of the Republican Party "are nearly back to pre-shutdown levels."

At the same time, a majority still expressed unfavorable views of the party, the poll showed. Many Republican lawmakers say they want to pass spending bills that would specifically prevent Obama from carrying out his proposed immigration changes. If, as widely expected, the president vetoes such bills, numerous House Republicans say closing the government should be used as a last option to force a major political showdown and national debate.

"We will not be shutting the government down," soon-to-be Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has said repeatedly since the Nov. 4 elections.

There's evidence that it's taken congressional Republicans nearly a year to overcome public anger created when a budget impasse

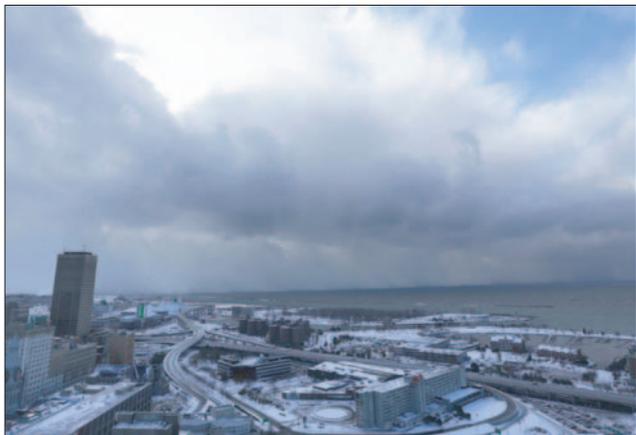
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NATION



DEREK GEE, THE BUFFALO (N.Y.) NEWS/AP

A massive band of lake-effect snow moves through the south of Buffalo, N.Y., on Tuesday. Several feet of snow paralyzed the Buffalo area, stranding motorists on the New York State Thruway, and the area can expect at least 2 more feet of snow through Thursday.

# Ready or not, winter blast hits much of US

The Associated Press

**BUFFALO, N.Y.** — Lake-effect snow pummeled areas around Buffalo for a second straight day, leaving residents stuck in their homes as officials tried to clear massive snow mounds with another storm looming.

Even hardened Buffalo residents were caught off-guard as more than 5 feet fell in parts of the city by Wednesday morning. Some areas were expected to get 6 feet by the storm's end Wednesday afternoon. A second storm was due Wednesday night.

The storm was blamed for five deaths in New York.

A 132-mile stretch of the state Thruway in western New York remained closed as authorities continue their efforts to rescue motorists stranded on a Buffalo-

area section of the highway. Officials did not provide information on how many people remained stranded.

Motorists in 150 vehicles, including a women's basketball team, were forced to ride out the onslaught in their vehicles. They waited for hours to be freed, with some waiting more than a day. New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo deployed 150 members of the National Guard to help clear snow-clogged roads.

Cold weather enveloped the entire country Tuesday, leading to record-low temperatures more familiar to January than November. Racing winds and icy roads caused accidents, school closings and delays in municipal operations from the Midwest to the South.

## Mexican boy has massive tumor removed

**ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.** — An 11-year-old Mexican boy who had been suffering from a massive tumor that has afflicted him since birth and drew international attention after U.S. officials helped him get treatment had the growth

removed after a 12-hour surgery, a church said Tuesday.

In a statement, Kristean Alcocer of the First Baptist Church of Rio Rancho said Jose Antonio Ramirez Serrano underwent surgery Monday at the University of New Mexico Children's Hospital to remove the tumor from his neck, shoulder and torso area.

Jose was diagnosed with venous



PATRICK BRYNE/AP

Bonnie sniffs a door blocked with snow on Tuesday in South Buffalo, N.Y.

lymphangioma on his shoulder, and he was told by doctors at the University of New Mexico Hospital that he had to undergo a series of surgeries and treatments to remove a huge fluid buildup.

Jose still needs surgeries to reconstruct his shoulder bone and to remove excess skin, officials said.

From The Associated Press

# St. Louis gun sales spike as jury mulls

By ALAN SCHER ZAGIER

The Associated Press

**FERGUSON, Mo.** — Some suburban St. Louis gun dealers have been doing brisk business, particularly among first-time buyers, as fearful residents await a grand jury's decision on whether to indict the white police officer who fatally shot a black teenager.

Metro Shooting Supplies, in an area near the city's main airport, reports selling two to three times more weapons than usual in recent weeks — an average of 30 to 50 guns each day — while the grand jury prepares to conclude its three-month review of the case that sparked looting and weeks of sometimes-violent protests in August.

"We're selling everything that's not nailed down," owner Steven King said. "Police aren't going to be able to protect every single individual. If you don't prepare yourself and get ready for the worst, you have no one to blame but yourself."

The store's waiting list for pri-

vate lessons and concealed-carry training classes extends into 2015.

Protest leaders say they are preparing for nonviolent demonstrations after the grand jury's decision is announced, but they also acknowledge the risk of more unrest if the panel decides not to issue criminal charges against Darren Wilson, the officer who shot Michael Brown, who was unarmed.

Other gun dealers say their sales spikes are comparable to the increases seen soon after Brown's death on Aug. 9.

First-time gun owners account for about 60 percent of his recent customers, King said.

The St. Louis County Police Department reported a sharp increase in the number of concealed-carry permits issued since Brown's death compared with a year ago.

Police spokesman Brian Schellman said "it would be naive" to say the increase has not been driven by concern over the grand jury decision.

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**Palestinians inspect the demolished apartment of Abdel Rahman al-Shaludi in east Jerusalem on Wednesday. Israeli authorities destroyed the apartment as a punitive measure after al-Shaludi's deadly attack with his car on a Jerusalem train station last month which left two people dead.**

# Israelis wreck attacker's home

## East Jerusalem demolition follows deadly synagogue assault

The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israel demolished the east Jerusalem home of a Palestinian who carried out a deadly October attack, just hours after Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu promised strict security measures in the wake of a grisly synagogue assault a day earlier.

The synagogue attack, which left five people dead, was the deadliest in Jerusalem since 2008 and came amid weeks of violence linked to a disputed holy site sacred to Jews and Muslims. Nearly a dozen people have been killed in attacks by Palestinians using guns, knives and vehicles.

The house demolished in the Silwan neighborhood near the Old City belonged to Abdel Rahman al-Shaludi, who killed two people last month when he drove his car into a crowd standing on a light rail platform in Jerusalem.

In recent weeks, a total of 11 people have died at the hands of Palestinian attackers — most in Jerusalem but also in Tel Aviv and the West Bank.

On Tuesday two Palestinian cousins wielding meat cleavers, knives and handguns stormed a synagogue in the west Jerusalem neighborhood of Har Nof, killing four worshippers and a policeman. The two assailants were shot dead by police.

Responding to Tuesday's attack, Netanyahu said he had ordered security forces to hit back hard at Palestinians involved in violence against Israelis, and to resume the policy of home demolitions, a punitive tactic that has caused much controversy in the past.

Sitting amid the rubble of the family home demolished early Wednesday, al-Shaludi's grandmother said she was proud of his actions.

"No one should feel sorry for us, for our demolished home," she said, refusing to give her full name for fear of reprisals.

Worshippers meanwhile returned Wednesday to the scene of the attack, the Kehilat Bnai Torah synagogue, seeking comfort in prayer. One of them, Gavri-

el Cohen, said the attack showed "that our future in this world is dependent on God."

All four of the congregants killed in the attack immigrated to Israel from English-speaking countries — three from the United States and one from Britain.

In recent weeks, Jerusalem has seen its worst sustained bout of violence since a Palestinian uprising a decade ago. Much of the violence stems from tensions surrounding a contested hilltop compound in Jerusalem's Old City. The location is revered by Jews as the Temple Mount, the site of the ancient Hebrew temples. For Muslims, it is the Noble Sanctuary, home to the Al-Aqsa Mosque and the iconic gold-topped Dome of the Rock.

Palestinians have been angered over stepped-up Israeli visits to the site, which many of them see as a provocation.

Pope Francis condemned the "unacceptable" attack on the synagogue and called for Israelis and Palestinians to take "courageous" steps to forge peace.

# Peshmerga offensive targets Islamic State

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Kurdish peshmerga forces launched a new offensive Wednesday targeting Islamic State group extremists in Iraq, even as a suicide bomber killed at least four people in the Kurds' regional capital.

The new peshmerga offensive targeted areas in Diyala and Kirkuk provinces seized by the extremists in their August offensive that saw them capture a third of Iraq, said Jaber Yawer, a spokesman for Kurdish forces.

In Diyala, peshmerga forces worked in coordination with Iraqi security forces to retake the towns of Saadiya and Jalula, Yawer said. In Kirkuk, Kurdish forces backed by U.S.-led airstrikes launched attacks to retake territory near the town of Kharbaroot, 22 miles west of the city of Kirkuk.

The U.S. Central Command announced Wednesday that U.S.-led coalition aircraft carried out 13 airstrikes in the Kirkuk area, destroying two insurgent fighting positions, seven staging areas, one mortar position, a bulldozer and a front-loader. Seven airstrikes near Mosul struck five militant tactical units, damaging an IED factory and destroying vehicles, buildings and a mortar and artillery position.

A U.S.-led coalition is targeting the Islamic State with airstrikes in Iraq and Syria, supporting Western-backed Syrian rebels, Kurdish fighters and the Iraqi military. The strikes have helped halt the extremists' advance on the Syrian city of Kobani on the border of Turkey, as well as allowed Iraqi forces to make key advances in recent days.

On Tuesday, the Kurds captured six buildings in Kobani controlled by Islamic State militants and confiscated a large amount of weapons and ammunition, the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said.

The Islamic State has declared a self-styled Islamic caliphate in areas under its control in Iraq and Syria, governing it according to its violent interpretation of Sharia. The group has carried out mass killings, including a video released Sunday with militants showing they beheaded American aid worker Peter Kassig.

France said Wednesday it would send an additional six fighter jets to back the U.S.-led coalition. The jets will be deployed next month to Jordan, reducing the flying time to Iraq, said Col. Gilles Jaron, a French military spokesman. France already has 12 aircraft taking part in strikes in Iraq.

# 4 killed in Iraqi Kurdish city by suicide bombing

The Associated Press

IRBIL, Iraq — A suicide car bomber struck the heart of the northern Iraqi Kurdish city of Irbil on Wednesday, killing at least four people, a spokesman said.

No group immediately claimed responsibility for the midday attack near the ancient citadel in Irbil, capital of the semi-autonomous Kurdistan region in northern Iraq, though it bore the hallmarks of the Islamic State group.

Irbil has remained mostly calm but it lies close to the front lines in Iraq's war against the Sunni militant group. The city has taken in thousands of refugees who fled the extremists' summer blitz that captured large swaths of northern and western Iraq, as well as a third of neighboring Syria.

Three of the four people killed in Wednesday's explosion were guards, said Hamza Hamid, a spokesman for the Irbil governor.

The Iraqi Kurdish health ministry reported at least 22 were wounded.

Hamid said the attack took place "right in front of the main entrance of the building of Irbil governorate," which is near the citadel.

Mayor Nawzad Hadi told the state-run Rudaw TV channel that the bomber tried to enter the citadel grounds but failed, so he detonated his explosives-laden car outside the complex.

The mayor said properties in the area suffered significant damage but it was unclear if the citadel, claimed to be one of the world's longest continuously inhabited landmarks, was damaged. The hilltop castle has a history stretching back more than 8,000 years. In 2007, the U.N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, or UNESCO, oversaw a project geared at restoring and preserving the ancient site.



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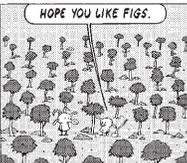
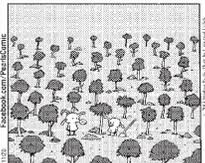
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NATION

# Capitol improvements



PHOTOS BY JOE GROMELSKI/Stars and Stripes

Scaffolding covers the dome of the U.S. Capitol during a restoration project that is expected to be completed in time for the next presidential inauguration in 2017.

## 2-year project refurbishes DC's most famous dome

By **PATRICK DICKSON**  
*Stars and Stripes*

WASHINGTON — Dirty work is going on at the highest levels of government.

Atop the roof of the U.S. Capitol, in front of its apex covered in scaffolding, officials on Tuesday provided an update on a two-year restoration project that planners say will add 50 to 75 years to the life of the cast-iron dome.

Architect of the Capitol Stephen Ayers said workers have completed the scaffolding — 52 miles of metal piping and two miles of wood planking. It will give workers access to blast away eight layers of paint dating to its completion in 1866, as well as to repair cracks and paint it all again. Construction crews erected 25 tiers of platforms, from the bottom of the dome to the statue of freedom at the very top.

The last time a refurbishment was done was in 1959-60, Ayers noted.

In a fierce wind and temperatures in the teens, workers demonstrated the protective gear they will use to blast away and capture the dust from layers of lead paint, as well as the various techniques that will be used to repair the dome and all the architectural details attached to it. The work requiring the scaffolding will



**A worker on the Capitol dome restoration project wears some of the protective gear that will be used.**

continue, snow or shine, until August 2015, with the entire project done in time for the inauguration festivities in January 2017.

Sen. John Hoeven, R-N.D., ranking member of the congressional subcommittee that oversees the architect's office, said the \$60 million restoration is a priority for him and all Americans.

Joe Abriatis, the project construction manager, at Hoeven's prompting, noted that the project is both on budget and on schedule.



Safety netting lines the interior of the Capitol dome above the rotunda during the restoration project.

"We worked \$60 million into the FY14 budget to make sure that this work is done," Hoeven said. "And to make sure that this work is done for the next inauguration so that when the next president is sworn in, the people of America can see their Capitol and their dome and be comfortable and confident that, just like this great nation, it's here for the long term."



Three pieces of ornamental work from the Capitol dome are labeled and ready for restoration.

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WORLD

# Scientists puzzled by interspecies sex

Reports on the rise of seals assaulting penguins

The Washington Post

It ain't pretty, but unfortunately it's real. Researchers have recorded multiple instances of Antarctic fur seals attempting to have sex with king penguins. And according to the scientists, who have published their latest observations in the *Journal of Polar Biology*, this interspecies aggression is a trend that's only getting worse.

The BBC has photos and videos from the researchers. They actually first observed this behavior years ago, but now report that such instances seem to be occurring more frequently.

"At first glimpse, we thought the seal was killing the penguin," Nico de Bruyn, lead author of the recent study, told the BBC in 2008. But the incident, which lasted 45 minutes, couldn't be mistaken for attempted murder in the end: Instead, the young adult male seal was attempting to mate with a penguin of unknown sex. From the BBC:

"After 45 minutes the seal gave up, swam into the water and then completely ignored the bird it had just assaulted, the scientists report."

They thought that this was probably just an isolated incident, carried out as an act of aggression, confusion or misguided playfulness. "Honestly, I did not expect that follow-up sightings of a similar nature to that 2006 one would ever be made again, and certainly not on multiple occasions," de Bruyn, a researcher at the Mam-

mal Research Institute at the University of Pretoria, told the BBC.

Now they're reporting four incidents in total. Each time, a seal would chase, catch and mount a penguin, then attempt to mate with it several times. On one occasion, the assaulted penguin was killed and eaten after the incident — which on its own is a much more common interaction for the two species to have.

Interspecies mating isn't totally uncommon, with some scientists estimating that about 10 percent of animals intermingle. But the vast majority of these cases involve animals that are very similar in genetic composition and appearance, and can produce hybrid offspring with each other. Interspecies mating and hybridization can also be used as an evolutionary tool in interspecies competition for survival.

But that's not the case with seals and penguins: The penguins are clearly in distress, and it's unlikely for a seal to confuse a penguin for a potential breeding partner.

It might be that male seals are learning this behavior from watching each other, the authors report. It could be that they're collectively realizing that the birds are easy targets as they look to vent the sexual frustration caused by mating season hormone spikes. It could be that females are hard to come by on these beaches, leaving young male seals looking for other outlets.

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# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Woman accused of cooking her neighbor

**FL** DAYTONA BEACH — A Florida woman is accused of cooking her neighbor after strangling and dismembering him in order to hide evidence.

Court documents obtained by Orlando television station WESH say Angela Stoldt tried to cremate her neighbor's body by putting several body parts in an oven and in pots on the stove. When that didn't work, she put his body parts in bags and threw them in the trash.

A grand jury in Daytona Beach last week upgraded Stoldt's charges to first-degree murder from second-degree murder in the death of her neighbor, James Sheaffer.

Law enforcement officials said Stoldt relied on Sheaffer for money, although their relationship was platonic, and that money was the motive for the murder.

She's being held without bond.

## World Trade Center skydivers get scolding

**NY** NEW YORK — A judge said three extreme skydiving enthusiasts displayed "inexorable self-indulgence" by parachuting off the 1 World Trade Center tower, and he won't toss out the felony charges against them.

The decision came Tuesday in the case against James Brady, Marko Markovich, Andrew Rossig and accused lookout Kyle Hartwell. They're now headed for trial in January.

They have pleaded not guilty to felony burglary, reckless endangerment and other charges in the September 2013 leap. The stunt raised questions about security at the then-unfinished skyscraper.

The parachutists acknowledge making the jump. They say they didn't imperil anyone and that the charges are overreaching by embarrassed authorities.

The judge said they created a "substantial risk" of injury to people below.

## Bear wanders into heart of city

**CA** REDDING — Authorities in the Northern California city of Redding are puzzled by a bear spotted wandering near city hall.

The Redding Record Searchlight reported the bear was seen near Redding's city hall Sunday morning, sending police Sgt. Ron Kelly to the newspaper that the bear also was seen near a local Safeway store and on someone's roof.

Icely said state wildlife officials tranquilized the bear after it climbed a tree. Icely said the bear was unharmed and will be returned to the wild.

Icely said authorities have seen unusual numbers of bears wandering into the heart of the city recently. State wildlife officials say they don't know why that is happening, although some believe California's drought is forcing animals to look for food and water in places they normally

## THE CENSUS

# \$2,500

The amount of money some passengers who were stranded for hours on a freezing subway train during a 2010 blizzard are getting from New York City's transit agency. The Daily News reported Monday the settlements were recently reached with 38 riders who sued the Metropolitan Transportation Authority. They were among some 500 passengers aboard a train that was idled by 2 feet of snow. Passengers sat on the train for 10 hours without food, water or heat. Aymen Aboushi, a lawyer for one of the plaintiffs, said the goal of the suit was to ensure such circumstances didn't happen again.



M. SPENCER GREEN/AP

## Chicago crash

Police and fire officials walk near a small twin-engine cargo plane that crashed into a home on Chicago's southwest side early Tuesday. The Aero Commander 500 that had taken off from Midway International Airport slammed into the front of the home and plunged into the basement. The couple living there were asleep at the time in a bedroom just inches away but escaped injury. The pilot was killed in the crash.

wouldn't.

## Police: Suspect tries to flee via hospital ceiling

## NM ALBUQUERQUE

— New Mexico State Police said a woman suspected of stealing a vehicle tried to escape from custody by climbing through ceiling tiles at a hospital where she was being treated.

KOB-TV reported that police said Shylen Salazar got into the ceiling above her hospital bed and hid there for more than an hour before authorities found her.

Salazar had been arrested on suspicion of possessing a stolen truck. She was held in jail, where police said she told the guards she swallowed a batch of drugs to hide them from authorities.

Police said she was rushed to the hospital last week and then attempted the escape.

Salazar is facing charges of

possession of a stolen vehicle and escaping from police custody.

## Sheriff: Hiker found dead in national forest

## AZ SEDONA

— Authorities said a Sedona man who went missing while hiking in the Coconino National Forest in north-central Arizona has been found dead.

Yavapai County Sheriff's Office spokesman Dwight D'Evelyn said the agency's helicopter spotted the body of David Polcyn, 55, in a canyon area Monday morning and that it appears he was injured from a fall.

Crews were working to remove the body Monday. D'Evelyn said the exact cause of death will be determined at a later time.

A search for Polcyn began late Saturday after Polcyn's wife reported him missing when he failed to arrive at a trailhead northeast of

Camp Verde and south of Sedona.

## Teenager charged in naked break-ins

## ME FALMOUTH

— Court documents indicate that a Maine teenager charged with breaking into two houses while naked was under the influence of drugs.

Logan Valle, 18, of Falmouth remained jailed on \$10,000 bail Tuesday after his arrest Saturday night on charges of burglary, theft, criminal mischief and criminal trespass.

He was found by police hiding in one of the homes, while his own home a couple of miles away was being destroyed in a fire. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

The Portland Press Herald reported that police thought Valle appeared to be high on the synthetic drug known as bath salts.

## Man arrested in theft of women's underwear

## AK ANCHORAGE

— Alaska State Troopers said they have detained a man suspected of stealing women's underwear during burglaries in Kodiak.

KTUU-TV reported an 18-year-old was taken into custody Monday.

Online court records early Tuesday didn't indicate he had been formally charged.

Troopers said the burglaries occurred over three months. Residents would return home to find items — mostly women's underwear — missing. They had been alerted to keep their doors locked. The agency said the 18-year-old is suspected of breaking into seven homes and trying to get into three others.

From wire reports

## FACES



# Thunder from down under

AP

Australian actor Chris Hemsworth of "Thor" and "The Avengers" fame is People magazine's Sexiest Man Alive for 2014.

## Chris Hemsworth has hammerlock on Sexiest Man Alive title

By CHRISTIE D'ZURILLA  
Los Angeles Times

**C**hris Hemsworth, the hunky star of the Thor and Avengers franchises, was revealed Tuesday night as People magazine's Sexiest Man Alive for 2014, with a little help from Jimmy Kimmel and his audience.

"I think you've bought me a couple of weeks of bragging rights around the house," the 31-year-old told People. "I can just say to (wife Elsa Pataky), 'Now remember, this is what the people think, so I don't need to do the dishes anymore, I don't need to change nappies. I'm above that. I've made it now.'"

Hmm. Would've been a more believable story, Chris, had you not first revealed she thought the honor was "pretty funny."

The Aussie actor, who appeared on "Jimmy Kimmel Live!" via Skype from Down Under, accepted a trophy topped with a golden vanity mirror along with

**"I'm most excited about the 'alive' portion" of the title, Hemsworth said.**

**"And the 'sexy' is a bonus, so I'm flattered."**

his title after fielding yes-or-no questions from the audience while his face and voice were disguised.

The actor would later kiss and flirt with his reflection in said mirror, a series of events which was, if not sexy, at least pretty darned cute.

"I'm most excited about the 'alive' portion" of the title, Hemsworth told

Kimmel, who had inquired about how it felt to be declared Sexiest Man Alive. "And the 'sexy' is a bonus, so I'm flattered."

He apparently has family support in the form of actor-brother Liam Hemsworth.

"We've been throwing sexy looks back and forth all week," the "Thor" star said. "... He's been a real team player."

(Mr. Sexy might have been exaggerating just a little bit, as his younger sibling's been busy in London and Los Angeles promoting his own mega-project, "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay — Part 1.")

Chris Hemsworth, like the two sexy guys who preceded him (Channing Tatum in 2012 and Adam Levine last year), is off the market: He and model Pataky, 38, married in 2010 and have a daughter and twin boys.

People's sexiest-man double issue is on newsstands Friday.

## Bono, Affleck stay silent in PSA on Ebola response

Bono, Matt Damon, Ben Affleck, Morgan Freeman and "The Walking Dead" actress Danai Gurira are among celebrities playing the waiting game in a new online campaign calling for a unified response to the Ebola epidemic in west Africa.

In a video posted Wednesday, stars such as Will Ferrell, Thandie Newton and Connie Britton stare silently into a camera to illustrate that they are still waiting for world leaders to fight Ebola, which has killed more than 5,000 people in the west African countries of Sierra Leone, Guinea and Liberia.

"The waiting is causing the issue to propel itself," said Danai. "I thought it was a very powerful way to get that message across that we do need action. Sitting and waiting can lead to more problems."

Other stars appearing in the One Campaign's two-minute video include Vincent Cassel, Akon, Ellie Goulding, and African musicians Fally Ipupa and Angelique Kidjo. They're also joined by Liberian health care workers Dr. J. Soka Moses and Louise Gaye.

"We thought there was something extremely powerful in not having them say anything," said Michael Elliott, CEO of the One Campaign. "We asked them to look into the camera, and we came up with just a few simple lines explaining that we've waited too long in the past, and we can't wait too long in the future."

One Campaign is asking citizens to sign a petition demanding that world leaders strengthen health care systems in developing countries and end the outbreak.

## Bob Marley heirs join US firm to launch pot brand

A U.S. private equity firm announced Tuesday it has joined the late reggae star Bob Marley in hopes of building what it touts as the "world's first global cannabis brand."

Scott-based Privateer Holdings announced Tuesday it has reached a licensing deal with Marley's heirs to offer marijuana strains, including ones famed in Jamaica, where regulations permit by late 2015. It also plans to sell weed-infused lotions, creams and various accessories.

"My dad would be so happy to see people understanding the healing power of the herb," Miami-based Cedella Marley said in a company statement. She's the eldest daughter of the music legend who died of cancer in 1981 and is Jamaica's most iconic figure.

## Other news

■ Model and TV host **Janice Dickinson** is adding her name to the women who have accused comic **Bill Cosby** of sexual assault. In an Entertainment Tonight interview that aired Tuesday, Dickinson said that the 1982 incident occurred in Lake Tahoe, Calif., where he was performing. Cosby did not immediately respond to a request for comment. His lawyer has called the renewed accusations "discredited."

■ Netflix says it is postponing the launch of "Bill Cosby 77."

■ British film authorities have managed to find mild adult content in a film version of the famous Paddington Bear children's books — a development the bear's 88-year-old creator says leaves him "totally amazed." The British Board of Film Classification gave "Paddington" a parental guidance rating, saying it contains "mild gender behavior, mild threat, mild references and mild bad language."

■ **Justin Timberlake** is now a co-owner of the audio technology company AfterMaster Audio Labs, Inc. AfterMaster, a subsidiary of Studio City, Calif.-based audio equipment company, announced Wednesday that the Grammy-winning pop star will join the company, which focuses on enhancing and remastering audio.

From The Associated Press

## Colbert will host annual Kennedy Center Honors

By PEGGY MCGLONE  
The Washington Post

Stephen Colbert has been named host of the 37th annual Kennedy Center Honors, a gala celebration Dec. 7 that will spotlight singers Al Green and Sting, actor Tom Hanks, ballerina Patricia McBride and comedian Lily Tomlin, the arts center announced Wednesday.

Best known as the host and writer of Comedy Central's "The Colbert Report," the comedian will succeed David Letterman

as host of CBS' "Late Show" next year. The Kennedy Center Honors will be recorded for a two-hour prime time broadcast.

"I am stunned to be receiving a Kennedy Center Honor at such a young age. I thought it would be years before. I'm sorry. I'm being told I am HOSTING the Kennedy Center Honors. Oh. Well, I'm glad. That makes a lot more sense," Colbert said in a statement released by the Kennedy Center.

Colbert previously appeared in the Kennedy Center Honors in 2011, when he was

part of the tribute to cellist Yo-Yo Ma. He is the author of several books, including "I Am America (And So Can You)" and "America Again: Re-Becoming the Greatness We Never Weren't."

Kennedy Center Honors co-producer George Stevens Jr. welcomed Colbert's appearance.

"He is best in class and will no doubt undo any solemnity that might otherwise attend the occasion," Stevens said in a statement.

Colbert will be the show's seventh host.



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OPINION

Sage advice for Clinton: Talk about economy

By DOYLE MCMANUS  
 Los Angeles Times

It's been almost two weeks since their stinging defeat in midterm elections, but Democrats are still licking their wounds and trying to figure out where they went wrong. They don't have much time to extract the right lessons; the 2016 presidential campaign will begin in earnest any minute now.

So I consulted two Democratic sages, each of whom played a central role in electing the last two Democratic presidents: David Axelrod, who worked for Barack Obama in 2008, and James Carville, who worked for Bill Clinton in 1992. Their advice — aimed primarily at Hillary Rodham Clinton, who they both assume will be booted down next receipt.

First, don't take the 2016 election for granted; it's wide open, and either party could win. Second, the overriding issue on voters' minds is the economy — specifically, the stagnant lot of middle class workers. The candidate with the most convincing remedy for that problem is likely to win.

Let's take them in turn.  
 It may seem obvious that you should never take a presidential election for granted. But some Democrats have suggested their party has a virtual lock on the Electoral College because more minority voters and young people will turn out in a presidential year.

Wrong, Axelrod said at a panel sponsored by The Wall Street Journal. Take no comfort in the demographics, he told the audience, because "history suggests it's very difficult for a party to win after an eight-year run."

There have been seven elections in the last 60 years when voters could ex-

pend a party's hold on the White House beyond eight years. They declined to do so six times. The exception was in 1988, when George H.W. Bush defeated a weak Democratic candidate to succeed Ronald Reagan.

"Of course people are going to want some kind of change," said Carville. "No one is going to say, 'I want the next four years to look like the last eight.'"

Lesson 2: the economy.  
 "We have to have a stronger message around economics," Axelrod said. "The danger for Secretary Clinton is that, as was the case in 2007, her candidacy is out in front of the rationale for it. She needs to jump on that message and stay on that message."

Carville thinks the former secretary of state has already figured that out. She just "needs to talk about it more," he said. "We have a lot of work to do. But there's time."

Indeed, Clinton has been talking about the economy — and sounding distinctly populist notes. In May she compared income inequality today to the "age of the robber barons." Stumping in Boston during the midterm campaign with Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., one of the Democrats' toughest critics of Wall Street, Clinton said, "I'm watching Elizabeth give it to those who deserve it."

"Don't let anybody tell you that... it's corporations and businesses that create jobs," she added. (After Republicans howled, she said she had unduly "shorthanded" a more complex argument.)

It's fair to wonder whether Clinton is thinking about facing off an primary challenge from candidates to her left, such as Warren. Her speeches have been long on empathy for the struggling middle

class, but short on policy proposals to fix their problems. She talks up a basic Democratic wish list — a higher minimum wage, paid sick leave, pay equity for women, pre-kindergarten education — but hasn't added any new ideas. She hasn't endorsed any of the reforms liberal economists have been battling around for reshaping the tax code, such as an increase on upper-bracket earners to pay for tax cuts at the lower end.

Of course, it's unfair to expect a non-candidate to roll out a detailed economic platform. Even Clinton should be allowed to decide to run on her own timetable, no matter how desperate her supporters are to see her in the race. But she still faces the challenge of meeting voters' appetite for change — showing how she would be different from an incumbent most voters say they're tired of, especially when her policies aren't all that different from his. How does Clinton turn into a fresh new face?

"Simple," Carville said. "She's not Obama. She can say, 'Look, I ran against Barack in 2008.'"

Axelrod suggested that Clinton accentuate stylistic differences: less nuance, more bluntness. She did that to great effect, he noted, in the later stages of her 2008 primary campaign.

"She was much more visceral. She was closer to the ground. If she can be that candidate in 2016, she will be a much stronger candidate... She has to throw caution to the wind."

They almost make a good case. But Hillary Clinton has a lot of other advantages, may soon face an unexpectedly difficult challenge: turning a familiar message into one that looks like change voters can once again believe in.

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Follow-up with vet, employer vital in jobs push

By ERIC EVERSOLE  
 AND JOHN FINNERAN

Every day, in businesses and other civilian workplaces across America, you'll hear about "missions." We have people on "the front lines" working to help customers. We "launch." We "deploy." Sometimes, there is even a "battlefield," or people who "parachute in" to solve a problem.

While experiences on the front lines of a military battle bear little resemblance to everyday life on the front lines of business, there are important lessons to be learned. We have taken on dozens of words and concepts from the military — words that translate very differently in the civilian world — because they are impactful and they stand for something we respect and value.

Today, businesses across the country are learning that there is something with an even greater impact that we can take from the military and assimilate into our companies and our cultures — the talented military men and women who are returning home and entering the workforce later.

In March 2012, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation and Capital One teamed up with a singular goal: to help get thousands of talented veterans and military spouses successfully employed in the civilian workforce. Hundreds of hiring fairs and a \$4.5 million investment later, we have reached a pivotal moment in our journey to make Hiring 500,000 Heroes not just the title of our initiative, but also a new reality in the United States.

Since then, more than 1,700 businesses large and small, representing a vast array of industries and sectors, joined the effort and have committed to hire more than 585,000 military men and women.

While Veterans Day has come and gone, veteran employment is top of mind throughout the year for the many veterans and military spouses seeking employment and for organizations like ours that are committed to the cause. This campaign is about building meaningful connections between a forward-thinking employer and hard-working and talented military servicemembers who are eager to use their leadership, discipline and problem-solving skills in new and important ways.

In addition to providing forums for businesses to interact with job candidates facing a new front in the past two years has been on developing tools and resources to promote veteran employment. For veterans, those tools include a skills translator to help identify skills and attributes that correspond with various military assignments, online resume builders, virtual mentorship programs, and valuable employment workshops. For employers, we don't just take their commitments and wish them good luck. We follow up with them regularly and provide the resources they need to succeed. We work with employers to turn every commitment into a hire that has a lasting impact on the economy and the veteran. And we're happy to report that 369,000 of those commitments have turned into hires.

Each hire has his or her own story and brings job-ready skills, leadership talents, exceptional teamwork, proven mettle and a wealth of experience to the workplace. We are fortunate to see stories pop up from veterans and employers all across the country who have been part of this movement. While many are joining small businesses with specialized needs, others are part of larger-scale military hiring efforts at some of America's most well-known companies.

For instance, in 2013, Starbucks an-

nounced its plans to hire 10,000 veterans and military spouses over the next five years. The new hires will put their skills to use across the company, from serving customers as baristas to working in one of 18 corporate departments. Like Capital One, Starbucks goes to great lengths to ensure veterans and military spouses are well-positioned for success within the company and have ample resources available to ease the transition into the civilian workforce.

Despite the success of Hiring 500,000 Heroes thus far and the consistent drumbeat of support we see for veterans and military families nationwide, veteran employment remains as pressing an issue as it has ever been. Over the past 2½ years, we have seen a significant drawdown in the number of troops deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan and, in turn, a significant uptick in the need for meaningful career opportunities for veterans.

Inspiring businesses to commit to hire more than half a million veterans and military spouses is a goal that, as we say, we will certainly mark this major milestone in our initiative with the celebration and fanfare it deserves, this is just the beginning.

Veterans and military spouses have successfully defended and served our country's interest in matters of security. Now, by strengthening our workforce, these men and women are helping America triumph on the home front. By providing job opportunities and investing in the success of our veterans, the business community and our country have much to gain.

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## OPINION

## Real Cosby show rightly halted TV version

By ALYSSA ROSENBERG  
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“It’s a multigenerational family show” is how Jennifer Salke, president of NBC Entertainment/Universal Television, last summer described the series her network was developing with Bill Cosby in another attempt to capture the kind of mass audiences that used to turn out for “The Cosby Show” or “Family Ties.” “Bill Cosby plays the patriarch of the family (dispensing) his classic wisdom on relationships, parenthood, everything in life, and it’s a great kind of ‘him with three daughters with husbands and grandchildren.’ It’s just a classic, big-extended-family sitcom.”

Since Salke enthusiastically pitched a new Cosby series, the sexual assault allegations that have clung to Cosby’s “classic wisdom” like loose threads in one of the comedian’s signature sweaters have begun to unravel the whole garment in a rather more serious way. After comedian Hannibal Buress called attention to the sexual assault accusations women have brought against Cosby during a stand-up performance, Barbara Bowman, who says Cosby raped her on multiple occasions, told her story on The Washington Post’s website. An attempt to generate pro-Cosby memes went badly wrong. NPR’s Scott Simon asked Cosby to respond to the allegations in an interview and was met with silence.

[On Wednesday NBC said it has scrapped the Cosby comedy that was under development, a day after Netflix said it is postponing the planned Nov. 28 release of a standup comedy special Cosby taped last summer.]

But it is clearly time for media outlets to weigh nostalgia for Cosby’s friendlier fictional selves against an increasingly uncomfortable public conversation. And at a moment when other black stars are making compelling television, it might be wise for outlets to consider whether they need

Cosby at all, with or without a ball of be-dragged yarn dragging behind him.

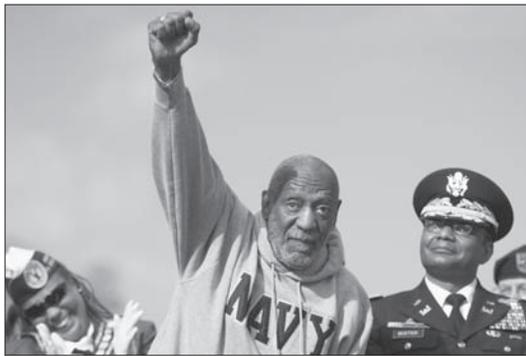
The image that has carried Cosby into his later years, and the one that makes him a marketable commodity to NBC, is that of an expert on both the black family specifically and on family in general, such that he will appeal to black audiences.

The specific nature of allegations against him undermine that image with the lethality of a battlefield sapper, turning Cosby from the head of a perfect family to an adulterer and a sex offender. As Buress put it in his routine, “He gets on TV, ‘Pull your pants up, black people, I was on TV in the ‘80s! I can talk down to you because I had a successful sitcom!’ Yeah, but you rape women, Bill Cosby, so turn the crazy down a couple notches.”

Monday, Cosby’s lawyer released a blunt no-comment that was meant to be Cosby’s sole response to the renewed accusations. Eric Gardner, the legal reporter for the Hollywood Reporter, speculated Monday that Cosby may be “constrained about what he can say about the rape charges thanks to the settlement agreement.” he reached in 2006 in a civil suit brought by another woman who accused him of drugging and assaulting her.

That does not, however, mean that there will be no further questions. NPR’s Simon asked Cosby about the allegations in an interview with Cosby and his wife about a new Smithsonian exhibition of Cosby’s art collection, laying down a marker for other journalists to follow. When the allegations are this serious, there is no forum that is off-limits for questions about them, and no people in front of whom they cannot be asked.

Any attempt to repair the damage seems likely to only highlight the allegations further. [Had NBC followed through on] a Cosby show, promoting it probably would have meant trotting him out for the Television Critics Association press tour. It is



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Entertainer and Navy veteran Bill Cosby, center, seated by Lt. Gen. Thomas Bostick, right, gestures as he listens to remarks during a Veterans Day ceremony last week at The All Wars Memorial to Colored Soldiers and Sailors in Philadelphia.

impossible to imagine a panel for a Cosby show that did not involve someone asking about the allegations. Even if NBC chose to have Cosby skip a room full of journalists and do some carefully selected one-on-ones, the journalists involved would face a terrible quandary: Accept the access with conditions, or preserve their own reputations and ask the hard questions on behalf of the viewers?

Questions about Cosby’s guilt or innocence and his qualifications to dispense family advice to millions of Americans are important. But there is a set of creative concerns to consider as well.

NBC’s last effort to court viewers nostalgic for the mass hits of the 1980s, “The

Michael J. Fox Show,” crashed and burned this year. “Black-ish,” a very different kind of family show from Kenya Barris, which stars Anthony Anderson as a father wrestling with black identity and Laurence Fishburne as the White Russian-quaffing family patriarch, is a modest hit for ABC.

Rape allegations or no rape allegations, Bill Cosby is not the only person with something to say about family in America right now. And maybe Cosby’s awkward silences on important questions can create space for new, and less troubled, voices to speak up.

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## Current right-to-try laws offer little to terminally ill

By ALISON BATEMAN-HOUSE  
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Are right-to-try laws a good idea? They are rapidly spreading throughout the country, first in Colorado, then Missouri and Louisiana and, just recently, Michigan and Arizona. Similar laws are under consideration in New Jersey and Delaware.

At first glance these bills seem worth enacting. They promise terminally ill patients with no treatment options that they can try experimental therapies in their efforts to save or extend their lives. Of course we want to help people who are dying — be they in the United States or West Africa — so a bill that gives people access to possible treatments sounds great.

The problem is that these bills actually offer only smoke and mirrors, which terminally ill patients certainly do not need. In fact, some of these bills may harm the very patients who those backing the right-to-try concept say they want to help.

How can this be? The answer lies in what the bills actually say. They are quite similar in content from state to state, and are all based on a model bill put out by the Goldwater Institute, a conservative think tank based in Arizona. According to the language of the model bill, “A manufacturer of an investigational drug ... may make available and an eligible patient may

request the manufacturer’s investigational drug ... under this act. This act does not require that a manufacturer make available an investigational drug, biological product, or device to an eligible patient.”

So patients may ask, and companies may provide — if they want. And elsewhere in the model bill, it says, “A manufacturer may ... [r]equire an eligible patient to pay the costs of, or to be associated with, the manufacture of the investigational drug, biological product, or device.”

How does this differ from the situation facing the dying today? Not at all.

All patients, regardless of age, gender, income level, nationality, or access to health care, may request access to an investigational drug from the company developing it. The requests are normally channeled through the patient’s doctor, so some patients — those who do not have access to high-quality health care — probably never know that there may be investigational drugs that might be relevant to their disease and never discuss that with their doctors. That is a problem, but right-to-try laws offer no solution, stating only that doctors will not get in trouble for recommending or being involved in the use of an investigational product.

This is a red herring. No doctor has ever gotten in trouble for recommending that patients consider trying an investigational

product. The only time we know of anyone getting in trouble is when other problems were present, such as fraudulent claims about the investigational product’s curative power.

Even if you cannot find a doctor to channel your request for an investigational product to a company, you can make your own request, provided you find some way — on the phone, on social media, through the local news media — to contact the company. Again, this poses problems, because not everyone is able to navigate the media or the Internet successfully. But again, right-to-try laws do not help fix this situation.

Another problem is the fact that many people lack knowledge of what drugs and devices are being developed by which companies for which diseases and conditions and thus do not know where to begin making a request. Yet again, this is a situation that right-to-try laws do not address.

In fact, the only difference between the current situation and the situation as it would be under a right-to-try law is that suddenly drugs, biological products (such as stem cells) or devices that have gone through Phase I testing (safety testing, normally on healthy people) would be considered quasi-therapeutic agents, even though they have not been tested for efficacy. Terminally ill patients would have to

sign a form testifying that they understand the drug is experimental and has not been shown to work in humans — which would indicate that the drug is not therapeutic. At the same time, under the model law and several of the state bills, “eligibility for hospice care may be withdrawn if the patient begins curative treatment with the investigational drug.” It is fundamentally wrong to make dying patients ineligible for hospice because they want to try an experimental drug.

Nobody wants people to die, and everyone is in favor of terminally ill patients having hope of a recovery or a remission. If right-to-try laws saved people, we would support them. However, minus their Food and Drug Administration bashing and rhetorical flourishes, the bills offer nothing new. Likewise, if right-to-try laws gave patients a reasonable basis for hope, we would support them — but again, they offer nothing new, and we think it is, at best, unkind to offer the terminally ill and those who love them false hope.

This false hope, coupled with the fact that hospice care may be withdrawn from those who need it, makes it clear that right-to-try offers the dying little that is new and may leave them worse off.

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# COLLEGE FOOTBALL/SPORTS BRIEFS



BUTCH DILL/AP

Mississippi State quarterback Dak Prescott talks with Alabama quarterback Blake Sims after the Tide's win on Saturday in Tuscaloosa, Ala. The Bulldogs still have a chance to claim a spot in the playoff.

## Tide No. 1; race for No. 4

### Mississippi State, TCU, Ohio State and Baylor all in contention for coveted final playoff spot

By RALPH D. RUSSO  
The Associated Press

With just three weeks until the College Football Playoff committee releases its final rankings, Alabama, Oregon and Florida State seem to be in control of their championship chances.

Keep winning, and the Crimson Tide, Ducks and Seminoles should be in.

The race for the fourth and final spot in the playoff is shaping up to be a tussle between four teams.

Alabama jumped from fifth to first after handing previously undefeated and top-ranked Mississippi State its first loss on Saturday. The Bulldogs slid to fourth.

Oregon remained in second place and Florida State in third. The Seminoles are the only undefeated team left in a Big Five conference.

Florida State fans might not be happy about how their team is being treated, but the Seminoles appear to be safe if they can keep winning right through the Atlantic Coast Conference championship game. Same goes with Alabama in the Southeastern Conference and Oregon in the Pac-12.

After that, things get complicated.

Mississippi State is followed by TCU, which slipped to No. 5 after a closer-than-expected win against Kansas on Saturday. Ohio State moved up two spots to No. 6, ahead of TCU's Big 12 rival Baylor.

The Bulldogs play Vanderbilt on Saturday but finish the regular season at Ole Miss, giving them a chance for another résumé-boosting victory. They could use it because their best wins from early



Nov. 22 Vanderbilt  
Nov. 29 at Miss.



Nov. 27 at Texas  
Dec. 6 Iowa St.



Nov. 22 Indiana  
Nov. 29 Michigan  
Dec. 6 Big Ten championship



Nov. 22 Okla. St.  
Nov. 29 Texas Tech  
Dec. 6 Kansas St.

in the season (LSU, Texas A&M and Auburn) have been tarnished a bit lately.

Ohio State is in position to play in the Big Ten championship if it wins out.

The Big 12 has no conference championship game. TCU and Baylor would be co-champs if each finishes 11-1, but Baylor beat the Horned Frogs in Waco, Texas, last month.

The selection protocol calls for the committee to use championships won as a tiebreaker if teams have similar résumés.

Selection Committee chairman Jeff Long said "the differences between teams four through seven are narrow, very narrow." Whether it's narrow enough to allow TCU, Ohio State or Baylor to jump past Mississippi State if one of those teams wins its conference and Mississippi State doesn't remains to be seen.

"I don't think there is any way to project that," said Long, the athletic director at Arkansas. "It will certainly be weighed into the equation on Dec. 6 and 7."

The committee releases its final rankings on Dec. 7, the day after most of the conference championship games are played.

Long said Alabama controlled the game in its 25-20 victory against Mississippi State enough to earn the big promotion this week. Alabama led by two scores in the fourth quarter and Mississippi State cut the lead to five with a touchdown with 15 seconds left.

Long referred to game control a few times this week. It's not a metric used by the committee but a subjective discussion about how the game was played.

TCU rallied for a 34-30 victory against Kansas, and Long noted how the Horned Frogs' inability to control the game against a struggling team negatively affected their résumé.

Long also said a second straight road victory for Ohio State, this one against Minnesota after beating Michigan State the week before, helped the Buckeyes move up two spots. Still, an early season home loss to Virginia Tech is a mark against Ohio State.

"While they have certainly added to their résumé and shown they are a better team, it doesn't erase that loss," Long said of the Buckeyes.

The committee still doesn't have a team from outside the Big Five conferences in its rankings but will have to pick the best of that group in the final rankings to fill a guaranteed spot in the New Year Bowl's.

Long said the committee discussed undefeated Marshall of Conference USA, Boise State and Colorado State of the Mountain West, Northern Illinois of the Mid-American Conference and Memphis from the American Athletic Conference.

## Briefly

# Seau, Warner are Hall semifinalists

The Associated Press

Junior Seau, Kurt Warner and Tony Dungy are among 26 semifinalists for the Pro Football Hall of Fame's class of 2015.

Seau and Warner are among eight first-year candidates in the balloting. Dungy is in his second year on the ballot.

Former general managers Bill Polian and Ron Wolf previously were selected as contributor finalists. Mick Tingelhoff is the senior committee nominee, and there will be 15 modern era finalists to be considered on Jan. 31, the day before the Super Bowl, in Phoenix.

Inductions will be in August at the Canton, Ohio, shrine.

Other semifinalists include receivers Marvin Harrison, Tim Brown and newcomers Isaac Bruce and Torry Holt; running backs Jerome Bettis, Terrell Davis, Roger Craig and newcomer Edgerrin James; safeties John Lynch, Darren Woodson and Steve Atwater; defensive ends/linebackers Charles Haley and Kevin Greene; linebacker Karl Mecklenburg; newcomer cornerback Ty Law; offensive tackles Joe Jacoby, Mike Kenn and newcomer Orlando Pace; guard Will Shields; newcomer center Kevin Mawae; placekicker Morten Andersen; and coaches Don Coryell and Jimmy Johnson.

## CB Bailey retires after stellar 15-year career

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — Champ Bailey said goodbye to the NFL on Tuesday after signing a ceremonial one-day contract with his beloved Denver Broncos.

Bailey retired at age 36 with a cornerback-record dozen Pro Bowl selections, more interceptions (52) than any active player and no regrets.

"On my last snap I tried to be the best on the field," Bailey said. "We all get old in this game."

In addition to John Elway, John Fox and Joe Ellis, dozens of current players joined former teammates including John Lynch, Brian Dawkins and Jake Lummer in celebrating Bailey's unparalleled career that ended because of a left foot injury.

"I need my feet," Bailey said afterward. "It's like a quarterback and his arm."

Bailey's last NFL season was a bittersweet one. He missed 11 games last year with the Lisfranc sprain before returning to action down the stretch. His performance in the AFC championship game finally got him to a Super Bowl, which proved both the apex and nadir of his 15-year career.

Yet, Bailey said hoisting the Lamar Hunt trophy was special even though he never got his hands on the Lombardi trophy. "Regardless of what happened after that, that moment was spe-

cial for me and I'll never forget it," he said. "The biggest game you can play on your own field. Hopefully, this year they don't come up short—I would say 'we' because I feel like I'm still a part of this. I hope WE don't come up short this year."

Bailey thanked the Washington Redskins and Charley Caserly for drafting him with the seventh overall pick in 1999 and Mike Shanahan and the Broncos for bringing him to Denver in the 2004 trade for Clinton Portis.

■ **Other NFL news:**  
Jonas Gray has been given 2 more yards rushing by a scoring change that makes him the third New England Patriots player with more than 200 in a game.

The change by the NFL brings his total to 201 in the fourth game of his career, a 42-20 win over the Indianapolis Colts on Sunday night.

With 10½ minutes left, Gray originally was given a 2-yard loss. But the NFL ruled that a facemask penalty enforced from the line of scrimmage wiped out the play.

## NBA's first openly gay player Collins retires

NEW YORK — Jason Collins, the first openly gay man to play in the NBA, announced his retirement from the league on Wednesday.

The 35-year-old Collins made the announcement in a first-person story for Sports Illustrated. It's the same forum he used in April, 2013, to publicly reveal his sexuality and become the first openly gay man in any of four major North American professional leagues.

He joined the Brooklyn Nets in February and played 22 games, but was not on the squad this season.

"It feels wonderful to have been part of these milestones for sports and for gay rights, and to have been embraced by the public, the coaches, the players, the league and history," Collins wrote.

Collins started his career with the New Jersey Nets in 2001 and rejoined the franchise in Brooklyn.

## Butler, Athletics reach 3-year deal

OAKLAND, Calif. — The Oakland Athletics have agreed to terms on a \$30 million, three-year contract with designated hitter Billy Butler through the 2017 season.

Butler helped the Kansas City Royals reach the World Series last month after a 29-year play-off drought. In the postseason opener, they rallied late to eliminate Oakland in the AL wild-card game. Butler contributed two hits and two RBIs.



## HIGH SCHOOL: DODDS PACIFIC

## ATHLETES OF THE YEAR: CROSS-COUNTRY



DAVE ORNAUER/Stars and Stripes

Yokota Panthers junior Daniel Galvin

## Brittani Shappell, Seisen

By DAVE ORNAUER  
Stars and Stripes

Mike Shappell looked astounded. Though not his daughter Brittani's coach, he has witnessed her development in track and field and cross-country since she was a fourth-grader with the Whatcom Tesseract Club in Washington.

After a hard workout one afternoon, the father, himself a runner, asked his daughter how she paced herself so she could ensure her lungs keep up.

"What do you mean?" she asked. "Like, when you go too fast and you can't breathe hard enough."

"I've never felt that," she said. "My legs just get tired sometimes."

Shappell the elder said later that he'd never heard that from an endurance athlete before. "As a coach myself, she scares me," said the elder Shappell, who coaches tennis at Seisen, where Brittani is a freshman and winner of every cross-country event she ran this season.

She won the Asia-Pacific Invitational on Guam, the Kanto Plain finals and the Far East meet as well as every Kanto regular-season meet.

Shappell is the only runner ever to go under 13 minutes multiple times at Tama Hills Recreation Center, clocking 12:34.1 in the Kanto finals.

For all that, Shappell has been named Stars and Stripes Pacific girls cross-country Athlete of the Year. But it's more than the times she's posted; it's how she does it and what she puts into it.

"It is as much her ability to reach deeper for an effort others are not willing to match and an internally motivated work ethic that drives her success," her father said.

Shappell arrived at Seisen as a sixth-grader in 2011 as an already-accomplished track athlete who ran and did field events for Whatcom Tesseract. At age 12, Shappell set Pacific records in the 1,500- and 3,000-meter runs, far surpassing high school athletes in each event.

She was "already a very mature and complete runner" upon arriving at Seisen, said coach Matt Granger. Evidence of that, he said, was her use of a stopwatch to set pace times on tempo runs and interval workouts to generate a training log. Granger calls that

## Daniel Galvin, Yokota

By DAVE ORNAUER  
Stars and Stripes

He posted the fastest overseas times this season in various race distances.

But maybe the most important takeaway Daniel Galvin got this cross-country season had nothing to do with a measurement on a stopwatch.

"He learned the importance of taking time off instead of training every day," said Galvin's father and coach, Dan Galvin.

Overtraining, runner and coach say, can be the ultimate burden for a runner, especially one who missed three major season-end events with a stress fracture in his lower right shin, as the younger Galvin did.

Galvin has still been named Stars and Stripes Pacific boys cross-country Athlete of the Year.

"Don't try to push through it like I did," Galvin said of what he'd tell another runner facing his situation.

"And you have to accept the fact that you have a stress fracture. I

always told myself that it was just shin splints, when it was clear that it was, in fact, a stress fracture, which probably prolonged the recovery process."

Thus, he watched the Nov. 3-4 Far East meet from the finish line as Willem Thorbecke of American School In Japan crossed first, as Galvin had hoped to do. Galvin wasn't at the DODDS-Japan or Kanto finals — events he won last year — either.

"Sometimes, I need to take a day or maybe even a race off, depending on the levels of pain I'm feeling," Galvin said. "But I also learned I can't take anything for granted. Running in top-performance shape for long periods is dangerous because it's such a fine line between peak shape and injury."

And the season began with such promise for Galvin, who became the fourth of six runners to post a sub-15-minute time at Tama, topping out at 14 minutes, 40.9 seconds. In a meet at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni in September,

Galvin ran 16:08 in a 5K run, fastest overseas this season.

But the script changed Oct. 9 at Tama, when the pain became too much and he pulled out of a meet for the first time.

Clearly, things will change going forward, Galvin said. His father said a doctor ordered him not to run until the end of November. For the moment, Galvin is riding the exercise bike up to two hours and swimming for an hour daily.

Yokota's assistant coach, former two-time Hong Kong Olympian Maggie Chan-Roper, has imparted running workouts on Galvin, in which he'll engage once he's cleared to run.

"I'm going to have to start off slow and not put too much pressure on my legs," he said. "Once I get back into running shape, in which I'm confident I won't get hurt, I'll take the focus on my workouts and put a lot more of it into the running."

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Seisen International freshman Brittani Shappell

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# HIGH SCHOOL: DODDS PACIFIC

## ATHLETES OF THE YEAR: TENNIS

### Marius Ruh, St. Mary's

By DAVE ORNAUER  
Stars and Stripes

Subdued, gentlemanly and studious off the court. Fierce competitor on it. "Almost like two different people," his coach says.

Marius Ruh burst onto the Kanto Plain tennis scene this season as a junior transfer from Germany, adjusting to life in Japan but dominating opponents on tennis courts in the same manner as a guy who played ITF juniors while growing up in Bavaria.

He went 16-1 in high school matches, winning the Kanto Plain finals and the Far East tournament and leading his St. Mary's International Titans to team titles in both. His only loss came in the Far East final in doubles — which he'd not played until Far East week.

For his efforts, but also for what he and his coach call a relentless desire to improve, a studious manner in the classroom and the spirit and determination of a tiger on the court, Ruh has been named Stars and Stripes Pacific boys tennis Athlete of the Year.

"He's at a level all his own" regarding Pacific tennis, his coach Tomas Molina said. "He has a strong desire to win and a willingness to take on any challenge, including doubles. He just likes to improve his tennis and take on any challenge that will allow him to improve."

Molina, who also teaches Ruh in the classroom, says he's "one of the most gentle and polite people I've ever met. He's so well-mannered, it's hard to believe he can be so fierce and competitive on the court."

If there is a downside to his game, Ruh says he has to work to at times to rein in his emotions when things aren't going right. He readily admits to liking the tiger comparison, which "sometimes leads me to getting a bit mad on the court, but usually I can control my temper."

As dominant as he was during the season, Ruh feels there is always a need to better his game.

"I'm a very ambitious person, always trying to improve and never completely happy with my results," he said. At times during the season, Molina said, Ruh would gaze at a player on another team and say, "I want to play him. He's a good player."

"Just to see how he'd do against good players," Molina said. "It drives him and the satisfaction he gets from overcoming the challenges."

Molina has repeatedly stated that St. Mary's was fortunate to have Ruh in the fold. His father, an executive with adidas, transferred from their native Germany to Tokyo and Molina said Ruh could have bypassed high school tennis and just played exclusively club or ITF tennis.



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#### St. Mary's International's Marius Ruh

Yet despite Ruh's cachet, Molina says you won't hear him brag, "even though he's in position to. Even at his level, he listens. He is so coachable."

Ruh never fails to learn from any competitive situation.

Speaking specifically of the Far East doubles loss: It showed that he and partner Juan Bonga "weren't able to adapt to (a) much higher level of competition than the previous rounds," Ruh said.

But by no means, he said, was he dissatisfied with the way things turned out during the season for him and his Titans teammates. "I am indeed very happy with the team and how everything went," he said.

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### Lili Kobayashi, ASIJ

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Dusk had long since settled over Shirako Tennis Complex east of Tokyo. But Lili Kobayashi found herself in a darker spot. An all-too familiar one that she felt she could never escape.

Off the court the American School In Japan junior walked, vanquished in three sets by rival Matilde Piras of Seisen International after winning the first set, and she dissolved in the arms of her coach Jen Brown.

"I'm always second. I don't deserve to be first. I'm too weak under pressure," Kobayashi thought to herself. It was the third time she'd lost in the finals of a major tournament, twice in the Kanto finals — including this one — and the 2013 Far East championship match.

Nonsense, teammates told her when she confessed those thoughts. One, Erin Blank, reminded her that though she lost on this day, she had beaten Piras twice during the regular season.

"Two of them were your days, but the third time, it was just Matilde's day," Blank recalls telling Kobayashi. "And everyone has those days when they don't win. And that's OK. But you have Far East, where you can go and show that the title belongs to you, and it always has."

Blank's prescience proved perfect days later when Kobayashi outlasted Seoul American's Grace Cho 7-5, 6-4 for her first Far East title. She later teamed with Nana Yoshimura to win the doubles as well.

Kobayashi has been named Stars and Stripes Pacific girls tennis Athlete of the Year.

"I really can't describe how proud I was of her when she [came in] first at Far East; she broke the wall that was in her way for a long time," Yoshimura said.

But that triumph didn't come without much self-reflection in the wake of the Kanto finals defeat.

"At first, I was really depressed" about losing to Piras and feared the same thing would happen at Far East, Kobayashi said. But after conversing with Brown and teammates, "I realized I had nothing to lose. And with their support, I went out there even more motivated and wanted to do the best I could."

She admits she detests losing. "It just means that I need to work harder and it sets a goal for me for the next time," she said.

While she fashioned a 15-1 combined singles and doubles season record, it was her team-building work off the court that led Blank to refer to Kobayashi as the team's "Mama Bear."

Though she lost heart, however briefly,



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#### American School In Japan's Lili Kobayashi

in the wake of the Kanto defeat, teammates describe Kobayashi's personality as effervescent.

"She brings morale and (unity) to the team, and her optimistic personality pushes us to higher standards and induces us to try harder," Yoshimura said.

"She made sure no one ever felt neglected or alone on the team," doubles player Anna Wade said.

Clearing the final hurdle will benefit Kobayashi and the team going forward, Brown said. "It's finally starting to click for her. She has the mindset, I can do this. The team and the coach are behind me." These wins at Far East will motivate her as a senior.

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Roundup

# Furious rally lifts Flames by ducks

The Associated Press

CALGARY, Alberta — Things weren't looking too good for Jonas Hiller against his former team in the first time.

Down 2-0 at the second intermission, the Calgary Flames mounted a furious comeback in the third period on their way to a wild 4-3 shootout victory over the Anaheim Ducks on Tuesday.

"It feels great to get the win," said Hiller, who made 24 saves through overtime. "Especially after being down after two periods and not playing our best game and finding a way to step it up. I think it shows a lot of character on this team."

After Sean Monahan scored in the third round of the shootout, Hiller stood his ground to force Corey Perry to shoot wide of the net to preserve the victory for Calgary.

"I think everyone in here is believing that we can turn games around," said Hiller, who signed as a free agent with the Flames on July 1 after seven seasons with the Ducks. "A lot of times, third periods have been our best periods."

Johnny Gaudreau scored earlier in the shootout for the Flames, and Ryan Kesler tied it for the Ducks.

Dennis Wideman scored twice in regulation and Jiri Hudler also had a goal for the Flames, who won their third straight. Calgary has won four times when trailing after two periods, matching their total last season.

"We've done a good job this year so far of sticking to our game and when we haven't had the first and second period that we'd like we've found a way to find our legs in the third," said Wideman, who's now tied with San Jose's Brent Burns for the NHL lead in goals by a defenseman at seven. "It's a big win for us because it gives the young guys the confidence to know they can go up against the best and we can win games."

Sami Vatanen had a goal and two assists, and Matt Beleskey and Kyle Palmieri also scored for Anaheim. Frederik Andersen had 16 saves.

"We made some mental mistakes that cost us the game tonight," Ducks captain Ryan Getzlaf said. "We should have been out of that game and on our way."

**Blue Jackets 5, Red Wings 0:** Jimmy Howard made 28 saves for his 19th career shutout, and Tomas Tatar and Tomas Jurco also had a goal and an assist to lift visiting Detroit.

Gustav Nyquist, Riley Sheahan and Darren Helm also scored and Brendan Smith added two assists to help Detroit end a three-game road losing skid.

**Penguins 4, Canadiens 0:**



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**Calgary Flames goalie Jonas Hiller celebrates his team's 4-3 win over the Anaheim Ducks in a shootout Tuesday in Calgary, Alberta.**

Marc-Andre Fleury made 27 saves for his league-leading fourth shutout of the season as Pittsburgh ended Montreal's six-game winning streak.

**Islanders 5, Lightning 2:** Cal Clutterbuck, Mikhail Grabovski and Ryan Strome scored in the second period to lift host New York.

**Bruins 2, Blues 0:** Tuukka Rask made 33 saves for his first shutout of the season as the Bruins ended a six-game home losing streak against St. Louis.

Patrice Bergeron and Torey Krug scored for the Bruins, who were outshot 33-17.

**Kings 5, Panthers 2:** Jeff Carter had a power-play goal and an assist during host Los Angeles' four-goal second period, and Jonathan Quick made 30 saves in the Kings' victory over Florida.

**Sabres 4, Sharks 1:** Brian Gionta had two goals and an assist in leading Buffalo in front of a sparse, snowstorm-depleted crowd. The game was played in front of an estimated crowd of about 6,200 on a day a severe snowstorm dumped more than 4 feet of snow in the area.

**Predators 9, Maple Leafs 2:** Taylor Beck scored twice as Nashville routed host Toronto.

Maple Leafs goalie Jonathan Bernier lasted just one period, allowing three goals — two by Beck — on 12 shots.

**Capitals 2, Coyotes 1 (OT):** Eric Fehr put in a rebound at 3:16 of overtime to lift visiting Washington.

Fehr got his stick on a deflected shot from teammates Brooks Orpik and slid the puck past Arizona goalie Mike Smith.

**Jets 3, Devils 1:** Mathieu Perreault and Mark Scheifele scored less than 2 minutes apart early in the second period to lift host Winnipeg past New Jersey.

**Hurricanes 6, Stars 4:** Eric Staal had two third-period goals and an assist to lead visiting Carolina.

## Scoreboard

Eastern Conference									
Atlantic Division									
Montreal	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	1	2
Tampa Bay	20	14	5	2	28	73	54	1	1
Boston	20	12	5	2	26	67	50	1	1
Detroit	18	9	4	5	23	50	42	1	1
Ottawa	19	8	8	3	20	47	40	1	1
Toronto	19	8	9	2	20	58	60	1	1
Florida	16	6	5	5	17	35	42	1	1
Buffalo	20	6	11	3	14	34	60	1	1

Metropolitan Division									
Pittsburgh	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	1	2
N.Y. Islanders	18	12	6	0	24	59	52	1	1
Washington	18	8	7	4	18	52	58	1	1
N.Y. Rangers	19	8	7	4	18	51	58	1	1
New Jersey	18	8	9	2	18	47	56	1	1
Carolina	18	8	7	3	17	47	56	1	1
Philadelphia	19	8	9	3	15	43	55	1	1
Columbus	18	6	11	1	13	44	64	1	1

Western Conference									
Central Division									
Nashville	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	1	2
St. Louis	18	12	4	2	26	52	37	1	1
Chicago	18	10	7	3	23	40	43	1	1
Minnesota	18	10	7	1	21	50	36	1	1
Colorado	19	8	8	5	17	47	61	1	1
Dallas	18	7	8	3	16	53	67	1	1

Pacific Division									
Anaheim	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	1	2
Calgary	20	12	6	2	26	63	59	1	1
Vancouver	18	12	6	0	24	53	52	1	1
San Jose	21	10	9	2	22	57	57	1	1
Edmonton	18	6	10	2	14	44	60	1	1

Note: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

**Monday's games**  
 Tampa Bay, N.Y. Rangers 5  
**Tuesday's games**  
 Calgary, Anaheim 3:30  
 Boston 2, St. Louis 0  
 N.Y. Islanders 5, Tampa Bay 2  
 Philadelphia, Florida 2  
 Buffalo 4, San Jose 1  
 Pittsburgh 4, Montreal 0  
 Winnipeg 3, New Jersey 1

**Wednesday's games**  
 Philadelphia, Florida 2  
 Vancouver at Edmonton

**Thursday's games**  
 Tampa Bay at Toronto  
 St. Louis at Winnipeg  
 Nashville at Ottawa  
 Detroit at Minnesota  
 Arizona at Dallas  
 Washington at Colorado

**Friday's games**  
 Anaheim at Vancouver  
 Carolina at Los Angeles  
 Florida at San Jose

**Tuesday**  
**Kings 5, Panthers 2**  
 Florida 0 0 2-5  
 Los Angeles 1 0 1-2  
**Second Period—1,** Los Angeles, Greene 1 (McNabb, Kopitar), 4:32; 2, N.Y. Islanders, Carter 7 (King, McBurney), 9:46 (pp); Los Angeles, Muzzin 1 (Kopitar, Muzzin), 14:18 (pp); 4, Los Angeles, Regehr 1 (Carter, Drouin), 19:52

**Third Period—5,** Florida, Hayes 4 (Haberdaue, Blugust), 2:01 (pp), 6, Florida, Jokinen 2 (Trotchko, Hayes), 12:29 (pp), 16:49 (pp).  
**Shots on Goal—Florida** 13-6-13—32. **Los Angeles** 12-12-12—36.  
**Power-play opportunities—Florida** 1 of 4; Los Angeles 3 of 6.

**Penalty minutes—Florida** 5-0-4 (25 shots-21 saves), Montreal 5-0-4 (23 shots-17 saves), Toronto 9-3-4 (32-30).  
**A—**18,230 (18,118). T—2:30.

**Penguins 4, Canadiens 0**  
 Pittsburgh 2 2 0-4  
 Montreal 0 0 0-0  
**First Period—1,** Pittsburgh, Bannett 1 (Cormier, Rastalinen), 5:25; 2, San Jose, Burns 7 (Thornton, Couture), 10:29 (pp); Pittsburgh, Dwyer 3 (Letang, Hisek), 4; Buffalo, Finley 2 (Gionta, Weber), 19:40

**Second Period—5,** Buffalo, Gionta 2 (Myers, Meszaros), 19:18 (pp).  
**Power-play opportunities—Pittsburgh** 1 of 1; Montreal 0 of 3.  
**Penalty minutes—Pittsburgh** 11-9-2 (27 shots-27 saves), Montreal, Peix 11-4-1 (22-20).  
**A—**21,287 (21,273). T—2:24.

**Sabres 4, Sharks 1**  
 San Jose 0 1 0-1  
 Buffalo 0 3 1-4  
**Second Period—1,** Buffalo, Deslauriers 1 (Fraser, Rastalinen), 5:25; 2, San Jose, Burns 7 (Thornton, Couture), 10:29 (pp); Buffalo, Finley 2 (Gionta, Weber), 19:40

**Third Period—5,** Buffalo, Gionta 2 (Myers, Meszaros), 19:18 (pp).  
**Power-play opportunities—San Jose** 1 of 4; Buffalo 0 of 2.  
**Goals—San Jose,** Grosenick 1-0 (13 shots-3 saves), Buffalo, Newburg 1 (10-10), Enroth 2-8 (10-20), second, 20-19.

**A—**17,435 (19,070). T—2:26.



FRANK GUNN, THE CANADIAN PRESS/AP

**The Predators' Taylor Beck scores backwards with his legs on Maple Leafs goaltender Jonathan Bernier as Morgan Reilly defends during the first period Tuesday in Toronto. Nashville won 9-2.**

**Flames 4, Ducks 3 (SO)**  
 Anaheim 1 1 1 1 0-3  
 Calgary 0 0 3 0-4  
**Calgary won shootout 2-1.**

**First Period—1,** Anaheim, Vatanen 5 (Siverson), 10:11 (pp).  
**Second Period—2,** Anaheim, Beleskey 8 (Lindholm, Vatanen), 12:29 (pp).  
**Third Period—3,** Calgary, Hudler 6 (Granlund, Brode), 3:25; 4, Calgary, Wideman 6 (Granlund), 9:03; 5, Calgary, Wideman 7 (Gaudreau), 13:43; 6, Anaheim, Palmieri 1 (Fowler, Vatanen), 15:05 (pp).  
**Shootout—Anaheim 1** (Kosior 6), 1:11; **Calgary 0** (Hudler 6, Monahan 6).  
**Shots on Goal—Anaheim** 9-10-6-2-27. **Calgary** 4-10-12-19.

**Power-play opportunities—Anaheim** 2 of 3; **Calgary** 0 of 2.  
**Goals—Anaheim,** Andersen 7-2-4 (19 shots-16 saves), Calgary, Hiller 9-4-1 (27-24).  
**A—**18,421 (18,289). T—2:45.

**Islanders 5, Lightning 2**  
 Tampa Bay 1 0 1-2  
 N.Y. Islanders 0 3 2-5  
**First Period—1,** Tampa Bay, Killorn 4 (Garrison, Drouin), 11:53.  
**Second Period—2,** N.Y. Islanders, Grabovski 4 (Nielsen, Oposko), 12:23; 4, N.Y. Islanders, Strome 3 (de Haan), 13:26.  
**Third Period—5,** N.Y. Islanders, Nelson 9 (Nielsen, Nielsen), 3:36 (pp), 6, Tampa Bay, Palat 5 (Cizik, Kucherov), 21:4; 7, N.Y. Islanders, Garzik 2 (Oposko, Nelson), 8:55.

**Shots on Goal—Tampa Bay** 9-10-28.  
**N.Y. Islanders** 12-12-35.  
**Power-play opportunities—Tampa Bay** 4 of 5; **N.Y. Islanders** 1 of 2.  
**Goals—Tampa Bay,** Nabokov 2-3-0 (36 shots-31 saves), N.Y. Islanders, Halak 8-4-0 (28-26).  
**A—**12,908 (16,170). T—2:20.

**Bruins 2, Blues 0**  
 St. Louis 0 0 0-0  
 Boston 1 1 1-2  
**First Period—1,** Boston, Bergeron 5, 5:45; Penalties—Baile, Bob 3 (no goals); 2:36; Kelly, Bos (hooking), 12:22.  
**Second Period—2,** Boston, Krug 3 (Bartkowski, Eriksson), 11:31.  
**Shots on Goal—St. Louis** 10-8-10-33.  
**Boston** 7-7-17.

**Power-play opportunities—St. Louis** 0 of 2; **Boston** 1 of 2.  
**Goals—St. Louis,** Elliott 7-1-1 (17 shots-15 saves), Boston, Rask 10-5-0 (33-32).  
**A—**17,565 (17,565). T—2:29.

**Red Wings 5, Blue Jackets 0**  
 Detroit 1 1 3-5  
 Columbus 0 0 0-0  
**First Period—1,** Detroit, Tatar 6 (Ericsson, Nyquist), 10:17.  
**Second Period—2,** Detroit, Nyquist 9 (Fraser, Lettberger), 1:44 (pp), Penalties—Jenner, Cim (tripping), 2:40; Wisniewski, Cim (roughing), 8:16; Kronwald, 11:16.  
**Third Period—3,** Detroit, Jurco 1 (DeKoven, Nyquist), 4; Detroit, Sheahan 3 (Smith, Tatar), 6:01; 5, Detroit, Helm 2 (Jurco, Cleary), 18:59.

**Shots on Goal—Detroit** 11-14-45-40.  
**Columbus** 12-8-28.  
**Power-play opportunities—Detroit** 2 of 5; **Columbus** 0 of 2.  
**Goals—Detroit,** Howard 5-3-4 (28 shots-3 saves), Columbus, Bobrovsky 4-0-0 (40-35).  
**A—**15,438 (18,144). T—2:26.

**Capitals 2, Coyotes 1**  
 Washington 1 0 0 1-2  
 Arizona 0 1 0 1-1  
**First Period—1,** Washington, Beagle 2 (Chimera), 11:11.  
**Second Period—2,** Arizona, Ekman-Larsson 1 (Gagner, Rieder), 2:00.

**Overtime—3,** Washington, Fehr 3 (Orpik, Beagle), 3:16.  
**Shots on Goal—Washington** 11-2-7.  
**Arizona** 7-4-10-4-24.  
**Power-play opportunities—Washington** 0 of 3; **Arizona** 0 of 4.  
**Goals—Washington,** Holtby 4-4-3 (24 shots-23 saves), Carolina, Smith 4-9-24 (22).

**First Period—1,** Nashville, Beck 2 (Weber, Gausstad), 1:52; 2, Nashville, Roy 1 (Cullen, Ellis), 10:34; 3, Nashville, Beck 3 (Forsberg), 16:49 (pp).  
**Second Period—4,** Nashville, Nyström 3 (Beck, Gausstad), 18:45.  
**Third Period—5,** Nashville, Ribeiro 5 (Ellis), 5:53; 6, Nashville, Forsberg 9 (Wilson, Weber), 3:06; 8, Nashville, Josi 3 (Nyström, Gausstad), 5:14; 9, Toronto, Santoroli 3 (Komarov), 8:13; 10, Toronto, Kadri 5 (Paneuf, Franson), 10:31; 11, Nashville, Wilson 2 (G-Smith, Jarrokk), 17:26.  
**Shots on Goal—Nashville** 12-14-11-37.  
**Power-play opportunities—Nashville** 1 of 4; **Toronto** 0 of 2.  
**Goals—Nashville,** Rinne 12-5-31 (31 shots-29 saves), Toronto, Bernier 5-3-12 (12-12; Bejarano 0-3-19).  
**A—**19,012 (18,819). T—2:40.

**Jets 3, Devils 1**  
 Winnipeg 0 0 1-1  
 New Jersey 0 2 1-3  
**Second Period—1,** Winnipeg, Perreault 1 (Stuart), 1:54; 2, Winnipeg, Scheifele 3 (Frolik, Bogosian), 3:38.  
**Third Period—3,** New Jersey, Elias 2 (Harris, Burner), 8:13 (pp); 4, Winnipeg, Frolik 4 (Loverry), 16:07.  
**Shots on Goal—New Jersey** 4-5-13-27.  
**Winnipeg** 9-14-11-34.  
**Power-play opportunities—New Jersey** 2 of 2; **Winnipeg** 0 of 5.  
**Goals—New Jersey,** Schneider 8-8-2 (34 shots-21 saves), Winnipeg, Hutchinson 2-1-1 (22-21).  
**A—**15,016 (15,004). T—2:15.

**Hurricanes 6, Stars 4**  
 Carolina 0 2 4-6  
 Dallas 2 0 2-4  
**First Period—1,** Dallas, Jaenem 6 (Fidder, Oleksiak), 1:48; 2, Dallas, Seguin 13 (Klingberg), 1:44; 2, Carolina, Skinner 4 (McLennan), 2:34; 4, Carolina, Dwyer 1 (Ellis), 7:00; 5, Carolina, Rask 3 (Wesley, Derosh), 8:59 (pp); 6, Dallas, Tlustý 8 (Lindholm, E. Staal), 15:54.  
**Second Period—7,** Carolina, E. Staal 4 (Faulk, Sekera), 9:09; 8, Dallas, Eska 1 (Goligoski, Jaenem), 2:28 (sh); 9, Dallas, Seguin 18 (Klingberg, Eakin), 12:55; 10, Carolina, E. Staal 5 (Nelson), 16:03.  
**Shots on Goal—Carolina** 5-12-8-25. **Dallas** 6-10-11-27.  
**Power-play opportunities—Carolina** 1 of 2; **Dallas** 0 of 2.  
**Goals—Carolina,** Ward 6-5-1 (27 shots-23 saves), Dallas, Seguin 6-6-4 (16-12), Lindback (15-54; second-9).  
**A—**15,678 (18,532). T—2:35.

**Capitals 2, Coyotes 1**  
 Washington 1 0 0 1-2  
 Arizona 0 1 0 1-1  
**First Period—1,** Washington, Beagle 2 (Chimera), 11:11.  
**Second Period—2,** Arizona, Ekman-Larsson 1 (Gagner, Rieder), 2:00.

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 Winnipeg 0 0 1-1  
 New Jersey 0 2 1-3  
**Second Period—1,** Winnipeg, Perreault 1 (Stuart), 1:54; 2, Winnipeg, Scheifele 3 (Frolik, Bogosian), 3:38.  
**Third Period—3,** New Jersey, Elias 2 (Harris, Burner), 8:13 (pp); 4, Winnipeg, Frolik 4 (Loverry), 16:07.  
**Shots on Goal—New Jersey** 4-5-13-27.  
**Winnipeg** 9-14-11-34.  
**Power-play opportunities—New Jersey** 2 of 2; **Winnipeg** 0 of 5.  
**Goals—New Jersey,** Schneider 8-8-2 (34 shots-21 saves), Winnipeg, Hutchinson 2-1-1 (22-21).  
**A—**15,016 (15,004). T—2:15.

**Hurricanes 6, Stars 4**  
 Carolina 0 2 4-6  
 Dallas 2 0 2-4  
**First Period—1,** Dallas, Jaenem 6 (Fidder, Oleksiak), 1:48; 2, Dallas, Seguin 13 (Klingberg), 1:44; 2, Carolina, Skinner 4 (McLennan), 2:34; 4, Carolina, Dwyer 1 (Ellis), 7:00; 5, Carolina, Rask 3 (Wesley, Derosh), 8:59 (pp); 6, Dallas, Tlustý 8 (Lindholm, E. Staal), 15:54.  
**Second Period—7,** Carolina, E. Staal 4 (Faulk, Sekera), 9:09; 8, Dallas, Eska 1 (Goligoski, Jaenem), 2:28 (sh); 9, Dallas, Seguin 18 (Klingberg, Eakin), 12:55; 10, Carolina, E. Staal 5 (Nelson), 16:03.  
**Shots on Goal—Carolina** 5-12-8-25. **Dallas** 6-10-11-27.  
**Power-play opportunities—Carolina** 1 of 2; **Dallas** 0 of 2.  
**Goals—Carolina,** Ward 6-5-1 (27 shots-23 saves), Dallas, Seguin 6-6-4 (16-12), Lindback (15-54; second-9).  
**A—**15,678 (18,532). T—2:35.

**Capitals 2, Coyotes 1**  
 Washington 1 0 0 1-2  
 Arizona 0 1 0 1-1  
**First Period—1,** Washington, Beagle 2 (Chimera), 11:11.  
**Second Period—2,** Arizona, Ekman-Larsson 1 (Gagner, Rieder), 2:00.

**Overtime—3,** Washington, Fehr 3 (Orpik, Beagle), 3:16.  
**Shots on Goal—Washington** 11-2-7.  
**Arizona** 7-4-10-4-24.  
**Power-play opportunities—Washington** 0 of 3; **Arizona** 0 of 4.  
**Goals—Washington,** Holtby 4-4-3 (24 shots-23 saves), Carolina, Smith 4-9-24 (22).

**First Period—1,** Nashville, Beck 2 (Weber, Gausstad), 1:52; 2, Nashville, Roy 1 (Cullen, Ellis), 10:34; 3, Nashville, Beck 3 (Forsberg), 16:49 (pp).  
**Second Period—4,** Nashville, Nyström 3 (Beck, Gausstad), 18:45.  
**Third Period—5,** Nashville, Ribeiro 5 (Ellis), 5:53; 6, Nashville, Forsberg 9 (Wilson, Weber), 3:06; 8, Nashville, Josi 3 (Nyström, Gausstad), 5:14; 9, Toronto, Santoroli 3 (Komarov), 8:13; 10, Toronto, Kadri 5 (Paneuf, Franson), 10:31; 11, Nashville, Wilson 2 (G-Smith, Jarrokk), 17:26.  
**Shots on Goal—Nashville** 12-14-11-37.  
**Power-play opportunities—Nashville** 1 of 4; **Toronto** 0 of 2.  
**Goals—Nashville,** Rinne 12-5-31 (31 shots-29 saves

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

# Kentucky, Duke win easily in Indianapolis

'Potential Final Four preview' doesn't bode well for overmatched Kansas, Michigan St.

By MICHAEL MAROT  
The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Top-ranked Kentucky and Duke looked like championship contenders Tuesday night. Kansas and Michigan State showed they've still got a long way to go.

In what had been billed as a potential Final Four preview, less than a mile from where the championship game will be played in April, didn't live up to the hype.

Duke never trailed in its 81-71 victory over the perennially strong Spartans, and the Wildcats ran away with a 70-40 victory that only reinforced Kentucky's position as the preseason favorite.

"No, we're not that good. Next question," Kentucky coach John Calipari said in his opening remarks after the stunning win.

Perhaps the results shouldn't have been a surprise.

Michigan State (1-1) usually plays a daunting non-conference schedule in hopes of steadily improving over time. Coach Tom Izzo hasn't changed tactics, opting to play six of his first eight games off campus, including another game against the fourth-ranked Blue Devils (3-0). Duke has won four straight in the series including the 2013 regional semifinal game that was also played in Indianapolis.

And after No. 5 Kansas' embarrassing loss, coach Bill Self acknowledged he had detected problems in practice even before Tuesday's showdown between the two college programs with the most wins in Division I history.

Only two Kentucky players scored in double figures. Dakari Johnson had 11 points, and Andrew Harrison had 10. They didn't need scorers Tuesday, though.

Kansas (1-1) was stunningly inefficient, making only 11 baskets all night — eight in the first half, three in the second — and

finished with a field-goal percentage of 19.6. The Jayhawks were just 3-for-15 on three-pointers and were 15-for-27 on free throws. It was the lowest point total in Self's 11-year tenure.

Wayne Selden Jr. had nine points for Kansas.

"Individually we're not good enough to go out and play against guys like that," Self said. "We have to become a team and we're not close to becoming a team yet."

After topping 100 points in each of their first two games, the Blue Devils again controlled the game from start to finish. Duke has trailed for a total of 18 seconds this season and only allowed Michigan State to tie the game once.

The Blue Devils, who start three freshmen, were led by Quinn Cook with 19 points and Jahlii Okafor, who had 17 points, five rebounds, two blocks and two steals in only his third college game.

"Part of him being so good is his teammate's ability to get him the ball, but also to hit shots," coach Mike Krzyzewski said after winning his 985th game. "That's the type of thing that we need to build on."

Michigan State was led by Brandon Dawson with 18 points and nine rebounds. Travis Trice had 15 points and Denzel Valentine finished with 13 points.

But coach Tom Izzo, who won the 2000 national championship, believes any or all of the teams that played in Indy on Tuesday still could return in April for the Final Four.

By then, he figures, all four teams should be playing their best.

"We ran out of gas at the 10-minute mark when we were down three. Just didn't have enough gas," Izzo said. "We're not a very good defensive team yet and I don't think we will be until we get some subs and until we get some sort of substitution pattern."



DARRON CUMMINGS/AP

Duke's Justise Winslow, center, makes a pass against Michigan State's Matt Costello, left, during Tuesday's game at the Champions Classic in Indianapolis.

Roundup

## O'Brien, No. 16 San Diego State edge No. 25 Utah



GREGORY BULL/AP

San Diego State forward Angelo Choll, left, blocks a shot by Utah center Dallen Bachynski on Tuesday in San Diego.

The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Each side struggled to score. All day long.

No. 16 San Diego State used some hard-nosed play to get the win.

J.J. O'Brien had a strong second half and finished with 12 points and 11 rebounds, helping the Aztecs to a 53-49 victory against No. 25 Utah in a Tuesday matchup between cold-shooting teams that had a crazy final 47 seconds.

"Many people that don't know basketball will say, 'Boy that was an ugly game. It set the game back,'" SDSU coach Steve Fisher said. "It wasn't. Yeah, we have to make more shots and we will. But we had some good shots. We had some shots that looked like they were going to be good but they made them hard for us."

"It's sometimes easier for the winning team to say that. But I would say that if we hadn't won," Fisher said. "We played hard. We defended in a fashion that wins. And we're going to continue to do that. We'll make enough shots to be in enough games."

San Diego State shot 32.7 percent (16-

for-49) from the field. Utah made only 16 of 50 shots for 32 percent.

**No. 9 Virginia 75, South Carolina State 55:** Malcolm Brogdon and Justin Anderson scored 17 points each and the host Cavaliers closed the first half on a 22-6 run and beat the Bulldogs.

It was the 13th consecutive victory at home for Virginia (3-0), which has coasted in each of its first three games. A big halftime margin once again allowed coach Tony Bennett to substitute liberally and experiment with his lineup for much off the second half. Anthony Gill added 11 points and Mike Toney had 10 before taking seats early in favor of younger players.

**No. 11 Wichita State 71, Memphis 56:** Ron Baker scored 21 points to lead the Shockers to a win over the Tigers in Sioux Falls, S.D., pushing their regular-season win streak to a nation-leading 33 games.

Fred VanVleet had 15 points and Darius Carter added 12 for the Shockers (2-0).

**No. 15 Virginia Commonwealth 87, Toledo 78:** The host Rams pulled away in the final three minutes to register a hard-

fought victory over the Rockets.

Senior Treveon Graham and Junior Melvin Johnson each scored 22 points to lead the Rams (2-0), who finally took control of the game with nine unanswered points down the stretch.

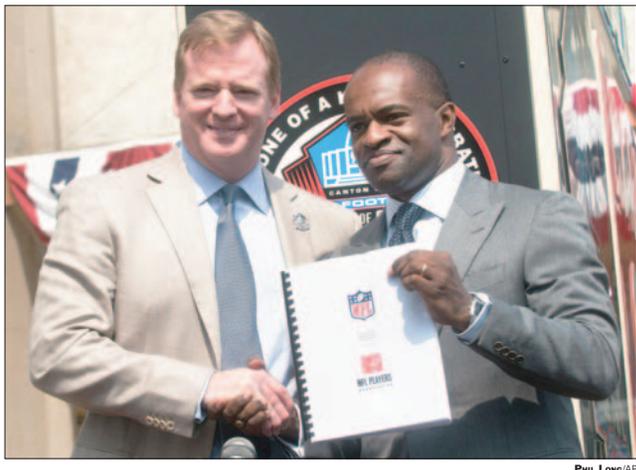
**No. 20 Ohio State 74, Marquette 63:** Kam Williams scored 15 points and Shannon Scott added a career-best 14 assists to lead the host Buckeyes past the Golden Eagles.

Amir Williams had 12 points and Marc Loving scored 10 for the Buckeyes (2-0), who shot 65 percent from the field (32-for-49) — including 8-for-15 on three-pointers.

**No. 21 Nebraska 82, Central Arkansas 56:** Terran Petteway scored 23 points, Shavon Shields added 16 and the host Cornhuskers shook off a sloppy first half to beat the Bears.

Tai Webster had 11 of his 13 points in the second half for the Cornhuskers (2-0), who turned the game into a rout after leading their opponent from the Southland Conference by only five points shortly after halftime.

NFL



Phil Long/AP

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell, left, and NFLPA Executive Director DeMaurice Smith shake hands after signing their collective bargaining agreement on Aug. 5, 2011 at the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio. Smith wants the league and its owners to take matters of player discipline out of Goodell's hands, but the agreement that they're holding gives Goodell authority in discipline matters.

# Union, NFL at odds over personal conduct policy

By **ROB MAADDI**  
The Associated Press

Saying the NFL is "making things up as they go along," players' union chief DeMaurice Smith wants the league and its owners to take disciplining players out of the hands of Commissioner Roger Goodell.

Already at odds over the process used to punish Ray Rice, the dispute heightened on Tuesday when the league suspended Minnesota Vikings running back Adrian Peterson for the rest of the season for using a branch to discipline his 4-year-old son.

The central issue remains the same for both sides: Finding a way to fairly hold players accountable for transgressions that damage the credibility and image of the league and its players. The union wants disciplinary power transferred from Goodell to a neutral arbitrator. The league, so far, doesn't agree.

And while the league and the NFL Players Association want to change the personal conduct policy, the sides disagree on how to do it. The union wants to bargain for changes to the policy, while the NFL wants to implement changes with union input the same way it changes rules on the field, like when it moved kickoffs to the 35-yard line.

Smith told The Associated Press in an email that the league indicated it was open to discussing the policy as recently as two months ago, but didn't follow through in coming to the table. He said those discussions were distinct from the union representing Peterson in his case, though on a parallel track.

"There is one fact that does make those things similar, though, and that is the NFL is clearly making things up as they go along," Smith said on Tuesday. "Our goal is to pursue a new personal conduct policy that is fair, transparent and consistent. The only way that happens is if the NFL and the owners

commit to collective bargaining." Troy Vincent, the NFL's executive vice president of football operations, countered that Goodell's authority was collectively bargained with the union in 2011.

"The union agreed to the commissioner maintaining authority to discipline. The league believes it is in the best interest of football to retain that authority," Vincent said. "The league is following the process dictated by the CBA."

The union and players helped to revise the personal conduct policy in 2007, Vincent said. He said the league has had multiple meetings with the union this year on revising the policy using the same approach.

Agent Jerrold Colton, who represents New Orleans tackle Jahri Evans, Pittsburgh cornerback William Gay and six-time Pro Bowl kicker David Akers, said the union's failure to negotiate changes to the personal conduct policy in 2011 was a "tremendous oversight."

"I felt strongly at the time that that was a mistake and clearly it's turned out to be one for the players the way it's played out, and we're stuck with it for another six years," said Colton, who said the players and league absolutely need an independent, third-party arbitrator. "Due process exists in most places in the United States except in the NFL."

Pittsburgh safety Mike Mitchell said the personal conduct policy needs more well-defined terms and clear guidelines based on precedent.

"Right now it's kind of, you know, one man has all the power, and I don't know if that's ever really a good thing. Roger does his best but he's got a lot on his plate that he has to control," Mitchell said. "I'm not just trying to bash him or come down on him, but players would feel better if he was just judge, jury and executioner."

AP Pro Football Writer Dave Campbell and AP Sports Writers Will Graves and Steven Wine contributed to this report.

## Scoreboard

### AFC individual leaders

#### Quarterbacks

	Aff	Com	Yds	TD	Int
P. Manning, DEN	407	273	3301	30	9
Roethlisberger, PIT	413	282	3270	24	6
Brady, NWE	417	269	3249	19	8
P. Rivers, SNO	328	219	2544	21	8
Luck, IND	229	146	3368	28	10
K. Orton, BUF	291	193	1977	11	5
Alec Smith, KAN	352	235	1717	10	8
Flacco, BAL	351	219	2521	17	8
Fitzpatrick, HOU	257	196	1111	8	8

#### Rushers

	Aff	Yds	LG	TD
L. Bell, PIT	135	951	458	81
A. Foster, HOU	161	822	511	43
Forsett, BAL	123	721	54	7
J. Charles, KAN	133	692	52	47
L. Miller, MIA	125	614	491	33
H. Hill, IND	113	556	432	62
D. Robinson, JAX	109	464	409	56
Bernard, CIN	95	425	472	29

#### Receivers

	No	Yds	LG	TD
An. Brown, PIT	85	1161	132	24
Dem. Thomas, DEN	72	1105	153	86
E. Sanders, DEN	67	954	142	48
Hilton, IND	59	961	163	49
Edelman, NWE	59	606	103	44
L. Bell, PHI	41	884	85	2
And. Johnson, HOU	55	631	115	26
K. Allen, SNO	53	537	138	24
Gronkowski, NWE	53	734	138	46
Smith Sr., BAL	58	728	149	80

#### Punters

	No	Yds	LG	AVG
Huber, CIN	46	2179	69	47.0
McAfee, IND	39	1848	61	47.4
Quigley, DEN	59	2371	69	47.4
Lechler, HOU	49	2295	71	46.8
Ry. Allen, NWE	40	1852	67	46.3
Anders, HOU	58	2674	66	46.1
Koch, BAL	35	1610	69	46.0
Kern, PIT	53	2433	63	45.9
Scifres, SNO	49	2219	72	45.3
King, OAK	28	2887	62	45.1

#### Punt Returners

	No	Yds	LG	TD
Ad. Jones, CIN	14	202	47	0
Edelman, NWE	18	251	13.9	84
Hannamond Jr., KAN	12	152	11.7	4
De' Thomas, KAN	15	164	10.9	28
Carrie, OAK	16	155	9.7	0
McKelvin, BUF	11	183	8.7	24
Jac. Jones, BAL	20	163	8.2	30
J. Landry, MIA	18	143	9.0	21
An. Brown, PIT	21	163	8.6	33
A. Sanders, JAX	23	248	7.4	23

#### Kickoff Returners

	No	Yds	LG	TD
Ad. Jones, CIN	20	634	31.7	108
J. Lyles, MIA	19	587	21.4	9
Kn. Davis, KAN	16	457	28.6	99
Todman, JAX	27	710	26.3	40
Winters, IND	15	379	25.3	45
L. Murray, OAK	18	405	22.5	38
L. Washington, TEN	18	376	23.6	50
Hakim, NYJ	13	279	21.4	44

#### Scoring Touchdowns

	TD	Rush	Rc	Ret	Pts
Ju. Thomas, DEN	12	8	2	0	60
J. Charles, KAN	10	8	2	0	60
De' Thomas, KAN	9	0	0	54	
An. Brown, PIT	9	0	0	54	
Gates, SNO	9	0	0	54	
McKelvin, NWE	9	0	0	54	
Bradshaw, IND	8	2	0	48	
Winters, IND	8	2	0	48	
E. Sanders, DEN	7	0	0	42	
Dem. Thomas, DEN	6	0	0	38	

#### Kicking

	PAT	FG	LG	Pts
Gostkowski, NWE	42	24	52	108
Vinatieri, IND	34	32	22	53
Holder, BUF	40	24	21	69
Sulistharn, PIT	32	28	18	50
Tucker, BAL	26	26	19	53
D. Carpenter, BUF	26	25	18	52
Bulluck, HOU	25	19	25	59
An. Brown, PIT	23	17	13	50
Novak, SNO	24	16	17	52
Cuniff, CLE	22	16	20	52

### AFC team statistics

#### OFFENSE

	Yds	Rush	Pass
Indianapolis	483.3	104.3	334.0
Denver	412.9	89.9	323.0
Baltimore	385.5	78.6	304.4
New England	380.4	115.5	264.9
Cleveland	356.1	111.8	244.3
Houston	354.4	146.4	209.8
Chicago	345.3	73.4	271.1
Cincinnati	346.3	124.3	222.0
Atlanta	344.4	164.6	244.8
Kansas City	328.0	141.2	186.8
San Diego	327.5	143.9	183.6
N.Y. Jets	315.4	140.9	179.5
Jacksonville	315.1	96.1	217.0
Tennessee	305.5	92.5	216.5
Oakland	276.4	63.0	213.4

#### DEFENSE

	Yds	Rush	Pass
Miami	302.5	94.5	208.0
Dallas	316.4	73.4	243.0
Buffalo	321.6	99.0	222.6
San Francisco	340.7	116.2	244.6
Kansas City	326.0	124.4	201.6
Baltimore	320.0	122.0	198.0
Pittsburgh	335.7	145.5	251.2
Pittsburgh	345.8	102.2	241.6
San Diego	358.9	189.9	269.0
Oakland	365.2	129.8	235.4
San Francisco	365.4	129.8	235.6
Cleveland	373.2	142.1	230.2
Indianapolis	375.6	112.7	262.9
San Francisco	385.7	163.8	281.9
Jacksonville	388.1	126.2	291.9
Houston	389.5	111.4	278.1

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#### Quarterbacks

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C. Palmer, ARI	224	141	1626	11	3
Cutter, CHI	373	250	2695	21	12
M. Ryan, ATL	371	249	2793	8	8
Kaepernick, SFN	318	194	2359	14	5
E. Wilson, TEN	351	2354	17	7	
K. Cousins, WAS	204	126	1710	10	9
D. Manning, NYJ	166	224	2495	18	11

#### Rushers

	Aff	Yds	LG	TD
D. Murray, DAL	177	813	459	32
M. Lynch, SEA	173	721	54	7
Forste, CHI	196	729	372	28
A. Morris, WAS	172	701	408	28
Gore, SNO	138	648	410	6
A. Ellington, ARI	186	624	335	22
M. Ingram, NOR	136	618	448	28
R. Wilson, SEA	74	571	772	52
Lacy, GBY	129	547	424	37

#### Receivers

	No	Yds	LG	TD
G. Tate, DET	67	912	136	40
Ju. Jones, ATL	67	575	86	56
Forté, CHI	60	998	16	80
J. Nelson, GBY	60	998	16	80
J. Graham, NOR	59	625	103	27
M. Ingram, NOR	57	619	128	38
D. Bryant, DAL	56	793	124	68
Olson, CAR	56	638	112	38
Boldin, SFN	56	688	123	37
Jeffery, CHI	55	761	138	74

#### Punters

	No	Yds	LG	AVG
Way, WAS	44	2054	77	46.5
A. Lee, SFN	44	2054	71	46.7
Ca. Manetti, DET	45	2146	62	46.8
C. Jones, DAL	45	1619	64	46.3
Maskay, GBY	32	1478	58	46.2
McNair, CAR	54	2489	67	46.1
Hekker, STL	49	2241	60	46.0
Maxwell, NOR	32	1462	60	45.9
J. Ryan, SEA	45	2018	66	44.8
B. Foster, ARI	29	1656	66	44.8

#### Punt Returners

	No	Yds	LG	TD
Sproles, PHI	24	357	21.2	9
Ginn Jr., ARI	17	181	10.6	71
Ross, PIT	10	149	9.5	0
Ph. Brown, CAR	16	153	9.6	79
Dw. Harris, DAL	19	166	8.7	31
Rob. White, WAS	17	162	8.4	0
Shereels, MIN	20	169	8.5	24
Walters, NOR	23	162	8.0	0
B. Ellington, SFN	20	179	11.9	70
T. Austin, STL	20	203	6.3	38

#### Kickoff Returners

	No	Yds	LG	TD
B. Cunningham, SFN	17	557	21.2	9
B. Ellington, SFN	14	361	25.8	38
Dw. Harris, DAL	17	429	25.6	41
C. Patterson, MIN	23	561	24.4	0
Ch. Williams, CHI	24	579		

NFL

# Raiders skid reaches 16 straight losses

By JOSH DUBOW  
The Associated Press

ALAMEDA, Calif. — Ever since Al Davis arrived in Oakland more than a half-century ago to build his beloved Raiders into one of pro sports' most successful franchises, his team has been closely associated with Davis' favorite saying, "Just win, baby."

That mantra has now turned into a desperate plea. The Raiders have become the 13th team in pro football history to lose 16 straight games following last weekend's defeat in San Diego and are six games away from a defeated season.

"We hate it," safety Charles Woodson said. "We hate that it's even in the minds of our fans. Does it weigh on us? No, I don't think it weighs on us. Just losing games is what weighs on us. We're not worried about we're 0-and-whatever. We're just tired of losing games. We have to find a way to win."

That hasn't happened since Matt McGloin led Oakland past Houston 28-23 on Nov. 17, 2013. Six straight losses followed to end last season and the Raiders picked up by losing their first 10 games this season.

With six more losses starting Thursday night against Kansas City, Oakland would match the 0-16 record for futility set by the 2008 Detroit Lions — the only team to go winless in a 16-game season.

"There's still a lot of pride in this organization," Tom Flores said. "That's the painful part right now. People look at us and laugh."

The Raiders are three losses shy of trying the franchise record of 19 sets in 1961-62. Flores stayed on the 1961 team before sitting out the next season with an illness. That skid ended with a win over the Boston Patriots in the final game of the season.

**‘People look at us and laugh.’**  
Tom Flores  
Former Raiders coach

"There weren't that many people who even knew or cared," Flores said. "The last game of the year, we had about 5,000 people at the game. Afterward, you'd have thought we had won the Super Bowl with people tooting their horns until midnight."

The fortunes of the franchise immediately changed with Davis coming on the next season as coach. The Raiders won three Super Bowl titles and for years had the best record in all of pro sports under Davis' leadership.

The downfall started before Davis' death in 2011 as the team has failed to post a win-



LENNY IGONELZ/AP

Raiders quarterback Derek Carr fumbles the opening snap against the Chargers on Sunday in San Diego. The Raiders have lost 16 straight games, their last win coming on Nov. 17, 2013 against the Texans.

ning record since winning the AFC title in 2002.

Rock bottom arrived this year with a blooper reel full of flops to go along with the losses. It started in the home opener when James Jones fumbled twice on the same play to thwart a scoring chance against Houston.

There was also a shotgun snap that sailed past McGloin that led to a touchdown for Miami. Then a botched fake field goal in Cleveland that led to an interception by backup quarterback Matt Schaub on his only pass of the season.

Earlier this month, quarterback Derek Carr threw a pass to left guard Khalif Barnes, who was ineligible on the play but was mistaken by Carr for running back Darren McFadden, who is more than 100 pounds lighter. Barnes knew he was ineligible but caught the ball instead of knocking it down and promptly fumbled, setting up a Denver touchdown.

"We come into the locker room and we ask each other the same questions and I don't know the answer," defensive tackle Antonio Smith said. "I don't know the an-

swer to what we need or what needs to happen for us to get over the hump."

After a decade of losing, this was supposed to be that year. General manager Reggie McKenzie spent his first two years shedding bad contracts to set the stage for this past offseason when Oakland had about \$60 million in salary cap room and a near-full complement of draft picks.

While the draft class has shown promise with linebacker Khalil Mack and Carr looking like building blocks and guard Gabe Jackson, cornerback TJ Carrie and defensive tackle Justin Ellis earning starting roles, the other acquisitions have been disappointing.

Schaub lost the quarterback job in training camp and is being paid \$8 million to be a holder. Smith, Justin Tuck and LaMarr Woodley have combined for three sacks. Maurice Jones-Drew has run for just 70 yards on 33 carries.

With significant salary cap room again next offseason and a possible top draft pick, additions to that foundation could come soon. But questions remain about who will select the players, who will coach

them and where they will even play.

Owner Mark Davis said after the firing of Dennis Allen in September that McKenzie would be evaluated in part on how the team played the final 12 games.

Interim coach Tony Sparano has done nothing to show that he should be back next season and the Raiders still are figuring out where to play in 2015.

They are in the final year of their lease at the Coliseum and would like to get a stadium deal to remain in Oakland. But with talks showing little progress, Davis has met with officials from San Antonio and also talked about possibly moving back to Los Angeles.

The more immediate concerns are about getting that elusive first win.

"Never could have imagined not having a win up to this point," Woodson said. "That's frustrating to the coaches and players on this team that work each day to go out there and play well. We're after a win, that's the bottom line."

## Control: Kansas City hoping defense lifts them to AFC West title

FROM BACK PAGE

went 10-3 and was second in its division in an era when fewer teams qualified for the postseason. Minnesota and Dallas each won its division, something the Chiefs have their sights set on this year.

They're tied with Denver at 7-3 heading into Thursday night's game in Oakland.

"You know, it's a tribute to the guys for doing what they do," Chiefs coach Andy Reid said. "I mean, sometimes that's just how things fall. The guys obviously take a lot of pride in that."

That was evident in the way

they whooped it up heading to the sideline after stopping Lynch and the Seahawks on Sunday. It was as if the entire team had become invested in the way the defense played in the red zone, in Reid's mind a sure sign of unity within the locker room.

Kansas City has only allowed opponents to score 41.9 percent of the time inside its 20-yard line, second only to Jacksonville for the best rate in the NFL.

"Everybody has stepped up and played together. Everybody has one goal," said defensive end Allen Bailey, whose breakout season recently earned him a \$25

million contract extension.

"I don't know, man. It's hard. Everybody is trying to stop the run, that's our first goal," Bailey said. "Stop the run, then rush the passer."

The Chiefs have been doing a pretty good job of that, too. Justin Houston has a league-leading 12 sacks, and would have had another if not for a penalty last week. Defensive tackle Dontari Poe had his career-best fifth. And the Chiefs have 30 as a team, tied for third-best in the NFL, and an impressive number given the total number of sacks are down across

the league this season.

"By stuffing the run, the Chiefs have been able to turn loose against the pass in long-yardage situations, and that has resulted in a league-leading pass defense.

Throw it all together and the Chiefs are allowing 17.1 points, second-best in the league.

"You definitely have to stop the run. This is the time of year when people run more. It's playoff time," Vickerson said. "When you bow up against the run in the cold months of November, December, January, those are the playoff teams, and if you can stop



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them, I know from experience... you have a good chance of winning games."

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Seahawks running back Marshawn Lynch (24) is tackled by Chiefs free safety Husain Abdullah, left, outside linebacker Tamba Hali (91), and strong safety Eric Berry.

# Ground control

## Chiefs' defensive line has yet to allow opponents to score a rushing TD

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Kevin Vickerson has been a part of some stellar defensive fronts, whether he was playing next to Albert Haynesworth and Jevon Kearse in Tennessee or Von Miller and Elvis Dumervil in Denver.

Still, the Kansas City Chiefs are on pace to do something that neither of those de-

fenses did — in fact, something that has never been done in the history of the NFL.

They still have not allowed a touchdown on the ground this season.

Sure, opponents have come close. Just last Sunday, Seahawks running back Marshawn Lynch was repelled at the 2-yard line, setting up fourth down. Seattle threw a pass incomplete, and Kansas City went on to win a 24-20 nail-biter against the defending Super Bowl champions.

Other teams have come close to scoring on the ground, too. But none of them succeeded yet.

"It's all about communication and knowing assignments," said Vickerson, a veteran defensive tackle signed early this season. "When you know your assignments you can play fast. You're not over there thinking. Communication is very important. That's what we've been doing pretty good."

The previous time a defense refused to

allow a touchdown rushing this deep in the season was 2011, when the San Francisco 49ers went the first 14 games without one. That team went on to finish 13-3 behind current Chiefs quarterback Alex Smith, losing to the Giants in the NFC title game.

The fewest touchdowns rushing allowed in any season is two, shared by the 1971 Vikings, '68 Cowboys and '34 Lions. All but the Lions reached the playoffs — Detroit

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