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Afghanistan ends presidential deadlock with power deal

By SLOBODAN LEKIC
Stars and Stripes

KABUL, Afghanistan — After three months of stalemate, Ashraf Ghani was declared the winner of the Afghanisthan presidential election, paving the way for security deals with the United States and NATO on a post-2014 presence in the country.

The announcement on Sunday came just hours after the two sides

reached an unprecedented power-sharing agreement, and concurred in delaying announcing the final tally of the June ballot.

Ghani and his opponent, Abdullah Abdullah, signed the agreement on a national unity government at the presidential palace. Ghani, a former finance minister and the winner of the June 14 elections, replaces incumbent President Hamid Karzai. Abdullah will fill the newly created position of

chief executive.

"The nation has been enthusiastically waiting for this day," Karzai said during the brief ceremony held in front of several hundred dignitaries and broadcast live on television. "I am very happy that both candidates have reached an Afghan solution and understanding, and that they took this step towards the peace and development of their country."

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Afghanisthan presidential election candidates Abdullah Abdullah, left, and Ashraf Ghani shake hands after signing a power-sharing deal on Sunday at the presidential palace in Kabul, Afghanistan.

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"Omar is not some maniac. He's a veteran who needs help."

— A relative of homeless Army veteran Omar Gonzalez, the man identified as the intruder who made it through the front doors of the White House before being stopped by the Secret Service

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AFGHANISTAN

Deal: Final vote tally won't be released for fear of violence

FROM FRONT PAGE

U.N. representative Jan Kubish told the election commission not to release detailed vote tallies, Halim Fidayi, a former governor told The Associated Press.

The AP quoted an unnamed senior U.S. official as saying the vote result is transparent but may be released slowly over fears of violence.

The power-sharing agreement will likely pave the way for a contingent of U.S. troops to remain in the country after 2014.

Secretary of State John Kerry described the accord as "a moment of extraordinary statesmanship."

"These two men have ... ensured that the first peaceful democratic transition in the history of their country begins with national unity," he said in a statement.

The terms of the agreement provide for the chief executive's post and for a reform of the electoral system. That would include the convening of a Loya Jirga in 2016, in which tribal leaders from across the country will come together to consider how to amend the Afghan constitution to create a new prime minister position.

Due to the uncertainty surrounding the recount, no date has been set for the inauguration of the new administration.

Last week, Afghanistan's Independent Election Commission completed a U.N.-supervised recount of all 8 million ballots cast, but it withheld announcement of the results until after the two sides agreed on the plan for a national unity government. Both contenders said they will abide by the results of the audit.

The deal concludes the five-month election process that started with the first round of voting in April, won by Abdullah. The successor to Karzai, who is constitutionally barred from standing for a third term, was originally due



MASSOUD HOSSAINI/AP

to be inaugurated Aug. 2. In the past several months, the two camps have been deadlocked over the proposal to create the post of executive director of the Cabinet, similar to a prime minister, to be filled by the losing candidate. After coming under intense pressure from the United States and other donor nations, they agreed earlier in the week to accept the compromise proposal. Under the reported deal, the president and the chief executive will jointly nominate members of the incoming cabinet.

The agreement is a vindication of efforts by Kerry, who has repeatedly urged the rival camps to quickly strike a deal to bring stability to Afghanistan and prevent further inter-communal tensions.

Abdullah is backed by Tajiks and other northern minority groups, while Ghani draws much of his support from the Pashtuns, Afghanistan's largest ethnic group. Karzai has refused to sign a bilateral security agreement allow-

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Secretary of State John Kerry

ing nearly 10,000 U.S. military advisers and counterterrorism units to remain in Afghanistan after the withdrawal of all foreign combat troops at the end of this year. Both Ghani and Abdullah have said they would sign the agreement.

NATO allies are expected to contribute another 3,000 advisers and trainers.

NATO Secretary-General Anders Fogh Rasmussen welcomed the agreement, saying he looked forward to the conclusion of a bilateral security agreement with the alliance and the United States.

At the beginning of September, the NATO-led international coalition still had about 41,000 troops

in Afghanistan, 28,000 of them Americans. The Afghan army and police combined account for about 350,000 members.

Taliban insurgents — estimated to number 30,000 to 35,000 fighters — have taken advantage of the instability resulting from the long post-election wrangle, launching a series of attacks across the country that has made 2014 the bloodiest year of the 13-year conflict. The guerrillas' political leadership dismissed the poll, claiming it would be rigged anyway, and vowed to continue fighting as long as foreign troops remain in Afghanistan.

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Correction

A Sept. 19 article about Spain sending Patriot missile batteries to Turkey incorrectly identified NATO spokesman Canadian Lt. Col. Jay Janzen.

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MILITARY

Language programs in bind over citizenship

Schools may lose teachers who are foreign nationals

By JENNIFER H. SVAN
Stars and Stripes

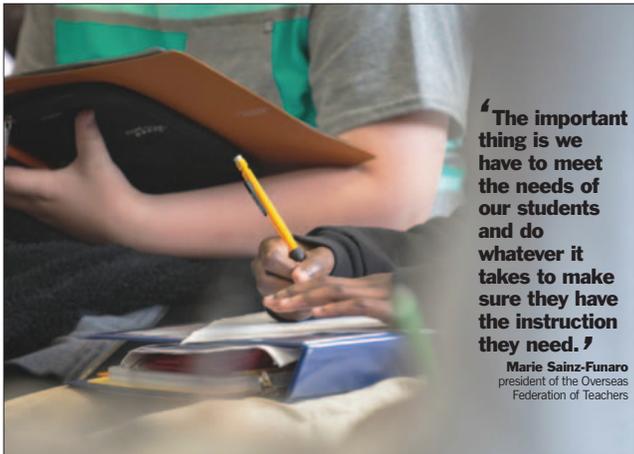
After 10 years of skirting federal employment laws, the Department of Defense Education Activity is faced with possibly losing 26 foreign-language teachers, which could threaten programs at nearly two dozen Defense Department schools and high schools overseas if qualified replacements can't be found.

Federal law requires teachers of core curricular courses at Defense Department schools overseas to be U.S. citizens. Unless Congress passes legislation that would permit the local hiring of non-U.S. citizens when qualified American teachers cannot be found, jobs are at stake for nine teachers in the Pacific and 17 in Europe.

The DODEA first acknowledged using non-U.S. citizens to teach foreign language in a 2006 internal memo, which was provided to Stars and Stripes. According to the memo, the lack of compliance was discovered in 2002, when there were about 50 such employees in the school system. Proposals to fix the problem were never brought forward, DODEA spokesman Frank O'Gara said.

When asked why the DODEA had decided to finally address the issue, O'Gara said it was because of challenges in filling foreign-language vacancies in certain locations, such as Turkey. He later acknowledged the problem was more widespread.

The DODEA's solution to the noncompliance issue in 2006 was to internally "grandfather" all current foreign national teachers and to instruct schools to cease from hiring additional non-U.S. teachers. But this summer, O'Gara said DODEA's lawyers determined the grandfathering



Students at Baumholder Middle/High School in Germany take notes on the first day of school.

memorandum was inconsistent with federal statute and would be rescinded. Three non-U.S. citizens were hired to teach foreign language after 2006.

O'Gara said the legislative proposal had been in the works for four years and had required careful preparation. Through initial planning for the legislation, DODEA headquarters "discovered the depth of the issue," O'Gara wrote in an email.

The proposal is part of the 2015 National Defense Authorization Act currently before Congress. When Congress might act on the proposal isn't certain; last week the House and Senate passed a continuing resolution, which gives lawmakers until at least Dec. 11 to decide on the NDAA.

For now, the DODEA is set to begin "the process of placing U.S. citizens in all of the identified positions through reassignments or

recruitments," O'Gara said. "If no qualified U.S. citizen is found for a particular position, and the legislation is passed, DODEA would be able to retain the host-nation instructor to teach the classes."

If the proposal does not pass, the law remains, and a qualified U.S. citizen must be found. If no candidates are found, O'Gara said, the agency will "then make alternatives available to students such as virtual school courses."

He said efforts are being made to reassign foreign national teachers as needed and that there are no plans to "let go" any of the instructors.

The head of a teachers' organization said the instructors in their current positions should not be penalized because of the DODEA's noncompliance with the law.

"A lot of these teachers are very competent," said Marie Sainz-

"The important thing is we have to meet the needs of our students and do whatever it takes to make sure they have the instruction they need."

Marie Sainz-Funaro
president of the Overseas
Federation of Teachers

MATT MILLMAN/Stars and Stripes

Funaro, president of the Overseas Federation of Teachers, which represents DODEA teachers in Spain, Portugal, Turkey, Bahrain and Italy. "They're not people we just pick up off the streets."

Sainz-Funaro said it can be difficult to find qualified Americans to teach certain languages, such as Arabic and Chinese.

"The important thing is we have to meet the needs of our students and do whatever it takes to make sure they have the instruction they need," she said.

The issue has prompted at least two formal complaints.

At the start of this school year, an Italian trade union confederation filed a protest with the U.S. Embassy in Italy and the 31st Fighter Wing at Aviano, charging that the reassignment of an Italian-language teacher at Aviano Middle/High School, an Italian national, was improper because

the union was not notified of the move.

The union contends the school is bound by a U.S.-Italy working agreement that requires advance notice of any "employer-initiated actions which affect the Italian workforce at an installation." It's the union's position that the job qualifies as an Italian position because it has been held by an Italian since the high school opened in the early 1970s, said Eugenio Sabelli, a local union representative.

The reassignment of Aviano's high school Italian-language teacher follows the filing in May of an Equal Employment Opportunity formal complaint by another teacher at the school. That teacher is presumed to be a U.S. citizen, though DODEA officials declined to comment on the complaint as a matter of policy.

The languages taught by the foreign national instructors are specific to the countries or the regions in which the teachers are employed and include Italian, Japanese, Korean, German, Spanish, Turkish and Arabic.

In addition, last school year there were two non-U.S. teachers in Europe assigned to classes other than foreign languages, "outside the scope" of what they are allowed to teach, according to the DODEA. Those two were to be replaced by U.S. teachers this school year, O'Gara said. One was teaching physical education in addition to a host nation intercultural class, and the other had a class in English as a second language.

The non-U.S. foreign language teachers were qualified — just not legally approved for the job, O'Gara said.

"While the host nation instructors have the proper certifications to teach foreign languages, they do not meet the citizenship requirement to be the teacher of record," he said. "Those courses must be taught by U.S. citizens."

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Navy turning from PowerPoint to interaction in sex briefings

By BROCK VERGAKIS
The Associated Press

NORFOLK, Va. — When it comes to sexual assault prevention, Navy leaders have gotten the message from their sailors: Enough with the boring PowerPoint presentations.

This fall the Navy is opting for more interactive training that's intended to keep sailors from wanting to nap during their training sessions.

"You've asked us for more interactive training led by your peers. We've heard you out in the field and we get it," Fleet Admiral Chief April Beards said in a video to the fleet announcing the new ap-

"Bystander intervention, obviously, is you looking out for your shipmate."

Petty Officer 1st Class Valerie Arellano
sexual assault victim advocate

proach. "Making you sit through an hour of computer-based training isn't how we stop destructive behaviors like sexual assault, hazing, domestic violence, alcohol abuse or suicide. You are the answer."

A heightened focus of the training will be on bystander intervention, which leaders believe is a major component to stemming

the tide of sexual assaults that have flummoxed military officials for years.

Navy leaders know that many assaults stem from alcohol use and want their sailors to step in and stop the chain of events when they see it going in a bad direction.

"Bystander intervention, obviously, is you looking out for your

shipmate," said Petty Officer 1st Class Valerie Arellano, a sexual assault victim advocate aboard the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln. "In the Navy, you're more close knit in the military than you are in the civilian sector because we're stuck on a ship; we can't go very far. That's why you rely on. And usually, out of work that's who you hang out with."

The Navy says each sailor will be required to complete the new, more interactive training by September 2015.

The Navy has offered various programs for years that are more entertaining and interactive in nature to select groups of sailors,

similar to programs offered on college campuses, and received positive responses.

A guest speaker was brought to Naval Station Norfolk last week to provide an hour of entertaining, rapid-fire question-and-answer sessions and role playing.

"PowerPoint and lectures really only go so far, and the half-life of that kind of training is a lot shorter than it is for something that has entertainment involved," said Capt. Charles Marks, the sexual assault prevention and response officer for U.S. Fleet Forces Command.

The new peer-led training will be rolled out beginning in November.

EUROPE

US nuclear arsenal in Europe is likely to stay

Tribune Washington Bureau

Last summer in Berlin, President Barack Obama called for "bold reductions" in U.S. and Russian tactical nuclear weapons to ease the risk of annihilation in Europe.

Obama was referring to the roughly 200 B61 nuclear bombs

that the U.S. has deployed in five NATO nations stretching from the Netherlands to Turkey — and a Russian arsenal estimated at 2,000 tactical weapons.

But since last summer, that hopeful outlook has evaporated. Russia's incursions into Ukraine and nuclear threats made by Rus-

sian President Vladimir Putin have killed any chance that the U.S. would withdraw its tactical nuclear weapons anytime soon.

"Withdrawing our relatively few weapons would be the absolute wrong signal at this moment," said James Stavridis, the

retired U.S. admiral who was NATO chief until 2013 and is now dean of the Fletcher School of international affairs at Tufts University.

Support for nuclear deterrence has been echoing across Europe. Newer members of the NATO, including Poland and the

Czech Republic, have advocated the continued deployment of U.S. nuclear weapons in Europe.

Sleek and streamlined, packing an explosive force of up to 700 million pounds of TNT, the B61 thermonuclear weapon is the last of its kind, the only tactical nuclear bomb in the U.S. arsenal.

Germany bids farewell to troops at Schweinfurt

By **MIKE DARNELL**
Stars and Stripes

SCHWEINFURT, Germany — At U.S. military bases throughout the world, the "To the Colors" bugle call signals the lowering of the American flag and the symbolic end to the work day.

The simple ceremony was conducted at the Schweinfurt Army garrison for the final time on Friday, as what remained of the base's facilities and grounds were officially turned over to the German government.

Former soldiers, community members and VIPs, including Schweinfurt Lord Mayor Sebastian Remelé, were on hand to witness the final lowering of the colors at Ledward Barracks.

The proceedings contrasted sharply with the images of Schweinfurt as it once was: a home to thousands of troops.

"For us today, this is a sad moment," Remelé said. "In the last 70 years, we became friends, the Americans who were part of the German community. For sure we have to look forward, but today we are all full of memories and little bit of sadness."

"We wish our American friends the best, and we thank them for all they have done for us."

Schweinfurt's closing is the latest piece of the U.S. military's realignment in Europe, aimed at significantly reducing and consolidating America's presence across the continent. Its closure follows last week's shuttering of the Bamberg military base and puts an end to 70 years of American operations in the area.

"I feel very fortunate to be a part of Schweinfurt and their history," Col. Christopher Benson, the commander of U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach, the garrison Schweinfurt has fallen under since the departure of that garrison's commander earlier this

See photos of the ceremony at: stripes.com/go/farewellschweinfurt

year. "Historic installation, great garrison, great city and great people. It's been fantastic to be a part of that."

The base was an integral part of the German war effort during World War II, thanks to its Luftwaffe training areas and ball bearing-production facilities in town. On April 22, 1945, the U.S.'s 42nd Division, 7th Army seized control of the town and military facilities, and it has been an American foothold ever since. As recently as last year, about 12,000 American personnel called Schweinfurt home, though that number has been trickling down since the 2012 announcement of the base's planned closure.

The members of the community formed strong bonds, perhaps best exemplified by two visitors who have opposite but equally firm roots in the Schweinfurt community.

Retired Chief Warrant Officer 4 Charles Nanowsky has lived in the area since 1988, first as an resident of the township upon his Army helicopter pilot, then as a resident of the township upon his retirement. Like many soldiers who have settled near military communities, his ties to the area were strengthened by marriage. His family came with him to the ceremony to say goodbye.

"Schweinfurt is sort of a doorway into the American way of life and seeing Americans and meeting Americans and seeing how they are," he said. "Hollywood portrays one image and then when you come and meet the Americans here, you get a real-life perspective."

On the other side of the fence were the Germans who in some cases have never known a Schweinfurt without that American influence. Ursula Holstein has



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U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach commander Col. Christopher Benson, left, and Command Sgt. Maj. Mark Kiefer flank Schweinfurt Lord Mayor Sebastian Remelé, second from left, and Florian Topper, a Schweinfurt county commissioner, as Remelé and Topper hold two of the final American flags to be flown over the military base at Schweinfurt, Germany, on Friday.

lived in Schweinfurt her entire life — 59 years and counting. For three decades, she worked as a nurse and later a medical liaison for the military community, and for her this closure means more than just shifting borders on a map.

"It's a very, very sad moment," she said. "I hate to see the Americans leave Schweinfurt because we have grown together and I've worked with the Army for 33 years and we were like a family. It's a big challenge for the community and the city of Schweinfurt. It's sad that they're leaving,

and I would have preferred they stayed. A lot of great memories."

In May, the last operational units — the 18th Engineer Brigade, the 7th Theater Tactical Signal Brigade and the 72nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion — left the base, leaving behind a small detachment tasked with helping to transition the base to German hands. They are the final American soldiers to leave Schweinfurt.

For those troops, Friday's ceremony was a bittersweet one.

"Just the community support that both communities had, with

the German community right off post, it was like they were linked even though they were kind of divided by a fence line," said Army Capt. Dane Hiltner, the last commander of the now-dispersed 630th Military Police Company, who served in both Bamberg and Schweinfurt. "It was just a really good partnership that is sadly coming to an end after 70 years in both communities. It's very sad, and I'm honored to be one of the last soldiers in either of these communities."

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PACIFIC

Reports: US aims to keep artillery brigade near DMZ

New commander expects busy transition for Yongsan

By Ashley Rowland and Yoo Kyong Chang
Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — The U.S. wants to keep an artillery brigade stationed near the Demilitarized Zone after the planned relocation of American forces to the southern half of South Korea, according to media reports.

The request to keep the 2nd Infantry Division's 210th Fires Brigade at Camp Casey was made last week during military consultations in Seoul, according to South Korea's Yonhap News. U.S. officials claimed that moving the brigade would hurt its combat readiness, and have "repeatedly and strongly" pushed to keep the unit in Dongducheon, the report said, citing unidentified diplomatic sources.

Officials from South Korea's Ministry of National Defense and Joint Chiefs of Staff would not comment Friday. But earlier this month, South Korean officials said the U.S. would not leave residual forces along the DMZ, though American officials didn't rule out the prospect of leaving some troops behind "temporarily."

A spokeswoman for U.S. Forces Korea said Friday that "any decision to temporarily leave U.S. forces north of the Han (River) will be based on operational necessity. The goal of all (South Korean) and U.S. alliance initiatives is to build adaptive capabilities to deter and defeat future provocations and fight and win should deterrence fail."

The long-delayed relocation, which hinges on the expansion of Camp Humphreys in Pyeongtaek, is scheduled for 2016-17, military officials have said. The possibility of leaving specific units near the DMZ, including the 210th, has long been floated as a deterrent to North Korea.

USFK commander Gen. Curtis Scaparrotti said last November that the U.S. and South Korea were considering keeping residual forces in Area I, which includes the cities of Dongducheon and Uijeongbu, after the relocation.

"There may be a need, operationally, to leave some residual (forces) in those areas just for proper defense and response," he said. "It is a sensitive issue, but we will work our way through it and do what is best for Korea and what is best for the defense of Korea."

The possibility that U.S. troops could remain in Area I after the relocation has angered local residents because of a variety of concerns, including servicemember

crime, noise and base pollution. The head of the Dongducheon City Assembly, Jang Young Mi, said Friday that the city already has development plans for the land occupied by U.S. bases and that residents feel as though their wishes are being ignored.

"Residents won't stand by and let this happen," she said, adding that citizens formed a task force early this year to push for the relocation to take place in 2016.

The U.S. and South Korea are also discussing whether to postpone the planned December 2015 transfer of wartime operational control, which now falls under U.S. leadership, with some South Korea media reports saying Seoul wants a delay of five to eight years.

A decision is expected next month.

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Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — The new commander of the U.S. military's largest installation in South Korea will face a daunting task during her two-year tenure: overseeing a significant downsizing of the base under a plan to shift most troops to the southern half of the country.

The declining number of personnel doesn't mean there will be less to do.

"When the troop levels decrease, our workload increases," said Col. Maria Eoff, who assumed command at Yongsan in July and, because of the drawdown, is the last O-6 scheduled to command the garrison.

As the base's long-term population declines, she said the number of personnel could temporarily spike because of the need for workers to handle issues associated with the transition, from providing security and environmental services to maintaining or demolishing empty buildings.

Yongsan, along with other U.S. Forces Korea bases in and north of Seoul, will eventually be turned over to South Korea as

'I try to put myself in the shoes of the soldiers and their families.'

Col. Maria Eoff
Yongsan commander



san—which, along with other satellite bases in the Seoul area, serves a population of about 28,400 personnel — is not knowing how many people will remain once the relocation is done.

part of a long-planned relocation of most Army forces on the peninsula to regional hubs in Daegu and Pyeongtaek. While a handful of buildings at Yongsan are expected to remain under U.S. control, South Korea plans to turn the 635-acre base into a massive Central Park-like green space.

The relocation has faced multiple delays due to funding and construction problems. The move was initially scheduled to take place in 2008, but was postponed until 2012 and then to 2016. Katherine Hammack, the Army's assistant secretary for installations, energy and environment, said last spring the \$10 billion-plus Camp Humphreys expansion is on track to be completed in 2016-17.

Compounding the logistical difficulties of the drawdown at Yongsan—

Delays in the transformation have also led to concern among the Yongsan population about how the relocation will affect them, including whether their children can complete high school in Seoul.

"We've lived in this decade-plus of uncertainty (about the transformation)," Eoff said. Eoff, the garrison's first female commander, said she wants to keep the best programs and services for the community during the drawdown, and pledged to be open with the community about the upcoming changes.

"I try to put myself in the shoes of the soldiers and their families," she said.

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MILITARY

2ID is tested in S. Korea training

Grueling endurance course requires stamina and a conquering of fears

By Ashley Rowland
Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — Jumping out of a helicopter at 90 feet and shimmying down a rope is scary, even for someone who's been through airborne school.

"There's a very high possibility that if you're not doing things the right way, if you're not listening to your instructors, then you could get hurt," said 1st Lt. Nathan Styer, a Camp Humphreys-based signal officer and one of several hundred 2nd Infantry Division soldiers in South Korea taking part in a 10-day air assault training course at Camp Casey.

Unlike airborne school, which teaches soldiers to parachute, "This one is all on yourself and your own abilities, your ability to use the rappel rope," Styer said. "If you get too frightened, you lose the frame of mind about how to do this safely."

The class, which began Sept. 10, is held about once a year in South Korea and draws soldiers from across the peninsula, like Styer, who is stationed at Camp Humphreys in Pyeongtaek.

Taught by instructors from Fort Benning, Ga., the course is mentally and physically grueling, and it's not unusual for one-fifth of the class to drop out. It kicks off with Zero Day, which includes an obstacle course and a 2-mile run that has to be completed in 18 minutes. Soldiers then spend nearly a week learning about the aircraft they'll be working with and how to conduct sling-load operations.

Finally, they learn to rappel — first from towers on the ground, then from a UH-60 helicopter. The course culminates in a 12-mile foot march.

"It's very tough training be-

cause it's such a short period of time," said 2ID Sgt. Maj. Anthony Crisostomo, who completed the training in 1991. "You've got 10 days to understand, comprehend and memorize the nomenclature, the pieces of equipment. That's a stressor for a soldier."

Having soldiers trained in air assault missions helps their units conduct more operations, from landing helicopters to moving pieces of equipment more quickly, he said.

"For aviation units that are operationally attached to a brigade, that unit has the assets already," he said. "All we need are the enablers, the soldiers that can move the equipment and conduct the operations."

A week into the course, Spc. Mireya Rodriguez was one of seven women still remaining. Of the 276 soldiers who began the class — including 21 women — only 211 remained about halfway through.

"I did this because I wanted to prove a point to everybody that size doesn't matter," said the 5-foot-1 air defense systems battle management operator, who is stationed at Osan Air Base. She said her small stature made parts of the obstacle course more challenging, but that only meant "you just have to jump a little higher, push yourself a little harder, put a little more heart into it."

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Spc. Deon Howard takes part in the training at Camp Hovey.



Photos courtesy of the U.S. Army

2nd Infantry Division soldiers practice rappelling Thursday at Camp Hovey in South Korea. More than 200 soldiers are taking part in a 10-day air assault training course at camps Hovey and Casey.

6 Russian aircraft are intercepted

The Associated Press

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado — Two F-22 fighter jets intercepted six Russian military airplanes that neared the western coast of Alaska, military officials said Friday.

At about 1:30 a.m. Thursday, two Canadian CF-18 fighter jets intercepted two of the long-range bombers about 40 nautical miles off the Canadian coastline in the Beaufort Sea.

Lt. Col. Michael Jazdyk, a spokesman for the North American Aerospace Defense Command, or NORAD, said the U.S. jets intercepted the planes about 55 nautical miles from the Alaskan coast about 7 p.m. Pacific time Wednesday.

The Russian planes were identified as two IL-78 refueling tankers, two Mig-31 fighter jets and two Bear long-range bombers. They looped south and returned to their base in Russia after the U.S. jets were scrambled.

In both cases, the Russian planes entered the Air Defense Identification Zone, which extends about 200 miles from the coastline. They did not enter sovereign airspace of the United States or Canada.

Jazdyk said the fighter jets were scrambled "basically to let those aircraft know that we see them, and in case of a threat, to let them know we are there to protect our sovereign airspace."

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NATION

Poll: Nearly 1 in 4 in US would OK secession

By MICHAEL MUSKAL
Los Angeles Times

Nearly one out of four Americans is so fed up with Washington that they are prepared to not take it anymore and would favor their state breaking away from the rest of the United States.

According to a Reuters/Ipsos poll released Friday, 23.9 percent of Americans polled from Aug. 23 through Sept. 16 said they strong-

ly supported or tended to support the idea of their state breaking away from the country. About 53 percent of the 8,952 respondents strongly opposed or tended to oppose secession, slightly less than the percentage that kept Scotland in the United Kingdom.

Support for secession cuts across many lines, the poll found, but the West and Southwest, where the vision of rugged individualism still draws praise,

were more inclined to back secession than the staid New England area. Younger and poorer folks were more likely to want to run for the exit.

Politically, conservatives and Republicans seem to like the idea of leaving more than Democrats. Among people who said they identified with the tea party, supporters of secession were in the majority, with 53 percent.

Before you start thinking about flipping around the nation's motto from E pluribus unum to E unum plurius, consider that the United States has long been a country having to cope with sectional, emotional, economic, racial and gender splits.

Hostilities between the North and South grated even as everyone was fighting the British, culminated in the Civil War, and, some would argue, continue to

simmer. The expansion westward meant expanding the range of disputes between a frontier and the folks back on the East Coast.

The exact wording of the question was, "Do you support or oppose the idea of your state peacefully withdrawing from the United States of America and the federal government?"

The poll has a margin of error of 1.2 percentage points.



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Volunteers Caroline Robinson, left, and Callie Robinson use a stick and a flashlight to probe a drainage pipe Saturday during a massive search by the community for missing University of Virginia student Hannah Graham in Charlottesville, Va.

More than 1,000 people join search for missing Va. student

By ALAN SUDERMAN
The Associated Press

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Nearly 1,000 volunteers, some driven by worry for the safety of their own families, fanned out from the University of Virginia campus Saturday to search for a sophomore who disappeared a week ago.

Volunteers met at the university's basketball arena before going out in teams throughout Charlottesville to search for Hannah Graham, 18.

"I have two daughters of my own and I would hope that if one of them was missing, everyone would come out as well," said Marc Stewart, a volunteer searcher.

Police said Friday they have spoken with a man they believe was with her in a bar on the night she went missing, but did not have enough information to arrest or detain him after searching his car and apartment.

In an emotional appeal, Charlottesville Police Chief Timothy

Longo asked anyone who might have seen Graham and the man early Sept. 13 on the Downtown Mall to contact authorities. Longo stopped short of calling the unidentified man a suspect, but said police are keeping an eye on him.

Police have focused on Graham's movements the night of Sept. 12 and into the early-morning hours of Sept. 13. The sophomore from northern Virginia met friends at a restaurant for dinner, stopped by two parties at off-campus housing units, and left the second party alone, police have said.

Surveillance videos showed her walking, and at some points running, past a pub and a service station and then onto the Downtown Mall, a seven-block pedestrian strip lined with shops and restaurants.

Graham's disappearance has sent a ripple of fear through the quiet college town.

Maria Faidas, a sophomore who volunteered to help search Saturday, said she lives a block from Graham and has walked

home alone before without thinking twice of the possible dangers. "It's definitely a wake-up call, I think, because I always felt safe," she said.

Students said they started walking in pairs at night and are paying closer attention to their surroundings.

At least three other young women have disappeared in the area in the past five years. Samantha Ann Clarke, 19, who vanished after leaving her Orange County town house in September 2010, and DaShad Laquinn Smith, 19, who disappeared in Charlottesville in November 2012, remain missing.

Morgan Harrington, 20, a Virginia Tech student, disappeared from the University of Virginia's John Paul Jones Arena while attending a rock concert in October 2009. Her remains were found three months later in a rural area. No arrests have been made.

Police have said they do not think Graham's disappearance is linked to any of the other missing women.

Who wins control of the Senate? Nov. 4 might not decide

By CHARLES BABINGTON
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A suspenseful election night is one thing, but what if it stretches out for a month? Or into next year?

A handful of tight races in states with quirky election laws make for the headache-inducing possibility that Election Day will come and go without deciding which party controls the Senate.

If that happens, brace for a fierce runoff election and possible recounts that could make for an ugly holiday season in politics and government.

The main reason for uncertainty: Louisiana's election laws. Strategists in both parties say a Dec. 6 runoff is likely because Democratic Sen. Mary Landrieu and top Republican challenger Bill Cassidy will struggle to exceed 50 percent on the crowded Nov. 4 ballot.

In Louisiana's "jungle primary," all candidates — regardless of party — run in November. If no one exceeds 50 percent, the top two finishers head into the Dec. 6

runoff.

It's not implausible that control of the Senate could hang on a Louisiana runoff.

Republicans need six more seats to claim a 51-49 Senate majority. A 50-50 split would let Vice President Joe Biden break tie votes and keep Democrats in charge.

Republicans are strongly favored to win three races where Democratic senators are re-elected: West Virginia, South Dakota and Montana.

Their best hopes to pick up three more seats are in the four contests where Democrats seek re-election in states President Barack Obama lost: Alaska, Arkansas, Louisiana and North Carolina.

Republicans are also making strong bids in Iowa, Colorado and New Hampshire, which Obama carried.

If Republicans win two of those races, plus the three where they are heavily favored, then all eyes and lots of campaign money would turn to Louisiana if there's a runoff.

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NATION

Breach prompts more White House security

By JOSH LEDERMAN
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Secret Service tightened security outside the White House after an embarrassing breach in which a man with a knife scaled a fence, ran across the lawn and made it all the way inside before agents stopped him.

Increased surveillance and more officer patrols are among the measures that Secret Service Director Julia Pierson ordered. She also began an investigation into what went wrong Friday evening while the first family was away from the White House.

A member of the House Homeland Committee said Sunday that it was astonishing, at a time of concerns about terrorist attacks, that “someone could actually get into the White House without being stopped.”

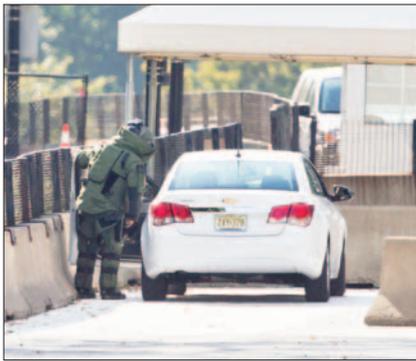
Rep. Peter King, R-N.Y., said the intrusion was “absolutely inexcusable” and he expected congressional hearings into the incident at one of the world’s most heavily secured buildings.

“This demands a full investigation, an investigation as to what happened, why it happened and what’s being done to make sure it never happens again,” he told “Fox News Sunday.”

Officials first said the fact that the intruder, identified as Omar J. Gonzalez, 42, of Copperas Cove, Texas, appeared to be unarmed may have been a factor in why agents at the scene didn’t shoot or have their dogs pursue him before he made it inside.

But a criminal complaint issued late Friday revealed Gonzalez had a small folding knife with a 3½-inch serrated blade with him at the time of his arrest.

At a hearing late Saturday afternoon in D.C. Superior Court, the assistant public defender representing Gonzalez said Gonzalez had no convictions or arrest warrants, had tested negative Saturday for drug use and had been in



PAOLO MARTINEZ MONSIVALS/AP

An explosive technician in a bomb suit approaches a vehicle near the entrance to the White House on Saturday. Secret Service arrested a man for trying to unlawfully enter the White House grounds, less than 24 hours after a fence-jumper made it into the building.

the military for 18 years, including three tours in Iraq, according to The Washington Post.

“This is someone who has provided service to his country and shown commitment in his life,” said the lawyer, Margarita O’Donnell, as she tried unsuccessfully to get Gonzalez released. Gonzalez was expected to appear in federal court Monday to face charges of unlawfully entering a restricted building or grounds while carrying a deadly or dangerous weapon.

According to a criminal complaint, Gonzalez told Secret Service agents after his arrest that he was “concerned that the atmosphere was collapsing” and needed to contact the president “so he could get word out to the people.”

Obama and his daughters had just left the White House by helicopter Friday evening when the intruder hopped the fence.

He ran toward the presidential residence unimpeded, ignoring orders from officers to stop, until being tackled just inside the doors of the North Portico — the grand, columned entrance overlooking Pennsylvania Avenue.

Less than 24 hours after Gonzalez’s arrest, a second man was apprehended after he drove up to a White House gate and refused to leave, Secret Service spokesman Ed Donovan said, prompting bomb technicians in full gear to search the vehicle as agents briefly shut down nearby streets.

There were no indications the two incidents were connected. But they only intensified the scrutiny of the Secret Service, which is struggling to rehabilitate its image following a series of allegations of misconduct by agents in recent years, including agents on Obama’s detail.

Family: Intruder is an Army veteran suffering from PTSD

By EVAN HALPER
AND LOUIS SAHAGUN
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — The intruder with a knife who scaled a White House fence and made it through the front doors was an Army veteran diagnosed with combat trauma, but authorities said Saturday the case was still under investigation.

A family member in California said Omar J. Gonzalez, 42, of Copperas Cove, Texas, near Fort Hood, has been homeless and living alone in the wild and in campgrounds with his two dogs for the last two years.

“We talked to him on 9/11, and he said he planned to go to a Veterans Administration hospital to seek treatments,” said the family member, who asked that he not be identified pending completion of the Secret Service investigation.

“He’s been depressed for quite some time,” the relative said. “He’d been taking antidepressants and anti-anxiety medication. I suspect he stopped taking it; otherwise, this wouldn’t have happened.”

Secret Service officials said Gonzalez climbed a fence on the north side of the White House about 7:20 p.m. Friday and sprinted roughly 100 yards and into the building before he was captured by officers.

“Gonzalez failed to comply with responding to Secret Service Uniformed Division Officers’ verbal commands, and was physically apprehended after entering the White House North Portico doors,” agency officials said in a statement Saturday.

Officials initially said Gonzalez was unarmed, but a criminal complaint filed Saturday said he had a 3½-inch folding knife in his

right front pants pocket.

Gonzalez has been charged with unlawful entry to the White House complex.

An Army spokesman confirmed that Gonzalez served on active duty and was retired in 2012.

Gonzalez joined the Army in the mid-1990s, the family member said.

He was diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder after his first tour in Iraq. “But they sent him back for a second tour,” the relative said.

During a second tour, about three years ago, Gonzalez was reportedly injured by a homemade explosive device. “His job was running patrols in Baghdad when his Humvee was hit,” the family member said.

“A portion of his foot was amputated, and the evidence is the limp you see in the video of him running across the White House lawn,” he said.

Gonzalez was honorably discharged and initially rented a house in Copperas Cove. After that, he traveled around the country in a truck, sleeping in campgrounds, the family member said.

The incident on Friday “was a complete surprise,” Gonzalez’s relative said. “Omar usually stays in Texas. We have no idea how he got to Washington, D.C.”

The Secret Service contacted the family member about 10 p.m. Friday. “Two hours later, an agent was knocking on my door,” he said.

“They told us what happened,” he said. “Omar’s in a hospital and under arrest. But I was told their intent is to help him.

“Omar is not some maniac,” the relative said. “He’s a veteran who needs help.”

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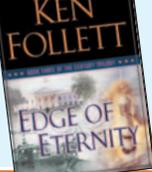
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CRISIS IN UKRAINE

US role in exercise sends message to Russia

By JOHN VANDIVER
Stars and Stripes

YAVORIV, Ukraine — After watching a series of war games on Ukrainian soil, U.S. Army Secretary John McHugh warned Russia on Friday about testing the resolve of an alliance that stands ready to guard against aggression in the region. “If anyone questions the United States’ commitment to security in the Black Sea region, they might want to take a look at what is happening at Rapid Trident 14,” said McHugh, who, along with top U.S. uniformed commanders, was in Ukraine to observe the first major exercise in the country since tensions with Russia spilled over earlier this year.

There are 1,300 international troops taking part in the U.S. Army Europe-led Rapid Trident exercise in western Ukraine, including 200 soldiers from the Vicenza, Italy-based 173rd Airborne Brigade. The decision to send U.S. soldiers into Ukraine, which has been in a virtual state of war since Russia’s annexation of the country’s Crimea peninsula, should also serve as a reassuring signal to allies rattled by unrest in the country, McHugh said.

“The United States’ [and] our partner nations’ attempt to demonstrate our commitment to a people, a cause, a nation, is offered in different ways,” McHugh said. “But none of those ways speaks more clearly, more affirmatively about our commitment than when we send our men and women in uniform to train alongside nations that you’re seeing here today.”

As the first week of Rapid Tri-



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Front, from left: USAREUR commander Lt. Gen. Donald Campbell and Ukrainian land forces commander Lt. Gen. Anatoly Pushniakov listen as Secretary of the Army John McHugh answers a question Friday at Exercise Rapid Trident near Yavoriv, Ukraine.

dent draws to a close, soldiers from 15 countries have been working on their combat skills, in particular how to deal with unconventional threats in urban environments. Ukraine, as a non-NATO member, doesn’t enjoy the collective security guarantee that comes with alliance membership, the NATO bedrock principle that an attack on one is an attack on all. But training partnerships with the U.S. and other allies help prepare Ukrainian troops for the fight in the east, Ukrainian officers said.

“It goes without saying this event is very important,” said Lt. Gen. Anatoly Pushniakov, land forces commander for the Ukrainian army. “It is the epitome of our security for the future. This increases our combat readiness.”

Many Ukrainian soldiers who have taken part in past exercises with the U.S. are now fighting

on the eastern front, Pushniakov said. This year, young Ukrainian cadets are also taking part in the exercises, as they could soon be fighting, too.

“The exercise is being done in very difficult circumstances,” Pushniakov said. “We decided to involve the cadets because they are the future of our armed forces.”

Since Russia’s annexation of Crimea in March, conditions in the east have continued to deteriorate as pro-Russia separatists have squared off with Ukrainian forces. American and Ukrainian officials have accused Russia of not only arming and advising separatists but also sending ground forces into Ukraine.

“Bigger nations must never be

allowed to bully the small or impose their will at the barrel of a gun or with masked men taking over buildings,” McHugh said.

Moscow has repeatedly denied it has forces in the country.

In response to Russian moves in the region, U.S. European Command has increased its presence across eastern Europe in an effort to bolster the military capabilities of allies and reassure countries fearful of Russian intentions in places like the Baltics. Still, some NATO partners, such as Poland, have hoped for a larger U.S. military presence. Polish officials have sought the permanent stationing of U.S. combat troops. U.S. and NATO allies say they intend to increase their presence by deploying rotational forces.

Lt. Gen. Donald Campbell, commander of U.S. Army Europe, said the mix of roughly 30,000 forward-stationed U.S. Army troops in Europe, coupled with more rotational forces, should be enough to carry out an expanded mission on the Continent.

While McHugh and Campbell stopped short of saying that there would be no further drawdown of soldiers in Europe, they signaled that the current structure is likely to remain in place.

Meanwhile, Russia’s actions in Ukraine have forced a broad rethinking about the nature of European security, officials said.

U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Ben Hodges, who serves as head of NATO land command in Izmir, Turkey, said the show of unity at exercises like Rapid Trident should deliver

Ukraine says rebel attacks continue

MOSCOW — A Ukrainian security official said Sunday that attacks by Russia-backed rebel fighters are continuing despite a cease-fire called for by both sides more than two weeks ago.

Col. Andriy Lysenko, a spokesman for Ukraine’s national security council, said two Ukrainian servicemen and about 40 rebels had died in clashes during the past day. He said the fighters fired on Ukrainian positions at 22 locations and that they fired artillery at the airport in Donetsk, the largest rebel-held city.

From The Associated Press

a message of solidarity among allies to Russia.

“Seventy-five years ago, Russia invaded this very area,” said Hodges, who was among top commanders observing the training in western Ukraine.

“So that threat was there then, and that threat is still here today. So that is why we train. That’s why you have to prepare to deter further aggression, and certainly NATO is going to continue to support training efforts that deter that sort of Russian aggression.”

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WORLD

Sierra Leone wraps up Ebola lockdown

By CLARENCE ROY-MACAULAY
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The Associated Press

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone — Frustrated residents complained of food shortages in some neighborhoods of Sierra Leone's capital on Sunday as the country reached the third and final day of a sweeping, unprecedented lockdown designed to combat the deadly Ebola disease, volunteers said.

While most residents welcomed teams of health care workers and volunteers bearing information about the disease, rumors persisted in pockets of the city that poisoned soap was being distributed, suggesting that public education campaigns had not been entirely successful.

The streets of the capital, Freetown, were again mostly deserted on Sunday in compli-

ance with a government order for the country's 6 million residents to stay in their homes. The lockdown went into effect Friday and was set to end Sunday.

Spread by contact with bodily fluids, Ebola has killed more than 560 people in Sierra Leone and more than 2,600 across West Africa in the biggest outbreak ever recorded, according to the World Health Organization. The disease, which has also touched Guinea, Liberia, Nigeria and Senegal, is believed to have sickened more than 5,500 people.

Sierra Leone's government was hoping the lockdown — the most aggressive containment effort yet attempted — would turn the tide against the disease.

In Bonga Town, a shantytown community near the national stadium in Freetown, some residents were upset that handouts of rice

were distributed only to some families, said Samuel Turay, 21, a volunteer.

The community often serves as a way station for rural Sierra Leoneans trying to relocate to the capital, and many homes are makeshift and dilapidated, with heavy rocks holding down zinc roofs so they don't blow away with the wind.

"They expected, when they saw us, that we were coming with food but, unfortunately, we are just coming to talk to them. So they were not so happy about it," Turay said.

The World Food Program provided food packages including rice, beans and a form of porridge throughout the lockdown, though they were not going door to door and were instead focused on serving houses placed under quarantine by medical teams, spokesman Alexis Masciarelli said Sunday.

Report: Chinese navy destroyer docks in Iran

TEHRAN, Iran — A Chinese destroyer has docked in a southern Iranian port in the first such visit to the country by the Chinese navy, Iran's state television reported on Sunday.

Adm. Hossein Azad, naval base chief in the southern port of Bandar Abbas, said the four-day visit that began Saturday saw the two navies sharing expertise in the field of marine rescue.

The report said the destroyer was accompanied by a logistics ship, and that both were on their way to the Gulf of Aden as a part of an international mission to combat piracy.

Kenya marks 1 year since mall attack

NAIROBI, Kenya — Kenya is marking one year since four gunmen stormed the upscale Westgate Mall in Nairobi, killing 67 people.

A memorial plaque with names of the victims was unveiled at a forest on the edge of the city where people hike. Later, a candlelight vigil was to be held at a museum.

Police chief David Kimaiyo asked residents Saturday to be "extra vigilant" of attacks in the coming week.

Al-Shabab militants from Somalia claimed responsibility for the mall attack, saying it was retribution for Kenya's troop presence in Somalia.

10 killed in targeted killings in Libya

CAIRO — Targeted killings in Libya over two days left 10 rights activists, journalists and members of the security forces dead in the country's east, local security officials said Saturday.

Among the slain Thursday and Friday were two activist bloggers and four current and former military and police officers. The officials said three other people who were targeted survived assassination attempts in the eastern city of Benghazi.

The identity of the assailants was not immediately known.

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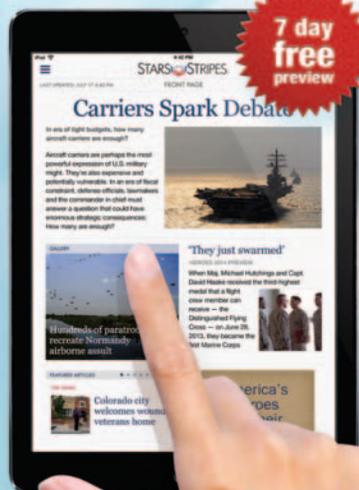
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WAR ON TERRORISM

Changing focus

DOD highlights information from Iraq as emphasis shifts away from Afghanistan

By JOSH SMITH
Stars and Stripes

JALALABAD, Afghanistan — What a difference a war makes.

As the Obama administration seeks to win support for a coalition campaign against Islamic State militants in Iraq and Syria, the White House and the Defense Department public relations shops have gone into overdrive.

In recent weeks, the military has released nearly daily tallies of airstrikes in Iraq, often detailing how many targets were hit and what type of vehicle was destroyed. Those reports have frequently been pushed out again by the Defense Department and the National Security Council.

It's a level of detail that has conspicuously vanished from public reporting on America's other war: Afghanistan.

According to the latest numbers provided by the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force, the United States still has nearly 30,000 troops in Afghanistan. And while the vast majority of those forces focus on training or other behind-the-scenes assistance, the coalition still carries out regular airstrikes and other operations in support of the Afghans.

But to subscribe to the American government's message machine, you would have no idea about that level of involvement. The steady stream of detailed reports about the airstrikes and troop numbers in Iraq highlights the striking difference between the drive to build support

for military involvement in the Middle East, and the effort to make another war — Afghanistan — disappear.

The difference in messaging is a clear reflection of changing policies and priorities, said retired Rear Adm. Gregory Smith, who once served as the top spokesman for ISAF, the multinational forces in Iraq.

‘It’s a political reality of where we’re at in Afghanistan, and where we need to be to address the threats in Iraq and Syria.’

Gregory Smith, retired rear admiral and former ISAF spokesman, said he needs to be able to address the threats in Iraq and Syria.

Even the forces within Afghanistan rarely provide any information on the rapidly diminishing, but still daily, operations.

For much of America's longest war, ISAF released daily operational updates. That stopped in July 2013, when ISAF announced it would no longer put out such information and would instead forward a daily report from Afghanistan's Defense Ministry



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Pentagon Press Secretary Rear Adm. John Kirby speaks to reporters at a briefing last month. As the military has increased its efforts to combat the Islamic State group, the Pentagon has shifted its emphasis in news releases away from Afghanistan.

detailing Afghan forces' work. By now, even that Defense Ministry report is no longer routinely sent to reporters, following a pattern in the Iraq war, when the U.S. tried to shift operational announcements onto the Iraqi military.

A CENTCOM spokesman insisted that although the goal is to support the host nations in both countries, the difference in disclosure can't be compared because the situations are too different.

That position was also reiterated by U.S. Air Force Tech Sgt. Trevor Tierman, a spokesman for ISAF's Joint Command.

"The situation in Iraq is very different to the situation here in Afghanistan," he said in an email to Stars and Stripes. "As ISAF's mission in Afghanistan draws to an end, the Afghan National Security Forces are in the lead of operations. We are very deliberately transitioning to a train, advise and assist function. Since the ANSF are in the lead of ops they receive the ops reporting, and are therefore in the best people to go

to for answers about operations."

The operational releases from the Afghan ministries of Defense and Interior do not specifically disclose any details of American or international involvement.

Reporting on the remaining combat operations in Afghanistan, in some ways, more closely resembles the covert campaigns in Yemen and Somalia. Reports of coalition airstrikes by drones or conventional aircraft in Afghanistan usually come solely from local residents or Afghan security officials.

Questions about coalition support to Afghan forces caught in desperate fighting in Helmand province over the summer, for example, were at first belatedly acknowledged in a brief few sentences in emails before being referred to Afghan officials.

And coalition airstrikes conducted in support of an Afghan operation in Kunar province recently came to light only after Afghan officials claimed that at least one of them killed a number

of civilians. ISAF officials say they are investigating.

In contrast, press offices at the White House and Defense Department have been detailing not only the number of airstrikes in Iraq but their targets and results as well.

"In total, one airstrike near an ISIL training camp southeast of Mosul destroyed an ISIL armed vehicle, two ISIL-occupied buildings and a large ISIL ground unit," read one such statement released by the U.S. Central Command and forwarded by DOD to reporters on Thursday. ISIL is an acronym used to refer to the Islamic State group, which has overrun large swathes of Iraq. "Another airstrike southeast of Baghdad damaged an ISIL ammunition stockpile. All aircraft exited the strike areas safely. U.S. Central Command has conducted a total of 176 airstrikes across Iraq."

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Dempsey: Success depends on Arab participation

By ROBERT BURNS
The Associated Press

ZAGREB, Croatia — The still-evolving military campaign plan to retake Iraqi territory held by the Islamic State group calls for attacking the extremists from several directions simultaneously, and its success depends on getting more Arab help, the top American military officer said Sunday.

"We want them to wake up every day realizing that they are being squeezed from multiple directions," Army Gen. Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told reporters, referring to the Islamic State group, which also is known by the acronyms ISIL and ISIS.

"If we can get ISIL looking in about five different directions, that's the desired end state," he added in an interview with reporters traveling with him to Croatia from Lithuania, where he attended a NATO meeting. Dempsey stressed the im-



MINDAUGAS KULIŠIS/AP

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Martin Dempsey listens to a speech during the NATO Military Committee Conference in Vilnius, Lithuania, on Saturday.

portance of gaining more Arab participation in the U.S.-led coalition. He called that a prerequisite for President Barack Obama's ap-

proval of the military campaign plan. Obama was briefed on the plan last week but has not yet okayed it.

Obama's signature on the plan would move the campaign into a new phase, Dempsey said, enabled by a larger number of coalition aircraft and improved prospects for rebuilding key elements of the Iraqi army.

Obama authorized U.S. airstrikes in Iraq on Aug. 8, and earlier this month he announced a broader effort linked to the formation of a more inclusive government in Baghdad. That plan includes the prospect of U.S. airstrikes in neighboring Syria, but Dempsey has said the Pentagon's first priority is pushing the military campaign in Iraq.

A number of Arab countries, including Jordan and Saudi Arabia, have said they support the U.S. effort but have not publicly committed to taking any offensive role in Iraq.

Having more Arab countries involved would make the Iraq campaign more sustainable and "more credible — that is to say, this is not just about the United

States; this is a regional and even an international issue," Dempsey said.

Over time, Iraqi security forces and Kurdish militia should be able to capitalize on coalition airstrikes by executing offensive ground operations to retake territory now under Islamic State group control, the general said. This already has begun with limited Iraqi advances in Babil province south of Baghdad, Dempsey said, where he said the extremists have been marshalling their forces.

Without mentioning specific provinces or towns, the U.S. in recent days has announced airstrikes on areas south of the Iraqi capital. On Saturday, for example, it said one strike southwest of Baghdad destroyed an Islamic State group boat ferrying supplies across the Euphrates River. And on Friday it said it hit a small Islamic State group ground unit southwest of Baghdad.

WAR ON TERRORISM



OFFICE OF THE IRANIAN SUPREME LEADER/AP

Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, left, greets a group of a hospital personnel as he leaves following prostate surgery in Tehran, Iran. Khamenei, who has the final say on all state matters, has ruled out an alliance with the United States to fight the Islamic State militant group.

Distrust keeps US, Iran from a military alliance

By Ali Akbar Dareini
The Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran and the United States share a common enemy in the Islamic State militant group, but a deep-seated lack of trust has so far kept the long-time foes from publicly joining hands in a coalition to defeat the extremists.

Their inability to work together complicates efforts to beat back the extremists that both Washington and Tehran see as a threat, and has left Iraq's new government — which considers both countries allies — scratching its head as it tries to tackle the most serious threat to its stability since American troops left in 2011.

Iraq's new prime minister, Haider al-Abadi, made his frustration clear in a recent interview with The Associated Press, saying U.S. pressure to keep Iran away from talks in Paris aimed at combating the militant threat had left him "in a very difficult position."

"I actually find it puzzling that we hold a conference in Paris to help Iraq and to fight terrorism and ... the biggest neighbor of Iraq — Iran — is excluded," he said. Iran is convinced the United States wants to use the fight against the Islamic State group as a pretext to strike Tehran's ally, Syrian President Bashar Assad. Rejecting any cooperation with Assad, Washington is planning airstrikes against the Islamic State group in Syria and says it will beef up Syrian rebels to fill the void as it drives out the extremists.

Iranian officials are even skeptical the U.S. really opposes the Islamic State group, since it is fighting Assad, whom the U.S.



NABIL AL-JURANI/AP

Shiite tribal fighters raise their weapons and chant slogans against the Islamic State in Basra, Iraq, on June 16. A mutual distrust has kept Iran and the United States from joining forces against their common enemy.

wants removed from power. On Tuesday, the top commander of Iran's Revolutionary Guard dismissed the anti-Islamic State group coalition as "a show." Iran's foreign minister, Mohammad Javad Zarif, also has ruled out cooperating with the United States in helping Iraq fight Islamic State militants. Speaking at the Council on Foreign Relations on Wednesday in New York, he expressed doubts about Washington's willingness and ability to fight the group "across the board."

The United States is wary of furthering Iranian influence in Iraq by bringing it into the fight. It also does not want to alienate key Sunni countries it is trying to rally behind its coalition, like Saudi Arabia, which is Iran's top rival in

the region.

Nevertheless, Iran has already been closely involved in the fight. Iranian-backed Iraqi Shiite militias have been leading some of the fighting against the group on the ground.

Washington and Tehran have been in back-room contacts about cooperation for weeks, and leaders of the two countries — who talked a year ago — are arriving this week for the annual ministerial meeting of the U.N. General Assembly. Within Iran's diplomatic circles, some moderate voices supported an alliance with the U.S. against the militants.

On Sept. 15, Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who has the final say on all state matters, ruled out an alliance.

Syrian urges US to work with Damascus

By Albert Aji
The Associated Press

DAMASCUS, Syria — Syria's parliament speaker said Sunday that the U.S. should work with Damascus in assembling a coalition to battle the Islamic State extremist group rather than allying with nations that support terrorism.

Speaker Jihad Lahham was apparently referring to Saudi Arabia and other countries that back rebels trying to overthrow Syrian President Bashar Assad. Lahham said during a parliament session that nations that "want to fight terrorism should coordinate" with Damascus rather than Syrian rebel groups.

His comments came as Syria's Foreign Ministry warned in a statement that opposition fighters could use chemical weapons in order to blame government forces and create a pretext "for an aggression against Syria and its people."

The statement said that Damascus does not have chemical weapons after it implemented all its obligations regarding the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

The OPCW said earlier this month that a toxic chemical, almost certainly chlorine, was used "systematically and repeatedly" as a weapon in attacks on villages in northern Syria earlier this year. The organization said that a report by a fact-finding mission it sent to Syria based its conclusion on dozens of interviews with victims, physicians, eye-witnesses and others.

OPCW report does not apportion blame for the chlorine attacks on three villages in northern Syria.

10 die in Baghdad attacks; siege on soldiers is broken

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Bomb and mortar fire attacks killed 10 people in Shiite areas in and around Baghdad on Sunday as Iraqi security forces said they succeeded in breaking a siege on soldiers who had been surrounded by Islamic State militants west of Baghdad.

Police officials said three mortar shells landed on a residential area in Sabaa al-Bour, a town just north of Baghdad, killing six, including a 12-year-old boy. Several cars were damaged in the attack, which wounded 17. Later, a bomb blast in a commercial street killed four people and wounded 11 in the capital's northeastern district of Shaab.

Medical officials confirmed the casualty tolls. All officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to brief the media.

Attacks against Shiite civilians are common tactics used by the

Syrian state media and activists reported several poison gas attacks this year, including one in April in the central village of Kfar Zeita that wounded scores of people. The government and the rebels blamed each other for the attack.

Last year, President Barack Obama gave a speech in which he was widely expected to announce punishing U.S. airstrikes against Assad's forces after blaming them for a deadly chemical weapons attack near Damascus that killed hundreds. Damascus blamed opposition fighters for the attack.

"The Syrian Arab republic has repeatedly confirmed, and confirms once again, that it will never use chemical weapons under any circumstance and warns simultaneously of the possibility that some regional and international parties ... might supply armed terrorist groups with chemical weapons," the Foreign Ministry said.

Obama is working to form a global coalition to confront the Islamic State group, which controls large parts of Syria and Iraq. The U.S. has been conducting airstrikes against Islamic State fighters in Iraq since August. Obama last week authorized strikes against the group in Syria.

U.S. officials have ruled out direct coordination with Assad's government.

Lahham, the parliament speaker, said those "who really want to combat terrorism, must cooperate with Syria in accordance with long-term plans and not by supporting terrorist organization under false titles."

Islamic State, which considers Shiites heretics. The group has captured large chunks of territory in western and northern Iraq.

Meanwhile, Army spokesman Lt. Gen. Qasim al-Moussawi said Sunday that Iraqi security forces overnight were able to break the siege on about 400 soldiers who were surrounded by Islamic State militants three days ago in an area in Sunni-dominated Anbar province. He did not elaborate.

The soldiers had been trapped in the Sijir area near the city of Fallujah, 40 miles west of Baghdad.

Islamic militants later launched attacks involving suicide bombers on the Iraqi troops in Sijir, and clashes erupted, causing unspecified casualties, said security officials who were not authorized to speak to the media.

Sunni fighters took control of Fallujah earlier this year, and government forces have been unable to take it back.

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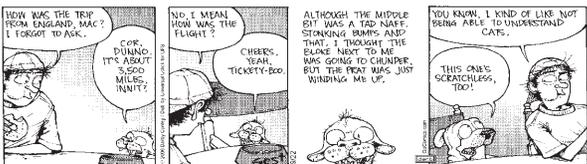
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- 23 Deck in the ring
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- 40 Have a bug
- 41 "American —"
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- 48 Caller's prefix
- 49 Proofreading command
- 50 Meadow
- 51 Old woman's home?

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NATION



Randy Green was born without hands and feet, but that hasn't stopped him from pursuing a career as a pilot.

PHOTOS BY FERNANDO SALAZAR, WICHITA EAGLE/MCT

Success through determination

Pilot born without hands, feet impresses peers by overcoming disabilities

By FRED MANN
The Wichita Eagle

The first time Randy Green interviewed about becoming the company's pilot, it was over the phone. He knew he had to tell his prospective boss that he was born without hands or feet. He didn't want to waste the man's time.

"How do you fly?" he was asked. "The same as everybody else does, only better," Green replied.

He got the job. Green was hired as a corporate pilot a month ago by Stuart B. Millner and Associates, of Union, Mo., which markets, appraises and sells assets from industrial facilities, power plants and mines.

Green was in Wichita last week training in the company's Cessna 421, an eight-seat, complex airplane that puts a heavy workload on pilots. Pilots normally multitask.

Green flies using a few thick rubber bands around his wrist and the yoke. He uses his prosthetic legs and feet on the rudder pedals and brakes. Over the years he's learned to acquire a feel



Randy Green sits in the cockpit of a Cessna 421 at Jabara Airport in Wichita, Kan., where he is training to become a corporate pilot.

for braking systems while wearing his prosthetic legs.

He must perform tasks in the Cessna 421 sequentially instead of multitasking. His ability to do that has impressed his instructors in Wichita.

One of them, Dave Dewhirst, said Green "has an amazing ability to prioritize what needs to be done first, then immediately turn around and do something else. He does sequentially perfectly what the rest of us do at the same time."

Green, 42, has earned ratings for

private, instrument, commercial single and commercial multi-engine, flight instructor, instrument flight instructor and multi-engine flight instructor.

He's also passed the written test for the airline transport pilot rating, the pinnacle of pilot ratings. He soon will take the check ride for the rating. Green said it was always his dream to fly. His father was a pilot in Pueblo, Colo. He offered Green lessons to see where it led when Green was about 19, and Green was instantly hooked.

FAA inspectors encouraged him

about flying all along the way. Convincing business owners he could fly has been more of a challenge, Green said.

Some turned him down, and although he has no proof he was rejected

because of his disabilities, it was always in the back of his mind.

"It would be in the back of anybody's mind," Green said.

Green worked for several months for another company before land-

ing the job with Stuart B. Millner. He has about 2,600 hours in his log book today.

He's come up with innovations to help him in the cockpit. He came up with a device to pick up items off the floor if they drop. He uses a special set of pliers to pull and reset circuit breakers.

Green is thinking of becoming a motivational speaker. Success through determination is something he knows. Green hunts, fishes, shoots trap and skeet and used to be a top-rated competitive pool player.

"I don't let anything stop me," he said. "If my mind can conceive it, it's going to get achieved."

He does sequentially perfectly what the rest of us do at the same time.'

Dave Dewhirst
flight instructor

SCIENCE AND MEDICINE

Sniffing out Alzheimer's

Studies: Odor, eye tests might help find disease

By FREDRICK KUNKLE
The Washington Post

A simple test of a person's ability to detect odors and noninvasive eye exams might someday help doctors learn whether their patients are at risk of Alzheimer's disease, according to recent research.

With Alzheimer's disease spreading fast among the world's aging population, researchers are increasingly focused on the search for new ways to detect and treat the brain-killing disease in its earliest stages.

In two separate studies on the connection between dementia and the sense of smell, teams of researchers found that a decreased ability to detect odors in older people, as determined by a common scratch-and-sniff test, could point to brain cell loss and the onset of dementia.

In two other studies, researchers showed that noninvasive eye exams also might offer a way to identify Alzheimer's in its early stages.

The findings raise hopes that doctors could develop simple, inexpensive diagnostic tools that would hunt down reliable biomarkers of a disease that affects more than 5 million people in the United States.

Alzheimer's is a progressive and incurable disease that begins in areas of the brain associated with memory. It is the leading cause of dementia in older people, usually striking after age 65. It robs people of their cognitive abilities, speech and, ultimately, their identities. Eventually, it shuts down the most basic body functions, resulting in death.

The studies released in July were just a few of those discussed at the Alzheimer's Association conference that month, which has grown

since the nonprofit first organized the event in 1988 in Las Vegas. The conference, which became annual in 2009, brings together thousands of researchers from more than 60 countries to discuss the latest developments in detecting and treating the disease.

The four studies released were united in their search for easily detectable biomarkers for Alzheimer's.

Scientists have long suspected a link between a person's ability to detect odors and the slow destruction of brain cells caused by Alzheimer's disease, particularly in the disease's early stages.

In one trial, researchers led by Reisa Sperling in the Harvard Aging Brain Study focused on 215 clinically normal people who had no complaint of memory loss and were living in their communities. They were given the University of Pennsylvania Smell Identification Test, a packet of scratch-and-sniff panels with 40 different odors.

The participants then underwent more exhaustive mental and physical evaluation, including annual cognitive evaluations; genetic analysis of known risk factors; and brain scans using MRI and positron emission tomography.

The PET scans used an injected substance to determine the level of beta-amyloid protein deposits inside each participant's brain. Clumps of beta-amyloid fragments, which are a distinguishing characteristic of Alzheimer's, form plaques between brain cells and are thought to kill them.

The MRI scans measured each subject's entorhinal cortex, which is located in the brain's medial temporal lobe near the hippocampus and plays a role in processing smell and forming short-term memories.

It is also one of the first regions of the brain affected by Alzheimer's.

What the researchers found was that people who performed poorly on the odor-identification and memory tests also showed elevated levels of beta amyloid proteins in their brains, as shown in PET scans and other tests. Their entorhinal cortexes were also thinner, which is associated with poorer memory.

"It's an intriguing finding," said Matthew Growdon, a fifth-year student in

a joint program between Harvard Medical School and the Harvard School of Public Health. Growdon, who analyzed the data, said the results suggest a significant correlation between performance on the simple scratch-and-sniff tests and more established and costly markers of Alzheimer's detected by diagnostic tools such as the MRI or PET scan.

But Growdon also cautioned about reading too much into the findings. People's sense of smell can deteriorate for any number of reasons besides Alzheimer's, ranging from Parkinson's to allergies, he said. He also emphasized that the test involved only a small sample of people at one point in time; it is only the beginning of a study intended to follow the testing subjects over several years.

What's more, the results have not yet been submitted to medical journals, nor have they undergone peer review beyond the conference.

But Growdon said the research offers hope that the odor-detection test might someday be used with other diagnostic tools to help identify people at risk of Alzheimer's.

"We envision a future where we can predict risk and then do things to lower risk," he said.

On a separate track, two groups of researchers investigated a possible link between levels of beta-amyloid in the eye—as detected by a new, relatively inexpensive imaging technology—and levels of the same protein in the brain, as seen through PET scans.

A group at the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization in Australia administered an eye scan to 200 test subjects using technology from California-based NeuroVision Imaging to see whether levels of beta-amyloid in the eye would correlate to levels in the brain as determined through brain scans.

The subjects were given a substance containing curcumin, which binds to beta-amyloid and appears fluorescent in certain conditions, and underwent eye exams. Then they underwent PET scans of the brain. Preliminary findings involving 40 subjects discovered a correlation between beta-amyloid levels in the eye and inside the brain.

In a separate trial, Pierre Tariot, director of Phoenix-based Banner Alzheimer's Institute, and Paul Hartung, the head of Cognoptix, conducted tests using a laser scanner and an ointment applied to the eye and also found a link between levels of beta amyloid in the eye's lens and inside the brain.

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— Matthew Growdon, student in a joint program between Harvard Medical School and the Harvard School of Public Health

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

School district cancels fundraising casino trip

CT TORRINGTON — Concern over gambling has prompted Torrington school officials to cancel a fundraising trip to the Mohegan Sun casino.

The trip to the casino was for adults, not students. Sales of bus tickets would have helped pay for eighth-grade students to travel to Washington. The popular trip takes students to some national landmarks, including Arlington Cemetery.

The Republican-American reported that the school district canceled the fundraising trip to the casino out of concern that participants would gamble.

Police are searching for naked jogger

DE NEW CASTLE — New Castle County police said they were searching for a man who has been seen walking and jogging naked through the community of Chadwyck.

Police were called to the area Friday night after a report of a suspicious person. A witness told police she saw a man jogging naked through the neighborhood Friday. She also saw him jogging naked on Thursday night and wearing only a backpack on Tuesday evening.

The witness said the jogger made no effort to hide his nakedness.

Police said surveillance footage confirms the witness account.

The suspect is described as a white man about 6 feet tall, in his 20s with a thin build and black hair.

Sanitation workers disciplined for protest

CA LOS ANGELES — More than 100 sanitation workers have been reprimanded for circling trucks at a noisy Los Angeles protest.

The head of the city's Bureau of Sanitation told the Los Angeles Times that 102 workers received warnings they could face stiffer consequences if it happens again.

Dozens of dump truck drivers honked their horns as they drove around downtown on July 1 to protest "predatory" bank fees paid by the city. The protest was sponsored by the L.A., an advocacy group with labor connections.

A group spokesman said drivers wanted city leaders to "hold Wall Street accountable to taxpayers and local neighborhood needs."

Councilman Bernard Parks, who demanded an investigation of city vehicle use during the protest, said the workers should have received stiffer penalties for abandoning their jobs.

Gator sighting proves to be false alarm

MN ROCKVILLE — A 2-foot-long alligator caused a scare — and then a laugh — in Stearns County last week.

A man called the sheriff's office Thursday at noon to report an exotic animal. A deputy came

THE CENSUS

90 The percentage of the nation's canned pumpkin that comes from 10 counties in Illinois, making the state the top pumpkin producer in the country. In recognition of that, state Rep. Keith Sommer wants to make pumpkin pie the official state pie. He introduced legislation in time to honor the yearly pumpkin festival earlier this month in Morton, the heart of Illinois pumpkin country. "I recognize we have much more serious business to do as a state," Sommer said. "But in celebration of the festival, I thought it was appropriate." Sommer expects his bill to come up for debate next spring.



MARK WEBER, THE (MEMPHIS, TENN.) COMMERCIAL APPEAL/AP

A bubble blast

McKinniee Roberts, 4, plays in the "Walk on Water Bubbles" attraction during opening day of the 158th Annual Mid-South Fair in Southaven, Miss., on Friday. As of late the fair has found a home in Mississippi, where thousands of people from all over the mid-South enjoy the action during its 10-day run.

out and found the alligator basking on the grass next to a creek and swampy area.

The deputy approached cautiously but the alligator didn't move or retreat. The deputy poked it with his baton — and discovered it was just a plastic toy.

The sheriff's office joked in a statement that "it was safely removed."

Farmer: Bull flipped over fence by buffalo

PA MERCER — A western Pennsylvania dairy farmer said a 2-year-old bull that went missing for a month was likely pushed over a fence by a friend's pregnant buffalo.

Kevin Minor loaned out his 400-pound Watousi bull, Lucky, hoping he would mate with a friend's buffalo near Mercer, about 60 miles north of Pittsburgh.

Minor now believes the buffalo angrily rebuffed the bull and knocked him over the fence. It turns out the buffalo was already pregnant and gave birth two days after Lucky arrived.

The bull was reported missing on July 14.

The (Sharon, Pa.) Herald reported Thursday that the bull was located in some nearby woods a month later. Minor coaxed the bull back with a small group of cows which the farmer knew the bull liked.

Couple accused of defrauding amputee vet

NC FAYETTEVILLE — Sheriff's detectives in Cumberland County have arrested a couple and accused them of running a contracting service that defrauded a double amputee veteran and his wife.

The sheriff's office said Jason Fields, 40, and Christina Fields, 36, of Raeford, are each charged with obtaining property by false pretense and conspiracy.

Investigators said the veteran and his wife contracted with Jason's Home Improvements to perform a renovation and to make modifications to his home.

The Green Beret Foundation agreed to fund the work and issued an up-front payment of \$3,900. Investigators said Fields refused the check and asked that it be made out to Jason Fields. However, the work wasn't completed, and the veteran contacted authorities.

Driver says he woke up in field of donkeys

NM ROSWELL — A driver who went missing after a one-car rollover in New

Mexico said he later woke up in a field of donkeys.

KOAT-TV reported that New Mexico State Police said the driver called 911 seven hours after investigators failed to find any victims from the crash in Roswell late Friday.

The driver, whose name has not been released, told 911 dispatchers that he was lost and found himself surrounded by the animals.

Authorities said the man claims he and a passenger were drinking the night before but didn't remember what happened next.

Police said the driver suffered injuries to a shoulder and his hands and the passenger suffered head injuries.

The driver was issued multiple citations, but the charges haven't been released.

From wire reports

FACES



NBC/AP

This season's coaches on "The Voice" are, from left, Adam Levine, Gwen Stefani, Pharrell Williams and Blake Shelton. The show's seventh season premieres on Tuesday on AFN-Family.

'Voice' gets deeper

Pharrell, Stefani spice up show's team of coaches

BY NICOLE EVATT
The Associated Press

Gwen Stefani is surrounded by men. She has three sons with husband Gavin Rossdale and is the only female in her rock band No Doubt.

But the 44-year-old singer and fashion designer said joining the all-male coaching team on NBC's reality singing competition "The Voice" has tested her tolerance.

"I have to say Adam (Levine) has really, you know, the bar has been risen with him. He is nasty and naughty and dirty and disgusting and he really has no filter. And it's just really shocking," Stefani joked in a recent interview.

"I don't care about saying things because people find a way to get mad at you about anything you say," he said. "So I'd rather it be like gross and funny and outlandish than, like, boring."

The seventh season of "The Voice" premieres stateside Monday with Levine, country star Blake Shelton and newcomers Stefani and Pharrell Williams.

Levine, and recently married Victoria's Secret model Behati Prinsloo, warned it could be his most outrageous season yet.

"I'll probably lose more of my filter now that I'm married because I could never shock or offend my wife's sensibilities because she's too like me," he said.

Williams said working with contestants has been a "magical" experience and one that he takes very seriously.

"We have a different level of talent. Like, nothing laughable, you know ... Like, it's serious. It's serious competition," the "Happy" singer said.

Shelton said Williams has already nabbed many of his top contestants.

"Pharrell is a guy that makes you think that he's this really friendly, you know, a very thoughtful person," said Shelton. "He's convincing, he's sneaky, and he's very good-looking and he uses that against us."

Rossdale and Fleetwood Mac's Stevie Nicks will lend a hand as advisers to the singing hopefuls.

'Gotham' actor's Penguin inspired by DC Comics



FOX/AP

Robin Lord Taylor plays Oswald Cobblepot — the Penguin — in "Gotham," which premieres on AFN-Spectrum on Sept. 28.

The Associated Press

Robin Lord Taylor remembers seeing the "Batman" film starring Michael Keaton and Jack Nicholson on its opening night in 1989.

But the film Penguin isn't the one he's channeling in the Batman prequel "Gotham" that premieres Sept. 22 stateside (Sept. 28 on AFN-Spectrum). Instead, he says, the comic version of Oswald Cobblepot — yes, that's The Penguin's real name — inspired his performance.

"I'm definitely influenced by Danny DeVito's performance and even Burgess Meredith's performance (in the 1960s "Batman" TV series), but since we're

starting with him as a younger kid, it was just (DC Comics) in particular that were incredibly valuable," Taylor says.

After Taylor landed the role, he says DC Comics Chief Creative Officer Geoff Johns sent him the issues "Penguin: Pain and Prejudice," "Batman: Earth One" and "Secret Origins Special Vol. 2."

Taylor says the comics set the background for him, dealing with The Penguin's early years, his name, interests and his difficult childhood when he was teased mercilessly by other kids.

"(That) just sort of crystallized where he's coming from," Taylor says.

Gaga, Bennett: Today's kids should know more about jazz

BY MESFIN FEKADU
The Associated Press

Kids, Tony Bennett and Lady Gaga have homework for you: Listen to their new jazz album.

The Grammy winners say they hope "Cheek to Cheek," an album featuring selections from the Great American Songbook, will turn younger people on to jazz music.

"The point of this album is not only to bring Tony and I together to collaborate, but to bring jazz to an entirely new audience," Gaga said this week. "This is really about us giving jazz what it deserves, which is the utmost respect and utmost praise."

"Cheek to Cheek" features covers of songs from Duke Ellington's "Sophisticated Lady" to Cole Porter's "Anything Goes" to Billy Strayhorn's "Lush Life." Gaga and Bennett have worked on the album, to be released Tuesday, for two years.

"Besides having the whole world enjoying her right now, she has a vast group of young people who love her, and they've never heard popular jazz music, classical American music," Bennett said in a separate interview this week. "And my ambition was to do this album so they would get acquainted with that music."

Gaga, who grew in New York like Bennett, said she has been singing jazz music since she was 13. She broke onto the music scene in 2008 with multiple No. 1 hits flavored with dance and electronic beats.



ANDY KROPA, INVISION/AP

Recording artists Lady Gaga and Tony Bennett are releasing a jazz collaborative album, "Cheek to Cheek," on Sept. 23.

"It's truer to my nature," she said of recording jazz. "Because so much of what I've done has been heavily Auto-Tuned or made very electronic to fit on the radio, but this is so much easier because I'm a rebel and this is really rebellious for me to say goodbye to pop for a moment and just sing some pure jazz."

"The truth is that this is the original pop music of America," she added. "And I've been trying to explain to my fans in the best way that I can that these songs are truly timeless."

Gaga, 28, and Bennett, 88, first collaborated in 2011 on "The Lady Is a Tramp." The song appeared on Bennett's album "Duets II," which sold more than 1 million copies and won two Grammy Awards.

Cohen happier while on tour

The Associated Press

Leonard Cohen, who returned to performing after a 15-year hiatus in 2008, says touring has improved his mood.

"Well, getting back on the road has improved my mood considerably because I was never good at civilian life," says Cohen, who turns 80 this week.

The Canadian songwriter spoke Sept. 18 at a listening event in New York City for his new album, "Popular Problems," to be released Tuesday.



Cohen

The Rock and Roll Hall of Famer, best known for his dark poetic lyrics, discovered in 2004 that most of his retirement fund had disappeared in a disputed case of mismanagement. His solution was to return to touring.

Cohen, who vowed to start smoking when he turned 80, told the crowd when asked if he would follow through: "Yes, does anybody have a cigarette?"

"But quite seriously, does anyone know where you can buy a Turkish or Greek cigarette?" he said to laughs. "I'm looking forward to that first smoke. I've been thinking about that for 30 years. It's one of the few consistent strings of thoughts I've been able to locate."

Other news

■ Three black dancers sued Cher on Sept. 18, claiming they were wrongfully fired from her current tour and the singer engaged in racial discrimination to prevent another black dancer from joining her onstage. The dancers claim Cher remarked that her successful "Dressed to Kill" tour had "too much color" and instructed choreographer Kevin Wilson not to hire any

more dark skinned dancers. Wilson, who is black and also danced onstage on the tour, was fired in July along with two other dancers who claim they were discriminated against.

■ A federal judge in Atlanta has tossed out a lawsuit filed against rapper Nicki Minaj by her former wig designer.

From The Associated Press

BUSINESS/WEATHER

3-D printer headed for space station

By **MARCIA DUNN**
The Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — A SpaceX cargo ship rocketed toward the International Space Station on Sunday, carrying the first 3-D printer for astronauts in orbit.

NASA is sending the 3-D printer to the space station in hopes that astronauts will be able to one day fix their spacecraft by cranking out spare parts on the spot.

The printer, made by a North-Carolina company called Made in Space, is among more than 5,000 pounds of space station cargo that's stuffed into the SpaceX Dragon capsule.

Besides real-time replacement parts at the station, NASA envisions astronauts, in the decades ahead, making entire habitats at faraway destinations like Mars. "If we're really going to set up shop on Mars," we have to do this, Jeff Sheehy, NASA's senior technologist, said Friday. "We really

can't afford to bring everything we need for an indefinite amount of time. We'll need to get to the point where we can make things that we need as we go."

At Kennedy Space Center on Saturday, the company showed off a number of objects made by its 3-D printers. On display was a scaled-down model of an air filter that the Apollo 13 astronauts devised to survive their aborted moon mission in 1970. It took five hours to print the model in a lab.

SpaceX, which is making the supply run for NASA, is the same California company that just won a huge contract to deliver U.S. astronauts to the space station. Its Falcon 9 rocket with an unmanned Dragon was scheduled to blast off at 1:52 a.m.

Other Dragon payloads high on the cool or curious factor: a mouse X-ray machine and 20 mice; 30 fruit flies expected to have a population explosion in orbit; metal plating samples for a private reactor effort to build stronger

golf clubs, and a \$30 million instrument to measure the surface wind over Earth's oceans and to improve hurricane forecasting.

The small 3-D printer on board is a demo unit meant to churn out sample items made from the same type of plastic used for Lego bricks.

It was designed to operate safely in weightlessness inside a sealed chamber. The printing process is the same as on Earth, creating an object with layer upon layer of plastic.

Once returned to Earth, the little 3-D creations will be "pulled and twisted and peeled and subjected to a lot of tests to determine the quality of the parts," Sheehy said.

Combined with efforts on the ground to make 3-D rocket parts out of metal — even entire engines — the space demonstrations "will give us confidence that the stuff we make by this method, even though it's new and innovative" does, indeed, have the durability

of traditional parts, he said.

The space 3-D printer is barely a foot tall, 9½ inches wide and 14½ inches deep, counting the knobs on the front. A commercial 3-D printer — twice the size and dubbed "big brother" — will fly up next year, followed by a printing machine for recycling discarded 3-D pieces.

"This is a huge, huge time for us," said Brad Kohlenberg, business development engineer for Made in Space.

The Mountain View, Calif., company has a staff of fewer than 25, most of them traveled to Cape Canaveral for the launch attempt.

This is the fifth space station shipment for SpaceX, counting the 2012 test flight. The space agency also is paying Orbital Sciences Corp., of Virginia, to make periodic deliveries.

SpaceX, along with Boeing, won huge contracts Tuesday for delivering U.S. astronauts to the space station beginning in 2017.

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OPINION

US troops not headed to fight ISIS

By FRED KAPLAN
 Slate

We've seen this dreaded movie before. Gen. Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, appeared before a Senate committee last week and said that, under certain circumstances, he might recommend that President Barack Obama send U.S. ground forces to help fight the Islamic State, the terrorist group also known as ISIS.

The front-page headlines were predictable, as was The New York Times editorial fuming: "There is no way to read this other than as a reversal from the firm commitment Mr. Obama made not to immerse the country in another endless ground war in the Middle East," adding that "the Obama administration has turned on a dime in record time."

This is overblown. First, "the Obama administration" hasn't turned on anything. As a rule, the White House doesn't review congressional testimony by the Joint Chiefs chairman. The Times editors are simply wrong when they write, "It's impossible to believe that General Dempsey was speaking just for himself." It's in fact quite likely that he was.

Second, Dempsey was careful to say that he thought Obama's current approach — U.S. air power supporting Iraqi ground troops — would work, noting only that if he turned out to be wrong about this, he "would go back to the president and make a recommendation that may include the use of U.S. military ground forces." Even then, he said, the idea would be for American advisers to accompany Iraqi soldiers onto the battlefield but not to engage in the fighting directly. That is what the Joint Chiefs chairman is supposed to do: give the president his military advice on what's needed to complete a mission. It's up to the president to accept or reject that advice on the basis of his own broader strategic goals (or for whatever reason he chooses).

That said, the Times editors do have a point; their worries are well in line, and anyone with a sense of history would be daft to disagree. The dreadful movie we've seen before is, of course, the Vietnam War, and while Vietnam parallels are often stretched beyond reason, the similarities

here are worth noting.

America's involvement in that war began when President Dwight Eisenhower sent U.S. weapons and advisers to help the South Vietnamese army stave off the Viet Cong guerrillas. In 1959, after eight of those Americans were shot in their dining hall while watching a movie (two of the men were killed), Eisenhower ordered the advisers, who now numbered in the thousands, to accompany their trainees onto the battlefield. The advisers were not to engage with the Viet Cong directly, though "rules of engagement" let them in self-defense fire back if fired upon.

President John F. Kennedy continued this policy, dispatched more advisers, and created an elite counterinsurgency force — the Green Berets — to fight these "shadow wars" against Communists in remote jungles. But he resisted his generals' urgings to send in "combat forces." The distinction between advisers and combat forces had blurred by this point, but it helped him keep a lid on the pressures to escalate.

Obama is hardly a dove, but like Kennedy, he's leery of military optimism, having had a sour taste of it in Afghanistan (just as Kennedy had in Laos, Berlin, and Cuba), and he's very cautious about stepping into dark rooms without first looking for the exit signs.

Dempsey's remarks aren't so worrisome in the short run. Even if the current strategy on ISIS doesn't work — and there's a good chance it won't — Obama doesn't seem likely to take the general's bait and step deeper into the darkness.

What's worth a shudder is thinking about what his successor might do. Obama has said that the fight against ISIS will extend beyond his own presidency. I will probably vote for Hillary Clinton in 2016 (if just for the lack of anyone better), but it is worth noting that, during her tenure as Obama's secretary of state, she sided with the generals in nearly every debate, including the one on escalation in Afghanistan. The only disagreement between them was over Libya: The generals didn't much want to send in U.S. military forces, but she very much did. She has also criticized Obama in recent weeks over his decision not to send arms to the Syrian rebels in 2011, and she derided his cautiousness, saying, "'Don't do stupid stuff'" — which Obama once pronounced as his prime directive in foreign

policy — "is not an organizing principle." She may be right, but it's not a bad starting point and shouldn't be laughed off by someone who, as a senator, voted to authorize George W. Bush's invasion of Iraq.

Obama's one more reason for concern in Dempsey's argument about sending in U.S. ground forces. It was a statement, not an offhand remark. That is, he read the line aloud as part of his written opening testimony. That was unusual. When a general wants to go a bit off script, the standard drill is to wait for a senator to ask a question that begins, "General, in your professional military judgment..." (Sometimes, a general's staff plays such a question ahead of time.) That way, if his political masters raise a stink afterward, the general can say that, under the circumstances, he was duty-bound to reply honestly.

Was Dempsey sending a signal, either to the president or to Congress? Some of the military's strongest supporters on the Hill have said that defeating ISIS will require at least a few thousand U.S. special operations forces, and that the combination of American bombs and Iraqi troops won't be enough. It's likely that some active-duty officers in the Pentagon feel the same way. If Obama's approach doesn't do the trick, these officers will want it known that they're not to blame — that they had a Plan B, and it's not their fault if the president didn't want to play it.

What's Dempsey's intention, for his testimony should set the pace for a more serious debate. Do the generals think that the current approach toward ISIS can succeed? What are the odds? If it doesn't succeed, how many U.S. advisers would be needed on the ground, in the fray of battle with the Islamic State army? What are the chances of winning? What is the likelihood, in this scenario, that some of those advisers would have to take on "combat" roles?

Some of those questions might have been tossed around in Obama's meeting on Wednesday with the senior officers of U.S. Central Command at their headquarters in Tampa. The evolving logic of this military campaign — its scope, aims, and limits — should be shared with the American people, at least in broad terms, so we know "the sacrifice required" before burrowing in as its deeper.

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Help Ukraine deter Russia's aggression

The Washington Post editorial

For the sake of the cameras, President Barack Obama assured Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko at a White House meeting Thursday that "not only do we support Ukraine's sovereignty and independence in words, but we've also been supporting it in deeds." If only that were true. The reality is that the beleaguered Ukrainian leader left Washington backed by considerable rhetoric from the Obama administration but little with which he can turn back the continuing Russian aggression against his country.

In an emotional address to Congress, Poroshenko described Ukraine as fighting for Western democratic values as well as its own survival, and he all but begged for U.S. military aid beyond the token "nonlethal" supplies the Obama administration has provided. "One cannot win the war with blankets," he said. "Even more, we cannot keep the peace with a blanket."

Obama's answer was to offer another batch of blankets: nonlethal equipment

amounting to \$46 million, rounding error in the Pentagon's budget. Instead of the anti-tank weapons and drones the Ukrainian army desperately needs, it was promised more body armor, engineering equipment and patrol boats. That will be worthless against the thousands of regular Russian troops, backed by tanks, artillery and sophisticated anti-aircraft systems, that moved into eastern Ukraine last month.

Administration officials say Obama holds back weapons for Ukraine because of his oft-stated belief that there is "no military solution" to the conflict with Russia and because he wishes to avoid an escalation. But weak U.S. and European support has allowed Russian President Vladimir Putin to impose his own military solution as he has repeatedly escalated his aggression. Thanks to advances by Russian troops, Poroshenko was forced to accept a cease-fire that locked in Russian control over a large slice of eastern Ukraine.

In the past week, Ukraine's parliament has approved legislation compelling it to appease Putin, including a formal grant

of autonomy to the Russian-controlled regions and a one-year delay in the implementation of a free-trade agreement with the European Union.

Russian forces still control a significant stretch of the border, and both Moscow and its Ukrainian proxies have rejected Poroshenko's concessions as inadequate.

Poroshenko appears resigned to a "frozen conflict" in eastern Ukraine. His hope is to prevent renewed Russian aggression; that's why he wants U.S. aid. "The weapons will help us deal with the next war," he said in an appearance at the Atlantic Council. Though Ukraine's army cannot defeat Russia, the prospect of significant losses might deter Putin from another offensive.

That's why legislation approved Thursday by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee makes sense. It would strengthen sanctions against Russia and provide Ukraine with \$530 million in military aid in 2015, including the weapons it needs to counter Russian armor. Congress should swiftly approve it.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Saturday's stars

- Melvin Gordon, Wisconsin, rushed for career highs of 253 yards and five touchdowns, and the 19th-ranked Badgers ran for a Big Ten-record 644 yards to trample Bowling Green 68-17.
- Blake Sims, Alabama, threw for 445 yards, the second-best passing performance in school history, helping the third-ranked Crimson Tide overcome a sloppy performance to beat Florida 42-21.
- Samaje Perine, Oklahoma, rushed for 242 yards and four TDs to lead the No. 4 Sooners to a 45-33 win over West Virginia in their Big 12 opener.
- Dak Prescott, Mississippi State, highlighted a dynamic performance with two touchdown passes and 56-yard scoring run in a 34-29 victory over No. 8 LSU that snapped the Bulldogs' 14-year losing streak in the series.
- Dylan Thompson, South Carolina, threw for 237 yards and three TDs, and ran for another score as the No. 14 Gamecocks rallied from 14 points down to beat Vanderbilt 48-34.
- Sony Michel, Georgia, ran for 155 yards and three TDs to lead the No. 13 Bulldogs to a 66-0 win over Troy.
- Shane Carden, East Carolina, threw for 438 yards and four TDs to help the Pirates beat North Carolina 70-41.
- David Cobb, Minnesota, ran for 207 yards and two TDs as the Gophers defeated San Jose State 24-7.
- Kenny Hill, Texas A&M, accounted for 322 yards of offense in the first half helping the sixth-ranked Aggies roll to a 58-6 victory over SMU.
- Michael Eubank, Samford, scored four of his team's eight rushing TDs and passed for another score in a 63-21 win over Virginia Military Institute.
- John Robertson, Villanova, threw for 337 yards and four TDs as the Wildcats rallied to beat James Madison 49-31.
- Nelson Spruce, Colorado, caught a school-record 13 passes for a career-best 172 yards, including a 71-yard touchdown in the Buffaloes' 21-12 win over scrappy Hawaii.
- Tank Jake, Memphis, had a sack for a safety, forced a fumble that resulted in a touchdown, and had an interception in helping lead the Tigers to a 36-17 victory over Middle Tennessee.
- Keith Williams, San Diego, passed for 277 yards and four TDs in a 39-29 defeat of Princeton.



Minnesota running back David Cobb cuts back against San Jose State cornerback Maurice McKnight in the first quarter Saturday in Minneapolis. Cobb ran for 207 yards and two touchdowns in the a 24-7 victory.

How the AP Top 25 fared

- 1 Florida State (3-0) beat No. 22 Clemson 23-17, OT.** With Heisman Trophy winner James Winston watching from the sidelines, the Seminoles came back to beat the Tigers in overtime on Carlos Williams' 12-yard touchdown run. Winston was suspended for the game against Clemson after making "offensive and vulgar" comments on camera. His backup, Sean Maguire, had an up-and-down night, as Florida State extended its winning streak to 19 games.
- Next:** at N.C. State, Saturday.
- 2 Alabama (4-0) beat Washington 38-31.** At Pullman, Wash., Marcus Mariota threw for 329 yards and five touchdowns as the Ducks won a matchup of two of the top offenses in the nation. Connor Halliday threw for 436 yards and four touchdowns in Washington State's (1-3, 1-0), which boasts the nation's top passing attack.
- Next:** vs Arizona, Thursday, Oct. 2.
- 3 Alabama (4-0) beat West Virginia 42-21.** In Tuscaloosa, Ala., Blake Sims threw for 445 yards, the second-best passing performance in Alabama history, and the Crimson Tide overcame a sloppy performance. The Tide committed 11 penalties for 80 yards and four turnovers that turned into 21 points for the Gators (1-1, 1-1).
- Next:** at Mississippi, Saturday, Oct. 4.
- 4 Oklahoma (4-0) beat West Virginia 45-33.** At Morgantown, W.V., bruising freshman Samaje Perine rushed for 242 yards and four touchdowns to lead Oklahoma. After those scored on a 100-yard kickoff return and quarterback Trevor Knight caught a 4-yard scoring pass on a trick play for the Sooners.
- Next:** at TCU, Saturday, Oct. 4.
- 5 LSU (3-0) beat No. 20 Kansas State 20-14, Thursday.** Their vaunted ground game held in check, the Tigers were forced to take flight against the Wildcats. Nick Marshall threw for 231 yards and two touchdowns.
- Next:** vs Louisiana Tech, Saturday.

- 6 Texas A&M beat SMU 58-6.** At Dallas, Kenny Hill had 322 yards of total offense playing only the first half, and Jeremy Tabayo turned two short passes into touchdowns for Texas A&M. Troy Williams ran for two touchdowns for the Aggies, who last started 4-0 in 2006. The Mustangs (0-3) played for the first time since coach June Jones resigned two games into his seventh season.
- Next:** vs Arkansas at Arlington, Texas, Saturday.
- 7 Baylor (3-0) did not play.** After opening the season with three lopsided wins in 13 days, the defending Big 12 champions get two weeks off before opening their conference schedule Sept. 27 at Iowa State.
- Next:** at Iowa State, Saturday.
- 8 LSU (3-1) lost to Mississippi State.** At Baton Rouge, La., Dak Prescott highlighted a dynamic performance with two touchdown passes and 56-yard scoring run, and Mississippi State held off a wild rally to snap a 14-game losing streak in the series. Prescott, a Louisiana native, finished with 265 yards passing and 105 yards rushing while helping the Bulldogs (4-0) not only beat LSU for the first time since 1999, but win in Tiger Stadium for the first time since 1991.
- Next:** vs New Mexico State, Saturday.
- 9 Notre Dame (3-0) did not play.** The Irish hope a week off gives key players time to heal from injuries before a difficult stretch of the schedule starts.
- Next:** vs Syracuse at East Rutherford, N.J., Saturday.
- 10 Mississippi (3-0) did not play.** A big reason for the team's fast start — and highest national ranking since 2009 — is an opportunistic defense that already has eight interceptions.
- Next:** vs Memphis, Saturday.

- 11 Michigan State (2-1) beat Eastern Michigan 73-14.** At East Lansing, Mich., Connor Cook threw two TD passes and ran for a score and the Spartans scored the third-most points in program history. Michigan State came up three points short of matching the school record set in 1989 against Northwestern. Michigan State finished with 336 yards rushing, 496 in total offense and held the Eagles to five first downs.
- Next:** vs Wyoming, Saturday.
- 12 UCLA (3-0) did not play.** Although Coach Jim Mora contended "someone has to go in" for the Bruins at QB this week, he isn't saying whether it will be injured starter Brett Hundley, surprising backup Jerry Neuheisel or somebody else entirely.
- Next:** at No. 14 Arizona State, Thursday.
- 13 Georgia (2-1) beat Troy 66-0.** At Athens, Ga., Sony Michel ran for 155 yards and three touchdowns for Georgia. Michael, a freshman player behind Todd Gurley, had a 75-yard gain to set up his second touchdown. Among other standout freshmen for Georgia (2-1) were receiver Isaiah McKenzie, who scored on a 52-yard punt return, and Bryce Ramsey, who threw his first career touchdown pass.
- Next:** Tennessee, Saturday.
- 14 Vanderbilt 48-34.** At Nashville, Tenn., Dylan Thompson threw for 237 yards and three touchdowns, and he ran for another score as South Carolina (3-1, 2-1) rallied from 14 points down.
- Next:** vs No. 18 Missouri, Saturday.
- 15 Arizona State (3-0) did not play.** Mike Bercovici has been waiting for his opportunity three years now, since the day Taylor Kelly nudged him out as starting QB. With Kelly out at least one game with a foot injury — maybe more — Bercovici finally gets his chance to lead the Sun Devils this week.
- Next:** vs No. 12 UCLA, Thursday.

- 16 Stanford (2-1) did not play.** Coach David Shaw planned to use the bye week to go on a recruiting trip to Southern California. He also wanted to use the week as he would any other — as a chance to clean up mistakes and improve.
- Next:** vs Washington, Saturday.
- 17 Southern California (2-1) did not play.** With the heat of Pac-12 play ahead, beginning with Oregon State, linebacker Hayes Pullard said the team's focus is now on being in position to win a conference championship. "We got to win in the South and just be able to get a chance to play in that Pac-12 championship game," Pullard said.
- Next:** vs Oregon State, Saturday.
- 18 Missouri (3-1) lost to Indiana 31-27.** At Columbia, Mo., D'Angelo Roberts scored on a 3-yard touchdown run with 22 seconds remaining and Nate Sufeld passed for 252 yards and a touchdown to help the Hoosiers upset Missouri. After giving up 10 consecutive points in the fourth quarter, the Hoosiers (2-1) went 75 yards on six plays to reclaim the lead. Maty Mauk completed 28 of 47 passes for 326 yards and two touchdowns and Russell Hansbrough gained 119 yards on the ground for Missouri (3-1).
- Next:** at No. 14 South Carolina, Saturday.
- 19 Wisconsin (2-1) beat Bowling Green 68-17.** Melvin Gordon rushed for career highs of 253 yards and five touchdowns, and Wisconsin ran for a Big Ten-record 644 yards to trample Bowling Green.
- Next:** vs South Florida, Saturday.
- 20 Kansas State (2-1) lost to No. 5 Auburn 20-14, Thursday.** "There was a ton of mistakes," Kansas State's coach Bill Snyder said. "Auburn is a tremendous football team and we just made too many mistakes. We made a lot of them."
- Next:** vs UTEP, Saturday.

- 21 BYU (4-0) beat Virginia 41-33.** At Provo, Utah, Taysom Hill threw two touchdowns passes and ran for a score in BYU's comeback. The Cougars trailed 16-13 at the half and lagged behind the Cavaliers in almost every statistical category, but turned around the game around with two third-quarter touchdowns. Adam Hine sealed the victory with a 99-yard kickoff return midway through the final quarter.
- Next:** vs Utah State, Friday, Oct. 3.
- 22 Clemson (1-2) lost to No. 1 Florida State 23-17 (OT).** Clemson coach Dabo Swinney declined to attempt a 33-yard field goal on the first possession of overtime and Adam Choico was stuffed for no gain on fourth-and-1. Two plays later, Karlos Williams bounced outside and went untouched into the end zone. Clemson kicker Antonio Lajko missed two short field goals earlier in the game.
- Next:** vs North Carolina, Saturday.
- 23 Ohio State did not play.** Coach Urban Meyer, a Cincinnati guard in the class of 1986, knows his team's newly configured defense must be on high alert for the Bearcats' aerial attack led by Gunner Kirk. The Buckeyes used their bye week to work on their pass defense.
- Next:** vs Cincinnati, Saturday.
- 24 Nebraska beat Miami (41-31).** At Lincoln, Neb., Ameer Abdullah ran for 229 yards to lead a punishing ground game. Miami (2-2) got within three points in the third quarter, but its five personal fouls in the second half helped the Huskers pull away. Only the coaches and team captains shook hands after the game.
- Next:** vs Illinois, Saturday.
- 25 Oklahoma State (2-1).** Backup quarterback Daxx Garman hadn't played a game since 2009 before stepping in to help the Cowboys win two games.
- Next:** vs Texas Tech, Thursday.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Miss. St. shocks No. 8 LSU in Death Valley

By **BRETT MARTEL**
The Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, La. — Dak Prescott's dynamism put a dent in the Death Valley mystique and helped Mississippi State end some long, frustrating streaks.

Prescott passed for two touchdowns and ran 56 yards for another score as the Bulldogs survived a furious fourth-quarter rally by No. 8 LSU to snap a 14-game skid in the series, 34-29 on Saturday.

Prescott, a Louisiana native who'd been recruited by LSU, said he accomplished "exactly what I wanted to do when I committed to Mississippi State."

"I just stayed true to myself, trusted my teammates, trusted the coaches and we got it done," Prescott said. "Everybody's happy right now."

Prescott passed for 268 yards and rushed for 105 yards in helping Mississippi State build a 34-10 fourth quarter lead that proved insurmountable, albeit narrowly. Mississippi State's defense, which allowed only a field goal through the first three quarters, appeared to lose its edge in the final minutes, when the

Tigers, led by backup quarterback Brandon Harris, struck for a pair of late touchdowns — both on passes to Malachi Dupre — in 28 seconds.

The game ended with Harris attempting one more long, desperation pass for the win, but it was intercepted at the goal line by Will Redmond, who was mobbed by teammates moments later.

"I probably aged seven to 10 years in the final three minutes of the game," sixth-year Bulldogs coach Dan Mullen said. "We are trying to build a program and I'll take it. I guess everybody can now write I have beaten LSU and Alabama once during my career."

Prescott not only helped the Bulldogs (4-0, 1-0 SEC) beat LSU (3-1, 0-1) for the first time since 1999, but win in Tiger Stadium for the first time since 1991 — about two years before Prescott was born.

"He ad-libbed and ran their offense extremely well," LSU coach Les Miles said of Prescott. "Hats off to him — a very quality competitor."

Prescott's touchdown passes included a 74-yarder to Jameon Lewis, who had five catches for 116 yards. De'Runnya Wilson caught four passes for 91 yards.



GERALD HERBERT/AP

Mississippi State quarterback Dak Prescott, right, runs for a 56-yard score in the second half on Saturday in Baton Rouge, La.

Hail Mary gives win to Arizona

By **JOHN MARSHALL**
The Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — Anu Solomon hit Brandon Hill on a 47-yard Hail Mary on the game's final play and Arizona scored 36 points in the fourth quarter to pull off an improbable 49-45 win over California on Saturday night.

Cal (2-1, 0-1 Pac-12) threatened to turn Arizona's whitewash into a blowout, deflating the Wildcats and their white-shirt-wearing fans with two quick scores and a 22-point halftime lead.

Arizona (4-0, 1-0) charged back behind Solomon, who threw for 520 yards and had four of his five touchdown passes in the fourth quarter.

The Wildcats recovered an on-side kick after Cal was called for a batting penalty and pulled within 2 after Solomon hit Cayleb Jones on a 15-yard scoring pass.

Arizona got the ball back with less than a minute left and pulled off the miracle when Hill, a senior who missed last season with a torn ACL, brought the ball down between five Cal defenders.

Solomon shook off a pair of first half interceptions to complete 47 of 73 passes, both school records. Jones caught 13 passes for 186 yards.

Arizona finished with 627 total yards and Cal had 573.

Behind Jared Goff, who threw for 380 yards and three touchdowns, Cal led 31-16 heading into the fourth quarter.

That's when Arizona kicked its high-octane offense in gear, marching for one score after another.

Solomon hit Hill on a 9-yard touchdown pass, then Jones on a 16-yarder after Khalifani Muhammad scored on a 50-yard touchdown run. Muhammad scored again on a 6-yard run to put Cal seemingly in good position, up 45-30 with just over 5 minutes left.

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Saturday's scores

EAST
 Albany (N.Y.) 37, Rhode Island 20
 Akron 24, Buffalo 50
 American International 33, Stonehill 5
 Boston 14, Bates 6
 Broomfield 27, New Haven 24
 Bryant (W.V.) 21, Westminster (Pa.) 14
 Bloomsburg 28, Mercyhurst 27
 Boston College 40, Maine 10
 Colgate (Mass.) 31, Worcester St. 27

WEST
 2 Bucknell 36, Sacred Heart 20
 2 Buffalo 36, Norfolk 37
 California (Pa.) 56, Shenandoah 34
 Charleston (W.V.) 30, Virginia-Wise 14
 Clarion 27, Cheyney 6
 2 Shawnee 27, Cornell 17
 Concord 37, Mary St. 34
 20 Delaware Valley 54, Wilkes 35
 20 Duquesne 20, Susquehanna 28
 Duquesne 30, Monmouth (N.J.) 21
 Edinboro 47, East Stroudsburg 37
 Edinboro 44, Keon 29
 Fairmont St. 40, Glensville St. 36
 Fordham 49, Columbia 7
 Gannon 37, Kutztown 28
 21 Gettysburg 17, Brown 3
 Gettysburg 31, Juniata 17
 21 Hobart 43, Curry 13
 Indiana (Pa.) 21, Lock Haven 16
 Iowa 24, Pittsburg 20
 21 Illinois 24, Hartwick 7
 Lycoming 28, King's (Pa.) 13
 21 Maryland 59, Syracuse 20
 Mass. Maritime 26, Maine Maritime 20, 20

MIDWEST
 21 Merchant Marine 34, NY Maritime 17
 Merrimack 19, LIU Post 17
 21 Miami 20, Ohio State 10
 Montclair 52, 27, Lincoln (Pa.) 13
 21 North Carolina 47, 21
 Norwich 10, WPI 7
 21 Oklahoma 45, West Virginia 33
 21 Oklahoma St. 31, 21
 21 PK 45, 21
 21 RK 45, 21
 21 Rochester 30, Gallaudet 2
 21 St. Connecticut 32, Pace 10
 21 St. Francis 46, Millersville 17
 Springfield 47, Mount Ida 16
 21 St. John Fisher 36, Brockport 20
 21 St. Lawrence 31, Morrisville 14
 21 St. Thomas 22, Case Reserve 20
 Temple 50, Delaware St. 10
 21 Tennessee 66, The 17
 21 Towson 31, NC Central 20
 21 Trenton 22, Colby 7
 Tufts 24, Hamilton 17
 Ursinus 31, Franklin & Marshall 24
 21 Ulca 26, Frostburg 12
 Villanova 49, James Madison 31
 21 Washington 45, Plymouth St. 7
 Washington & Jefferson 48, Carnegie Mellon 30
 21 Waynesburg 44, Geneva 38, OT Wesleyan (Conn.) 22, Middlebury 14
 21 West Liberty 38, W. Virginia St. 16
 Westfield St. 14, Mass.-Dartmouth 13
 21 Rider 29
 William Paterson 36, Salve Regina 32
 21 Williams 26, Bowdoin 17
 Wis.-Whitewater 48, College of N. U. 14
 Yale 24, Lehigh 10

SOUTH
 21 Alabama 42, Florida 23
 Alcorn St. 52, MVSU 9
 21 Florida A&M 23, 21
 Campbellsville 44, Bethel (Tenn.) 3
 Carson Newman 55, Brainerd 42
 Catholic 31, Apperence 24
 21 Central 28, Washington & Lee 23
 Charleston Southern 20, The Citadel 18
 Coastal Carolina 48, Florida A&M 3
 21 Chattanooga 20, 21
 Delta St. 49, Valdosta St. 20
 21 Eastern Ill. 21
 E. Kentucky 49, UT-Martin 24
 East Carolina 70, North Carolina 41
 21 Elon 20, Charlotte 13
 Faulkner 55, Reinhardt 52, OT
 21 Florida 42, Clemson 17, OT
 Fort Valley St. 19, Clark Atlanta 18
 Gardner-Webb 43, West 88
 Georgia 66, Troy 0
 Georgia Southern 28, South Alabama 6
 Georgia Tech 27, Virginia Tech 24
 Grambling St. 40, Jackson St. 35
 21 Hampton 37, Lagrange 55
 Guilford 35, Virginia 27
 21 Howard 27, Winny 56, Coast Guard 0
 Hampton 34, Miles 30
 Jacksonville St. 34, Penn 21
 Jacksonville St. 45, West Alabama 34
 Johns Hopkins 33, Moravian 14
 Kentucky 18, 41
 21 Lane 18, Paine 16
 Lenoir-Rhyne 51, Wingate 14
 Liberty 49, Bryant 11
 Lincoln Wilson 44, Pikeville 14
 Livingston 60, Va. Lynchburg 12
 Louisville 34, FIU 2

NW Missouri St. 37, Cent. Missouri 15
 Memphis 44, Middle Tennessee 17
 Mercer 42, Ave Maria 21
 Methodist 41, Huntington 34, OT
 Mississippi St. 34, Howard 23
 Morehead St. 40, Davidson 32
 Morgan 7, 38, Howard 23
 Muhlenberg 59, McDaniel 10
 New Haven 0, 21
 NC State 42, Presbyterian 0
 New Hampshire 29, Richmond 26
 North Carolina 48, Vanderbilt 34
 North Alabama 56, Langston 7
 North Georgia 38, Tusculum 35
 Northwestern St. 30, Louisiana Tech 27
 Oklahoma 34, Sewanee 20
 SC State 17, Furman 7
 Sam Houston 17, 21
 Shawnee 27, UNC-Pembroke 47
 Sherod 45, Ferrum 20
 South Carolina 48, Vanderbilt 34
 Southern Miss. 21, Appalachian St. 20
 South Carolina 48, Vanderbilt 34
 Stevenson 20, Lebanon Valley 14
 Sullivan St. 31, Augustine 19
 Tennessee 11, Tennessee Tech 7
 UT 41, Bethune-Cookman 7
 Union (Ky.) 28, Cumberland 27
 Virginia 51, Kentucky St. 13
 Virginia Union 25, Fayetteville St. 13
 Wake Forest 24, Army 21
 Warner 30, U. of Faith 20
 Wesley 37, Rowan 7
 West Georgia 49, Johnson C. Smith 0
 Wilson & Mary 33, Lafayette 19
 Winston-Salem 24, Tuskegee 13

MIDWEST
 21 Alton 57, Concordia (Wis.) 20
 21 Augsburg 24, 21
 21 Alma 42, Concordia (Ill.) 21
 Augsburg 42, Carleton 12
 Augustana (Ill.) 34, Loras 17
 Augustana (SD) 48, Northern St. (SD) 17
 Avila 58, Culver-Stout 41
 21 Baker 24, Evansville 14
 Bethel (Minn.) 40, St. Olaf 0
 Black Hills St. 40, Fort Lewis 14
 Butler 38, Taylor 3
 Capital 34, Wilmington (Ohio) 21
 Carroll (Wis.) 28, Lake Forest 7
 Cent. Oklahoma 24, Emporia St. 14
 Central 65, Marquette Baptist 12
 Chicago 28, Elmhurst 17
 Cincinnati 31, Miami (Ohio) 24
 Colorado Mines 32, Chadron St. 18
 Concordia (Minn.) 43, Olivet Nazarene 21
 21 Concordia (Mo.) 23, St. John's (Minn.) 10
 Concordia (Nebr.) 35, Midland 28
 Dayton 31, Robert Morris 7
 Duane 28, Hastings 24
 Drake 21, Mariet 6
 Duquesne 16, Pacific Lutheran 10
 E. Illinois 63, Austin Peay 7
 Ferris 51 42, Grand Valley St. 17
 Findlay 59, Tiffin 22
 Fort Hays St. 20, Lindenwood (Mo.) 7
 Franklin 62, Anderson (Ind.) 14
 Georgetown (Ky.) 63, Lindenwood (Ill.) 14
 Greenville 30, Eureka 27
 Gustavus 46, Hamline 29
 Hillsdale 13, N. Michigan 10
 Hope 25, Lakeland 22
 Illinois 42, Texas St. 35
 Indiana 31, Missouri 27
 Indianapolis 48, SW Baptist 14
 Iowa Wesleyan 13, Minn.-Morris 7
 Jacksonville 49, Waldorf 20
 John Carroll 43, Heidelberg 16
 Kansas 24, Cent. Michigan 10
 Kansas Wesleyan 42, Southwestern (Kan.) 37
 Lake Erie 47, Walsh 36
 Lincoln (Mo.) 42, Quincy 13
 Luther 49, Grinnell 21
 Manchester 55, Earlham 7
 Miami (Ind.) 31, Grand View 18
 Marshall 48, Akron 17
 May 70, Concordia (St. P.) 13
 Mary (Ind.) 31, Grand View 18
 Marshall 48, Akron 17
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Academics

Rutgers holds off Navy

The Associated Press

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — On a day when Navy was uncharacteristically out-gained on the ground and faced a late double-digit deficit, the Midshipmen still had a chance to tie the game in the closing seconds against Rutgers.

However, Navy quarterback Keenan Reynolds simply could not get enough time in the pocket to close out the final drive and the Midshipmen saw their eight-game home-winning streak come to an end.

Justin Goodwin ran for 104 yards as Rutgers escape with the 31-24 victory over Navy on Saturday.

"You have to tip your hat to Rutgers," Navy coach Ken Niumatalolo said. "We got after us for most of the game. We had a hard time stopping them on the run and we had a hard time running the ball ourselves. They were very physical at the point of

attack on both sides of the ball.

We had a hard time matching up with them." Navy trailed by 14 points in the fourth quarter but pulled to within a touchdown on a 14-yard pass from Reynolds to Brendan Dudeck with 5:26 left. The Midshipmen got down to the 6 in the final minute, but could not convert.

Wake Forest 24, Army 21: John Wolford threw for 238 yards and two touchdowns, including the go-ahead score midway through the fourth quarter, and the host Demon Deacons rallied past the Black Knights.

Wolford twice connected on third-down passes on the decisive drive before finding E.J. Scott over the middle for a 12-yard TD with 6:45 left to put Wake Forest (2-2) ahead to stay. Angel Santiago rushed for 123 yards and a touchdown for Army (1-2), but he fumbled near the field with under 3 minutes left.



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Score: No. 1 FSU rallies to avert upset

FROM BACK PAGE

Winston was suspended for the game against Clemson (1-2, 0-1 ACC) after making "offensive and vulgar" comments earlier this week on campus. Interim President Garnett S. Stokes and athletic director Stan Wilcox announced the decision to extend the half-game benching to a full game late Friday night. There had been criticism that the original punishment for Winston's latest embarrassing off-field incident was too light.

Wilcox declined to comment on the Winston suspension. Winston was not made available after the game, but Fisher said he would be the Seminoles' quarterback again on Monday.

"I don't condone any of the comments Jameis made earlier this week, or how and where he chose to make them," Fisher said after the game. "He knows that, our team knows that. We spoke a lot about that throughout the week internally and with the administration.

"At the end of the day we felt the one game made the most sense. I chose to keep that process internal. Now he's served that punishment and he's ready to move forward. ... You never know at the pace that kids learn or why they make mistakes. Our hope and belief is that Jameis will learn from this and use better judgment.

"Things looked dire after Maguire had thrown an intercep-



MARK WALLHEISER/AP

Florida State running back Karlos Williams leaves the field after scoring the game-winning touchdown in overtime against Clemson in Tallahassee, Fla. on Saturday. Top-ranked Florida State won 23-17.

tion that gave Clemson the ball in Florida State territory with 2:14 left in the fourth. Doak Campbell Stadium was silent as the defending national champions were staring at their first loss since the 2012 season.

A fumble by Clemson and a questionable overtime decision by Tigers coach Dabo Swinney helped the Seminoles avert the upset.

Karlos Williams bounced around the outside for a 12-yard touchdown to win it for Florida State, which has won a school-record 19 straight games.

"We challenged our guys to find out who we are," Fisher said. "We're not where we want to be, but we do know who we are."

Maguire had never started a collegiate game and had only thrown 26 passes in his career. Now he was facing a conference rival in a game that has sent the winner to the ACC championship each of the past five years.

"(Winston) told me he's proud of me," Williams said. "He's a great leader. He did something you really don't see in a lot of starting quarterbacks, which is rally behind the backup."

Briefly

Former Titans K Bironas dies

The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Former Tennessee Titans kicker Rob Bironas died after a car accident near his home, according to police.

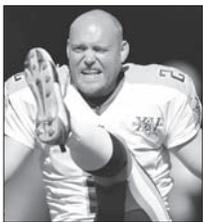
Metro Nashville Police said Bironas, 36, lost control on a curve in his 2009 GMC Yukon Denali and crashed after 11 p.m. Saturday less than a mile from home. Police said in a statement on the department website that his SUV was speeding when it went off the road and hit a line of trees before coming to a stop upside down in a culvert.

Bironas was taken to Vanderbilt University Medical Center where he was pronounced dead. Police say there was no evidence of alcohol or drugs at the scene.

The Titans released Bironas in March. He was the fourth most-accurate kicker in NFL history.

Gaughan snatches Nationwide win

SPARTA, Ky. — Brendan Gaughan surged past rookies Chase Elliott and Ty Dillon in a wild three-wide run after a final restart for a hard-earned victory



MARK ZALESKI/AP

Former Tennessee Titans kicker Rob Bironas died Saturday after an auto accident near his home.

in Saturday night's 300-mile Nationwide Series race at Kentucky Speedway.

Gaughan's surprising finish denied Dillon's quest for a dominant victory after he started on the pole and led 155 laps. Dillon seemed destined to fight Elliott in the closing laps, but Gaughan, who led 22 laps, stayed within reach and used a great restart to snatch the lead and the win.

In other racing news:

■ Cole Custer is the youngest winner in a NASCAR national series race at 16, taking the checkered flag at New Hampshire in just his seventh career Truck Series start.

Custer dominated early and pulled away late off the final restart Saturday to win at 16 years, 7 months, 28 days.

Custer set a track record of 131.897 mph to win the pole. He led 148 of the 175 laps.

Injured Azarenka pulls out of Wuhan Open

WUHAN, China — Wild card entry Victoria Azarenka has withdrawn from the Wuhan Open with an injured right foot and will miss the rest of the season.

The two-time Australian Open champion says "unfortunately I will not be competing in any tournaments for the remainder of the season."

Azarenka said she had been trying to improve each day "but that does not appear to be the best approach for me right now."

Balance sought with realignment

By GREGORY BROOME
Stars and Stripes

Longtime Division II powers Naples, SHAPE and Vicenza will move up to Division I in all team sports except football in a divisional realignment announced by DODDS Europe Athletic Director Karen Seadore.

Alconbury and Baumholder, meanwhile, will drop from Division II back to their familiar Division III level.

Seadore said Friday the move comes in response to a series of requests from both Division I and Division II athletic directors; the former were concerned about constantly playing a small group of opponents, while the latter had the opposite complaint.

Seadore said she and the European Athletic Committee reviewed how some state-side associations slotted athletic teams. They found that it was common practice to create divisions with equal numbers of schools, whereas DODDS Europe had been establishing rather arbitrary tiers of school population and assigning schools accordingly.

The result of DODDS Europe's former approach was a Division II glut comprised of schools with populations roughly between 100 and 300, with larger schools and very small schools occupying the dividing extremes of Divisions I and III. Recent European tournaments have featured as many as 16 teams stuffed into the Division II bracket while less than half that number occupied the respective Division I and III brackets.

The new alignment shifts the highest-population Division II schools up to Division I and the lowest-population Division II schools down to Division III.

The 2014-15 arrangement features 10 schools apiece in Division I and Division II and nine in Division III, though not every school fields a team in each sport DODDS Europe offers.

"We looked at some of our state-side counterparts and how they group their classes," Seadore said. "We thought that if we used that thinking, that would certainly help" balance out the lopsided divisions."

Though the 2014 fall season is already under way, the new alignment will take effect immediately and apply to the European championship tournaments set for October through early November. Seadore said the committee will review the alignment in the spring and discuss necessary changes for 2015.

Divisional alignment has little impact on regular-season scheduling, which is primarily based on schools' geographical proximity. Seadore said changing that approach is currently "not in the plans," citing budgetary concerns. "We are always going to have that marginal in largely individual

sports such as golf, cross country, tennis, wrestling and track, where competitors already share a single field at the European championship level.

Divisional team champions in such sports are based on teams' cumulative points earned.

The realignment, however, represents a major shift in the landscape of each season's primary team sport: volleyball in the fall, basketball in the winter and soccer in the spring.

Naples, SHAPE and Vicenza, each with approximately 300 students, will now find themselves in postseason brackets with existing large-school powers such as Ramstein, Patch and Wiesbaden. That might endanger their recent run of titles: Naples won Division II European championships in girls soccer, girls volleyball, and baseball last season, while Vicenza did the same in boys basketball and softball.

"We are a little tentative down here and not sure how to react," Naples athletic director Dirk Lambertson said. "Some coaches are excited about the challenge and look forward to the move, others are not happy at all."

Coaches and administrators at incumbent Division I schools were largely receptive to the new competition, even if it comes from schools with a significantly smaller student population.

"It is a welcome addition," Vilscek girls volleyball coach Brian Sventy said. "With the drawdowns and closures, we felt we were stagnating a bit in Division I."

The Italian schools soccer teams could be particularly disruptive to the status quo. Wiesbaden boys soccer coach Ben Arcila said,

"My impression is that the smaller-population schools will not be necessarily weaker than the bigger schools," Arcila said. "Passion for a certain sport vantage of school to school independent of size."

Teams remaining in the newly streamlined Division II are happy to see their mathematical chances for success improve.

"It gives everyone a bit of hope and levels the playing field," Bitburg boys basketball coach Nate Goolsby said. "Everyone has to breathe a little easier."

Division III has been dominated recently by Brussels and Sigonella. The field's expansion from seven to nine with the return of Alconbury and Baumholder might change that. But as with all things in DODDS Europe, such success is never a given.

"It is like a revolving door," Alconbury athletic director Jeffrey Black said. "Some years we have teams that can compete against the D-I and D-II schools. Then there are years we just can't. But that's true for everyone.

"We are always going to have that discrepancy in DODDS."

HIGH SCHOOL: DODDS EUROPE

NEWS AND NOTES FROM THE WEEKEND

Football favorites already established?

As the DODDS Europe football final four already revealed itself? Though a lot can happen between now and the Nov. 1 pair of championship games, this weekend's action across the continent established familiar contenders as, perhaps, the teams to beat.

In Division I, 2013 finalists Wiesbaden and Ramstein have reclaimed their places at the top of the large-school hierarchy.

Defending champion Wiesbaden improved to 2-0 with a 40-3 drubbing of Kaiserslautern on Friday, a win that also served to reduce a potential championship challenger to 0-2. The Warriors have yet to allow a touchdown in eight quarters of play this fall.

Ramstein, meanwhile, was purportedly at a low point in terms of overall depth and talent this season. But that didn't seem to be the case Saturday in a 45-0 shutout of Patch, another title hopeful riding high after an impressive opening win against Kaiserslautern.

In Division II, 2013 semifinalist Ansbach turned what might have been an intense face-off with rival Bitburg into an unequivocal laugh. The Cougars' 50-8 rout of the recent four-time champions cemented their status in the Division II elite and called into question the Barons' continued viability as a contender.

Defending champion Hohenfels, however, looks every bit the dynamic unit that raced to last year's title. They handled Aviano 46-12 on Saturday for a second blowout victory in as many games.

Teams such as Vilsack in Division I and Rota and Vicenza in Division II might still have something to say about the title races. But it's possible the weekend of Sept. 19-20 will hold up as the weekend when the championship picture came into focus.

AFNORTH: Boys singles ace Luke Bonerclark and the No. 1 girls doubles team of Sophia Essrich and Amelie Essrich were among the bright spots as the Lions held their own in a tennis meet at Kaiserslautern Saturday. Amelie Essrich and Eiskla Volencova also won singles matches.

Alconbury: The Dragons welcomed themselves back to the Division III level Saturday with a straight-set volleyball sweep of host Brussels. Reigning Barons Essrich and six girls tie to lead Alconbury, which was shifted down from Division II in last week's divisional realignment.

American Overseas School of Rome: The AOSR tennis team edged Vicenza on Saturday, claiming seven matches to the Cougars' six. Nick Mundell, Jake Sadoff earned singles wins for the boys while Morgane Peeters and Alessandra Proietti did the same for the girls.



KENT HARRIS/Stars and Stripes

Vicenza quarterback Mario Molina eludes an ISB defender Friday night en route to one of his several big gains in the Cougars' 35-0 victory over the Raiders. Molina ran for 228 yards and threw for 110 more.

Aviano: The Saints won three of four volleyball matches between Friday and Saturday, taking both tilts from Sigonella and splitting two matches with Naples. The effort keeps Aviano atop the Italy standings with a 5-1 record.

Baumholder: Nursing a hard-rod 0-2 DODDS-Europe record, the Bucs football team got a shot of confidence Saturday with a local-national win over the Hessen Eagles. Kameron Moore carried three times for 36 yards and two touchdowns in the 41-0 victory.

Bitburg: The Baron volleyball team helped ease the sting of a humbling weekend for its football counterparts with a strong showing at AFNORTH on Saturday. Bitburg beat Division II rival AFNORTH 25-21, 25-16, 25-18 and pushed Division I reigning champ Ramstein before succumbing to a 26-24, 25-17, 25-17 defeat.

Black Forest Academy: The Falcons finally drew a divisional volleyball opponent Saturday after opening the season with a brutal large-school slate. A home-court win over Hohenfels would end a winless streak suffered at the hands of Division I Patch, Ramstein and Wiesbaden.

Brussels: Though they dropped their showdown with new divisional rival Alconbury, the weekend's news wasn't all bad for Brigand volleyball. Sarah Mobley collected three kills, 12 assists and five aces as Brussels handled Menwith Hill 25-17, 27-25, 25-19.

International School of Brussels: The robust Raider tennis program made it look easy against a good Lakenheath group on Friday. Boys ace and European favorite Fabian Sandrup Selvik and the girls No. 1 doubles team of Megumi Ogasawara and Maya Yoshihashi led ISB to a combined 16-2 victory.

Kaiserslautern: The Raiders' golf aces got off to a fine start Wednesday on their home links. Ana Duenas took the individual trophy for the girls, while Jeff Kidwell paced the boys field.

Lakenheath: The top Lancer girls effectively fought back against an overwhelming ISB tennis attack on Friday. No. 1 Marissa Paredo and No. 2 Natalia Logue won their singles matches to deliver Lakenheath's lone victories on the day.

Menwith Hill: The Mustangs' combined football undertaking got off to a rough start with a 49-0 loss at SHAPE on Sept. 13. But the team enjoyed a bye last weekend and plays its first home game Saturday against winless Baumholder.

Naples: The boys and girls of Wildcat cross country swept the team and individual titles in a four-team home-course meet Saturday. Bret Baldwin paced the boys at 18:10 and Shiloh Houseworth led the girls at 23:04.

Patch: The Panther girls and boys tennis team combined on a remarkable streak of dominance against Ansbach on Saturday. Every Patch individual or doubles team vanquished its opponent without dropping a single game.

Rota: The Admirals improved to 2-0 with a 47-8 win over Alconbury on Saturday. Jonas Camacho rushed for 197 yards and two touchdowns and led the defense with a game-high 14 tackles.

SHAPE: The Spartans enjoyed an unbeaten Saturday on the volleyball court with wins over Menwith Hill and Alconbury. Begona Rodriguez-Bravo posted a combined nine kills and nine aces.

Sigonella: The Division III Jaguars delve deeper into their upper-division regular-season schedule over the next two weekends. They'll host newly-minted Division II school Naples on Saturday, then encounter another new Division I school in Vicenza on the home court of Division II power American Overseas School of Rome on Oct. 4.

Vicenza: The Cougars shook off a disappointing first half with a second half more in line with their high expectations in a 35-0 win over ISB on Friday night.

Quarterback Mario Molina has thrown six touchdown passes and rushed for four more over the season's opening two weeks.

Vilsack: The high-flying Falcon volleyball team is emerging as a top-flight Division I contender. Amira Murry — dubbed "our terminator" by coach Brian Swenty — racked up 14 kills Saturday in wins over Hohenfels and Ansbach.

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MLB

Tigers get help from replay to defeat Royals

Detroit rallies in 7th after Kansas City's go-ahead run is called back on appeal

The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — A rarely-used backup infielder who never even got into the game made the play of the day for the Detroit Tigers.

From the dugout, Herman Perez spotted that a Kansas City runner failed to tag up. That set off a wild sequence Saturday that resulted in an out instead of the go-ahead score as Detroit beat the Royals 3-2 to boost its AL Central lead.

Winning pitcher Max Scherzer said he'd reward the 23-year-old Perez, who spent most the year in the minors and has only three at-bats this season in the majors.

"Whatever he wants — dinner, lunch, breakfast, drinks, you name it," Scherzer said. "That's a one-in-a-million play. It's unbelievable that we had someone on the bench be astute enough to see that."

Joe Nathan escaped a ninth-inning jam as the Tigers increased their edge to 2½ games over the Royals. Kansas City remained one-half game ahead of Seattle for the second wild-card spot, which lost to Houston 10-1 on Saturday.

It was 1-11 in the Royals sixth when things got crazy.

With Salvador Perez on third and Eric Hosmer on second with one out, Omar Infante lined out to second baseman Ian

Kinsler. Trying for a double play, Kinsler threw to shortstop Eugenio Suarez and the ball sailed into left field. Perez, who had been trying to get back to third after the catch, reversed course, headed home and appeared to score the tiebreaking run.

"I have to give credit where credit is due," Tigers manager Brad Ausmus said.

"Herman Perez was the guy who initially noticed it, sitting on the bench watching the game. "That's how it all started." Scherzer (17-5) got back on the mound and made an appeal throw to third, saying that Perez never tagged up. Third base umpire and crew chief Larry Vanover called Perez safe, prompting Ausmus to ask for video review challenge.

"There was some discussion on whether that's a challengeable play, because a tag-up on a fly ball is not. This wasn't a case whether a guy left early. This was a missed base, which is challengeable," he said.

On the videoboard, a replay was displayed that clearly showed Perez never tagged up. The umpires gathered again and reversed their original call, ruling Perez out and ending the inning.

Salvador Perez said it was a confusing sequence.

"I don't know what the rule is there in

that situation. I never see something like that before. It's never happened to me before," he said.

Detroit took a 3-1 lead in the seventh inning when pinch-hitter Tyler Collins and Rajai Davis hit RBI singles off James Shields (14-8).

Jarrod Dyson and Alcides Escobar singled with one out in the Royals ninth. They moved up on Nori Aoki's groundout and were stranded on pinch-hitter Raul Ibanez's grounder, giving Nathan his 33rd save in 40 tries.

Torii Hunter opened the Tigers' fourth with his 17th home run. He also singled in the sixth for his sixth straight multihit game, the longest streak of his career.

Escobar hit an RBI single in the fifth and Hosmer singled home a run in the eighth to make it 3-2.



Detroit Tigers pitcher Max Scherzer (37) picked up his 17th win of the season in the 3-2 victory over the Kansas City Royals in Kansas City, Mo., on Saturday.

Red Hoffmann/AP

Roundup

Astros blast 5 HRs to stall Mariners' playoff push

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Seattle starter Chris Young was at a loss for words to explain Saturday night's debacle at the hands of the Houston Astros.

Young got hit hard in an uncharacteristically poor outing and the Mariners missed a chance to move up in the AL playoff race, tagged for five homers Saturday in a 10-1 loss to the Astros.

The Mariners stayed one game behind AL wild-card leader Oakland and a half-game in back of Kansas City for the second slot. The A's and Royals both lost earlier in the day.

"I didn't pitch as well as I'm capable of," Young said. "I'm disappointed. Just felt good going in, but don't know what happened. Just didn't make good pitches."

Chris Carter and Alex Presley hit two-run homers and Matt Dominguez and Carlos Corporan added back-to-back solo shots. Jake Marisnick had a three-run homer in the seventh inning as the Astros snapped a four-game skid.

Young (12-9) gave up seven runs and eight hits in three-plus innings. He also threw two wild pitches. Dallas Keuchel (12-9) pitched eight strong innings, striking out eighth. He also reached 200 innings in a season for the first time in his career.

Carter and Presley homered one batter apart in the first inning. Dominguez and Corporan connected off Young on consecutive pitches in the fourth.



DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

The Astros' Jake Marisnick hits a three-run home run in the seventh inning of Saturday's 10-1 win over the Seattle Mariners at Minute Maid Park in Houston.

It was Carter's 37th home run in the season, a career high. Nelson Cruz leads the majors with 39.

Cubs 8, Dodgers 7: Chris Coghlan hit two homers, including the go-ahead two-run drive off Brian Wilson in the eighth inning, as host Chicago rallied to beat Los Angeles.

Blue Jays 6, Yankees 3: Jose Bautista hit his eighth homer of

the year against New York. Marcus Stroman pitched six innings and visiting Toronto ended a season-worst six-game losing streak.

Rockies 5, Diamondbacks 1: Eddie Butler pitched six solid innings for his first major league win as host Colorado beat Arizona.

Phillies 3, Athletics 0: Jerome Williams beat Oakland for the third time this season with three differ-

ent teams and the A's couldn't extend their AL wild-card lead with a loss to visiting Philadelphia.

Brewers 1, Pirates 0: Elian Herrera sprinted home on Logan Schafer's sacrifice fly in the ninth inning as visiting Milwaukee edged Pittsburgh to tighten the race for the second National League wild-card spot.

Padres 3, Giants 2: Andrew

Cashner pitched brilliantly into the ninth inning as host San Diego kept San Francisco from gaining ground on the NL West-leading Los Angeles Dodgers.

Angels 8, Rangers 5: Jered Weaver earned his AL-leading 18th victory. Albert Pujols reached the 100-RBI mark with a two-run homer and Mike Trout also hit a two-run shot to lead host Los Angeles over Texas.

Indians 7, Twins 3: Yan Gomes homered and drove in four runs to help visiting Cleveland advance in the AL wild-card race by beating Minnesota.

Cardinals 8, Reds 4: Tony Cruz hit a three-run homer as host St. Louis connected three times to beat Cincinnati and move closer to its fourth straight playoff berth.

Nationals 3, Marlins 2: Ryan Zimmerman had two hits, including an RBI triple, in his return to the lineup as visiting Washington beat Miami.

Orioles 7, Red Sox 2: Adam Jones hit a pair of two-run homers and host Baltimore received another steady performance from right-hander Chris Tillman in a victory over Boston.

Mets 4, Braves 2: Slumping Atlanta was shut down by Jonathan Niese and lost to visiting New York, damaging the Braves' flickering playoff hopes.

Rays 3, White Sox 1: Nick Franklin hit his first home run with Tampa Bay and Chris Archer pitched shutout ball into the seventh inning, leading the Rays over visiting Chicago.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL



MARK WALLHEISER/AP

Florida State running back Karlos Williams, top, celebrates his game-winning touchdown in overtime with teammates Cameron Erving, center, and Bobby Hart in Tallahassee, Fla. on Saturday. Florida State defeated Clemson 23-17 in overtime.

Seminoles survive OT scare

Missing Heisman-winning QB, No. 1 FSU tops Clemson

By KAREEM COPELAND
The Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — No. 1 Florida State seemed destined to lose with its Heisman Trophy winning quarterback Jameis Winston standing on the sideline, suspended and relegated to cheerleader.

Sean Maguire hung in with an up-and-down effort as Winston's replacement and Florida State escaped with a 23-17 overtime victory Saturday night over No. 22 Clemson, but every miscue by the backup-turned-starter was a reminder that the face of the program was wearing street clothes and a ball cap.

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