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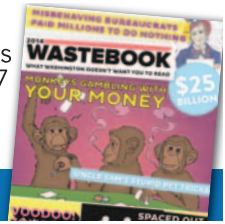

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CHAOS IN CANADA

Gunmen terrorize parliament complex in Ottawa; soldier among those dead

By Jeremy Hainsworth and Rob Gillies
The Associated Press

OTTAWA, Ontario — A Canadian soldier standing guard at a war memorial in the country's capital was shot to death Wednesday, and gunfire then erupted inside parliament, authorities said. One gunman was killed, and police said they were searching for as many as two others.

People fled Parliament by scrambling down scaffolding erected for renovations, while others took cover inside as police with rifles and body armor took up positions outside and blocked the normally bustling streets around the building.

Witnesses said the soldier was gunned down by a man dressed all in black with a scarf over his face. They said the gunman then entered Parliament, where dozens of shots rang out.

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An Ottawa police officer runs with his weapon drawn outside Parliament in Ottawa on Wednesday after people reported hearing gunfire inside.

Sean Kilpatrick, The Canadian Press/AP

US Marine murder suspect transferred to Philippine detention facility

By Seth Robson
Stars and Stripes

A U.S. Marine suspected in the death of a transgender in the Philippines has been transferred from custody on an American ship to a Filipino military base.

Police have filed a murder complaint against the Marine, who they have identified as Pfc. Joseph Scott Pemberton, who was seen at Celzone Lodge in Olongapo City on Oct. 11 with Jeffrey Laude, 26, also known as Jennifer. Laude's naked body was discovered in a hotel bathroom a shortly after.

In a statement Wednesday, U.S. Marine Corps Forces Pacific — which has yet to confirm Pemberton's identity pending official charges — announced that a suspect had been transferred from the USS Peleliu to a holding location at Camp Aguinaldo, the military headquarters of the Armed Forces of the Philippines in Quezon City.

"The Marine will remain in the custody of the United States pursuant to the Visiting Forces Agreement (VFA) with the Republic of the Philippines," Marine Corps spokesman Col. Brad Bartelt said.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Unless you think somebody is going to get a gun and shoot people, then send them to work. If they're sitting there, you're going to be reminded, 'We have to do something about Betty Lou.'"

— Jeffrey Neal, former Department of Homeland Security human capital chief, on a report about paid leave for federal workers

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Museum director Alexander Klausmeier, third from right, leads Secretary of State John Kerry, right, and German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier past a section of the Berlin Wall on Wednesday.

Kerry warns of Cold War redux

The Associated Press

BERLIN — Surrounded by relics of the Cold War, Secretary of State John Kerry and his German counterpart warned Wednesday against a return to the bitter divide between east and west over the current crisis in Ukraine.

Under gloomy skies and a steady rain, Kerry and German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier visited one of the few remaining sections of the Berlin Wall. They emphasized that the West does not seek confrontation with Russia and implored Moscow to move quickly to fulfill the terms of an agreement to end the fighting in eastern Ukraine between the government and pro-Russia separatists.

Ukraine accuses Moscow of aiding the separatists, a charge that Moscow denies.

Ahead of next month's 25th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall, Kerry and Steinmeier met German high school students about the age that Kerry was when he lived in divided Berlin after World War II while his father served as a U.S. diplomat.

Though the Wall had not been built when Kerry rode his bicycle into the Soviet zone of the city as a 12-year-old, he recalled the stark contrast between east and west, visible in the clothing and demeanor of Berliners as well as the conditions.

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>
> **John Kerry**
> U.S. secretary of state

"As a young child I saw the difference, I felt the difference," he told reporters after he and Steinmeier met the students and chatted with a woman who had escaped East Germany.

"It was a difference between hope and despair, between light and darkness. You noticed it."

Kerry said he hoped the Ukraine crisis would not spark another Cold War and maintained that the West's tough stance against Russian intervention in Ukraine was only standing up for peoples' basic freedoms.

"These freedoms are still being threatened in too many parts of the world and they are even being threatened right here in Europe," he said. "Russia's aggression in Ukraine needs to end."

"We hope that Russia, with whom we do not seek conflict, with whom we would much rather be working together to deal with the problems of the world ... will understand how seriously the world takes the efforts to cross the lines of sovereignty and independence of a nation."

Germany has been leading efforts to find a diplomatic solution to the crisis in Ukraine while also seeking to keep up pressure on Moscow with economic sanctions. Chancellor Angela Merkel has talked frequently with Russian President Vladimir Putin and met him in Italy last week.

"We know that this conflict is still explosive enough to threaten the peaceful order in Europe," Steinmeier said. "It is our responsibility to prevent a new divide in Europe opening up ever again."

"None of us want another generation growing up with the foreboding sense of a Cold War," Kerry added.

Stateside troops head to Germany for drills

BY TOM ROEDER
The (Colorado Springs, Colo.)Gazette

About 100 Fort Carson, Colo., soldiers headed to Germany on Tuesday to take part in a training exercise that's part of a NATO effort to counter Russian aggression in the region.

The soldiers, from the 4th Infantry Division's headquarters, will help lead NATO troops in a mock battle called Operation Combined Resolve III. Though smaller in scale, the exercise is similar to the Reforger exercises the division joined in the 1970s and 1980s to train for possible war with the Soviet Union.

The soldiers will gather prepositioned gear in Europe for the exercise at the Army's training center in Hohenfels, Bavaria.

In Europe, the Fort Carson troops will help lead a multinational brigade. The post said 18 countries are expected to take part in the monthlong exercise.

Since Russia sent troops to Crimea in March, NATO has held a series of training exercises designed to show the military might of the western allies.

"The United States continues to demonstrate its commitment to the collective security of our NATO allies and support for our partners in Europe, in light of the ongoing Russian intervention in Ukraine," U.S. European Command wrote in a statement announcing the training.

Earlier this month, NATO leaders again condemned Russian actions in the Ukraine.

"NATO Allies continue to urge Russia to withdraw its remaining troops from Ukrainian territory, as well as those it has massed on the border," said Alexander Vershbow, deputy NATO secretary.

The training in Germany will prepare Fort Carson troops for more than dealings with Russia. NATO allies working alongside U.S. forces now play a key role in Afghanistan and in battles against the Islamic State group in Iraq and Syria.

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Judge orders contractor to keep shipping cars

By Adam L. Mathis
Stars and Stripes

A company contracted to ship servicemembers' vehicle has been ordered to continue to do so despite attempting to back out of its commitments.

A U.S. District Court on Sunday enjoined Liberty Global Logistics of Lake Success, N.Y., to stick to its agreement to ship vehicles in Europe. Liberty is a subcontractor to Brunswick, Ga.-based International Auto Logistics, which in May took over a Defense Department contract to ship the personal vehicles of servicemembers and DOD civilian employees.

The temporary injunction will be the subject of a Thursday hearing at the U.S. District Court for the Southern of Georgia, Brunswick Division.

Liberty, of Lake Success, N.Y., has questioned whether International is financially capable of servicing a contract it won in May to ship the personal vehicles of DOD personnel when they transfer duty stations. In documents filed with the court by International, Liberty said that International had taken out an $8 million line of credit last year, which expired in July.

Liberty had previously complained about more than $3 million in late payments from International, according to the documents.

"As a result of our conversations over the last three weeks ... it has become clear to (Liberty) that it can no longer provide such considerable sums of money for obligations which are (International's) ultimate responsibility," Liberty wrote in an Oct. 15 email to International.

International said in its filing with the court that it paid more than $5 million to Liberty after it was notified that Liberty sought to end the contract. International said it believed Liberty's invoices were incorrect, but paid to demonstrate its willingness to work with the company.

International has faced numerous complaints for late deliveries, but it is unclear how much those have cost the company. U.S. Transportation Command has said federal regulations prohibit the command from releasing delivery statistics. TRANSCOM did say that International is liable for expenses, such as car rental fees, incurred by servicemembers when vehicle deliveries are late.

Amanda Nunez, a spokeswoman for International, did not contact Stars and Stripes before deadline Wednesday regarding a request for an interview.

International is also facing pressure on Capitol Hill about its failure to deliver vehicles on time. Sen. Mark Warner, D-Va., said in a news release that U.S. Air Force Gen. Paul Selva, head of TRANSCOM, told him on Monday that International's data systems were inadequate to provide on-time vehicle delivery.

More than a dozen DOD employees are monitoring International's work because of the shipping problems, Selva told Warner.

"I made it clear to General Selva that unless the performance improves, all options must be on the table, including renegotiating or terminating this contract," Warner said in the release.

Earlier this month, a command spokesman told Stars and Stripes that a decision to end the contract for cause is not "based on a single area of contract performance."

"Before USTRANSCOM considers terminating this contract, it must first conclusively establish performance metrics have not been met, and that nonperformance is the fault of the contractor," the spokesman said in an Oct. 10 email. "IAL has only performed for a limited time period, during peak moving season, and after starting earlier than the contract required."

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Tiarra Fulgham/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

The guided-missile destroyer USS Michael Murphy departs Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Monday for an independent deployment to the western Pacific Ocean.

1st deployment underway for USS Michael Murphy

By Beth Brogan
Bangor (Maine) Daily News

BATH, Maine — The guided-missile destroyer USS Michael Murphy left its home base in Pearl Harbor on Monday on its first operational deployment.

The ship is headed to the western Pacific Ocean, where it will "conduct goodwill activities with partner nations, along with various presence operations including Oceania Maritime Security Initiative," the U.S. Navy said in a news release.

"USS Michael Murphy's deployment to the western Pacific is another example of our important role in the rebalance to Asia-Pacific and our commitment to the nation's maritime strategy anywhere in the world," Rear Adm. Rick Williams, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, said in the release. "I am confident in the capabilities and commitment of the men and women aboard USS Michael Murphy, they are ready to operate forward and lead the way."

The 62nd Arleigh Burke-class destroyer, the Murphy was expected to be the last of that line. The ship was christened in May 2011, left Bath in September 2012 and was commissioned in October 2012.

The Navy subsequently restarted the Arleigh Burke-class line, and in June 2013 the Navy awarded BIW contracts to build four of that model of destroyer. In March, a fifth was added.

The Murphy is named for SEAL Lt. Michael P. Murphy, a New York native who was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroic actions in Afghanistan in 2005. Murphy was the first person to be awarded the medal for actions in Afghanistan.

Transferred: Philippines, NCIS working jointly on investigation

FROM FRONT PAGE

Custody of American servicemembers accused of crimes has long been a sticking point in the Philippines, and is a major issue for leftist and student groups that have been protesting outside the U.S. Embassy since the slaying took place and are looking for any signs of favoritism in the handling of the case.

The slaying has been widely played in the Philippine media, though it is unclear whether there will be any long-term impact on the two countries' recent agreement to bolster the U.S. military's presence in the Philippines, a former American colony.

President Benigno Aquino III has rejected leftist calls to scrap the VFA in the wake of the slaying, but some major political figures, including the head of the Philippine Senate Foreign Relations committee, have called for a review of the agreement.

As part of the Pacific pivot toward the Asia-Pacific region as the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have wound down, the U.S. has been moving toward prepositioning rotational forces, materiel and disaster aid in the Philippines. U.S. bases here were closed down in 1991 after the Philippine Senate refused to renew their leases.

A joint investigation of Laude's death by the Naval Criminal Investigative Service and Philippine National Police is ongoing, Bartelt said.

The suspect, who is assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, based at Camp Lejeune, N.C., will remain in the Philippines during the investigation of the death and any judicial proceedings, he said.

"The Marine Corps is working closely and cooperating fully with Philippine authorities to ensure a thorough investigation is completed and due process of law is followed," Bartelt said.

With the transfer of the suspect, the commander of U.S. Pacific Command, Adm. Samuel J. Locklear III, has authorized the to depart Subic Bay, he said. The ship was among five Navy vessels to port at Subic Bay following joint military exercises in the Philippines. The other four were allowed to leave last week.

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Aaron Favila/AP

U.S. Marines Pfc. Joseph Scott Pemberton, a suspect in the death of a transgender Filipina, wears a helmet as he arrives at Camp Aguinaldo military headquarters in Quezon city, Philippines on Wednesday.

Anchorage schools ban military recruiters

The Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — The Anchorage School District has banned military recruiters from the district's campuses.

KTVA reported Monday that the decision followed recent reports that allege recruiters from the Alaska Army National Guard made inappropriate advances toward high school students.

Last week, KTVA received documents stating that members of the Alaska Army National Guard's recruiting staff were offering students alcohol and inviting them to parties.

In the reports, a former Dimond High School student said an officer called her "pretty" and invited her to have lunch with him. Other witnesses in the report said a recruiter implied he had sexual relations with that same student.

"What was reported was absolutely unacceptable," said Superintendent Ed Graff. "We are immediately reviewing our practices and policies, including adult-student boundaries ... to make very clear what our expectations are."

Lt. Col. Lee Knowles, who has been with the Guard's Recruiting and Retention Battalion since June 2012, said the school hadn't contacted the battalion, and he finds it "regrettable that (the school district) ASD has taken this stance" based on a report released by the media.

Knowles said he would like to meet with the school district about its decision.

"We have a vested interest in maintaining a good relationship with the ASD, the parents and the students," Knowles said.

The district is setting up meetings with branch recruiters about the leaked reports, Graff said.

"Until I can have those conversations and meet with them face to face, we will not be permitting military recruiters on our campuses to visit with students," Graff said.

MILITARY

DOD 'waste' targeted in annual report

Benefits claims for sleep apnea, Afghan reconstruction earn spots in federal spending Wastebook

By Travis J. Tritten
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Exploding military sleep apnea claims, Afghanistan buildings that keep burning down and the Navy's Currents magazine have all made one of Congress' most notorious lists of wasteful government spending.

Sen. Tom Coburn's annual Wastebook, released Wednesday, listed those defense costs and others among 100 initiatives worth $25 billion that he says were conducted by a Department of Defense and federal government with too little oversight and a Congress that often serves "purely parochial, political" goals.

"Only someone with too much of someone else's money and not enough accountability for how it was being spent could come up with some of these projects," Coburn, R-Okla., said in a released statement.

Servicemember disability claims for sleep apnea, a condition that reduces the amount and quality of sleep in sufferers, have increased from fewer than 1,000 in 2001 to 143,000 now, which costs taxpayers $1.2 billion annually, according to Coburn's final waste report.

The Department of Veterans Affairs, which handles claims, has attributed the rise in cases to greater awareness of sleep apnea, which can increase the risk of high blood pressure, heart attack, stroke, obesity and diabetes, according to the National Institutes of Health.

But Coburn said many are beginning to question the prevalence and have even alleged that troops preparing to separate are advised to claim sleep apnea just to reap a high disability rating and increased benefits.

"Current VA policy rates someone with sleep apnea to have a rating of 50 percent, meaning fifty percent disabled," according to the waste report. "By contrast, Rep. Tammy Duckworth [D-Ill.], who served in the Army as a helicopter pilot, lost both of her legs in combat and had her right arm blown off. After the arm was reattached, her disability rating by the VA was 20 percent."

Duckworth's staff said Wednesday that the 20 percent rating was only for the loss of her arm.

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> **Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla.**
> sponsor of Wastebook report

Afghanistan reconstruction — a ripe target for fiscal hawks and government auditors — also drew Coburn's ire in the report.

Specially appointed auditors learned two years ago that buildings constructed by the Army Corps of Engineers used faulty fire suppression systems that did not conform to international building codes.

Some buildings burned, but work on new buildings continued as part of the $21.3 million construction effort and the problem was not fixed. Last year, 704 were underway using the same foam and thermal barriers found to be faulty.

The buildings are being turned over to the Afghans despite the hazards.

"According to a senior Army Corps official, turning the buildings over was fine because 'the typical occupant populations for these facilities are young, fit Afghan soldiers and recruits who have the physical ability to make a hasty retreat during a developing situation,'" the Wastebook said.

Meanwhile, the Navy took some fire for its glossy Currents magazine, which focuses on the service's green energy efforts.

Currents articles published through the year included a buying guide for products classified as environmentally sustainable and a feature on winners of a Navy environmental stewardship award, according to the senator.

"Yet for all its efforts to showcase itself as the 'Great Green Fleet,' the Navy still mails out 9,500 hard copies of the magazine every quarter, including 535 to each member of Congress," the Wastebook said.

Coburn's report, which questioned whether the magazine is "self-aggrandizing propaganda," said the mailings cost $72,000 per year on top of the $260,000 cost of producing the magazine.

The Wastebook also targeted other defense programs:

- Defense Department efforts to build a real-life "Iron Man" suit for troops for $80 million.
- $35 million to persuade Afghans to plant and eat soy beans.
- Twenty new U.S.-funded transport aircraft in Afghanistan purchased for $486 million; 16 were scrapped for $32,000.
- $1 billion spent by the Pentagon to destroy $16 billion worth of unneeded ammunition.
- U.S. Coast Guard security patrols for private parties, costing $100,000 or more.

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MILITARY

Career summits to focus on jobs after military

Ramstein, Grafenwöhr to host events

Stars and Stripes

GRAFENWÖHR, Germany — The U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation will be host to veterans transition summits at Ramstein Air Base and the Grafenwöhr Army garrison early next month as part of its Hiring Our Heroes program.

The Ramstein workshop is scheduled for Nov. 3 at the Officers Club. The Grafenwöhr event is planned for Nov. 5-6 in Building 134. Registration and a detailed breakdown of times and events can be found at hiringourheroes.org.

The summits pair companies seeking to hire veterans with servicemembers who have left the military or are preparing to do so. The free summits feature seminars, panel discussions, training courses and one-on-one resume instruction. A hiring fair caps off the events.

About 30 companies — including Hilton Worldwide, GE and Academi — will be on hand at Ramstein and Grafenwöhr to talk to prospective hires.

Hiring Our Heroes, which has held five similar summits in the United States, has been relatively successful, said Kim Morton, senior media relations manager.

"We've had 12 percent get hired from our fairs over the years," she said. "We've had 200,000 folks come out and 24,000 hires. The national average here in the U.S. for hiring fairs in general is 4 percent, so we know that we have a formula that works well."

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Airman who died in scuba accident ID'd

Stars and Stripes

The Air Force has identified the Kadena Air Base airman who died in a scuba accident Saturday off the coast of Okinawa as Tech. Sgt. Jason D. McIlvaine.

The 42-year-old, assigned to the 18th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, was diving off the coast of Okinawa, approximately 30 miles north of the base.

Two airmen noticed that McIlvaine was in distress and brought him to the surface, where they saw that he was not breathing, according to an Air Force news release.

They performed cardiopulmonary resuscitation until local medical responders arrived and took over.

McIlvaine was transported via helicopter to a local hospital in Nakagami. The doctors on duty were unable to revive him, the news release said.

German workers at US bases to get raises

Stars and Stripes

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — Thousands of local nationals working for the U.S. government and other foreign forces in Germany will see their wages increased by 2.4 percent, retroactive to Sept. 1, ver.di, the union representing the workers, announced Wednesday.

The agreement on the new 12-month contract came early on the second day of salary negotiations Wednesday in Bonn between the union and representatives from Germany's Federal Ministry of Finance and the militaries of the United States, United Kingdom, France and Canada.

Those discussions were preceded by widespread protests by union members throughout Germany, including one Monday in Landstuhl, where hundreds of local civilians working for the U.S. and other foreign militaries in the Rhineland Palatinate didn't show up for work to protest stagnant wages.

The union represents about 17,000 local civilians in Germany, most of whom work at U.S. military bases.

Union representatives had asked for a 3 percent raise or a 90 euros per month across-the-board increase.

Local nationals say they had not received a significant pay raise in four years. Last year, workers were given an increase of 30 euros per month in addition to a one-time 500-euro payment and an additional holiday on Dec. 31.

The lack of a wage increase mirrored similar pay freezes for U.S. federal civilians, dating to 2010.

"We consider this as a good result," Jürgen Dehnert, spokesman for the Rhineland Palatinate region of ver.di, said Wednesday.

Dehnert said he did not know what the average wage increase would be.

Achim Meerkamp, a board member of ver.di, said the agreement struck was acceptable, "especially when you consider the fiscal situation of the foreign forces and their plans to save money," he was quoted in a union press release as saying.

The pay raise also will apply to local nationals slated to lose their jobs because of pending U.S. military post closures.

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Panetta in dispute with CIA over memoir

BY GREG MILLER
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Former CIA director Leon Panetta clashed with the agency over the contents of his recently published memoir and allowed his publisher to begin editing and making copies of the book before he had received final approval from the CIA, according to former U.S. officials and others familiar with the project.

Panetta's decision appears to have put him in violation of the secrecy agreement that all CIA employees are required to sign, and came amid a showdown with agency reviewers that could have derailed the release of the book this month, people involved in the matter said.

The memoir, which is almost unfailingly complimentary toward the spy service where he served as director from 2009 to 2011, was ultimately approved by the CIA's Publications Review Board before it reached store shelves.

But pre-empting that panel — even temporarily — carried legal risks for both Panetta and his publisher. Other former CIA employees have been sued for breach of contract and forced to surrender proceeds from sales of books that ran afoul of CIA rules.

Neither Panetta nor the agency would comment on the dispute over the book, "Worthy Fights." A spokeswoman for the publisher, Penguin Press, would say only that Panetta's book "was submitted earlier this year to both the Department of Defense and CIA for the requisite reviews. Secretary Panetta worked closely with both to ensure that 'Worthy Fights' was accurate and appropriate for publication."

Others involved in the process said that Panetta became so frustrated with CIA delays and demands for redactions that he appealed to CIA Director John Brennan and threatened to proceed with publication without clearance from the agency.

"It was contentious," a former U.S. official said, exceeding the acrimony that has come up in previous conflicts with senior CIA officials eager to capitalize on the demand for books about their careers and a panel that exerts extensive control over how much they can tell.

Dispute complications

The CIA's dispute with its former director, and its apparent decision not to pursue the potential violation, could complicate the agency's ability to negotiate with other would-be authors and avoid accusations of favoritism.

"If he doesn't follow the specific protocols, then why should there be any expectation for anybody underneath him to do so?" said Mark Zaid, a Washington lawyer who has handled more than a dozen cases involving authors and the CIA's review board.

The Obama administration has come down aggressively on others accused of failing to comply with their secrecy agreements - including the former Navy SEAL who bypassed the CIA and Pentagon in publishing his account of his involvement in the operation to kill Osama bin Laden.

As secretary of defense, Panetta publicly scolded ex-SEAL Matt Bissonnette, who was sued by the Pentagon to recover the proceeds from the book. That legal fight remains unresolved two years later.

The CIA also has a long history of zealously enforcing its secrecy agreements, including against its highest officials. Former director William E. Colby was forced to pay $10,000 in a 1981 legal settlement after a version of his memoir was published in France without agency approval.

More recently, a federal judge ruled in the CIA's favor against a former officer who had submitted a book under the pseudonym Ishmael Jones that was harshly critical of the agency. Jones published the book without permission after large portions of his manuscript were rejected.

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Leon Panetta, who served under President Barack Obama as CIA director and secretary of defense, is in a dispute with the CIA over the publication of his recent memoir.

'Duty-bound' by pact

At the time, Panetta issued a news release saying "CIA officers are duty-bound to observe the terms of their secrecy agreement with the agency."

That agreement requires current or former employees to submit any agency-related material that they "contemplate disclosing publicly." Authors are prohibited from even showing their work "to anyone who is not authorized to have access" until they have secured "written permission to do so."

The language is interpreted to mean barring the sharing of drafts even with a co-author or editor, prompting other senior CIA officials, including former director George Tenet and former acting general counsel John Rizzo, to wait to deliver their manuscripts to their publishers until they had received explicit permission from the review board.

"The rules are quite clear, and I followed them," Rizzo said.

Panetta was reportedly paid $3 million for his book, and it was promoted as a title for the fall book season. It was released Oct. 7.

One person with inside knowledge said that "Worthy Fights" went to press in August while there were still unresolved disputes with CIA. The final approval from the review board came on or around Sept. 1, according to that person and others familiar with the negotiations who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

A review copy provided to The Washington Post bears date stamps of Aug. 11 on each page, as well as markings indicating that it had gone through three copy-editing cycles by that point. That bound copy was delivered to The Post on Sept. 12.

Sarah Hutson, a spokeswoman for Penguin Press, declined to answer questions about when printing and distribution of the Panetta book began. Panetta's negotiations with CIA were handled by his former chief of staff at the agency and the Pentagon, Jeremy Bash, who also declined to answer questions about the publication and review schedule.

Predictable conflict

To some, the conflict over the Panetta book was predictable, pitting a voluble former director against a small CIA office whose demands on authors are seen by many who have endured the process as arbitrary and at times unfair.

The board, which also scrutinizes speeches and movie scripts, is supposedly to screen submissions solely for disclosures of classified material. Opinions, like Panetta's criticism of President Barack Obama, are not part of its purview.

The panel bans references to CIA operations, including drone strikes, even when they have been mentioned by the president and documented extensively in the news media. It routinely objects to the use of such seemingly innocuous terms as "station chief," arguing that the mere mention of the word "station" would confirm that the agency has permanent bases overseas.

As director, Panetta often tested the boundaries of such secrecy. His public comments about the drone campaign — including his description of airstrikes on al-Qaida as "the only game in town" — were so extensive that the American Civil Liberties Union cited them in a lawsuit that argued the program could no longer be considered a government secret.

Panetta also called attention to secret CIA operations in other ways, giving access to the makers of the film "Zero Dark Thirty," which dramatized the agency's hunt for bin Laden.

In his book, Panetta "was pushing to be more explicit than the agency likes to get," said a former U.S. official familiar with the negotiations.

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NATION

4 Blackwater guards guilty in Iraq shootings

By Pete Yost
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A federal jury returned guilty verdicts for all four former Blackwater security guards charged in the 2007 shootings of more than 30 Iraqis in Baghdad.

The jury in Washington found Nicholas Slatten guilty of first-degree murder and the three other guards — Paul Slough, Evan Liberty and Dustin Heard — guilty of at least three counts of voluntary manslaughter.

The four men were charged with a combined 33 counts in the shootings, but the jury had reached verdicts on only part of the charges after weeks of deliberations. District Court Judge Royce C. Lamberth allowed the jury to announce the verdicts agreed upon, with the expectation jurors would continue deliberating on the other counts.

The shootings on Sept. 16, 2007, caused an international uproar over the role of defense contractors in urban warfare.

The State Department hired Blackwater to protect American diplomats in Baghdad, the Iraqi capital, and elsewhere in the country. Blackwater convoys of four heavily armored vehicles operated in risky environments where car bombs and attacks by insurgents were common.

Slatten was charged with first-degree murder; the others were charged with voluntary manslaughter, attempted manslaughter and gun charges. The case was mired in legal battles for years, making it uncertain whether the defendants would ever be tried.

The trial focused on the killings of 14 Iraqis and the wounding of 17 others. During an 11-week trial, prosecutors summoned 72 witnesses, including Iraqi victims, their families and former colleagues of the defendant Blackwater guards.

There was sharp disagreement over the facts in the case.

The defendants' lawyers said there was strong evidence the guards were targeted with gunfire from insurgents and Iraqi police, leading the guards to shoot back in self-defense. Federal prosecutors said there was no incoming gunfire and that the shootings by the guards were unprovoked.

The prosecution focused on the defendants' intent, contending that some of the Blackwater guards harbored a low regard for and deep hostility toward Iraqi civilians.

The guards, the prosecution said, held "a grave indifference" to the death and injury that their actions probably would cause Iraqis. Several former Blackwater guards testified that they had been generally distrustful of Iraqis, based on experience the guards said they had had in being led into ambushes.

Prosecutors said that from a vantage point inside his convoy's command vehicle, Slatten aimed his SR-25 sniper rifle through a gun portal, killing the driver of a stopped white Kia sedan, Ahmed Haithem Ahmed Al Rubia'y.

At the trial, two Iraqi traffic officers and one of the shooting victims testified the car was stopped. The assertion that the car was stopped supported the prosecution argument that the shots were unwarranted.

Defense lawyers pressed their argument that other Blackwater guards — not Slatten — fired the first shots and that they did so only after the vehicle moved slowly toward the convoy.

Once the shooting started, hundreds of Iraqi citizens ran for their lives.

It was "gunfire coming from the left, gunfire coming from the right," prosecutor Anthony Asuncion told the jury in closing arguments.

Man freed by N. Korea after nearly 6 months, back with family in Ohio

By Andrew Welsh-Huggins
The Associated Press

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — An American arrested and held for nearly six months in North Korea for leaving a Bible at a nightclub returned home to Ohio on Wednesday to tears of joy and hugs from his wife and surprised children.

A plane carrying Jeffrey Fowle landed Wednesday morning at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, near Dayton, where he was reunited with his family.

Moments after Fowle, carrying two bags, stepped off a plane at the base just after 6:30 a.m., his three children and wife ran from a nearby airplane hangar and shared hugs.

Base Col. John Devillier said Fowle had a tearful reunion, and that Fowle was happy and seemed thrilled to be back in the U.S.

Devillier said Fowle's family hadn't told the children why they were being brought to the base and that it was a surprise for them to see their father walk off the plane.

"The reaction from his children was priceless," Devillier said.

The news came about six months after he was taken into custody after leaving a Bible at a nightclub. Christian evangelism is considered a crime in North Korea. He had been awaiting trial — the only one of three Americans held by Pyongyang who had not been convicted of charges.

The two others were each sentenced to years in North Korean prisons after court trials that lasted no more than 90 minutes. The three Americans entered North Korea separately.

Fowle was flown out of North Korea on a U.S. military jet that was spotted at Pyongyang's international airport Tuesday by two Associated Press journalists. There was no immediate explanation for the release of Fowle.

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Jeffrey Fowle is greeted by family members upon his arrival early Wednesday at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. He was detained for nearly six months in North Korea.

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EBOLA OUTBREAK

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People walk through an area occupied by Liberian refugees stranded due to the West African Ebola outbreak in a camp on the outskirts of Accra, Ghana, on Monday.

Liberians exiled by virus pray for outbreak's end

BY RODNEY MUHUMUZA AND OBED BOAFO
The Associated Press

BUDUBURAM CAMP, Ghana — Henry Boley left Liberia to attend a conference in Nigeria just days after his twins were born. Now, weeks later, he can't get home. Amanda Johnson, 50, a Liberian living in Ghana, awaits her fiance's departure from their home country for their wedding, but refuses to return home because of Ebola.

Hundreds of Liberians are stranded in Ghana, separated from their families because of poverty, fear and logistics. Some are waiting for flights to resume after most airlines canceled flights to Liberia. Others are having trouble navigating or affording the circuitous route back by bus. Many others feel it's too risky to return home, even if their spouses or children are desperately urging them to.

Boley and Johnson are neighbors in a camp for refugees just outside Accra, the Ghanaian capital, where they monitor the news for any signs that Ebola is slowing down in their home country. Their exile is likely to continue as the worst outbreak of the disease in history continues infecting more people in Liberia, Guinea and Sierra Leone, with a total death toll of more than 4,500.

Ghana, which is still free of Ebola, has become the hub for an intensified international response to the crisis, with the U.N. Mission for Ebola Emergency Response based in Accra. Ghana is one of 14 West African counties seen as being at risk, and authorities have set up at least three Ebola isolation centers across the country in case there is an outbreak.

Boley, 40, a Christian pastor, has been stranded for weeks. He is bored and often thinks of his babies, whom he barely knows.

"I have been trying to get back to Liberia but it's very difficult," he said. "This is tough for me. I am the man of the home and when I talk to my wife she says to me that I need to be there. But I can't do anything for her."

Boley believes more than 500 Liberians — often jobless, broke and desperate for good news out of their country — are at the Buduburam camp, an unsanitary maze of tin-roofed shacks, tents and other makeshift structures. Many more are said to be sheltering in other parts of Ghana.

When he is not walking about idly, Boley sits huddled among other men who talk quietly over cold drinks. In a crowded market in Buduburam's dusty grounds, women sell fresh vegetables, bottled honey and other goods. The area stinks of rotting garbage.

Boley had flown to Nigeria on Gambia Bird, but after he left that airline stopped flying to Liberia. While in Lagos, Nigeria, people avoided him after learning he was from Liberia, he said. Disinvited from the conference, he took a bus to Ghana, where border officials announced there was a possibly Ebola-infected Liberian in their company. People panicked, he said.

The only way he can return home is by taking another long bus trip through four countries, including Guinea and Sierra Leone. It would cost him at least $350, money he doesn't have.

Johnson is awaiting her fiance's arrival in Ghana for a wedding at the end of the year. But he can't leave Liberia because of border closings.

"Some people are saying we will get married in December; others are saying maybe three years later. I just don't know what will happen," said Johnson, who runs a stall selling clothes and food in the camp. "I also can't go back to Liberia. I don't want to go."

Liberians are deeply religious people, and every morning many who live in this camp crowd into a church to pray for the end of Ebola

Boley, the Liberian pastor, said he genuinely believes that "only God can help us to solve" Ebola.

US urges more doctors, dollars for Ebola fight

BY JOHN VANDIVER
Stars and Stripes

STUTTGART, Germany — A U.S. military effort to establish a new medical training center in Liberia will be a step forward in the fight against Ebola, but the international community must step forward with more health care providers and funds to battle the virus' spread, U.S. officials said Wednesday.

The international effort in western Africa is in desperate need of not only treatment centers and health care workers to work in them, but more money, senior U.S. officials said during a conference call with Europe-based reporters.

"The best and most effective way to keep our own countries safe is to defeat this disease in west Africa," said Donald Lu, the State Department's deputy coordinator for Ebola response.

For its part, U.S. Africa Command is helping coordinate an effort to get health care workers trained to contend with an Ebola outbreak that has killed more than 4,500 people in western Africa. Given the logistical challenges of operating in the region, now in the midst of a harsh rainy season, military teams are helping fill capability gaps, officials said.

"That's another reason we have asked our military to stand up a training facility in Monrovia," said Nancy Lindborg, the U.S. Agency for International Development's assistant administrator for the Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance. "It (the training center) will provide the capacity to train 500 health care workers a week."

More than 500 servicemembers are now in Liberia to build treatment centers and provide logistical support. Thousands more are expected to deploy to the region in the coming weeks.

Much of the military's focus is on getting a series of Ebola treatment units, as well as a training center, up and running. The first treatment facility is expected to be operational in Liberia in a matter of days.

"We're working closely with the armed forces of Liberia to break the cycle of infection," said Navy Dr. (Capt.) David K. Weiss, AFRICOM's command surgeon.

In addition to constructing treatment centers, U.S. efforts also are focused on strategies to stem the spread of the virus, which is passed through the exchange of bodily fluids such as blood and human waste.

"We know we will not be able to beat this through beds alone," Lindborg said.

So far, about 65 "burial teams" have been formed across Liberia to help ensure the safe burial of the deceased. In Liberia, there is a cultural tradition of washing loved ones before burial, which is a major source of infection, she said.

"We see this (the safe burial teams) as a very important way of breaking the cycle of infection," Lindborg said.

Meanwhile, U.S. officials are urging European nations to step up their support.

The U.N. has estimated that $988 million is needed for a host of programs to counter Ebola and the effects on ravaged African communities, but so far only about $350 million has been raised.

"We haven't done enough," Lu said.

As the military effort in Liberia presses forward, U.S. military officials also have taken steps to ensure that Europe-based personnel and equipment are properly screened, said Dr. (Col.) John Mitchell, the top medical official at European Command.

For example, the U.S. has been working with the Italian air force to establish methods for ensuring the safe movement of gear and troops.

"The U.S. and our host nations are coordinating closely on vigorous protocols that are mutually accessible for the screening of any aircraft, cargo or personnel that pass through our host nations, which will allow us to work together in a comprehensive, global fight against the spread of this disease," Mitchell said.

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Stricken US journalist recovers

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A TV news cameraman treated for Ebola was ready to go home Wednesday, the fifth patient transported from West Africa to recover at a U.S. hospital, as President Barack Obama brought together top aides and his new Ebola "czar" to coordinate a national response to the deadly disease.

Two nurses remain hospitalized after catching the virus from a Liberian man who came down with Ebola symptoms after arriving in the U.S. and died at a Dallas hospital. Because of their cases, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued more stringent safety guidelines this week and is working with states to spread them to health care workers across the country.

"Recovering from Ebola is a truly humbling feeling," American video journalist Ashoka Mukpo said in a statement Tuesday from the Nebraska Medical Center. "Too many are not as fortunate and lucky as I've been. I'm very happy to be alive."

Mukpo got the virus while working in Liberia as a freelance cameraman for NBC and other media outlets. He has been at the Nebraska hospital since Oct. 6, the second Ebola patient treated there.

The hospital said that tests show Mukpo is now free of the virus and he would be allowed to leave its biocontainment unit Wednesday.

Debra Berry, the mother of Dallas nurse Amber Vinson, said Tuesday her daughter is "doing OK, just trying to get stronger" while being treated at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta. Fellow Dallas nurse Nina Pham's condition has been upgraded from fair to good at the National Institutes of Health outside Washington.

At the White House, Obama was meeting with his new Ebola coordinator, Ron Klain, and top aides Wednesday.

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‘Stuck in the inertia of bureaucracy’

Thousands of federal workers on extended paid leave

By Lisa Rein
The Washington Post

Tens of thousands of federal workers are being kept on paid leave for at least a month — and often for longer stretches that can reach a year or more — while they wait to be punished for misbehavior or cleared and allowed to return to work, government records show.

During a three-year period that ended last fall, more than 57,000 employees were sent home for a month or longer. The tab for those workers exceeded $775 million in salary alone.

The extensive use of administrative leave continues despite government personnel rules that limit paid leave for employees facing discipline to “rare circumstances” in which the employee is considered a threat. The longstanding rules were written in an effort to curb waste and deal quickly with workers accused of misconduct.

The comptroller general, the top federal official responsible for auditing government finances and practices, has repeatedly ruled that federal workers should not be sidelined for long periods for any reason.

A report by the Government Accountability Office, first made public by The Washington Post on its website Monday, found that 53,000 civilian employees were kept home for one to three months during the three fiscal years that ended in September 2013. About 4,000 were idled for three months to a year and several hundred for one to three years. This is the first time the government has calculated the scope and cost of administrative leave.

Auditors found that supervisors used wide discretion in putting employees on leave, including for alleged violations of government rules and laws, whistleblowing, doubts about trustworthiness, and disputes with colleagues or bosses. Some employees remain on paid leave while they challenge demotions and other punishments.

While the employees stayed home, they not only collected paychecks but also built their pensions, vacation and sick days and moved up the federal pay scale.

“Six months went by, and we didn’t hear anything,” said Scott Balovich, who was put on administrative leave from his IT systems job at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in Alaska. “You’re so anxious. You don’t know if you’ve got a job. You’re getting paid, but it’s no vacation.”

Balovich, who makes $108,000 a year, was paid not to work while investigators examined how pornographic images had gotten onto his computer hard drive. He ultimately was cleared of any personal involvement and returned to his job last week. His attorney, Debra D’Agostino, a founder of the Federal Practice Group, said he “got stuck in the inertia of bureaucracy.”

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The GAO report almost certainly understates the extent and cost of administrative leave because the figures examined by the auditors were incomplete. The numbers reviewed account for only about three-fifths of the federal workforce since not all government agencies keep track of the practice.

The Office of Personnel Management rule book lists dozens of reasons for allowing paid leave, such as donating an organ, house-hunting before a job transfer and attending the funeral of a relative in the military. Snow days also are permitted.

But those require only a few hours or days — not the months and years that the GAO discovered are common at more than 100 federal agencies.

“It’s not authorized by any law,” said Sen. Charles E. Grassley, R-Iowa, referring to the cases that drag on. “Bureaucrats are abusing it.”

Grassley, Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., and Rep. Darrell Issa, R-Calif., who chairs the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, requested the GAO report. Grassley is working with Sen. Jon Tester, D-Mont., on legislation that would narrowly define the circumstances in which employees can be kept home. Pay would be limited to a few days, congressional aides said.

OPM regulations, which govern personnel practices across the government, say an employee faced with a proposed disciplinary action “will remain in a duty status” except in “rare circumstances” when he or she poses a threat to himself or others, is at risk of stealing government property or jeopardizes “legitimate government interests.” That rule, which dates to 1980, was adopted on the heels of the last major shake-up of the federal civil service as part of a push to curb waste and fraud and make agencies more accountable to taxpayers.

At many private companies, paid leave is rarely used, if at all, and lasts a few days at most, personnel experts said. An employee accused of wrongdoing either stays at the office and is reassigned or is suspended without pay.

“The private sector is focused on operating efficiently,” said Kathy Albarado, chief executive of Helios HR, a consulting firm based in Northern Virginia. Many of Helios’ clients are government contractors that cannot bill the government for salaries if employees are on paid leave. “So they’re motivated to ensure they’re resolving any dispute quickly,” Albarado said.

Shortly before Balovich went back to work at NOAA, the agency official in charge of his case apologized in an email for keeping him at home so long. “I agree that the process has been way, way too lengthy,” Jim Balsiger, the regional administrator for NOAA fisheries in Alaska, wrote to him, saying the case had to be processed through various government offices.

Balsiger’s deputy, Doug Mecum, said in an interview: “We weren’t in control of the timeline. People and players above us were in control.”

A NOAA spokesman, citing privacy laws, declined to comment on the specifics of Balovich’s case.

“Unless you think somebody is going to get a gun and shoot people, then send them to work,” said Jeffrey Neal, a longtime federal personnel manager who retired in 2011 as the DHS human capital chief. “If they’re sitting there, you’re going to be reminded, ‘We have to do something about Betty Lou.’”

Spokesmen for several agencies, when asked why they sidelined hundreds or thousands of employees for long periods, said they rely on the OPM for guidance.

“Administrative leave … is generally limited to special situations involving brief absences,” Defense Department spokesman Nathan Christensen said in a statement. It “may, in limited circumstances, be granted on an extended basis for situations such as security clearance reviews, or other due process situations where such leave is deemed to be in the interest of the Department.”

The GAO found that the Defense Department put about 8,600 employees on leave for one to three months, nearly 900 for three months to a year and 123 for more than a year.

In a move rare for federal agencies, the Justice Department has taken steps to rein in the use of administrative leave, limiting it to 10 workdays unless the assistant attorney general for administration approves a longer period.

“It became very clear to us that managers were putting people on administrative leave because it was the easiest thing to do,” said Robert Diegelman, who wrote the policy in 2002, when he was a high-level official at the Justice Department. “Too often it went on forever.”n

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Clintons lend luster to struggling Dems

By Ken Thomas
The Associated Press

AURORA, Colo. — Bill and Hillary Clinton are the top surrogates for Democrats struggling through a bleak campaign season in states where President Barack Obama is deeply unpopular.

With speculation rampant about whether Hillary Rodham Clinton makes a second presidential run in 2016, the power couple has blanketed the political map ahead of the Nov. 4 election, attending fundraisers and get-out-the-vote rallies for a long roster of Democratic candidates. In states like Arkansas, Louisiana, North Carolina and Colorado, the Clintons are an asset at a time when many Democrats need a big name to help inspire supporters. The Clintons usually campaign for candidates on their own.

On the campaign trail, the former president, in particular, is in his element.

"I feel like an old racehorse in a stable and people just take me out and put me on the track and slap me on the rear to see if I can run around one more time," the ex-president joked at a recent Democratic Party event in New Hampshire — a theme he has used before while campaigning this round.

Obama appeared at his first political rallies last weekend — in Democratic-friendly Maryland and his home state of Illinois — but the Clintons can go where the president might not be helpful.

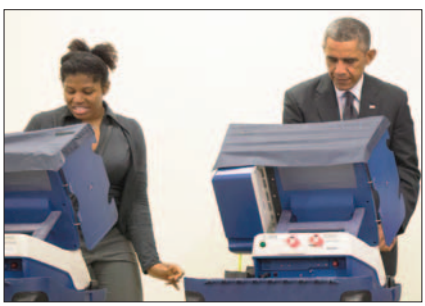
Bill Clinton starred in TV ads for Alison Lundergan Grimes in Kentucky, where Obama is so unpopular that Grimes has repeatedly refused to say whether she voted for him.

The couple is a powerful fundraising force that fuels voter turnout and give activists a taste of what could come next.

"Some people excel at raising money. Some people excel at turning out voters. The Clintons excel at both," said Democratic Rep. Steve Israel, of New York, who leads the House Democrats' campaign arm. "There is not one single competitive district in the country where both don't do well."

Their campaign schedule is infused with anticipation of a second run for the White House by Hillary Clinton, the former first lady, U.S. senator and secretary of state. She's expected to announce her decision after the November elections.

This week alone, Hillary Clinton hauled in an estimated $3.5 million in California for the campaign committees of House and Senate Democrats, including $2.1 million at a Hollywood event with Democratic mega-donors Jeffrey Katzenberg and Steven Spielberg.



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President Barack Obama votes next to Aia Cooper at the Dr. Martin Luther King Community Service Center in Chicago.

Obama gets a laugh at polls

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Let's be clear: It was a joke. It unfolded while Obama cast an early ballot Monday in Chicago.

A young woman, Aia Cooper, was voting next to Obama when her boyfriend, Mike Jones, decided to make a wisecrack: "Mr. President, don't touch my girlfriend."

Obama, laughing, replied, "There's an example of a brother just embarrassing me for no reason."

Cooper apologized. But Obama imagined how she would retell the encounter: "I can't believe Mike, he is such a fool. I was just mortified. ... But fortunately, the president was nice about it, so it's all right."

Obama gave her a kiss. "Give him something to talk about."

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NATION

3 Colo. girls detained en route to Syria

Officials trying to determine if teens sought to join Islamic State militants

The Associated Press

DENVER — Authorities are investigating whether three teenage girls from suburban Denver who may have been trying to join Islamic State militants in Syria have friends or associates with similar intentions.

A U.S. official said the evidence gathered so far made it clear that the girls — two sisters, ages 17 and 15, and their 16-year-old friend — were headed to Syria, though the official said investigators were still trying to determine what sort of contacts they had in that country. The official said investigators would be trying to figure out whether there were "like-minded" friends and acquaintances in the girls' social circle.

The sisters are of Somali descent, and their friend is of Sudanese descent, The Denver Post reported.

FBI agents stopped the girls at the Frankfurt, Germany, airport over the weekend. They were then sent back to Colorado where they were safe and reunited with their families, FBI spokeswoman Suzie Payne said.

The official said the girls were headed toward Turkey en route to Syria and that investigators were now reviewing evidence, including the girls' computers.

Another U.S. official called the case "concerning" both to the community and to the country in general.

The officials spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the ongoing investigation by name.

The girls' fathers reported them missing after they skipped school Friday, taking their passports and, in the sisters' case, $2,000 in cash.

But the families had no indication of where they might have gone, said Glenn Thompson, bureau chief of the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Department, whose officers took the missing persons report.

The report contains details of the girls' movements.

Upon their return, they told deputies they stayed in the Frankfurt airport for an entire day before being detained, questioned and returned to Denver, where they were further questioned by the FBI and sent home.

They told authorities they had gone to Germany for "family" but wouldn't elaborate.

Suspicion arose when the sisters' father realized his daughters were gone after saying they were staying home sick. They had taken $2,000 and their passports.

The 16-year-old girl's father became concerned when he got a call from her high school saying she hadn't reported to class, according to the police reports.

The families said they had no prior problems with the girls.

The announcement comes one month after Shannon Conley, 19, of Arvada, Colo., pleaded guilty to charges that she conspired to help militants in Syria.

The U.S. attorney's office in Denver declined to comment on the latest cases. It's unclear whether the girls will face charges.

Authorities have not said how they think the girls became interested in helping the Islamic State militants. In Conley's case, she told agents she wanted to marry a suitor she met online who said he was a Tunisian man fighting with the Islamic State in Syria.

Conley said she wanted to use her American military training with the U.S. Army Explorers to fight a holy war overseas, authorities said. If she could not fight with the extremists, she told agents, she would use her training as a nurse's aide.

Agents, who had been overtly trying to stop Conley, arrested her in April as she boarded a flight she hoped would ultimately get her to Syria. She could face up to five years in federal prison and a $250,000 fine when she is sentenced in January.

88 abused students to share $8M settlement

PITTSBURGH — Eighty-eight former students who were sexually molested by a Franciscan friar who worked as an athletic trainer at a Catholic high school have settled their legal claims for $8 million, according to two attorneys who represent more than half the victims.

Altoona attorney Richard Serbin represents 13 ex-students from the former Bishop McCort High School in Johnstown, Pa., and Boston attorney Mitchell Garabedian represents 33. The students said they were abused by Brother Stephen Baker, who worked at the school from 1992 to 2001.

Baker, 62, committed suicide at his monastery by stabbing himself in the heart in January 2013, days after the Youngstown, Ohio, diocese disclosed settlements with 11 former students who said they were abused by him at John F. Kennedy High School in Warren, Ohio, from 1986 to 1990.

News of those settlements prompted many of the Bishop McCort victims to come forward.

The school was owned and operated by the diocese when the abuse occurred but has been operated since 2008 by an independent board.

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WORLD

Ottawa: Attack comes 2 days after Canadian solider killed by Islam convert

AP

A team of Royal Canadian Mounted Police responds to a shooting near Parliament in Ottawa on Wednesday.

FROM FRONT PAGE

Ottawa police spokesman Chuck Benoit said two or three gunmen were believed to be involved in the attack. Gilles Michaud, assistant commissioner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, called it a "dynamic, unfolding situation."

Ottawa Hospital said it received two patients, both listed in stable condition, in addition to the soldier.

The attack came two days after a recent convert to Islam killed one Canadian soldier and injured another in a hit-and-run before being shot to death by police. The killer had been on the radar of federal investigators, who feared he had jihadist ambitions and seized his passport when he tried to travel to Turkey.

Canada had raised its domestic terrorism threat level from low to medium Tuesday because of "an increase in general chatter from radical Islamist organizations," said Jean-Christophe de Le Rue, a spokesman for the public safety minister.

On Wednesday, Tony Zobl, 35, said he witnessed the soldier being gunned down from his fourth-floor window directly above the National War Memorial, a 70-foot, arched granite cenotaph, or tomb, with bronze sculptures commemorating World War I.

"I looked out the window and saw a shooter, a man dressed all in black with a kerchief over his nose and mouth and something over his head as well, holding a rifle and shooting an honor guard in front of the cenotaph point-blank, twice," Zobl told the Canadian Press news agency.

"The honor guard dropped to the ground, and the shooter kind of raised his arms in triumph holding the rifle."

Zobl said the gunman then ran up the street toward Parliament Hill.

Cabinet minister Tony Clement tweeted that at least 30 shots were heard inside Parliament, where Conservative and Liberal MPs were holding their weekly caucus meetings.

"I'm safe locked in a office awaiting security," Kyle Seeback, another member of Parliament, tweeted.

The top spokesman for Prime Minister Stephen Harper said Harper was safe and had left Parliament Hill. The U.S. Embassy in Ottawa was locked down as a precaution.

Officials also canceled two events in Toronto honoring Pakistani teenager and Nobel laureate Malala Yousafzai, including one in which she was supposed to receive honorary Canadian citizenship. The teenager was shot in the head by a Taliban gunman in 2012 for calling for schooling for girls.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police warned people in downtown Ottawa to stay away from windows and rooftops.

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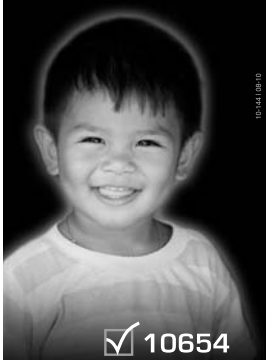

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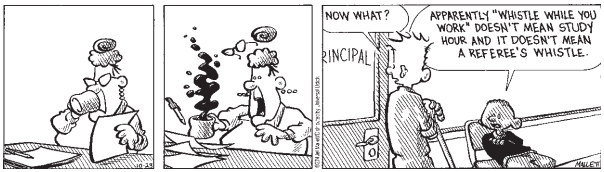

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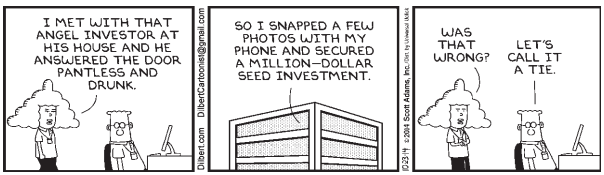

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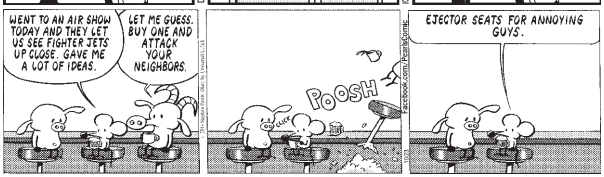

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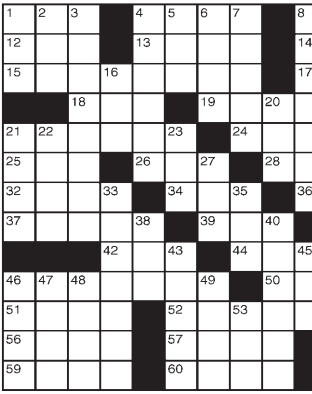

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WAR ON TERRORISM

US, Iraq plot offensive against Islamic State

Long-range plan aims to bolster Iraqi forces; still no call for American combat troops

BY KAREN DEYOUNG
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The United States and Iraq are drawing up a campaign plan for offensive operations by Iraqi ground forces to gradually reclaim towns and cities that have been occupied by the Islamic State, according to a senior administration official.

The plan, described as methodical and time-consuming, will not begin in earnest for several months and is designed to ensure that Iraqi forces do not overextend themselves before they are capable of taking and holding territory controlled by the militants.

It may also include U.S. advisers in the field with the Iraqis, should that be recommended by American military commanders, said the official, who updated reporters on administration strategy on the condition of anonymity under rules imposed by the White House. The advisers, the official said, would not participate in combat. President Barack Obama has said repeatedly that no U.S. ground forces would be deployed to Iraq.

With few exceptions, the Iraqi army has concentrated largely on defense and efforts to prevent the Islamic State from claiming evermore territory since early June when the militant group took over Mosul, Iraq's second-largest city, and began moving southward.

Despite some government gains, aided since early August by U.S. airstrikes, the militants control about one-third of Iraq, stretching from near Baghdad to the northwest, and across western Anbar province to the Syrian border.

In August, Obama also authorized airstrikes against Islamic State targets in western and northern Syria. Over the past few weeks, world attention has focused on the Syrian town of Kobani, along the Turkish border, where Islamic State forces have threatened to overrun besieged Syrian Kurdish defenders.

Following a U.S. military airdrop of weapons, ammunition and medical supplies to the Syrian Kurds on Sunday, Iraqi Kurdish fighters, called the peshmerga, are expected to come to their assistance. The administration official said that the Syrian Kurds, while politically at odds with their Iraqi brethren, have agreed to accept an influx of peshmerga fighters. Details of the size and composition of the Iraqi Kurdish force, which is expected to cross into Kobani from Turkey, are to be finalized in the next few days.

But the administration has said repeatedly that Iraq remains its main concern. Obama said last month that in addition to the airstrikes, his strategy includes trainers and advisers for the Iraqi military, which largely fled from advancing Islamic State forces in Mosul, and the installation of a more inclusive Iraqi government under which the country's principal Muslim sects — Sunnis, Shiites and Kurds — could unite.

A new government, led by Shiite Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi, was installed in early September. But delays in appointments to the key posts of defense and interior ministers had threatened to set back any political progress. Those posts were filled Saturday, when the Iraqi parliament approved Khaled al-Obeidi, a Sunni lawmaker from Mosul, for the defense post and Mohammed Salem al-Ghabban, a Shiite member of parliament, as interior minister.

Al-Abadi, the administration official said, has pledged to meet concerns of Iraq's Kurdish regional government over control of its oil resources and to help develop government-paid local defense forces in Sunni-dominated Anbar. But those pledges were also made by al-Abadi's ousted predecessor, former prime minister Nouri al-Maliki, and have remained unfulfilled for years.

In extensive diplomatic and military interventions, the Obama administration has tried to persuade Iraqis to quickly address their differences — or put aside those that cannot be immediately resolved — in the face of the existential threat posed by the Islamic State.

Al-Abadi must also walk a fine line between his government's other principal patron, Iran, where he plans to visit this week.

Many of Anbar's Sunnis remain hesitant to commit to the government, torn between their dislike of the militants and a greater disdain for the Shiite domination they have endured in recent years.

The success of any plan to retake Iraq from the Islamic State depends on simultaneous progress in all of these long-problematic areas. The Pentagon has assessed that, at best, only about half of Iraqi army units are currently capable of effective fighting, and al-Abadi has only just begun replacing inept and corrupt commanders installed under al-Maliki.

As described by the senior official, the offensive campaign will be conducted under a specific timeline, village by village, with any attempt to dislodge entrenched Islamic State forces in Mosul likely to be delayed until well into next year. At the same time, any plan risks being derailed by the militants, who have their own strategy to continue advancing.

And until the fledgling government can convince all Iraqis that it has broken conclusively with the past, the Kurdish region will not give up its aspirations for independence, and Sunnis will continue to doubt its nonsectarian sincerity.

AP

Smoke from an airstrike by the U.S.-led coalition rises in Kobani, Syria, as seen from a hilltop near the Turkey-Syria border Wednesday.

DOD: Syria, Iraq airstrikes have cost $424M

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. military has spent $424 million so far in its military campaign against the Islamic State group in Syria and Iraq, the Pentagon said Tuesday.

The Pentagon's press secretary, Rear Adm. John Kirby, said the cost has averaged about $7.6 million a day since the bombing began in Iraq on Aug. 8. President Barack Obama expanded the campaign by authorizing airstrikes in Syria in late September.

The U.S. military also is flying large numbers of aerial refueling and surveillance and reconnaissance missions over Iraq and Syria, and it has about 1,400 U.S. military personnel on the ground in Iraq. There are no U.S. troops in Syria.

The U.S. Air Force also has flown a small number of resupply missions in Iraq and Syria.

Kirby also said that in Iraq, local security forces are beginning to make some headway against Islamic State forces, while in the Syrian town of Kobani the local Kurdish forces are in control of the majority of the area. But the spokesman also said progress is slow and it is not possible to predict when a turning point will be reached.

Pentagon confirms supplies captured

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon is confirming that Islamic State group militants were able to seize one of the 28 bundles of weapons and medical supplies dropped to Kurdish forces on Monday.

Army Col. Steve Warren, a Pentagon spokesman, says that two of the bundles went astray. One was destroyed by the U.S. The other fell into enemy hands and included small weapons, hand grenades, medical supplies and ammunition. Warren said it appears the wind caused the parachute to go off course.

He says the weapons in the bundle are not enough to give the enemy any type of advantage.

A video uploaded by a media group loyal to the militants showed the extremists with the pallet of weapons and other materials.

WAR ON TERRORISM

Karim Kadim/AP

Sheik Khalil Ibrahim Haidan, a tribal elder in Abu Ghraib, Iraq, insists his city will never fall to the Islamic State group. "There is no place here for Daesh or anyone else," he said, using an Arabic name for the Islamic State group.

'There is no place here for Daesh'

Tribes in Iraq's tense Abu Ghraib vow to keep out Islamic State extremists

The Associated Press

ABU GHRAIB, Iraq — The Baghdad suburb of Abu Ghraib, best known for its infamous prison, sits close enough to Baghdad's airport that you can see the control tower in the distance. It's an enticing potential prize for Islamic State militants.

For now, this Sunni-dominated town remains beyond their grip, despite recent reports to the contrary. Markets buzz with shoppers and young women in colorful clothes and headscarves walk freely through the streets.

That's thanks in large part to the support of local Sunni tribal leaders who fought against extremists in the past and are vowing to do so again. But to win the fight, they also need to combat long-held feelings of discrimination and what residents feel are arbitrary detentions and disappearances that continue to fuel resentment against the country's Shiite majority.

New tanks and checkpoints have left Abu Ghraib more militarized in recent weeks. At some checkpoints, Associated Press journalists on a recent visit saw heavily-armed volunteers in black ski masks standing alongside the military, quizzing locals and checking vehicles.

A report by Amnesty International last week said Iraq's Shiite militias have abducted and killed scores of Sunni civilians with tacit government support in retaliation for Islamic State attacks. Tens of thousands of militiamen wear military uniforms but operate outside any legal framework and without any official oversight, it found.

Arrests by those purporting to be government forces continue too, residents and outside observers say.

"The military harasses us all, but there is nothing we can do so we are forced to keep quiet," said Abu Ghraib resident Umm Mohammed, who agreed to be identified only by her nickname for fear of reprisals. She said her son, Omar, 22, has been detained, allegedly by the Iraqi military. She insisted he had no connection to the Sunni militant group.

Donatella Rovera, senior crisis response adviser at Amnesty International, said it's often unclear whether people are taken by militias or by security forces, and that there have been reports of local residents being rounded up in Abu Ghraib.

Families are reluctant to speak up, and it's hard to find defense lawyers to handle cases, "so detainees can be temporarily disappeared for quite a long time," she said.

That complicates efforts by influential tribal leaders to keep the militants at bay.

Sheik Khalil Ibrahim Haidan, a local tribal elder, insists Abu Ghraib will never fall to the Islamic State group. He believes the town's dark past has taught its citizens the dangers of flirting with the country's radical elements.

"There is no place here for Daesh or anyone else," he said, using an Arabic name for the Islamic State group.

After the revelation of prisoner abuse at the hands of U.S. troops following the 2003 invasion, Abu Ghraib became the scene of brutal insurgent attacks.

Al-Qaida in Iraq, which eventually would morph into the group now known as the Islamic State, targeted tribal leaders opposed to its ideology throughout Iraq's Sunni heartland in the years that followed.

Many of the Sunni tribesmen eventually fought back. Members formed ad hoc militias known as Sahwa, or Awakening Councils. The movement was supported by the American government, which sought to empower locals entrenched in some of the insurgent group's biggest strongholds.

A similar community-driven national guard is now envisioned by Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi and his new government, with the support of the U.S.-led coalition.

But many Sunni tribes have not been won over. In the vast western province of Anbar, some 5,000 tribesmen are currently on board with government efforts to take part in the fight against the Islamic State, which includes arrangements for arms and financial compensation. With tribes often numbering 30,000 to 40,000 people, the effort is has a long way to go.

Back in Abu Ghraib, Iraqi troops and militants regularly exchange mortar fire just west of town as the militant group works its way around Iraq's Sunni-dominated, western Anbar province.

The U.S. said Sunday that it expanded airstrikes in Sunni-dominated Anbar, targeting a berm near the Fallujah Dam which in May had been used by Islamic State militants to flood areas east of Fallujah — including Abu Ghraib — and in turn, slow any military offensive.

At least 12,000 families in the Abu Ghraib area lost crops and livestock and were displaced from their homes by those floods. Some 11,000 were left in desperate need of food, clean water and other assistance, according to the UN.

The destruction bolstered the tribes' resolve.

"All of the tribes are so closely knit and would not tolerate the fall of their city to any outside force," said Sheikh Hamza Mohammed Ali, another elder in the al-Zoba tribe.

Even so, residents worry about how long the town can hold out.

"We are very scared," Umm Mohammed said. "We keep receiving information that [Islamic State fighters] are close, that they entered the city. But then I go out into the street and see that everything is still OK for now. May Allah protect us."

Kids return to school after delay from unrest

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraqi students went back to school on Wednesday amid tightened security as the academic year began a month late because thousands of people displaced by last summer's onslaught by the Islamic State group had taken shelter in school buildings.

In the areas of northern and western Iraq captured by the extremist group earlier this year — including the country's second-largest city, Mosul — students are not required to attend classes, but will be able to watch lectures on state-run TV to prepare for final exams, Education Ministry spokeswoman Salama al-Hassan said.

She told The Associated Press only a few schools are still occupied by displaced families and that authorities have set up trailers to be used as classrooms. She could not provide a specific number for the students, but said around 9 million attended classes last year.

More than 1.8 million people have been uprooted from their homes by the militants' advance, with many sheltering in schools, mosques and abandoned buildings. Last month authorities decided to delay school by a month in order to provide alternate housing arrangements.

Syria claims it destroyed jets seized by militants

The Associated Press

DAMASCUS, Syria — The Syrian air force has destroyed two of three jets seized and reportedly test flown over Aleppo by the Islamic State group last week, according to the country's information minister.

Omran al-Zoubi told Syrian TV late Tuesday that Syrian aircraft bombed the jets as they were landing at Jarrah airbase in the eastern countryside of Aleppo province. He said the militants were able to hide a third jet.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights earlier had reported that Islamic State militants flew three MiG fighter jets over the Jarraj air base with the help of former Iraqi air force pilots who were now members of the militant group. The report could not be independently confirmed. U.S. officials said they had no reports of the militants flying jets.

The group is known to have seized fighter jets from at least one air base it captured from the Syrian army in Raqqa province earlier this year. Militant websites had posted photos of Islamic State fighters with the warplanes, but it was unclear if they were operational.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Teen spends night lost in wilderness

CO WESTCLIFFE — A 13-year-old boy lost for more than 24 hours on a hunting trip in southern Colorado is back with his family.

Clayton Jones got separated from his father and grandfather Saturday morning and was found Sunday morning as he was walking along a road he found.

Jones had a survival kit that included food, water, rain gear, gloves and a knife. He told KRDO-TV that he built a fire to get warm and then spent the night sleeping on the deck of a cabin.

His father, Barry Jones, who teaches wilderness survival classes, said he cried and couldn't talk when he learned his son was safe.

Judge to appeal punishment for affair

WV MORGANTOWN — The West Virginia Supreme Court was to hear arguments this week over disciplinary action against a judge who had an inappropriate sexual affair.

Randolph County Circuit Judge Jaymie Godwin Wilfong admitted to having a two-year affair with William Travis Carter. At the time of their liaison, Carter was director of the North Central Community Corrections program in Elkins.

The state Judicial Hearing Board recommended in August that Wilfong be censured, suspended for three years without pay, fined $20,000 and ordered to pay court costs. She appealed the recommendations in September. On Oct. 14, she filed a brief asking for mercy. She argued that disciplinary action should be limited to a public reprimand.

Homeowner had broken up with chimney visitor

CA THOUSAND OAKS — A woman who was arrested after being trapped inside a chimney had met the California homeowner online and dated him before he broke off the relationship, according to the homeowner.

The man, who did not want to be identified, told KTBC-TV that he met Genoveva Nunez-Figueroa, 30, online and had gone on six dates with her. He broke off the courtship but she apparently returned to his Thousand Oaks, Calif., roof soon after.

Ventura County firefighters worked for two hours, removing each brick in the chimney to rescue Nunez-Figueroa after she became trapped inside, fire officials said. She was taken to a hospital and later arrested on suspicion of unauthorized entry of a dwelling and of giving false information to a police officer, according to the Ventura County Sheriff's Department.

Firefighters rescue, revive 3 kittens, cat

IA WEST DES MOINES — West Des Moines firefighters and medics said they revived three kittens and one cat after a house fire.

The West Des Moines Fire Department said the felines were pulled from the burning home Monday. Firefighters said the animals were suffering from smoke inhalation.

First responders used oxygen masks to resuscitate the animals. One kitten was taken to an area veterinarian for further treatment. A second adult cat was found dead inside the home.

It's unclear what caused the fire, which firefighters said caused about $50,000 in damage.

THE CENSUS

4 **The number of years North Dakota has to raise enough money to keep Dakota the duckbilled dinosaur** on display at the North Dakota Heritage Center in Bismarck. State Historical Society Director Merle Paaverud said officials have reached a $3 million deal to keep the rare mummified fossil on display, but the money must be raised within four years "or the deal is off." Paaverud said he's optimistic the money can be raised from private donations. Tyler Lyson discovered the dinosaur on his uncle's ranch in southwestern North Dakota in 1999.

REBECCA S. GRATZ, THE OMAHA (NEB.) WORLD-HERALD/AP

An all-star cast

Kaden Repair, 7, casts his line while fishing with his grandfather, Gary Repair, during the fifth annual Cops and Bobbers outing Sunday at Benson Park lagoon in Omaha, Neb.

Man takes deal in officer ear-poking case

MN MANKATO — A man accused of licking his fingers and poking a Mankato police officer in both ears has pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor to avoid a felony charge.

The Mankato Free Press reported that Riley Swearingen, 24, pleaded guilty to disruptive intoxication Monday. A police officer said Swearingen assaulted him with the move known as a "wet Willy" after Swearingen had been out drinking early Saturday.

Swearingen was visiting on leave from a U.S. Air Force base in Goldsboro, N.C. He spent three days in jail after prosecutors charged him with assaulting a police officer with bodily fluids.

Swearingen apologized before a judge Monday. He agreed to the plea deal, which included paying $77 in court costs.

Toni Morrison papers to be housed at Princeton

NJ PRINCETON — The papers of Nobel laureate Toni Morrison are now part of the permanent library collections of Princeton University.

School President Christopher Eisgruber made the announcement Friday, shortly before Morrison, 83, took part in a public interview at the school where she served on the faculty for 17 years.

The renowned author's papers contain about 180 linear feet of research materials documenting her life, work and writing methods. They include manuscripts, drafts and proofs of many of Morrison's novels, as well as materials for her children's literature, lyrics, lectures, nonfiction writing, correspondence, diaries, photographs, course materials, videotapes and more.

Purple Heart found on playground going home

NY MANLIUS — A Purple Heart medal posthumously awarded to a New York soldier killed in Vietnam is being returned to his family 15 years after it was found on a school playground.

Purple Hearts Reunited said Pfc. Thomas McGraw's medal will be presented to his widow and daughter Nov. 4 during a ceremony in Manlius, near Syracuse.

McGraw was killed in an ambush in February 1966 while serving with the Army's 1st Cavalry Division. The Purple Heart disappeared and turned up around 1999, when a fourth-grader found it outside a suburban Syracuse elementary school. In January, the mother of the boy who found the medal contacted Purple Hearts Reunited, which tracked down McGraw's family.

Marines aid in rescue of lost Boy Scout troop

AZ YUMA — The Marine Corps helped rescue a Boy Scout troop that got lost while canoeing on the Colorado River.

According to the Yuma Sun, the 32-member troop ended up stranded when they couldn't find their way out of an area of dense, tall reeds. The group was reported missing late Saturday.

The Yuma County Sheriff's Office asked the Marine Corps Air Station Yuma for help when searchers couldn't locate the troop. Marine Capt. Wes Urguhart said his crew used night-vision goggles to spot the troop in a lake that connects to the river.

From wire reports

FACES

'IT'S THE FUNNEST JOB'

'Stalker' star Maggie Q loves acting — and privacy

By Frazier Moore
The Associated Press

For Maggie Q, her new series, "Stalker," hits close to home. But not too close, if she can help it. She sees privacy, and guarding her personal space, as vital to her freedom.

Even so, she has had her own brush with a stalker.

"He thought he had a relationship with me that wasn't happening," she says, recalling the delusional fan. "I didn't KNOW that person!"

As a past star of Asian-based action films, after which she played the title character of The CW thriller "Nikita" for four seasons, she has done her best to evade off-screen attention of all kinds. Now, in the early weeks of her new series, which airs Thursdays on AFN-Prime, she has braced for an even greater challenge to her goal of staying out of the public eye.

On "Stalker," she and Dylan McDermott star as detectives who investigate stalking incidents for the Threat Assessment Unit of the Los Angeles Police Department. She hopes her series will shine a light on the trauma of being stalked, and serve as a reminder that everyone can take steps to safeguard their private lives. "With social media today, all our lives are more accessible and on display," she observes. "There's an immediacy in our culture now, where whatever you feel at this moment enters your head and comes out your fingertips into your phone and into the world."

Unless, that is, like Q, you disrupt the flow. "I'm very bad on social media," she says with a laugh. "I post nothing. I don't have Instagram, and I've never had Facebook."

She does limited tweeting to publicize her show, just as she's happy to submit to on-point interviews. She finds celebrity worship bewildering. "Look at the people who are in the news," she says, pointing to gossip-media royalty. "I don't find them fascinating. I think they're a bunch of idiots. But everybody's interested in their lives. I don't understand that. I never understood when it was happening to ME."

Q, 35, was born Margaret Denise Quigley to an American father and a Vietnamese mother, and after growing up in Hawaii with an athletic bent, she found success as a model in Hong Kong to earn money for school. Her modeling career didn't last long. Jackie Chan was scouting for newcomers to appear in a new slate of younger-skewing action films he wanted to produce. He signed her. Once again a novice in a new game, "I was absolutely terrible," she declares. "I had people tell me, 'I can't believe they call you a talent,' and I couldn't disagree with them. I didn't fall in love with acting until my third film, a really bad film called 'Manhattan Midnight' (2001)."

Today, Q, whose movie credits include "Divergent" and "Mission Impossible: III," is widely recognized as an action star, which, she concedes, has a pejorative ring, "like I do pushups for a living, not acting." (That said, "Stalked" distances her from the rock-'em-sock-'em genre. The job of Detective Beth Davis is to crack cases, not skulls.)

"When I started in action films, the idea of action was the (Steven) Seagals and the (Jean-Claude) Van Dammes, who aren't A-list actors, not by any means. And the genre was associated with that level of acting.

"Now every A-list actor in Hollywood is doing what I've been doing for 17 years. Because, guess what? It's the funnest job, the most exciting job! Tom Cruise knows it." So does Matt Damon, she adds. "And they're real actors!"

Maggie Q stars on the series "Stalker."
CBS

William Shatner, 'Star Trek' director to meet about role

The Associated Press

"Star Trek" may be the next frontier for William Shatner — again.

Shatner, who played the original James T. Kirk, says he's meeting soon with Roberto Orci, who's directing "Star Trek 3," to discuss reprising his Kirk in the rebooted franchise. "I had a talk with him the other day," says Shatner. "So there's talk — simply talk — about the next movie."

Shatner has said J.J. Abrams, who produced and directed the 2009 "Star Trek" film and 2013 sequel, recently called to say Orci had an idea about how Shatner might be in the next film of the new franchise, which stars Chris Pine as Capt. Kirk.

Shatner says he would do the movie if it's a meaningful part, "a role that had something to do with the turning of the plot." Still, the 83-year-old actor says he's not sure how they'd bring him back now — 20 years after his character was killed off in "Star Trek: Generations."

"That was so long ago. How do they bring me back physically like this? I don't know," he says.

Shatner isn't waiting around to find out. He stars in and produces the home renovation series "The Shatner Project," on the DIY Network. The six-episode series follows Shatner and his wife, Elizabeth, as they revamp the California home he bought 50 years ago.

Shatner is also designing a motorcycle, a clothing line, a new kind of comic book, continuing his priceline.com ads and his "Brown Bag Wine Tasting" webisodes — and has three films due out.

Ask him about retirement and he says, "What does retiring mean? It means you want to step back from what you're doing and do something else that's more interesting." With a smile, Shatner adds, "I'm in the middle of such a fertile, febrile fantasy that anybody would wish for what I'm doing."

Kenny G's visit makes waves

Smooth jazz star Kenny G stopped in at Hong Kong's pro-democracy protests on Wednesday, but his visit was out of tune with Chinese authorities, who have warned about meddling by foreign forces.

The American musician tweeted about his visit to the semiautonomous southern Chinese city, where thousands of student-led protesters have occupied streets for more than three weeks to press their demands for greater democratic reforms. "In Hong Kong at the sight of the demonstration. I wish everyone a peaceful and positive conclusion to this situation," he wrote.

Photos had circulated earlier on social media of the star by himself and with protesters at the main protest zone.

The musician's soprano sax tunes are popular in China, especially his song "Going Home," which can be heard at train stations, department stores, airports, and over loudspeakers in public parks, and is often used as a signal for people to clear out. He completed a four-concert tour of the country in September.

When asked about the appearance, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying paused and noted Kenny G's popularity — and then warned foreigners not to get involved.

Other news

■ ABC announced Tuesday that Barbara Walters will be back with another edition of **"10 Most Fascinating People."** Among those she will interview for the special: Oprah Winfrey, Neil Patrick Harris, and Scarlett Johansson. It will air as a two-hour special Dec. 14, ABC says.

■ Actress **Danielle Watts,** who suggested she was detained by police because of racial profiling after she was found in a parked car with her boyfriend, was charged Tuesday with lewd conduct. Watts, 28, and her boyfriend Brian Lucas, 43, were each charged with a single misdemeanor count that carries a potential sentence of six months in jail and a $1,000 fine, said Frank Mateljan, spokesman for the city attorney's office.

■ **Teresa Giudice** is petitioning to serve most of her federal prison sentence in a halfway house. A lawyer for Giudice filed a letter with a judge in Newark, N.J., this week, asking for a recommendation that she serve 12 months in a halfway house. The government opposes Giudice's request.

BUSINESS/WEATHER

Dish Network loses Turner channels

By Meg James
Los Angeles Times

CNN, Cartoon Network and several other Turner cable channels were removed from satellite TV giant Dish Network's systems late Monday after the two companies could not agree on a new distribution contract.

Dish said the action was taken because it no longer had permission to broadcast several Turner Broadcasting channels to its customers.

The channels include CNN, Cartoon Network, Boomerang, CNN en Espa HLN, truTV and Turner Classic Movies. The channels were in a widely distributed programming package received by the bulk of Dish's 14 million customers.

The Dish-Turner Broadcasting contract dispute is the latest in a series of escalating conflicts during the last two years that have left millions of TV viewers without access to their favorite channels.

AP

Dish Network customers will no longer receive Cartoon Network, CNN and other Turner Broadcasting channels after a contract dispute between the two companies.

Pay-TV companies, including Dish, are trying to hold the line on programming costs because customers have complained that their bills already are too high.

Another large cable operator, Suddenlink, recently balked at Viacom Inc.'s demands for a fee increase and yanked Viacom's channels, including Comedy Central and Nickelodeon, from its lineup.

Dish, in a statement, said the two sides failed to reach an agreement on a new contract or an extension, which would have kept the Turner channels on the air while negotiations continued.

"Dish has had a productive relationship with Turner Networks for many years," said Warren Schlichting, Dish's senior vice president of programming. "We regret the service disruption to our customers, and remain committed to reaching an agreement that promptly returns this content to Dish's programming lineup."

Two of Turner's largest channels, TBS and TNT, were not part of the blackout. Those channels are covered by a separate contract.

"Turner has worked diligently for months to come to a fair agreement including multiple extensions and compromises," Turner, which is owned by media company Time Warner, said in a separate statement.

"It's unfortunate that Dish is once again operating in a disruptive manner that takes away networks and programming from their customers," Turner said. "We are hopeful our counterparts will return to the negotiating table, and (that) we'll get a deal completed."

MARKET WATCH

Oct. 21, 2014

Dow Jones industrials	215.14	16,614.81
Nasdaq composite	103.41	4,419.48
Standard & Poor's 500	37.27	1,941.28
Russell 2000	17.88	1,112.85

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates

Euro costs (Oct. 23)	$1.3024
Dollar buys (Oct. 23)	€0.7678
British pound (Oct. 23)	$1.65
Japanese yen (Oct. 23)	104.00
South Korean won (Oct. 23)	1,028.00

Commercial rates

Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3771
British pound	$1.6039
Canada (Dollar)	1.1289
China (Yuan)	6.1212
Denmark (Krone)	5.8788
Egypt (Pound)	7.1650
Euro	$1.2667/0.7895
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7563
Hungary (Forint)	242.12
Israel (Shekel)	3.7474
Japan (Yen)	107.24
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2893
Norway (Krone)	6.6121
Philippines (Peso)	44.78
Poland (Zloty)	3.34
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7518
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2709
South Korea (Won)	1,053.30
Switzerland (Franc)	0.9526
Thailand (Baht)	32.32
Turkey (Lira)	2.2455

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

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	0.75
Federal funds market rate	0.09
3-month bill	0.01
30-year bond	2.99

WEATHER OUTLOOK

THURSDAY IN THE MIDDLE EAST

THURSDAY IN EUROPE

FRIDAY IN THE PACIFIC

Thursday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	Chattanooga	69	42	Clr	Fort Wayne	57	43	PCldy	Louisville	63	46	Clr	Pocatello	66	40	Cldy	Sioux City	70	47	Clr
Abilene, Texas	81	59	Cldy	Cheyenne	70	44	Clr	Fresno	81	58	Clr	Lubbock	78	54	PCldy	Portland, Maine	56	49	Rain	Sioux Falls	69	46	Clr
Akron, Ohio	55	39	PCldy	Chicago	57	48	Cldy	Goodland	78	48	Clr	Macon	72	43	Clr	Portland, Ore.	62	53	Rain	South Bend	56	46	PCldy
Albany, N.Y.	53	44	Rain	Cincinnati	59	43	Clr	Grand Junction	69	43	Clr	Madison	52	45	Rain	Providence	61	50	Rain	Spokane	59	43	Rain
Albuquerque	75	50	Clr	Cleveland	57	41	PCldy	Grand Rapids	55	44	PCldy	Medford	63	51	Rain	Pueblo	77	43	Clr	Springfield, Ill.	61	50	Cldy
Allentown, Pa.	53	43	Rain	Colorado Springs	72	45	Clr	Great Falls	65	44	Cldy	Memphis	68	51	PCldy	Raleigh-Durham	69	43	Clr	Springfield, Mo.	69	52	Cldy
Amarillo	79	52	Clr	Columbia, S.C.	73	42	Clr	Green Bay	54	44	Rain	Miami Beach	82	73	Rain	Rapid City	72	42	Clr	Syracuse	51	44	Rain
Anchorage	36	27	Clr	Columbus, Ga.	72	49	Clr	Greensboro, N.C.	67	42	Clr	Midland-Odessa	81	56	PCldy	Reno	72	44	Cldy	Tallahassee	77	44	Clr
Asheville	64	37	Clr	Columbus, Ohio	58	42	Clr	Harrisburg	57	47	Cldy	Milwaukee	55	47	Rain	Richmond	66	45	Cldy	Tampa	83	63	PCldy
Atlanta	70	50	Clr	Concord, N.H.	54	46	Rain	Hartford Spgfld	56	48	Rain	Mpls-St Paul	65	45	PCldy	Roanoke	61	43	Clr	Toledo	57	39	Clr
Atlantic City	56	47	Rain	Corpus Christi	82	64	PCldy	Helena	66	42	Cldy	Missoula	56	41	Cldy	Rochester	53	43	Rain	Topeka	76	54	Cldy
Austin	81	59	Cldy	Dallas-Ft Worth	80	62	Cldy	Honolulu	88	75	PCldy	Mobile	75	47	Clr	Rockford	54	46	Rain	Tucson	92	61	Clr
Baltimore	59	48	Clr	Dayton	58	43	Clr	Houston	83	57	PCldy	Montgomery	75	45	Clr	Sacramento	74	55	Cldy	Tulsa	75	56	Cldy
Baton Rouge	77	51	Clr	Daytona Beach	78	59	Clr	Huntsville	68	42	Clr	Nashville	66	43	Clr	St Louis	64	54	Cldy	Tupelo	69	44	Clr
Billings	70	45	PCldy	Denver	78	47	PCldy	Indianapolis	61	48	Clr	New Orleans	76	56	Clr	St Petersburg	83	68	PCldy	Waco	82	56	Cldy
Birmingham	71	45	Clr	Des Moines	68	47	Cldy	Jackson, Miss.	73	43	PCldy	New York City	56	48	Rain	St Thomas	89	79	PCldy	Washington	61	48	Clr
Bismarck	70	42	Clr	Detroit	56	41	Clr	Jacksonville	76	51	Clr	Newark	58	48	Rain	Salem, Ore.	62	52	Rain	W. Palm Beach	81	73	Cldy
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Buffalo	54	43	Cldy	Eugene	63	52	Rain	Lake Charles	77	54	Clr	Orlando	81	61	PCldy	San Francisco	74	61	Cldy	Yakima	63	41	Cldy
Burlington, Vt.	51	44	Rain	Evansville	62	48	PCldy	Lansing	54	41	Clr	Paducah	64	46	PCldy	San Jose	76	57	PCldy	Youngstown	56	38	PCldy
Caribou, Maine	50	44	Rain	Fairbanks	24	20	Cldy	Las Vegas	85	63	Clr	Pendleton	67	48	Cldy	Santa Fe	73	44	Clr				
Casper	71	40	PCldy	Fargo	68	43	Clr	Lexington	61	42	Clr	Peoria	59	50	Cldy	St Ste Marie	52	36	Clr				
Charleston, S.C.	73	47	Clr	Flagstaff	67	34	Clr	Lincoln	73	50	Clr	Philadelphia	56	47	Rain	Savannah	73	48	Clr				
Charleston, W.Va.	58	41	Clr	Flint	56	39	Clr	Little Rock	69	49	Cldy	Phoenix	93	68	Clr	Seattle	57	50	Rain				
Charlotte, N.C.	67	41	Clr	Fort Smith	72	52	Cldy	Los Angeles	83	61	Clr	Pittsburgh	56	41	PCldy	Shreveport	75	51	Cldy				

National temperature extremes

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OPINION

Syrian resistance weaker as it waits for help

By David Kenner
Foreign Policy

URFA, Turkey

As the sun went down on the night of Sept. 25, a shouting match in the streets of this eastern Turkish city grew so heated that residents felt the need to call the police. The cause was a dispute between two Syrian opposition groups that were supposed to be on the same side: 12 Syrian rebel fighters from brigades affiliated with the Free Syrian Army had confronted three employees from the Syrian opposition's interim government to accuse them of stealing money.

"There were many times that we wanted to start fighting, but we controlled ourselves," said Mohammed, a fighter for the FSA-affiliated Suqoor Ali Brigade who was involved in the confrontation. The argument was defused only after the Turkish police showed up; both sides departed, with the underlying dispute left unresolved.

As the United States escalates its campaign against the Islamic State, the confrontation in Urfa represents a microcosm of the larger struggles that have faced Washington's allies within the Syrian opposition. The Syrian opposition coalition, which President Barack Obama has touted as the "legitimate representative of the Syrian people" and supported as the opposition's interlocutor in negotiations with the Syrian regime, has been plagued by a lack of funds and a crippling distrust among the exiled anti-Assad forces.

As a result, the institutions that U.S. officials hoped could fill the vacuum in areas abandoned by President Bashar Assad's regime have been largely excluded from the international campaign in Syria. Washington has not coordinated with the FSA; in the words of one Arab intelligence officer, the loosely knit collection of militias "is not ready yet to control the ground." Meanwhile, the Syrian opposition coalition continues to be hobbled by a rivalry between its two major patrons, Saudi Arabia and Qatar, which have struggled to place their allies in positions of power within the organization.

Most recently, the Syrian opposition coalition reappointed Ahmed Toumeh as head of its interim government, a body overseen by the coalition that was intended to provide services such as medical treatment and clean water, and establish nascent governing institutions in areas that had been freed from Assad. Toumeh, who is said to be backed by Qatar, had lost his position when then-coalition leader Ahmad al-Jarba, a Saudi-backed figure, dissolved the interim government in July.

The work of the interim government stagnated over the intervening three months, as international donors hesitated to give funds to an institution without clear leadership.

"I would say the current situation is not very good — it's quite sad, actually," said Ghassan Hitto, who was appointed as the interim government's first prime minister in March before being forced to resign in July due to opposition by Saudi-backed figures. "Our friends, those who otherwise would want to support the government, they have put a lot of things on pause."

The tussle in Urfa shows how the exiled opposition is struggling even to win the trust of Syrians who should be its natural allies — in this case, FSA fighters from the eastern province of Deir Ezzor who had been driven from their homes by the Islamic State. The confrontation stemmed from a promise by the interim government to distribute $150 to each injured FSA fighter in the city. The rebels contend that they compiled 343 names of injured fighters and gave the list to the interim government. When the government drew up the final list, however, the fighters said that some of those names had been deleted and replaced with roughly 50 people whom they had never heard of before. They argued that the interim government officials had manufactured those names to pocket the money for themselves — approximately $7,500

"From the big one to the small one, they are thieves," Mohammed said. "They don't want to do anything for people; they just want to take the money."

An official with the interim government, speaking on condition of anonymity, had a different story. The official said that the interim government had informed the rebels that it had enough money for only 300 fighters, and the different brigades would need to reach an agreement among themselves over which fighters would make it onto the list. The dispute broke out, the official said, when the brigades could not come to an agreement over how the money would be distributed.

When Hitto came into office, he had ambitious plans to transform the interim government into an institution that could administer freed areas in northern Syria. However, those plans were soon dramatically curtailed under his successors, while the coalition's internal political battles prevented the emergence of strong leadership that could drum up significant funding. As a result, the interim government is a body that is still almost entirely based in Turkey.

"I believe one of the errors that were made by the interim government was, for some odd reason, that they thought they could have an effective government outside of Syria," said Hitto. "If you go [to the FSA] and tell them, 'Listen, you go fight Assad, you go protect our cities, and we're going to take care of all the civil work,' that'll work. I went inside Syria and I tried this several times — every conversation, not a single time people resisted."

Hitto said that a properly funded and supported interim government could have been a tool in the international effort against the Islamic State, by providing an alternative to the jihadist groups. What's more, he argued, it would have given the anti-Assad forces leverage in their negotiations with the Syrian regime, by showing that Damascus is not the only authority capable of administering territory. "Having an interim government gives the opposition not a set of teeth, but it gives them a tooth or two," Hitto said. "At least something to get a negotiation started."

Some of the opposition coalition's forays into providing humanitarian support in Syria, however, have only caused more problems. Last month, at least 15 children died after receiving vaccinations for measles that had been distributed by the opposition coalition. The vaccine had been improperly mixed with muscle relaxant; the World Health Organization blamed "human error" for the mistake. The coalition responded by firing five officials, including Suheir al-Atassi, the head of the coalition's Assistance Coordination Unit, which is charged with distributing humanitarian assistance inside Syria. Al-Atassi hit back with a lengthy Facebook post arguing that her dismissal was invalid, and accused the opposition leadership of "exploiting the death of innocent children in the internal struggles within the coalition."

While the United States continues to describe the exiled Syrian opposition as a partner in its war against the Islamic State, former U.S. officials are more candid about the limits of its influence. Robert Ford, who served as the U.S. ambassador to Syria, said that his experience as a U.S. diplomat during the Iraq War made him skeptical of the exiled opposition body's weight on the ground. "They need to get themselves out of Istanbul, and instead get themselves installed in Syria, with or without a no-fly zone," he said. "And we've raised that with them."

Other former U.S. officials, however, suggest the opposition's ineffectiveness should have been expected after Syria's long bout of authoritarianism. "Look, Syria and Syrians were coming out of a 50-plus-year political coma [when the opposition bodies were formed]," said Fred Hof, a former special adviser on Syria at the State Department and currently a senior fellow at the Atlantic Council.

"Did we really expect opposition politics to be characterized by trust, openness, loyalty and selfless teamwork?"

Hof said that rather than focusing on the Syrian coalition's failings, the Obama administration should be asking whether it did everything possible to give the moderate opposition a chance to succeed. "If we want the Syrian National Coalition to be an effective part of the anti-ISIL coalition, we'll help it get into Syria," he said. "If we want to bind anti-Assad Syrians to our anti-ISIL efforts, we'll engage ISIL elements attacking nationalist forces and we'll ground Assad's air force. The challenge is less one of opposition dysfunction than it is our own."

Whoever is to blame for the state of the official anti-Assad opposition, however, few deny that its influence in Syria is vanishingly small. And that has left the United States in the unenviable position of working for the removal of both the Islamic State and the Assad regime, while having few viable partners to fill the vacuum left in their wake.

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Navy sonar technicians Jordan Green, left, and Darby McCarthy load a torpedo aboard the USS Sterett, currently deployed supporting strike operations in Iraq and Syria.

OPINION

Silicon Valley must join effort to fight Ebola

By Vivek Wadhwa

Mark Zuckerberg recently announced a donation of $25 million to the CDC Foundation to help fight Ebola. He noted that the Ebola epidemic has infected 8,400 people so far and could infect 1 million people or more if not addressed immediately.

Zuckerberg's involvement is an important step forward for the technology industry and, with a bit of luck, this disaster will be averted. But it is a prelude to a future in which humanity is so tightly connected that local epidemics break out frequently and spread globally within hours — and become pandemics. In addition to old diseases such as Ebola, there will be new, human inventions. Advances in biological engineering are making it possible to create deadly new viruses and to modify and weaponize exiting pathogens. It isn't just governments and terrorists who will do this; high school children may inadvertently perform the wrong synthetic biology experiment. Students are already building biological systems and operating them in living cells.

We need to be prepared for this scary future, and Silicon Valley needs to take the lead in developing technologies to track, prevent and manage pandemics. It also needs to work with scientists to develop cures. It now has the ability to do all this. Advancing technologies are surely creating new risks, but at the same time they are making it possible for entrepreneurs to do what only governments and big research labs could do before: solve global problems.

Here are some of the technologies that entrepreneurs can build — and that we need to accelerate.

1. Patient identification and tracking systems. Just as marketers are using social media, cellphone logs and search data to keep track of people and send them targeted advertisements, technology can be developed to track the spread of disease and identify patients. It can keep track of who was in contact with whom, ask how they are doing, and monitor their movement.

2. Education and communication. Mobile apps can help guide public health measures, educate patients and provide guidance to caregivers on prevention and cure. Billions of people worldwide now have cellphones. Soon they will have Internet-connected smartphones that can display video and run artificial intelligence-based apps. Just as the XPrize Foundation launched a $15 million prize for a digital tutor that can educate a child — without a teacher — to read, write and perform arithmetic, so can Silicon Valley create technologies that provide accurate and timely information to people who are closest to the front lines of pandemics.

3. Better and faster detection. Sensors and microfluidic-based devices can facilitate the rapid testing of disease at the point of care. BioFire Diagnostics and Nanologix are adopting their existing blood and respiratory products to test for infectious disease. These companies will benefit from an emergency-use authorization that the Food and Drug Administration recently issued that allows them to test their technologies in the field.

Nanobiosym is developing one of the most promising technologies of all — a product called Gene-Radar, a portable nanotechnology platform that can rapidly and accurately detect genetic fingerprints from any biological organism. Anita Goel, Nanobiosym founder and chief executive, said she believes that technologies such as this will provide the best hope for addressing global pandemics.

4. Big data analysis. Just as airlines mine travel data to predict which flights are going to be full and to set airfares, data scientists can mine travel, epidemic and passenger-load data to determine the probability of a passenger being a disease carrier. If we know that flight X has Y percent of passengers from affected countries in West Africa, for example, we can use these data to better predict the spread of the epidemic and to determine where to focus efforts at containment, prevention and treatment.

Entrepreneurs can also develop technologies for disease treatment, and synthetic vaccines may be the key. One Silicon Valley company, Flow Pharma, is developing a biodegradable, microsphere-based vaccine-delivery platform, for example. Its co-founder, Naveen Jain, explained to me that when the vaccine is combined with adjuvants (chemicals that exaggerate an immune response), the human body treats microspheres as an infectious disease and enables them to deliver a payload to the human immune system. It can also educate the immune system to fight targets that it cannot identify on its own. The payload will be biological markers from a virus that weaken it. For Ebola, research has already been done on 1,200 biological markers. Flow Pharma is using machine learning software to determine which of these biological markers best identify the virus' Achilles' heel. Jain said he expects this analysis to be complete in two weeks. He believes that they can develop a nonsterile vaccine prototype in less than 60 days and be ready for human tests within a year.

This is optimistic thinking, for sure. But it represents the kind of effort that we need from hundreds of Silicon Valley start-ups. In the technology industry, success is a numbers game, and optimism rules the day. Many start-ups address the same problems using different approaches. They take big risks and learn from one another.

The companies that succeed in solving the problems of pandemics will surely reap the large financial returns that Silicon Valley looks for. But the social returns will be far greater. It is about saving humanity, after all.

SETH WENIG/AP

Participants in an Ebola education session look over printed materials in New York on Tuesday. Thousands of participants, mostly health care workers, attended the session to review facts about Ebola and updated guidelines for protection against its spread.

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Bears and wolves find a voice in the wilderness

By Kathleen Parker

WASHINGTON

If politicians preying upon your attentions this season fail to inspire, you might seek common cause with the beasts — the four-legged variety rather than those running for office.

Ballot initiatives aimed at protecting bears and wolves from hounding, trapping and other inhumane hunting practices are up for a vote in two states — Maine and Michigan.

Oh, be still thy twitching trigger finger. This isn't an anti-hunting column; it's a pro-humanity column. Ours. And the referendums, driven by the Humane Society of the United States, are aimed only at minimizing animal suffering and restoring a measure of decency and fair play in our dealings with creatures.

First the bears. Maine is the only state that still allows bear baiting, hounding and trapping. More than half of the 32 states with legal bear hunting allow hounding, a dozen allow baiting, and only Maine allows trapping for sport.

For clarification, hounding refers to the use of dogs that have been trained to chase bears relentlessly and then to corner or fight the poor beast. The bears have no choice but to turn to face a murderous pack or, exhausted, escape up a tree.

That's when the hunter, who, thanks to electronic tracking equipment, has been able to follow at a leisurely pace and safe distance, points his rifle and shoots the bear from a tree limb. Frances Macomber, the cowardly hunter of Hemingway's short, unhappy story, looks like a Maasai warrior by comparison.

Baiting means that a hunting guide strews rotting food in the woods and places a 55-gallon drum filled with jelly doughnuts, pizza, grease, fish guts and rotting beaver carcasses in a target spot. The "hunter," who likely has paid a fee to the "guide" for a "guaranteed kill," is provided a comfy seat to wait for the bear. *Bam!*

It's ironic — or something — that the same state fish and wildlife agency folks who post signs warning tourists not to feed the bears will allow other tourists to feed them for about $2,000-$4,000 a pop. New signage might read: Kill what you feed.

The problem with baiting, beyond the obvious, is that it perpetuates an unhealthy cycle that only creates more problems — growing the bear population and making the bruins too comfortable around human areas — that hunters then use to justify more baiting and shooting. Avid hunter and writer Ted Williams, who wrote about bear baiting for Audubon magazine in 2005, calls it "garbaging for bears."

Other states, such as Colorado, Oregon and Washington, meanwhile, have managed to maintain mostly stable bear populations without these inhumane practices. Plus, bear-hunting licenses in these states for fair-chase hunts have doubled or tripled.

A fair hunt may be more dangerous and require greater courage than shooting Winnie in a tree, but isn't that at least part of the point? It should be noted that the Maasai warrior, who carries a shield and a spear to hunt a lion, does sometimes lose.

In Michigan, wolves are the designated prey.

The Humane Society is campaigning there to stop the reopening of a wolf hunt, which has been deemed necessary largely because of human-wolf stories that were found to be false. In one true case, a farmer who lost several cattle to wolves had left several rotting cattle carcasses lying around. Talk about a baited field. Was he expecting squirrels?

Otherwise, the stories are mostly myths — wolves staring at humans through windows, stalking little girls in red capes, that sort of thing.

Although wolves have been removed from the endangered species list in Michigan, they number fewer than 650. Humane Society President and CEO Wayne Pacelle fears that wolves will suffer the inhumane hunting practices — hounds and traps — seen in other states that are part of what he describes as "anti-wolf hysteria sweeping the Midwest."

Rather than leaving power in the hands of legislators and commissioners, Pacelle is urging voters to speak up through ballot initiatives. "We need to make a statement that the public — and not just trophy hunters — has a right to have a say in the protection of wildlife."

The referendum, by circumventing heavily lobbied legislators, sought to resonate with people who are disgusted with politics or who abhor cruelty to animals as sport. And, yes, often for food, but that's a subject for another day. In the meantime, we can safely say that nobody eats wolf. And nobody eats bear — twice.

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Deals

Tuesday's transactions

BASEBALL
National League
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Agreed to terms with RHP Jerome Williams on a one-year contract.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
ATLANTA HAWKS — Waived F Jarell Eddie and C Dexter Pittman.
WASHINGTON WIZARDS — Signed G John Lucas.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
NFL — Suspended Tampa Bay DE DaQuan Bowers for two games without pay for violating the league's policy on performance-enhancing substances.
BUFFALO BILLS — Signed RB Phillip Tanner, Placed RB C.J. Spiller on the reserve/injured, designated for return list.
CHARLOTTE PANTHERS — Released DB Charles Godfrey. Signed G Chris Scott. Signed S Robert Lester and T Martin Wallace to the practice squad.
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Signed TE Gerell Robinson. Waived DL Jacobbi McDaniel.
DALLAS COWBOYS — Released DE Michael Sam from the practice squad. Signed LB Troy Davis and DT Ken Bishop to the practice squad.
NEW YORK JETS — Signed WR Jeremy Kerley to a four-year contract extension.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Signed QB Josh Johnson to a one-year contract. Released S Bubba Ventrone.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Signed WR Trindon Holliday. Signed DE TJ. Fatinikun from the practice squad. Waived WR Solomon Patton and DE Scott Solomon. Signed LB Mister Alexander and WR Marcus Thigpen to the practice squad. Released LB Shayne Skov from the practice squad.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Signed LB Everette Brown. Placed LB Brian Orakpo on injured reserve.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Recalled G Scott Darling from Rockford (AHL).
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Recalled F Mike Blunden from Syracuse (AHL).
SOCCER
National Women's Soccer League
WASHINGTON SPIRIT — Acquired D Katherine Reynolds and MF Angela Salem from Western New York for MF Jordan Angeli and a 2015 first-round draft pick.
COLLEGE
CINCINNATI — Suspended junior QB Jarred Evans indefinitely, after he was arrested on a misdemeanor assault charge.

Boxing

Fight schedule

Oct. 24
At Barraquilla, Colombia, Darleys Perez vs. Jaider Parra, 12, for Perez's interim WBA lightweight title.
Oct. 25
At Monte Carlo, Martin Murray vs. Domenico Spada, 12, for Murray's WBC Silver middleweight title; Randy Caballero vs. Stuart Hall, 12, for the vacant IBF bantamweight title; Hekkie Budler vs. Xiong Zhao Zhong, 12, for Budler's WBA-IBO strawweight titles; Ryno Liebenberg vs. Eleider Alvarez, 12, light heavyweights.
At Liverpool, England, Zolani Tete vs. Paul Butler, 12, for Tete's IBF junior bantamweight title; Derry Mathews vs. Cristian Coria, 12, for the vacant WBA International lightweight title; Oville McKenzie vs. Matty Askin, 12, for McKenzie's British and Commonwealth cruiserweight titles; Valery Yanchy vs. Kevin Satchell, 12, for Yanchy's European flyweight title.
At Durango, Mexico, Rodrigo Guerrero vs. Jonathan Baat, 12, for Guerrero's WBC International Silver bantamweight title.
Oct. 30
At Plymouth, Mass., Danny O'Connor vs. Andrew Farmer, 10, welterweights; Sharif Bogere vs. Aaron Melgarejo, 10, lightweights.
Nov. 1
At Chicago, Tomoki Kameda vs. Alejandro Hernandez, 12, for Kameda's WBO bantamweight title; Andrzej Fonfara vs. Doudou Ngumbu, 10, light heavyweights; Javier Fortuna vs. Abner Cotto, 10, super featherweights.
Nov. 6
At Bangkok, Thailand, Oswaldo Novoa vs. Wanheng Menayothin, 12, for Novoa's WBC minimumweight title.
Nov. 8
At Tyumen, Russia, Fedor Chudinov vs. Ben McCulloch, 12, for Chudonov's interim WBA super middleweight title.
At Boardwalk Hall, Atlantic City, N.J., Bernard Hopkins vs. Sergey Kovalev, 12, for Hopkins' WBA Super World-IBF-WBO light heavyweight titles; Sadam Ali vs. Luis Carlos Abrego, 10, welterweights.
At Sands Casino Resort, Bethlehem, Pa., Amir Mansour vs Frederic Kassi, 10, heavyweights; Dmitry Mikhaylenko vs. Emmanuel Lartey, 10, welterweights.
Nov. 15
At Hamburg, Germany, Wladimir Klitschko vs. Kubrat Pulev, 12, for Klitschko's IBF-WBO-WBA Super World-IBO heavyweight titles.
At Mississauga, Ontario, Canada, Youri Kalenga vs. Denton Dailey, 12, for Kalenga's WBA interim cruiserweight title.
Nov. 22
At The Venetian, Macao, Manny Pacquiao vs. Chris Algieri, 12, for Pacquiao's WBO welterweight title; Zou Shiming vs. Kwanpichit Onesongchaigym, 12, WBO flyweight eliminator; Bryan Vasquez vs. Diego Magdaleno, 12, for the interim WBA World super featherweight title; Vasyl Lomachenko vs. Chonlatarn Piripanyo, 12, for Lomachenko's WBO featherweight title; Jessie Vargas vs. Antonio DeMarco, 12, for Vargas' WBA junior welterweight title.
Oct. 30
At Yokohama, Japan, Takashi Miura vs. Edgar Puerta, 12, for Miura's WBC junior lightweight title.
At Liverpool, England, Nathan Cleverly vs. Tony Bellew, 12, cruiserweights; Jamie McDonnell vs. Alejandro Ramos, 12, for McDonnell's WBA bantamweight title; Anthony Joshua vs. Michael Sprott, 10, heavyweights; Callum Smith vs. Nikola Sjekloca, 12 rounds, WBC super middleweight eliminator.
Nov. 29
At CenturyLink Center, Omaha, Neb., Terence Crawford vs. Raymundo Beltran, 12, for Crawford's WBO lightweight title; Evgeny Gradovich vs. Jayson Velez, 12, for Gradovich's IBF featherweight title.
Dec. 31
At Ota City General Gym, Tokyo, Israel Perez, vs. Takashi Uchiyama, 12, for the WBA super featherweight title.

Pro football

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	5	2	0	.714	187	154
Buffalo	4	3	0	.571	135	142
Miami	3	3	0	.500	147	138
N.Y. Jets	1	6	0	.143	121	185
South						
Indianapolis	5	2	0	.714	216	136
Houston	3	4	0	.429	155	150
Tennessee	2	5	0	.286	121	172
Jacksonville	1	6	0	.143	105	191
North						
Baltimore	5	2	0	.714	193	104
Cincinnati	3	2	1	.583	134	140
Pittsburgh	4	3	0	.571	154	162
Cleveland	3	3	0	.500	140	139
West						
Denver	5	1	0	.833	189	121
San Diego	5	2	0	.714	184	114
Kansas City	3	3	0	.500	142	121
Oakland	0	6	0	.000	92	158

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	6	1	0	.857	196	147
Philadelphia	5	1	0	.833	183	132
N.Y. Giants	3	4	0	.429	154	169
Washington	2	5	0	.286	151	183
South						
Carolina	3	3	1	.500	158	195
New Orleans	2	4	0	.333	155	165
Atlanta	2	5	0	.286	171	199
Tampa Bay	1	5	0	.167	120	204
North						
Detroit	5	2	0	.714	140	105
Green Bay	5	2	0	.714	199	147
Chicago	3	4	0	.429	157	171
Minnesota	2	5	0	.286	120	160
West						
Arizona	5	1	0	.833	140	119
San Francisco	4	3	0	.571	158	165
Seattle	3	3	0	.500	159	141
St. Louis	2	4	0	.333	129	176

Thursday, Oct. 16
New England 27, N.Y. Jets 25
Sunday, Oct. 19
St. Louis 28, Seattle 26
Miami 27, Chicago 15
Green Bay 38, Carolina 17
Baltimore 29, Atlanta 7
Washington 19, Tennessee 17
Jacksonville 24, Cleveland 6
Indianapolis 27, Cincinnati 0
Buffalo 17, Minnesota 16
Detroit 24, New Orleans 23
Kansas City 23, San Diego 20
Arizona 24, Oakland 13
Dallas 31, N.Y. Giants 21
Denver 42, San Francisco 17
Open: Philadelphia, Tampa Bay
Monday, Oct. 20
Pittsburgh 30, Houston 23
Thursday's game
San Diego at Denver
Sunday's games
Detroit vs. Atlanta at London
St. Louis at Kansas City
Houston at Tennessee
Minnesota at Tampa Bay
Seattle at Carolina
Baltimore at Cincinnati
Miami at Jacksonville
Chicago at New England
Buffalo at N.Y. Jets
Philadelphia at Arizona
Oakland at Cleveland
Indianapolis at Pittsburgh
Green Bay at New Orleans
Open: N.Y. Giants, San Francisco
Monday, Oct. 27
Washington at Dallas

College football

Tuesday's scores

SOUTH
Louisiana-Lafayette 55, Arkansas St. 40

Schedule

Thursday, Oct. 23
SOUTH
UConn (1-5) at East Carolina (5-1)
Miami (4-2) at Virginia Tech (4-3)
Friday, Oct. 24
SOUTH
Troy (1-6) at South Alabama (4-2)
MIDWEST
South Florida (3-4) at Cincinnati (3-3)
FAR WEST
BYU (4-3) at Boise St. (5-2)
Oregon (6-1) vs. California (4-3) at Santa Clara, Calif.
Saturday, Oct. 25
EAST
Alderson-Broaddus (0-1) at Duquesne (4-3)
Campbell (4-3) at Marist (1-6)
Maine (2-5) at Rhode Island (0-7)
Cornell (0-5) at Brown (2-3)
Fordham (6-1) at Lehigh (1-5)
Robert Morris (1-6) at Bryant (5-1)
Wagner (3-3) at CCSU (2-5)
San Jose St. (3-3) at Navy (3-4)
Harvard (5-0) at Princeton (3-2)
St. Francis (Pa.) (2-5) at Sacred Heart (6-1)
Dartmouth (4-1) at Columbia (0-5)
Penn (1-4) at Yale (4-1)
Bucknell (5-1) at Georgetown (2-5)
Stony Brook (4-2) at New Hampshire (5-1)
Colgate (4-3) at Albany (NY) (5-2)
Cent. Michigan (4-4) at Buffalo (3-4)
Holy Cross (2-6) at Lafayette (3-4)
Georgia Tech (5-2) at Pittsburgh (4-3)
Morgan St. (4-3) at Villanova (6-1)
Ohio St. (5-2) at Penn St. (4-2)
SOUTH
James Madison (4-3) at Charlotte (3-4)
Mercer (5-3) at Chattanooga (4-2)
North Carolina (3-4) at Virginia (4-3)
Delaware (4-3) at William & Mary (4-3)
Stetson (2-5) at Davidson (1-7)
Jacksonville (6-1) at Limestone (2-5)
Valparaiso (2-5) at Morehead St. (2-5)
Florida A&M (2-4) at NC A&T (6-2)
Samford (3-3) at Furman (2-5)
Bethune-Cookman (6-1) at SC State (4-3)
VMI (1-7) at Wofford (4-3)
Hampton (1-6) at Delaware St. (2-6)
Georgia Southern (5-2) at Georgia St. (1-6)
Savannah St. (0-7) at NC Central (3-4)
Monmouth (NJ) (5-1) at Presbyterian (4-3)
The Citadel (2-5) at W. Carolina (5-2)
E. Missouri (4-4) at E. Kentucky (6-1)
Richmond (5-2) at Elon (1-6)
Austin Peay (1-6) at UT-Martin (3-5)
Alabama St. (4-3) vs. Alabama A&M (1-6) at Birmingham
Charleston Southern (5-2) at Coastal Carolina (7-0)
Mississippi St. (6-0) at Kentucky (5-2)
Gardner-Webb (4-3) at Liberty (4-3)
FAU (3-4) at Marshall (7-0)
Louisiana Tech (4-3) at Southern Miss. (3-4)
Boston College (4-3) at Wake Forest (2-5)
Tennessee Tech (3-4) at Jacksonville St. (5-1)
Kentucky Wesleyan (4-3) at Murray St. (2-5)
Old Dominion (3-4) at W. Kentucky (2-4)
Temple (4-2) at UCF (4-2)
Syracuse (3-4) at Clemson (5-2)
Southern U. (4-3) at Jackson St. (3-4)
Texas St. (3-3) at Louisiana-Monroe (3-3)
Mississippi (7-0) at LSU (6-2)
South Carolina (4-3) at Auburn (5-1)
Alabama (6-1) at Tennessee (3-4)
MIDWEST
Minnesota (6-1) at Illinois (3-4)
Texas (3-4) at Kansas St. (5-1)
Rutgers (5-2) at Nebraska (6-1)
Maryland (5-2) at Wisconsin (4-2)
N. Illinois (5-2) at E. Michigan (2-5)
Akron (4-3) at Ball St. (2-5)
Butler (3-4) at Drake (4-3)
UMass (2-4) at Toledo (4-3)
N. Iowa (3-4) at W. Illinois (3-5)
Ohio (4-4) at W. Michigan (4-3)
Tennessee St. (4-4) at E. Illinois (2-5)
Kent St. (1-6) at Miami (Ohio) (1-7)
Youngstown St. (5-2) at S. Dakota St. (5-2)
N. Dakota St. (7-0) at South Dakota (2-5)
Michigan (3-4) at Michigan St. (6-1)
Vanderbilt (2-5) at Missouri (5-2)
Missouri St. (4-3) at Illinois St. (6-0)
McNeese St. (4-2) at Incarnate Word (1-6)
Indiana St. (4-3) at S. Illinois (5-3)
SOUTHWEST
UAB (4-3) at Arkansas (3-4)
North Texas (2-5) at Rice (3-3)
Memphis (3-3) at SMU (0-6)
Alcorn St. (6-2) at Prairie View (3-4)
Ark.-Pine Bluff (1-6) at Texas Southern (5-2)
West Virginia (5-2) at Oklahoma St. (5-2)
Texas Tech (3-4) at TCU (5-1)
Abilene Christian (4-4) at Sam Houston St. (3-4)
SE Louisiana (6-2) at Stephen F. Austin (5-2)
Northwestern St. (4-3) at Cent. Arkansas (4-4)
UTEP (3-3) at UTSA (2-5)
Nicholls St. (0-8) at Houston Baptist (1-6)
FAR WEST
UCLA (5-2) at Colorado (2-5)
Portland St. (2-5) at Weber St. (0-7)
North Dakota (3-4) at S. Utah (1-7)
Idaho St. (4-3) at N. Colorado (2-5)
Oregon St. (4-4) at Stanford (4-3)
E. Washington (7-1) at N. Arizona (4-3)
UNLV (2-5) at Utah St. (4-3)
Arizona (5-1) at Washington St. (2-5)
Wyoming (3-4) at Colorado St. (6-1)
Dayton (5-1) at San Diego (5-1)
Montana (5-2) at Cal Poly (4-3)
Southern Cal (5-2) at Utah (5-1)
Arizona St. (5-1) at Washington (5-2)
Nevada (4-3) at Hawaii (2-5)

Tennis

Swiss Indoors

Tuesday
At St. Jakobshalle
Basel, Switzerland
Purse: $1.86 million (WT500)
Surface: Hard-Indoor
Singles
First Round
Milos Raonic (4), Canada, def. Steve Johnson, United States, 7-6 (4), 6-4.
Ivan Dodig, Croatia, def. Marco Chiudinelli, Switzerland, 6-4, 6-7 (7), 6-4.
Ivo Karlovic (8), Croatia, def. Lukas Rosol, Czech Republic, 7-6 (4), 6-3.
Kenny De Schepper, France, def. Federico Delbonis, Argentina, 7-6 (3), 7-5.
Benjamin Becker, Germany, def. Gastao Elias, Portugal, 6-3, 6-2.
Mikhail Kukushkin, Kazakhstan, def. Stan Wawrinka (3), Switzerland, 6-4, 6-7 (1), 6-3.
Vasek Pospisil, Canada, def. Jarkko Nieminen, Finland, 6-3, 6-7 (4), 6-4.
Doubles
First Round
Marcin Matkowski, Poland, and Leander Paes, India, def. Jamie Murray, Britain, and John Peers, Australia, 5-7, 7-5, 10-5.
Benjamin Becker, Germany, and Dominic Thiem, Austria, def. Colin Fleming and Jonathan Marray, Britain, 3-6, 7-6 (5), 10-5.
Santiago Gonzalez, Mexico, and Lukas Rosol, Czech Republic, def. Lukasz Kubot, Poland, and Robert Lindstedt (4), Sweden, 6-4, 7-5.

Valencia Open

Tuesday
At Ciudad de las Artes y las Ciencas
Valencia
Valencia, Spain
Purse: $2.06 million (WT500)
Surface: Hard-Indoor
Singles
First Round
Fernando Verdasco, Spain, def. Leonardo Mayer, Argentina, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.
Fabio Fognini, Italy, def. Albert Ramos-Vinolas , Spain, 6-4, 6-2.
Kevin Anderson (7), South Africa, def. Philipp Kohlschreiber, Germany, 6-3, 6-4.
Alexandr Dolgopolov, Ukraine, def. Gilles Simon (8), France, 6-0, 6-3.
Jeremy Chardy, France def. Malek Jaziri, Tunisia, 6-2, 6-1.
Feliciano Lopez (4), Spain, def. Norbert Gombos, Slovakia, 6-4, 6-4.
Tommy Robredo, Spain, def. John Isner (5), United States, 7-6 (3), 6-3.
Dusan Lajovic, Serbia, def. Joao Sousa, Portugal, 6-3, 7-6 (8).
Doubles
First Round
Inigo Cervantes and Pere Riba, Spain, def. Juan Sebastian Cabal and Robert Farah, Colombia, 7-6 (3), 7-5.
Jean-Julien Rojer, Netherlands, and Horia Tecau (4), Romania, def. Santiago Giraldo, Colombia, and Oliver Marach, Austria, 6-4, 6-4.

WTA Championships

Tuesday
At Singapore Indoor Stadium
Singapore
Purse: $6.5 million (Tour Championship)
Surface: Hard-Indoor
Round Robin
Group B
Caroline Wozniacki (8), Denmark, def. Maria Sharapova (2), Russia, 7-6 (4), 6-7 (5), 6-2.
Agnieszka Radwanska (6), Poland, def. Petra Kvitova (3), Czech Republic, 6-2, 6-3.
Standings: Wozniacki 1-0 (2-0); Radwanska 1-0 (2-0); Sharapova 0-1 (1-2); Kvitova 0-1 (0-2).

Golf

World rankings

Through Oct. 19

1. Rory McIlroy	NIR	11.48
2. Adam Scott	AUS	8.33
3. Jim Furyk	USA	7.51
4. Sergio Garcia	ESP	7.45
5. Henrik Stenson	SWE	7.41
6. Justin Rose	ENG	6.86
7. Bubba Watson	USA	6.78
8. Jason Day	AUS	6.68
9. Matt Kuchar	USA	6.10
10. Rickie Fowler	USA	5.66
11. Phil Mickelson	USA	5.38
12. Martin Kaymer	GER	4.92
13. Billy Horschel	USA	4.89
14. Jordan Spieth	USA	4.82
15. Zach Johnson	USA	4.50
16. Dustin Johnson	USA	4.50
17. Tiger Woods	USA	4.29
18. Graeme McDowell	NIR	4.27
19. Jimmy Walker	USA	4.26
20. Hideki Matsuyama	JPN	4.13
21. Hunter Mahan	USA	4.11
22. Victor Dubuisson	FRA	3.97
23. Chris Kirk	USA	3.95
24. Thorbjorn Olesen	SAF	3.65
25. Patrick Reed	USA	3.63
26. Jamie Donaldson	WAL	3.63
27. Keegan Bradley	USA	3.50
28. Steve Stricker	USA	3.41
29. Bill Haas	USA	3.35
30. Thomas Bjorn	DEN	3.33
31. Webb Simpson	USA	3.32
32. Jason Dufner	USA	3.26
33. Joost Luiten	NED	3.22
34. Kevin Na	USA	3.17
35. Luke Donald	ENG	3.16
36. Stephen Gallacher	SCO	3.15
37. Mikko Ilonen	FIN	3.03
38. Miguel Angel Jimenez	ESP	3.00
39. Ryan Palmer	USA	2.92

Soccer

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
y-D.C.	17	9	7	58	51	36
x-New England	16	13	4	52	50	46
x-Sporting KC	14	12	7	49	48	39
x-Columbus	13	10	10	49	50	41
x-New York	12	10	11	47	53	50
Philadelphia	10	11	12	42	50	49
Toronto FC	11	14	8	41	44	53
Houston	11	16	6	39	38	56
Chicago	5	10	18	33	39	50
Montreal	6	18	9	27	37	57

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
x-Seattle	19	10	4	61	63	50
x-Los Angeles	17	6	10	61	69	35
x-FC Dallas	16	11	6	54	55	43
x-Real Salt Lake	14	8	11	53	52	39
Vancouver	11	8	14	47	41	40
Portland	11	9	13	46	59	52
Colorado	8	17	8	32	43	61
Chivas USA	8	18	6	30	28	59
San Jose	6	15	12	30	35	49

Note: Three points for victory, one point for tie.
x- clinched playoff berth
y- clinched conference
Thursday, Oct. 16
New England 2, Houston 1
Saturday, Oct. 18
Portland 0, Real Salt Lake 0, tie
Saturday, Oct. 18
Toronto FC 1, Montreal 1, tie
FC Dallas 1, Colorado 0
Philadelphia 2, Sporting Kansas City 1
D.C. United 2, Chicago 1
San Jose 0, Vancouver 0, tie
Sunday, Oct. 19
Columbus 3, New York 1
Los Angeles 2, Seattle FC 2, tie
Wednesday's game
Chivas USA at Real Salt Lake
Friday's game
Houston at Chicago
Saturday's games
Los Angeles at Seattle FC
D.C. United at Montreal
Toronto FC at New England
Portland at FC Dallas
Colorado at Vancouver
Sunday's games
Philadelphia at Columbus
San Jose at Chivas USA
New York at Sporting Kansas City

CONCACAF Women's Championship

GROUP A

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
x-United States	3	3	0	0	12	0	9
x-Trinidad	3	2	0	1	3	2	6
Haiti	3	1	0	2	1	7	3
Guatemala	3	0	0	3	1	8	0

x-advances to semifinals
Wednesday, Oct. 15
At Kansas City, Kan.
Haiti 1, Guatemala 0
United States 1, Trinidad and Tobago 0
Friday, Oct. 17
At Bridgeview, Ill.
Trinidad and Tobago 1, Haiti 0
United States 5, Guatemala 0
Monday, Oct. 20
At Washington
Trinidad and Tobago 2, Guatemala 1
United States 6, Haiti 0
GROUP B

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
x-Costa Rica	3	3	0	0	9	1	9
x-Mexico	3	2	0	1	13	2	6
Jamaica	3	1	0	2	8	5	3
Martinique	3	0	0	3	1	22	0

x-advances to semifinals
Thursday, Oct. 16
At Kansas City, Kan.
Jamaica 6, Martinique 0
Costa Rica 1, Mexico 0
Saturday, Oct. 18
At Bridgeview, Ill.
Costa Rica 2, Jamaica 1
Mexico 10, Martinique 0
Tuesday, Oct. 21
At Washington
Costa Rica 6, Martinique 1
Mexico 3, Jamaica 1
SEMIFINALS
Winners qualify for World Cup
Friday, Oct. 24
At Chester, Pa.
United States vs. Mexico
Costa Rica vs. Trinidad and Tobago
THIRD PLACE
Winners qualifies for World Cup
Sunday, Oct. 26
At Chester, Pa.
Semifinal losers
CHAMPIONSHIP
Sunday, Oct. 26
At Chester, Pa.
Semifinal winners

AP spotlight

Oct. 23
1949 — Don Doll of the Detroit Lions intercepts four passes in a 24-7 victory over the Chicago Cardinals.
1960 — Jim Martin of Detroit becomes the first kicker to kick two field goals over 50 yards in a game as the Lions beat the Baltimore Colts 30-17.
1971 — Greg Pruitt rushes for 294 yards on 19 carries to lead the Oklahoma Sooners to an NCAA record 711 yards rushing and a 75-28 pounding of Kansas State.
1976 — Pittsburgh's Tony Dorsett rushes for 180 yards in a 45-0 rout over Navy to become the top career rusher in NCAA history with 5,206 yards.
1993 — The Toronto Maple Leafs break the NHL record for most victories at the start of the season, winning their ninth straight game by beating the second-year Tampa Bay Lightning 2-0.

NHL

Roundup

Special teams lift Bruins past Sharks

The Associated Press

BOSTON — Boston's power play finally came through with two early goals Tuesday night.

The other side of the Bruins' special teams unit delivered in the end.

Gregory Campbell netted the game-winner with less than 10 minutes remaining and the Bruins fended off a late four-minute San Jose power play to earn a wild 5-3 win over the Sharks.

"Our special teams tonight were really good for us and we really needed that against that team," said Boston coach Claude Julien.

After twice squandering one-goal leads and overcoming a late deficit, the Bruins took the lead for good when Campbell tipped a pass from Daniel Paille through the legs of San Jose goaltender Antti Niemi with 9:18 left to play.

But Patrice Bergeron drew a double-minor penalty with 4:09 remaining, leaving the Bruins short handed against one of the best power play units on the road this season.

San Jose had converted on five of 15 chances entering the game, and added another one in the first period Tuesday.

"Bergy kills enough penalties for us," Campbell said, "so it's important for us to do that for him."

Goaltender Tuukka Rask and Boston staved off the Sharks' attack before David Krejci added an empty-netter with 24.5 seconds to go to seal the Bruins' third win in four games.

"It's pretty huge from our group, especially when one of your best penalty killers is in the box for the last four minutes," Julien said. "I thought our guys the last four minutes did an unbelievable job of battling through."

Rangers 4, Devils 3 (OT): Kevin Klein scored 2:42 into overtime, and visiting New York rallied from a two-goal deficit in the third period.

The Rangers, who trailed 3-1, also got goals from Chris Kreider, Chris Mueller and Rick Nash, who netted his NHL-best eighth goal.

On the winner, Mueller and Kreider crisscrossed in the Devils zone before Kreider fed Klein for his first of the season.

Henrik Lundqvist stopped 28 shots as the Rangers (4-3) extended their winning streak to three.

The Devils (3-2-1) got power-play goals from Jaromir Jagr, Adam Henrique and Jon Merrill but it wasn't enough to prevent a third straight defeat.

Blackhawks 4, Flyers 0: Antti Raanta made 32 saves for host Chicago in his first start of the season, and Patrick Kane scored two power-play goals.

Brandon Saad, Bryan Bickell and Kane scored in a flurry late in the first period.

Predators 4, Coyotes 3 (SO): Ryan Ellis scored the decisive goal in the shootout, while Ellis, Mike Ribeiro and James Neal scored in regulation for host Nashville, winner of two of three.

Stars 6, Canucks 3: Erik Cole scored two goals and Kari Lehtonen made 43 saves for host Dallas, which scored five goals on only 12 shots against goaltender Ryan Miller to drive him from the game just 1:17 into the second period.

Canadiens 2, Red Wings 1: David Desharnais scored 56 seconds into overtime to lift host Montreal to the win.

Desharnais poked the puck in from the side of the net after Jimmy Howard stopped shots from Max Pacioretty and P.K. Subban.

Montreal (6-1-0) earned its third consecutive win.

Maple Leafs 5, Islanders 2: Phil Kessel scored two goals to lead Toronto to the road win.

Nine Maple Leafs finished with at least one point, led by Kessel's three. James van Riemsdyk and Mike Santorelli had two points apiece.

Panthers 4, Avalanche 3 (OT): At Denver, Brad Boyes scored a power-play goal 2:23 into overtime, lifting Florida to the win.

Sean Bergenheim, Brandon Pirri and Aleksander Barkov also scored for the Panthers. Jussi Jokinen had two assists, including one on the winner.

Lightning 2, Flames 1 (OT): Ondrej Palat scored three minutes into overtime, helping Tampa Bay rally for the road win.

Jets 3, Hurricanes 1: Adam Lowry's first NHL goal helped host Winnipeg snap a four-game losing streak.

Scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	7	6	1	0	12	22	21
Tampa Bay	7	4	2	1	9	21	14
Ottawa	5	4	1	0	8	14	10
Detroit	6	3	1	2	8	12	10
Boston	8	4	4	0	8	20	20
Toronto	7	3	3	1	7	20	21
Florida	6	2	3	2	6	9	14
Buffalo	6	1	5	0	2	8	22
Metropolitan Division							
Washington	5	3	0	2	8	18	11
N.Y. Islanders	6	4	2	0	8	22	20
N.Y. Rangers	7	4	3	0	8	21	23
New Jersey	6	3	2	1	7	20	20
Pittsburgh	4	3	1	0	6	16	10
Columbus	5	3	2	0	6	15	12
Philadelphia	6	1	3	2	4	17	25
Carolina	5	0	3	2	2	11	18

Western Conference

Central Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	6	4	0	2	10	16	11
Chicago	5	4	0	1	9	16	7
Dallas	6	3	1	2	8	21	20
St. Louis	5	2	2	1	5	12	9
Minnesota	4	2	2	0	4	10	4
Winnipeg	6	2	4	0	4	11	16
Colorado	7	1	4	2	4	12	24
Pacific Division							
Anaheim	6	5	1	0	10	21	13
Los Angeles	6	4	1	1	9	15	10
San Jose	7	4	2	1	9	23	20
Calgary	8	4	3	1	9	20	19
Vancouver	5	3	2	0	6	16	16
Arizona	5	2	2	1	5	16	22
Edmonton	6	1	4	1	3	14	27

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

Monday's game
Edmonton 3, Tampa Bay 2

Tuesday's games
Nashville 4, Arizona 3, SO
Boston 5, San Jose 3
N.Y. Rangers 4, New Jersey 3, OT
Toronto 5, N.Y. Islanders 2
Montreal 2, Detroit 1, OT
Winnipeg 3, Carolina 1
Chicago 4, Philadelphia 0
Dallas 6, Vancouver 3
Florida 4, Colorado 3, OT
Tampa Bay 2, Calgary 1, OT

Wednesday's games
Toronto at Ottawa
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh
Washington at Edmonton
Buffalo at Anaheim

Thursday's games
N.Y. Islanders at Boston
Pittsburgh at Detroit
Vancouver at St. Louis
Chicago at Nashville
Arizona at Minnesota
Carolina at Calgary
Buffalo at Los Angeles
Columbus at San Jose

Tuesday

Rangers 4, Devils 3 (OT)

N.Y. Rangers	1	0	2	1—4
New Jersey	1	1	1	0—3

First Period—1, N.Y. Rangers, Kreider 2 (McDonagh, St. Louis), 7:34 (pp). 2, New Jersey, Jagr 1 (Brunner, T.Zajac), 13:40 (pp).

Second Period—3, New Jersey, Henrique 3 (Jagr, Severson), 14:55 (pp).

Third Period—4, New Jersey, Merrill 1 (Brunner, Henrique), :36 (pp). 5, N.Y. Rangers, Mueller 1 (McDonagh, Brassard), 5:06 (pp). 6, N.Y. Rangers, Nash 8 (Hayes), 14:32.

Overtime—7, N.Y. Rangers, Klein 1 (Kreider, Mueller), 2:42.

Shots on Goal—N.Y. Rangers 6-9-9-1—25. New Jersey 11-9-10-1—31.

Power-play opportunities—N.Y. Rangers 2 of 3; New Jersey 3 of 5.

Goalies—N.Y. Rangers, Lundqvist 4-2-0 (31 shots-28 saves). New Jersey, Schneider 3-2-1 (25-21).

A—14,484 (17,625). **T**—2:35.

Blackhawks 4, Flyers 0

Philadelphia	0	0	0	0—0
Chicago	3	0	1	4—4

First Period—1, Chicago, Saad 1 (Richards, Bickell), 11:54. 2, Chicago, Kane 2 (Sharp, Toews), 12:26 (pp). 3, Chicago, Bickell 1 (Saad), 14:00.

Third Period—4, Chicago, Kane 3 (Keith, Sharp), 3:50 (pp).

Shots on Goal—Philadelphia 9-10-13—32. Chicago 19-8-16—43.

Power-play opportunities—Philadelphia 0 of 2; Chicago 2 of 4.

Goalies—Philadelphia, Mason 0-3-1 (43 shots-39 saves). Chicago, Raanta 1-0-0 (32-32).

A—21,162 (19,717). **T**—2:32.

ELISE AMENDOLA/AP

The Bruins' Gregory Campbell celebrates his goal against the Sharks.

Bruins 5, Sharks 3

San Jose	1	2	0	0—3
Boston	1	1	3	5—5

First Period—1, Boston, Marchand 1 (Lucic, Krug), 13:57 (pp). 2, San Jose, Couture 2 (Marleau, Burns), 16:28 (pp).

Second Period—3, Boston, Krug 2 (Lucic, Krejci), 6:54 (pp). 4, San Jose, Couture 3 (Marleau, Wingels), 16:15. 5, San Jose, Thornton 2 (Pavelski, Braun), 16:52.

Third Period—6, Boston, Griffith 1 (Lucic, Krug), 4:50. 7, Boston, Campbell 1 (Paille), 10:42. 8, Boston, Krejci 2 (Chara, Kelly), 19:35 (en-sh).

Shots on Goal—San Jose 9-15-10—34. Boston 8-16-9—33.

Power-play opportunities—San Jose 1 of 3; Boston 2 of 3.

Goalies—San Jose, Niemi 3-1-0 (32 shots-28 saves). Boston, Rask 3-3-0 (34-31).

A—17,565 (17,565). **T**—2:35.

Stars 6, Canucks 3

Vancouver	0	2	1	3—3
Dallas	3	3	0	6—6

First Period—1, Dallas, Garbutt 1 (Roussel, Daley), 4:08. 2, Dallas, Cole 2 (Jo.Benn, Horcoff), 17:46 (pp). 3, Dallas, Seguin 5 (Ja.Benn, Connauton), 19:17.

Second Period—4, Dallas, Ja.Benn 4 (Seguin, Spezza), :48. 5, Dallas, Eakin 2 (Garbutt), 1:17. 6, Vancouver, Vrbata 4 (D.Sedin, H.Sedin), 3:39. 7, Dallas, Cole 3 (Horcoff, Dillon), 4:44. 8, Vancouver, Kassian 2 (Taney, Richardson), 13:55.

Third Period—9, Vancouver, Hansen 1 (Dorsett, Vey), 6:45.

Shots on Goal—Vancouver 12-18-16—46. Dallas 10-9-9—28.

Power-play opportunities—Vancouver 0 of 4; Dallas 1 of 6.

Goalies—Vancouver, Miller 3-1-0 (13 shots-8 saves). Lack (1:17 second, 15-14). Dallas, Lehtonen 3-0-2 (46-43).

A—15,678 (18,532). **T**—2:29.

Maple Leafs 5, Islanders 2

Toronto	1	4	0	5—5
N.Y. Islanders	2	0	0	2—2

First Period—1, N.Y. Islanders, Leddy 3 (Strome, Bailey), 2:48. 2, Toronto, van Riemsdyk 3 (Kessel), 8:44. 3, N.Y. Islanders, Tavares 3 (Nielsen, Okposo), 15:02 (pp).

Second Period—4, Toronto, Kessel 3 (Komarov, Santorelli), 9:04. 5, Toronto, Polak 1 (Winnik, Santorelli), 11:11. 6, Toronto, Clarkson 2 (Holland, Robidas), 16:21. 7, Toronto, Kessel 4 (van Riemsdyk, Bozak), 17:53.

Shots on Goal—Toronto 10-13-5—28. N.Y. Islanders 12-7-17—36.

Power-play opportunities—Toronto 0 of 4; N.Y. Islanders 1 of 6.

Goalies—Toronto, Bernier 1-2-1 (36 shots-34 saves). N.Y. Islanders, Halak 3-2-0 (23-18). Johnson (0:00 third, 5-5).

A—11,408 (16,170). **T**—2:31.

Lightning 2, Flames 1 (OT)

Tampa Bay	0	0	1	1—2
Calgary	0	0	1	0—1

Third Period—1, Calgary, Wideman 3 (Gaudreau, Russell), 1:12 (pp). 2, Tampa Bay, Filppula 1 (Garrison, Drouin), 17:44.

Overtime—3, Tampa Bay, Palat 2 (Stralman, Johnson), 3:00.

Shots on Goal—Tampa Bay 5-7-7-3—22. Calgary 8-7-6-1—22.

Power-play opportunities—Tampa Bay 0 of 0; Calgary 1 of 2.

Goalies—Tampa Bay, Nabokov 1-1-0 (22 shots-21 saves). Calgary, Ramo 2-1-1 (22-20).

A—19,289 (19,289). **T**—2:28.

Predators 4, Arizona 3 (SO)

Arizona	1	1	1	0—3
Nashville	1	1	1	0—4

Nashville won shootout 2-1

First Period—1, Arizona, Klinkhammer 2 (Moss, Chipchura), 3:21. 2, Nashville, Ribeiro 3 (Ellis), 12:05.

Second Period—3, Nashville, Ellis 1 (Roy, Jones), 5:12. 4, Arizona, Yandle 1 (Vermette), 11:48 (pp).

Third Period—5, Arizona, Erat 2 (Ekman-Larsson, Yandle), 7:42 (pp). 6, Nashville, Neal 2 (Ribeiro, Ellis), 8:03.

Shootout—Arizona 1 (Boedker NG, Gagner NG, Vermette G, Erat NG), Nashville 2 (Roy G, C.Smith NG, Forsberg NG, Ellis G).

Shots on Goal—Arizona 8-9-17-2—36. Nashville 10-8-5-3—26.

Power-play opportunities—Arizona 2 of 5; Nashville 0 of 5.

Goalies—Arizona, Dubnyk 1-0-1 (26 shots-23 saves). Nashville, Rinne 4-0-1 (36-33).

A—15,694 (17,113). **T**—2:48.

Jets 3, Hurricanes 1

Carolina	1	0	0	1—1
Winnipeg	2	1	0	3—3

First Period—1, Winnipeg, Ladd 1 (Enstrom, Little), 1:57. 2, Winnipeg, Lowry 1 (Clitsome, Postma), 2:37. 3, Carolina, Tlusty 4 (Nash, Terry), 7:03 (pp).

Second Period—4, Winnipeg, Byfuglien 2, 16:26.

Shots on Goal—Carolina 9-5-8—22. Winnipeg 11-4-11—26.

Power-play opportunities—Carolina 1 of 5; Winnipeg 0 of 5.

Goalies—Carolina, Khudobin 0-2-1 (26 shots-23 saves). Winnipeg, Pavelec 2-3-0 (22-21).

A—15,016 (15,004). **T**—2:31.

Canadiens 2, Red Wings 1 (OT)

Detroit	0	1	0	0—1
Montreal	0	0	1	1—2

Second Period—1, Detroit, Zetterberg 2 (Datsyuk, DeKeyser), 13:41.

Third Period—2, Montreal, Galchenyuk 3 (Emelin, Plekanec), 16:51.

Overtime—3, Montreal, Desharnais 1 (Pacioretty, Subban), :56.

Shots on Goal—Detroit 10-13-5-0—28. Montreal 10-11-13-2—36.

Power-play opportunities—Detroit 0 of 3; Montreal 0 of 1.

Goalies—Detroit, Howard 2-1-2 (36 shots-34 saves). Montreal, Price 5-1-0 (28-27).

A—21,287 (21,273). **T**—2:32.

Panthers 4, Avalanche 3 (OT)

Florida	2	1	0	1—4
Colorado	0	3	0	0—3

First Period—1, Florida, Pirri 1 (Jokinen), 4:43. 2, Florida, Barkov 1 (Ekblad, Boyes), 13:03.

Second Period—3, Colorado, Barrie 1 (O'Reilly, Duchene), 10:51 (pp). 4, Colorado, Landeskog 2 (O'Reilly, Holden), 11:22 (pp). 5, Colorado, Tanguay 3 (Iginla), 14:41. 6, Florida, Bergenheim 2 (Olsen, Bjugstad), 17:41.

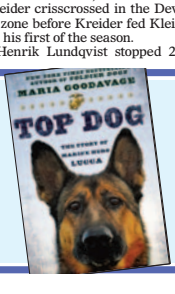
Overtime—7, Florida, Boyes 2 (Huberdeau, Jokinen), 2:23 (pp).

Shots on Goal—Florida 14-14-7-1—36. Colorado 10-17-6-0—33.

Power-play opportunities—Florida 1 of 2; Colorado 2 of 5.

Goalies—Florida, Luongo 2-2-1 (33 shots-30 saves). Colorado, Berra 1-0-1 (36-32).

A—14,440 (18,007). **T**—2:41.



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SPORTS BRIEFS

UNC probe reveals scope of academic fraud

The Associated Press

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — More than 3,100 students — nearly half of them athletes — enrolled in classes they didn't have to show up for and received artificially inflated grades in what an investigator called a "shadow curriculum" that lasted nearly two decades at the University of North Carolina.

The report released Wednesday by former high-ranking U.S. Justice Department official Kenneth Wainstein found more far-reaching academic fraud than previous investigations by the school and the NCAA.

Many at the university hoped Wainstein's investigation would bring some closure to the long-running scandal, which is rooted in an NCAA investigation focused on improper benefits within the football program in 2010. Instead, findings of a systemic problem in the former African and Afro-American Studies department could lead to NCAA sanctions and possible dismissal of additional UNC staff.

"I think it's very clear that this is an academic, an athletic and a university problem," chancellor Carol Folt said.

The report outlined courses in the former African and Afro-American Studies department that required only a research paper that was often scanned quickly and given an A or B regardless of the quality of work.

The school's board of trustees and the panel that oversees the state's university system reviewed Wainstein's findings during a closed-door meeting earlier Wednesday. A half-dozen officials and UNC Athletics Director Bubba Cunningham declined to say whether anyone would lose their job.

The NCAA hit the football program in 2012 with scholarship reductions and a postseason ban, though the academic violations focused mainly on a tutor providing improper help to players on papers. The NCAA said it reopened its investigation in June because new information was available.

Wainstein's staff has briefed NCAA investigators at least three times, plans another briefing on the final report and has "enjoyed a strong cooperative relationship," according to the report.

The report outlined how the fraud ran unchecked for so long, as well as how faculty and administration officials missed or looked past red flags such as unusually high numbers of independent study course enrollments.

It said athletics staffers steered athletes to classes that also became popular with fraternities and other everyday students looking for an easy grade.

"By the mid-2000s, these classes had become a primary — if not the primary — way that struggling athletes kept themselves from having eligibility problems," the report said.

In all, athletes made up about 47 percent of the enrollments in the 188 lecture-classified paper classes. Of that group, 51 percent were football players.

Wainstein's staff reviewed records dating to the 1980s and interviewed 126 people, including men's basketball coach Roy Williams, who said he trusted the school "to put on legitimate classes," according to the report.

Former basketball player Rashad McCants, who told ESPN in June that tutors wrote research papers for him and that Williams was aware that of no-show classes, didn't respond to numerous requests for interviews, according to the report.

NHL postpones game after Ottawa shootings

OTTAWA, Ontario — The NHL has postponed Wednesday night's game between the Toronto Maple Leafs and Senators because of shootings in Ottawa.

A gunman shot and wounded a Canadian soldier standing guard at a war memorial in the country's capital Wednesday, then entered Parliament, where numerous shots rang out, according to police and witnesses.

In a statement the NHL says it "wishes to express its sympathy and prayers to all affected by the tragic events in Ottawa."

The game was scheduled at the Canadian Tire Centre in nearby Kanata.

The NHL says the date and time of the rescheduled game will be announced at a later date.

Source: Rice's appeal hearing set for Nov. 5-6

A hearing on Ray Rice's appeal of his indefinite suspension will be held Nov. 5 and 6, two people familiar with the situation said Tuesday.

The people spoke with The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because details of the hearing have not been made public.

Rice was suspended indefinitely Sept. 8 for violating the NFL's personal conduct policy after a video of Rice hitting his then-fiancee in an elevator was released publicly. NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell originally had suspended Rice for two games.

Once the video became public, the Baltimore Ravens cut the star running back, and the league banned him indefinitely. The league considered the video to be new evidence, giving Goodell the authority to further suspend Rice.

The players' union is appealing Rice's suspension, saying Rice should not be punished twice.

A neutral arbiter is expected to decide whether Goodell should testify. The arbiter had not yet made that decision as of Tuesday afternoon, the sources who informed the AP of the hearing said.

British government wants NFL team

LONDON — The British government wants an NFL team based in London.

LM OTERO/AP

The Dallas Cowboys released defensive end Michael Sam from the practice squad, Tuesday, another setback as the NFL's first openly gay player tries to make an active roster during the regular season for the first time.

George Osborne, the British treasury chief, told the Evening Standard newspaper on Wednesday that the government will do whatever it can "to make this happen."

The NFL has been playing regular-season games at Wembley Stadium every year since 2007, and this season there are three games on the schedule.

The NFL says it welcomes Osborne's comments and his "strong support for the possibility of an NFL team in London."

Detroit and Atlanta will play Sunday at Wembley, the home of England's national soccer team. Last month, the Miami Dolphins beat the Oakland Raiders 38-14, and next month, the Dallas Cowboys will face the Jacksonville Jaguars.

Cowboys cut Sam from practice squad

IRVING, Texas — Michael Sam will have to wait for a third team to give the NFL's first openly gay player a chance to appear in a regular-season game.

The Dallas Cowboys released Sam from the practice squad Tuesday, dropping the defensive end as they prepare for several potential reinforcements to return to the defensive line.

Sam spent seven weeks with the Cowboys after joining their practice squad Sept. 3, four days after he was among the final cuts by the St. Louis Rams at the end of the preseason. He was never placed on the 53-man active roster.

The Rams drafted Sam in the seventh round in May. He was pick No. 249 out of 256. Sam had three sacks in the preseason with St. Louis playing mostly against second- and third-stringers.

Sam thanked the family of Cowboys owner Jerry Jones on Twitter, along with "friends, family, teammates, and fans for their support."

"While this is disappointing, I will take the lessons I learned here in Dallas and continue to fight for an opportunity to prove that I can play every Sunday," Sam wrote.

Sam came out to his Missouri teammates before his senior season, when he had 11 1/2 sacks. He told the rest of the world three months before the May draft. After Sunday's 31-21 win over the New York Giants, Cowboys owner Jerry Jones told USA Today that Sam's sexuality was "a dead issue."

Georgia requesting Gurley's reinstatement

ATHENS, Ga. — Georgia will was set to file a request with the NCAA for tailback Todd Gurley's eligibility to be reinstated.

Gurley has been suspended for the last two games while Georgia investigated allegations he broke NCAA rules by receiving improper benefits. Coach Mark Richt has confirmed the allegations involved autographs.

Georgia said it "hopes for and expects" a prompt ruling by the NCAA after submitting the request later Wednesday.

In the statement released by Georgia, Gurley acknowledged making mistakes.

"I want to thank the university, coaches, teammates, and the Bulldog Nation for their patience and support," Gurley said. "I take full responsibility for the mistakes I made, and I can't thank the university, my coaches, and teammates enough for supporting me throughout this process. I'm looking forward to getting back on the field with my teammates."

After reviewing Georgia's request, the NCAA could either accept the two-game suspension of Gurley imposed by Georgia as sufficient or announce a longer suspension and possible additional penalties.

Gurley has continued to practice with Georgia during the suspension.

Newman escapes Talladega penalties

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — NASCAR decided Tuesday not to penalize Ryan Newman after his car failed inspection following the race at Talladega.

The Richard Childress Racing Chevrolet was found to be too low in the rear on both sides of the car after Sunday's race. NASCAR brought it back to North Carolina for a further inspection and concluded that damage during the race was to blame.

Newman said his car was damaged on the final restart of the race when he was hit by Matt Kenseth as the drivers furiously charged for position.

Had NASCAR decided to penalize Newman, he likely would have been docked 15 points in the standings. Newman had already moved on to the third round of the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship and had a 27-point lead over the first driver eliminated at Talladega.

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HIGH SCHOOL: DODDS EUROPE

Cross-country

Top boys finally set to face off

By Gregory Broome
Stars and Stripes

Two seconds.

That's all that separated the top two contenders for the 2014 DODDS-Europe boys cross country championship just three weeks ago. On Oct. 4, defending European champion Mitchell Bailey of Patch posted a time of 16:56. On that same date, Wiesbaden's Ryan Parker turned in a time of 16:58.

There is, however, a caveat. The two weren't racing on the same course. Bailey won his race at Hohenfels, while Parker won his at Ramstein. Though their times were tantalizingly close, a comparison just didn't make sense.

A week later should have brought the payoff. Parker's Warriors were due to host Bailey's Panthers in an Oct. 11 meet, a projected preview of the European championship race to follow two weeks later. But fate intervened again; Parker missed the race due to the SAT. Bailey won easily in Parker's absence.

"I would've liked to race against Ryan," Bailey said.

On Saturday, he'll get that chance.

Bailey and Parker rank as the two clearest candidates to win Saturday's European championship race at Baumholder, Germany. Bailey is the defending champion with the best time in the regular season; Parker is the 2013 fourth-place finisher with DODDS-Europe's second-best 2014 time by the above-mentioned two-second margin.

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Ramstein's Madison Morse was second at last year's DODDS-Europe cross-country championships. She's chasing favorite Julia Lockridge this year.

But theirs won't be the only capable toes on the starting line. Ramstein has a trio of contenders in John Casey, Harrison Adams and Aaron Schlosser, and Naples' steadily-improving Raekwon Sallywhite ranks as a threat.

The girls race has a clear front-runner in Patch's Julia Lockridge. The current torchbearer for the Panthers' ongoing parade of championships won every race in which she competed this season, including a definitive 46-second win in last weekend's final regular-season meet at Stuttgart.

Though she's already beaten each of the top rivals she'll encounter Saturday, several dangerous runners will be poised to capitalize on any Lockridge missteps. That group includes 2013 runner-up Madison Morse of Ramstein, as well as Ansbach's Kelly McCaskill, Brussels' Kirsten Carson, Lakenheath's Marra Lopes, SHAPE's Anna Kyle, Vilseck's Kaili Markley and Naples' Shiloh Houseworth.

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Tennis

Sullivan clear girls favorite

Top boys contenders both lost to departed champ Kovats a year ago

By Gregory Broome
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The 2014 DODDS-Europe tennis championships take place Thursday through Saturday at three sites in the vicinity of Wiesbaden, Germany. Here's a look at the top contenders trying to claim the four titles at stake:

Girls singles: The title is Jade Sullivan's to lose. But losing isn't something Sullivan does very often.

The fast-improving Wiesbaden Warriors ace claimed the 2013 European title as an upstart sophomore. Any element of surprise she enjoyed last fall has long since dissipated. But it's been replaced by outright dominance; as a junior, she hasn't dropped a singles or doubles set all season.

That streak almost came to an end on Oct. 18 at Stuttgart. Sullivan's latest encounter with nemesis Marina Fortun of Patch fell right in line with the rivals' previous clashes. Sullivan emerged with a hard-won 7-6 (7-3), 6-1 victory.

While that match kept Sullivan unbeaten and pointed towards a repeat championship, it was close enough to suggest that Fortun stands a solid chance against Sullivan with a few breaks in her favor. A former European doubles champion, Fortun knows what it takes to claim Saturday gold.

Should Sullivan and/or Fortun falter, there's a deep pack of contenders ready to pounce. Among them: AFNORTH's Eliska Volencova, AOSR's Morgane Peeters, SHAPE's Marianna Kyriou, Ramstein's Alexi Aldinger and Brussels' Laura Yedigaryan.

Boys singles: While the solo boys field lacks a defending champion, it does have a clear heir apparent.

International School of Brussels ace Fabian Sandrup Selvik reached the European championship match last season, where he lost to Lakenheath sophomore Peter Kovats. But Kovats has headed stateside, denying Selvik a shot at redemption but also leaving him as DODDS-Europe's top returning boys player. He solidified his spot with an unbeaten regular season and a top overall seed in this week's tournament.

Selvik, however, isn't the only player back from last year's late rounds. Naples senior George Shaffer reached the semifinals last year before falling to Kovats. But his 6-2, 6-2 loss to the eventual champ was nearly identical to Selvik's 6-2, 6-3 loss in the title match, and the two didn't face each other in that tournament or this regular season. A showdown this week might swing either way.

A diverse group of contenders will look to prevent such a meeting, including Marymount's Ting Lin, Incirlik's Okeksandr Redki, Vilseck's Orcibiel Oquendo, Lakenheath's Nathan Short and Hohenfels' Nathan Witty.

Girls doubles: This unpredictable 16-team bracket is an interesting mix of the fresh and the familiar: one member of all four 2013 semifinalist teams is back this fall, but each will bring a new partner.

Ramstein's Hannah Hering teamed with Jennifer Debose to win last fall's European title. She'll look for a repeat alongside Bailey Stokstad, who spent last year's tournament advancing to the quarterfinals.

Wiesbaden's Peyton Taylor is back from last year's runner-up doubles squad; she'll team with Jackie Renzi.

Meanwhile, semifinalist squads from Kaiserslautern and ISB have retooled. Anna Roberts helped Kaiserslautern to a third-place finish last season; she's back with Katie Merchat for a teammate. The ISB squad, a strong fourth-place finisher in 2013, will field returnee Megumi Osasawara alongside new partner Maya Yoshihashi.

Boys doubles: While the girls doubles teams are all newly-assembled for 2014, the boys bracket features an experienced, chemistry-laded 2013 semifinalist back for another bid. ISB tandem Maxime Dumortier and Bram den Dekker return intact from last year's fourth-place finish.

ISB's path is still blocked by small Rome-based program Marymount. MMI won last year's title with the team of Matteo Ciccozzi and Ting Lin; while Lin has moved onto singles competition, Ciccozzi and new partner Matteo Bagnetti will be a top contender to extend the school's streak.

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Top performances

Cross country

Raekwon Sallywhite, Naples: The Wildcats runner claimed a runaway victory in a three-team home race Saturday. His time of 17 minutes, 11 seconds was 36 seconds faster than his closest competitor.

Madison Morse, Ramstein: Already among the top contenders to claim this weekend's European championship, Morse served further notice with her performance Saturday. Morse's time of 20:38 at Vilseck gave her first-place honors among a tough four-school field.

Tennis

Hannah Hering and Bailey Stokstad, Ramstein: The defending European girls doubles champion Hering and her new partner are tuned up for a run at a repeat. The senior pair's perfect final weekend capped a regular season in which they didn't drop a set.

Nathan Witty and Christopher Lucious, Hohenfels: The pair of Tigers combined to account for half of their team's wins in an impressive 6-3 win over Wiesbaden on Saturday. Each cruised to a singles win and combined efforts for an 8-3 doubles victory.

Volleyball

Adrianna Ibanez and Cierra Martin, Wiesbaden: The undefeated Warriors stayed that way Saturday thanks in large part to the contributions of this dangerous pair. Ibanez had 19 assists in a win over Hohenfels; Martin had six kills and four blocks against Vilseck.

Jaxen Godfrey, Patch: The Panther was a dominant net presence all day Saturday, posting five blocks in a win over Ramstein and four more in a win over Black Forest Academy.

Shannon Cox, Lakenheath: The senior setter enjoyed a prolific Saturday for a fast-improving Lancers squad. Cox passed out 28 combined assists in Lakenheath wins over Menwith Hill and SHAPE.

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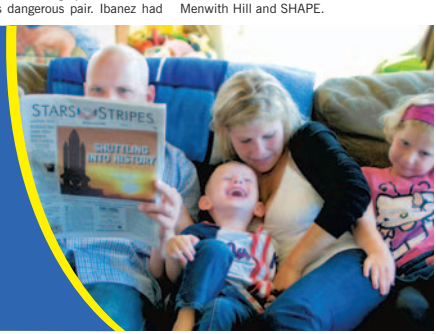

HIGH SCHOOL: DODDS PACIFIC

An impressive start

Kadena frosh Oliver shakes off pressure, earns No. 4 for Far East

BY DAVE ORNAUER
Stars and Stripes

KADENA AIR BASE, Okinawa — Walking briskly around the back side of Risner Tennis Complex Court 3 during Tuesday's practice, Lily Oliver watched as one of the complex's instructors hit soft tosses to a pair of young novices.

While she watched, Oliver got transported back in time, to 10 years ago in her native Kansas City, where she first picked up a racket. "That might have been me," she said to herself as she rejoined partner and Kadena teammate Nic Lay on Court 4 to continue a mixed-doubles match.

This season as a freshman, she won the Okinawa singles title on her way to a 12-1 record in multiple events. She's earned the No. 4 seed in next month's Far East tournament, also at Risner.

Her efforts on the court have attracted the attention of teammates, foes and coaches. Aside from her mix of talent, shots and good footwork, she's demonstrated an ability to stay poised under pressure.

"She's a good person, a good student, she's a joy to have with us on the team and she's got a good head on her shoulders," Kadena coach Amie Woo said of the team's No. 1 singles seed.

"She's very relaxed, she doesn't get rattled at all," said Lay, a senior.

While most players her age — she's 14 — might feel pressure of being their team's leading player, Oliver says she generally doesn't.

"My main objective is to have fun," Oliver said. "Even if I lose, I'm sorry to anybody who's expecting something of me, but I do my best."

It doesn't matter, Oliver said, who's across the net from her. She's faced only Kubasaki players this season, but would play well-versed international-school players during Far East Nov. 3-6.

She says she doesn't worry about what opponents do, that it's important to focus just on her game. If she wins, she wins, Oliver said. If she doesn't, she'll try again next time.

"I know my teammates are cheering me on, so I feel them even if they're not on the court with me. I'm not alone," Oliver said. "Even if I lose, I know they'll support me and help me come back."

Oliver doesn't have a lot of experience losing on the high school level, though.

She went unbeaten in four regular-season singles matches and three of four doubles matches; the only one she did not win came with her regular partner Rita Feight unavailable. She and Lay had little trouble in mixed doubles, winning twice.

In the Okinawa singles tournament, Oliver dropped just two games, blanking Sarah Walter 8-0, downing Mary Neitzke 8-1 and in the final, topping Allie Powers 6-1, 6-0.

Oliver dropped five games in singles during the season and lost more than two games just twice in doubles, including that lone loss to Neitzke and Powers on Oct. 8.

Woo said she didn't know what she was getting in Oliver, who played in local tournaments on and off base before entering high school.

"She seems confident in what she does on the court, knows what she has to do, (sees) what she's not doing. It's in her hands. Good judgment and knowing … what she's got to do and to fix [things] and if she's not fixing, then what she has to do after the match to work on it."

Her abilities are not lost on one opposing coach.

"She works the ball around well, she works her opponents around well," Kubasaki's Stephanie Davis said. "She's got some speed on her serves [and] she has some power when she needs to, but her best asset is her consistency and she can move you around the court."

If there's one thing she does need to work on, it's "consistency at the service line and not footfaulting," Woo said.

Whatever she faces during Far East, Oliver said the idea of seeing other players is one of tennis' allures for her.

"You're always kind of moving around, it's exciting, you get to hit fast, hit slow, there's all sorts of different players, there's not just one type of player," she said. "You just get a lot of experience."

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Kadena Panthers freshman tennis player Lily Oliver dropped just five games in seven singles matches and only lost more than two doubles games in two matches, including her only loss of the year.

Top performances

Football

Justin Sego, Kadena — Rushed for 171 yards and three touchdowns on 14 carries, threw a touchdown pass, intercepted a pass and had two returns for 90 yards in the Panthers' 49-0 romp over Kinnick.

Dre Paylor, Kinnick — Had 108 yards on 24 carries and 116 all-purpose yards in the losing cause.

DeMarco Andrews, Daegu — Rushed 12 times for 143 yards and two touchdowns as the Warriors remained the only unbeaten team in the Pacific, downing Division I Seoul American 32-18.

Myles Haynes, Seoul American — Scored a touchdown and gained 236 yards on 26 carries in the loss.

Tyreke Slaughter, Humphreys — Went 7-for-14 for 267 yards and four touchdowns as the Blackhawks blanked Osan 34-0.

Brandon Rogers, American School In Japan — Was 11-for-21 for 162 yards and three touchdowns for the Mustangs in a 40-7 road win at Zama.

Tennis

Rikki Kendall, E.J. King — Continued his torrid pace, picking up his second shutout win in as many weeks, this time 8-0 over Neil Rodriguez of Kinnick.

Girls volleyball

Kalean Middleton, Edgren — Had a combined 14 kills as the Eagles swept Zama in two weekend matches for the second time this season, this time at home. Edgren won all six sets.

Cross country

Hunter Ficenec, Kadena — The junior capped an unbeaten regular season, winning his sixth race, in 16 minutes, 46 seconds, his first sub-17-minute time of the season, leading Kadena's boys to victory in the Okinawa regular-season finale.

Erin Stonebarger, Kinnick — Won the DODDS Japan finals with a time of 13 minutes, 44.1 seconds at Tama Hills Recreation Center, leading the Red Devils to a sweep of the team titles.

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210	Camp Humphreys	Camp humphreys
208	Seminoles785	FT Riley
208	dodgingjets	Hohenfels
204	johnlanos75	Ft Mead
204	Mwangole	SOCOM, Tampa Florida
202	tip-z	Wpafb
202	LOLcowboys	Scott AFB
202	CQB31	FORT HOOD

Top 10 Overall Scores

1280	Camp Humphreys	Camp humphreys
1276	CWill	Ramstein
1270	Grateful Shamackies	Scott AFB
1264	michaelgarza98	31098
1262	Rich Rapuano	RAF Akrotiri
1260	scatter	Mac Dill AFB
1256	HOW BOUT THEM BOYZ!!!	ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND
1252	Jersey Jarhead	Pentagon
1248	woodofgreen	JB Charleston
1248	Steeler07	Fort Riley

NFL

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Colts defensive end Cory Redding, right, celebrates after sacking Bengals quarterback Andy Dalton last week. Over the last five weeks, the Colts' defense has forced 11 turnovers, made 20 sacks and allowed just 15 points per game — all of them wins.

Balanced approach keeps Colts on winning track

BY MICHAEL MAROT
The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — When Colts owner Jim Irsay decided to rebuild the team after the 2011 season, he insisted on finding the right balance.

Sure, he wanted an entertaining offense that would score points and sell tickets, but he also wanted a team capable of grinding out wins. He insisted on upgrading the defense and the coverage units, too, and now he's seeing the payoff.

After Sunday, Indianapolis was the only NFL team with an offense and a defense ranked in the league's top five — and still getting better.

"The whole defense is feeding off of each other right now," coach Chuck Pagano said Monday. "The energy that they're playing with, the effort that they're playing with right now. Anytime you have success like they're having, the confidence level is at an all-time high."

It shows.

The Colts celebrated their 500th NFL win, including the postseason, by dominating one of the league's best offenses. In the 27-0 blowout, Cincinnati (3-2-1) managed just 135 total yards, the second fewest of coach Marvin Lewis' tenure and the fewest allowed by the Colts since their last shutout in December 2008.

Indy's defensive ascension is no fluke.

Since arriving in 2012, Pagano has repeatedly talked about the need to have a defense that plays consistently as well as the offense. These Colts (5-2) are starting to play that way.

Over the last five games, all wins, Indianapolis has forced 11 turnovers, made 20 sacks and allowed 15 points per game. The Colts have allowed just one third-down conversion in four straight games, while opponents are just 4-for-41 over that span. If the defense continues playing this well, Irsay might finally have the most complete team in the NFL.

Entering Monday night's game, the numbers looked like this:

■ Andrew Luck was one of seven quarterbacks with a rating over 100 and was tied with Peyton Manning for the league lead in touchdown passes (19). Luck already has six 300-yard games this season and is on pace for second-most completions in a single season in league history.

■ The Colts already have five 100-yard games rushing this season, including 127 against Baltimore, and a season-best 171 against Cincinnati, and were ranked No. 12.

■ Indy's defense had cracked the top 10 in overall yards, yards rushing, yards passing allowed, sacks, points per game and third-down conversions allowed.

■ Pat McAfee led the NFL in net punting average (44.8) with only one touchback. He also had the league's highest touchback total on kickoffs (36) and was 3-for-3 on onside kicks.

■ Adam Vinatieri, the only player in NFL history to score 900 points with two teams, has been virtually automatic. He's made 20 consecutive field goals, dating to Week 14 of last season.

■ And according to STATS, Indy's current average possession time of 36 minutes, 56 seconds would shatter the highest total since 1981. The 1984 Bears (35:08) are the only club over that stretch to hold the ball for more than 35 minutes.

"If we can run the ball for 170-plus yards a game and throw it for 300-plus, that's great," Pagano said. "I've said from Day 1 that to win at any level, you've got to be able to run it and stop the run. That was a blueprint for success right there yesterday. If you were going to draw it up, you can't draw it up any better."

Still, Pagano sees flaws.

A year ago, the Colts held the turnovers and penalties in check. This season, that's a concern.

Only three teams entered Monday with more giveaways than Indy (13) and only six had more penalties than the Colts (51). Indy also blew two scoring chances Sunday because of red-zone fumbles, and Luck nearly had a couple of other passes picked off. Pagano will spend this week trying to get those mistakes cleaned up before Sunday's game at Pittsburgh.

But this year's combination has been better than most people expected three years ago when Pagano, Irsay and a host of young players began Indy's transformation.

"We always want to perform at a high level. We always want to be able to score points and win the game," tight end Dwayne Allen said. "We really kind of put blinders on. The defense is doing great. All we see is we have the ball back, not the scoreboard or anything like that, because every possession our job is to go out there and score."

Statistics

AFC individual leaders

Quarterbacks

	Att	Com	Yds	TD	Int
P. Manning, DEN	217	149	1848	19	3
P. Rivers, SND	230	155	1961	17	3
Luck, IND	302	199	2331	19	7
Flacco, BAL	245	156	1854	14	5
Brady, NWE	246	151	1705	13	2
Roethlisberger, PIT	252	166	1858	10	3
Whitehurst, TEN	98	59	764	5	2
K. Orton, BUF	124	85	890	5	3
Al. Smith, KAN	186	119	1270	9	4
Dalton, CIN	189	121	1375	6	3

Rushers

	Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
A. Foster, HOU	126	615	4.88	40	5
L. Bell, PIT	117	599	5.12	81	1
Forsett, BAL	87	503	5.78	52	3
Ivory, NYJ	88	432	4.91	71t	3
Bernard, CIN	93	401	4.31	89t	4
L. Miller, MIA	81	391	4.83	24	4
T. Richardson, IND	101	358	3.54	27	2
Kn. Davis, KAN	83	352	4.24	48	3
Ridley, NWE	94	340	3.62	43	2
Bradshaw, IND	70	336	4.80	29	1

Receivers

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
An. Brown, PIT	50	719	14.4	41	5
Hilton, IND	47	711	15.1	49	1
Edelman, NWE	44	453	10.3	44	1
Dem. Thomas, DEN	39	662	17.0	86t	6
And. Johnson, HOU	39	496	12.7	26	1
Smith Sr., BAL	38	640	16.8	80t	4
E. Sanders, DEN	38	514	13.5	48	1
Wayne, IND	38	434	11.4	28t	1
L. Bell, PIT	36	339	9.4	43	1
S. Watkins, BUF	35	433	12.4	30	4

Punters

	No	Yds	LG	Avg
Lechler, HOU	32	1540	71	48.1
Quigley, NYJ	37	1765	64	47.7
McAfee, IND	27	1285	61	47.6
Koch, BAL	21	988	69	47.0
Anger, JAX	42	1954	64	46.5
Ry. Allen, NWE	33	1524	63	46.2
Huber, CIN	28	1285	63	45.9
B. Colquitt, DEN	32	1466	60	45.8
Scifres, SND	31	1416	72	45.7
Lanning, CLE	32	1446	59	45.2

Punt Returners

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Ad. Jones, CIN	8	132	16.5	47	0
Hammond Jr., KAN	13	152	11.7	47	0
Carrie, OAK	11	103	9.4	21	0
An. Brown, PIT	15	126	8.4	36	0
Jac. Jones, BAL	13	107	8.2	33	0
Edelman, NWE	16	125	7.8	34	0
McKelvin, BUF	12	91	7.6	14	0
A. Sanders, JAX	9	65	7.2	19	0
Whalen, IND	20	133	6.7	22	0
J. Landry, MIA	11	73	6.6	16	0

Kickoff Returners

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
J. Landry, MIA	15	468	31.2	74	0
Spiller, BUF	10	306	30.6	102t	1
Jac. Jones, BAL	10	297	29.7	58	0
Todman, JAX	17	453	26.6	40	0
L. Murray, OAK	12	282	23.5	36	0
Kn. Davis, KAN	12	268	22.3	34	0
Br. Tate, CIN	11	237	21.5	31	0
Hakim, NYJ	13	279	21.5	44	0
L. Washington, TEN	12	256	21.3	50	0
Archer, PIT	9	161	17.9	23	0

Scoring

Touchdowns

	TD	Rush	Rec	Ret	Pts
Ju. Thomas, DEN	9	0	9	0	54
Bradshaw, IND	7	1	6	0	42
Gates, SND	7	0	7	0	42
Dem. Thomas, DEN	6	0	6	0	38
A. Foster, HOU	6	5	1	0	36
D. Allen, IND	5	0	5	0	30
An. Brown, PIT	5	0	5	0	30
L. Miller, MIA	5	4	1	0	30
Royal, SND	5	0	5	0	30
M. Wallace, MIA	5	0	5	0	30

Kicking

	PAT	FG	LG	Pts
Gostkowski, NWE	19-19	18-19	53	73
Vinatieri, IND	24-24	14-14	50	66
Tucker, BAL	20-20	15-18	52	65
Novak, SND	20-20	14-14	50	62
Suisham, PIT	16-16	14-15	45	58
Bullock, HOU	17-17	12-14	55	53
K. Carpenter, BUF	11-11	14-16	58	53
Folk, NYJ	10-10	13-14	52	49
Sturgis, MIA	16-16	11-14	51	49
Nugent, CIN	13-13	11-17	49	46

NFC individual leaders

Quarterbacks

	Att	Com	Yds	TD	Int
A. Rodgers, GBY	211	141	1674	18	1
Romo, DAL	214	148	1789	14	6
R. Wilson, SEA	175	115	1291	10	2
C. Palmer, ARI	112	74	807	6	1
E. Manning, NYG	225	146	1573	14	5
Cutler, CHI	263	177	1866	14	7
Au. Davis, STL	206	136	1617	9	4
Kaepernick, SNF	224	143	1719	11	5
Brees, NOR	263	178	1916	11	7
M. Ryan, ATL	278	178	2078	13	7

Rushers

	Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
D. Murray, DAL	187	913	4.88	44	7
Forte, CHI	111	448	4.04	19	3
A. Morris, WAS	115	440	3.83	23	3
Gore, SNF	102	423	4.15	28	1
L. McCoy, PHL	116	422	3.64	28	1
M. Lynch, SEA	97	420	4.33	32	3
R. Jennings, NYG	91	396	4.35	18	2
A. Ellington, ARI	105	393	3.74	22	1
Lacy, GBY	92	369	4.01	29	4
Kh. Robinson, NOR	64	330	5.16	62	2

Receivers

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Forte, CHI	52	436	8.4	56	2
Ju. Jones, ATL	49	676	13.8	40t	3
G. Tate, DET	48	649	13.5	73t	2
J. Nelson, GBY	47	712	15.1	80t	6
D. Bryant, DAL	45	590	13.1	68t	4
Olsen, CAR	41	493	12.0	37t	5
Ma. Bennett, CHI	41	422	10.3	27	4
Boldin, SNF	39	447	11.5	37	1
Cobb, GBY	35	452	12.9	47	8
Garcon, WAS	35	396	11.3	70t	3

Punters

	No	Yds	LG	Avg
Way, WAS	32	1608	77	50.3
Nortman, CAR	33	1611	67	48.8
Sa. Martin, DET	34	1636	64	48.1
A. Lee, SNF	26	1240	71	47.7
Masthay, GBY	28	1317	58	47.0
C. Jones, DAL	22	1006	62	45.7
Weatherford, NYG	36	1636	71	45.4
O'Donnell, CHI	26	1176	59	45.2
J. Ryan, SEA	26	1176	66	45.2
Locke, MIN	36	1616	62	44.9

Punt Returners

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Sproles, PHL	18	280	15.6	82t	1
Ginn Jr., ARI	10	135	13.5	71t	1
Hester, ATL	11	131	11.9	62t	1
J. Ross, DET	15	172	11.5	29	0
Ph. Brown, CAR	12	137	11.4	79t	1
S. Patton, TAM	10	112	11.2	33	0
Roberts, WAS	12	114	9.5	37	0
Walters, SEA	12	109	9.1	21	0
Sherels, MIN	15	136	9.1	24	0
B. Ellington, SNF	14	107	7.6	21	0

Kickoff Returners

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
B. Cunningham, STL	9	284	31.6	75	0
Dw. Harris, DAL	11	285	25.9	30	0
C. Ellington, SNF	10	258	25.8	33	0
C. Patterson, MIN	16	391	24.4	49	0
Harvin, SEA	12	283	23.6	46	0
Du. Harris, GBY	9	211	23.4	41	0
S. Patton, TAM	17	393	23.1	28	0
Hester, ATL	17	389	22.9	36	0
Ph. Brown, CAR	12	273	22.8	35	0
Roberts, WAS	9	194	21.6	28	0

Scoring

Touchdowns

	TD	Rush	Rec	Ret	Pts
Cobb, GBY	8	0	8	0	50
D. Murray, DAL	7	7	0	0	42
M. Lynch, SEA	6	3	3	0	36
J. Nelson, GBY	6	0	6	0	36
Ter. Williams, DAL	6	0	6	0	36
K. Benjamin, CAR	5	0	5	0	30
Forte, CHI	5	3	2	0	30
B. Marshall, CHI	5	0	5	0	30
Olsen, CAR	5	0	5	0	30
A. Smith, ATL	5	2	3	0	30

Kicking

	PAT	FG	LG	Pts
D. Bailey, DAL	22-22	14-15	56	64
Parkey, PHL	21-21	12-13	51	57
Catanzaro, ARI	11-11	15-15	51	56
Dawson, SNF	17-17	13-16	55	56
Gano, CAR	15-15	13-15	53	54
Walsh, MIN	10-10	14-16	55	52
Forbath, WAS	16-17	11-12	49	49
Hauschka, SEA	16-16	11-12	48	49
Crosby, GBY	23-23	8-9	55	47
Mat. Bryant, ATL	21-21	8-10	54	45

AFC team statistics

OFFENSE	Yards	Rush	Pass
Indianapolis	452.9	123.3	329.6
Denver	394.0	95.2	298.8
Baltimore	387.1	131.4	255.7
Pittsburgh	386.7	128.6	258.1
Cleveland	363.7	133.5	230.2
San Diego	360.0	89.3	270.7
Miami	359.8	136.3	223.5
Cincinnati	353.3	111.5	241.8
New England	345.4	103.3	242.1
Houston	345.0	129.0	216.0
Kansas City	340.0	140.3	199.7
Buffalo	333.6	103.4	230.1
N.Y. Jets	320.4	125.0	185.4
Tennessee	320.3	110.4	209.9
Jacksonville	296.6	86.0	210.6
Oakland	282.7	69.3	213.3

DEFENSE	Yards	Rush	Pass
Indianapolis	311.1	96.7	214.4
Miami	313.7	100.3	213.3
San Diego	316.4	106.9	209.6
Denver	316.8	74.3	242.5
N.Y. Jets	326.6	88.0	238.6
Kansas City	326.7	117.7	209.0
Buffalo	328.0	80.4	247.6
New England	334.3	126.3	208.0
Pittsburgh	345.0	114.1	230.9
Baltimore	345.9	87.4	258.4
Tennessee	371.6	123.7	247.9
Oakland	374.8	145.3	229.5
Houston	387.3	118.6	268.7
Jacksonville	390.4	110.3	280.1
Cleveland	397.0	155.5	241.5
Cincinnati	416.7	146.3	270.3

NFC team statistics

OFFENSE	Yards	Rush	Pass
New Orleans	437.0	123.0	314.0
Dallas	402.1	159.7	242.4
Washington	389.4	99.4	290.0
Atlanta	387.7	98.1	289.6
Philadelphia	378.3	116.0	262.3
St. Louis	358.7	105.3	253.3
San Francisco	357.4	125.1	232.3
Seattle	357.0	153.3	203.7
Chicago	349.3	95.3	254.0
Carolina	342.0	89.9	252.1
N.Y. Giants	332.7	113.6	219.1
Detroit	332.1	82.4	249.7
Green Bay	325.4	98.7	226.7
Arizona	317.3	91.8	225.5
Minnesota	309.1	125.3	183.9
Tampa Bay	306.8	89.8	217.0

DEFENSE	Yards	Rush	Pass
Detroit	290.3	73.4	216.9
San Francisco	306.0	84.9	221.1
Washington	321.9	103.3	218.6
Atlanta	324.0	85.5	238.5
Minnesota	337.9	118.1	219.7
Dallas	343.9	113.4	230.4
Chicago	356.0	108.4	247.6
Arizona	357.3	72.5	284.8
Green Bay	362.7	147.9	214.9
New Orleans	373.7	103.2	270.5
St. Louis	379.0	145.0	234.0
Philadelphia	380.8	124.3	256.5
N.Y. Giants	384.4	122.0	262.4
Carolina	388.3	137.6	250.7
Atlanta	412.1	137.7	274.4
Tampa Bay	422.8	128.3	294.5

NFL

Giants rookie Beckham is a rising star

Receiver flashes potential after missed time

By Tom Canavan
The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Life in the NFL is changing quickly for New York Giants receiver Odell Beckham Jr.

The first-round draft pick has gone from a player who could not get on the field because of a hamstring injury, to an exciting young talent to the Giants' No. 1 playmaker in a span of roughly three weeks.

Add in the injury to fellow wide receiver Victor Cruz and Beckham might be the most important person on the Giants' offense, with the exception of quarterback Eli Manning. The LSU product is clearly a rising star with added potential given more playing time.

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>
> **Sean Ryan**
> Giants receivers coach

Don't forget, the 21-year-old Beckham missed almost all of training camp, five preseason games and four regular-season games before getting on the field.

"There is going to be bumps in the road because of his youth and you try to figure everything out, and you fix it as you go, get the details right and that is really where we are right now," Giants receivers coach Sean Ryan said Tuesday. "The talent is there, it's clear to see. Now it is the details, the details have got to come, and they have got to come quick."

Beckham has been exciting to watch. He has averaged almost 11 yards on his 10 catches, with three going for touchdowns, including two in the Giants' 31-21 loss to the Cowboys in Dallas on Sunday. He also had a 13-yard run in the game on handoff after being in motion.

Still, Beckham is learning every week.

"It is still all fast," Beckham said. "I still have to catch myself from time-to-time, telling myself to slow down. I think it is natural when you are young like that and you are coming onto a new level to just try and slow it down. It is a difficult thing to do sometimes."

The rookie has made mistakes. He took the blame for the Giants having 12 men in the huddle against the Cowboys.

The one thing the Giants had expected from Beckham was more downfield plays. That hasn't happened yet. His longest catch has been for 21 yards.

Quarterbacks Coach Danny Langsdorf said the deep balls will come.

"If we can get him matched up with a particular defender, or in some one-on-one situation, that is a valuable thing for us," Langsdorf said. "He does have it, he is explosive, he runs good routes."

With Cruz out for the season, the Giants need help from all their wide receivers.

Ryan challenged them to step up after Cruz went down with a knee injury a little more than a week ago.

While Beckham seemingly is the big-play threat, third-year receiver Rueben Randle is the leader of the receivers, a group that also includes Preston Parker, recently signed Kevin Ogletree and preseason sensation Corey Washington.

"I guess I need to remember he is only 23, too," Ryan said of Randle, who leads the team with 34 catches. "He carries it with a little bit of maturity."

"He is really trying to step up in that leadership role, so I have been happy with that," he said.

LM Otero/AP

New York Giants rookie receiver Odell Beckham celebrates scoring a touchdown against the Dallas Cowboys on Sunday in Arlington, Texas.

Manning, Broncos quickly shift focus to Chargers

By Arnie Stapleton
The Associated Press

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — No more fun and games for Peyton Manning.

OK, it was "hat day" for the Denver Broncos, who didn't don helmets or pads at practice Tuesday. Still, the new record holder for most career touchdown passes made it clear he has put his historic Sunday night performance behind him.

That's because Philip Rivers and the San Diego Chargers (5-2) are making another Thursday night visit to Sports Authority Field.

"It's a short week and we've got to shift our focus to a really good team that we're very familiar with," Manning said. "... As much as you're happy about winning, you have to put it behind you and move on."

San Diego defensive coordinator John Pagano has had some success containing Manning.

The Chargers have kept Manning's offense under 21 points in three straight outings.

Manning said he feels fortunate to have taken the fourth quarter off Sunday night after playing just 51 snaps in Denver's 41-17 win over the 49ers. Last year, he played 95 snaps in a comeback win against Tennessee before the Chargers' shocking 27-20 win in Denver four nights later.

Most of the other offensive starters for the Broncos (5-1) also got a breather thanks to a 32-point lead after three quarters.

"So, you would hope physically that would make a difference in how guys feel," Manning said. "Now, if you don't throw the ball accurately or know who to block it doesn't matter how you feel."

Rivers said that challenge this year is similar for both teams: "They just played on Sunday night and we've got to travel, so it evens out."

The Chargers were the only team to beat the Broncos in Denver last season.

That also was on a Thursday night. Mike McCoy's game plan and Rivers' execution thwarted the highest-scoring team in NFL history in a stunning win that propelled San Diego toward a playoff push.

San Diego Chargers (5-2)
at Denver Broncos (5-1)
AFN-Sports
2:30 a.m. Friday CET
9:30 a.m. Friday JKT

"It always comes down to playing a team game," Pagano said. "Special teams, offense, those things have been so unique in those deals. And the guys going out and truly executing."

"Our last game was not our best performance," Pagano said. "We've got to go out and communicate and play the call."

The Chargers stymied the Broncos by keeping Manning on the sideline for nearly 39 minutes that night.

Manning is coming off a very different kind of keep-away, one in which his receivers played with the milestone memento from his 509th touchdown toss that broke Brett Favre's record.

Demaryius Thomas, who caught the pass, revealed Manning actually had them practice the celebration stunt last week.

"We were definitely rehearsing it but I didn't think we were going to do it," said Emmanuel Sanders. "I ended running up to Demaryius and I was like, 'Let's just do it. I don't care, let's just do it.' It's a good nucleus of guys here. It's all about having fun but also winning."

The keepsake didn't even end up with Manning.

The ball went on display at the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio.

Thomas held on tight to the football the next time he scored, Manning's 510th touchdown toss.

"D.T. had to turn in 509," tight end Jacob Tamme said, suggesting nobody will ever spike another football in the end zone that Manning has thrown because "every one that we get from now on is a new record."

Despite the caps that made it seem like a training camp walkthrough, the Broncos were a serious bunch Tuesday, their December letdown against San Diego fresh in their minds.

Manning had complained about the short week of preparation leading up to that game and some of his teammates acknowledged afterward that they had their minds more on the long weekend of R&R that followed than on fending off a good team scrapping for a playoff berth.

"The Chargers just flat outplayed us," Manning said. "It's a reminder that there aren't many secrets: If you go out and don't execute and make mistakes and have self-inflicted wounds, it's going to be tough to beat any team much less a good football team like the Chargers."

Coach John Fox said the Broncos spent time last offseason reviewing how to construct the team's schedule during the short week, and this time, "there will be no excuses."

But, he's not harping on what happened last year.

"If you spend too much time looking in the rearview mirror," Fox said, "you crash."

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

SEC's rise leads to claims of favoritism

Fans worried media bias will sway playoff picks

BY RALPH D. RUSSO
The Associated Press

Duck fans in Oregon and Buckeye backers in Ohio are united. Seminoles in the Florida panhandle and Sooners in the Oklahoma panhandle are rallying around a common cause.

As the Southeastern Conference was trending last weekend after becoming the first league to hold four of the top five spots in the AP Top 25, fans of other conferences had an angry response: #SECBias.

The conference that won seven of the last eight BCS championships has many fans exasperated with media coverage they feel has created an unbeatable-SEC narrative. The fear is it will lead to the first College Football Playoff being overrun by one conference.

"AP hard at work to make sure first playoff has 4 SEC teams. #SECbias," posted to Twitter by @jAwhatley2.

The AP Top 25 panel consists of 60 media members from all over the country. Voters are mostly chosen by state, with the number of voters from each state determined by the number of FBS teams there. Texas has the most voters with four. California, Ohio and Florida each have three.

Regional favoritism doesn't seem to be an issue. All Ohio voters have at least three SEC teams in the top five. Two of them have four. California voters all have at least three SEC teams in the top five, including one with four.

Jerry Palm of CBS.com, who spent years analyzing the college football polls while breaking down the Bowl Championship Series standings, said Monday he hasn't noticed an SEC bias.

"Right now the name programs are in the SEC because they've been on a really good roll the last 10 years," he said. "Preseason is where I see the bias. By the time you get to the middle part of the season, most of that stuff has worked itself out."

Another common complaint is SEC teams get an extra boost in the rankings when they beat other SEC teams and don't fall as far when they lose in the conference.

Mississippi State rose to No. 1 by beating three top-10 SEC teams. One of those teams, LSU, is now ranked 24th. Another is Texas A&M, which shot up the rankings after an opening-night romp at South Carolina, but is now unranked and on a three-game losing streak.

The Aggies were beaten soundly by the Bulldogs and Ole Miss before losing 59-0 to Alabama on Saturday. The victory nudged the Crimson Tide up to No. 4.

The findings

With research by STATS, The Associated Press looked at how teams rise and fall in the AP Top 25 after winning and losing conference games this season and over the past five seasons to try see if Southeastern Conference teams are gaining more and being punished less than when teams from the Atlantic Coast Conference, Big 12, Big Ten and Pac-12 play conference games.

(Note: All unranked teams are considered to be in 26th place before moving into the rankings and when falling out.)

Average rise in poll spots of ranked teams after beating a conference opponent:

2009-2013	
ACC	+2.0
Big Ten	+1.9
Big 12	+1.8
Pac-12	+1.6
Southeastern	+1.5
2014 (through games of Oct. 18)	
Big 12	+3.1
SEC	+2.8
Pac-12	+2.3
Big Ten	+1.7
ACC	+0.4

Average drop in poll spots of ranked power-five teams after losing to a conference opponent:

2009-2013	
Pac-12	-5.3
Southeastern	-5.5
Big 12	-6.0
Big Ten	-6.0
ACC	-6.6
2014 (through games of Oct. 18)	
ACC	-4.3
Big Ten	-5.5
Big 12	-7.0
Pac-12	-7.5
SEC	-7.5

—The Associated Press

"I know how to become a top-five team," former UCLA coach and Pac-12 analyst Rick Neuheisel said. "Just play Texas A&M."

According to research done by STATS, SEC teams have risen an average of 2.8 places in the rankings after winning conference games this season.

By comparison, Big 12 teams rose an average of 3.1 places, and Pac-12 teams have moved up 2.3 spots. Big Ten teams have moved up 1.7 spots after conference wins. For ACC teams, the gain is less than half spot (0.4) mostly because the league has had few teams ranked this season and Florida State, the preseason No. 1, had nowhere to go but down.

The average drop for ranked SEC teams after conference losses is 7.5 spots, tied for the most with the Pac-12. The Big 12's average poll drop after a conference loss is 7.0 spots, followed by the Big Ten (5.5) and the ACC (4.3).

A look back at the last five years shows a similar pattern, with the SEC seemingly getting no advantage.

In the latest Sagarin Ratings, one of the computer rankings used in the old BCS formula, the top six teams are from the SEC. Florida State is 10th.

In four of the five other computer rating systems the BCS used, those four SEC West teams are in the top five.

The Football Outsiders website uses a measure called F/+ that analyzes play-by-play data and the results of each series in a game to rate teams. The formula also takes into account level of competition. So as Texas A&M sinks, the Aggies drag down the grades of the teams they have played. In those ratings, the SEC West teams occupy four of the top six spots.

ESPN's advance metric, Football Power Index, has six SEC teams among the top seven, with Mississippi State tied for sixth with Ohio State.

No organization gets hit with #SECBias charges as hard as ESPN. The network holds media rights agreements with all the Big Five conferences, though it partners with the SEC on the conference's newly launched network.

ESPN's "College GameDay" sets the agenda for college football discussion and debate. Many fans feel the SEC always seems to get the benefit of the doubt from the network's army of talking heads.

"Does ESPN forget that Tennessee is one of the worst CFB teams in the country? Of course they do because #SECBias." posted by @matthewcermak, a Florida State fan.

In a sport that still subjectively determines its champion — this year with a selection committee picking the final four — it's not just fans worried about the power ESPN could have in shaping opinions.

"When you have that type of strong partnership with somebody, human nature can set in," Nebraska coach Bo Pelini said of the relationship between ESPN and the SEC. "You want to be as neutral as you can. I'm sure they say that they are. We're all human. Being a member of a different conference than that, would that worry me if it came down to two teams and a decision? Yeah, it would worry me a little bit."

Lee Fitting, senior coordinating producer for ESPN's "College GameDay," said he hears the criticism.

"But like all feedback, we don't overreact to it," he said. "The show has a good track record of working under no agendas and no biases."

JASON GETZ, ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION/AP

Auburn left, takes the snap against Missouri during the 2013 SEC Championship in Atlanta, Ga. Fans of other conferences responded to this week's AP Top 25, which included four SEC teams in the top five, with claims of media bias.

No. 5 Auburn hoping for another second-half surge

BY JOHN ZENOR
The Associated Press

AUBURN, Ala. — Gus Malzahn is hoping Auburn can be a second-half team again.

The fifth-ranked Tigers return from a midseason open date hoping to emerge stronger for the stretch run, much like last season. They're also trying to rebound from a loss to No. 1 Mississippi State that left Auburn almost certainly needing a 6-0 finish to have a legitimate shot at winning the Southeastern Conference Western Division and making the College Football Playoff.

That bid starts for the Tigers (5-1, 2-1 SEC) as more than two-touchdown favorites Saturday night against South Carolina (4-3, 2-3).

"Any time you lose your last game, you can't wait to get on the field and get out there," Malzahn said. "The thing about our team is I feel pretty comfortable with how they're going to respond, because we have a lot of veteran guys that have been through a lot of different experiences."

That includes a nine-game winning streak last season that ended in the national championship game.

The emphasis isn't altogether different this time around, except it's more about fine-tuning than identifying strengths. Auburn is averaging 268 rushing yards per game behind quarterback Nick Marshall and tailback Cameron Artis-Payne, but Malzahn feels the Tigers can still be more effective on the ground. That includes trying to turn the zone read back into the nearly unstoppable force it became last season after a road loss to LSU.

One issue is that injuries have forced Auburn to shuffle the starting five along the offensive line. Avery Young has started three different positions on the line and Chad Slade has logged starts at both guard spots. Only left tackle Shon Coleman and center Reese Dismukes have started every game at the same position.

Auburn was coming off its most dominant performance of the season, a 41-7 win over then-No. 15 LSU, before falling to the Bulldogs in a mistake-filled game for both teams that the Tigers have repeatedly called eye-opening.

Safety Josh Holsey thinks Auburn can use that as a growth experience.

"I feel like it really helps us," Holsey said. "It's that eye-opener. It shows you in this conference you really have to come to play week in and week out. I feel like it's really a repeat of last year when we lost to LSU on the road as well. It really brought our team together more than separated us.

"I feel like this year's going to be the same thing. It's going to bring us together, that we're going to get together and make a run for it."

Scoreboard

World Series

(Best-of-seven; x-if necessary)
San Francisco 1, Kansas City 0
Tuesday: San Francisco 7, Kansas City 1
Wednesday: San Francisco (Peavy 6-4) at Kansas City (Ventura 14-10)
Friday: Kansas City at San Francisco (Hudson 9-13)
Saturday: Kansas City at San Francisco (Vogelsong 8-13)
x-Sunday: Kansas City at San Francisco
x-Tuesday, Oct. 28: San Francisco at Kansas City
x-Wednesday, Oct. 29: San Francisco at Kansas City

Tuesday
Game 1
Giants 7, Royals 1

San Francisco	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
G.Blanco cf	3	2	1	1	2	0	.333
Panik 2b	5	1	1	1	0	1	.200
Posey c	5	0	1	0	0	0	.200
Sandoval 3b	5	1	2	2	0	0	.400
Pence rf	3	2	2	2	2	0	.667
Belt 1b	4	1	1	0	1	2	.250
Morse dh	5	0	1	1	0	3	.200
Ishikawa lf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.000
a-J.Perez ph-lf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.000
B.Crawford ss	3	0	1	0	1	0	.333
Totals	**36**	**7**	**10**	**7**	**6**	**7**	

Kansas City	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
A.Escobar ss	4	0	1	0	0	1	.250
Aoki rf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.000
L.Cain cf	2	0	0	0	1	1	.000
Hosmer 1b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.000
B.Butler dh	3	0	1	0	0	0	.333
b-Willingham ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.000
A.Gordon lf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.000
S.Perez c	3	1	1	1	0	1	.333
Infante 2b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Moustakas 3b	3	0	1	0	0	1	.333
Totals	**30**	**1**	**4**	**1**	**1**	**7**	

San Francisco	300	200	200	—	7	10	1
Kansas City	000	000	100	—	1	4	1

a-sacrificed for Ishikawa in the 4th.
E—B.Crawford (1), Moustakas (1).
LOB—San Francisco 9, Kansas City 4.
2B—Sandoval (1), Pence (1), Moustakas (1).
3B—Panik (1).
HR—Pence (1), off Shields S.Perez (1), off Bumgarner.
RBIs—G.Blanco (1), Panik (1), Sandoval 2 (2), Pence 2 (2), Morse (1), S.Perez (1).
S—J.Perez.
Runners left in scoring position—San Francisco 4 (Posey 2, Morse 2) Kansas City 2 (Hosmer 2).
RISP—San Francisco 5-for-12 Kansas City 0-for-3.
Runners moved up—Panik.
GIDP—Aoki, S.Perez.
DP—San Francisco 2 (Bumgarner, Panik, Belt), (Panik, B.Crawford, Belt).

San Francisco	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Bumgarner W, 1-0	7	3	1	1	1	5	106	1.29
J.Lopez	1	1	0	0	0	0	9	0.00
Strickland	1	0	0	0	0	2	14	0.00

Kansas City	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Shields L, 0-1	3	7	5	5	1	1	71	15.00
D.Duffy	3	1	2	2	3	3	59	6.00
Ti.Collins	2	2	0	0	1	2	31	0.00
Frasor	1	0	0	0	1	1	16	0.00

Shields pitched to 3 batters in the 4th.
D.Duffy pitched to 2 batters in the 7th.
Inherited runners-scored—D.Duffy 2-1, Ti.Collins 1-1.
HBP—by Bumgarner (L.Cain).
WP—Shields, Ti.Collins.
T—3:32.
A—40,459 (37,903).

Shields, KC just didn't have it

Pitcher, teammates unable to maintain high-level play

By Dave Skretta
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KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Kansas City Royals had adopted the scrappy, intense attitude of Royals starter James Shields during their thrilling postseason run. They followed his cue on Tuesday night, too.

It just happened that Shields was tight from the very first pitch.

The veteran starter was pounded for five runs on seven hits and a walk, failed to record an out in the third inning and was pulled from Game 1 to a smattering of boos. Kansas City went on to lose 7-1 to the San Francisco Giants in its first World Series appearance in 29 years.

"Maybe amped up a bit," Shields acknowledged, "but I have to bear down and get the job done. That is the bottom line. I didn't get the job done tonight."

Neither did the rest of the Royals, who had swept through the playoffs but suddenly looked more like the 100-loss cellar-dwellers that Kansas City fielded so many times over the years.

The only run the Royals scored came on Salvador Perez's homer in the seventh inning.

Their crisp defense had fallen apart, right fielder Nori Aoki at one point whiffing on a flyball that bounced past him for a triple. Their daring base-running had been made irrelevant. Their bullpen, too. And an offense that struggled all season managed three hits off Giants ace Madison Bumgarner, flailing at his pitches as if they were hoping to make contact rather than expecting it.

"Maybe that happened because this group, we had a lot of guys making their World Series debuts tonight," shortstop Alcides Escobar said. "Eventually we felt good."

By that point, it was already too late.

Gregor Blanco tagged Shields for a leadoff single, Buster Posey added another single, and Pablo Sandoval doubled to right field before the game was 15 minutes old. Posey was thrown out at home on a nice relay throw by second baseman Omar Infante, but the Giants still had a 1-0 lead.

It became 3-0 when Hunter Pence homered on a full-count pitch in the next at-bat.

"That isn't the way we planned it," Shields said.

By the time Shields struck out Michael Morse to end the first, he had thrown 32 pitches. The anticipation that had built in the five days since the Royals won the AL pennant had evaporated, and a frenzied crowd that drove up ticket prices to an exhorbitant level had been silenced.

Shields, who shut out the Giants in August, set them down in order each of the next two innings. But even then, he was fortunate that several hard-hit balls found gloves.

His luck ran out in the fourth when Pence, who entered the game 0-for-11 in his career against Shields, connected for a leadoff double. Brandon Belt walked and Morse added an RBI single, forcing Royals manager Ned Yost to make a long, stoic walk to the mound.

Shields trudged to the dugout as Danny Duffy trotted in from the bullpen.

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Kansas City pitcher James Shields reacts after giving up a two-run home run to San Francisco's Hunter Pence during the first inning. Shields gave up three runs before the inning was over.

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There's a reason they're trying for their third title in five years.

"I can't say I'm surprised by these guys," Giants manager Bruce Bochy said.

The Royals, meanwhile, looked nothing like the fresh team that had become baseball's darlings by starting the playoffs with eight wins in a row — back on the field after a five-day layoff, their pitching, hitting and fielding all deserted them.

The fates seemed to change from the very first batter, in fact. Gregor Blanco led off with a soft line drive to center field and AL Championship Series MVP Lorenzo Cain charged, then backed off as the ball fell for a single. It would've taken a near miracle to catch it, but that's the kind of play the Royals had been making on a routine basis.

Matt Slocum/AP

Giants right fielder Hunter Pence celebrates his two-run home run Tuesday during the first inning of Game 1 in Kansas City, Mo.

Moments later, Pence's homer highlighted a three-run burst in the first inning against James Shields. Nicknamed "Big Game James," he once again failed to live up to that billing and left in the fourth when the Giants made it 5-0.

Bumgarner added to his sparkling World Series résumé, improving to 3-0 and extending his scoreless streak to 21 innings before Salvador Perez homered with two outs in the seventh.

The 25-year-old left-hander was in trouble only once. Down 3-0 in the third, the Royals loaded the bases with a two-out walk and cleanup man Eric Hosmer stepped to the plate, but grounded out on the first pitch.

Bumgarner went on to stretch his road postseason scoreless streak to a record 32⅔ innings as the Giants cruised. He pitched three-hit ball for seven innings, struck out five and walked one.

Michael Morse hit an RBI single that finished Shields, and reliever Danny Duffy walked Blanco with the bases loaded.

Rookie Joe Panik hit an RBI triple that bounced past usually reliable right fielder Nori Aoki in the seventh and scored on a single by October force Pablo Sandoval. The MVP of the 2012 World Series triumph, Sandoval also had an RBI double in the first that extended his postseason streak of reaching base to 24 straight games.

Pence also doubled and walked twice.

The Royals had won 11 straight in the postseason dating to their 1985 championship run, one short of the record held by a pair of New York Yankees clubs.

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Giants get early jump

San Francisco starter Madison Bumgarner delivers a pitch Tuesday during the first inning of Game 1 of the World Series in Kansas City, Mo.
DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

Bumgarner, Pence halt Royals' streak

By Ben Walker
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KANSAS CITY, Mo. — By the time Madison Bumgarner took the mound to throw his first pitch, the San Francisco Giants already held a three-run lead.

It might as well have been 100 with the way Mad-Bum and this orange-and-black bunch play in the World Series.

Bumgarner carried a shutout into the seventh inning, Hunter Pence homered early and the Giants showed off their October poise, putting a sudden stop to the Kansas City Royals' perfect postseason roll by romping 7-1 in the Series opener Tuesday night.

"They've obviously been on a great run. You don't get here without that," Bumgarner said. "I think our team is concentrating on what they need to do, not what the Royals are doing."

From the get-go, the Giants simply did everything right to win their seventh straight World Series game.

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Kansas City's Norichika Aoki grimaces as he's unable to catch an RBI triple by San Francisco's Joe Panik during the seventh inning. Panik scored on Pablo Sandoval's single.

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