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US ramps up ISIL surveillance

In short term, spies, not soldiers, will fuel Iraq effort

By SHANE HARRIS
Foreign Policy

WASHINGTON — In ordering hundreds of military advisers to Iraq and dramatically ramping up intelligence-gathering on jihadist fighters threatening Baghdad, President Barack Obama sent his strongest signal yet that U.S. airstrikes against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant may be likely.

Since ISIL fighters took control of two key Iraqi cities last week, the U.S. military and intelligence agencies have blanketed portions of the country with spy satellites and drones, giving them what one senior administration official called “round-the-clock coverage” of locations where the ISIL is active. The military personnel headed to Iraq —

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as many as 300, Obama said — will work alongside Iraqi military forces in special intelligence centers, using drone video feeds and spy satellite photographs to track and attack ISIL fighters. They'll also be in a prime position to help carry out U.S. airstrikes the moment Obama orders them.

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An Iraqi policeman, right, stands guard as armed Shiite militiamen, followers of Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, parade in Kirkuk, Iraq, on Saturday.

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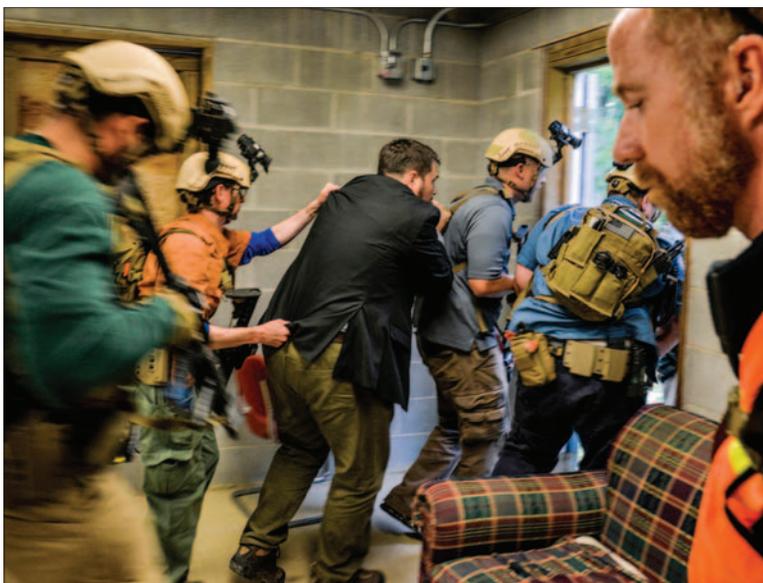
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During a training exercise for Diplomatic Security Service agents, a man portraying a consul general is hustled out the door of a mock U.S. consulate in the fictional town of Erehtwon — the word “nowhere” spelled backwards.

JAHN CHIKWENDU/The Washington Post

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“Do not drive on a road with water. It may not be there.”

— South Dakota Lt. Gov. Matt Michels, on flooding after a swollen river threatened homes where Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota meet

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In war on terror, CIA turned to toys

By ADAM GOLDMAN
The Washington Post

For more than a decade, the CIA has deployed drones, satellites, spies, informants and tracking devices to thwart al-Qaeda in Pakistan.

The spy agency also considered a plan to wage war with toys.

Beginning in about 2005, the CIA began secretly developing a custom-made Osama bin Laden action figure, according to people familiar with the project. The faces of the figures were painted with a heat-dissolving material, designed to peel off and reveal a red-faced bin Laden who looked like a demon, with piercing green eyes and black facial markings.

The goal of the short-lived project was simple: spook children and their parents, causing them to turn away from the actual bin Laden.

The code-name for the bin Laden figures was “Devil Eyes,” and to create them, the CIA turned to one of the best minds in the toy business, said those familiar with the project, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because they weren’t authorized to discuss the project publicly.

The toymaker was Donald Levine, the former Hasbro executive who was instrumental in the creation of the wildly popular G.I. Joe toys that generated more than \$5 billion in sales after hitting the shelves in 1964.

The CIA’s interest in Levine was twofold: He had an eye for toys and a vast network of contacts in China, where the bin Laden action figures were ultimately manufactured. Levine had done business there for nearly 60 years and had the means to have the action figures discreetly developed and manufactured.

Levine died in May at age 86 after a lengthy battle with cancer. In response to questions about his work on the bin Laden toys, his family said in a statement: “Don Levine was a dedicated Patriot, and proud Korean War veteran. When called on, he was honored to assist our country.”

There’s a dispute over how many of the figures, if any, ultimately were delivered. A person with direct knowledge of the project in China said hundreds of the toys — one of which was seen by The Washington Post — were made as part of a reproduction run and were sent on a freighter to the Pakistani city of Karachi in 2006.

The CIA, while not disputing that it had commissioned the bin Laden figures, said the project was discontinued shortly after the prototypes were developed.

“To our knowledge, there were only three individual action figures ever created, and these were merely to show what a final product might look like,” said CIA spokesman Ryan Trapani. “After being presented with these examples, the CIA declined to pursue this idea and did not produce or distribute any of these action figures. Furthermore, CIA has no knowledge of these action figures being



ADAM GOLDMAN/The Washington Post

With the help of a toymaker in China, the CIA in 2006 developed three prototypes of an Osama bin Laden action figure designed to generate negative reaction to the actual bin Laden.

produced or distributed by others.”

Regardless of how far the “Devil Eyes” project proceeded, it appears to have borne all the hallmarks of what are known as influence operations in intelligence parlance. As part of its covert action programs, the agency for decades has tried to win the hearts and minds of local populations or to turn them against a particular ideology.

During the Cold War, for instance, the CIA secretly published both Western and Russian literature for distribution behind the Iron Curtain, created Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty, subsidized intellectual magazines, underwrote concert tours and art exhibitions, and bankrolled academic seminars.

The agency also used young provocateurs to disrupt communist youth festivals and dropped propaganda leaflets from balloons.

All of it — from the highbrow to the high jinks — was designed either to undermine the Soviet Union and its satellites or to bolster support for the United States in key countries around the world.

Those efforts continued after the end of the Cold War. Prior to the U.S. invasion of Haiti in 1994, for instance, the CIA distributed soccer balls to demonstrate the generosity of the United States.

“It made them feel good about Americans,” a former CIA official said. “We were there trying to prepare the way for the military.”

Little is known about the kind of influence operations the CIA has run since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks as part of the broader fight against al-Qaida and Islamist extremism.

In Afghanistan, the CIA had locals broadcast propaganda from a forward operating base known as Camp Chapman in Khost province, the same base where seven CIA officers

later were killed in a 2009 suicide bombing.

“Some of these have been considered successful and some have not been successful,” said Arturo Munoz, a former CIA officer who teaches a course at Georgetown University on covert action, who stressed that he was referring only to decades-old, declassified operations.

The bin Laden venture began in 2005 as a plan to give its allies in the Afghanistan region material that could be handed out to children to build goodwill. The handouts included toys, school supplies such as pencils, and notebooks.

“It appealed to [Levine] because it had nothing to do with actually hurting someone,” said a person familiar with his decision to get involved. “It was the softer side of the CIA.”

The agency approved the production of the gift items, which were put into backpacks for distribution — blue for boys and pink for girls. Levine developed prototypes before settling on a standard 12-inch figure with the unique facial features. Bin Laden’s head was superimposed onto a figure that was already in production in the Chinese city of Dongguan.

A Chinese artist took publicly available photographs of bin Laden and created an image that was strikingly close in appearance to the al-Qaida leader. The final prototype was dressed in traditional garb and was packaged in a cheap box covered with plastic and presented to the CIA for approval. Levine was said to have been pleased with the final bin Laden product.

Although the CIA said it decided not to move forward with the operation, at least one of the figures remains at the agency’s headquarters.

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1 killed, 3 hurt in car bomb targeting Afghanistan official

By RAHIM FAIEZ AND AMIR SHAH
The Associated Press

KABUL — A suicide car bombing in Kabul aimed at a senior government official killed one civilian and wounded three others on Saturday but did not harm its apparent target, Afghan security officials said.

Kabul police spokesman Hashmat Stanikzai said the suicide bomber detonated his explosives-laden vehicle alongside the armored car of Mohammed Masoom Stanikzai, a senior official in the High Peace Council, a government body tasked with peace talks with the Taliban insurgency. The two men are not related.

Shafullah, a police officer at the scene, said Stanikzai, who also

serves as an adviser to President Hamid Karzai, was not harmed because he was traveling in an armored car. He said that while the explosion was “very strong,” it took place early in the morning, when the streets were relatively empty. Like many Afghans, the police officer only has one name.

No group claimed responsibility for the attack, but the Taliban frequently launch suicide attacks against Afghan civilians, government officials and security forces.

Meanwhile, in the western Herat province, one civilian was killed and another was wounded when their vehicle struck a roadside bomb, provincial police spokesman Raouf Ahmadi said, adding that the two were on their way to the district bazaar.



RAHMAT GUL/AP

Afghanistan security forces and officials inspect the site of a suicide car bombing Saturday in Kabul.

Pakistan says 307,501 have fled tribal region

By RIAZ KHAN
The Associated Press

PESHAWAR, Pakistan — The number of Pakistanis who have fled a tribal area bordering Afghanistan where the army is fighting militants has risen to 307,501, officials said Saturday.

Since Wednesday, when a curfew was relaxed in North Waziristan, 25,242 families have left the area and have registered at checkpoints along the way, said Arbab Muhammad Arif, who heads the administration of seven tribal regions along the Afghan border.

The figure includes 62,000 people who left the area of operations before June 18, he added, saying that displaced families were provided with food, drinks and 5,000 rupees (\$50) per family.

The curfew will remain relaxed until Sunday, he said, and the administration is expecting another 100,000 tribesmen and their families to leave. The administration has established displaced persons camps but few have showed up there, preferring to stay with relatives or in tented houses around the border town of Bannu, he said.

Meanwhile, the army said in a statement that soldiers of all ranks would donate a day's worth of pay and food rations to help the displaced families.

The Pakistani army launched a long-awaited operation against foreign and local militants in North Waziristan on June 15. It claims to have killed 262 militants and to have destroyed scores of their hideouts so far.



HEATH DRUZIN/Stars and Stripes

A crowd supportive of Afghan presidential candidate Abdullah Abdullah shouts slogans Saturday in Kabul accusing the government of committing fraud in the June 14 presidential election run-off.

Afghanistan election fraud allegations draw protest

By HEATH DRUZIN
Stars and Stripes

KABUL — Supporters of presidential candidate Abdullah Abdullah marched through Kabul on Saturday in support of his claims of election fraud and government complicity, but the demonstrations failed to draw the mass crowds many had expected.

Many had worried that mass protests could spark violence, further complicating the delicate political transition.

“We will not accept the results; we know Dr. Abdullah is the winner,” protester Rahmat Gul said. “Until the end, we will fight, we will try every option.”

No results from the June 14 runoff followed Abdullah, a former foreign minister, and former Finance Minister Ashraf Ghani have been announced.

But Abdullah has already claimed massive fraud and a plot by the government to steal the election from him. Many experts say Abdullah's claims could not only undermine the election, but also could weaken the next government, regardless of who wins.

Ghani has rejected Abdullah's fraud claims and called for the vote count to continue.

The successful candidate will replace President Hamid Karzai, who was barred from seeking a third term. A peaceful transition — the first democratic transfer of power in the country's history — is seen as key to the next government's legitimacy. That, in turn, is key to continuing international

support for a country whose government is funded almost entirely by aid money.

The election crisis comes at a crucial time, too, with Taliban insurgents still locked in a bloody guerrilla war and international military forces withdrawing from the country ahead of the Dec. 31 deadline for all foreign combat troops to leave.

The U.S. and its NATO allies are counting on the next president to sign a bilateral security agreement that would set the terms for a small contingent of foreign troops to remain in the country next year primarily to train and advise Afghan forces.

Abdullah has suggested the United Nations step in to mediate the dispute, a move Karzai endorsed on Friday, but it is unclear whether the U.N. will do so.

An official with the U.N. Assistance Mission in Afghanistan, quoted by the Agence France Presse news agency Saturday, reiterated the U.N.'s call for candidates to show restraint to avoid violence in the post-election period.

“We would call upon supporters of the candidates to refrain from inflammatory statements, or statements that promote divisive ethnic mobilization,” U.N. mission deputy chief Nicholas Haysom said.

The Independent Election Commission, the country's main election body, postponed the planned release of initial results Saturday because of the protests. However, commission officials

have rejected Abdullah's demand that they stop counting votes until his accusations of fraud are investigated.

If the political squabbling delays announcement of the final vote tally — expected July 22 — that, in turn, could delay the inauguration of the next president, expected in August, at a time when the new Afghan government has pressing military and economic issues to address, said Graeme Smith, senior analyst with the International Crisis Group.

“The legitimacy of this election will be decided by the loser, so now it's really a matter of the two camps reaching an understanding about what happened,” at the June 14th runoff election, he said.

At one rally Saturday, roughly 200 Abdullah supporters gathered around a traffic circle and listened to speakers who loudly criticized the election commission from the top of a minivan. The crowd shouted slogans against the government and tried to burn a picture of an election commission official, instead ripping the sign apart when it failed to fully ignite.

“If (the election commission) separates the clean votes from the fake ones and Dr. Ghani wins, we will respect that,” Abdullah supporter Omad Hijran said. “But we are here to defend a clean vote until the last drop of our blood.”

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MILITARY

US soldier experiences a life of trouble, a moment of immortality

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The Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ga. — Ruediger Richter barely recognizes himself in the yellowed military photograph hanging in his den — one of the best-known images of the Vietnam War.

A sinewy GI stands in the middle of the frame, staring into the distance, behind him, another soldier looks down at the body of a comrade, wrapped in a poncho. The photo, enshrined in the National Archives, came to be known as “The Agony of War.”

Richter is the man at the center, though he does not look the same. Partly, it's because of age — he was 25 years old when the photo was taken and he is now 73, with two grandchildren. Partly, it's because of war's ravages — months after the photo was taken, he was shot in the head, and he spent years coping with anger, alcohol, addiction to pain medications, post-traumatic stress.

But Richter himself will tell you that he does not resemble the man in the picture because he is no longer the man in the picture.

“I was a killer then,” Richter said on his front porch, the wife who helped save his life by his side, birds chirping in trees rustled by the breeze. “I have made my peace here.”

The story of the photo

On Aug. 14, 1966, Richter's job was clearing a landing zone in South Vietnam so helicopters could evacuate the wounded and dead after a mortar attack hit his unit.

Watching the scene unfold from a safe spot, Army paratrooper and photographer Paul Epley ignored an order to stay down to take the photo, which was used in newspapers and magazines worldwide.

In the photo, Richter looks skyward with his mouth open and his arms raised slightly. Sgt. Daniel E. Spencer Jr. of Bend, Ore., looks down mournfully at the body of Pfc. Daryl Raymond Corfman of Sycamore, Ohio; Spencer also was killed in action, in 1968. The scene is shrouded in smoke.

People have attached a range of emotions and attributes to the

photo through the decades: Richter was praying, he was questioning God, perhaps calling upon angels.

Richter dismisses those interpretations with a profanity. “I was looking at a helicopter,” he said.

“That picture is genius because you see the smoke behind me,” he added. “It was a red smoke grenade I threw.”

The story of how he came to be in that place at that time is an extraordinary one.

The story of Richter

Born in Berlin in February 1941, when Adolf Hitler's Nazi troops already had been marauding across Europe for years, Richter's earliest memories are of bodies outside bombed-out bunkers and bright flares dropped by Allied bombers.

“We called them Christmas trees. They were beautiful,” he said. “You could hear the sirens going off all over Berlin.”

Richter said that when the war ended in 1945 and the Allies sliced the city into sectors, he was fortunate enough to live in the American district, where GIs were a soft touch for a young German boy begging for food. With few options in Berlin, Richter said, he joined the German merchant marine at age 14. That three-year stint ended when his ship docked in Calais, France, where he and other sailors were arrested after a bar fight.

“They put us in a dungeon with water dripping down, just like in a movie. There was just a little window with bars,” he said.

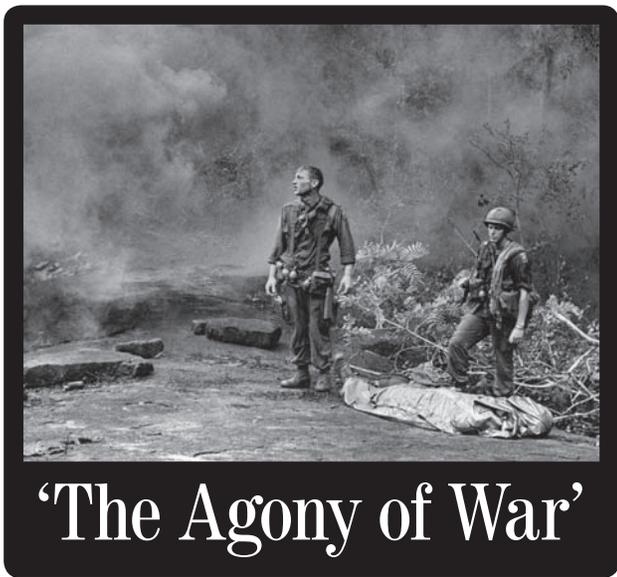
After three days in lockup, a judge gave the penniless Richter a choice: Stay in prison or join the French Foreign Legion, which was battling rebels in French-controlled North Africa. He was too young to join legally at age 17, Richter said, so he was given a new name — Horst Timm — and allowed to enlist.

Richter does not know how many men he killed with the legion, or how many nighttime marches he made through Morocco, Tunisia and Algeria. But after five years, he left the legion and regained his true name. An aunt and uncle living in Columbus, Ohio, suggested he come to America to restart his life, so he did in 1964.

Richter grew bonded with his job constructing helicopter landing pads, so he enlisted in the Army in 1965. According to his military file obtained from the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, he shipped out to Fort Campbell, Ky., and landed in Vietnam in June 1966 with the 4th Battalion, 503rd Infantry, 173rd Airborne Brigade.

He later transferred to a reconnaissance unit. The war finally came to an end for him on March 25, 1967, when a bullet hit him on the left side of his face.

The slug destroyed his upper palate — an injury that still



‘The Agony of War’

L. PAUL EPLEY, COURTESY OF THE U.S. ARMY/AP

U.S. Army soldier Ruediger Richter gazes aloft on Aug. 14, 1966, as a helicopter prepares to land to pick up the body of a fallen soldier killed by mortar fire in South Vietnam. The image came to be known widely as “The Agony of War.”

makes it difficult for him to speak. It shattered his teeth, left him blind and deaf on the right side. As he was evacuated aboard an Army chopper, Richter used a fork and a ballpoint pen to make his own tracheotomy just to keep breathing; the scar is still there.

Lingering effects

“I hate war. I hate guns because they are the root of all the bad things in the world,” said Richter, who earned two Bronze Star medals for heroism and other awards that he has since thrown away. “People come up and say things like, ‘You’re a hero.’ I hate that. It makes me mad. I did my job.”

But when the job was done, the effects lingered.

Today, after about a dozen reconstructive surgeries, Richter's appearance is pretty typical for a man his age, save for scars that are mostly hidden by glasses. He avoids wartime buddies and military reunions and doesn't like to talk about his experience in Vietnam.

In 2012, when the AP was preparing to publish “Vietnam: The Real War” — a book that would include “The Agony of War” — a former comrade said Richter rarely spoke with anyone. But Richter agreed to talk this spring partly because of his long-ago friendship with AP war correspondent Henri Huet, killed when a helicopter was shot down over Laos in 1971.

The story he tells is distressingly familiar. He came back from Vietnam mad at everything and everyone; he didn't like his appearance, didn't like how he sounded after the injury, didn't like the way he was screamed at by war protest-



HENRI HUET/AP

In 1966, U.S. Army soldier Ruediger Richter, then 25, holds a can of food in a South Vietnamese jungle during his service in the Vietnam War.

ers as he arrived home.

Out of the military on disability after attaining the rank of sergeant, Richter and his first wife moved to Pensacola, Fla., where Richter spent his days taking too many pain pills, drinking too much alcohol and fishing on the city pier. His marriage collapsed, desperately in need of a new start, he returned to Germany.

It was there in 1978 that he met Martina, who was free only because her father dug a tunnel under the Berlin Wall to rescue her and her mother after the Soviet clampdown.

Richter had a harder time feeding his addiction to prescription drugs in Germany than in the Florida Panhandle, but his life

was still a swirl of fury and awful memories. Martina made the difference, he said.

“I didn't accept the way he was,” she said. “If I was going to stay, he had to change.”

He beat his addictions, and the two married on Aug. 25, 1982. They have since had two sons, half-brothers to the three boys from their previous marriages.

Richter and Martina returned to the United States in 2007. The next year, they bought the rural patch where they now live, miles outside of Columbus.

Richter doesn't want the exact location given or his photo taken. He wants to remain anonymous and mostly avoids his neighbors. They don't know the story of the old hippie, with his ponytail, beard and earring.

Richter finally sought help after he found himself unable to breathe during a session of online computer gaming, a passion of the couple. He was diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder. Today, medication helps Richter sleep and tame down the dreams of guns and battle and death.

Richter has few mementos of his military service. Among them are three photos on his den wall, put there by Martina.

One photo shows the handsome young man in his French Foreign Legion uniform; another is Richter in his U.S. Army uniform. The third is the original, black-and-white print of “The Agony of War.”

Richter said the famous photograph means little to him. It was but a split second along a road to hell and back.

“Just a moment in time,” he said.

Richter displays his yellowed paper from the French Foreign Legion.

AP



MILITARY

BY RICHARD LEIBY
The Washington Post

The terrorists threw everything they had at the U.S. consulate: a truck bomb, grenades, rockets, mortars and 15 black-clad attackers armed with AK-47s, including one fighter strapped with a suicide vest trying to blow up the back door.

It could have turned out badly — another Benghazi — but it wasn't scripted that way. This time, all 20 personnel inside the five-story consulate would survive. None of the attackers did, mowed down by agents from the State Department's Diplomatic Security Service, who responded crisply with automatic weapons spewing fiery, loud bursts in the early morning haze.

The terrorists were, in fact, excited young Marines fresh out of infantry school, role-players in a rapid-fire training exercise in a mock town built for war games on a Virginia military base. Replete with Hollywood-style explosions and actors chanting anti-American slogans in Arabic, it was the culmination of an intensive training program that owes its existence to the deadly 2012 attacks by Islamic militants on U.S. installations in Benghazi, Libya.

A review board cited "grossly inadequate" security, a lack of Diplomatic Security agents and poorly skilled local guards as factors in the rout at Benghazi that killed four Americans, including the U.S. ambassador. In response, then-Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton created a high-threat directorate within the security branch so U.S. outposts in dangerous places "get the attention they need," she said.

Republicans have continued to pound on the Obama administration's response to the incident, while Democrats see only political posturing. But none of it particularly registers in the fictional nation of Erewhon — "nowhere" spelled backwards — where Diplomatic Security agents since last fall have sweated through motorcade ambushes and helicopter evacuations as part of stepped-up training.

The high-threat course lasts 10 weeks — its duration was doubled after Benghazi — and students are put through their final paces during three-plus days amid Erewhon's pine trees and the occasional flock of wild turkeys. A squad of 16 men completed it last month, the latest of 47 graduates since October. (The State Department asked that the base's name not be disclosed to maintain the element of surprise for future trainees.)

Erewhon exercises explained

Two thousand DS agents, as they are known, protect diplomats and U.S. outposts in 160 countries. Many agents undergo DS basic training — including firearms and trauma-care instruction — at a West Virginia facility that includes a racetrack for high-speed driving maneuvers. The so-called capstone event at Erewhon is meant to connect the lessons in order to protect a pretend diplomat and eventually evacuate him as the U.S. mission in Erewhon is abandoned.

Along the way, as with military combat exercises, the students deal with exhaustion, casualties who must be carried and a wily, adaptive enemy — in this case, trainers who monitor everything from a state-of-the-art tactical operations center where they shift elements of the scenario to keep the students off guard.

They also use deception: One night the puppet masters fired "mortars" from one direction so that the group, sloggng a mile across a creek in the dark toward a helo landing zone, would think the enemy was advancing from the left. A version of a Black Hawk helicopter, designed to ferry VIPs, was enlisted to "extract" the DS agents and diplomats, who carried one student on a stretcher.

"It was not easy," said Alex, 43, an agent who asked that his last name be withheld for security reasons. He and other grimy graduates, who had not showered in days,

Intensified training

Agents' exercises more grueling since Benghazi



PHOTOS BY JAHN CHIKWENDO/The Washington Post

Above: Black-clad participants in the role of terrorists play dead in the lobby of the make-believe U.S. Consulate during a training exercise for agents of the Diplomatic Security Service.



An improvised explosive device planted in a truck detonates during an exercise.



Left: Agents evacuate a participant posing as a wounded person as part of the course. Right: The group poses for a photo after completing the training. Some of them could be headed for Iraq, Afghanistan or other high-threat postings.

were trudging back to the pretend consulate for a lengthy after-action critique.

Within an hour or so of repelling the attack, the team had just safely relocated the diplomatic personnel to a soccer field to be airlifted. The air smelled of the multiple smoke grenades they had used for cover. They looked happy it was over.

The most stressful part of the past 76 hours? "Not knowing what's coming next," Alex said.

The new reality

That's part of the point. A 14-year DS veteran, with posts including Thailand and Slovakia, Alex will soon head to the U.S. Consulate in Basra, Iraq — a posting that

represents the service's new reality. "When I started in 2000, we were not in war zones," he noted. "This is what we need to operate in a war zone. ... It's sort of like being in the military, yet you're a diplomat at the same time."

Two other graduates in his squad are also going to Iraq, which has an oversize component of diplomatic personnel — the largest U.S. Embassy in the world — but no longer a fallback army to help keep them safe (although Marines are still attached to many diplomatic posts as guards).

The post-Benghazi review board noted that the Diplomatic Security Service "is being stretched to the limit as never before," as terrorist threats escalate worldwide, including places where the U.S.

military has no presence. In response, the State Department will have hired 75 more agents by year's end.

The State Department says it eventually wants all of its security agents to be trained for high-risk postings. In response to Benghazi, midlevel and executive-level agents will be put through four-week high-threat courses, as well.

Many in the security service have military and law enforcement backgrounds, but their ranks also include teachers, lawyers, scientists and linguists. All have at least bachelor's degrees. Although the trainees may sometimes wear and carry intimidating gear — especially the high-threat graduates, who have \$7,000 more in equipment than other DS agents — the State Department stresses that their only posture is defensive.

Dan McColer
high-threat training section chief

"We provide security, and we've got to be able to respond, period," said Mark H. Hipp, the deputy assistant secretary for training.

"We are not going out looking for a fight," said Amy A. Miller, who directs the Diplomatic Security Service and is a 27-year veteran of the force. "We try to get in keeping a low profile when possible. ... I've gone into places totally unarmed but feeling safer than if I was carrying a gun."

Certain functions of U.S. foreign policy can't be carried out without them. Besides moving diplomats from place to place, Diplomatic Security Service members must interact with host-nation law enforcement counterparts and are in frequent contact with foreign dignitaries, as well as with the local populace.

This is particularly tricky in hot zones. "The new strategy is to continue to do diplomacy with the left hand, warfighting on the right," said Dan McColer, the high-threat training section chief. "And we have to figure out a way to keep our diplomats safe."

Training host nations

Another post-Benghazi initiative will train and equip host-nation security officials, according to Hipp. Although they're on the front lines, some foreign nationals who serve as guards at U.S. diplomatic facilities are not necessarily well-trained or qualified.

The Libyan man who commanded the local guards at Benghazi was a former English teacher with no security background, according to Reuters. "I've never held a gun in my life," he told the news agency in the weeks after the attacks by heavily armed Islamists.

During the recent Erewhon exercise, preoccupied students overlooked some unofficial extra care and feeding of a local guard, who complained of needing shade. He walked off the job, creating a security vulnerability: The guard was one of the consulate's connections to the locals.

Trainers say nurturing such relationships is a key "soft skill" — part of the diplomatic side of the job.

In the safe, artificial aftermath of a simulated consulate attack, in his sweat-soaked fatigues, a bearded agent named Jeremiah, a former U.S. Marine, muses on the future in a high-threat post. He didn't know yet where it would be, but he knew real dangers lay ahead.

Soldiers fight the wars. But diplomats are there before wars begin, and in places like Iraq and Afghanistan, they remain after the troops pull out.

"We're what's left," Jeremiah mused. "An interesting concept."

The new strategy is to continue to do diplomacy with the left hand, warfighting on the right.

CRISIS IN IRAQ

Militia parades as insurgents seize crossing

BY HAMZA HENDAWI
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The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Thousands of heavily-armed Shiite militiamen paraded through several Iraqi cities on Saturday as Sunni militants seized two strategically located towns in what appeared to be a new offensive in the western Anbar province.

The capture of the two towns — Qaim on the Syrian border Friday and Rawah on the Euphrates river Saturday — dealt another blow to Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's government, which has struggled to push back against Islamic extremists and allied militants who have seized large swaths of the country's north, including the second-largest city of Mosul.

But while al-Maliki has come under mounting pressure to reach out to disaffected Kurds and Sunnis, the display of heavy weapons by the Shiite fighters indicated that forces beyond Baghdad's control may be pushing the conflict toward a sectarian showdown.

Sunni militants have controlled the city of Fallujah in Anbar and several other parts of the province of Ramadi since January. The vast Anbar province stretches from the western edges of Baghdad all the way to Jordan and Syria to the northwest. The fighting in Anbar has greatly disrupted use of the highway linking Baghdad to the Jordanian border, a key artery for goods and passengers.

In Baghdad, about 20,000 men, many in combat gear, marched

through the Sadr City district with assault rifles, machine guns, multiple rocket launchers, field artillery and missiles. Similar parades took place in the southern cities of Amarah and Basra.

The parades were staged by followers of Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, who once led a powerful militia that battled U.S. troops and was blamed for some of the mass killing of Sunni civilians during the sectarian bloodletting that peaked in 2006 and 2007.

Police and army officials said the al-Qaida breakout Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, along with allied militants, seized Qaim and its crossing, about 200 miles west of Baghdad, after killing some 30 Iraqi troops in day-long clashes Friday.

The officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to journalists, said people were now crossing back and forth freely.

Chief military spokesman Lt. Gen. Qassim al-Moussawi acknowledged Qaim's fall, telling journalists that troops aided by local tribesmen sought to clear the city of "terrorists."

The mayor of Rawah, Hussein Ali al-Ajajil, said Sunni militants captured the town Saturday. The local army and the police force pulled out when the militants took control, he said.

He said militants ransacked government offices in the town along the Euphrates River some 175 miles northwest of Baghdad.

Sunni militants have carved out a large fiefdom along the Iraqi-Syrian border and have



PHOTOS BY KARIM KADIM/AP

Volunteers of the newly formed "Peace Brigades" participate in a parade Saturday in the Shiite stronghold of Sadr City in Baghdad. The Arabic on the banner reads, "No for America, No for Israel, No for Terrorism, No for ISIL."



Thousands of Shiite militiamen have paraded in Baghdad and several other cities in southern Iraq with heavy weaponry, signaling their readiness to take on Sunni militants who control a large chunk of the country's north.

long traveled back and forth with ease, but the control of crossings, like the one in Qaim, allows them to more easily move weapons and heavy equipment to different battlefields.

The fall of Qaim came as al-Maliki faces mounting pressure to form an inclusive government or to step aside, with both a top Shiite cleric and the White House strongly hinting he is in part to

blame for the worst crisis since U.S. troops withdrew from the country at the end of 2011.

Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, the most respected voice for Iraq's Shiite majority, on Friday joined calls for al-Maliki to reach out to the Kurdish and Sunni minorities a day after President Barack Obama challenged him to create a leadership representative of all Iraqis.

Al-Sistani normally stays above the political fray, and his comments, delivered through a representative, ultimately could seal al-Maliki's fate.

Calling for a dialogue between the political coalitions that won seats in the April 30 parliamentary election, al-Sistani said it was imperative that they form "an effective government that enjoys broad national support" and "avoids past mistakes."

Al-Sistani is deeply revered by Iraq's majority Shiites, and his critical words could force al-Maliki, who emerged from relative obscurity in 2006 to lead the country, to step down.

Surveillance: Official says intel collection grew 'exponentially' last week

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In remarks from the White House last week, Obama didn't say that airstrikes are imminent. He stressed that the only long-term solution to Iraq's stabilization will come from political reconciliation between the Shiite-led government and the marginalized Sunni minority. But he left no doubt that he's putting all the pieces into place to launch the first significant military action in Iraq since U.S. forces left there in 2011.

"We will be prepared to take targeted and precise military action if and when we determine that the situation on the ground requires it," Obama said.

Echoing the commander-in-chief, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel said in a statement: "The

Department of Defense will continue to plan and prepare further military options should they become necessary and we will remain ready to protect our diplomats, our citizens, and our interests in Iraq."

In the short term, spies, not soldiers, likely will fuel any gains against ISIL. Prior to possible airstrikes, there will be "a broader intelligence mission that includes a significant amount of [intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance], and then we'll be making decisions about specific targets," a senior administration official told reporters after Obama's remarks.

Primarily led by the Pentagon, intelligence collection in Iraq grew "exponentially" during a 36-hour span last week, another

senior administration official told Foreign Policy. The week before, the intelligence agencies began collecting more information from drones and satellites in earnest, officials said, while the Pentagon is trying to intercept ISIL communications. However, the group's general avoidance of phones and text messaging will make that task more difficult. ISIL members mostly rely on couriers to communicate. But if ISIL has any hope of taking more Iraqi cities, or Baghdad, it almost certainly will have to coordinate attacks by phone or radio, making the group more vulnerable to America's digital spying nets.

Satellite images and video surveillance are essential for tracking the ISIL's locations and perhaps even predicting where it will at-

tack next. But to precisely target airstrikes against ISIL fighters, and importantly, to distinguish between them and Iraqi military forces or innocent civilians, the military needs real eyes on the ground to help coordinate and call in airstrikes. That's where the advisers could come in.

The advisers will "help give us better visibility into the situation on the ground" and will provide intelligence about "potential military action," a second senior administration official told reporters. Technical sources of information won't give U.S. forces the level of precision they need to launch such targeted airstrikes, former defense and intelligence officials said.

Whether advisers will be used to call in airstrikes has not been

decided yet, a senior official said. But, the official noted, they would be able to share intelligence with the Iraqis to help them develop targets and plans for attacking ISIL positions.

"To figure out what ISIL would do next, you need to get there and figure out the lay of the land," said a former senior U.S. intelligence official with extensive experience in Iraq. "You can do some of that with intelligence collected at a great distance. But you really need some footprint on the ground" to inflict real damage.

It would take the United States probably several months to set up networks of Iraqi spies who could further help locate ISIL positions or even identify individual leaders. But that, too, could be in the offing.

CRISIS IN IRAQ

Iraqi army's ties to Shiite militias a concern

By **LOVEDAY MORRIS**
The Washington Post

BAGHDAD — In a darkened living room in the Shiite neighborhood of Sadr City, a gray-haired militia commander picked up his phone Friday to read a text message from one of his colleagues on the battlefield.

"Captured six [ISIL] members in an ambush," he said, referring to militants from the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, an al-Qaida splinter group whose advance over the past 10 days has nearly brought the Iraqi state to its knees. "At dawn I killed two, four I gave to the army."

The message was an example of what members of Iraq's Shiite militias describe as growing cooperation with the country's army. As Iraq spirals into chaos, Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki is now relying on the militias, which have carried out hundreds of attacks on U.S. soldiers, to help him cling to power.

The lines between Shiite militias and the Iraqi armed forces have been increasingly blurred since the withdrawal of U.S. troops in 2011. Now, as the ISIL threat intimidates militias and the United States dispatches 300 military advisers to the fracturing country, the overlap is raising questions about increased American support for Iraqi forces.

"Essentially, what this could amount to is the U.S. arming or advising Iranian proxies, some of which are on the terror list," said Phillip Smyth, a researcher at the University of Maryland specializing in Shiite Islamism groups.

Speaking in London, retired Gen. David Petraeus, the former head of coalition forces in Iraq, raised similar concerns in a speech last week. "This cannot be the United States being the air force of Shia militias," he said of potential U.S. strikes on ISIL targets in Iraq.

The Obama administration is acutely conscious that any direct intervention in the current Iraqi conflict could be interpreted as taking the side of al-Maliki's Shiite-dominated government in what is rapidly becoming a sectarian war. Every U.S. statement and announcement since the crisis began has included a warning that decisions to provide further substantial military assistance, including airstrikes, will depend upon the extent to which Iraq's government reaches out to all religious and ethnic groups.

Asked Wednesday if the administration was concerned that Iran had called for Shiite militias to protect its interests in Iraq, White House press secretary Jay Carney said ISIL was "a common threat to the entire region, including Iran, but Iraq will only successfully overcome this threat by governing in a nonsectarian manner, building and investing in the capacity of Iraq's security forces and addressing the legitimate concerns of Iraq's Sunni, Kurd and Shia communities."

The Iraqi government denies that it allows militias to work within its ranks. But since an estimated 90,000 soldiers shed



SCOTT NELSON/The Washington Post

This poster seen Friday in Baghdad's Sadr City neighborhood memorializes an Asa'ib Ahl al-Haq militia fighter killed in Syria. Asa'ib Ahl al-Haq, which killed and kidnapped numerous American soldiers before the U.S. withdrawal from Iraq, says it is already actively working within the security forces.

their uniforms and abandoned their posts as ISIL swept across northern Iraq this month, it has called for new "volunteers" to join the armed forces. That call was followed by a religious decree recently from Iraq's top Shiite cleric, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, who called for all able-bodied Iraqis to take up arms against the insurgency.

In his decree, al-Sistani urged volunteers to join the regular se-

curity forces, a stipulation he reiterated on Friday, saying weapons should remain in the hands of the state.

But many have joined militias instead, as the ISIL sweep, combined with the cleric's call to arms — even with its stipulations — spawns a resurgence of the irregular Shiite armies that hunted down Sunnis during the bloodiest years of the Iraq War.

While most disbanded, some

groups, such as the Iran-backed Asa'ib Ahl al-Haq and Kitabeh Hezbollah, which is designated as a terrorist organization by the United States, have remained active since the U.S. withdrawal and have slowly built their presence in the security forces for years. Smyth described their infiltration as "systemic," raising the possibility that U.S. advisers might soon be working alongside militia men who once fought

them.

The Sadr City commander, who spoke on the condition of anonymity for security reasons, is a follower of firebrand Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, who recently announced the formation of "peace brigades" to repel ISIL attacks on the Shiite-majority country's shrines and holy sites.

The brigade is ostensibly a defense force, although the commander's message from his colleague on the front lines near Samarra, about 80 miles north of Baghdad, pointed to a more active role. The commander said the new group is effectively a reincarnation of the Mahdi Army, al-Sadr's paramilitary force, whose military activities were frozen in 2008.

While al-Sadr's followers are in the process of organizing, Asa'ib Ahl al-Haq, which killed and kidnapped numerous American soldiers before the U.S. withdrawal, says it is already actively working within the security forces. The ISIL advance has only strengthened that role, members said.

"It's changed things for the better," said Mohanad Dihilah, 29, an Asa'ib fighter who was reclining on cushions on the floor of his living room in Sadr City. "Morale is high."

The paramilitaries work in close coordination with the armed forces, wear their uniforms and effectively work as a forward strike force, according to a spokesman for Asa'ib.

"They are fighting side by side with the government forces on all fronts," said Ahmed al-Kinani, a spokesman for the group's political wing. "They wear military uniforms. They are working with the security forces. It's logical."

Saad Maan, a spokesman for Iraq's Interior Ministry, said there is no place for militias to operate within the security forces, but that no individual would be turned away.

"Of course, the most important thing is that we have thousands of people coming to be volunteers with the Iraqi army," he said. He said that militia men who enlist are not allowed to operate outside the umbrella of the armed forces.

Iraq PM not expected to leave quietly

By **LIZ SIV**
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BAGHDAD — Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki will not readily surrender power and is unlikely to do so unless chief ally Iran insists that he go, al-Maliki's foes and supporters are warning as pressure mounts on the embattled Iraqi leader to make concessions to rivals or step aside.

The pressure intensified Friday with an appeal by Iraq's most revered Shiite cleric for the swift formation of a new government capable of uniting Iraqis against the threat posed by Sunni militants who have seized large chunks of Iraqi territory over the past 10 days.

Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani did not directly mention al-Maliki, but he called for the creation of a government that has "broad national support," a clear reference to al-Maliki's failure to win the confidence of the country's Sunnis during his eight years in office. The message was delivered by his representative, Ahmed al-Safi, in the holy city of Karbala.

Al-Sistani's message echoed one delivered by President Barack Obama on Thursday that hinted at a withdrawal of U.S. support for al-Maliki, whose authoritarian style and discriminatory behavior to-



HUSSEIN MALLA/AP

An Iraqi Shiite Turkmen gunman holds his rocket-propelled grenade in front of a portrait of Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki in Kirkuk province, Iraq, on Friday.

ward Iraq's Sunni minority are widely blamed for the bloodshed threatening to tear the country apart.

Persuading al-Maliki to step down could be difficult, say his political foes, who have long sought to persuade the United States that al-Maliki is a liability but have repeatedly failed to form a viable coalition against him.

"Maliki will not go quietly," said Deputy Prime Minister Saleh al-Mutlak, a Sunni who has led many fruitless efforts to build parliamentary coalitions against al-Maliki in the past.

Previous bids to oust al-Maliki

through constitutional means have floundered on the inability of his foes to unite around an alternative candidate. According to the parliamentary system of government spelled out in Iraq's constitution, drawn up under U.S. supervision in 2005, whoever commands a majority of seats in the parliament forms the government, making it theoretically possible to replace any leader by mustering the support of enough lawmakers.

A bigger obstacle to forcing al-Maliki's departure, however, could be the support of Iran, which has shown no sign that it is preparing to dilute its backing for the prime minister.

NATION

Border agency's watchdog probed over cover-up

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McClatchy Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — The internal affairs division of U.S. Customs and Border Protection is being investigated for falsifying documents, intentionally misplacing employee complaints and bungling misconduct reports as part of a cover-up to mask its failure to curb employee wrongdoing, a McClatchy investigation has found.

The inquiry of the nation's largest federal law enforcement agency also involves a much broader array of allegations, including an in-office sexual relationship between two high-ranking officials, who themselves sometimes oversee investigations of similar illicit affairs. According to three Customs and Border Protection officials, investigators quietly interviewed witnesses this spring as part of a potential criminal case that reflected badly on the leadership of former division chief James Tomscheck and at least two of his deputies.

The investigation already was

underway when the Obama administration earlier this month removed Tomscheck, who had run the internal affairs division since 2006.

The allegations taint a unit that must grapple with recurring accusations that Customs and Border Protection personnel have abused migrants, including children, have taken bribes and have conspired with drug cartels. "There were so many allegations of wrongdoing involving the internal affairs division you'd need a flow chart to sort them all out," said one of the agency officials, who asked to remain unnamed because the inquiry is ongoing. "It's insane because this division is supposed to be looking into employee misconduct, yet it is being accused of the very same corruption it is supposed to be investigating."

The internal affairs division has been further shaken by two suicides of internal affairs officers in less than a year, including one retired veteran Secret Service agent who had overseen the division's Houston office.

Lawmaker proposes e-cigarette regulations

The Associated Press

SAN MATEO, Calif. — A San Francisco congressman unveiled legislation Friday that would regulate electronic cigarettes in the same way as typical tobacco products, accusing the e-cigarette industry of targeting children and teenagers with its marketing.

"With flavors like gummy bear, cotton candy, and chocolate cake, our kids are literally vaping these things up," said Democratic U.S. Rep. Jackie Speier, who announced the proposal outside the San Francisco General Hospital emergency room. "With ads using sex and sex appeal, our teens are

lusting after these objects."

The legislation would restrict television advertisements of electronic cigarettes as was done for tobacco, said a statement from Speier's spokeswoman, Katrina Rill. Speier plans to introduce the bill Monday to regulate the devices that heat a liquid nicotine solution to create inhalable vapor.

The proposal also would prohibit marketing to minors, would bar advertising that increases use by children and would ban most flavorings in the products. It would require the Food and Drug Administration to establish childproof packaging standards and dosage limits.



ERIC GAY/AP

Detainees create artwork Wednesday under a camouflage tent at a U.S. Customs and Border Protection processing facility in Brownsville, Texas, that has been central to processing many of the more than 47,000 unaccompanied children who have entered the country illegally since Oct. 1.

White House acts to ease legal crunch at border

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SAN ANTONIO — Facing pressure to address a widening crisis on the Southwest border, the Obama administration announced new measures Friday to detain, process and ultimately deport the growing numbers of Central American children and families who already are overwhelming most existing federal detention facilities.

The Department of Homeland Security said it is rushing additional lawyers, asylum officers and immigration judges to the Texas border, where most of the new immigrants are arriving, to process cases more quickly and to reduce the large numbers of those who must be released with promises to appear at later court hearings.

"We are surging resources to increase our capacity to detain

individuals and adults with children, and to handle immigration court hearings," Deputy Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas said during a Friday briefing.

So far this fiscal year, more than 39,000 adults have been caught crossing the Southwest border with children. An additional 52,000 unaccompanied children had been detained as of last week, and by year's end, officials expect that number to have increased to as many as 90,000.

With shelters and detention centers already overcrowded, many new immigrants have been released to sponsors and family members with orders to appear for hearings later, prompting critics to say that many will elect to quietly remain within the U.S. The Department of Justice reported that 33 percent of immigrants released in such cases in fiscal 2013 failed to appear for subsequent hearings, up from 24 percent in 2009.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry on Friday called for deploying an additional 1,000 National Guard troops on the Texas-Mexico border, along with Lakota helicopters and Predator drones. "The safety and security of our border communities is being threatened by this flood of illegal immigration, and the crisis worsens by the day," the Republican said in a letter asking President Barack Obama to travel to Texas to address the issue.

Vice President Joe Biden and other U.S. officials met Friday with Guatemalan President Otto Perez Molina and Vice President Roxana Baldetti in the second prong of the administration's strategy, aimed at helping Central American nations alleviate the poverty and crime believed to have helped drive the exodus toward the U.S. in Guatemala. The plan calls for \$40 million in U.S. aid to reduce youth involvement in gangs and to promote other security improvements.

House panel ordered to court in insider-trading investigation

By **LARRY NEUMEISTER**
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A powerful U.S. House of Representatives committee was ordered on Friday to appear before a judge next month to explain why it should not be required to turn over documents in an insider-trading probe.

U.S. District Judge Paul Gardephe in Manhattan set a July 1 hearing for the Ways and Means Committee to appear. He also required a committee staffer, Brian Sutter, to appear. He said

the committee must show why it should not be ordered to produce documents demanded by the Securities and Exchange Commission in May.

In court papers, the SEC said its probe relates to whether securities were passed to certain members of the public surrounding an April 2013 announcement by the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services about a Medicare program.

Sutter, the health subcommittee's staff director, disclosed on May 9 to House Speaker John

Boehner, R-Ohio, that he had received a subpoena from the SEC for documents and testimony along with a grand jury subpoena from federal prosecutors in Manhattan, according to the congressional record of that day.

The SEC said in its court papers that the committee and Sutter had refused to comply with the subpoenas. It said they had asserted "numerous objections, arguing, among other things, that the subpoenas are 'repugnant to public policy,' that they are vague and overbroad" and

that the speech or debate clause of the Constitution entitled them to avoid producing the documents or testimony.

Kerry W. Kircher, general counsel for the House of Representatives, said in an email to The Associated Press that the SEC subpoenas "run seriously afoot of the Constitution's Speech or Debate Clause." Kircher said House lawyers are aware the federal judge wants a response by Thursday and will respond on that ground, among others.

The SEC noted that a public

statement announcement about the Medicare Advantage program that was far more favorable to certain health care insurers than anticipated was made 20 minutes after the market closed on April 1, 2013. But, it said, an analyst at dealer-broker Height Securities LLC issued a flash report about 20 minutes before the markets closed urging dozens of clients, including prominent investment funds, to buy stocks that would benefit from a rate increase close to what was announced.

NATION

Death threats force Afghan girl back to US

By JOHN ROGERS
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — When the art-loving little girl from Afghanistan left Los Angeles last April, her American friends sent her away with brushes, an iPad filled with photo souvenirs and a head full of ideas for painting pretty pictures like the one she created with the new prosthetic arm they had just given her.

But while word of the colorful abstract expressionist work Shah Bibi Tarakhtail had painted won the 7-year-old widespread praise and even an invitation to visit the Picasso Museum in Spain, it also aroused the wrath of the Taliban.

Word quickly spread to her family that she would be killed for adopting Western ways, and the family fled its small home on the Pakistani border.

On Thursday, with just the clothes on her back and a small bag containing a pink party dress and other items, Shah Bibi returned to Los Angeles. While her family remains in hiding somewhere in the Afghan-Pakistan region, the nonprofit group Children of War is placing her with a host family for the next several

months. Eventually the group hopes to win her political asylum in the United States.

"When she went back, the minute she got there she became a target," said Dr. Arsalan Darmal, a Newport Beach psychologist who treated her during her earlier U.S. visit and has remained in touch with her family.

"If she stayed," added Darmal, who helped get her out, "she knew she was going to be killed."

Although Children of War has rescued more than 100 youngsters, including many with grievous war injuries like Shah Bibi's, her case quickly gained international attention. It was an outpouring of admiration fueled both by her plucky if shy personality and her love of art.

She'd lost her right eye and most of her right arm last summer when she mistook a discarded grenade outside her home for a rock, and it exploded, ripping her body with shrapnel and killing her brother. But it couldn't kill her zest for life.

As soon as she learned how to use the prosthetic arm doctors at Shriners Hospital For Children fitted her with, she began drawing. Children of War, learning of



DAMIAN DOVARGANES/AP

Afghan war victim Shah Bibi Tarakhtail uses her new prosthetic arm to paint at Galerie Michael in Beverly Hills, Calif., in April. Shah Bibi, 7, is returning to the United States after her newfound celebrity made her a subject of death threats in her homeland.

her interest, arranged a painting lesson with prominent abstract expressionist David Whaley, who said he was astounded by her skill at matching colors.

"She kind of has a facility for it if she wants to pursue it," he told The Associated Press.

Meanwhile, she and her family had gone into hiding.

She arrived at Los Angeles International Airport on Thursday after a perilous three-day bus ride that took her and her father to Kabul from Pakistan days after the father had called Children of

War to appeal for help. "Her father said, 'I can't care for her anymore, and it's at a point where she needs to be out of here sooner rather than later,'" said the group's executive director, Amel Najjar.

He told Children of War he had placed Shah Bibi in a Pakistani hospital for several days, partly to have her treated for stress and depression and also just to keep her safe.

In Los Angeles, she had a joyful reunion with several of the people at Shriners' Hospital who had previously helped her. In the weeks ahead, doctors will fit her with a prosthetic eye and work on removing the scars the shrapnel from the grenade left on her body.

"You remember me?" occupational therapist Vivian Yip asked as Shah Bibi rushed to embrace her.

Soon Yip had her demonstrating her skill with the prosthetic by stringing yarn through children's beads, then cutting poster paper into a perfect circle and drawing a happy face on it.

"Thank you," she said in English, cocking her head and smiling sheepishly when someone praised her work.



TIM HYNDY, THE SIOUX CITY (S.D.) JOURNAL/AP

Floodwaters from the Big Sioux River cover farmland near Jefferson, S.D., on Friday.

Big Sioux River crests below record

The Associated Press

NORTH SIOUX CITY, S.D. — A swollen river that threatened homes where Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota meet crested earlier and at a lower level than expected early Friday. Minnesota officials toured waterlogged areas of that state, saying the severity and breadth of flooding make a federal disaster request a near certainty.

The less-serious crest of the Big Sioux River prompted crews to take down sandbags and other containers blocking a section of Interstate 29 that acted as a temporary levee to protect an at-risk South Dakota city.

The road, which Lt. Gov. Matt

Michels said remained dry while closed, reopened Friday afternoon. But some buildings, farmland and roads remain flooded, Michels said.

"Do not drive on a road with water. It may not be there," he said.

The National Weather Service had predicted earlier that the river would hit a record high around midday, but then said it crested at Sioux City, Iowa, around midnight a couple of feet below the previous record.

Days of thunderstorms upstream swelled the 420-mile-long river and threatened homes and businesses in the three surrounding states, including up to 400 in

a neighborhood of North Sioux City.

The change in the crest was due to a large amount of water released Tuesday night when a levee failed upstream at Akron, Iowa, said Mike Gillispie, a hydrologist at the National Weather Service in Sioux Falls.

"Enough water went through the levee failure out into agricultural land there that it lowered the amount of water coming through at peak crest at Sioux City," he said.

The river had been expected to crest at Sioux City about a foot above the 108.3-foot record set in 1969. Instead, it peaked at 105.6 feet and began dropping.

Fire chief, family of 5 killed in Mont. crash

By MATT VOLZ
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The Associated Press

THREE FORKS, Mont. — A tight band of firefighters in a small Montana town was left reeling after their new chief and five members of a family died in a horrific crash between a fire engine and a pickup truck along a rural highway.

The cause of the fiery Thursday night collision about 10 miles southeast of Helena remained under investigation.

There were no survivors, and few details were immediately known about the family members killed in the pickup truck. Authorities on Friday identified them as a Helena couple and their three young children.

Todd Rummel, chief of the Three Forks Fire Department, was alone in the fire engine. It had been repaired in Helena, and he was driving it back to Three Forks, a town of about 2,000 people at the headwaters of the Missouri River.

Grief-stricken fellow firefighters and family members recalled the 44-year-old as the consummate volunteer firefighter, dedicated to a life of service that began when he was just 14 and joined the junior fire brigade in his hometown of Quakertown in eastern Pennsylvania.

"This fire department was more than a business. It was a family," firefighter Brad Easty



GALLITAN COUNTY (MONT.) FIRE DEPARTMENT/AP

Fire Chief Todd Rummel was killed Thursday after the fire engine he was driving and a pickup truck collided.

said. "Todd was like a brother. To some folks in the fire department, he was like a father."

Rummel had a girlfriend and worked as an auto mechanic, but "he lived and breathed the 'Three Forks fire company,'" Allen Rummel said. "He was living his dream."

Firefighters learned of the crash overnight Thursday and gathered at the firehouse Friday to talk through their shock and to welcome residents who stopped by to share a few words about their fallen chief.

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office sent the victims to the state crime lab for identification and to determine the cause of death, Montana Highway Patrol Capt. Gary Becker said.

It will take some time to reconstruct what happened, he said.

NATION

INCRIMINATING INK

Tattoos can be evidence of a crime — or just cool

By DAVE COLLINS
The Associated Press

THARTFORD, Conn. — Spidey webs for murderers. Spider webs for prison time. Penal code numbers for crimes committed.

Criminals have long used tattoos as indelible ink on their own bodily rap sheet. And for just as long, police have used tattoos as a way to identify suspects, a distinguishing characteristic to jog a memory or catch the public's eye.

But only rarely does body art play a pivotal role as evidence posited as proof of wrongdoing.

Prosecutors trying to convict former New England Patriots tight end Aaron Hernandez in two homicide cases could try to use the football star's tattoos against him: They are seeking the artists who worked on Hernandez, saying they could be witnesses.

Criminal justice experts, however, say it's hard for law enforcement to determine whether someone with a tattoo linked to a kind of crime actually did the deed. As Todd Bettecourt, a tattoo artist in North Attleborough, Mass. — the town where Hernandez was living at the time of the killings — said, "Some people just get it because it's cool."

Much of Hernandez's upper body is covered in tattoos: The open-mouthed face of a lion sits atop his right bicep, ringed by the words "It's about the fight in you;" "1989," his birth year, spans the fingers of his left hand, and a 10-word phrase favored by his father, "If it is to be it is up to me," runs down his left forearm.

It is Hernandez's right forearm that has piqued the interest of investigators, although they will not specify which design they have focused on.

Hernandez is accused of fatally shooting two men — Daniel de Abreu and Safiro Furtado — and wounding a third in Boston in July 2012. He also is charged in last year's killing of Odion Lloyd,



LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT/AP

Convicted murderer Anthony Garcia was sentenced to 65 years in prison in 2011 after a homicide investigator discovered he had the scene of an unsolved 2004 murder inked on his chest.

whose body was found near Hernandez's home. He also is being sued by an associate who says Hernandez shot him in the eye in Miami last year.

Photos of Hernandez show he has had five stars and other tattoos added to his right forearm over the past few years. While many star tattoos have nothing to do with crime, they can sometimes be used to represent killings, said

Kevin Waters, a criminal justice professor at Northern Michigan University and former agent with the federal Drug Enforcement Administration.

"I would say the cops probably see the stars and know in some circles that a star does represent a kill and want a tattoo artist to come in and see if he (Hernandez) said anything about that," Waters said.

Every once in a while, criminal investigators hit the jackpot. That was the case with Southern California gang member Anthony Garcia, who was convicted of murder and sentenced to 65 years in prison in 2011 after a homicide investigator discovered that Garcia had the scene of an unsolved 2004 murder inked on his chest.

In April, an Indiana judge or-

dered William Clyde Gibson to grow out his hair to cover a new tattoo — "Death Row X 3" — before the twice-convicted murderer went on trial for allegedly killing a third person. That same month in Kansas, Jeffrey Chapman was given permission to wear a turtleneck to cover a tattoo of the word "murder" spelled backward on his neck, amid concerns it would prejudice the jury at his upcoming murder trial.

In Hernandez's case, officials said they have received several responses to their plea for information for tattoo artists who worked on him, but they wouldn't elaborate. Boston police and the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office said the artists would be considered witnesses and are not accused of any wrongdoing.



EXHIBIT A: TATTOOS THAT COULD SIGNAL WEARERS' CRIMES

Criminal justice experts say there are many tattoos that could signify the wearers committed murders and other crimes. Here are some examples:

TEARDROPS

Have several possible meanings, including the number of people the wearer killed or the number of stints in prison they served. A clear teardrop can mean the wearer wants revenge for the killing of a loved one.

STARS

They can be innocent designs. On some prison gang members, however, they can represent the number of people the wearer killed. The number of points on a star can correspond with the number of years served in prison.

SPIDER WEBS, CLOCKS WITH NO HANDS

Can mean the wearer served time in prison.

THREE DOTS

Often inked near an eye or on a hand, it can refer to the "vida loca," or crazy life, of a criminal.

PENAL CODE NUMBERS

Some criminals get tattoos of the penal code numbers for the crimes they committed.

CATS

Can refer to thieves, especially among Russian criminal groups.

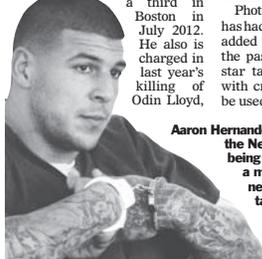
MASKS AND CLOWN FACES

These tattoos can represent a criminal's "play now, pay later" lifestyle.

SOURCES: Clairissa Breen, criminal justice professor, Cazenovia College; Kevin Waters, criminal justice professor, Northern Michigan University; Michael Phelan and Scott Hunt, University of Kentucky, 1998 article, "Prison Gang Members' Tattoos as Identity Work: The Visual Communication of Moral Careers."

Aaron Hernandez, a former NFL star with the New England Patriots before being charged with the killing of a man whose body was found near Hernandez's home, has tattoos on his right forearm that have drawn interest from investigators.

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WORLD

UN says 10.8M Syrians need humanitarian aid

By EDITH M. LEDERER
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UNITED NATIONS — The humanitarian situation in Syria is worsening and the number of people needing urgent help has reached 10.8 million — almost half of Syria's population of 22 million, U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said Friday.

Ban's monthly report to the U.N. Security Council said the current estimate of 3.5 million people living in areas that are difficult or impossible for humanitarian workers to reach is 10.8 million. He said the number of people who have been displaced has increased to 4.7 million people.

The U.N. chief painted a grim picture of a country gripped by severe levels of violence, including the intensified use of barrel bombs by government forces against civilian areas and suicide attacks, reported executions and other acts of terrorism by extremist groups.

As a result, Ban said, the number of people in need has increased by 17 percent — from 9.3 million in April.

Ban said the rules that govern the conduct of war "are being flagrantly violated every day."

"Efforts to expand humanitarian assistance to those most in need have been met with continued delays and obstruction," he said.

Currently, all U.N. aid must go through Damascus — a practice which U.N. humanitarian chief Valerie Amos has repeatedly criticized.

New procedures sealing government trucks delivering aid which were introduced in April resulted in fewer people being

reached with aid in May, he said, and additional clearance requirements introduced by the government have further undermined access to people in desperate need of aid.

By June 9, only 12 percent of the 4.25 million people the U.N. World Food Program planned to provide with food had been reached compared to 26 percent at the same time in April, Ban said.

The secretary-general decried the government's obstruction of the delivery of medicine and medical supplies, saying "it is inhumane and unlawful" that these potentially life-saving items continue to be removed from World Health Organization convoys entering opposition-controlled areas.

As a result, he said, opposition-controlled areas received only 25 percent of the quantities distributed in the first three months of 2014.

"Tens of thousands of civilians are being arbitrarily denied urgent and lifesaving medical care" which Ban called "a deliberate tactic of war aimed at denying help and support to those most in need."

Ban said Physicians for Human Rights reported that 29 medical personnel were killed in May, "the highest number in a month since the start of the conflict." He said 20 were killed by government forces and two by opposition groups, bringing the total recorded deaths of medical personnel in the war to 502.

The secretary-general said the U.N. is unable to provide an assessment of the presence and activities of foreign fighters in Syria. But he said the recent advance of al-Qaida-inspired Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant is expected to have an impact on Syria's eastern regions "and may strengthen the presence of extremist groups in (ISIL)-controlled areas of Syria."



DMITRY LOVETSKY/AP

A pro-Russian fighter holds a flower after taking a military oath to the self-proclaimed Donetsk People's Republic in Donetsk, eastern Ukraine, on Saturday, a day after Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko ordered his forces to cease fire.

Separatist leaders dismiss Ukraine-ordered cease-fire

By MARKO DROBNJAKOVIC
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The Associated Press

DONETSK, Ukraine — Pro-Russian separatists in Ukraine's embattled east have dismissed a unilateral cease-fire ordered by President Petro Poroshenko as fake, while nine Ukrainian servicemen were wounded in clashes just before and after the cease-fire began.

Otherwise, no large-scale fighting had been reported Saturday, the first full day of what is to be a 6½-day stand-down by the Ukrainian military.

Poroshenko ordered the cease-fire starting at 10 p.m. Friday as a first step in a peace plan he hopes will end a conflict that has left hundreds of people dead and weighed heavily on the country's economy.

The plan includes an amnesty for fighters who lay down their arms, and a chance for them to leave the country. That is to be followed by local and parliamentary elections and a jobs program. The Kremlin — which had consistently demanded that Kiev be the first to cease fire — dismissed the plan, saying it sounded like an ultimatum and lacked any firm offer to open talks with insurgents.

Separatist leaders have rejected the cease-fire and said they will not disarm. In Donetsk, a group of armed men gathered in the central square to take a military oath to the self-proclaimed Donetsk People's Republic.

Pavel Gubarev, who describes himself as the governor of the

US hits rebel leaders with sanctions

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration imposed sanctions Friday on several pro-Russian separatist leaders in Ukraine, including self-proclaimed rebel mayors, governors and commanders in chief of cities under siege, for refusing to cede to the central government in Kiev.

The sanctions came as U.S. officials renewed accusations that Russia is providing the separatists with tanks and heavy

weaponry and as Ukraine's president announced a unilateral ceasefire that Washington urged Moscow to support.

The sanctions imposed on Friday freeze any assets that the seven separatists have in the United States, and prohibit any American firms or businesses from dealing with them. It is a relatively limited slap against the separatists themselves but showed that the U.S. is ready to move forward with more if tensions ratchet back up.

From The Associated Press

Report: S. Korea soldier kills 5 comrades at border

The Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — A South Korean soldier was at large late Saturday night after killing five comrades and wounding another five at the border with North Korea, South Korean media reported.

South Korea's Yonhap news agency reported that a South Korean army private fled with a weapon after opening fire on his comrades earlier Saturday night at an outpost in Gangwon province, east of Seoul. South Korean military officials didn't immediately return calls seeking more details.

Thousands of soldiers from the rival Koreas square off along the world's most heavily armed border.

There was no indication that North Korea was involved. But

tensions have been high recently, with North Korea staging a series of missile and artillery drills and threatening South Korea's leader. Shootings happen occasionally at the border.

In 2011, a 19-year-old marine corporal went on a shooting rampage at a Gwangwha Island base, just south of the tense maritime border with North Korea. Military investigators later said that corporal was angry about being shunned and slighted and showed signs of mental illness before the shooting.

In 2005, a soldier tossed a hand grenade and opened fire at a front-line army unit in a rampage that killed eight colleagues and injured several others. Pfc. Kim Dong-min told investigators he was enraged at superiors who verbally abused him.

Service reported overnight attacks on two border posts in the Donetsk region, which left three troops injured, hours after the cease-fire was announced. One of the posts, Vyselky, was attacked with mortar and sniper fire for half an hour, the border guards said.

An attack on another border post, Izvaryne, immediately before the cease-fire left six men injured, the Border Guard Service said.

In Russia, President Vladimir Putin on Saturday ordered military forces in central Russia on combat alert as well as an exercise for airborne troops. The combat alert in the central military district, which encompasses the Volga region and the Ural mountains but not western Russia, will last until next Saturday and will involve 65,000 troops, Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu said.

STARS AND STRIPES

OPINION

Suit could stop Obama's lawlessness

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 What philosopher Harvey Mansfield calls "taming the prince" — making executive power compatible with democracy's absence of arbitrary power — has been a perennial problem of modern politics. It is now more urgent in America than at any time since the Founders, having rebelled against George III's unfettered exercise of "royal prerogative," stipulated that presidents "shall take care that the laws be faithfully executed."

Serious as are the policy disagreements roiling Washington, none is as important as the structural distortion threatening constitutional equilibrium. Institutional derangement driven by unchecked presidential aggrandizement did not begin with Barack Obama, but his offenses against the separation of powers have been egregious in quantity, and qualitatively different.

Regarding immigration, health care, welfare, education, drug policy and more, Obama has suspended, waived and rewritten laws, including the Affordable Care Act. It required the employer mandate to begin this year. But Obama wrote a new law, giving to the insured companies a delay until 2016, and stipulating that other employers must certify they will not drop employees to avoid the mandate. Doing so would trigger criminal perjury charges; so, he created a new crime, that of adopting a business practice he opposes.

Presidents must exercise some discretion in interpreting laws, but have some latitude in allocating finite resources to the enforcement of laws, and must have some freedom to act in the absence of law. Obama, however, has perpetrated more than 40 suspensions of laws. Were presidents the sole judges of the limits of

their latitude, they would effectively have plenary power to vitiate the separation of powers, the Founders' bulwark against despotism.

Congress cannot reverse egregious executive aggressions such as Obama's without robust judicial assistance. It is, however, difficult to satisfy the criteria that the Constitution and case law require for Congress to establish "standing" to seek judicial redress for executive usurpations injurious to the legislative institution.

Courts, understandably fearful of being inundated by lawsuits from small factions of disgruntled legislators, have been wary of granting legislative standing. However, David Rivkin, a Washington lawyer, and Elizabeth Price Foley of Florida International University has studied the case law and believe standing can be obtained conditional on four things:

That a majority of one congressional chamber explicitly authorize a lawsuit. That the lawsuit concern the president's "beneficial" suspension of an unambiguous provision of law that, by pleasing a private plaintiff, precludes the appearance of a private plaintiff. That Congress cannot administer political self-help by remedying the presidential action by simply repealing the law. And that the injury amounts to nullification of Congress's power.

Hence the significance of a House lawsuit, advocated by Rivkin and Foley, that would unify fractious Republicans while dramatizing Obama's lawlessness. The House would bring a civil suit seeking a judicial declaration that Obama has violated the separation of powers by effectively nullifying a specific provision of a law, thereby diminishing Congress' power. Authorization of this lawsuit by the House would give Congress "standing" to sue.

Congress' authorization, which would affirm an institutional injury rather than

some legislators' personal grievances, satisfies the first criterion. Obama's actions have fulfilled the rest by nullifying Congress and thereby rendering the Constitution's enumeration of Congress' power meaningless.

The House has passed South Carolina Republican Rep. Terry Gowdy's bill that would guarantee expedited consideration by federal courts of House resolutions initiating lawsuits to force presidents to "faithfully execute" laws. But as a bill, it is impotent unless and until Republicans control the Senate and a Republican holds the president's signing pen.

Some say the judicial branch should not intervene because if Americans are so sure that they tolerate representatives who tolerate such executive excesses, they deserve to forfeit constitutional government. This abstract doctrine may appeal to moralists lacking responsibilities. For the judiciary, it would be dereliction of the duty to protect the government's constitutional structure. It would be perverse for courts to adhere to a doctrine of congressional standing so strict that it precludes judicial defense of the separation of powers.

Advocates of extreme judicial quietism to punish the supine people leave the people's representatives no recourse short of the extreme and disproportionate "self help" of impeachment. Surely courts should not encourage this. The cumbersome and divisive blunderbuss process of impeachment should be a rare recourse. Furthermore, it would punish a president for anti-constitutional behavior, but would not correct the injury done to the rule of law.

Surely the Republican House majority would authorize a lawsuit. And doing so would establish Speaker John Boehner as the Legislature's vindicator.

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Benghazi ringleader unmasked 2 years ago

By MARTIN SCHRAM

McClatchy-Tribune News Service

It appears the crucial lost intelligence about what really happened in the tragic Benghazi attacks of Sept. 11, 2012, really has been hiding in plain sight all along — just like the attack's suspected ringleader, who was finally snatched a week ago in a bloodless U.S. special operations military and FBI raid inside Libya.

Ever since the attack that killed U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens and three others, locating, contacting and even interviewing the militant Islamic leader Ahmed Abu Khattala never seemed much of a problem. At least not for U.S. journalists. The local Benghazi contractor and an assal al-Sharia militia leader usually showed up as promised, wearing his trademark blue overalls, for interviews with a number of Western television and print correspondents in the almost two years since President Barack Obama famously vowed an all-out effort to identify and apprehend the leaders in the attacks on the U.S. Consulate and nearby CIA compound.

So the puzzle about why the best and brightest of America's military and intelligence couldn't do the same will be one of many that will be probed by a new report and analysis of the assault in the run-up into why the attackers attacked on that tragic night in Benghazi.

It was just weeks before America's 2012 presidential election. And it has become one of Washington's longest-running mysteries (real or feigned), as Republicans accuse Obama's team of trying to cover up the true terrorist nature of the attacks so

it wouldn't tarnish the counterterrorism creds of the commander in chief who got Osama bin Laden.

But it now seems clear that it never should have been a mystery at all. For the key evidence about what really motivated the attackers was there all the time, hidden in plain, inside The New York Times, on Oct. 16, 2012. The article points out that the identity of the attackers and what motivated them was knowable on the day of the attack.

The New York Times article, by David D. Kirkpatrick, was played not as Page One news but was given a feature-esque label, "Memo from the Middle East," and displayed on Page A6. Yet it revealed information by an operative who was at the scene and actually talked to the attackers as they were attacking the consulate.

The operative was not a secret spy, but a New York Times journalist who simply interviewed and reported what others were saying. The attackers, the article reported, were members of assal al-Sharia.

"The New York Times is for the people," said Mohamed al-Bishari, a 20-year-old neighbor who watched the assault and described the brigade he saw leading the attack. "There was no protest or anything of that sort."

The Times report added: "Most of the attackers made an effort to hide their faces or identities, and during the assault some acknowledged to a Libyan journalist working for The New York Times that they belonged to the group. And their attack drew a crowd, some of whom cheered them on, some of whom just gawked, and some of whom later looked on with confusion."

But here it can get confusing if readers

fail to use common sense. For The Times reported that the militia fighters who had come armed to attack were indeed engaged by a video that mocked Islam, was made in the U.S. and was airing via the Internet.

"The fighters said at the time that they were moved to act because of the video, which had first gained attention across the region after a protest in Egypt that day."

But common sense makes clear this wasn't just a mere protest that "began spontaneously in Benghazi as a reaction to ... the fighters said," as U.N. Ambassador Susan Rice claimed on CBS News' "Face the Nation" the Sunday after the attack. Her talking points were wrong, apparently deliberately understating reality at this politically inconvenient campaign moment. Those were organized terrorists who came armed to attack, not protesters.

Shame on the Obama White House for not having the confidence in America's voters to think we could hear the truth (then and even now — and still respect (yet to elect) the president who leveled with us.

Shame and on the Republicans for politicizing the Benghazi tragedy ever since by distorting realities and exaggerating errors. They used Team Obama's mistakes to stoke real evil-doers using a sick and cruel war on video," as U.N. Ambassador Susan Rice claimed on CBS News' "Face the Nation" the Sunday after the attack. They have made Benghazi just another weapon in their ongoing politics of hate, in the hopes that you'd fall for it.

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OPINION

Tea party hangs on to seat at kids' table

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The tea party, joined by right-wing populists who just don't want to take it anymore, took out House Majority Leader Eric Cantor this month, and they didn't even get a lousy T-shirt for their trouble.

Before you could say "Beltway," the third-ranking House Republican, Rep. Kevin McCarthy, of California, who supports giving legal status to undocumented immigrants and is a generally bluer version of the pro-life Eric Cantor, was lined up to take over the No. 2 House leadership post.

Late in the game, an Idaho conservative, Rep. Raul Labrador, began a halfhearted bid. But while McCarthy was speed-dialing members on their cellphones, Labrador was going through the switchboard at individual offices.

McCarthy defeated Labrador on Thursday in a secret ballot.

Despite its big win, what the tea party wing in Congress has is what it's always had: the ability to say no, to wreak havoc and to generally make House Speaker John Boehner's life miserable. But they amassed the power to set the agenda. Insiders, while hampered, are still in control.

So does it matter how many primaries the tea party wins? Or does the establishment always come out on top? Before Cantor's upset, the narrative was that the tea party had been put back in its box and incumbent would carry the day. Now, the few contests remaining — Mississippi, Kansas and a few table-turning House races in Michigan where the establishment is challenging tea party incumbents — have become battles for control of the Republican Party's soul, or at least a few of its vital organs.

The establishment insists Cantor's defeat doesn't mean the tea party is back. True enough, every loss has a list of personality-driven explanations: Cantor neglected his district, became too Washington-centric, went conference-hopping to Davos and Aspen, and a smirk was never far from curling his lip.

The onetime Republican star may be

proof that you can over-gerrymander a district from being safely conservative to out-of-control conservative. The establishment likes pointing out that the tea party as an organization didn't put its muscle behind Cantor's challenger, economics professor David Brat; it's just claiming credit after the fact.

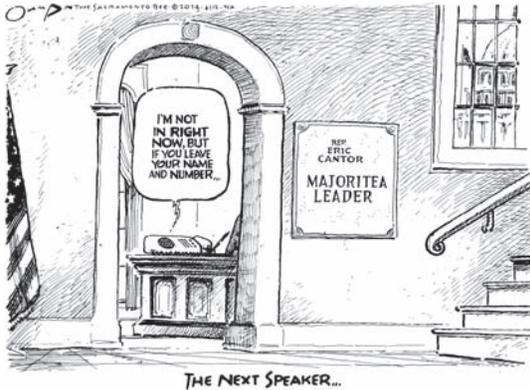
But Cantor was ousted by the tea party sentiment — that amorphous collection of grass-roots activists and populists, who are anti-many things, including big government, big business, immigrants, gays, big bankers and their bailout.

They vote Republican and vote to throw out the bums, but their definition of who's a bum has broadened. Right-wing voters are widening up. Sure, gays can't get married, right-minded Americans can carry a gun to church if they want and there's no amnesty for undocumented immigrants, but corporations are getting their way while mortgages are underwater. Maybe all the bums are vulnerable now for no better reason than their habit of dropping the little guy for the big guy in a heartbeat. That's a big change.

That means Karl Rove and the Chamber of Commerce took their bow too soon. Incumbents withstood challenges in Kentucky (Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell), North Carolina (state legislator Thom Tillis) beat a conservative in the Senate primary), and the two most right-wing candidates in Georgia didn't make it to the runoff for governor. But tea party candidates prevailed in Texas and Mississippi, and an obscure entrepreneur proved his win in Virginia isn't for nothing. Suddenly, the story isn't the taming of the tea party, but putting the establishment on its heels.

The earlier narrative wasn't right anyway. Republicans hadn't overcome their "tea party problem." The party had woken up to its primary problem. Forewarned by earlier losses, party leaders now are hard-winded by stealth tea party candidates who won low-turnout primaries and then couldn't win the general.

Instead, the establishment thought it had found candidates who were hard-line enough to co-opt the tea party, lavished money and consultants on them, and voila — no more wacko birds a la Sharron Angle



in Nevada, who blew the chance to defeat an unpopular Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid in 2010. It looked like the ultra-right wing had been absorbed into the Republican bloodstream.

Not so fast. In the marquee races remaining, the chumps are showing they don't want to be co-opted. In Kansas, incumbent Sen. Pat Roberts, who doesn't seem to live in Kansas anymore, is up against a doctor who posts gruesome photos of gunshot victims on the Internet and has shot up 20 points in the polls.

There's nothing wrong with Thad Cochran, of Mississippi, on social issues. What is wrong is that the six-term senator epitomizes the old way of bringing home the bacon by greasing a lot of palms that don't belong to the little guy.

Cochran's tea party opponent, Chris McDaniel, is a flawed candidate. His supporters broke into a nursing home to take a photo of Cochran's ailing wife to give currency to the rumor that Cochran has a

comppanion. McDaniel is also sympathetic to the neoconfederacy crowd and would return federal funds to the Treasury.

So be it: The tea party is willing to take the hit to end a way of doing business it thinks hurts the country. In any case, Mississippi voters are unlikely to elect a Democrat, no matter how imperfect the tea party candidate is. But life will go on in Washington. Republicans will co-opt their renegade faction, so long as they don't have to have them in the room when the door closes. The big hole left by Cochran in the leadership will be filled not by a tea party but by another establishment Republican.

Former Republican National Committee Chairman Michael Steele said last week that the party should have been more humbled by Cantor's defeat and that it showed hubris in elevating McCarthy.

A few more victories and the tea party will have to get a seat at the table or break the table in two.

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Central American kids follow familiar path to US

By HAROLD MEYERSON

The recent cascade of Central American children crossing the Rio Grande and surrendering as fast as they can to U.S. Border Patrol officers — in full knowledge that they won't immediately be sent back — has confounded our already stunted national debate on immigration. Republicans blame the onset of border-crossers on what they say is the Obama administration's leniency toward immigrants, but the Obama administration has set a record for deportations. The president would like to enable undocumented immigrants who've been here for a while to gain legal status and, eventually, become citizens. The flood of Central American refugees has complicated the politics of legalization, however, particularly since Republicans say the mere prospect of letting immigrants remain only encourages others to come.

Both sides in this debate report that the organizations that smuggle people across Mexico and into Texas are telling Central Americans that the U.S. won't send back unescorted children. That's not true — at least, not invariably. When undocumented minors show up, the government usually

places them with relatives already here, but they're still subject to deportation unless they can demonstrate that their lives will be endangered if they return.

Two things are missing from this discussion, however. The first is the conditions in the nations these children are fleeing. The second is the fundamentally American these children's stories are.

No mystery need enshroud the reasons why the children are coming. Central America's nations are among the most violent in the world. In April, the U.N. Office on Drugs and Crime reported that in 2012 Honduras had the highest murder rate of any nation — indeed, its murder rate was nearly twice that of any other country. El Salvador had the fourth-highest homicide rate and Guatemala the fifth. Across the region, gang violence has turned once-peaceful neighborhoods into shooting galleries. The only way to survive is by scraping up the resources to get their children out of harm's way — even if the journey through Mexico is itself the epitome of harm's way.

In "The Beast," a remarkable book first published in Spanish in 2010 and translated into English only last year, journalist Oscar Martinez chronicled the treacherous odys-

seys that Central Americans undertake as they cross Mexico. The immigrants whose journeys he relates are routinely swindled and misled by guides. They are taken hostage en route until they can come up with ransoms. Four out of five women are sexually abused. The "beasts" of the title are the trains on which the travelers ride — not in boxcars, as American hobos did in earlier times, but on the roofs, from which they weak or weary periodically slip to their deaths or dismemberments.

And still, they make the journey, not because they're oblivious to the dangers of going but because they're all too conscious of the dangers of staying behind. In paying smugglers to bring their children north, U.S.-based parents doubtless hope they've ensured a safer passage than those Martinez documents. Even if they have, the children surely endure what must be dangerous and arduous journeys.

And in so doing, they enact the most American of stories. Throughout our history, people have come here not only because the U.S. offers greater opportunity than they could experience in their homeland. They have also come here for the simple reason that they could not survive if they stayed at home. The Pilgrims came

escaping persecution, at a time when those labeled heretics were routinely tortured; the Irish came rather than starve during the great famine of the 1840s; the Germans arrived after the revolutions of 1848 failed and the Prussian and other autocracies began to round them up; the Jews came after the czar decreed open season on them in 1881. People came to America, often as not, because they were fleeing for their lives.

Throughout much of our history, we welcomed them. Our openness defined us; we were a refuge among nations. Throughout some of our history, however, we did not. At the insistence of a largely anti-Semitic State Department, Jews attempting to flee the Nazis were sent back.

And now come the children of Central America — encouraged by the smugglers' misrepresentations, to be sure, but also in a flight for their lives every bit as genuine as those that brought the Pilgrims and the Irish and the Germans and the Jews to our shores. Sending them back poses a threat not just to them but, even more fundamentally, to our nation's raison d'être.

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WORLD

Unrest in China leads to 13 deaths

The Associated Press

BEIJING — Police in China's restive western region shot dead 13 assailants who rammed a truck into a police office building and set off explosives in an attack Saturday that also wounded three officers, state media said.

The Tianshan website said in a one-line report that no civilians were hurt in the attack in Kashgar prefecture in Xinjiang's southwest. Officials in the region contacted by phone either said they were unclear about the situation or refused to comment.

Dilxat Raxit, spokesman for the German-based group World Uyghur Congress, said he called several residents in the Yecheng area who described hearing

‘The armed police are using excessive force to deal with the unrest in the region. Why did they need to shoot them dead on the spot?’

Dilxat Raxit World Uyghur Congress said the armed police are using excessive force to deal with the unrest

in the region. Why did they need to shoot them dead on the spot? Raxit said. “If they just injured them they would still have a chance to be put through the legal process.”

It was the latest in a series of attacks pointing to growing unrest in the sprawling region of Xinjiang, where the native Muslim Uyghur people want more autonomy from Beijing. Last month, a market bombing killed 43 people in Xinjiang's capital, Urumqi.

Chinese authorities have blamed the attacks on extremists bent on overthrowing Beijing's rule. The government says the assailants have ties to Islamic terrorist groups abroad, but provides little direct evidence.

The government has sought to stem the attacks by handing down heavy punishments to people authorities say organized, led and participated in terrorist groups, committed arson, murder, burglary or illegally manufactured explosives. Earlier this month, China executed 13 people in Xinjiang for such crimes.



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The sun rises as thousands of revelers gathered at the ancient stone circle Stonehenge, near Salisbury, England, to celebrate the summer solstice, the longest day of the year, on Saturday.



Revelers kiss and practice yoga around Stonehenge.



A sun-watcher dances with a hoop in celebration of the summer solstice.

Egypt hands down death sentences for over 180

By MAMDOUH THABT
The Associated Press

MINYA, Egypt — The Muslim Brotherhood's spiritual leader and over 180 others were sentenced to death Saturday by an Egyptian court in the latest mass trial following last year's overthrow of the country's Islamist president.

The ruling by the southern Minya Criminal Court is the largest confirmed mass death sentence to be handed down in Egypt in recent memory and comes from Judge Said Youssef, who earlier presided over the mass trial. It is the second death sentence for the Brotherhood's Supreme Guide Mohammed Badie since the crackdown against his group began.

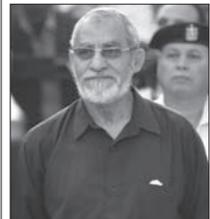
The court acquitted more than 400 others in the case and family members of the accused wailed or cheered the verdicts.

The case stems from an attack on a police station in the town of el-Adwa near the southern city of Minya on Aug. 14 which killed one police officer and one civilian. Similar revenge attacks swept across Egypt following a security force crackdown on Cairo sit-ins supporting toppled President Mohammed Morsi that killed hundreds. The charges in the case ranged from murder, joining a terrorist organization, sabotage, possession of weapons and terrorizing civilians.

Initially, Youssef sentenced some 683 people to death over the attack, then sent the case to Egypt's Grand Mufti, the country's top spiritual leader. The Mufti offered his opinion, then sent the case back to Youssef to confirm his sentence.

Lawyers for the accused said they planned to appeal. Of the initial 683, all but 110 were tried in absentia, a defense lawyer said, meaning they will receive new trials once apprehended as guaranteed by Egyptian law.

The mass trials have drawn worldwide rebuke. However, the trials have continued with many Egyptians appearing to approve of the heavy-handed measures as a way to end the turmoil rolling their country since its 2011 revolt against autocrat Hosni Mubarak.



AP

Muslim Brotherhood leader Mohammed Badie, shown in May, was sentenced to death Saturday along with over 180 other members of the group.

Seizing solstice

New Agers, neo-pagans welcome longest day of the year at England's Stonehenge

The Associated Press

LONDON — Self-styled Druids, New Agers and thousands of revelers gathered to watch the sun rise above the ancient stone circle at Stonehenge to mark the summer solstice — the longest day of the year in the northern hemisphere.

English Heritage, which manages the monument, says some 36,000 sun-watchers gathered on the Salisbury Plain about 80 miles southwest of London on Saturday. Police say the event was peaceful with only 25 arrests, mainly for drug offenses.

Couples kissed, dancers circled with hoops and revelers took part in a mass yoga practice as part of the free-form celebrations.

LIFESTYLE

Transforming the face of makeup

Kan. woman brings jaw-dropping dimensions to face painting

By DUGAN ARNETT

The Kansas City (Kan.) Star

Like many 23-year-old women, Elsa Rhae Pageler of Overland Park, Kan., occasionally stations herself in front of a mirror and fiddles with her makeup.

Unlike those others, she often emerges from the process looking like some kind of monster — which, as it happens, is exactly what she's going for.

Armed with little more than some face paint, a 120-color palette of eye shadow and a handful of makeup brushes, Pageler captures the attention of geeks and gamers across the country as she transforms her face into vivid renditions of television, movie and video game characters.

Her Facebook page boasts a large collection of her handiwork. There she is as a White Walker straight from the Sunday-night HBO world of "Game of Thrones." There she is as Baraka from "Mortal Kombat" and as Captain Planet, in honor of Earth Day. There she is, too, as a grimaicing Grinch.

"I couldn't do any of this stuff a year ago," Pageler says on a recent afternoon at her one-bedroom Overland Park apartment, which also houses a new puppy, a 3-foot lizard and a nocturnal gecko. "It's just been growing as I practice."

Pageler, a freelance video editor and producer and makeup artist, makes it clear she didn't set out to make a name for herself as a face painter — though it eventually worked out that way.

She needed an elective to graduate from the University of Kansas with a film and media studies major, and a theater makeup class seemed easy enough.

In the end, the class proved rather dull for her tastes — "just learning how to shade and highlight and stuff, and I already knew that from doing my own makeup" — but it did spark an interest in face painting.

When Pageler started toying with the art in her free time, it was mostly for friends and family. She would watch tutorials on YouTube, essentially teaching herself the intricate work.

But a few weeks ago a friend asked if he could post a link to her work online and within hours her painted face was showing up in all corners of the Web.

Huffington Post wrote about her ability to transform her face into the spitting images of various characters. Pageler caught fire on Reddit. Ashton Kutcher linked to her website, which was particularly cool.

Since then, there has been a burst of attention. Her Facebook page, Elsa Rhae



Makeup artist Elsa Rhae, of Overland Park, Kan., has become known nationwide for her elaborate face and body painting.

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Creations,

has received more than 22,000 "likes." Fans of her work have sent suggestions for characters she should try. A contact lens company has offered free, unusually colored contact lenses, she said, so she'll include them in her photos and videos.

"Which is nice," Pageler said, "because I've never been able to afford contacts."

The attraction of people to the work is

obvious, says Paul Crabtree, the friend who originally posted her work on the website Imgur.

"A big part of it is her immense ability," Crabtree says. "She draws off herself; she doesn't use a model.

I can barely draw a stick figure on a piece of paper, let alone my own face."

As her talents have become more refined, so too have her ambitions. She keeps a mental list of characters she'd like to try, and when inspiration hits, she goes upstairs. There a desk holds a laptop computer and a makeup mirror, among other things, and she goes to work.

Videos on her YouTube page show versions of the process in fast forward, but in reality it can take between 30 minutes and 3½ hours. The more elaborate the project, the more time it takes Pageler to complete.

Her boyfriend, Barron Link, says that

the attention Pageler's work gets is "not very surprising. Because anything that she touches that's even mildly artistic, she just kills."

At the moment, she's putting the finishing touches on a project.

She spreads some blue across her face, changes brushes, touches up small details around the cheeks, the nose, the forehead. And soon enough she's a spitting image of Jennifer Lawrence's Mystique from the "X-Men" movie series (photo at left).

As for the future, she's not sure what will become of her face painting. While the idea of doing makeup for TV or movies sounds appealing, she also enjoys the freedom she has to produce work that no one has done.

"I'll just continue doing it," she says as she works, "as long as people continue liking it."

LIFESTYLE



Chasin' a dream

Still waiting for a break, singer-songwriter refuses to give up on his gift

By TIM MADIGAN
Fort Worth (Texas) Star-Telegram

On a balmy spring evening a few weeks ago, Kyle Redd stood at the corner of Crockett and Currie streets, singing and playing his acoustic guitar. Street musicians are a regular feature of that tony neighborhood and are often ignored. Redd was, too, for a few minutes.

Then couples at the sidewalk tables of a nearby restaurant paused over their drinks and appetizers, turning toward the music coming from across the street — Lyle Lovett covers, Willie Nelson, James Taylor, Glen Campbell, Jim Croce — with a few Kyle

Redd originals slipped in. With the accomplished level of his singing and playing and the quality of his own songs, it was hard to tell.

Pedestrians began to pause, too, sitting to listen to the guy with the clear tenor, a virtuoso on the guitar. Before long, apartment dwellers came out onto their balconies, listening and applauding with the rest.

Between songs, members of his growing audience came up to Redd, complimenting him on his music. Time after time that night, he heard a variation of the same question, one from an old Billy Joel song, "Man, what are you doing here?" A guy of his talent playing on a street corner in Fort Worth, with a wife and young child to support, no less?

Kyle Redd drove the same pickup for 15 years until it finally died a few years ago. He played the same guitar for years until it splintered. He is 35 years old, with a wife and a new baby daughter.

Last winter, he called his dad in a Houston suburb and said he was thinking about chucking it all, becoming an electrician, something more responsible, more grown up, to support his family.

Yet there he was months later, on that balmy night in Fort Worth, his voice and guitar echoing off the walls as the sun went down. His story was a country-western song, a parable for anyone with talent, the support of family, a dream and the guts to pursue it. On that recent night, after two hours, he packed up his guitar, handed out a few more cards and disappeared into the dusk, home to his family until his next modest gig.

Redd studied theater at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos and worked as an actor for four years after graduating, performing in New York City and up and down the East Coast.

After college, he continued to play guitar and write songs, making music with the stagehands of his theater troupes, taking the occasional coffeehouse gig. It began to dawn on him that he had things backward.

"One thing that troubled me about acting was that I always had massive stage fright," he remembered. "I discovered that playing music didn't bother me. The guitar was like a barrier. I was very natural with it onstage. I had a way to communicate with people and still entertain, and I could do it with my own words,



not someone else's."

Burned out from the road, Redd quit acting and moved home to Houston. He sold fertilizer during the day and played at a place called Blanco's at night. His singing and songwriting started turning heads in the local music scene, and one who noticed was a woman named Kim Carson, known as the Honky Tonk Queen of New Orleans. She called one day, saying she needed a lead guitarist for a gig in Gulf Shores, Ala.

Redd quit his band and the fertilizer job on the spot, hopped into Carson's van and learned her songs on the drive east. He backed her on guitar for years after that, touring the United States and Europe. One gig was a music festival near Glen Rose put on by musician Bodie Powell, who played bass for Johnny Cash.

During that same festival, Redd

spotted Powell's daughter, Chrystal, working at a merchandise table. The two of them carried on a long-distance romance for the next few years as he continued to tour with Carson.

They married in 2009, and Redd came off the road. Chrystal taught sixth grade, and he started playing local gigs, many of them with his new father-in-law.

In Fort Worth, he continued to wait for his break.

He had come close. In 2007, he landed an interview with an executive at RCA Records in Nashville.

Three weeks later, Redd got an encouraging email from the guy, saying he enjoyed the meeting. Redd quickly replied, then didn't hear another word.

In 2011, Redd released a self-titled debut album of his own songs. He tinkered with his writing style, thinking that might be the problem.

Soon after, Chrystal got pregnant with their daughter, Sophie.

One afternoon just after Thanksgiving, Redd sat down with Chrystal on the living room sofa. He told her that it might be time to surrender the dream, to give up music, to get a real job.

Chrystal wouldn't hear of it. "...You're going to keep playing music. ... You are not going to put down your guitar."

"OK," he said. "I won't."

As the new year began, Redd got back on the telephone, redefining himself. "I love doing this, and now I know the people around me; they don't see just some guy playing music, but a guy who wouldn't be the same person if he stopped," Redd said that night before he took the stage, sitting at a booth in the restaurant and holding his daughter.

"So how can I give this up, now? What else is there in life?"

As Kyle Redd performs at the Back Fort Smokehouse in North Richland Hills, Texas, in May, his wife, Chrystal, holding their daughter, Sophie, beams with pride. Chrystal Redd fully supports her husband's dream to become a professional musician.

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FORT WORTH (TEXAS) STAR-TELEGRAM/MCT

TRAVEL



PHOTOS BY BOB BATZ JR./PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE

A replica of the 1909 Wright Military Flyer is displayed at the Museum of the United States Air Force at Wright Patterson Air Force Base near Dayton, Ohio.

Hitting new heights

Impressive Air Force museum to add millions of dollars of flying machines

By BOB BATZ JR.
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

I grew up near Dayton, Ohio. But somehow I never visited what I grew up taking for granted as “the Air Force museum.”

I’m not sure how I missed it, since the place is such a mecca for school field trips. It’s located on a sprawling air base in the fields where, in the early 1900s, the Wright brothers tested their incredible invention, the airplane.

Ten years ago, Congress recognized Dayton as the National Aviation Heritage Area, with several sites in and around a national historical park.

But there’s no bigger monument to the Wrights than what’s officially called the National Museum of the United States Air Force. Better yet: Admission is free.

This spring, I decided it would be fun to finally visit with my wife and 6-year-old son. The place wowed us, and we can’t wait to go back.

Most of the exhibits are inside three interconnected aircraft hangars. More varied aircraft than most people can imagine are hanging and otherwise artfully arranged inside the cavernous spaces, dramatically lit and decorated with realistic mannequins and other props. As my first-grader put it, “The fake people are kinda freaky. They look right at you!”

The planes are mapped on the foldout “aircraft locator” that we received upon

entering and that showed how they are grouped by eras. Rather than start with the Wrights in the “Early Years” exhibit, we were drawn into the “World War II” gallery, so thick with history that it really felt a little like traveling back in time. The airplanes and the context are illuminated by videos, soundtracks and related artifacts.

I found myself learning about lesser-known things, such as “The Hump” that Allied pilots had to fly over from India to China. And I found myself moved to see better-known things, such as “The Aircraft that Ended WWII” — the “Bockscar” B-29 Superfortress that dropped the Fat Man atomic bomb on Nagasaki.

In the next exhibit, we saw a reproduction of Wilbur Wright on a reproduction Wright 1909 Military Flyer, which the Army bought as the first heavier-than-air military flying machine.

The exhibits that follow dramatically tell the story about all that happened next, as the Army begat the Air Force and it flew into the “Korean War,” the “Southeast Asia War” and then the “Cold War.” Depending on your age, different planes and pieces will stand out, each having starred in some aspect of history, from the Berlin airlift to the Vietnam War to the moon landing.

Some are just physically gorgeous, such as the Lockheed SR-71A Blackbird.

I was fascinated to walk around and under a B-52 Stratofortress, one of the gigantic bombers used in Vietnam. I got the shivers in the Cold War exhibit, remembering well how it felt to fear nuclear war.

In an adjacent silo, I was reminded that there still are LGM-30 Minuteman intercontinental ballistic missiles on alert today. But my family and I enjoyed looking at the rockets and other “Missile & Space” exhibits, including a display case of freeze-dried space foods.

In the sprawling museum store, we bought some dehydrated space ice cream to tide over my son, who also picked out a big airplane toy. The only other money we spent, we spent well — \$14 for all three of us to ride a fighter-jet flight simulator.

We quickly explored the outdoor “Air Park,” which has more planes as well as buildings, including a reconstructed Nissen Hut that used to house American airmen near London. I loved looking around the reconstructed Belly Tank Bar, complete with British beer engines, where the mannequins’ American voices bellyached about British ales: “Don’t look for any cold ones. They’re all going to be warm.”

There is much more to see than we could manage in three hours. With more time, we could have signed up for the bus trip to see the “Presidential Aircraft.”

The B-29 named Bockscar that dropped the nuclear bomb on Nagasaki, Japan, is also at the museum.

and “Research & Development” exhibits. We somehow missed the new space shuttle crew compartment trainer exhibit. The museum didn’t get one of the actual shuttles retired by NASA, but it did get this trainer, in which scores of astronauts trained over three decades. That exhibit opened in the Cold War gallery this spring.

Much more is in the works. The museum is building a \$35.4 million fourth main building, which will house the presidential and experimental stuff and more (including the shuttle trainer exhibit), which is set to open in 2016. It will expand the existing 1 million square feet of exhibit space by nearly a quarter million square feet.

Whenever you go, and I recommend that you do, I think you’ll be struck by how the Wright Brothers, the U.S. Air Force and military aircraft have affected the past century of history and our lives.



KNOW & GO

The National Museum of the United States Air Force (nationalmuseum.af.mil) is located on Wright-Patterson Air Force Base near Dayton, Ohio. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day but Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year’s Day. Entry is free.

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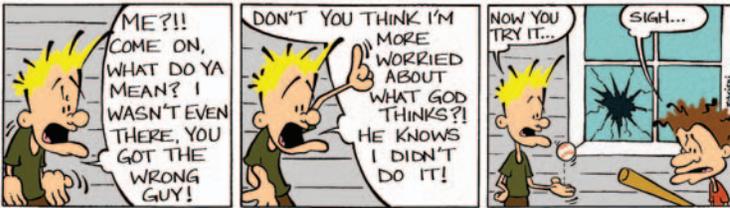
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DREAMWORKS ANIMATION/AP

Characters from the "How to Train Your Dragon" movies such as Astrid, voiced by America Ferrera, also appear in comic books.

'Dragon Down' a comic companion to the movie

By Andrew A. Smith
McClatchy-Tribune News Service

If you're still itching for more even after seeing "How to Train Your Dragon 2," which is now in theaters, you'll be pleased to know there's already a comic-book adventure out.

English publisher Titan Comics has launched a new series chronicling the adventures of Hiccup, Toothless and the rest, in the digest size (9 x 6.5 inches) popular among children's graphic novels. "Dreamworks' Dragons: Riders of Berk—Dragon Down" (\$6.99) is already out.



Written by Simon Furman, the story involves Hookfang the dragon shedding scales in spring—red-hot scales that set fire to the wooden huts of the Viking village Berk (presumably short for "berserk," a word coined for certain Viking warriors). Stoick the Vast, Berk's leader and Hiccup's father, exiles the unfortunate

dragon—much to the distress of its rider, Snoutlout.

What follows is a timeless tale of friendship and sacrifice, wherein our heroes learn that the latter is a necessary part of the former. It's a great message, but one inserted so painlessly into a rousing adventure tale that it's a fun read for adults and children alike.

"Dragon Down" is illustrated by Iwan Nazif, who eschews the animated-puppet style of the movie for a more traditional form of cartooning. Yet the familiar faces and postures are captured so well that you half expect the familiar voices (Jay Baruchel, Gerard Butler, Craig Ferguson, America Ferrera, Jonah Hill, Kristen Wiig, etc.) to come out of their mouths.

At least three more books in the "Dreamworks' Dragons: Riders of Berk" series are planned, including "Dangers of the Deep" (Aug. 26), and unnamed volumes 3 (Nov. 18) and 4 (Feb. 24, 2015). Titan also has two "art of" coffee-table books for the two movies, all joining a cottage industry of "How to Train Your Dragon" videos and books, although the latter are mostly aimed at the preschool set.

For more information, go to titanbooks.com

GADGET WATCH

Blumoo turns phone into remote control

By Gregg Elluman
McClatchy-Tribune News Service

Blumoo, from Flyover Innovations, is a device that works with its own app to let you eliminate the pile of remotes used for infrared-controlled home entertainment devices.

I figured the setup would take some time, so I sat down with the device, instructions, my laptop, iPad and a nice big glass of ice tea.

Soon, I was controlling my TV, Apple TV and even brushed the dust off my CD player.

Before starting, you must figure out a place for the Blumoo hardware, a 2.75-inch-tall device that looks like a mini coffee cup from the side. It's built with an angled base enabling it to receive a signal from almost anywhere in the room and is paired with your handheld device via Bluetooth.

The setup guide walks you through what to plug in, including RCA cables for audio and of course the included power supply.

The Blumoo app (free) is available for iOS and Android devices. Once the hardware is set up, the app has an endless database of devices (more than 200,000) you can control. There, you'll find yours to make the connection.

Within the app you'll have a virtual screen, which is now your remote, to select a device, change the channel, volume control and a channel guide.

The app remembers what you watch and sends reminders when favorite shows or even favorite teams are back on TV.

Online: flyoverinnovations.com; \$129.99

The Grill Daddy 6-in-1 stainless steel grill kit is the perfect summer gadget, even include electronics.

The ergonomically designed heat-shielding handle has a swinging metal shield to protect your hand from the hot grill or splattering food. You can reach anywhere on the grill and the shield, weighted and balanced, pivots to always be between your hand and the grill.

In addition to the handle, by far the main attraction, you get a spatula, fork and spoon along with collapsing tongs and a carrying case.

Everything is interchangeable, enabling grill nuts to form combinations such as a tong/fork or a spatula/spoon or just use each tool as needed.

Online: buygrilldaddy.com; \$39.99

The Grill Daddy 6-in-1 is a stainless steel grill kit ready to grill anywhere, you do.



FLYOVER INNOVATIONS/MCT

Blumoo is a universal home entertainment accessory, providing users seamless control of audio and visual equipment already in the home.

The Tegware Bagel for the iPhone 5/5s from Wire Factory, a startup from San Francisco, has caught my attention.

The case, the first product from this new company, is a design I've never seen until now.

In addition to holding your phone securely on the right side of the synthetic leather folding case, the left side has a 4.2-inch (diagonal) Boogie Board eWriter for taking paperless notes, reminders, memos or just doodling.

The eWriter doesn't connect to the phone, so there's no battery drain. It runs on its own battery, good for five years.

Inside the case you'll find a stylus stored in between the eWriter and your phone.

Online: amazon.com; \$59, available in black; colors available soon include brown, blue, coral pink and red; more information at tegware.com

Sparkbeats from BiteMyApple takes light from the iPhone's (5/5s) LED flash and bends it through a channel built into the back of the case.

There's an on/off switch to control the lights. They can be programmed for different alerts or environments with the Sparkbeat app (free in iTunes). It can even flash to the beat of a selected tune.

The case is a recent successful Kickstarter project and essentially makes the light a silent ringtone.

Online: bitemyapple.co; \$49.99

ITUNES MUSIC

Top 10 albums on the iTunes Store for June 18:

1. "Ultraviolence," Lana Del Rey
2. "In the Lonely Hour" (Deluxe Version), Sam Smith
3. "The Hunting Party," Linkin Park
4. "while(1<2), deadma5
5. "x" (Deluxe Edition), Ed Sheeran
6. "A Town Called Paradise" (Deluxe), Tiesto
7. "Mali Is ...," Mali Music
8. "In the Lonely Hour," Sam Smith
9. "A.K.A." (Deluxe Version), Jennifer Lopez
10. "Mutineers" (Bonus Track Version), David Gray

— Compiled by MCT

SPOTIFY MUSIC

The top streamed tracks on Spotify from June 9-15:

1. Iggy Azalea, "Fancy"
2. Ariana Grande, "Problem"
3. Minnie Driver, "Summer"
4. MAGGI, "Rude"
5. Jason Derulo, "Wiggle (feat. Snoop Dogg)"
6. Nico & Vinz, "Am I Wrong"
7. Disclosure, "Latch"
8. MKTO, "Classic"
9. DJ Snake & Lil Jon, "Turn Down for What"
10. Ed Sheeran, "Sing"

— Compiled by The Associated Press

ITUNES MOVIES

Top 10 movies downloaded from the iTunes Store for June 18:

1. "The Lego Movie"
2. "The Grand Budapest Hotel"
3. "Non-Stop"
4. "Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit"
5. "Lone Survivor"
6. "21 Jump Street"
7. "The Machine"
8. "RoboCop"
9. "Fracas"
10. "How to Train Your Dragon"



— Compiled by MCT

VIDEO GAMES

Game Informer ranks the top 10 downloadable games for June:

1. "Transistor," PS4, PC
2. "Super Time Force," Xbox One, PS4, Xbox One, Wii U, PS3, 360, PC
3. "Child of Light," PS4, Xbox One, PC
4. "The Walking Dead Season 2 Episode 3—in Harm's Way," PS3, 360, PC, iOS
5. "2014 FIFA World Cup Brazil," PS3, 360, PC
6. "Trials Fusion," PS4, Xbox One, PC
7. "SteamWorld Dig," PS4, PC
8. "Titanfall: Expedition," Xbox One, 360, PC
9. "Luftrausers," PS3, Vita, PC
10. "TowerFall Ascension," PS4, PC

— Compiled by MCT

APPS

Top 5 new paid apps for June 18:

- ANDROID
1. Hitman GO
 2. Worms 3
 3. VVVVVV
 4. FI — PA/CM/11 Theme
 5. Dragon Quest VIII

Top 5 paid iPhone apps for June 18:

- APPLE
1. Afterlight
 2. Garmin iagio
 3. Heads Up!
 4. Minesweeper — Pocket Edition
 5. Sleep Cycle alarm clock

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MUSIC

NEW ALBUMS

Willie Nelson

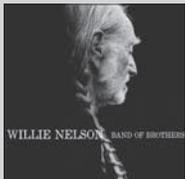
Band of Brothers (Legacy)

Willie Nelson has written a song — sometimes two, three or four — for every occasion, mood and moment. There's Wistful Willie. Defiant Willie. Repentant Willie. Randy Willie. Preacher Willie. Populist Willie. Whimsical Willie. Vengeful Willie.

Nelson the songwriter returns in all his wonderful guises on the first album of mostly new material he penned himself since 1996's "Spirit," the best album of the latter half of his 60-year career. Nelson wrote nine of the 14 songs on "Band of Brothers" with producer Buddy Cannon, and each is a perfect projection of his writer's best qualities. They're comfortable, familiar, well-worn, but also new and different.

Nelson is 81 now, and the new songs make allowances for this. His defiant moments sound a little more worldly-wise, his regrets a bit more painful. But his sense of humor and philosopher's personality remain undiminished.

"Band of Brothers" opens with Defiant Willie staring down the storm on "Bring It On." Wistful Willie lets the "Guitar in the Corner" play him, Repentant Willie hits "The Wall" and Randy Wil-



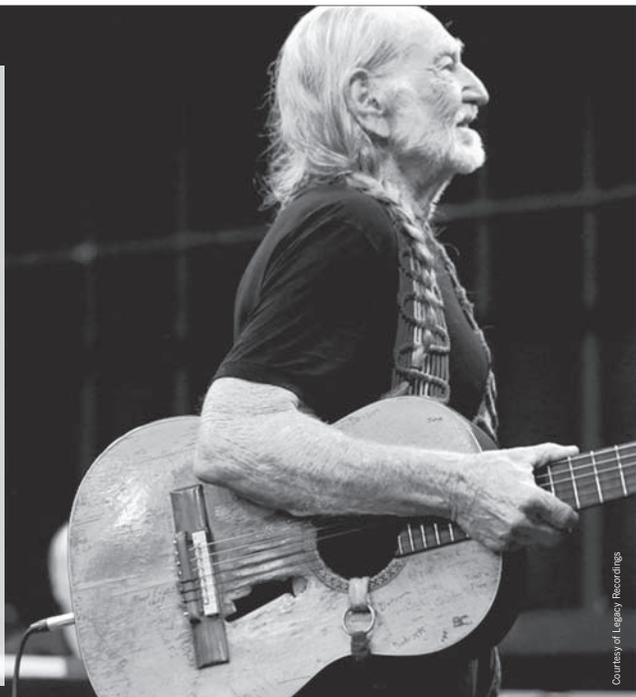
WILLIE NELSON, BAND OF BROTHERS

lie leads us through a tall tale of all his "Wives and Girl-friends," "but may they never meet/may they never know each other when they pass on the street."

Populist Willie provides the title track, a beautiful display of the sentiment that has made Nelson incongruously both an outlaw and a figure beloved by all. "We're a band of brothers and sisters and whatever! On a mission to break all the rules."

Nelson positions that song between a pair of Billy Joe Shaver covers — "The Git Go," featuring Jamey Johnson, and "It's Hard to Be an Outlaw" — midway through the album, and this outlaw triptych serves as a powerful reminder of why we've loved Nelson all these years.

— Chris Talbott
The Associated Press



Courtesy of Legacy Recordings

**Sharon Van Etten**

Are We There (Jagjaguwar)

Sharon Van Etten sings simple love songs that are anything but simple. On her fourth and best album, Van Etten teams with veteran producer Stewart Lerman and collaborates with a cast of musical helmsmen that includes Dave Hartley and Adam Granduciel of The War On Drugs to craft a set of 11 wounded, openhearted songs that soar with heightened emotional intensity. Van Etten's voice sweeps you up in its richly luxurious tone, and she varies and refines her approach. The majestically wounded "Your Love is Killing Me" is enacted on a mythic plane akin to epic heartbreak songs such as Lucinda Williams' "I Changed the Locks." The supervulnerable "You Know Me Well" and "Break Me" make the search for "your own true self" seem an operatic matter of life and death.

— Dan DeLuca
The Philadelphia Inquirer

**50 Cent**

Animal Ambition: An Untamed Desire to Win (G-Unit/Caroline)

Oh, how the Fiddy hath fallen. Eleven years after "Get Rich or Die Tryin'" (and its audacious follow-up, "The Massacre"), much of what made 50 Cent provocative and his swaggering voice — a low, rumbling mumble, as sexy as it was threatening — was matched by spare, sure arrangements. His voice, and that sound, are still central in "Animal Ambition."

There is, alas, bad news, most of it lyrical. 50 Cent has dropped most of the gangsta rap content — as he had to do if he were to move forward. The problem is, he hasn't found a workable replacement and is fumbling for words to match his flow.

So "Animals" good, not great. Call it a mixtape-plus.
— A.D. Amorosi
The Philadelphia Inquirer

**Chrissie Hynde**

Stockholm (Caroline)

It's an awful irony that the most notable thing about the first album Pretenders frontwoman Chrissie Hynde is releasing under her own name is its lack of distinctiveness.

Hynde wrote and recorded with Swedish producer Bjorn Ytting of the band Peter, Bjorn and John. Frankly, much of it is generic, bouncy pop-rock, pleasing to the ear and forgotten as soon as it fades out. It could be anyone singing, not one of rock music's most recognizable voices.

Hynde's voice is special because it can evoke off-the-cuff sass and heartbreaking melancholy. There's one good example of each here: the danceable single "Dark Sunglasses" and the lovely "Adding the Blue." When her great career is recapped, they'll be the only things worth recalling from "Stockholm."

— David Bauder
The Associated Press

**Joe Henry**

Invisible Hour (Work Song)

Joe Henry has produced artists ranging from Aaron Neville and Billy Bragg to Me'Shell Ndegeocello and Bonnie Raitt. Yet when he makes his own albums, they sound like no one else.

"Invisible Hour" is an enchanting 60 minutes of music packaged in 11 songs that reveal their charms slowly.

Hooks are few and the accompaniment is spare. The focus remains on Henry's lyrics, which read like literature, with unpredictable rhythms and noun-verb combinations. Hearts wane. Shadows wait. Angels rumble. Days flee.

He sings these words with the timbre of a soul man and scoops into them like a country artist. Henry is both, and neither, producing music beyond category. This is what makes "Invisible Hour" time well spent.

— Steven Wine
The Associated Press

**Clear Plastic Masks**

Being There (Serpents & Snakes)

Nashville's burgeoning rock 'n' roll scene just got even better with the release of Clear Plastic Masks' "Being There."

The greasy, '70s rock-aded quartet got together in Brooklyn, N.Y., and came to Nashville to record. They never left, signing with Kings of Leon label Serpents & Snakes and helping round out a scene that's gotten a lot of attention in recent years.

The band has two modes: lounge and loud. Lead singer Andrew Katz has a tendency to croon, sitting at the keyboard with a twinkling grin. But Clear Plastic Masks is at its best on songs like "Pegasus in Glue," "Shakedown" and "Dos Cobras," tracks where Katz leans in and joins the band like a closed fist.

Those songs shake with power and promise — and might open the door for another Nashville band.

— Chris Talbott
The Associated Press

MUSIC



*Defiant
seduction
from pop
instigator*

Lana Del Rey brings listeners into a dysfunctional world on 'Ultraviolence'

If there's a central message to "Ultraviolence," the highly anticipated new album by Lana Del Rey, it is this: Why mind Facebook executive Sheryl Sandberg's advice that a modern woman "lean in" when she can get what's desired through reclining?

Filled with the kind of echoed, distant seduction that has made the young charizing pop stars in recent memory, Del Rey's follow-up to her multi-platinum "Born to Die" is rife with incitements and further defines her philosophy, one that's as provocative in its way as punk rock but without all that screaming. This belief system on "Ultraviolence" preaches a cutthroat approach to finding and retaining bliss. Put on a red dress on the album's opener, "Cruel World," seduce a famous man with "a little bit of bourbon" and tell him you're crazy. Examine domestic violence on the title track with meaty lines such as "the hurt

me but it felt like true love," but include more questions than answers. Stare unflinchingly at pure, blind desire.

Desire is the most potent drug on "Ultraviolence," an 11-song record featuring Del Rey's trademark tone, one with the sonic feel of a fading Polaroid and a languorous approach that, depending on your mood and constitution, will sound either lethargic to the point of nodding off or as blissfully relaxing as a massage.

Where more prominent pop stars trade in a dazzling brand of empowered sexuality, on "Ultraviolence" Del Rey focuses on the unfortunate truths and the nuances, contrived as they sometimes might be, more eager to paint a picture

than to analyze it. The contrivances are there, mostly in oddball American signifiers that dot each song with telling accents. Her man drives a Chevy Malibu. The "other woman" will prevail because unlike the wife, she's never seen with "pin curls in her hair anywhere."

On bonus track "Is This Happiness?" she describes being "high up in the Hollywood Hills crushing violet pills." "Old Money" trades in "cashmere, cologne and white sunshine/Red racing cars, Sunset and Vine." Each little placement adds to the mystique.

Produced by Dan Auerbach, the singer and guitarist for the Black Keys, the album doubles down on what she and he have described as "narco-swing": soft, billowy production heavy on melodramatic strings and perfectly placed wah-wah guitar, easy on the rhythms and synthetics. Turn it up loud and melt into the couch.

The tension will swirl as Del Rey's voice roams, more assured than on her last record. With this tone come myriad

romantic battles. She battles herself, spurned women and desirable men. She's a brat with an attitude on "Shades of Cool": "When he calls, he calls for me and not for you," she brags, "He lives for love, he loves his drugs, he loves his baby too."

She defiantly defends the other woman in "Sad Girl" with an opening verse sure to anger cuckolds everywhere: "Being a mistress on the side/It might not appeal to fools like you/Creeping around on the side/Would not be something you would do." Del Rey admits to the downside of the equation in "The Other Woman," which acknowledges the dangers of such arrangements.

It's this brand of tension that feeds "Ultraviolence," a kind of willfully woozy series of contradictions that combine to create a convincing argument. Whether it's one you echo or despise, one you'll lean in to hear or lie back and absorb, Del Rey doesn't seem to care. Unless she does.

— Randall Roberts
Los Angeles Times



Lana Del Rey
Ultraviolence (Interscope)

On "Ultraviolence," the follow-up to 2012's "Born to Die," a more-assured Lana Del Rey sings of spurned women, toxic relationships and the art of seduction.

Courtesy of Shore Fire Media

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

3 shot after concert; male suspect sought

CO GOLDEN — Law officers were searching for a gunman early Friday after shooting erupted outside a suburban Denver concert that left three people wounded, authorities said.

Red Rocks Amphitheater was shut down after the shooting in the parking lot at about 10:30 p.m. Thursday as the concert was ending, Jefferson County Sheriff's spokesman Mark Techmeyer said.

The three wounded traveled by car into nearby Denver, where they were located by police and taken to a hospital.

Techmeyer said the gunshot wounds did not appear to be life-threatening, but he had no other information on the injured.

He said authorities were looking for a black male with a rifle.

Serial killer convicted of 4 more murders

CA LOS ANGELES — A man who is on death row for killing 10 women in the Los Angeles area was convicted Thursday of four more murders.

Chester Turner, 47, was convicted of strangling the women in South Los Angeles between 1987 and 1997. Prosecutors said DNA evidence linked him to the killings. Jurors deliberated less than a day before finding the former pizza deliveryman guilty of first-degree murder with special allegations that make him eligible for the death penalty, according to a statement from the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office.

Turner had been convicted and sentenced to death in 2007 for killing 10 women, including one who was pregnant. He also was sentenced to 15 years to life in prison for killing the woman's unborn baby.

Sex offender caught after a week on the run

LA NEW ORLEANS — The weeklong odyssey of a registered sex offender traveling with a missing teenage girl from Florida ended after a sighting by a Louisiana truck stop cashier triggered a lengthy police chase, authorities said.

Officers pursued a pickup truck driven by Steven Myers, 41, for miles, throwing down spike strips that blew out most of the pickup's tires, law enforcement agents said, adding that Myers allegedly stabbed the 16-year-old girl and then himself before being subdued.

Deputy allegedly helped wife work as prostitute

WA SEATTLE — Prosecutors charged a veteran King County Sheriff's deputy Thursday with helping his estranged wife work as a prostitute, stealing department ammunition and illegally delivering testosterone in a case that could implicate other deputies and commanders in the department.

Sheriff John Urquhart an-



RICHARD TSONG-TAATARI, THE (MINNEAPOLIS) STAR TRIBUNE/AP

Minnesota mudslide

A mudslide on West River Road threatens the University of Minnesota Medical Center Fairview Hospital complex on the West Bank in Minneapolis on Thursday. The St. Paul (Minn.) Pioneer Press reported that 20 administrative employees of the hospital were evacuated as a precaution. Patients were not affected. The mudslide comes after torrential rain and flash flooding in the area.

nounced the arrest of the deputy, Darrion Keith Holiwell, 49, at an afternoon news conference, where he laid out the details of the investigation.

Urquhart said his office was looking into whether a small number of other deputies or commanders knew of the illegal or improper activities alleged in the charges against Holiwell — or should have been aware of them.

Rescue workers help horse that fell into pool

VA PHILMONT — A wayward horse that fell into a backyard swimming pool in northern Virginia is back on dry land after getting some help from a fire and rescue workers.

Loudoun County Fire-Rescue spokeswoman Laura Rinehart said the department was called Thursday to a home in Philomont, about 40 miles west of Washington. They were asked to help sheriff's deputies and animal services workers rescue a horse that had wandered into the yard, walked out onto the pool cover and dropped into the water.

Rescue workers cut a path through the pool cover, enabling the horse to safely exit the water. Rinehart said the horse didn't belong to the homeowners.

Knitter 'yarn-bombs' town for sake of beauty

AK ANCHORAGE — A knitting enthusiast in

southeast Alaska is yarn-bombing her seaside community by wrapping public poles in knitted castings.

Fran Hartman, 61, has just begun her personal beautification effort in picturesque Sitka. She's decorated four poles and plans at least eight more, with some knitted contributions coming from fellow knitters she's met around the world. The Sitka idea is one she's thought about for months before launching it earlier this month.

Yarn-bombing is a form of street art that has occurred in cities across the country in recent years, with knitters crafting cozies for everything from trees to vehicles.

THE CENSUS

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The number of miles traveled by a 2-year-old orange tabby cat named George to return to his former residence in the St. Johns area of Portland, Ore., after the family moved across town in May. George's journey required him to cross three interstate highways and neighborhoods where residents often see coyotes. The Oregonian reported that three weeks after George disappeared, the Campion family got a call from the new renters at their old home: George had arrived and wanted to be petted. George has been taken back to the new house, but Amy Campion said she won't let him outside without a leash for a few weeks.



Man, 89, held on Nazi death camp charges

PA PHILADELPHIA — A Philadelphia man was ordered held without bail Wednesday on a German arrest warrant charging him with aiding and abetting the killing of 216,000 Jewish men, women and children while he was a guard at the Auschwitz death camp.

The man, retired toolmaker Johann "Hans" Breyer, was taken into custody by U.S. authorities Tuesday night.

Breyer has admitted he was a guard at the Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp in occupied Poland during World War II, but has told The Associated Press he was stationed outside the facility and had nothing to do with the wholesale slaughter of around 1.5 million Jews and others behind the gates.

Picture of Lego firewalk goes viral on Facebook

ME SOUTH PORTLAND — A South Portland record store is going viral with a picture of a firewalk made out of Lego toys.

The Portland Press Herald reported Friday that Bull Moose's picture of a bed of Legos made to resemble hot coals has more than 250,000 likes and 138,000 shares on Facebook. Star Trek actor George Takei linked the photo, generating tons of attention. Takei is famous for sharing humorous pictures on his Facebook page.

The photo shows a 12-foot carpet covered with Legos. People who made it across the bed without shoes or socks were able to buy the Lego movie for half-price.

The offer lasted for an hour on Tuesday, and the Legos were removed Tuesday night. A store manager was the first person to post the photo.

From wire reports

BUSINESS/WEATHER

Stock market nearing milestones

By STEVE ROTHWELL
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The U.S. stock market is back to setting records. After trading water for most of March and April, stocks are nudging deeper into record territory and are closing in on milestones with lots of zeros attached to them. The Dow Jones industrial average is within 53 points of 17,000 while the Standard & Poor's 500 is just shy of 2,000 after rising 6 percent this year.

A harsh winter in the U.S. that hobbled growth made investors cautious. There were also worries about the conflict in Ukraine and slowing growth in China, the world's second-biggest economy.

But now the economy appears to be on track again, and investors are rediscovering their appetite for stocks.

While 17,000 would be the first 1,000-point market crest since 2007, the Dow had to wait in 2013. It closed above 15,000 for the first

time on May 7, then above 16,000 on Nov. 21, during a year when the blue-chip index rocketed 27 percent.

In 2014, here are some of the factors driving stocks toward new milestones:

The economy

Recent good news on manufacturing and hiring has boosted confidence in the economy.

Manufacturing is expanding at a healthy pace, and the service industry continues to grow, according to surveys released by the Institute for Supply Management earlier this month.

U.S. employers added 217,000 jobs to their payrolls in May, the fourth consecutive month of solid job gains. The number of Americans filing for unemployment benefits has also dropped close to the levels seen before the recession began in December 2007.

Corporate profits are also rising. Earnings reports start to

come in next month, and investors expect that second-quarter profits at U.S. companies will be up 5.4 percent from a year ago, according to FactSet.

More mergers

The market for mergers and acquisitions is heating up. Although the number of corporate deals is marginally lower than it was at this point last year, the transactions getting done are bigger.

The value of corporate deals has surged 62 percent to \$798 billion this year, from \$494 billion a year ago, even though the number of acquisitions is about 3 percent lower than last year, according to Dealogic.

M&A deals lift stock prices because the acquirer typically pays a premium for the company that it's buying, and if there are multiple bidders, prices are pushed even higher.

Central bank stimulus

Central banks around the world are stepping in to bolster struggling national economies. The latest big move came in Europe, when The European Central Bank cut interest rates and said it was ready to pump more money into the region's financial system two weeks ago. The bank wants to head off falling prices in the 18 countries that use the euro to encourage lending.

MARKET WATCH

June 20, 2014	
Dow Jones Industrials	25.62 16,947.08
Nasdaq composite	8.71 4,368.04
Standard & Poor's 500	3.39 1,962.87
Russell 2000	4.39 1,188.42

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (June 23)	\$1.3953
Dollar buys (June 23)	€0.7167
British pound (June 23)	\$1.7175
Japanese yen (June 23)	100.00
South Korean won (June 23)	994.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
British pound	\$1.7011/0.5878
Canada (dollar)	1.0754
China (Yuan)	6.2245
Denmark (Krone)	5.4947
Egypt (Pound)	7.1525
Euro	\$1.3593/0.7357
Hong Kong (Dollar)	1.7515
Hungary (Forint)	225.16
Israel (Shekel)	3.4461
Japan (Yen)	102.13
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2820
Norway (Krone)	6.1246
Philippines (Peso)	43.85
Poland (Zloty)	3.106
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7508
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2498
South Korea (Won)	1,020.59
Switzerland (Franc)	0.8957
Taiwan (Dollar)	32.47
Turkey (New Lira)	1.4492

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

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Ayaz Buys (June 23)	7.50
Federal funds market rate	0.10
3-month bill	0.04
30-year bond	3.44

WEATHER OUTLOOK



Sunday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	Chatanooga	92	68	Pcldy	Fort Wayne	83	65	Cldy	Louisville	90	71	Pcldy	Pocatello	82	49	Pcldy	Sioux City	85	68	Cldy
Ablene, Tex	93	70	Pcldy	Cheyenne	73	52	Cldy	Fresno	98	63	Cir	Lubbock	92	66	Pcldy	Portland, Maine	76	51	Cldy	Sioux Falls	83	66	Cldy
Akron, Ohio	81	57	Pcldy	Chicago	80	63	Cldy	Goodland	85	58	Rain	Macon	93	70	Cir	Portland, Ore.	82	53	Cldy	South Bend	81	63	Cldy
Albany, N.Y.	89	51	Pcldy	Cincinnati	86	64	Cldy	Grand Junction	89	63	Pcldy	Madison	82	63	Cldy	Providence	79	56	Cldy	Spokane	81	50	Cir
Albuquerque	94	65	Pcldy	Cleveland	79	58	Pcldy	Grand Rapids	81	61	Cldy	Medford	90	54	Cir	Pueblo	90	58	Pcldy	Springfield, Ill.	89	70	Cldy
Allentown, Pa.	82	53	Pcldy	Colorado Springs	84	55	Cldy	Great Falls	72	46	Pcldy	Memphis	93	74	Cldy	Rapid City	85	68	Cldy	Springfield, Mo.	87	69	Pcldy
Amarillo	92	68	Pcldy	Columbia, S.C.	94	72	Cldy	Green Bay	89	59	Cldy	Miami Beach	88	76	Pcldy	Reno	89	56	Cir	Tampa	91	74	Cldy
Anchorage	59	46	Cldy	Columbus, Ga.	93	73	Cldy	Greensboro, N.C.	85	67	Pcldy	Midland-Odessa	96	70	Pcldy	Richmond	84	66	Cldy	Tucson	104	76	Cir
Ashville	85	62	Cldy	Columbus, Ohio	82	66	Cldy	Harrisburg	78	49	Pcldy	Milwaukee	72	58	Cldy	Rochester	79	52	Cldy	Tulsa	92	71	Pcldy
Atlanta	90	71	Pcldy	Concord, N.H.	81	49	Cir	Hartford Spfld	80	53	Cir	Mpls-St Paul	83	65	Cldy	Rockford	84	64	Cldy	Tulsa	92	71	Pcldy
Atlantic City	79	58	Pcldy	Corpus Christi	96	77	Cldy	Helena	78	49	Cir	Missoula	81	46	Pcldy	San Antonio	84	66	Cldy	Tulsa	92	71	Pcldy
Baltimore	82	57	Cir	Dallas-Ft Worth	93	76	Cldy	Idaho Falls	87	72	Cir	Mobile	87	72	Cir	San Diego	81	70	Pcldy	Tulsa	92	71	Pcldy
Baton Rouge	93	72	Cldy	Dayton	82	63	Cldy	Houston	92	75	Cldy	Montgomery	94	72	Cldy	Sacramento	92	57	Cir	Tulsa	92	71	Pcldy
Bilings	74	53	Cldy	Daytona Beach	93	74	Pcldy	Huntsville	93	71	Pcldy	Nashville	92	70	Pcldy	St Louis	90	74	Cldy	Tulsa	92	71	Pcldy
Birmingham	91	70	Pcldy	Denver	89	56	Pcldy	Indianapolis	86	68	Cldy	New Orleans	91	77	Cldy	St Petersburg	90	76	Pcldy	Tulsa	92	71	Pcldy
Bismarck	78	58	Pcldy	Des Moines	86	69	Cldy	Jackson, Miss.	93	71	Cldy	New York City	80	61	Pcldy	St Thomas	89	79	Pcldy	Waco	92	74	Cldy
Boise	92	52	Cir	Detroit	80	62	Cldy	Jacksonville	95	74	Cldy	Newark	88	61	Pcldy	Salem, Ore.	83	49	Cir	Wichita Falls	92	71	Pcldy
Boston	77	57	Cir	El Paso	101	73	Pcldy	Kansas City	90	71	Pcldy	Norfolk, Va.	89	65	Cldy	Salt Lake City	86	63	Cldy	Wichita Falls	96	72	Pcldy
Bridgeport	80	57	Cir	Elkins	78	59	Cldy	Juneau	59	48	Rain	Oklahoma City	81	70	Pcldy	San Antonio	84	66	Cldy	Wichita Falls	96	72	Pcldy
Brownsville	93	78	Pcldy	Erie	76	58	Pcldy	Knoxville	89	66	Pcldy	Omaha	86	70	Cldy	San Diego	73	65	Pcldy	Wichita Falls	96	72	Pcldy
Buffalo	80	54	Cir	Eugene	82	46	Pcldy	Lake Charles	91	75	Pcldy	Orlando	94	74	Pcldy	San Francisco	71	54	Cldy	Wilmington, Del.	83	58	Pcldy
Burlington, Vt.	75	54	Cir	Evansville	89	61	Pcldy	Lansing	81	59	Cldy	Pasadena	90	69	Cldy	San Jose	80	54	Cir	Youngstown	81	54	Pcldy
Caribou, Maine	75	50	Pcldy	Fairbanks	73	48	Cir	Las Vegas	103	80	Cir	Pendleton	86	51	Cir	Santa Fe	92	55	Pcldy				
Casper, Wyo.	72	49	Rain	Fargo	82	63	Pcldy	Lexington	87	67	Pcldy	Peoria	87	68	Cldy	St. St. Marie	75	49	Cldy				
Charleston, S.C.	92	75	Cldy	Flagstaff	81	47	Cir	Lincoln	90	69	Cldy	Philadelphia	83	60	Pcldy	Savannah	94	74	Cldy				
Charleston, W.Va.	86	63	Cldy	Flint	81	59	Cldy	Little Rock	93	72	Pcldy	Phoenix	108	83	Cldy	Seattle	77	53	Cldy				
Charlotte, N.C.	90	70	Cldy	Fort Smith	93	71	Pcldy	Los Angeles	78	62	Pcldy	Pittsburgh	81	58	Cldy	Shreveport	92	74	Cldy				

National temperature extremes
Hi: Fri., 115, Death Valley, Calif.
Lo: Fri., 25, Dillon, Colo.

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Statistics

American League

TEAM BATTING	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Avg
Detroit	2396	311	655	306	273	.273
Texas	2455	314	648	52	292	.264
Kansas City	2451	309	665	41	270	.274
Baltimore	2511	299	658	78	293	.262
Toronto	2566	356	666	96	340	.266
Los Angeles	2572	328	649	59	302	.262
Chicago	2534	325	649	75	295	.256
Cleveland	2527	318	649	69	276	.262
New York	2481	296	634	58	277	.256
Seattle	2491	289	595	79	272	.238
Minnesota	2557	271	625	57	259	.244
Minnesota	2461	306	598	57	298	.243
Minnesota	2383	610	613	270	242	.242
Seattle	2475	297	591	58	280	.239
Houston	2501	289	595	79	272	.238

INDIVIDUAL BATTING

AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Avg
Cano Sea	270	36	91	4	.422
Altuve Hou	301	36	101	24	.336
McCabe Hou	265	36	87	17	.328
Brentley Cle	267	49	87	11	.466
Rios Tex	267	49	81	11	.329
McCabe Det	267	41	85	12	.318
Kazmir Min	260	49	80	16	.348
Bautista Tor	250	49	80	16	.308
Batters Tor	252	54	82	15	.307
Almaraz CWS	286	37	87	7	.307
McCabe Tor	267	47	87	7	.304
N Cruz Bal	267	40	80	22	.300
Marks Bal	261	34	79	9	.299
Escobar KC	271	34	79	9	.292
Abreu LAA	264	34	76	2	.291
Agard KC	269	44	76	6	.289
Agard KC	269	41	78	8	.290
Spencer KC	266	44	76	6	.286
J Hardy Bal	243	18	70	0	.288
Kinsler Det	252	39	69	2	.285
Crisp Oak	263	39	67	2	.285
B Butler KC	263	31	74	2	.281
Ellsbury NY	269	37	65	2	.278
Fowler Hou	265	42	74	5	.279
Loney TB	259	29	76	3	.277
Eaton CWS	221	35	61	1	.276
Hendrick LAA	245	24	69	1	.272
Jeter NY	254	24	69	1	.272
Andrus Tex	264	47	72	0	.270
Abreu LAA	235	38	63	21	.268
Solaris NY	224	26	60	6	.268
Cespedes Oak	237	41	73	14	.267
Napoli Bos	202	22	54	7	.267
Podolski Bos	292	40	78	4	.267
Tor Hunter Det	229	31	61	9	.266
Encarnacion Tor	237	32	62	2	.266
Bourn Cle	239	63	62	1	.266
Castellanos Det	230	31	61	3	.265
L Martin Tex	237	31	61	3	.265
Boggs Bos	264	36	70	6	.265
Joyce TB	204	24	54	2	.265
D Navarro Tor	216	17	57	3	.264
Aoki KC	266	32	62	3	.264
Lonzarola TB	291	39	76	9	.261
Y Gomes Cle	228	28	61	3	.261
Dav Barry Cle	228	28	61	3	.261
Moss Oak	254	35	65	17	.259
Hosmer KC	302	34	78	4	.258
Mauer Min	264	35	68	2	.258
Pujols LAA	288	42	78	5	.258
Donaldson Oak	290	55	74	18	.255
Oritz Bos	239	35	66	3	.255
Al Jackson Det	243	37	63	3	.252
Choo Tex	238	36	66	2	.252
Seager Sea	261	27	65	10	.249
Ortiz Bos	299	35	66	44	.249
Y Escobar TB	251	13	62	0	.247
Zobrist TB	235	29	58	1	.247
Springer Hou	232	28	57	1	.246
M Dominguez Hou	276	28	60	10	.246
Viciedo CWS	260	32	64	2	.246
Infield KC	216	25	53	4	.245
Hosmer KC	262	32	62	12	.244
Plouffe Min	245	31	59	5	.241
Brooks NY	205	28	49	2	.239
Springer Hou	214	24	45	2	.238
Dodder Min	203	26	45	15	.238
Wright TB	261	27	49	1	.238
Adunn CWS	279	27	49	12	.233
Ackley Sea	218	29	50	4	.229

McCann NY	234	24	53	8	34	.226
Jowie Cle	226	21	50	6	31	.221
JCastro Hou	226	21	50	6	31	.221
CDavis Bal	209	32	46	12	27	.220
Schoop Bal	196	21	24	46	5	.220
De Aza CWS	219	21	24	46	5	.220
Sherrill Cle	213	29	42	10	24	.219
Bradley Jr Bos	213	29	42	10	24	.219
Santronic Cle	213	29	42	10	24	.219
San Diego	214	19	42	10	24	.219
Miller Sea	210	25	41	6	19	.215
Carter Hou	216	24	40	3	18	.215

TEAM PITCHING

ERA	IP	H	BB	SO	SH	SV
Oakland	3.00	573	226	206	567	7
Seattle	3.13	573	243	214	566	5
Boston	3.63	661	211	219	603	18
Kansas City	3.74	632	273	210	634	22
Los Angeles	3.89	565	263	213	615	15
New York	3.90	633	281	218	625	24
Tampa Bay	3.93	624	284	239	645	8
Baltimore	4.03	641	289	237	649	22
Toronto	4.06	666	300	250	631	9
Houston	4.10	652	303	241	609	14
Cleveland	4.11	651	301	250	638	4
Detroit	4.13	626	288	211	633	14
Minnesota	4.29	667	306	196	642	6
Chicago	4.36	649	318	283	615	0
Texas	4.53	719	324	242	527	13

INDIVIDUAL PITCHING

IP	H	BB	SO	W	L	ERA
Tanaka NY	100	79	16	113	11	1.59
Kazmir Oak	95	70	20	80	9	2.08
Fernandez Sea	113	89	19	122	8	2.22
Justin Ver	101	88	20	109	4	2.12
Asanah Det	70	45	20	49	2	2.33
Darvish Tor	99	63	22	79	8	2.63
Shane Bieber	96	79	22	79	8	2.63
Richards LAA	94	70	33	94	7	2.79
Lackey Bos	86	82	21	78	4	2.83
J Chavez Oak	99	83	34	79	4	2.86
Pluggs Min	90	91	8	78	7	3.09
Archer TB	86	88	34	79	4	3.12
Lester Bos	98	97	25	105	8	3.20
Vargas KC	100	96	25	105	8	3.25
Gibson Min	83	74	23	67	5	3.25
Ventura KC	77	74	23	67	5	3.26
Kluber Cle	104	104	27	114	6	3.30
CWilson LAA	100	76	40	93	7	3.34
Young Sea	79	84	33	49	4	3.56
Milone Oak	78	75	22	49	5	3.56
Weaver LAA	105	113	23	85	6	3.76
Shields KC	82	70	26	56	6	3.86
B Norris Bal	89	89	21	64	4	3.76
Justin Ver	83	91	12	60	7	3.78
W Chen Bal	88	81	38	60	7	3.78
Cosart Hou	116	116	13	133	5	3.81
Price TB	86	81	27	73	5	3.86
Hutchinson Tor	86	81	27	73	5	3.86
Guthrie KC	98	95	25	59	4	3.86
Litton Bal	91	91	24	60	4	3.76
Elias Sea	92	78	32	80	6	3.91
Justin Ver	88	81	38	60	7	3.78
Jordan W	90	86	40	72	6	4.08
Kirk NYY	82	76	31	71	1	4.23
Skaggs LAA	77	71	24	58	4	4.34
Peavy Bos	82	76	36	71	1	4.34
Ulimverez Bal	82	76	36	71	1	4.34
Masterston Cle	89	86	46	79	4	4.55
Cornea Min	78	90	16	40	8	5.29
Verlander Det	98	111	41	69	6	4.58
Nolasco Min	90	114	26	63	4	5.52

National League

TEAM BATTING

AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Avg
Colorado	2535	370	716	90	.353
Milwaukee	2584	336	672	78	.322
Pittsburgh	2539	299	660	66	.288
Los Angeles	2561	323	643	58	.288
Miami	2505	321	642	67	.306
Arizona	2571	313	684	68	.285
San Francisco	2482	314	625	75	.303
St. Louis	2509	272	624	62	.288
Washington	2468	293	608	73	.281
Atlanta	2450	265	613	71	.283
Cincinnati	2481	276	611	63	.283
Philadelphia	2511	289	612	61	.275
San Diego	2482	271	611	63	.283
New York	2532	279	587	51	.265
San Diego	2412	222	518	54	.209



Tony Deak/AP
Detroit's Victor Martinez batting .328 and has driven in 47 runs this season.

INDIVIDUAL BATTING

AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Avg
Tulowitzki Col	240	58	87	18	.453
Lucroy Mil	266	36	90	8	.338
Rupp LAA	219	48	84	11	.374
Ma Adams StL	222	20	71	6	.320
Gomez Mil	215	40	70	15	.315
McCutchen Pitt	272	38	85	12	.313
Blackmon Col	265	35	75	15	.292
Gennett Cin	225	30	70	4	.311
Pagan SF	217	26	84	1	.317
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Blackmon Col	244	44	80	13	.315
Dan Murphy NYM	300	45	90</		

MLB SCOREBOARD

American League

Table with columns: East Division, W, L, Pct, GB. Rows include Toronto, New York, Baltimore, Tampa Bay, Detroit, Kansas City, Minnesota, Chicago, Philadelphia, Houston.

Cubs 6, Pirates 3

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Marlins 3, Mets 2

Table with columns: New York, Miami. Rows include EYong, Dimerr, Wright, McGee, Campbell, Duda, Familia, Ramirez, Edgin, Cypus.

Phillies 5, Cardinals 1

Table with columns: Philadelphia, St. Louis. Rows include Rollins, Ruzic, Utley, Howard, Berroa, Asche, Abert.

Chicago 7, Nationals 1

Table with columns: Chicago, Washington. Rows include W.L., Pct, GB. Includes players like Markakis, Jeter, Adams, Jones, C.Jones, A.Jones, Hardy, Scoop, Hundley, Burt, Burt, Burt.

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New York 10, Yankees 3

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Los Angeles 7, Rangers 3

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Yankees 5, Orioles 3

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Blue Jays 14, Reds 9

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Padres 6, Dodgers 5

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Saturday's games

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Toronto 10, Cincinnati 7

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Los Angeles 10, Braves 5

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Diamondbacks 4, Giants 1

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Sunday's games

Table with columns: Detroit @ Cleveland, Baltimore @ Tampa Bay, Chicago White Sox @ N.Y. Yankees, Boston @ Atlanta, Seattle @ Kansas City, St. Louis @ Philadelphia.

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NL roundup

Braves win again, reclaim division lead

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In extra innings, with a chance to reclaim first place in the NL East, Atlanta Braves manager Fredi Gonzalez gave two pitchers their major league debuts.

Welcome to the big time, Juan Jaime and Ryan Buchter.

"Perfect scenario to bring 'em in," Gonzalez said with a smile. "Those are big innings. We always talk when we bring 'em up, 'How are you going to use them?' What's the situation?" Well, today was an extra-inning game against your division rival. You're going to have to use them sooner or later."

Jaime pitched a scoreless 11th inning and Buchter handled the 12th. Each allowed a walk but no further damage, and Buchter (1-0) got the win when the Braves scored a pair in the 13th Friday in a 3-1 victory over the Washington Nationals that flip-flopped the standings atop the NL East.

"You've got to test it out sometime, you know," said Buchter, with the game ball safely nestled in his glove in his locker. "It's a good chance to get experience."

The win moved the Braves back into first place by a half game and maintained their mastery over their division rivals. Atlanta was struggling before arriving in D.C. this week, but the club is 20-7 vs. Washington since the start of last season, including the first two of this four-game set.

Cubs 6, Pirates 3: Starlin Castro hit a three-run homer, and Edwin Jackson got the better of Charlie Morton, leading Chicago



ALEX BRANDON/AP

Atlanta shortstop Andrelton Simmons, left, runs down Washington's Adam LaRoche for an out during the 12th inning of Friday's game at Nationals Park in Washington. Atlanta won 6-4 in 13 innings.

past Pittsburgh.

Chris Coghlan added a solo shot as the Cubs opened a 10-game homestand with their fourth win in five games. Last-place Chicago is 18-13 since May 17.

Mariners 3, Mets 2: Left fielder Marcel Ozuna cut down the potential tying run at the plate in the eighth and ninth innings

— including Kirk Nieuwenhuis to end the game — to help host Miami beat New York.

Ozuna threw out Nieuwenhuis, who was trying to score on Chris Young's fly ball to left field. He also got David Wright to end the eighth after the Mets cut the deficit to 3-2.

Phillies 5, Cardinals 1: A.J.

Burnett scattered seven hits for his first complete game of the year and visiting Philadelphia won its season-high fifth in a row, beating St. Louis.

The Phillies' winning streak has come on the road. They have won nine of 11 overall.

St. Louis has dropped three in a row after winning five straight.

Diamondbacks 4, Giants 1: Josh Collmenter found his way through five innings, Aaron Hill drove in two runs, and host Arizona sent San Francisco to its sixth straight loss.

The Giants still lead the NL West, but have lost nine of 10 to see a lead that was once 9½ games dwindle to less than four.

Brewers 13, Rockies 10: Jean Segura homered twice and Ryan Braun had three hits in his 1,000th career game, helping visiting Milwaukee hold off Colorado.

Khris Davis also homered and Carlos Gomez extended his hitting streak to 16 games as the Brewers scored their most runs of the year.

Padres 6, Dodgers 5: Everth Cabrera's sacrifice fly capped a three-run ninth inning that gave host San Diego a victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers.

It was the Padres' third consecutive win and it snapped a three-game winning streak by the Dodgers.

Interleague

Blue Jays 14, Reds 9: Edwin Encarnacion hit two three-run homers, and visiting Toronto pulled off the second-biggest comeback in franchise history, rallying from an early eight-run deficit to beat Cincinnati.

Toronto hit four homers during its comeback, including the two by the major leagues' leader. Encarnacion started the comeback by connecting in the third inning off Matt Latos and finished it with his 23rd homer off Sam LeCure during a five-run ninth inning.

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Astros 3, Rays 1

Houston		ab		r		h		bi		Tampa Bay		ab		r		h		bi	
Fowler cf	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alluwe 2b	5	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Springer cf	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Singlin 1b	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mdms 3b	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
JCastro c	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carroll 2b	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Guzman lf	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carras 3b	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Villar ss	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Calendar

- July 15 — All-Star game, Minneapolis.
- July 18 — Deadline for amateur draft picks.
- July 27 — Hall of Fame inductions, Cooperstown, N.Y.
- July 31 — Last day to trade a player without securing waivers.
- Aug. 12-14 — Owners' meetings, Baltimore.
- Aug. 15 — Active rosters expanded to 40 players.
- Sept. 30 — Postseason begins.
- Oct. 22 — World Series.
- November TBA — Deadline for teams to file for qualifying offers. Eligible former players who became free agents, fifth day after World Series.

AL roundup

Crisp's eighth-inning single lifts A's

The Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Coco Crisp says it is too early to declare the Athletics the best team in baseball, even though their record says otherwise.

Oakland's veteran center fielder has been around far too long to make that declaration, not with more than four months left to play.

Crisp drove in Kyle Blanks with a two-out single in the eighth inning and the A's beat the Boston Red Sox 4-3 on Friday night.

"You just have to go by the record, and as of right now we have the best record," Crisp said. "We'll see what happens. It's a long season. I'm not saying that we are or are not the best team in baseball. That's a tough question to answer."

Oakland's sixth win in seven games moved the AL West division leaders a season-high 18 games over .500. The A's have had the best record in the AL since the end of May and have won six of their last seven series.

Crisp entered the game as a pinch-hitter in the seventh and struck out against reliever Burke Badenhop. He came up in the eighth with two runners on after a bit of wildness from Boston reliever Andrew Miller. Miller (2-5) hit Blanks and Alberto Callaspo

with back-to-back pitches with one out. After Nick Punto struck out looking, Crisp lined a 2-2 pitch to right and Blanks easily scored ahead of the throw from Brock Holt.

"He's come through so many times (that) to an extent you almost expect it," Oakland manager Bob Melvin said. "It always feels great when he's at the plate."

Yankees 5, Orioles 3: Carlos Beltran hit a three-run homer with two outs in the ninth inning, lifting host New York over Baltimore for its fourth straight win.

Beltran connected off Zach Britton (3-1) right after Brian McCann hit an RBI single. The Yankees struggled with runners in scoring position until the ninth.

Tigers 6, Indians 4: J.D. Martinez hit a three-run homer, Victor Martinez added a two-run shot, and visiting Detroit held on to beat Cleveland.

Rick Porcello (9-4) pitched six scoreless innings for the Tigers, and Joe Nathan worked the ninth for his 15th save.

Astros 3, Rays 1: Jarrod Cosart pitched eight shutout innings to beat Tampa Bay again, and rookie George Springer's two-run homer helped visiting Houston to the win. Cosart (7-5) gave up six hits in winning his

third straight start. He walked one and struck out two, retiring 12 straight at one point.

Twins 5, White Sox 4: Brian Dozier's RBI-single with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning lifted host Minnesota over Chicago.

Kurt Suzuki had three hits and an RBI, and the Twins picked up closer Glen Perkins (3-0), who gave up two runs in the top of the ninth to blow his third save in 21 chances.

Mariners 7, Royals 5: Brad Miller homered off closer Greg Holland to break a ninth-inning tie, and visiting Seattle beat Kansas City despite blowing an early five-run lead.

Charlie Furbush (1-4) inherited a bases-loaded, one-out jam in the eighth, but the Mariners reliever retired Mike Moustakas on a popup. Furbush then struck out Alcides Escobar to keep the game tied 5-5.

Angels 7, Rangers 3: Garrett Richards pitched six innings of four-hit ball, David Freese drove in two runs, and Los Angeles beat Texas for its seventh win in eight home games.

Josh Hamilton and Erick Aybar had RBI singles in the fifth inning as the Angels opened a six-game homestand with just their fourth win over the AL West-rival Rangers in 18 meetings.

COLLEGE WORLD SERIES/SPORTS BRIEFS



ERIC FRANCIS/AP

From left, Texas' Mark Payton, Ben Johnson and Collin Shaw celebrate Friday's 4-0 victory over Vanderbilt in the College World Series in Omaha, Neb. The two teams were set to meet again Saturday.

CWS roundup

Texas blanks Vandy

The Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Augie Garrido's Texas baseball teams are always built on pitching and defense, and the Longhorns sure are showing it at the College World Series.

Nathan Thornhill and John Curtiss combined for Texas' second straight shutout, and the Longhorns forced a second-bracket final against Vanderbilt with a 4-0 victory Friday.

The Longhorns (46-20) and Commodores (48-20) were scheduled to meet again Saturday, with the winner advancing to the best-of-three finals against Virginia or Mississippi.

For the second game in a row, Texas pitchers didn't allow a runner past second base. The Longhorns have held opponents scoreless 19 straight innings and have given up four runs in their four games in Omaha.

Thornhill left after the eighth inning, having thrown 131 pitches on an 88-degree afternoon against a Vanderbilt team that was set on going deep into innings.

"It was a dominating performance," Garrido said. "I do think they were trying to run his pitch count up because of the heat to get him out of the game. He has the kind of command where he can capitalize on something like that."

Thornhill said he didn't let the Commodores' approach bother him.



ERIC FRANCIS/AP

Grounds crew members pull the tarp onto the playing field during a rain delay in Friday's game between Mississippi and Virginia.

"I wasn't too surprised," he said. "They're probably looking for their pitch because they are good hitters, and if they're going to take, I'm going to try to get ahead and throw my pitches, and that's what happened today."

Texas scored twice in each of the first two innings to lead 4-0, with a couple of the runs crossing the plate as a result of quirky plays. Thornhill took it from there, with Curtiss pitching a 1-2-3 ninth inning.

The Longhorns are batting just .198 at the CWS, but with the pitching staff operating as it is, no one in burnt orange is worried.

Virginia 0, Mississippi 0 (susp.) The game between the Cavaliers and the Rebels was suspended after a 93-minute lightning and rain delay.

The game, tied 0-0, was scheduled to resume Saturday with Virginia batting in the top of the second inning. The Cavaliers have runners on first and second base.

Virginia will advance to next week's best-of-three finals with a victory. If Mississippi wins, the teams will play again Sunday.

Friday night's game originally was delayed because of lightning. Heavy rain moved in and forced the suspension of the game. More than an inch fell in a half-hour.

Briefly

Wie cards 2-under for three-shot lead

The Associated Press

PINEHURST, N.C. — Michelle Wie is becoming a regular contender in major championships, only now as an adult.

She captivated women's golf as a teenager, contending in three straight LPGA Tour majors when she was 16. That was when she still was trying to compete against the men when she didn't always look as if she was having fun and before injuries and criticism were a big part of her growing pains.

On another tough day at Pinehurst No. 2, the 24-year-old from Hawaii held it together Friday with two key par putts and finished with back-to-back birdies for a 2-under 68, giving her a three-shot lead going into the weekend at the U.S. Women's Open.

"I think you look at the way Michelle has played the last six months and you look at her differently," said Stacy Lewis, the No. 1 player in women's golf who has four shots out of the lead. "I think she's become one of the best ball-strikers on tour. She hits it really consistent. She knows where the ball's going. And she's figuring out how to win. That's the big thing."

But there's a familiar name, and another teen prodigy, who joined Wie as the only players still under par.

Lexi Thompson, who soundly beat Wie in the final round to win the Kraft Nabisco Championship for her first major title, powered her way out of the sand and weeds, running off three straight birdies to match Wie's 68, the low score Friday.

Lucy Li, the precocious 11-year-old and youngest qualifier in the history of the U.S. Women's Open, isn't leaving town until Monday. She just won't be playing any more golf. The sixth-grader from the Bay Area started with a double bogey for the second straight day and shot another 78 to miss the cut by seven shots. The cut was 9-over 149.

In other golf news: ■ Feeling rusty but ready to play again, Tiger Woods said Friday he would return to competition next week at Congressional in the Quicken Loans National.

Woods last played on March 9 at Doral, where he dealt with pain in his lower back and closed with a 78 for his highest final-round score on the PGA Tour. He had back surgery March 31, forcing him to miss the Masters for the first time. He also missed the U.S. Open last week at Pinehurst No. 2.

The announcement on his Facebook page delivered a jolt of good news to golf. Woods has been the game's biggest draw since he turned pro in 1996, and with limited information about his recovery, speculation was starting to build that he might not make it to

any majors this year. "After a lot of therapy, I have recovered well and will be supporting my foundation next week at the Quicken Loans National," Woods said on Facebook. "I've just started to hit full shots, but it's time to take the next step. I will be a bit rusty, but I want to play myself back into competitive shape. Excited for the challenge ahead."

■ Scott Langley took the second-round lead in the Travelers Championship on Friday, following his opening 64 with a 65 to reach 111 under 129 at Cromwell, Conn.

Winless in two seasons on the PGA Tour, the 25-year-old Langley had eight birdies, a double bogey and a bogey in the second round at TPC River Highlands.

Michael Putnam, Harris English and K.J. Choi were a stroke back. Putnam shot 63, the best round of the day. English had a 64, and Choi shot 65.

■ Tom Lehman birdied four straight holes and finished with a bogey-free 7-under 65 to take the first-round lead Friday in the Champions Tour's Encompass Championship at Glenview, Ill.

Finishing on the front nine, Lehman nearly holed out for an eagle on the par-5 sixth, leaving a 6-inch putt, and ran in a 15-footer on the par-3 seventh.

Doug Garwood and England's Roger Chapman were a stroke back at 66, and Mark O'Meara, Sandy Lyle, Jeff Sluman, Michael Allen, Bart Bryant, Kirk Triplett and John Inman shot 67.

Cavaliers hire Blatt as new head coach

CLEVELAND — Cleveland ended a long and wide-ranging search for a new coach by hiring David Blatt on Friday.

Blatt is the Cavaliers' third coach in three years and while he may not be well known in the U.S., the 55-year-old has an extensive international résumé and is regarded as one of the game's top offensive tacticians.

Cleveland fired Mike Brown on May 12 following a 33-49 season. The team interviewed several former head coaches and some highly regarded assistants before zeroing in on Blatt, who recently resigned at Israeli club Maccabi Tel Aviv to pursue his dream of coaching in the NBA.

The club signed Blatt — born and educated in America — to a three-year deal that includes a team option for a fourth year and could be worth \$20 million.

Cleveland contacted high-profile college coaches and interviewed both retired head coaches and on-the-rise assistants before zeroing in and landing Blatt, who won several European titles while coaching in Israel and guided Russia to a bronze medal at the London Olympics two years ago.

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NATACHA PISARENKO/AP

France's Blaise Matuidi celebrates Friday after scoring his team's second goal against Switzerland during a Group E match at the Arena Fonte Nova in Salvador, Brazil. France won 5-2 to stay atop the group with one game left in group play.

Ecuador holds off Honduras

By PAN PYLAS
The Associated Press

CURITIBA, Brazil — A little under a year after the sudden death of star striker Christian Benitez, Ecuador has unearthed a new goal-scoring dynamo.

Enner Valencia's two calmly taken goals that secured a 2-1 comeback win over Honduras on Friday took his tournament tally to three and put the team in second place in a group that is likely to be won by France.

Valencia, who plays for Mexican club Pachuca, only secured his position in the Ecuador starting lineup after Benitez died from a heart problem last July.

"He hasn't even celebrated a year with us. I think he's grown a lot, improved a lot," Ecuador coach Reinaldo Rueda said of his new star forward.

Valencia, who is no relation to captain Antonio Valencia, hopes the "joy" that the win has generated will help inspire the team in its crucial final Group E match against France, which has tallied eight goals and conceded two in a pair of dominating wins.

Ecuador has three competition points, level with Switzerland but ahead on goal differential after the Swiss lost 5-2 to France earlier Friday.

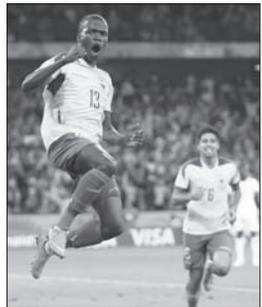
Honduras, which has never won a World Cup match, isn't completely out of contention despite its two losses but it faces an uphill battle ahead of its last group game against Switzerland.

"We still have that possibility, though it is remote and we will fight for it," Honduras coach Luis Fernando Suarez said.

Rueda praised the Honduras team for its tenacity and expressed the hope that his former charges could do Ecuador a favor by beating the Swiss. Rueda steered Honduras at the last World Cup in South Africa.

Should Honduras beat Switzerland, Ecuador would only need a draw against France to advance to the knockout round of the World Cup for only the second time.

The first time Ecuador qualified for the second round was in 2006 and, coincidentally, the team was then was managed by current Honduras coach Suarez.



FERNANDO VERGARA/AP

Ecuador's Enner Valencia celebrates Friday after scoring his team's first goal against Honduras goalkeeper Noel Valladares during Group E action at the Arena da Baixada in Curitiba, Brazil.

France takes control

'Les Bleus' pound Switzerland, remain unbeaten atop Group G

By JEROME PUGMIRE
The Associated Press

SALVADOR, Brazil — France is striking at the World Cup again, this time in a way the fans back home will approve of.

Four years ago to the day, France's players shamed the nation by going on strike at the last World Cup. On Friday, the team put on a striking attacking display, blowing Switzerland away with a 5-2 win on Friday to take total control of Group E and put themselves in position to avoid a showdown with Lionel Messi's Argentina in the next round.

"We were all magnificent tonight," said goalkeeper Hugo Lloris, one of only four holdovers from the shambles of France's last World Cup. "We can't let ourselves get flooded by emotion and must stay calm. But we're going to savor this."

Karim Benzema, Olivier Giroud and winger Mathieu Valbuena all scored goals and created another to underline both the newfound team spirit in this team and the lethal versatility in attack.

"When you score five goals, it's ecstasy," Valbuena said.

France tops the group with six points, with Ecuador level on three points with Switzerland after beating Honduras 2-1 Friday.

"It was a great night for us. We hurt them with our quick attacks and with the variety of our play," France coach Didier Deschamps said.

Giroud and Blaise Matuidi scored a minute apart and Valbuena added another penalty half-time.

Benzema made up for a first-half penalty miss with a poacher's finish in the 67th, and then turned provider for Moussa Sissoko, who made it 5-0 in the 73rd.

"Karim is confirming that he's in very, very good form," Deschamps said. "He's in great shape athletically."

Switzerland pulled two consolation goals back as Blerim Dzemalli scored with a free kick in the 81st and Granit Xhaka slotted in the second in the 87th.

Benzema thought he had scored his second — and the goal of the night — but his curling, first-time strike was ruled out because Dutch referee Bjorn Kuipers blew his whistle for full time just seconds before the shot.

"I didn't hear the whistle," he said.

Friday marked the fourth anniversary of France's infamous World Cup training ground strike four years ago in South Africa, when the players shamed a nation back home.

How different things look from 2010. "We have to carry on this way and to keep this strength, this irreplaceable team spirit we have," Valbuena said.

France has scored eight goals in two games in the tournament and Benzema could even afford to miss a penalty.

"It's a huge satisfaction within the team but we're not going to get carried away," Deschamps said.



NATACHA PISARENKO/AP

Switzerland goalkeeper Diego Benaglio, left, leaps over France's Patrice Evra to clear the ball. Switzerland is tied for second place in the group with Ecuador. Both teams have three points.

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RICARDO MAZALAN/AP

Costa Rica players celebrate following the team's 1-0 Group D victory over Italy at the Arena Pernambuco in Recife, Brazil on Friday. The Costa Rica victory eliminated England.

Costa Rica upsets Italy

Group D underdogs on top after win over 4-time champs

By ANDREW DAMPF
The Associated Press

RECIFE, Brazil — Costa Rica has turned the table on the team's World Cup expectations.

Or at least on everyone else's expectations.

Costa Rica followed up its surprise win over Uruguay with another World Cup stunner on Friday, beating four-time champion Italy 1-0 to secure a spot in the next round and eliminate England in the process.

After entering the tournament as an expected underdog in a group featuring three former world champions, Costa Rica is now on top.

"Maybe there are a lot of people who didn't have faith in us because we were in the 'Group of Death,' said Costa Rica captain Bryan Ruiz, who scored the key goal. "But the other guys are the ones who are dead and we're going to the next round."

Ruiz gave his side the lead in the 44th minute, heading in off the underside of the crossbar following a cross from Junior Diaz. Goal-line technology was used to show that the ball bounced down and in after hitting the bar.

There was a frenetic end to the first half, as moments before Ruiz's goal Costa Rica had a penalty appeal waved away when striker Joel Campbell was bundled over by Giorgio Chiellini.

Costa Rica leads Group D with six points, while Italy and Uruguay have three each before Tuesday's showdown. England has zero points after losing to Italy and Uruguay.

Italy (1934, 1938, 1982, 2006), Uruguay (1930, 1950) and Eng-



HASSAN AMMAR/AP

Costa Rica's head coach Jorge Luis Pinto celebrates his team's 1-0 victory over four-time champion Italy on Friday. The win helped Costa Rica secure a spot in the next round.

land (1966) have won a combined seven World Cups.

Costa Rica's only other appearance in the knockout phase came in its World Cup debut in 1990, when it beat Sweden and Scotland under experienced coach Bora Milutinovic before ultimately getting eliminated by Czechoslovakia.

"Those who haven't supported us may believe in us right now," Ruiz said.

Italy, meanwhile, can still advance with a win or even a draw with Uruguay, since it leads on goal differential, which is the first qualifying criteria.

"We gave our all. They did well to block every pass," Italy coach Cesare Prandelli said. "There's no worry now. We just need to regain our energy."

It was exactly 24 years ago to the day that Costa Rica beat Sweden 2-1 to advance at the tournament in Italy.

"There are no more Cinderellas in football, especially in a competition like the World Cup," Italy captain Gianluigi Buffon said.

It marked the fourth consecutive World Cup in which Italy failed to win its second match, although only in 2010 did the Azzurri not advance.

"We'll play a great match against Uruguay," second-half Italy substitute Antonio Cassano said. "I'm convinced we will... (if we regain our energy we can advance) comfortably."

While it was nowhere near as hot as Italy feared at the Arena Pernambuco — 84 degrees and 70 percent humidity according to FIFA — the Azzurri still struggled to keep up with the speedy Ticos for long stretches.

Costa Rica coach Jorge Luis Pinto lined up five defenders but his squad was able advance forward with one swift, sweeping movement — just like in the 3-1 win over Uruguay.

"It's a deserved defeat," Prandelli said. "They were much more aggressive than us. They kept coming constantly and we weren't able to stop them."

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Court: Water breaks should be mandatory

By TALES AZZONI
The Associated Press

TERESOPOLIS, Brazil — A Brazilian court on Friday ordered FIFA to introduce mandatory breaks for players in World Cup matches played in high temperatures.

A labor court in the capital of Brasilia issued a temporary injunction saying the breaks are required near the 30th minute of each half so players can get hydrated.

The breaks are now mandatory when temperatures reach 89.6 Fahrenheit in the Wet Bulb Globe Temperature index, which takes into account factors such as time of day, cloud cover, wind, humidity and location.

The court said in a statement that the ruling was made after nearly two hours of failed negotiations involving FIFA and local prosecutors on Friday.

FIFA said it had already recommended the breaks in such weather conditions and told The Associated Press that the labor court had merely confirmed the pre-established guidelines.

The court earlier said that the injunction was necessary because there was nothing assuring that FIFA would enforce its own guidelines.

FIFA said that no World Cup match so far has had temperatures higher than 82.4 Fahrenheit in the heat stress index.

Prosecutors wanted the breaks to be implemented when the temperature reached 86 in the index, but the judge said that he would accept the higher FIFA limit because it wasn't evident that the

small difference would "endanger the players' health."

"I think that obliging FIFA to enforce its own norm is not a measure that jeopardizes the competition," judge Rogério Neiva Pinheiro said in his ruling.

He said FIFA must pay about \$90,000 for each match in which the ruling isn't enforced.

The court also said football's world governing body is responsible for registering the temperature during matches by using certified equipment.

Brazil's players' union took legal action against FIFA recently, demanding it change kickoff times of all 24 matches that were scheduled for 1 p.m. local time to avoid subjecting athletes to the risks of playing in "intense heat."

FIFA had said at the time that it would not change the start times, or make the cooling breaks mandatory, because it spent nearly two years analyzing the tournament's schedule and always took into consideration the players' health.

FIFA had previously altered the starting times of seven World Cup matches in the most hot and humid host cities.

Winter is starting in Brazil, but it remains hot and humid in many of the 12 host cities, particularly in the northeastern and northern regions.

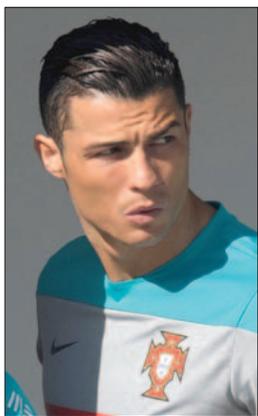
There was special concern with the jungle city of Manaus, where humidity is expected to significantly affect players' performance. It happened in the England vs. Italy match last week, when players and fans complained of the conditions.



RICARDO MAZALAN/AP

Italy's Andrea Pirlo cools off with water during the Group D match between Italy and Costa Rica at the Arena Pernambuco in Recife, Brazil, on Friday. A Brazilian court ordered Friday that FIFA must introduce mandatory water breaks in World Cup matches played when the Wet Bulb Globe Temperature index reaches 89.6 degrees.

WORLD CUP



PAULO DUARTE/AP

Stopping Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo will be key for the US to earn a win Sunday.

US has plan to contain Ronaldo

Portugal's superstar forward center of attention for Klinsmann

By STEVEN GOFF
The Washington Post

SAO PAULO, Brazil — In the wee hours Tuesday morning, as the U.S. national soccer team's charter traced the Atlantic coast in returning to base at its World Cup opener up north, the coaching staff's attention pivoted to Portugal.

And pivoting to Portugal meant pivoting to superstar Cristiano Ronaldo.

Since FIFA conducted the group draw in December, dropping the Americans into the same quartet as the planet's premier performer, Coach Jurgen Klinsmann and his assistants have done the groundwork — scouting, studying and plotting for Sunday's match at Arena da Amazonia in Manaus.

Now they must implement the plan. If done effectively, the Americans could secure passage to the round of 16 for the second consecutive World Cup.

Klinsmann will not reveal his tactics until Argentine referee Nestor Pitana sounds the opening whistle, but the nature of soccer suggests a collective effort involving both attacking and defensive elements to suppress a player of Ronaldo's caliber.

"You've got to be on high alert when he touches the ball," midfielder Kyle Beckerman said, "because he's just dangerous." The Real Madrid winger scored 51 goals in 147 matches across all competitions in 2013-14, ending Lionel Messi's four-year reign as world player of the year. Ronaldo has posted 252 goals in 246 appearances since joining the Spanish titans in 2009.

The primary reason he is, according to Forbes magazine, the world's second highest-compensated athlete at more than \$80 million (\$52 million in pre-tax salary, \$28 million in global endorsements).

At the World Cup, however, speculation has swirled around Ronaldo's physical condi-

tion. He has undergone treatment for leg injuries, triggering reports that he would have to drop out of the tournament.

On Friday, though, teammate Helder Postiga told reporters at the team's training base near Sao Paulo that "he's training with us, he's practicing with us and he's doing all the exercises. I'm not a doctor but I don't think [Ronaldo's playing status] is in question." He has been training at his maximum.

The Americans have not lowered their guard, despite Portugal being in a wounded state from the defeat, defender Pepe's red-card suspension and injuries to several other starters.

"We feel that we have a great game plan in eliminating certain things, but they're all dangerous," United States forward Chris Wondolowski said. "Right now we're still just fine-tuning that game plan in how to stop that whole team."

Scoreboard

First round					
GROUP A			At Belo Horizonte, Brazil		
W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Brazil	1	0	1	3	3
Mexico	1	0	1	1	4
Croatia	1	1	0	3	3
Cameroon	2	0	0	3	6

At Recife, Brazil					
GROUP B			At Belo Horizonte, Brazil		
W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
x-Netherlands	2	0	0	8	3
x-Chile	1	1	0	3	3
Australia	0	2	0	1	0
Spain	1	0	1	3	3

At Rio de Janeiro					
GROUP C			At Belo Horizonte, Brazil		
W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
x-Colombia	2	0	0	5	1
Ivory Coast	0	1	1	1	1
Japan	0	1	1	2	1
Greece	0	1	0	1	0



RICARDO MAZALAN/AP

A United States fan celebrates after the United States' group G World Cup victory over Ghana at the Arena das Dunas in Natal, Brazil, on Monday. The United States won the match 2-1.

Americans out in force in Brazil

By BRETT MARTEL
The Associated Press

RECIFE, Brazil — Some wanted to play soccer barefoot on the beach with Brazilians, experiencing for themselves those romanticized images they'd seen on TV. Others dreamed of attending meaningful games in the homeland of Pele, soaking up the passion for the game permeating not just the stadiums, but every corner of every neighborhood.

If they could do that, maybe trip back a few caipirinhas, munch on coxinhas, take a dip in the south Atlantic, and cheer on the U.S. national team, what a trip it would be.

Brazil turned out to be the perfect place for the traveling American fan base to come into its own at the World Cup — to gather festi-

tively before games on foreign soil and take over arenas during matches.

"Huge party! It was awesome," Miami resident Katie McGrath said of a gathering, hosted by the booster club American Outlaws before Monday's tournament opener for the U.S., a 2-1 triumph over Ghana in Natal. "They filled the streets."

They filled a large part of the stadium, too.

"That was one of the really neat things about the first game — hearing the national anthem and it almost feeling like a home game," midfielder Kyle Beckerman said as the U.S. prepared for its next match Sunday against Portugal in Manaus. "Being far away and having all those fans there for us was just an amazing feeling."

South America's largest country is one in which influences from Europe, Africa and the Americas are mixed in a tropical climate and on beautiful land with stunning scenery. Combine all that with Brazil's renowned enthusiasm for "o jogo bonito," or the beautiful game, and the 2014 World Cup becomes a two-for-one bucket-list opportunity for fans across the globe. Americans have seized it in force.

According to FIFA, more than 200,000 tickets for games in Brazil were purchased by U.S. residents. While a chunk of those residents surely have ancestry in soccer-loving countries like Mexico, that figure ranked second among all nations worldwide, behind only the host country.

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of attention
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Portugal's
Cristiano
Ronaldo

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A large red octagonal sign with a white border is the central focus. On the left side of the sign, a photograph of Cristiano Ronaldo in a red and white striped Portugal jersey with the number 7 is visible. The sign contains the text 'STOP That STAR' in large white letters, with 'That' on a black arrow pointing left. Below this, it says 'Ronaldo center of attention for US team' and 'Page 31'. At the bottom left of the sign, there is a small caption: 'Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo' and 'NATACHA PISARENKO/AP'. The sign is set against a background of a green soccer field.

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