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## WAR ON TERRORISM

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An A-18C Hornet prepares to launch from the USS George H.W. Bush in the Persian Gulf to conduct strike missions against Islamic State targets on Tuesday.

ROBERT BURCK/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

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"You start thinking to yourself, is this guy standing outside your front door? So you start looking out the windows, and then you think to yourself, that's not such a good idea, in case he's looking back."

— Bill Mew, a resident of Canadensis, Pa., where authorities believe the suspect in a deadly police ambush is hiding out

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WAR/MILITARY

Bitter Karzai says farewell, slamming US for waging war

By RAHIM FAIEZ AND JASON STRAZIUSO The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Outgoing Afghan President Hamid Karzai used his farewell speech on Tuesday to take one last swipe at the United States, capping a long-testy relationship with the accusation that America hasn't wanted peace in Afghanistan.

The only president Afghanistan has known since the 2001 U.S.-led invasion said the United States wanted war in Afghanistan "because of its own interests." Karzai's relationship with the U.S. has grown increasingly fragile in recent years, but the U.S.-Afghan relationship may get a reset on Monday, when President-elect Ashraf Ghani will be sworn in.

The United States has spent more than \$100 billion on aid in Afghanistan since 2001 to train and equip the country's security forces, to pave crumbling dirt roads, to upgrade hospitals and to build schools. But Karzai in his speech thanked a slew of countries for their help — India, Japan, China, Iran, Turkey, Saudi

Arabia, South Korea and Germany — without mentioning the U.S. The speech fingered the U.S. and the military leaders of neighboring Pakistan as the powers backing perpetual war.

"If America and Pakistan really want it, peace will come to Afghanistan," Karzai said. "War in Afghanistan is based on the aims of foreigners. The war in Afghanistan is to the benefit of foreigners. But Afghans on both sides are the sacrificial lambs and victims of this war."

More than 2,200 U.S. forces have died in Afghanistan operations since 2001. Nearly 20,000 have been wounded.

The United Nations says that some 8,000 Afghan civilians have been killed in the conflict over the last five years alone. Karzai for years has railed against U.S. military strikes for the civilian casualties that some of them caused — although the United Nations has said insurgents are to blame for the overwhelming majority of casualties.

In his final year in office Karzai refused to sign a security agreement with the U.S. that would



RAHMAT GUL/AP

Afghan President Hamid Karzai, center, attends his farewell ceremony at the presidential palace in Kabul, Afghanistan, on Tuesday.

set the legal framework to allow about 10,000 American military advisers and trainers to stay in the country next year. Ghani has said he will sign it.

Karzai's relationship with President Barack Obama is seen as weak, though Secretary of State John Kerry appears to have a rapport with the outgoing Afghan president. Dozens of telephone calls made by Kerry to the two top presidential candidates helped bring about a political deal signed Sunday for a unity government. Ghani was announced by the election commission as winner of a June runoff election plagued by a huge amount of vote fraud. Opponent Abdullah Abdullah will fill the newly created role of government chief executive.

Samehullah Sameni, a member of parliament from the western

province of Farah, said that as a decadelong ruler Karzai has earned respect among Afghans, but that he should be more careful with his words toward an ally. He noted that the Afghan economy is faltering.

"We are completely dependent on the international community. We need the support of the international community, especially the United States of America," Sameni said. "Afghanistan still hasn't reached a point where it can defend itself or have a self-sufficient economy."

U.S. military and intelligence operatives helped transport Karzai around the region in late 2001, shortly after the attacks in New York and Washington. That U.S. connection helped pave the way to the presidency.

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By ABBY PHILLIP The Washington Post

Three missing Afghan National Army officers, who disappeared while participating in a training program in Massachusetts, were detained while attempting to cross the border into Canada and have been transferred to U.S. custody by the Canada Border Services Agency, a spokeswoman for U.S. Customs and Border Protection said Monday.

The men were detained while attempting to enter Canada at

Niagara Bridge, which connects Niagara Falls, N.Y., and Niagara Falls, Ontario, said Massachusetts State Police spokesman David Procopio.

He said officials with the state police, which assisted in the search for the three officers, were notified Monday that the men had been located and would be questioned by U.S. authorities.

The men — Maj. Jan Mohammad Arash, Capt. Mohammad Nasir Askarzada and Capt. Noorullah Aminyar — vanished Saturday during a trip to the Cape

Cod Mall in Hyannis, Mass.

The three men were part of a group of 15 soldiers and officers from Afghanistan participating in annual joint exercises at Otis Air National Guard Base on Cape Cod. Along with nearly 200 others from six countries, they were participating in military training exercises with the National Guard, Massachusetts National Guard spokesman James Sahady told the Boston Globe.

The three are senior military officers who had been cleared by the State Department to partici-

pate in the exercises, Sahady said.

The men's disappearance marked the second time this month that a group of Afghan trainees had disappeared while participating in programs in the U.S.

The incident came just days after two Afghan police officers training with the Drug Enforcement Administration in Quantico, Va., disappeared while on a tourism day trip to Washington on Sept. 13. The two men were found on Sept. 18 in Buffalo, N.Y., where authorities believe they were trying to reunite with family.

Missing Afghans detained at Canadian border

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EUROPE

# Gorenc: Rethink force reductions in Europe

## US Air Forces in Europe commander says high operations tempo can't go on forever

By JENNIFER H. SVAN  
Stars and Stripes

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany — The high operations tempo for airmen in Europe shows no sign of abating given the heightened uncertainty in the region and the world, says the Air Force's top commander in Europe.

In the future, U.S. Air Forces in Europe may need to rely on supplemental forces from elsewhere to maintain current operations in the long term in eastern Europe, said Gen. Frank Gorenc, commander of U.S. Air Forces in Europe and U.S. Air Forces Africa.

"We can work it from here in the short term," he said in an interview Monday with Stars and Stripes. "It can't go on forever."

When Gorenc took charge of USAFE-AFAPRICA in August 2013, the command was recovering from the unprecedented stand-down of several Europe-based fighter squadrons due to sequestration budget cuts.

As the march to wind down the war in Afghanistan was underway and the United States was shifting its military focus to the Pacific region, Europe braced for yet more post-Cold War reductions.

Then, at the end of February, Russia invaded the Ukraine's Crimea peninsula.

Operations in Europe haven't eased up since. Europe-based fighter jets and other aircraft have stepped up air policing in the Baltics, participated in training exercises in eastern Europe, and maintained a near-continuous presence in Poland, a staunch U.S. ally that flanks Ukraine's western border.

The United States remains committed to most intensive, in-country cooperation with those allies. But Europe-based airmen will also likely be tapped for other requirements, such as fighting against the Ebola

outbreak in West Africa as part of a joint force, Gorenc said, though USAFE-AFAPRICA is still awaiting details "of what and where and when."

President Barack Obama has said the Pentagon could deploy up to 3,000 military personnel to respond to the still-escalating epidemic, which has claimed an estimated 2,800 lives.

USAFE-AFAPRICA could provide logistical support, airlift, mobility and medical capabilities, Gorenc said. "All that is there, ready to go."

"We don't anticipate having any kind of direct interaction with people who are infected and have the disease," he said.

Any mission to support efforts in West Africa would need to be balanced with USAFE's robust training requirements in eastern Europe.

That "heel-to-toe presence is pretty much solidified for the rest of the year," Gorenc said.

However, those resources could be stretched thin if

USAFE-AFAPRICA is called to contribute to other missions around the world.

"Even though we're forward-based, we have a full set of responsibilities in the expeditionary Air Force for worldwide use," Gorenc said. Although the U.S. has relied on assets in the Middle East under U.S. Central Command to launch airstrikes against Islamic State militants in Iraq and now Syria, that could change.

"In the expeditionary concept, it's certainly possible" that USAFE-AFAPRICA could be tasked with supporting CENTCOM-led efforts to combat the Islamic State, Gorenc said. "We're ready to support for sure."

For Gorenc, the political crisis in Ukraine underscores why the Air Force needs to maintain a forward presence in Europe.

"Certainly, corporate decisions are made," he said. "The only thing that I point out is the ability to do it with speed is definitely affected by the fact that we're here. If you try to do it in a rotational way, it consumes more resources."

That's why he

suggests decisions to scale down U.S. military forces in Europe should be re-examined, something Gen. Philip Breedlove, commander of U.S. European Command, has also called for.

"I think the situation has required it," Gorenc said. "I do think that the prudent thing to do is examine the strategy and see really what we want to do here."

These days, that pitch isn't as much of a hard sell as it once was, Gorenc said.

"Particularly, when there was a rebalancing to the Pacific, that was the substance of the day," he said. "It was unthinkable that [Russian] President [Vladimir] Putin would take over the Crimea, and it happened."

He added, "This is kind of a reevaluation of the idea that sometimes we don't know what's going to happen, but when it does, it's going to require forces to support the decision of the president, and that's what we did."

Adding to the strain on resources, USAFE-AFAPRICA will lose about 346 positions as part of the defense secretary's direction to cut 20 percent of Air Force headquarters budget and restructuring.

"I would describe uncertainty as the challenge of the day," Gorenc said. "There's a lot of movement of people and downsizing of billets."

Gorenc emphasized "these are positions," not all of which are filled.

The situation in Ukraine may spare additional force structure reductions in Europe, temporarily. But it's expected Europe will shed some military infrastructure as part of the European Infrastructure Consolidation review, a "BRAC-like" analysis launched long before Russia's intervention. BRAC refers to Base Realignment and Closure.

"I can't get into the details because that will be announced soon enough," Gorenc said. "But I'm confident that, regardless, we will be able to continue our mission as is, with very little degradation."

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**Gen. Frank Gorenc, commander of U.S. Air Forces in Europe and U.S. Air Forces Africa, discusses some of the issues facing USAFE in his office at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, on Monday.**

MICHAEL ABRAMS/Stars and Stripes



# Outgoing NATO chief Rasmussen: 'We cut fat, built muscle'

By JOHN-THOR DAHLBERG  
The Associated Press

BRUSSELS — When Anders Fogh Rasmussen took over at NATO, the alliance was struggling to contain a growing insurgency in Afghanistan, and some predicted it would soon follow its Cold War foe, the Soviet-led Warsaw Pact, into the dustbin of history.

Five years later, as Rasmussen wraps up his tenure as the 12th secretary general in NATO's history, the U.S., Canada and their European allies are again squaring off against the Russians, and must confront a more diverse and bewildering array of threats to Western security than ever.

"We should be prepared to address all of them, whether it is a conventional threat against our

territory, or what I would call hybrid warfare as we have seen in Ukraine — a sophisticated Russian mix of conventional military operations and information and disinformation campaigns — or terrorism as we see it in Iraq, or cyberattacks or missile attacks," Rasmussen told The Associated Press in a farewell interview.

"All this is part of today's security environment and NATO must stand ready to protect our societies and our populations against all those threats," said Rasmussen.



Rasmussen

The 61-year-old Dane's last day as the U.S.-led defense alliance's top civilian official is Sept. 30. In one of his last official acts, he was scheduled to deliver a speech at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point on Tuesday.

"Rasmussen played a valuable role in helping convince NATO members to contribute additional forces to President Barack Obama's surge strategy," said Jorge Benitez, senior fellow for trans-Atlantic security at the Washington-based Brent Scowcroft Center on International Security. "This was a major ac-

complishment because the momentum had been for allies to decrease their commitments in Afghanistan."

Rasmussen, a former center-right prime minister of Denmark, was also in charge when NATO provided air cover to the rebel militias that brought down Libyan dictator Moammar Gaddafi.

An important lesson he drew from that conflict and the ensuing chaos, Rasmussen told the AP, was that the international community must get involved faster when a repressive regime is overthrown, in order to improve the chances for a desirable and stable outcome.

Earlier this year, when Russian's military occupied and annexed Crimea, then began what Western governments called a "stealth invasion" of eastern

Ukraine, Rasmussen loudly and repeatedly voiced his outrage — and worked hard in public and behind the scenes to help forge trans-Atlantic unity and an effective and credible military response.

Europe's most acute geopolitical crisis since the demise of the Soviet Union was a reminder that NATO's original mission — defense of its own members against Russian aggression — was still urgently relevant, and Rasmussen rose to the challenge, one Dutch analyst said.

"He took the opportunity to put NATO on the map," said Margriet Drent, senior research fellow at the Netherlands Institute of International Relations. "Until then, 25 years after the fall of the Berlin Wall, NATO was still looking for its purpose."

## PACIFIC

# Caution urged on bacteria in Kadena water

By **MATTHEW M. BURKE**  
Stars and Stripes

**CAMP FOSTER**, Okinawa — Air Force officials are urging caution after the discovery of bacteria in a water system servicing 43 buildings on Kadena Air Base.

Total coliform bacteria, found this week in eight of 12 samples, was attributed to a temporary water line at a construction site near the base's expansive flight line, base officials said. The bacteria is naturally present and generally not harmful; however, it is a known indicator for more serious pollutants including fecal contamination.

Civil engineers are flushing the system while they review the project, and bioenvironmental engineers are performing increased sampling, Air Force officials said. Further testing has come back negative for the more harmful fecal coliform, *E. coli*.

The issue is expected to be resolved in the next couple of days. "The drinking water on Kadena AB has been consistently safe and in compliance with all applicable drinking water standards," 18th Wing spokesman Staff Sgt. Alexy Salteckoff wrote in a statement provided to Stars and Stripes. "This has been proven through the year-round results of a comprehensive water testing program."

The discovery came during assessment of a construction project near Bldg. 718, an Air Force statement said. The samples that tested positive came from Bldg. 718 and two service connections next door. The buildings that were potentially affected are all work centers, Salteckoff said.

One, Bldg. 714, is used to house personnel attending the Kadena Noncommissioned Officers Academy. No children stay there. None of the other buildings includes family housing, schools or work centers.

Despite the low risk, base officials suggested that people working and living in the affected buildings boil water before drink-

ing even though it is not required by the EPA.

The pathogens often associated with the bacteria can cause diarrhea, nausea and vomiting and could lead to more serious health problems with at-risk groups, including those with compromised immune systems, the young and the elderly, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

Air Force officials said they maintain strict standards when it comes to the bacteria: two positive tests in a month will trigger mitigation.

**‘The drinking water on Kadena AB has been consistently safe and in compliance with all applicable drinking water standards.’**

**Staff Sgt. Alexy Salteckoff**  
18th Wing

in May, lead was discovered in water fountains at a Department of Defense Education Activity building used to screen children for developmental issues.

Kadena's water is treated and purchased locally, Salteckoff said. Kadena officials said they check 924 samples annually and test for bacteria every week with a minimum of 41 samples taken per month.

When a sample comes back as containing a contaminant, base officials immediately take to social media and their website with updates. Base officials said the notices do not necessarily mean the water is harmful.

For more information, contact Bioenvironmental Engineering at 634-4752 or visit <http://www.kadena.af.mil/library/factsheets/factsheet.asp?id=21836>.

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Courtesy of Northrop Grumman

The Navy plans to deploy four Fire Scout unmanned surveillance helicopters like this one, shown hovering over a landing zone, to the Pacific for the first time later this year.

## Surveillance helos Pacific-bound

By **SETH ROSSON**  
Stars and Stripes

The Navy will soon deploy unmanned surveillance helicopters to the Pacific for the first time, according to defense contractor Northrop Grumman.

Four MQ-8B Fire Scouts will be aboard the USS Fort Worth — one of several new fast, shallow-water vessels known as littoral combat ships — when it leaves San Diego later this year, Northrop Grumman Fire Scout project manager Tom Twomey said this week.

The ship's deployment to the Asia-Pacific theater will mark the start of a continuous LCS presence in the region, according to the Navy.

The presence of the surveillance helicopters is sure to spark interest in a region where airborne cameras and sensors are multiplying rapidly.

The Air Force has been flying its unmanned RQ-4 Global Hawk surveillance planes from Guam since 2010 and deployed them this past summer to Misawa Air Base in Japan, a close U.S. ally that is seeking to boost its own surveillance capabilities following clashes with China over disputed islands in the South China Sea. There also are continuous concerns about North Korea.

Chinese officials do not appear to appreciate the increased attention.

China's state-run New China News Agency reported this month that Chinese official Fan Changlong advised visiting U.S. national security adviser Susan Rice that America "should reduce and ultimately stop" its spy missions on China.

The demand came less than a month after a Chinese twin-engine J-11B fighter intercepted a manned Navy P-8 Poseidon submarine-hunting aircraft over international waters about 135 miles east of Hainan island in the South China Sea.

Ralph Cossa, of the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Hawaii, said the deployment of the unmanned helicopters to the Pacific should surprise nobody.

"The U.S. said it was going to be focusing on the Pacific and 60 percent of its naval assets would be in the Pacific," he said. "It is just putting their fleet where their mouth is."

Surveillance capability is important in the region, and unmanned helicopters are a state-of-the-art tool, he said.

"You are going to put them into areas where surveillance is most important," he said. "One would think the Pacific would be a priority recipient for those types of platforms."

Fire Scouts are at sea in the Mediterranean aboard the USS Samuel B. Roberts, a guided-missile frigate. They are being tested ahead of deployments on the USS Simpson, a guided-missile frigate, and the USS Coronado, another LCS, Twomey said.

The aircraft, which can fly 4½ hours before refueling, will also be demonstrated aboard Coast Guard cutter Burthoff in December at Naval Air Station Point Mugu, Calif., Twomey said.

The MQ-8B — based on the manned Schweizer 330SP helicopter — can be configured for surface or countermine warfare. It can carry radar and electro-op-

tical sensors as well as cameras that can record full-motion video, he said.

"The largest thing our aircraft can provide is persistence," Twomey said. "And it doesn't put pilots in harm's way. If you put it into a contested area and it gets shot down, nobody dies."

Commanders have the option of launching multiple Fire Scouts, something that doesn't happen with manned helicopters because of the risk of an accident blocking deck space and preventing a helicopter from landing, he said.

"The Navy has no qualms about flying two (Fire Scouts) at the same time so that gives them more flexibility with missions," Twomey said.

Northrop has produced 23 MQ-8Bs and 19 larger MQ-8Cs, based on a manned Bell 407 helicopter, he said.

Taking away the crew and adding a 403-gallon fuel tank extends the Bell 407's flight time from four to 12 hours, Twomey said.

The MQ-8C has twice the range and can carry three times the payload of the smaller model. It's being tested at Point Mugu and preparing for take-offs and landings from the USS Jason Dunham, a destroyer out of Norfolk, Va., in December, Twomey said.

Less time between refueling stops means fewer personnel are needed at sea to support the MQ-8C, he said.

Northrop is looking at sensor packages that could enable the unmanned helicopters to add anti-submarine warfare to their repertoire, he said.

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# WAR ON TERRORISM

# General: Syria airstrikes disrupted plot to hit US

By JON HARPER  
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — U.S. airstrikes in Syria may have prevented “major attacks” on the U.S. homeland, according to the Pentagon.

The U.S. military conducted two sets of attacks in Syria late Monday and early Tuesday, one against the Khorasan group — an al-Qaida offshoot — and another against the Islamic State.

Officials said Khorasan attacks against the West were “imminent” before American and allied air and missile strikes rained down on northwest Syria late Monday and early Tuesday.

“We believe the Khorasan group was nearing the execution phase of an attack either in Europe, or the homeland,” Lt. Gen. William Mayville told reporters at the Pentagon on Tuesday. “We know that the Khorasan group has attempted to recruit Westerners to serve as operatives or to infiltrate back into their homelands.”

Mayville, the Joint Staff director for operations, declined to provide details about the intelligence, including which sites Khorasan was eyeing as terrorist targets.

U.S. Central Command, which oversees American military operations in the Middle East, launched eight strikes against the group in northwest Syria, west of the city of Aleppo. Training camps, an explosive and munitions production facility, a communication building, and command and control facilities were targeted, officials said.

“The United States took actions to protect our interests and to remove their capability to act,” Pentagon press secretary Rear Adm. John Kirby said.

When asked whether the airstrikes had removed the threat, Mayville said, “Give us some time to assess the targets and the effects we thought we had last night before we can answer that.”

In a simultaneous operation, the U.S. military and five Arab partner nations attacked Islamic State targets in Syria.

The two operations were conducted in three waves, Mayville said. In the first, 47 Tomahawk missiles struck Khorasan and Islamic State targets in northern and eastern Syria. The majority of the missiles were aimed at Khorasan, according to Mayville.

The Tomahawks were launched from the USS Arleigh Burke guided missile destroyer and the USS Philippine Sea guided missile cruiser, which are stationed in the Red Sea and the Persian Gulf.

The second wave featured F-22 Raptors, F-15 Strike Eagles, F-16s, B-1 bombers and drones launched from bases in the region. Those strikes in northern

Syria targeted Islamic State headquarters, training camps, barracks and combat vehicles, Mayville said.

That attack marks the first time that the P-22, the Pentagon’s most advanced fighter aircraft, was used in a combat operation.

In the third and final wave, F-18s taking off from the USS George H.W. Bush aircraft carrier and regionally based F-16s hit targets in eastern Syria, including Islamic State training camps and combat vehicles. Most of those strikes took place around Deir al-Zour, Mayville said.

The Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps all contributed fighter jets to the operations, according to CENTCOM.

The coalition conducted 14 strikes against Islamic State targets in the vicinity of Raqqa, Deir al-Zour, Al Hasahak, and Abu Kamal. Bahrain, Jordan, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates took part in the bombing, and Qatar supported the effort. However, the vast majority of the munitions dropped came from the

U.S., according to Mayville.

“The attack destroyed or damaged multiple ISIL targets ... including ISIL fighters, training compounds, headquarters and command and control facilities, storage facilities, a finance center, supply trucks and armed vehicles,” CENTCOM said in a press release.

ISIL is an acronym used to refer to the Islamic State.

“Initial indications are that our strikes were very successful,” Pentagon spokesman Col. Steve Warren said Tuesday morning. “We hit everything we were aiming at.”

Mayville said that 96 percent of all the delivered munitions were precision-guided, partly to minimize the risk of civilian casualties.

American officials made a point of noting that the attacks were not coordinated with the Syrian government, which is at war with various rebel groups in Syria, including the Islamic State. The Obama administration, citing the Assad’s regime human rights



ERIC GARST/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

The guided-missile cruiser USS Philippine Sea launches a Tomahawk missile toward Syria. Philippine Sea is in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility.

abuses, is working to remove Syria’s leaders from power.

“We informed the Syrian regime directly of our intent to take action through our Ambassador to the United Nations (Ambassador Power) to the Syrian Permanent Representative to the United Nations,” State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki said in a statement Tuesday. “We warned Syria not to engage U.S. aircraft. We did not request the regime’s permission. We did not

coordinate our actions with the Syrian government. We did not provide advance notification to the Syrians at a military level, or give any indication of our timing on specific targets.”

The Assad regime did not attempt to impede the U.S. military operations in Syria, and Mayville described their air defense systems, which are formidable, as “passive” during the operations.

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# WAR ON TERRORISM

# Obama: Bombing coalition shows broad Arab unity

By Travis J. Tritten  
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama said Tuesday that broad Arab support and participation in military strikes in Syria are key to the new U.S. war effort against the Islamic State.

Obama underscored the importance of 14 joint airstrikes conducted with Bahrain, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates overnight in Syria before boarding Marine One bound for the United Nations, where he was scheduled to make the case Wednesday for wider international cooperation against the extremist group.

The joint air campaign is a key part of the Obama administration effort announced this month to degrade and destroy the group after it seized large swaths of Syria and Iraq, declared a global Islamic "caliphate" and executed two American journalists as well as a British aid worker. The administration said it is also working to support opposition forces, cut off financing and stop the flow of foreign fighters.

"The strength of this coalition makes clear to the world this is not America's fight alone," Obama said. "Above all, the people and governments in the Middle East are rejecting ISIL and standing up for the peace and security that the people of the region and the world deserve."

ISIL is one of the acronyms used for the Islamic State.

After about six weeks of U.S. airstrikes in Iraq, fighters, bombers and drones began dropping bombs on Raqqa and other Islamic State strongholds across the border in Syria.

The offensive also targeted a group of "seasoned al-Qaida operatives" that were planning an imminent attack on the United States, Obama said.

As the expanded air war swings into action, the president said he will continue to build on the coalition of more than 40 nations that have aligned against the Islamic State at the United Nations this week. He is scheduled to speak

Wednesday about the terrorist threat posed by the group.

Also, the administration is moving ahead with plans to train and arm moderate Syrian rebels against the group, Obama said.

Congress voted last week to authorize Pentagon spending on the support through December and is likely to debate a much wider authorization for a long-term war effort when it returns from mid-term elections in November. The president has claimed he has the authority to bomb Syria targets without the approval of Congress, a position many lawmakers have conceded.

Lawmakers expressed the expansion of the war effort Tuesday, though Obama still faces doubts, especially from across the aisle, about the details of his strategy.

Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., the chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, released a statement saying the Middle East coalition bombing targets in Syria is significant and historic and will be crucial to the long-term success of the war.

"While Western military force can help combat the poisonous ideology of groups such as ISIS, ultimately it is up to Muslim nations to resist and eliminate this poison," Levin said.

Republicans, who have criticized Obama for not acting sooner to confront the Islamic State, were cautiously optimistic on Tuesday.

Rep. Ed Royce, R-Calif., called the air offensive a "long overdue" necessity that will shrink the group's area of operation, but cautioned that the strikes were just the beginning of the war.

"While this initial attack will be a big psychological blow to the terrorist group, an air campaign will need to be major and sustained," he said in a released statement.

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# Khorosan group targets aircraft

Stars and Stripes

It's a little-known Islamic extremist group with a deadly mission — sneaking explosives onto U.S.-bound flights. Fearing an attack was imminent, the U.S. expanded its airstrikes in Syria to include the Khorosan group, hoping to deliver a decisive blow before the al-Qaida-linked militants can turn their plans into action.

In recent weeks, U.S. officials have been telling journalists that the Khorosan group — a mix of hardened jihadis from Afghanistan, Yemen, Syria and Europe — poses a more direct and imminent threat to the United States than the Islamic State.

The Islamic State wants to establish a new caliphate in Muslim lands. The Khorosan group wants a new 9/11.

The group traveled to Syria to link up with the al-Qaida affiliate there, the Nusra Front, and has been working with Yemeni bomb-makers to target U.S. aviation, American officials say.

Unlike the Islamic State and other jihadi groups in Syria, the Khorosan militants did not go to Syria principally to fight the government of President Bashar Assad. Instead, U.S. officials say they were sent by al-Qaida leader Ayman al-Zawahiri to recruit Europeans and Americans whose passports allow them to board a U.S.-bound airliner with less scrutiny from security

officials.

The website Long War Journal reported that the Khorosan group is reportedly led by 33-year-old Muhsin al-Fadhli, an experienced, Kuwaiti-born al-Qaida operative who has been involved in planning international terrorist attacks for years.

The Associated Press reported this month that classified U.S. intelligence assessments indicate Khorosan militants have been working with bomb-makers from al-Qaida's Yemen affiliate to test new ways to slip explosives past airport security. The fear is that the Khorosan militants will provide these sophisticated explosives to their Western recruits who could sneak them onto U.S.-bound flights.

Because of those intelligence assessments, the AP said the Transportation Security Administration in July decided to ban uncharged mobile phones and laptops from flights to the U.S. that originated in Europe and the Middle East.

The Khorosan group's plotting with al-Qaida's Yemen affiliate shows that, despite the damage that years of drone missile strikes has done to the leadership of core al-Qaida in Pakistan, the movement still can threaten the West. It has been rejuvenated in the past year as al-Qaida offshoots have grown in strength and numbers,

bolstered by a flood of Western extremists to a new terrorist safe haven created by Syria's civil war.

That Yemen affiliate, al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula has been able to place three bombs on U.S.-bound airliners, though none has succeeded in downing the aircraft.

"The group's repeated efforts to conceal explosive devices to destroy aircraft demonstrate its continued pursuit of high-profile attacks against the West, its increasing awareness of Western security procedures and its efforts to adapt to those procedures that we adopt," Nicholas Rasmussen, deputy director of the National Counterterrorism Center, recently told a Senate panel.

James Clapper, the director of national intelligence, first disclosed during a Senate hearing in January that a group of core al-Qaida militants from Afghanistan and Pakistan was plotting attacks against the West in Syria.

But the group's name, Khorosan, or its links to al-Qaida's Yemen affiliate, which is considered the most dangerous terrorist threat to the U.S., had not previously been disclosed until the Syria airstrikes.

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# Competing against the Army's 'best'

## 3 soldiers earn warrior title in USAREUR competition

By MICHAEL S. DARNELL  
Stars and Stripes

GRAFENWÖHR, Germany — U.S. Army Europe's fiercest competitors converged on the Grafenwöhr training area last week for six grueling days and nights of obstacles, tests, live fires and challenges to determine who would wear the title of 2014 USAREUR Best Warrior and Best Junior Officer.

In the end, the 173rd Airborne Brigade team from Vicenza, Italy, was victorious.

Sgt. Nicholas Couture came away with the 2014 USAREUR NCO of the year, while Pfc. Nicholas Hanson was named the 2014 USAREUR Soldier of the Year. First Sergeant Theising, 1st Theater Sustainment Command, earned the 2014 USAREUR Best Junior Officer award in a concurrently run competition that is unique to Army Europe's command.

"It was an honor to compete against the best soldiers in Europe, and definitely daunting at times but that's what makes the competition fun," Hanson said.

Couture and Hanson went head-to-head against 23 other enlisted soldiers in challenges that often started long before sunrise and finished after most tests had gone home for the evening.

The competitors tackled a live-fire course, day and night land-navigation courses and detailed uniform inspection boards, as well as a bevy of exercises that simulated real-world scenarios. Each event — from the Army physical fitness test to one-on-one combat matches — was fired off back-to-back, giving the soldiers little time to rest, and even less time to think. That was by design, according to Sgt. Maj. Tony Luck, the training sergeant major of the challenge.

"They've gone through a lot of competitions to get here," he said. "They started off at company level with company boards, battalion boards, battalion best-warrior competitions, then PT competitions to weapon qualification competitions. ... You take all those winners and you put them all together and you come up with



PHOTOS BY MICHAEL S. DARNELL/Stars and Stripes

Members of the Europe Regional Medical Command team attempt to negotiate part of an obstacle course without breaking an egg and using only three thin slats during the 2014 U.S. Army's Best Warrior competition in Grafenwöhr, Germany, on Sept. 17.



A team finishes the last part of a 45-minute-long obstacle course during the Best Warrior competition.

the best team to compete at the Europeans."

Even the privates, new as they are to the military lifestyle, were tested on their knowledge of Army regulations, their decision-making under fire and their ability to lead — as well as follow — in emergency situations.

"Being asked to be a part of one of the most prestigious brigade teams was amazing," Hanson said. "I was determined to bring as much to the table as both I and my teammates, and I feel like I made up for my lack of experience

who had to fight through USAREUR's strongest junior officers to be named the best.

"Last year I competed; I lost at the 21st TSC comp, so this year I was driven to come back with a vengeance," Theising said. "I started off kind of weak, with some of the live-fire events. So that threw my confidence at first. That was the biggest thing, just bouncing back from that."

"Luckily, the next day I did well at land navigation and the physical lanes, so that brought me back to where I needed to be."

While Theising's journey ends here, Couture and Hanson have now earned the right to continue on to the Department of the Army level of the competition scheduled for October at Fort Lee, Va.

They said the challenges they faced last week have prepared them for anything the Army can throw at them and that victory is easily within their grasp.

"I am getting ready for the best competition by studying hard on any weak points I found during this last competition, as well as training hard physically working out a couple times a day," Hanson said. "As for how I think I will do, the 173rd paratroopers made it this far, and we are in it win."

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### US creates Korean land mine exception

WASHINGTON — Three months after announcing its intention to ban land mines, the Obama administration is carving out an exception for its stockpile on the Korean Peninsula.

The U.S. administrators land mines in South Korea in case of an invasion from North Korea.

State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki says the administration will destroy stockpiles outside of the Korean Peninsula. But officials say the peninsula presents "unique circumstances" and protecting South Korea remains a "paramount concern."

Psaki says the ultimate goal is to join the Ottawa Convention, an treaty banning land mines.

The Associated Press

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# Lawmakers reject aircraft spending

## Request would have diverted \$1.5B in war funds for purchase of 8 F-35s, 21 Apaches

By TONY CAPACCIO  
Bloomberg News

WASHINGTON — Lawmakers have rejected the Pentagon's request to shift as much as \$1.5 billion in war spending to buy eight new Lockheed Martin F-35 jets and 21 additional Boeing AH-64 Apache helicopters.

The Defense Department asked for the additional jets and helicopters in a Sept. 8 request for permission to shift, or reprogram, about \$2 billion in its war operations budget, partly to pay for expanded operations against Islamic State extremists in Iraq and Syria.

The move to include new aircraft was rejected by the House Defense Appropriations subcommittee, one of four spending and authorization panels in the House and Senate that must approve each item in such requests.

Panel members are concerned that the overseas contingency funds — provided separately from the annual defense budget to pay for war operations — are being used to "backfill budgetary shortfalls in acquisition programs that have only tenuous links to the

fight in Afghanistan and other current operations," Republican Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen, of New Jersey, the subcommittee's chairman, said in a Sept. 19 letter to Pentagon Comptroller Michael McCord.

The Pentagon sought permission to spend \$880 million to buy six Lockheed F-35B fighter jets and spares for the Marine Corps to replace six older Marine AV-8B Harriers destroyed during a September 2012 Taliban attack on Forward Operating Base Camp Bastion in Afghanistan.

That was in addition to the six aircraft and \$1.1 billion Congress approved in this year's base defense budget for the F-35B from Bethesda, Md.-based Lockheed, the most complex model in the Pentagon's costliest weapons program.

The Pentagon also sought to shift \$256 million to buy two Apache Force versions of the F-35 and spare parts meant to replace two Boeing F-15 fighter jets lost in combat operations.

The request was in addition to the \$2.8 billion Congress approved this year for 19 Air Force F-35 models.



An AH-64 Apache takes off from Fort Carson, Colo., on Sept. 9.

Courtesy of the U.S. Army

An additional \$404 million would have been transferred to buy 21 Apache helicopters from Chicago-based Boeing to replace 21 Kiowa Warrior aircraft lost in battle. The shifted money would help the Army accelerate its chopper purchases, according to the document.

Congress already has approved \$608 million for 42 Apaches this year.

Although the F-35 and Apache requests are "characterized as battle-loss replacements, they essentially would be used to accelerate aircraft replacement programs that have already been programmed in" the Navy and Air Force five-year defense plans, Frelinghuysen wrote. The long-range plans are submitted with the Defense Department's regular annual budget.

The Pentagon's intended shift of funds for the aircraft was contrary to past Office of Management and Budget policy guidance, he said. Army Col. Steve Warren, a Pentagon spokesman, said Monday that officials will continue "to work with Congress to finalize our reprogramming request." Warren said he had no comment on the panel's rejection of the F-35 and Apache requests.

# Missouri-based drill sergeant pleads guilty to sex assaults

The Associated Press

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. — A Missouri drill sergeant charged with sexually assaulting eight female soldiers pleaded guilty Monday to three charges at the outset of his court-martial.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported that Army Staff Sgt. Angel M. Sanchez, 30, offered the plea before the start of the military judicial hearing.

Sanchez is accused of using his supervisory position with the 18th Military Police Brigade to threaten some of the women he was tasked with training. The incidents reportedly took place in the bathroom of the female barracks as well as in an office shared by drill sergeants.

Most of the allegations involved women at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri, but some involved women in Afghanistan and Fort Richardson, Alaska. Sanchez served one tour in Iraq, where he earned a Bronze Star and two other combat medals before arriving at the Missouri post in August 2013.

Sanchez remains accused of two dozen violations involving sexual assault and abusive sexual contact. Several additional accus-

sations against Sanchez were dismissed after a pretrial hearing.

Ernesto Gagasin, Sanchez's attorney, said before the plea that the dismissals signaled an overzealous prosecution.

"I do believe the government has serious issues with the credibility of witnesses," he said. "I think that manifested itself in all the charges that were dismissed."

Gagasin said some of the initial accusers were either facing disciplinary action of their own or forced separation from the military at the time complaints against Sanchez were raised. "There clearly are some motivations on the part of the accusers that could lead to false accusations," he said.

The charges against Sanchez were filed in May, days before a Pentagon study on sex assault in the military found that more than 5,000 reports of sexual abuse were filed in the previous fiscal year, a 50 percent increase from the previous 12 months.

Pressure from Congress led to several reforms in how the military justice system handles sex assault complaints.

The case against Sanchez, who is married, is expected to last several days.

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# Discipline of medical officers a concern

By ADAM ASHTON

The (Tacoma, Wash.) News Tribune

The Joint Base Lewis-McChord general who lost his command earlier this month is one of eight senior Army medical officers around the world who've been suspended or relieved of command over the past two years.

That means nearly one in five major Army medical facilities has had a commander suspended during that time.

It's an eye-grabbing amount of public discipline for an Army often criticized for being too slow to remove commanders in high-profile positions rather than dismissing them when controversy arises.

It's unclear if a theme unites the eight suspensions; each was carried out for a distinct reason.

Some officials with recent experience in Army medicine are concerned that the suspensions point to broader problems as the system recovers from 13 years of ground war in Iraq and Afghanistan. The discipline could stem from an increasing demand for health care services, they say, or from oversights in preparing top doctors for leadership positions.

"The ones that I know are very good people who have done very well in their careers, otherwise we wouldn't be hospital commanders," said Dr. Elizabeth Ritchie, a former colonel and Army psychiatrist who is now chief clinical officer for the District of Columbia Department of Mental Health. "The way I put this together is that there's an increased amount of need that has overwhelmed the system."

## Command climate

Brig. Gen. John Cho, the latest senior Army doctor to face a public suspension, leads the Western Regional Medical Command. It's a JBLM headquarters that manages 11 hospitals in Western states. Cho has been assigned to other medical duties while the Army investigates his leadership and determines whether to reinstate him.

The Army won't say why Cho was suspended, except that the Defense Department's Inspector General is investigating his command climate, an Army term that refers to how he works with his subordinates and the messages he sends as a leader.

The move caught many officials in and outside the Army by surprise, so they're paying close attention.

"When the leadership of someone entrusted with overseeing the medical care of our nation's heroes is called into question, it must be taken very seriously," said Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash. "I am closely following the Inspector General's investigation into this matter."

The other seven who've faced public scrutiny were colonels who led Army hospitals around the world. The Army has 36 hospitals led by full colonels.

I don't recall eight simultaneous, or near-simultaneous, (Army Medical Department) senior level

command suspensions going on at any point in my career," said retired Maj. Gen. Philip Volpe, who led Western Regional Medical Command from February 2010 to March 2012. "There might have been, but they might have been done more quietly."

Suspensions are a serious matter in the military and are often viewed as a career-ending move even if the officer stays in the Army. Of the suspended colonels, just two returned to command positions.

Three were removed from command, and two more did not return to their offices because their command terms expired during the investigations at the root of their suspensions, according to the Army Medical Command.

## Serious decisions

The suspensions are being carried out by Army Surgeon General Lt. Gen. Patricia Horoho. She's the first nurse and the first woman to hold her office. She's also a recent past commander of the Western Regional Medical Command and Madigan Army Medical Center at JBLM.

Horoho declined an interview request from The News Tribune, but released a statement in which she said she must occasionally decide about whether to suspend hospital commanders.

"When an allegation is made against a commander or leader, I have to decide whether it is in the command's best interest to temporarily suspend that leader during the investigation," she said. "That is a difficult decision, and one that I recognize impacts the organization and individual leader. My guiding principle is to ensure a thorough inquiry while enabling the command to continue its mission."

The Army medical system, which includes 54 hospitals and clinics around the world, has been under sustained scrutiny since 2007 when The Washington Post reported on substandard care at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington.

Army hospitals are separate from the Department of Veterans, though former military service members can receive care at Defense Department facilities.

In recent months, The New York Times has published a series of stories drawing attention to relatively high error rates in the Army health system. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel in June also ordered a systemwide review of military medicine after complaints about delays in care at VA hospitals.

"In health care, you're dealing with life and death every day, and you're not just dealing with the active-duty," said Lourdes Alvarado-Ramos, the director of the Washington state Department of Veterans Affairs. "You have children and spouses. I think there is a lot more pressure on the medical command to take swift action" when a crisis develops."

Without knowing what caused each suspension, Volpe said the public discipline of eight senior

officers raised questions for him about how the Army is preparing its best doctors for command positions.

"Are these officers getting the right leader developmental assignments, education, and training to develop the skills necessary to succeed and excel in these demanding positions, or are we by passing some essential developmental steps?" he asked. "Are the organizations structured properly to provide the right amount of oversight, guidance, coaching and mentoring? Are more senior commanders investing the time necessary to assist their subordinate commanders through some

of the challenges they face, or are they left on their own to navigate the complex landscape?"

Volpe's tenure at JBLM spanned two intense investigations into care at Madigan that illuminated pressures on Army doctors to act immediately when complaints arise. He did not want to comment on them, but The News Tribune has obtained investigative reports through the Freedom of Information Act on how they unfolded.

The first, in the spring of 2010, centered on services Madigan provided to Oregon National Guard soldiers returning from Iraq. The complaint about lapses

in care spurred widespread congressional interest.

Volpe concluded the problem was a systemic issue for the Army that required broader changes, according to documents obtained by The News Tribune.

Two years later, complaints surfaced about Madigan doctors changing psychiatric diagnoses late in the medical retirement process in ways that patients did not understand. Murray spoke up for the patients and compelled the Defense Department to conduct broad reviews and standardize its diagnoses. That investigation also led to systemwide changes in Army medicine.

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NATION

# Accused intruder had ammo cache in car, prior arrest

By PETE YOST AND ALICIA A. CALDWELL  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Investigators found more than 800 rounds of ammunition, a machete and two hatchets in the car of the former soldier accused of scaling the White House fence and sprinting inside while carrying a knife, a U.S. prosecutor said Monday. President Barack Obama was “obviously concerned” about the weekend incident, a spokesman said.

The Secret Service, which protects the president and his family, increased security around the famous grounds on Pennsylvania Avenue in the nation’s capital, some guards openly holding weapons, others escorting dogs. There was talk of expanding the security zone beyond the current area as a major investigation began into the question of how the man managed to get to the building without being stopped.

On Monday evening, a temporary, second layer of fence was set up along the north side of the White House in an apparent attempt to deter additional fence-jumping incidents.

Omar J. Gonzalez, 42, faces charges of entering a restricted building or grounds while carrying a deadly or dangerous weapon. He had been arrested

earlier in the summer in neighboring Virginia with a careful of weapons, authorities said, and a federal prosecutor said Monday in court that Gonzalez had had a map then with the White House circled.

Authorities ran into Gonzalez again on Aug. 25, when he was stopped while walking along the south fence of the White House, his car parked nearby. He had a hatchet in a rear waistband but no firearms, a federal prosecutor said at Monday’s hearing.

Gonzalez gave permission to search his car and was not arrested.

Friday evening, Obama and his family had left the White House for Camp David when the incident occurred. Gonzalez was seized just inside the building’s front door. No guns were found in his car.

In court, Gonzalez, with a gray beard, a shaved head and dressed in a standard prison orange jumpsuit, listened impassively as the prosecutor spoke. He could face up to 10 years in prison if convicted of illegally entering a restricted area with a dangerous weapon.

The Army said he served from 1997 until his discharge in 2003, and again from 2005 to December 2012, when he retired due to disability.

Obama, asked about the inci-



Omar J. Gonzalez, the Army veteran who is accused of scaling a fence at the White House and entering the front door on Friday, is shown in 2009.

dent at the White House, said, “The Secret Service does a great job, and I’m grateful for the sacrifices that they make on my behalf — and my family’s behalf.”

But spokesman Josh Earnest said the president was “obviously concerned” about what had happened.

At the federal court hearing, Assistant U.S. Attorney David Mudd said Gonzalez already was under indictment in southwestern Virginia, accused of having a sawed-off shotgun and trying to elude police this past summer.

In that case, state troopers and agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives found a cache of weapons that included two semi-automatic military style rifles, including one with a bipod and flashlight and one with a bipod and scope, three .45-caliber handguns and several loaded ammunition magazines, Wythe County Deputy Common-

wealth Attorney David Saliba said in a telephone interview. Saliba said he also had a hatchet and camping equipment.

The weapons and ammunition were seized in that July 19 incident, but Gonzalez was released on bail.

Less than 24 hours after Gonzalez’s arrest, a second man was taken into custody after he drove up to a White House gate, claimed to have an appointment with the president, was allowed through to park but drove past the spot where he was directed to go, the Secret Service said.

The Secret Service identified the man as Kevin Carr, 19, of Shamong, N.J. Earlier, Carr had been turned away at a different entrance, which he had approached on foot, claiming he communicated with the president through telepathy, a court document said.

# Tensions high as Pa. manhunt continues

By KATHY MATHESON  
The Associated Press

CANADENIS, Pa. — A 10-day manhunt for the survivalist accused of ambushing a Pennsylvania State Police barracks has narrowed to the rural area where he grew up and his parents still live, but the suspect has eluded capture despite the efforts of hundreds of law enforcement officials.

State police have been closing roads in the Canadensis area as they hunt for Eric Frein, 31, who’s charged with killing Cpl. Bryon Dickson on Sept. 12 and seriously wounding another trooper outside the Blooming Grove barracks.

Residents have been unable to get back to their homes due to heavy police activity in the heavily wooded region of the Pocono Mountains, and tensions are running high. The American Red Cross opened a shelter for displaced residents from two townships late Monday.

One resident, Bill Mew, said the lengthy manhunt has been nerve-wracking, especially with police choppers circling overhead.

“You start thinking to yourself, is this guy standing outside your front door? So you start looking out the windows, and then you think to yourself, that’s not such a good idea, in case he’s looking back,” he said.

Authorities have called Frein a self-taught survivalist with a vendetta against law enforcement. State police have followed up on hundreds of tips and reported sightings. None has panned out but police officials insist they are hot on his trail.

“I do believe that we are close to him at this point,” state police Lt. Col. George Bivens said Monday.

Kathryn Schaller rode the school bus for years with Frein, who lived in her neighborhood and was a year ahead of her in school.

Schaller, 29, described Frein as a quiet, smart kid who kept to himself — someone more likely to be a police officer than to be charged with killing one, she said.

“I was baffled when I heard about this,” Schaller said. “Then again, that was 15 years ago,” she said. “Anything can make somebody snap, I guess.”

# Report details IG’s test of HealthCare.gov security

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The government’s own watchdogs tried to hack into HealthCare.gov earlier this year and found what they termed a critical vulnerability — but also came away with respect for some of the health insurance site’s security features.

Those are among the conclusions of a report being released Tuesday by the Health and Human Services Department inspector general, who focuses on health care fraud.

The report amounts to a mixed

review for the federal website that serves as the portal to taxpayer-subsidized health plans for millions of Americans. Open enrollment season starts Nov. 15.

So-called “white hat” or ethical hackers from the inspector general’s office found a weakness, but when they attempted to exploit it like a malicious hacker would, they were blocked by the system’s defenses.

It’s the second independent security assessment in as many weeks to find problems, and it comes on the heels of the massive breach at Home Depot stores,

which affected 56 million credit and debit cards.

The public version of the report is a condensed, heavily edited summary of detailed findings delivered to the Obama administration. It concludes that more work needs to be done to bolster security. Last week, the congressional Government Accountability Office released similar conclusions after its own review.

The inspector general found that the administration “has taken actions to lower the security risks associated with HealthCare.gov systems and consumer (personal

information).”

But the auditors said they “remain concerned” about the use of encryption technology that is not certified to meet certain government standards. Encryption refers to the encoding of data traveling back and forth between consumers and HealthCare.gov to make it more secure.

HealthCare.gov was hacked this past summer, but the administration said no consumer information was stolen. Instead, hackers installed malicious software that could have been used to launch an attack on other websites.



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WORLD

# Israeli forces kill 2 kidnapping suspects

By IAN DEITCH  
The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israeli special forces stormed a West Bank hideout early Tuesday and killed two Palestinians suspected in the June abduction and slaying of three Israeli teenagers, a gruesome attack that had triggered a chain of events that led to the war in Gaza this past summer.

The deaths of the two suspects, identified by the Israeli military as well-known Hamas militants, ended one of the largest man-hunts conducted by the Israeli security forces.

Eyal Yifrah, 19, Gilad Shaar, 16, and Naftali Fraenkel, a 16-year-old with dual Israeli-American citizenship, were abducted on

June 12 while hitchhiking home in the West Bank and killed soon afterward.

The teens' abduction and slaying prompted a large Israeli crackdown on the Islamic militant Hamas group and set off a chain of events that led to a 50-day war between Israel and Hamas in the Gaza Strip.

In an operation codenamed "Brother's Keeper," Israel dispatched thousands of troops across the West Bank in search of the youths, closed roads in the Hebron area and arrested hundreds of Hamas operatives throughout the territory.

The search ended July 1, when the bodies were found under a pile of rocks in a field north of the West Bank city of Hebron. Of-

ficials later said it was believed the three had been killed shortly after the abduction.

Israeli forces had been pursuing the suspects, Amer Abu Aisheh and Marwan Qawasmeh, since the abductions, said Lt. Col. Peter Lerner, an Israeli army spokesman.

Lerner told reporters that there was a recent breakthrough in the search that led the Yamam, a special police counterterrorism unit, to the hideout in an area of Hebron about a week ago.

Early Tuesday, the Israeli special forces entered the ground floor of the two-story building and killed two Hamas operatives after coming under fire, Lerner said.

The military believes both

men were killed, though troops confirmed the killing of only one suspect. Lerner said the second suspect fell backward in a hail of fire and is presumed dead, though the body has not yet been recovered.

Lerner noted the two men had been identified as the suspects early in the search, their Hamas connections were well known, and Hamas has repeatedly tried to abduct Israeli civilians and soldiers. Another three members of the Qawasmeh family were arrested, he said.

"We were determined in bringing the ruthless murderers of Gilad, Eyal and Naftali to justice," Lerner said. "Today's successful mission brings the long-term search to an end, and the per-

petrators of the crime no longer pose a threat to Israeli civilians," he said.

In Qatar, Hussam Badran, a spokesman for top Hamas leader Khaled Masha'al, praised the two militants on his Twitter account. "The martyrdom of Marwan Qawasmeh and Amer Abu Aisheh came after a long life full of jihad sacrifice and giving. This is the path of resistance, which we all are moving in," he said.

Hamas denied involvement for weeks after the teens were abducted. However, during the Israel-Hamas war, an exiled Hamas leader responsible for West Bank operations acknowledged his group had been responsible for the abduction and killing of the teenagers.



DARKO VOJNOVIC/AP

A Pro-Russia rebel guards a destroyed bridge in the village of Nyzhnyia Krynyka, eastern Ukraine, on Tuesday. A cease-fire in eastern Ukraine is being upheld, a senior Ukrainian official said Tuesday.

## Ukrainian official: Progress is made on enforcing truce

The Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine — A cease-fire in east Ukraine is being upheld by both government troops and Russia-backed rebels, a senior Ukrainian official said Tuesday, in a first step toward enforcing a truce that has been rattled by repeated violations since it was imposed earlier this month.

Col. Andriy Lysenko, spokesman for Ukraine's National Security and Defense Council, told journalists that the cease-fire had been upheld since late Monday, making it the first night in weeks that there have been no civilians killed or residential buildings shelled. Lysenko said there also had been no casualties among Ukrainian forces.

Russia-backed rebels in east Ukraine said they were pulling back heavy artillery from front-

line positions in response to similar moves by the Ukrainian army. Those maneuvers were part of a new peace agreement signed Saturday, which requires both sides to remove heavy artillery from the front line, creating a buffer zone that would allow the cease-fire to be more effectively enforced.

Rebel leader Alexander Zakharchenko told Interfax news agency Tuesday that his forces were withdrawing heavy artillery from certain areas on the front line, but said that "in those places where Ukraine does not withdraw its artillery, we also will not withdraw."

In the largest rebel-held stronghold of Donetsk, the city council said in a statement published online early Tuesday that one resident had been killed by shelling Monday evening, but that over-

night and on Tuesday morning the city was calm.

In Zhdanivka, a village just 20 miles northeast of Donetsk that until recently was under Ukrainian control, residents told the Associated Press that government troops had withdrawn two days ago.

The neighboring village of Nyzhnyia Krynyka, which is slightly closer to Donetsk, was still under rebel control, but there was no sign of heavy artillery weapons in the area. The scars of war, however, are still visible in the village, which was caught in the crossfire of heavy shelling between the Ukrainian and rebel sides in recent weeks.

Five bodies could be seen in a mass grave near a local mine. Another mass grave was dedicated to the rebels.

## Ebola cases projected at 21,000 in 6 weeks

The Associated Press

LONDON — New estimates from the World Health Organization warn the number of Ebola cases could hit 21,000 in six weeks unless efforts to curb the outbreak are ramped up, according to an analysis published online Tuesday by the New England Journal of Medicine.

Since the first cases were reported six months ago, the tally in West Africa has reached an estimated 5,800 illnesses. WHO officials say cases are continuing to increase exponentially and Ebola could sicken people for years to come without better control measures.

The U.N. health agency has warned that tallies of recorded cases and deaths are likely to be gross underestimates. For instance, it noted Tuesday that the U.S. death toll for Liberia, the hardest-hit country in the outbreak, may never be known, since bodies of people dying in a crowded slum in the capital have simply

been thrown into rivers.

Based partially on the assumption that cases are being underreported, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention was expected to release far more dire predictions Tuesday. A draft version of the report obtained by The Associated Press says there could be as many as 21,000 cases in Liberia and Sierra Leone alone by the end of the month and that cases could balloon well past 1 million by late January. Experts caution those predictions don't take into account response efforts.

In recent weeks, health officials worldwide have stepped up efforts to provide aid, but the virus is still spreading. There aren't enough hospital beds, health workers or even soap and water in the hardest-hit West African countries: Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia. Last week, the U.S. announced it would build more than a dozen medical centers in Liberia and send 3,000 troops to help.

## Obama pledging US help on warming

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama is pledging new U.S. help for other nations struggling to address global warming, as heads of state from around the world converge for a major summit on climate change.

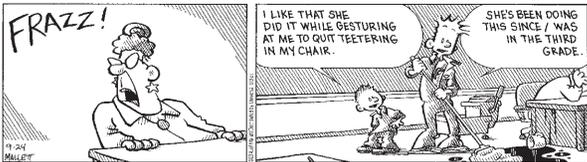
Obama will use his speech at a U.N. summit Tuesday to announce plans to sign an executive order requiring the U.S. government to take climate change into account when it spends money overseas to help poorer countries, the White House said. The U.S. will also offer vulnerable communities abroad new tools to address the effects of climate change through science and technology.

The measures join a host of

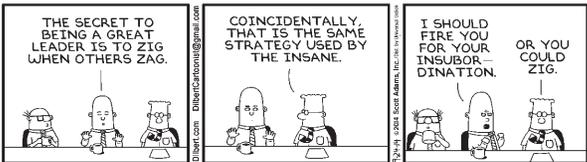
commitments Obama will announce at the summit, where more than 120 world leaders will gather on the sidelines of the U.N. General Assembly to galvanize support for a global climate treaty to be finalized next year in Paris. U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, the summit's host, is expecting leaders to come with specific pledges in hand to mitigate climate change, as a way to show they're serious about ambitious emissions reductions in the treaty.

Obama's goals at the summit are to convince other nations that the U.S. is doing its part to curb greenhouse gases and to make the case that other major polluters should step up, too.

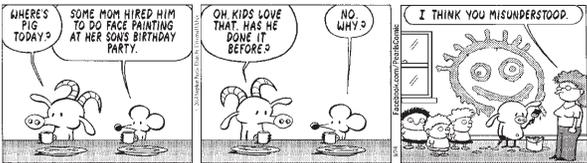
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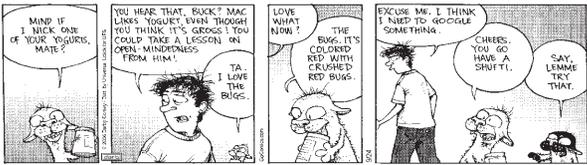
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- 32 Cleopatra's river
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- 44 Snitch
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- 50 17th-century artist
- 55 Blackbird
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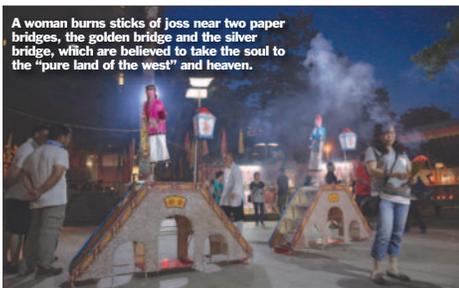
WORLD



A Chinese opera actress performs at a makeshift theater during the Hungry Ghost Festival in Hong Kong on Aug. 13. Operas, performed to praise the charitable and pious deeds of the deities, are one of the main highlights of the festival.

AP photos

# SPIRITS ROAM DURING HONG KONG'S HUNGRY GHOST FESTIVAL



A woman burns sticks of joss near two paper bridges, the golden bridge and the silver bridge, which are believed to take the soul to the "pure land of the west" and heaven.



A woman burns incense at a makeshift altar during the Hungry Ghost Festival.

**C**ountless hungry and restless ghosts roamed Hong Kong, and the world, last month to visit their living descendants, at least according to Chinese convention.

In traditional Chinese belief, the seventh month of the lunar year is reserved for the Hungry Ghost Festival, or Yu Lan, a raucous celebration marked by feasts and music. This year the festival began Aug. 10. According to folklore, the ghosts who wander the physical world are ravenous and envious after dying without descendants or because they were not venerated by relatives who are still alive.

The hungry spirits need to be appeased, so ethnic Chinese around the world offer

prayers to their deceased relatives along with sticks of joss, or incense. They also burn mock currency known as "hell money" and other paper copies of material wealth such as TV sets, mobile phones and even iPads and iPhones, which the ghosts use when they return to the underworld.

Neighborhoods hold nightly shows of shrill Chinese operas and pop concerts, with the front rows of seats always empty — reserved for the ghosts. The shows are accompanied by extravagant feasts. The offerings are made in the hope that the spirits will help them find good jobs, earn good grades or even with the lottery.

The festival peaks on the 15th day of the lunar month — the most auspicious — when families offer cooked food to the ghosts.

The Associated Press



Chinese gods are displayed at a makeshift theater in Hong Kong.

## WIRED WORLD

A winner for  
the wrist

PHOTOS BY MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ/AP

A model displays the new Apple Watch during a new-product release Sept. 9 in Cupertino, Calif.

## Review: Apple Watch impresses; new iPhones, mobile payment option unveiled

By ANICK JESDANUN  
The Associated Press

CUPERTINO, Calif. — As computerized wristwatches go, the Apple Watch looks impressive.

I like that it comes in two sizes, so the watch won't feel giant on smaller hands, as some competing watches do.

I also like that Apple is offering a variety of straps and materials, so fitness buffs can get a strap that's stronger and sweatproof while those seeking a fashion accessory can opt for an 18-karat gold edition.

Beyond looks, it's great that the Apple Watch doesn't simply adopt the smartphone way of doing things. The operating system, Watch OS, was designed specifically for the watch, and its interface relies heavily on the dial to the right, known as the digital crown. Competing watches tend to emphasize the voice and touch controls found on phones.

Of course, it's premature to conclude that you need an Apple Watch. I had only about 45 minutes with the Apple Watch and other new products unveiled earlier this month. The watch I was allowed to try on was running in a demonstration mode. It'll take more time with the watch — beyond a controlled environment — to make a solid conclusion.

What I saw, however, points to another winner for Apple.

The home screen has all your apps, arranged in rows like a honeycomb. You use the dial to zoom in and choose one. The touch screen lets you slide the honeycomb around to see different portions of your app collection. I find that easier than swiping on a small screen to scroll through pages and pages of apps. With the Apple Watch, you can even rearrange apps so your favorites are toward the middle.

App developers will be able to decide what types of notifications appear on the watch and let you take actions such as replying to messages. That's an improve-

ment over existing smartwatches, which largely replicate the notifications sent to your phone. To be compelling, the watch shouldn't duplicate your phone; it should enhance it. Apple seems to get it.

As for using the dial to zoom in and out, Apple says that improves usability because you're not blocking maps and other content on the screen the way pinching in and out would. That makes sense, though I'll need more time with the watch to assess how well the dial works on its own. With your home screen, for instance, you still need to slide apps around.

Another question mark is what kinds of apps will be available for it.

Apple announced a few useful ones, including the ability to unlock your Starwood hotel room with a tap of your watch. That's easier than pulling out your room key from your wallet. BMW also promises one to help you find your parked car in a crowded lot. If it works, that beats walking around in circles.

Apple Watch requires an iPhone 5 or later and has a starting price tag of \$349, higher than that of rival watches. Expect to pay even more for the 18-karat gold edition and other premium models. You'll also have to wait until early next year, as Apple won't have Apple Watch available in time for the holidays.

As for products and services that will be available sooner:

■ **iPhone 6 and iPhone 6 plus.** Apple's new 4.7-inch iPhone 6 and 5.5-inch iPhone 6 Plus are both larger than the current 4-inch models. They neutralize a key advantage Android phones have had: size.

Apple managed to make its new phones thinner, with edges that are curved and fit nicely in the hands. Gone is the glass back, reducing the chances of breakage. The back will now be made of aluminum and will feel more like an iPad.

To improve one-handed use, both new models will have a feature called reachability. With two light taps of the home

screen button, the icons, controls and content on the top half of the screen snap to the bottom, so you can reach them with the same hand. Once you make your selection, everything snaps back to the top.

The iPhone 6 Plus also has new horizontal layouts to take advantage of the larger size.

Of course, apps have long worked either horizontally or vertically. On the Plus, horizontal viewing extends to the home screen, and apps will be able to arrange content in two columns.

When texting, for instance, contacts appear on the left and messages appear on the right. On smaller phones, including the

regular iPhone 6, you get one or the other, not both side by side.

It's a small touch, but it shows that larger doesn't necessarily mean making everything bigger. Windows phones also make use of larger screens by squeezing in more content, but with Android phones, text and images just get blown up.

■ **Mobile payments.** Few people use their phones to pay for goods and services at retail stores. That's because it's not difficult to pull out a plastic credit card, however insecure that technology might be. Apple is trying to change that with Apple Pay, which will come to the new iPhones in October and to the Apple Watch.

Apple improves over existing systems in a few ways:

■ Apple already has your credit card information from iTunes, so setting Apple Pay up with your first credit card is easy. To add additional cards, you can either enter the details or snap a photo.

In my brief tests, the phone grabbed my credit card numbers correctly, though I sometimes had to enter my name and expiration date myself because of poor lighting conditions. But grabbing those numbers is a good start, as I'm prone to make typos with 16-digit numbers otherwise.

■ Apple uses the phone's fingerprint identification system to authorize purchases. Other wallet apps require passcodes, which can make mobile payments take longer than simply pulling out your credit card.

■ Apple stores card information on a secure chip on your device, not on its servers. And it's not even your real card number. Rather, Apple verifies your card information with your bank and then stores an alternative card number.

That way, if a merchant's system gets hacked, only the alternative number is compromised, and that number would require one-time security codes available only with the physical possession of your phone.



Apple CEO Tim Cook explains how the Apple Watch works in conjunction with Apple Pay.

# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## WWII ship returns to Indiana dock after tour

**IN** EVANSVILLE — Numerous boaters took to the Ohio River to escort a World War II-era troop ship back to its Indiana dock after a three-week cruise for stops in Alabama and Tennessee.

The 328-foot long LST-325 returned to its Evansville dock Sunday as its annual fundraising trip came to an end.

LST board member Chris Donahue told the Evansville Courier & Press the ship had some 18,000 visitors in Decatur, Ala., and 21,000 in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Katie Blandford, of Evansville, watched the ship's arrival from shore, telling WFIE-TV that her grandfather was a World War II veteran and the LST connects her to his service.

The ship was used to land troops during the 1944 D-Day landings in France and was brought back from Greece in 2011 for restoration.

## School football coach suspended for praying

**AZ** TEMPE — A Tempe school football coach must miss his team's game Friday as part of a punishment for praying with his players.

Tom Brittain is serving the second week of a two-game suspension from his job as coach at Tempe Preparatory Academy.

Headmaster David Baum said Brittain instructed a player to lead the team in prayer after they won a game.

Baum said staff cannot appear to condone religion to students on behalf of the state-funded charter school's behalf.

Some students hung a sign in support of Brittain at the school's homecoming game last week.

Some parents have expressed outrage at Baum's decision. But others say the school is not a religious institution and that Brittain violated school policy.

## Man accidentally breaks into police station

**VT** SHELBURNE — Police said a man who thought he was breaking into a Vermont school actually got into the local police station, instead.

WFED-TV reported the man, identified as John Dettor, 59, of Washington, told police he wanted a warm place to stay.

Police said that late last week, Dettor used a traffic cone to break the glass to get into the police station in Shelburne, thinking it was a school.

He was arrested on suspicion of unlawful mischief and ended up in the Chittenden Correctional Center.

## Truck flies 50 feet off freeway, injuring driver

**CA** SAN DIEGO — Fire officials said a driver was seriously hurt when his pickup flew off a San Diego freeway on-ramp and crashed into a restaurant parking lot 50 feet below.

The Los Angeles Times report-

## THE CENSUS

**31** The approximate percentage of West Virginia's public school students who were truant during the 2013-14 academic year. According to Department of Education data, 58 percent of McDowell County's students were marked as truant, the highest rate in the state. McDowell County Superintendent Nelson Spencer told The Sunday Gazette-Mail that truancy cases are a byproduct of poverty and drug abuse.



YALONDA M. JAMES, THE (MEMPHIS, TENN.) COMMERCIAL APPEAL/AP

## A contest with bite

**Danni Rogers, 8, stuffs a pickle into her mouth as she competes Sunday in the pickle-eating contest during the Best Memphis Burger Fest 2014 in Memphis, Tenn. She finished in second place.**

ed a Fire & Rescue crew used extraction tools to pry the man from the wreckage of his Ford F-350 on Sunday.

Officials said the man was conscious when taken to a hospital with possible neck and back trauma.

The newspaper reported the California Highway Patrol is investigating witness reports that the pickup might have spun out when it was struck from behind by a vehicle that continued northbound on Interstate 8.

The truck went over the guard-rail and struck the back wall of a Dave & Buster's restaurant before landing upright in the parking lot.

## Four playful lion cubs on exhibit at zoo

**NC** ASHEBORO — Four lion cubs are now on exhibit at the N.C. Zoo in Asheboro. The cubs were born in July to their lioness mom, Mekita. It's the first time in eight years that visitors have had the opportunity to see lion cubs at the zoo.

North Carolina likely won't be a permanent home for the cubs. Animal management supervi-

sor Jennifer Ireland said that if the cubs are male, they will ultimately be separated from their parents and sent to another zoo. In the wild, male cubs leave the pride they are born into.

## 7 injured when fueling boat catches fire

**MA** BOSTON — Officials said seven people were treated for injuries after a boat caught fire at a dock in Boston.

Fire department spokesman Steve MacDonald said the 38-foot boat had just finished fueling at a dock in the city's Charlestown neighborhood when it burst into flames Sunday evening.

MacDonald said one person on the boat suffered burns to both legs. He didn't know the nature of the other injuries or the ages or genders of those involved. The injuries were believed to be non-life-threatening.

MacDonald said attendants working at the fuel pumps used a fire extinguisher to control the blaze until firefighters arrived and put it out.

The cause of the fire is under investigation.

## Man pays \$500K to move historic mansion

**FL** LAKELAND — One central Florida man spent \$500,000 to move a historic mansion away from land where it is slated to be demolished.

The (Lakeland) Ledger reported that the 38-foot-tall, 50-ton, Tudor-style mansion was relocated on Sunday using an 18-wheeler truck.

Workers estimated it would take about three hours to move the home to a new location about a mile away.

The plan is to preserve the historic portions of the 1920s home, including old stonework and a chimney. The new homeowner hopes to restore the home in a way that is authentic to the period in which it was built.

## Noted survivor of rabies gets married

**WI** FOND DU LAC — A young woman who made medical history by surviving rabies without a vaccination has reached another milestone in her life.

Jenna Giese was married during the weekend in Fond du Lac. Giese said her husband, Scot Frassetto, is always there to encourage her and that they just fit together.

A bite from a rabid bat nearly ended Giese's life about 10 years ago when she was in high school. An experimental treatment saved her life but she had to learn to stand, walk and talk again.

## Man shoots pit bull attacking service dog

**WA** SPOKANE — No charges are expected against a man who shot a pit bull in Spokane because it had attacked his service dog.

Police and the SCRAPS animal control agency said the pit bull was unsecured Saturday when it charged the service dog as they were walking to a store in the lower South Hill neighborhood.

KREM reported the service dog vest saved the 10-year-old German shepherd named Toby from serious injury. The wounded pit bull was rushed to emergency care.

From wire reports

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ABC/AP photos

Shonda Rhimes has taken over ABC's Thursday night lineup. Rhimes serves as showrunner for "Grey's Anatomy" (with Ellen Pompeo, left) and "Scandal" (starring Kerry Washington, center). She is the executive producer for "How to Get Away with Murder" (starring Viola Davis, right).

By FRAZIER MOORE  
The Associated Press

Let's just go ahead and make it official. "Thursday" should be renamed "Shonday."

At least it should on ABC, which has handed its entire Thursday prime-time schedule to drama doyenne Shonda Rhimes.

Starting this week at 8 p.m. EDT, it's "Grey's Anatomy," with Rhimes the showrunner for this medical melodrama's 11th season. At 9 p.m., "Scandal" begins its fourth year with Rhimes also serving as showrunner.

Then, closing out Shonday at 10 p.m., "How to Get Away with Murder" premieres with Viola Davis as a wife-with-mystery criminal lawyer who apparently will do anything to spring her clients and who, as a law professor, trains her students to do the same. (All three shows air Fridays on AFN-Spectrum.)

Unlike the other two series, created by Rhimes, "Murder" was masterminded by Pete Nowalk, whose producing credits include "Grey's" and "Scandal." On this wicked new addition to the ShondaLand portfolio, Rhimes will serve "only" as executive producer: "I'm like the grandmother," she joked. "I hold the baby, then I give it back."

This baby has a clear family resemblance: "Murder" crackles with rat-a-tat dialogue, larger-than-life characters, outrageously tangled narratives, and a rainbow coalition of a cast led, as with "Scandal," by an African-American actress.

"It's a show I never would have thought of in a million years," Rhimes said. "But I feel like it fits exactly in the ShondaLand brand."

Fittingly, the "Murder" heroine is driven, charismatic and diabolical, even more so, arguably, than "Scandal" cleanup queen Olivia Pope (played by Kerry Washington). "I really wanted to create a character who's always 10 steps ahead of us," said Nowalk in a separate interview. "If I know what a character's going to do before they do it, what's so interesting about that? And if they're always likable and good in what they do, I don't find that relatable."

Though a veteran actress whose film credits include "Traffic," "Antwone Fisher," "Doubt" and "The Help," Davis is a newcomer to ShondaLand. But she was quick to size it up as "like a family," headed up by a matriarch "with courage, imagination and ability."

The "ShondaLand" handle began as "kind of a joke," said Rhimes. Then, for the company it now identifies, it took hold as shorthand for a shared mission state-

ment. "We all know what we're talking about in terms of the work and the attitude, and that term sums up our goal."

A storyteller from childhood, the Chicago-born Rhimes wrote the script for the 1999 HBO film "Introducing Dorothy Dandridge," followed by the Britney Spears film "Crossroads," and the 2004 sequel to "The Princess Diaries." But it was "Grey's Anatomy," a 2005 midseason replacement, that put Rhimes on the map.

Today, at 44, Rhimes reigns as a hitmaker unmatched in TV history, just days from not only ruling a full night of ABC real estate, but also stewarding two broadcast-network dramas with black women as protagonists.

"Why did it take somebody black to talk about being black?" Rhimes said, marveling that TV has stubbornly resisted mirroring the world she and most people live in, a world she has tried to reflect through her matter-of-fact incisiveness of race and

**'There's a feeling of flying by the seat of our pants,' Shonda Rhimes**

well as gender, age and sexuality.

(Last week, Rhimes shot back at a New York Times columnist who, in a widely criticized piece, referenced her as an "angry black woman" and wrote that "How To Get Away with Murder"

was "yet another showcase series from her production company to showcase a powerful, intimidating black woman.")

"How come I am not an 'angry black woman' the many times Meredith (or Addison) rants?" Rhimes tweeted. The Times public editor on Monday called the article "astoundingly tone-deaf and out of touch.")

Ultimately, everything issues from Rhimes. All roads in ShondaLand lead to her, which begs an obvious question: How does she do it all, turning out this quantity of product while preserving a consistency of vision and voice?

"There's a feeling of flying by the seat of our pants," she said. "And it seems sometimes like we're telling something crazy. But it doesn't feel crazy to us. There's a plan to what we're trying to tell, with larger themes that I feel strongly about: lives of women, race in America, politics. I don't want to say I'm on a soapbox, but there are moments when you can rant a little bit, and that's kind of fun."

One last question was easier to answer: How does it feel to be a big-time TV mogul?

"It feels great," she beamed. "It's an amazing vote of confidence from the network. It's an exciting moment."

Before she let herself get too carried away, she cited a Michael Jordan quote in which he summed up his job as just playing basketball.

"I just make the shows," Rhimes said.

Shonda Rhimes lays claim to Thursday primetime on ABC



INVISION/AP

Deen documentary to tell her side of downfall

Paula Deen is ready to tell her side of the story, but you'll need to pay to hear it. The former Food Network star has been working on a documentary about herself and her downfall — triggered in 2013 by her acknowledgment that she'd used a racial slur in the past — but it will only be available to subscribers of her new website, the Paula Deen Network. Recipes will be free, but viewers will need to pay \$9.99 a month to view videos.

Hulu to air '11/22/63' series based on Stephen King novel

Stephen King's time-travel novel about the Kennedy assassination is being adapted as a small-screen miniseries. Streaming service Hulu said Monday that the nine-hour series, titled "11/22/63" after King's book, includes the author and J.J. Abrams as executive producers. In King's 2011 novel, a high school teacher goes back in time to try to prevent the killing of President John F. Kennedy by Lee Harvey Oswald. No air date or cast was announced.

Kris Jenner files to divorce Bruce Jenner

Kris Jenner is ending her 22-year marriage to Olympic gold medalist Bruce Jenner. The "Keeping Up with the Kardashians" matriarch filed for divorce on Monday in Los Angeles, citing irreconcilable differences. The pair's relationship and its troubles have been featured prominently on the reality show that focuses heavily on Kris Jenner's daughters from a previous marriage, Kourtney, Kim and Khloe Kardashian.

Musical all-stars to pay tribute to Mavis Staples

Gregg Allman, Aaron Neville, Taj Mahal, Eric Church, Michael McDonald, Patty Griffin and others will pay tribute to Mavis Staples during the I'll Take You There — Celebrating 75 Years of Mavis Staples concert Nov. 19 in Chicago. The singer, noted for connecting gospel and soul music to social issues with The Staple Singers and as a solo artist, also will perform during the tribute.

From The Associated Press

# BUSINESS/WEATHER

## Overseas merger limits renew debate

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration's decision to curb the ability of U.S. corporations to skirt taxes by merging with foreign companies kicked off an immediate election-season debate over when and how to tackle the complex U.S. corporate tax code.

Following through on a populist appeal from President Barack Obama for a new era of "corporate patriotism," the Treasury Department stepped in Monday with new regulations designed to limit the ability of U.S. firms to seek refuge in lower-tax countries.

The Treasury will make those so-called corporate inversions less lucrative by barring creative techniques that companies use to lower their tax bill. Additionally, the U.S. will make it harder for companies to move overseas in the first place by tightening the ownership requirements they must meet.

"This action will significantly diminish the ability of inverted

companies to escape U.S. taxation," Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew said. He added that for some companies considering inversions, the new measures would mean inverting would "no longer make economic sense."

The Treasury steps sparked a prompt partisan reaction. Democrats generally supported the action as the best administration could do without action from Congress, while Republicans faulted the administration for not making a greater effort to work with Congress to enact comprehensive corporate tax reform.

"The administration has made a good effort but administrative action can only go so far," Democratic Sen. Chuck Schumer said in a statement. "This rule makes some companies think twice before inverting, but legislation is sorely needed."

Republicans pointed out that the U.S. has the highest corporate tax rate in the developed world and argued that Obama should be pursuing efforts to simplify the

tax code, not punish companies.

"We've been down this rabbit hole before and until the White House gets serious about tax reform, we are going to keep losing good companies and jobs to countries that have or are actively reforming their tax laws," said Republican Rep. Dave Camp, who chairs the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee.

In a display of bipartisanship, Senate Finance Committee Chairman Ron Wyden and the committee's top Republican, Orrin Hatch, of Utah, said they were committed to putting together a stopgap measure to reduce the benefits of tax inversions that could win support from both parties.

More difficult, however, is developing more comprehensive tax legislation that reduces tax rates but also gets rid of cherished tax breaks that have effectively reduced the tax payments of many corporations operating in the United States. Many Democrats want changes to result in higher tax revenue, while Republicans

prefer an overhaul that leaves overall corporate tax revenue essentially the same.

Administration officials who briefed reporters could not say how many pending inversions might be stopped by the new rules and specifically would not address whether the rules would block one of the most high-profile moves, an effort that Burger King announced in August to acquire Tim Hortons, a Canadian coffee and doughnut chain.

### EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Sept. 24)	\$1.3222
Dollar buys (Sept. 24)	€0.7563
British pound (Sept. 24)	\$1.68
Japanese yen (Sept. 24)	106.09
South Korean won (Sept. 24)	1,016.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3771
British pound	\$1.6378
Canada (Dollar)	1.1029
China (Yuan)	6.4145
Denmark (Krone)	7.9601
Egypt (Pound)	71.525
Euro	\$1.2878/0.7765
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7515
Hungary (Forint)	241.48
Israel (Sheqel)	3.6519
Japan (Yen)	108.82
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2874
Norway (Krone)	6.3358
Philippines (Peso)	44.53
Poland (Zloty)	3.24
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	2.7510
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2681
South Korea (Won)	1,041.01
Switzerland (Franc)	0.9375
Thailand (Baht)	32.22
Turkey (Lira)	2.2352

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., non-U.S. dollars), rates are based on the weekly 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.)

### MARKET WATCH

Sept. 22, 2014

<b>Dow Jones industrials</b>	<b>-107.06</b>
	17,172.68
<b>Nasdaq composite</b>	<b>-52.10</b>
	4,527.69
<b>Standard &amp; Poor's 500</b>	<b>-16.11</b>
	1,994.29
<b>Russell 2000</b>	<b>-17.56</b>
	1,129.36

### INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	4.00
Federal funds market rate	0.09
3-month bill	0.62
30-year bond	3.29

## WEATHER OUTLOOK

### WEDNESDAY IN THE MIDDLE EAST



### WEDNESDAY IN EUROPE



### THURSDAY IN THE PACIFIC



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

### Wednesday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	Chatanooga	79	51	Cir	Fort Wayne	73	48	Cir	Louisville	80	52	Cir	Pocatello	86	51	Cir	Shrewport	87	57	Cir	
Ablene, Texas	85	63	Pcldy	Cheyenne	82	51	Cir	Fresno	96	65	Cir	Liboux	80	62	Pcldy	Portland, Maine	61	45	Cir	Sioux City	74	57	Cir	
Akron, Ohio	75	47	Cir	Chicago	71	53	Cir	Goodland	86	57	Cir	Macon	77	56	Cir	Portland, Ore.	71	62	Cir	Rain	Sioux Falls	73	57	Cir
Albany, N.Y.	70	45	Cir	Cincinnati	79	50	Cir	Grand Junction	83	54	Cir	Madison	72	56	Rain	Providence	68	50	Cir	South Bend	72	48	Cir	
Albuquerque	83	60	Pcldy	Cleveland	75	50	Cir	Grand Rapids	76	50	Cir	Medford	75	58	Rain	Pueblo	88	53	Cir	Spokane	75	58	Cir	
Allentown, Pa.	73	48	Pcldy	Colorado Springs	80	53	Cir	Great Falls, N.C.	88	58	Cir	Memphis	82	58	Cir	Raleigh-Durham	72	54	Cir	Tucson	91	50	Cir	
Amarillo	81	60	Pcldy	Columbia, S.C.	75	57	Cir	Green Bay	71	49	Cir	Miami Beach	86	77	Rain	Rapid City	57	54	Pcldy	Union	83	55	Cir	
Anchorage	50	39	Cir	Columbus, Ga.	78	59	Cir	Greensboro, N.C.	81	52	Cldy	Mililand-Odesa	83	67	Pcldy	Reno	88	55	Cir	Yracuse	71	46	Cir	
Ashlee	81	52	Pcldy	Columbus, Ohio	79	51	Cir	Hartford	80	58	Cir	Newark	74	56	Cir	Richmond	64	53	Cir	Tallahassee	85	66	Cir	
Atlanta	76	55	Cir	Concord, N.H.	66	40	Cir	Hartford Springfld	70	47	Cir	Mpls-St. Paul	73	58	Cldy	Roanoke	73	47	Cir	Tampa	87	73	Rain	
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Charleston, W.Va.	77	49	Cir	Flint	73	52	Cir	Little Rock	83	56	Cir	Phoenix	103	79	Cir	St. Savannah	77	63	Cir					
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OPINION

Peacekeeping a deadly, valuable job

By STEPHEN SCHLESINGER

In mid-August, two United Nations peacekeepers from Burkina Faso were killed and several wounded in a suicide attack in the Timbuktu region of northern Mali. In early September, also in Mali, four peacekeeping troops from Chad lost their lives and many were injured when their convoy hit a mine.

That brings the total number of U.N. personnel who have died so far this year due to hostile action to 12; last year, 36 lost their lives. In addition, in late August, 45 U.N. peacekeepers from Fiji monitoring the Golan Heights were seized by a Syrian militant group allied with al-Qaida and held as hostages for two weeks before being released Sept. 11.

In short, the U.N.'s famed corps of neutral troops and observers has been under attack around the globe.

Most U.N. peacekeeping enterprises have taken place under extraordinarily tricky and dangerous conditions. That's not surprising since they are looking after openly contested terrain in the aftermath of vicious conflicts.

Today, there are more than 100,000 U.N. peacekeepers, uniformed and civilian, in the field. Their numbers have increased since he has lasted 66 years (in the Middle East involving Israel and its Arab neighbors). Others are more recent, such as Mali in 2013 and the Central African Republic this year. The remainder are Afghanistan, the Ivory Coast, Haiti, Darfur, the Republic of the Congo, Abyei in Sudan, South Sudan, West Bank, Sahel (between Kenya, Liberia, India-Pakistan (since 1949) and the Golan Heights.

The U.N. peacekeeping budget is about \$7 billion a year. The United States is the largest financial contributor to the operations, though it disputes some of its share of the costs and still lags in its payments.

All missions are authorized by the U.N. Security Council. The warring parties agree in advance to the U.N. presence. Some U.N. interventions are primarily enforcement actions, with armed U.N. forces who are prepared to fight; others are strictly observer missions. Most of the troops hail from poor nations. Indeed, working



TSAFIR ABAYOV/AP

U.N. peacekeepers observe Syria's Quneitra province at an observation point on Mount Bentan in the Golan Heights, overlooking the border with Syria, last week.

for the United Nations in this capacity is sometimes a way for impoverished young men to make a decent living.

Peacekeeping began more than 6½ decades ago when the organization stationed observers to watch over the truce lines between Israel and its Arab adversaries, and between Pakistan and India in Kashmir.

The notion of peacekeeping was not in the original U.N. Charter. It grew out of the demands of the times as countries sought impartial observers to enforce cease-fires, and the U.N. responded under its charge to take collective action "to maintain international peace and security," asking its member states for volunteers. In the ensuing years, 122 countries have contributed troops to the missions; there have been 69 operations; and more than 3,000 men and women have died.

The individuals in these operations customarily acquit themselves with courage and discipline. However, sometimes they have become the central story, as when peacekeepers have been involved in rapes, sexual abuse, theft and even murder. A contingent of Nepalese soldiers serving in Haiti

was said to have spread cholera among the Haitian population, resulting in the deaths of thousands of people in recent years. But bad behavior has grown rarer because of newly enforced controls over operations.

By and large, the world should be grateful for what the United Nations is doing. These employees risk their lives to make sure that at least a few global conflagrations don't erupt again into bloody mayhem and spin out of control. Their presence also has the incidental effect of saving the United States, in particular, from having to send in its own troops to keep the peace.

Still, the missions seem to get at best only cursory attention from the global community — and usually only when peacekeepers come under attack, are detained or are killed. As the world grows more dangerous, the role of peacekeepers will only become more vital. Member states of the U.N. should keep up their financial and political support for the operations to ensure the planet's safety for the coming decades.

Stephen Schlesinger, a historian and fellow at the Century Foundation, is the author of "Act of Creation" about the founding of the United Nations. He wrote this for the Los Angeles Times.

Let's have zero tolerance for hitting kids

Star Tribune (Minneapolis) editorial

At what point does corporal punishment of children become abuse? That question has been on the minds of many Americans since Minnesota Vikings star Adrian Peterson was arrested and charged with a crime for hitting his 4-year-old son with a switch.

Because most of us have had personal experience with the issue, opinions vary. Some say that a swat or two on the backside makes a point and can help keep a child safe. Others argue that violence begets violence, and striking children only teaches them that hitting is acceptable.

Our view falls in the latter camp — and that from an editorial board that includes members who have both spanked and been spanked. But given what we now know about the harm it can cause, striking children should drop off the list of acceptable disciplinary practices.

The Peterson case has ignited a national discussion about the use of corporal punishment. Peterson, 29, has acknowledged using a switch to discipline his son, but says he didn't intend to harm the boy. He also stated that he was disciplined in a similar way by his father when growing up in Texas.

After the news media and public reacted strongly to photos of the boy's injuries, even Peterson acknowledged that his discipline went further than he intended, according to his attorney. The whipping reportedly caused numerous cuts and bruises to the child's back, buttocks, ankles, legs and scrotum, plus defensive wounds to his hands.

Hitting hard enough to leave multiple wounds on a 4-year-old is assault and child abuse in our book. A Texas grand jury found probable cause to move forward with charges.

Research has confirmed that spanking or otherwise striking a child is an inappropriate form of discipline that can lead to mental health issues.

The American Academy of Pediatrics, for example, rejects spanking under any circumstance. And a recent study from Tulane University provides strong evidence that spanking causes children to act out more over time. Of the nearly 2,500 children in that study, those who were spanked more frequently at age 3 were much more likely to be aggressive by age 5.

Frequent spanking, the researchers found, sets up a vicious circle of continued bad behavior by instilling fear rather than

understanding. Hitting young children doesn't help them understand what they did wrong or why they shouldn't have been acting up. In addition, using physical forms of discipline teaches kids that aggressive behavior is how adults solve problems.

Jails and prisons are filled with inmates who have been hit, beaten or otherwise abused as children. They too frequently end up using violence against their own partners and children as adults.

Still, polls show that about 70 percent of Americans don't object to spanking. That needs to change.

More parents should consider the convoluted logic involved in justifying hitting a child. Peterson allegedly hit his son because the 4-year-old hit or pushed another one of his children. So what sense does it make to beat a kid to teach him not to beat others? Why use physical force to punish a kid for using physical force?

"My parents spanked me and I turned out all right" is time-warped thinking. Times have changed, and slowly so have cultural attitudes. In previous decades, it was glamorous to smoke, no one wore seat belts and segregation was legal. Today, societal norms are different.

OPINION

# Culture change needed to curb sexual assaults

The Virginian-Pilot editorial

An in-your-face training session with sailors about treating each other with respect won't reduce the number of sexual assaults in the military.

But last week's "Can I Kiss You?" performance at Norfolk Naval Station likely made the audience think.

That's a start toward making sailors, soldiers, airmen and Marines — and college students, for that matter — more cognizant of boundaries and more willing to speak up when they see inappropriate behavior.

The Pentagon reported in May that alleged sexual assaults in the military increased by 50 percent in the past year, from 3,374 in 2012 to 5,061 in 2013. The Navy's reported assaults in the same period increased by 45 percent.

Officials believe that much of the increase in reports is due to heightened awareness and victims' belief that authorities will take them seriously.

Stemming assaults will require much

more. A change in the culture of the military, where sexual innuendo has been commonplace and members simply were supposed to accept lewd or harassing behavior, will take time. In a job where obedience to leadership and trust of fellow servicemembers are critical, the efforts of the U.S. Fleet Forces Sexual Assault Prevention and Response program will need continued attention.

Officers must maintain a professional climate where sexual harassment, assault and hazing are punished, no matter the rank of the accused. Contributing factors — alcohol is one — must be condemned.

Last year, after a series of sex scandals involving senior officers, members of Congress began pushing to reform the military's handling of sexual assault. Victims complained of retaliation and further victimization if they reported incidents.

Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, a New York Democrat, proposed stripping commanders of the power to decide what cases are sent to court-martial. Military leaders objected, and the bill failed by five votes in the

**Without change among the brass, a shift in thinking among the rank and file won't happen.**

Senate.

The Navy has provided training about alcohol abuse, stressing that it can lead to domestic violence, assault and suicide. That message needs to be repeated constantly.

Next on the list: how members can protect each other.

Thursday's 75-minute session by Mike Domitrz, who has held training for 20,000 members of the military and college students, had volunteers act out typical situations to stress the need to listen to and look after each other. He talked about dating, consent, bystander intervention and sexual assault.

Sexual contact — a kiss, even a touch

— should require conversation and permission, he said. And as the Virginian-Pilot's Dianna Cahn reported on Sunday, "Standing by while a friend plies a girl with drinks so he can take her home is tantamount to allowing rape to happen."

If people intervene, Domitrz said, a date rapist "can't get away with it anymore because too many of us won't let it happen."

That's a big part of the culture shift required if the Pentagon expects to curtail assaults. More training — aggressive, interactive sessions like Domitrz's that require the audience to think — is part of the solution.

But, in a workplace environment that relies on top-down leadership, the continued lack of transparency by military leaders in their handling of assaults, harassment and hazing will remain.

Without change among the brass, a shift in thinking among the rank and file won't happen. As Gillibrand has said, leaders who show their reluctance to act on these issues shouldn't be relied on to guide the necessary change.

# Turkey's role against Islamic State is complicated

By Marc Champion  
Bloomberg News

Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan says the release of 46 citizens held hostage by the Islamic State has freed him to cooperate more substantially with the U.S.-led coalition to destroy the group. It might not be that straightforward.

Although the U.S. strategy on the Islamic State is complicated — it is attempting to crush the group, while also trying to force a nuclear deal on one of the group's two most powerful regional opponents (Iran) and topple the second (Syrian President Bashar Assad) — it's simple compared with that of Turkey.

Erdogan aggressively committed himself to Assad's demise soon after Syria's military began slaughtering protesters in 2011. He opened Turkey's borders and coifers to opposition groups willing to fight the Syrian dictator, including Islamist radicals. Whether or not the Islamic State received any of this official support, it has been recruiting within Turkey and is embedded among the 850,000 Syrian refugees on Turkish soil.

Once the Islamic State erased the frontier between Syria and Iraq this summer, an already shaky Turkish policy collapsed. The group threatened the Kurdish areas in the north, where Turkish companies have invested billions of dollars in oil wells, pipelines and construction. The enemy of Turkey's enemy in Syria was now attacking Turkish interests in Iraq.

So Erdogan, too, now faces conflicting enemies in Syria. The difference is that Turkey is far more vulnerable than the U.S. to retaliation by the Islamic State, even without hostages in the mix.

"Many people are talking about how Turkey is free to join the coalition now the hostages are free, but I see no chance," said Behlül Özkant, an assistant professor of international relations at Istanbul's Marmara University. The Islamic State would be able to carry out terrorist attacks in Turkish cities, including tourist destinations. The country is expected to attract 40 million international tourists this year, accounting for 6 percent of Turkey's gross domestic product, according to the World Travel & Tourism Council. A few well-placed bombs could shrivel the industry.



Turkish Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu, center right, greets hostages released Saturday by the Islamic State, who seized them three months ago from the Turkish Consulate in Mosul, Iraq.

Erdogan also faces conflicting incentives with the Kurds that the United States doesn't. Turkey has become a strategic partner for the Kurdish autonomous region in northern Iraq, but still has an unresolved conflict with Kurdish insurgents who operate in Turkey from bases across the border. So now Erdogan faces two registered terrorist organizations — Islamic State and the Kurdish Workers' Party, or PKK — that are recruiting among sympathizers in Turkey and fighting each other in Syria and Iraq.

As the PKK has joined the fight against the Islamic State, Turkey has grown increasingly nervous about what might happen to the modern weaponry from Germany, the U.S. and other countries that's beginning to flow into Kurdish areas. A PKK affiliate runs the Kurdish areas of Syria, which have just come under assault by the Islamic State, driving 130,000 refugees across the border, according to

Turkish officials. So Turkey's radical Islamist enemy is now threatening its Kurdish enemy. Turkish police fired warning shots on Sunday to prevent a large group of Turkish Kurds from crossing the border to go fight with their compatriots in Syria.

There's one way of cutting this Gordian knot in Syria. Erdogan has begun to float (again) the idea of creating a "safe zone" in northern Syria. That would have multiple advantages. It would give Erdogan the incentive he needs to risk a terrorist backlash at home to join the military effort against the Islamic State in Syria, if in humanitarian guise; provide the coalition with reliable boots on the ground to ensure success against the Islamic State; and create a space within Syria to host some of the 3 million refugees who are currently in Turkey, Lebanon and Jordan.

The catch is that Turkey's agenda would not be the same as that of the U.S. Turkey would want to use the new safe zone as a

place from which to base and train Assad's opponents, including Islamists, because unlike the U.S., Erdogan's top priority remains removing Assad. As a result, not only would Assad forcefully oppose the creation of a safe zone, but so would Russia and China in the United Nations Security Council, giving the enterprise a poor legal basis.

Erdogan doesn't want to break his security alliance with the U.S. and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, and is reportedly unhappy about the way Turkey is being portrayed as a semi-sponsor of the Islamic State. So he will try to offer some kind of additional support to the coalition, now that the hostages have been freed. But unless the coalition is willing to adopt Turkey's agenda in Syria and create a safe zone, don't hold your breath for Erdogan to risk contributing Turkish jets or air bases to the effort.

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NFL BRIEFS

# Ravens owner: No misinformation

The Associated Press

OWINGS MILLS, Maryland — Baltimore Ravens owner Steve Bisciotti refuted a report suggesting he and other team officials tried to persuade the NFL to be lenient on Ray Rice after the running back was arrested in February for knocking out his then-fiancee in an Atlantic City elevator.

Bisciotti said Monday he felt it necessary to respond to reports last week that described he, president Dick Cass and general manager Ozzie Newsome pushing Commissioner Roger Goodell for leniency for Rice.

"I don't think the league would take too kindly to us badgering them," Bisciotti said. "I didn't really care." If it was going to be a precedent-setting (suspension of) four or six games, I would have told Ray not to appeal it.

"I expected four of six games and I was surprised as everybody else that it was two."

The two games were Rice's original suspension by the league — the Ravens took no action at the time — for punching Janay Palmer in a casino on Feb. 15. But after a video surfaced on Sept. 8 showing the violent attack, Rice was released by the team and suspended indefinitely by the league. He has appealed his suspension.

Bisciotti acknowledged that the backlash over the handling of the domestic violence case is by far the biggest crisis he's faced since taking over the team 14 years ago, but defended the integrity of his organization.

"When your integrity is ques-

tioned, it's pretty humbling," Bisciotti said. "Last week it was our competence being questioned. Now it's our integrity."

The report was the latest development in the saga that has Bisciotti and his organization on its heels.

"As I stated in our letter to you on September 9, we did not do all we should have done, and no amount of explanation can remedy that. But there has been no misdirection or misinformation by the Ravens," Bisciotti said in a 15-point statement to the fans released before the news conference.

## Pro Bowl LB Harrison returns to Steelers

PITTSBURGH — The Pittsburgh Steelers are bringing back volatile five-time Pro Bowler James Harrison to bring a veteran presence to a depleted linebacker group.

The 36-year-old posted a picture on Twitter on Tuesday morning, writing done deal next to a photo of him signing a contract.

Harrison retired as a member of the Steelers less than three weeks ago after spending the 2013 season with the Cincinnati Bengals.

He cited the need to be close to his sons. Playing for the Steelers takes care of that problem — Harrison lives in a northern suburb.

The Steelers need pass rushing help after losing linebackers Ryan Shazier and Jarvis Jones to injury in Sunday night's win over Carolina.



GARY WIEPERT/AP

Chargers running back Danny Woodhead is carted off the field after suffering a broken right leg on Sunday against the Buffalo Bills. Woodhead will miss the rest of the regular season.

### In NFL injury news:

Chargers coach Mike McCoy says running back Danny Woodhead has a broken lower right leg and will miss the rest of the season.

Woodhead was hurt on the first drive of the Chargers' 22-10 win at Buffalo. He was stopped after a 1-yard gain by diving defensive tackle Kyle Williams. Williams hit Woodhead directly in the right ankle, which appeared to twist underneath the player.

The Chargers also learned Monday that linebacker Manti Te'o has a fractured right foot and is expected to miss significant time, a person with knowledge of the situation said.

Woodhead was lost one week after Ryan Mathews sprained his right knee in a victory against the

Seattle Seahawks. Mathews will be out for several weeks.

Ravens tight end Dennis Pitta has undergone surgery to repair a dislocated right hip and is done for the year. The operation was performed on Monday.

The injury occurred in Sunday's game against Cleveland, when Pitta went down without being touched and had to be removed from the field on a cart.

It's the same injury that sidelined Pitta for much of last season.

Panthers All-Pro fullback Mike Tolbert will miss at least eight games with a hairline fracture in his left leg.

Tolbert was placed on the injured reserve/designated to return list Tuesday. Under that designation, Tolbert can practice after six weeks, but isn't eligible to play

until Nov. 30 at Minnesota.

Washington Redskins cornerback DeAngelo Hall has a ruptured left Achilles and is done for the season.

The Redskins also lost safety Duke Ihenacho for the year with a left foot injury.

The team placed both players on injured reserve Monday.

Minnesota Vikings tight end Kyle Rudolph is scheduled to have surgery on Tuesday on a sports hernia that is expected to keep him out of action for about six weeks.

Rudolph is flying to Philadelphia on Tuesday morning to have Dr. William Meyers perform the surgery. The Vikings want to address the injury as soon as possible in hopes of getting him back for the second half of the season.

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# No sure things in player vetting process

By **EDDIE PELLIS**  
The Associated Press

**B**y the time the typical player signs an NFL contract, around 100 scouts, coaches and general managers have pored over his history. It's an expensive, painstaking and time-consuming process that includes personality tests, conversations with high school friends, the college equipment manager and many more — and, of course, a thor-

ough review of police records.

The teams try to turn over every leaf, and yet, there are things they miss, or simply would never think to look for: Very little in the portfolios collected on Ray Rice or Adrian Peterson foreshadowed problems with the law.

"It's an inexact science. The process is flawed on both ends," said Charley Casserly, the former Redskins and Texans general manager, who spearheaded the teams' vetting processes for nearly two decades. "It's humans picking humans. None of us are perfect on either side of the equation."

The process is much easier when the issues the players face are clear-cut, but that didn't stop Aaron Hernandez from being drafted. The former Patriots tight end had a checked record in college and is now in prison, accused of murder in two cases.

"The information is usually there to make a good decision," said Ted Sundquist, former general manager of the Broncos. "There are many times when an organization will choose to listen to what they want to hear if they really like the player."

But not every troubled player in college stays that way in the pros — and, of course, there are thousands of college players whose names never make it onto a police blotter.

"You're not going to be able to catch all these things all the time," says Chris Elzey, who teaches Sport and American Culture at George Mason University. "People change. Certain things come up. As

far as trying to recognize those problems beforehand, you can catch the glaring mistakes, but you can't foresee everything."

The scouting report on Peterson, now changed with child abuse, didn't raise major red flags.

When he was 7, Peterson's older brother was killed by a drunk driver. Peterson's father served eight years in prison on a drug-related conviction. A quote attributed to Peterson on biography.com says: "Resilience is what I'm all about. I run angry. Football allows me to take out some of my pain on the field."

Almost all of the scouting material on Rice before the 2008 draft centered on how hard he worked to get the most out of his 5-foot-8, 200-pound frame. He was an underdog with a bit of chip on his shoulder. But there were no red flags in the character department, and he backed that up after arriving in Baltimore, becoming the face of the franchise — generous with his time and money.

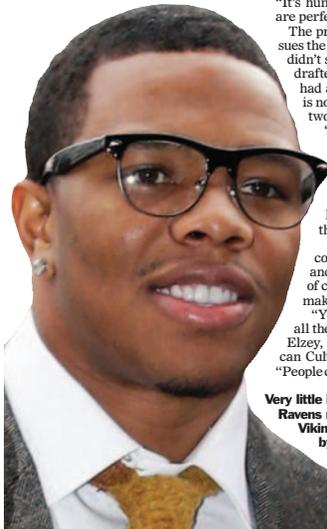
The videotape of Rice punching his then-fiancée changed everything and the uptick of such crimes coming to light figures to make NFL teams redouble their efforts.

"The leagues and the (sports) federations better be aware that it's a different world now," said Steve Roush, the former chief of sport performance at the U.S. Olympic Committee, who has vetted hundreds of athletes and

coaches. "The standards by which these people have to conduct themselves has changed drastically and so has the standard by which the organizations evaluate them."

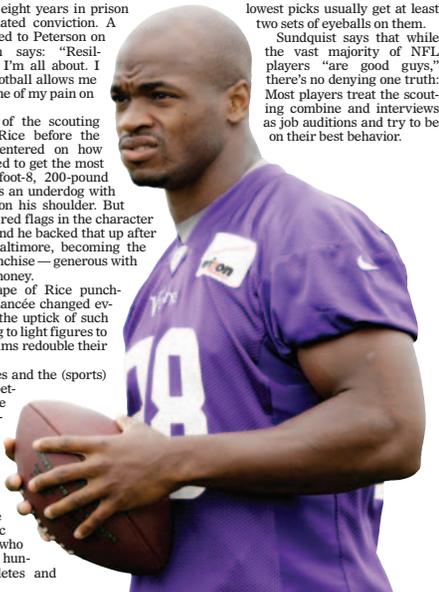
In all, a top prospect could get up to eight people judging not only how fast he runs, but what kind of citizen he is. The lowest picks usually get at least two sets of eyeballs on them.

Sundquist says that while the vast majority of NFL players "are good guys," there's no denying one truth: Most players treat the scouting combine and interviews as job auditions and try to be on their best behavior.



Very little in the portfolios collected on Ravens running back Ray Rice, left, or Vikings running back Adrian Peterson by the NFL foreshadowed the off-field issues they're dealing with now.

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	East				
	W	L	T	Pct	PF
Buffalo	2	1	0	.667	62
New England	2	1	0	.667	66
N.Y. Jets	1	2	0	.333	69
Miami	1	2	0	.333	58
South					
Houston	2	1	0	.667	64
Indianapolis	1	2	0	.333	95
Tennessee	1	2	0	.333	63
Jacksonville	0	3	0	.000	44
North					
Cincinnati	1	2	0	.333	80
Baltimore	2	1	0	.667	65
Pittsburgh	1	2	0	.333	73
Cleveland	1	2	0	.333	74
West					
Denver	2	1	0	.667	75
San Diego	2	1	0	.667	69
Kansas City	1	2	0	.333	61
Oakland	0	3	0	.000	37

National Conference

	East				
	W	L	T	Pct	PF
Philadelphia	3	1	0	1.000	101
Dallas	2	1	0	.667	77
N.Y. Giants	1	2	0	.333	58
Washington	1	2	0	.333	81
South					
Atlanta	2	0	0	.667	103
Carolina	2	1	0	.667	58
New Orleans	1	2	0	.333	78
Tampa Bay	0	3	0	.000	45
North					
Detroit	2	0	0	.667	61
Chicago	2	1	0	.667	75
Minnesota	1	2	0	.333	60
Green Bay	1	2	0	.333	54
West					
Arizona	3	0	0	1.000	66
Seattle	2	1	0	.667	83
Louis	1	1	0	.500	63
San Francisco	1	2	0	.333	62

Thursday's game

- Atlanta 56, Tampa Bay 14
- Sunday's games**
- Dallas 34, Louis 21
- New Orleans 20, Minnesota 9
- San Diego 22, Houston 10
- Philadelphia 37, Washington 34
- N.Y. Giants 30, Buffalo 17
- Cincinnati 33, Tennessee 7
- Baltimore 23, Cleveland 21
- Detroit 13, Green Bay 7
- Indianapolis 44, Jacksonville 17
- New England 16, Oakland 9
- Arizona 23, San Francisco 14
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- San Francisco 27, Carolina 19
- Chicago 27, N.Y. Jets 19

Monday's game

- N.Y. Jets 25, N.Y. Giants 21
- Chicago 41, Washington 19
- Sunday, Sep. 28**
- Green Bay at Chicago
- Buffalo at Houston
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- Detroit at N.Y. Jets
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Monday

**Bears 27, Jets 19**

Chicago	3	10	3	27
N.Y. Jets	3	10	3	19

**First Quarter**  
 CHI—Mundy 45 interception return (Gould kick), 14:28.  
 NYJ—Bennett 7 pass from Cutler (Gould kick), 9:54.  
 NYJ—FG Folk 43, 3:42.

**Second Quarter**  
 CHI—FG Gould 24, 13:54.  
 NYJ—Newman 29, 9:51.  
 NYJ—Kerley 19 pass from Smith (Folk kick), 3:45.

**Third Quarter**  
 CHI—Bennett 13 pass from Cutler (Gould kick), 11:29.  
 NYJ—FG Folk 22, 2:7.  
**Fourth Quarter**  
 NYJ—FG Folk 42, 9:52.  
 CHI—FG Gould 45, 3:10.  
**A—70, 10.**

**Individual Statistics**  
**Rushing—Chicago:** Forte 13-33, Cutler 5-14, Jeffery 2-13, Warey 1-0. **N.Y. Jets:** Ivory 10-44, Johnson 10-34, Smith 3-20, B-Powell 2-12, Vick 1-3.  
**Passing—Chicago:** Cutler 23-38-0-225. **N.Y. Jets:** Smith 20-29-3-316.  
**Receiving—Chicago:** Jeffery 8-105, Folk 6-Bennett 5-55, Williams 2-9, Rosario 1-8, Marshall 1-6. **N.Y. Jets:** Kerley 7-81, Ivory 4-52, Amaro 3-54, Cumberland 3-18, Nelson 1-15, Smith 1-6, P-Powell 2-6, Decker 1-19, Suddfield 1-15.  
**Missed field goals—None.**

# This time, Bears have to hold on

## After rallying to win last week, Chicago survives comeback by Jets

By DENNIS WASZAK JR.

The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Jay Cutler and the Chicago Bears needed to claw back from a big deficit last week. On Monday night, they had to hang on against the New York Jets.

"It was quite a game," Bears coach Marc Trestman said after a 27-19 victory that wasn't sealed until the final moments.

Even after spotting the Bears a 14-0 lead with early mistakes, the Jets had one last opportunity to tie, getting into Bears territory on Geno Smith's 51-yard pass to Greg Salas. But Jeremy Kerley came down out of bounds in the back of the end zone after making a leaping grab of Smith's desperation fourth-down heave from the Bears 9.

Cutler then took a knee three times to seal the victory for the Bears (2-1).

Last weekend, the Bears rallied from a 17-point deficit to beat the 49ers in San Francisco. They never trailed in this one, but they had a hard time putting away the Jets (1-2).

"It's not so much that teams are beating us," Jets linebacker Demario Davis said. "We're beating ourselves, and you can't do that in this league."

New York was coming off a disappointing 31-24 loss at Green Bay in which it blew an 18-point lead. Smith was 26-for-43 for 316 yards and a touchdown with two interceptions — and nearly had a few others in this one. Kerley finished with seven catches for 81 yards, and almost came up with a diving grab off a tipped pass in the end zone on the final drive.

Cutler threw two touchdown passes to Martellus Bennett and Ryan Mundy returned an interception 45 yards for a score. Cutler finished 23-for-38 for 225 yards and Alshon Jeffery caught eight passes for 105 yards for the Bears, who got a 45-yard field goal from Robby Gould to make it an eight-point game with 3:10 remaining.

Here are some other things to know from the Bears' victory over the Jets:

**Quick start:** The Bears walked no time getting on the scoreboard.

On New York's second play from scrimmage, Smith didn't see Mundy lurking in the flat as he floated a screen pass to Chris Johnson. Mundy stepped in front of the toss and ran it back for a touchdown.

After the Jets stopped the Bears on three plays on their first offensive series, rookie Jalen Saunders dropped Patrick O'Donnell's punt at his 40 and it was recovered by the Bears' Ahmad Dixon. Cutler threw deep down the right side-line to Jeffery one play later, and



Bill Kestron/AP

**Jets wide receiver Jeremy Kerley, left, goes up for a fourth-down pass into the end zone against Bears' safety Brock Vereen during the waning seconds of Monday's game in East Rutherford, N.J. Kerley came down out of bounds on the play.**

cornerback Darrin Walls was called for pass interference to put the ball at the Jets 7.

Three plays later, Cutler rolled right and found Bennett in the back of the end zone to make it 14-0 — and get the MetLife Stadium crowd boing.

**Geno watch:** The calls for Michael Vick might start to intensify — even though it's just three games into the season.

Smith passed for the second-most yards of his career, but he's got five turnovers in three games.

"I've got to do a better job to give us a chance to win games," Smith said.

**Underrated Bennett?:** While most of the attention is on Chicago's big wide receivers in Jeffery and Brandon Marshall, Bennett has also become a major factor in the Bears' offense.

He leads the team with 20 catches and is tied with Marshall with four TDs — and came in with a little extra motivation.

"I felt a little disrespected," Bennett said, adding that he watched a video in which Ryan praised the Bears receivers and referred to him simply as "a big dude."

**Injuries:** The Jets lost wide receiver Eric Decker in the first half to a hamstring injury; he was questionable for the game with tightness in the hamstring. Decker said he pulled himself out when

he couldn't get it loosened up. Defensive lineman Muhammad Wilkerson also left with an injured right knee, but Ryan didn't think it was serious.

Bears fullback Tony Fiammetta injured a hamstring and safety Chris Conte hurt his left shoulder. Neither returned. Marshall left in the second quarter after injuring his right ankle, but returned in the second half.

**Upset with refs:** After an ill-fitted timeout call last week, the Jets took issue with two more incidents involving referees.

A video review reversed a call late in the half on which the Jets might have taken the lead. Cutler was sacked by David Harris and lost the ball, but was declared down by contact. A review showed Cutler had fumbled, but Davis' return to the end zone was negated because the whistle had blown.

"It could've been a game-changing play, but the referee blew the whistle," Harris said. "What can you do? What else is new? It seems like we're playing against two teams out there sometimes."

The Jets were also unhappy with a pass interference call on Darrin Walls that helped set up the Bears' second touchdown.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

# US Soccer stands by decision to play Solo

The Associated Press

U.S. Soccer is standing by its decision to allow goalkeeper Hope Solo to continue to play while she faces domestic violence charges.

Solo is charged with two misdemeanor counts of fourth-degree domestic violence assault in Washington state stemming from a June 21 altercation with her sister-in-law and 17-year-old nephew at a family gathering.

She has pleaded not guilty and the case is scheduled for trial on Nov. 4. She faces up to six months in jail if convicted.

Solo, who has been with the national team since 2000 and recently set the team record for most career shutouts, continued to play for the United States in exhibition matches and with her National Women's Soccer League team, the Seattle Reign, following her arrest.

U.S. Soccer President Sunil Gulati said Monday the organization will let her play until the legal matter is settled.

"U.S. Soccer takes the issue of domestic violence very seriously. From the beginning, we considered the information available and have taken a deliberate and thoughtful approach regarding Hope Solo's status with the national team," Gulati said in a statement. "Based on that information, U.S. Soccer stands by our decision to allow her to participate with the team as the legal process unfolds. If new information becomes available we will carefully consider it."

Gulati's statement comes after U.S. Olympic Committee Chief Executive Officer Scott Blackmun said he was disturbed by the charges against Solo. But in a statement to USA Today he did not say whether he believes she should face disciplinary action, such as suspension, before the matter plays out in court.

"The allegations involving Ms. Solo are disturbing and are inconsistent with our expectations of Olympians," Blackmun said.



MINE SIEGEL, SEATTLE TIMES/MCT

**U.S. women's soccer goalkeeper Hope Solo appears in court on June 23 on charges that she assaulted her ten nephew and sister-in-law. Solo has continued to play for the U.S. national team as she awaits trial, a decision the organization defended.**

"We have had discussions with U.S. Soccer and fully expect them to take action if it is determined that the allegations are true."

Solo is expected to start in goal for the U.S. women when the team plays next month in the CONCACAF championship, which will be played in four U.S. cities with the final scheduled for Oct. 26 at PPL Park in Chester, Pa. The event serves as a qualifying event for next summer's Women's World Cup in Canada.

According to the court documents in the abuse case, Solo's 17-year-old nephew told police Solo was upset and appeared to have been drinking when she arrived at a family gathering. Following an argument, she and her nephew got into a fistfight, according to court documents.

When the boy's mother tried to break up the confrontation, Solo punched her in the face, the documents said. The report also said that the nephew broke a broom over Solo's head and pointed a

broken BB gun at her to try to get her to leave.

Solo was released without bail. She was ordered not to have contact with the alleged victims and to not drink alcohol.

In an exhibition match against Mexico in Sandy, Utah, earlier this month, Solo recorded her 72nd career shutout in an 8-0 U.S. victory. She passed Briana Scurry (1994-2008) on the career list.

Solo, 32, has played in 154 international matches and was with the U.S. team that won gold medals at the 2008 Beijing and 2012 London Olympics.

## Fisher: Suspension 'hit home' with QB Winston

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Heisman Trophy winner Jameis Winston was welcomed back by his starting position Monday by Florida State coach Jimbo Fisher, who said he didn't believe the quarterback's leadership role with the top-ranked Seminoles has suffered because of the notoriety that has followed Winston in recent months.

Winston stood by on the Seminole sidelines Saturday night as fellow redshirt sophomore Sean Maguire threw for 305 yards and one touchdown to help Florida State (3-0, 1-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) eke out a 23-17 overtime win over a mistake-riddled Clemson team that had outplayed the Seminoles for much of the game. The Seminoles seek their 20th straight win Saturday at unbeaten North Carolina State (4-0).

Fisher said he hopes that last week's one-game suspension is a wakeup call for Winston, who has bounced from one incident to another during his time in Tallahassee.

"I think it really hit home, no doubt," Fisher said at his weekly Monday meeting with media covering the program.

Winston has been involved in a series of off-field incidents in recent months, including last

week's suspension for making "offensive and vulgar" comments about female anatomy on campus. University officials hope the suspension gets the 20-year-old's attention.

"When he does spontaneous things he has to make better judgments," Fisher said Monday. "Jameis is not a bad individual. He makes poor decisions. He's got to stop that."

In other college football news:

■ Texas coach Charlie Strong has dismissed former starting offensive tackle Kennedy Estelle for a violation of team rules.

Estelle started the Longhorns' first game, a 38-7 win over North Texas, but was suspended soon after and hadn't played since, missing losses to BYU and UCLA. He is the ninth player dismissed by Strong in his first season.

■ Tennessee has dismissed running back Treyvon Paulk from the team following a police report that he hit a woman in the mouth at a party.

According to a Knox County Sheriff's Office report, Chelsea Reese said Sunday that she was talking with Paulk, who she described as her ex-boyfriend, when an argument ensued. The report states Paulk "became very agitated and struck Ms. Reese in the mouth with his fist" and that Reese had cuts but refused medical treatment.

Sheriff's office spokesman Martha Dooley said Monday that Paulk wouldn't be arrested because Reese has declined to press charges or take out an order of protection.

## Nadal's coach criticizes choice of female captain

BARCELONA, Spain — Rafael Nadal's coach criticized the appointment of a woman as the captain of Spain's Davis Cup team on Tuesday, arguing there are substantial differences between the men's and women's games.

His comments have been la-

beled sexist by Spain's leading political parties and go against both the backing the decision has received from others in tennis and the history of the sport in the Mediterranean country.

Gala Leon, a former WTA player, became the first woman to be appointed captain of the country's Davis Cup team on Sunday, replacing Carlos Moya.

"It is preferable that [the captain] is someone with a background in the world of men's tennis," Toni Nadal, Rafael Nadal's coach and uncle, told *Ona Cero* radio.

"I have nothing against her, I don't know what her capabilities are and I hope she does her job well, but in theory she is a person that doesn't know men's tennis, because men's tennis isn't the same as women's tennis."

"The truth is that the men's game isn't the same as the women's game on the tactical level, not that one is better than the other."

## FIFA proposes 3-minute concussion breaks

ZURICH — FIFA wants to improve football's concussion protocol by stopping matches for three minutes while team doctors assess players with head injuries.

After high-profile incidents of injured players staying on the field at the World Cup, FIFA said Tuesday its executive committee will confirm a proposal that gives referees new powers to halt play at its two-day meeting starting Thursday. The board includes Belgian doctor Michel D'Hooghe, who chairs the FIFA and UEFA medical committees.

"The incidents at the World Cup have shown that the role of team doctors needs to be reinforced in order to ensure the correct management of potential cases of concussion," FIFA said in a statement.

UEFA adopted the three-minute break protocol last week and will apply it in Champions League matches from next week.

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Game recap for Rangers vs Astros, including pitching and batting stats.

Giants 5, Dodgers 2 (13)

Game recap for Giants vs Dodgers, including pitching and batting stats.



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The Dodgers' DeDe Gordon runs to first base with the throw during the 10th inning...

National League

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Game recap for Houston vs Baltimore, including pitching and batting stats.

Yankees 5, Orioles 0

Game recap for Yankees vs Orioles, including pitching and batting stats.

Monday's games

Table listing Monday's games, including Cleveland vs Kansas City and St. Louis vs Chicago.

Game recap for Baltimore vs Baltimore, including pitching and batting stats.

Indians 4, Royals 3 (10)

Game recap for Indians vs Royals, including pitching and batting stats.

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Table listing Tuesday's games, including Baltimore vs Yankees and Kansas City vs Cleveland.

Game recap for Chicago vs Chicago, including pitching and batting stats.

White Sox 2, Tigers 0

Game recap for White Sox vs Tigers, including pitching and batting stats.

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MLB

# Yanks win with 3 RBIs from Jeter

By RONALD BLUM  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Derek Jeter seems to be trying to will the New York Yankees into the playoffs against the mighty odds.

Fans holding laudatory signs started showing up at Yankee Stadium when the gates opened at 4 p.m. Monday, an hour early in order to give them a chance to watch the New York captain take batting practice.

They serenaded him with chants of his name throughout the ninth inning.

And in between they burst into ovations when the 40-year-old continued his late-season renaissance with a two-run double and a run-scoring grounder for his first three-RBI game in two years. Jeter's offense backed a one-hitter from Michael Pineda and three relievers in a 5-0 win over the Baltimore Orioles that gave New York a tiny bit more belief.

"You continue to play, and you continue to fight until you're out of games. That's all you can do," Jeter said. "I'm well aware of the situation that we're in."

Likely to miss consecutive postseasons for the first time since 1992 and '93, New York closed within four games of the second AL wild card, but must overtake three teams to reach the playoffs. The Yankees have just six games left — three at home against Baltimore and three at Boston.

"We have to pretty much win out," manager Joe Girardi said. "But you never know. Strange things happen in sports. We've seen it. We've seen people that were 10 games back come back in a month's time and find a way to get in the playoffs on the last day. Crazy things happen."

About 200 fans were on hand when Jeter walked out of the dugout for the first hitting group at about 4:15 p.m. The crowd of 35,614 stood each time late public address announcer Bob Sheppard's recording introduced the Yankees' last player to wear a single-digit uniform number, and fans remained on their feet throughout each at-bat taking photographs and video.

"It's been awesome. It's what I'll remember most from this season," Jeter said. "It's what's made this homestand extremely fun, was getting an opportunity to play in front of these fans and the way that they've reacted."

Jeter went 1-for-3 with a walk, hitting a deep flyout, a run-scoring groundout that made it 2-0 in the third and a double down the left-field line against Wei-Yin Chen (16-5) in the fifth.



TONY DEJAK/AP

The Royals' Omar Infante is congratulated by teammates after scoring on single by Alcides Escobar in the fifth inning of Monday's game against the Indians in Cleveland. Kansas City won 2-0 and moved within a game of first-place Detroit in the AL Central.

## Roundup

# Royals tighten race in AL Central

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Danny Duffy pitched six shutout innings for his first win in more than a month as the Kansas City Royals moved closer to the top of the AL Central and kept some distance over Cleveland in the wild-card race, beating the Indians 2-0 on Monday night.

Duffy (9-11), who had thrown just one pitch in September before the start, held the Indians to six hits. The left-hander had been sidelined since Sept. 6 with a sore shoulder.

Greg Holland worked the ninth for his 44th save as the Royals, seeking their first postseason appearance since 1985, moved within one game of first-place Detroit. The Tigers lost 2-0 at home to the White Sox.

Carlos Carrasco (8-6) couldn't keep the momentum going for the Indians, who earlier completed a 4-3 win in 10 innings in a game suspended on Aug. 31.

Giants 5, Dodgers 2 (13): Pinch-hitter Andrew Susac singled home the go-ahead run in the 13th inning, and visiting San Francisco beat first-place Los Angeles to

climb within 3½ games of the NL West lead.

The Giants snapped a three-game skid and remain tied with Pittsburgh for the two NL wild-card slots. San Francisco can clinch a playoff berth Tuesday night with a win and a Milwaukee loss.

Athletics 8, Angels 4: Jeff Samardzija pitched seven strong innings and received some run support as host Oakland kept hold of the top AL wild-card spot by beating AL West champion Los Angeles.

The A's moved one game ahead of Kansas City for the first wild card.

Cardinals 8, Cubs 0: Adam Wainwright joined Clayton Kershaw as the majors' only 20-game winners, pitching three-hit ball over seven innings as visiting St. Louis beat Chicago.

The Cardinals remain 2½ games ahead of Pittsburgh in the NL Central with five to play.

Pirates 1, Braves 0: Andrew McCutchen homered, Francisco Liriano won his fourth straight start and visiting Pittsburgh moved closer to a postseason berth, beating Atlanta

The Pirates, winners in 10 of their last 12, have a five-game lead over Milwaukee with six games remaining for both teams.

Blue Jays 14, Mariners 4: Jose Bautista homered and reached base four times, J.A. Happ won for the first time in four starts and host Toronto dealt a blow to Seattle's wild card hopes.

White Sox 2, Tigers 0: Chris Bassitt pitched into the eighth inning for his first major league win, and visiting Chicago slowed Detroit's chase of the AL Central title.

Rangers 4, Astros 3: Guilder Rodriguez had his first two major league hits, including a tiebreaking RBI single, as host Texas opened its final home stand with a victory over Houston.

Diamondbacks 6, Twins 2: Josh Colimenter pitched six strong innings for his career-best 11th win, Mark Trumbo homered and visiting Arizona beat Minnesota to snap a six-game losing streak.

Padres 1, Rockies 0: Eric Stults pitched effectively into the seventh inning and host San Diego won its fifth straight game by beating Colorado.

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Derek Jeter, left, talks with Jim Leyritz, center, and Mike Gallego before a game in 1992 at Yankee Stadium.

# Five passed on 'young colt'

Despite glowing scouting reports, Yankees grabbed Jeter at No. 6

BY RONALD BLUM  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — As a 17-year-old kid from Kalamazoo, Mich., Derek Jeter drew all sorts of raves from scouts.

He was a "young colt" with a "perfect SS [shortstop] body" and was a "top student" who planned to study medicine at the University of Michigan, too. "This guy is special," one big league scout even wrote.

New 40, Jeter is in his last week as a Major League Baseball player, with the New York Yankees unlikely to make the playoffs. A five-time World Series champion and sixth on the MLB career hits list, Jeter is retiring after two decades as the Yankees shortstop.

Five big league teams bypassed Jeter in MLB's amateur draft in 1992 before New York selected him with the No. 6 pick. A year earlier, Yankees scout Dick Grouch spotted Jeter in high school.

"It was one of those serendipitous events," Grouch recalls. "I was going to cover a tournament on the other side of [Michigan], and I knew they were having this talent identification camp at Mount Morris High School, so I stopped just to get a glance as to what was transpiring."

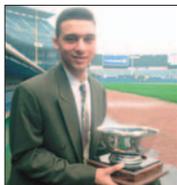
This time, there was something worth seeing. "About 5 or 10 minutes in, he was taking groundballs at the time, and then he did things that caught my eye," Grouch said.

With the short high school season, Jeter didn't play many games during the school year, so Grouch watched him with the Kalamazoo Maroons summer league team. And then an ankle injury early in the season limited his playing time as a senior.

But Jeter already had caught the attention of scouts for many teams, according to reports that later went to the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Cincinnati Reds scout Gene Bennett wrote in April 1992 that Jeter aimed to study medicine at Michigan, adding he "has leadership ability with good makeup" and possessed "skills similar to [Barry] Larkin as high school player."

Larkin, who played college ball at Michigan, became a Hall of Fame player of the year.



MARK LENNIHAN/AP

Fame shortstop with the Reds.

The California Angels' Jon Niederer noticed Jeter was "somewhat thin-chested and 'pointy shouldered,'" saying he had a "good face — very young looking" and was a "top student from a high class family."

Niederer said Jeter had "all the tools to play the game at a high level." He took note of his "very quick hands and feet — so quick they can get him set up to make a play before the ball arrives and he looks out of synch."

Ed Santa of the Colorado Rockies said Jeter had a "perfect SS body" and projected him to have All-Star potential.

"You get excited just watching him warm up," he wrote in May 1992.

Dave Littlefield, who scouted Jeter for the Montreal Expos and went on to become Pittsburgh's general manager, wrote a report that praised Jeter's body type and bode well for future success.

"Hi butt, longish arms & legs, leanish torso," he said. Among his other remarks was the "young colt" description.

"I got most of that right," says Littlefield, who now scouts for the Chicago Cubs. "I wish in retrospect we had picked him."

Jeter says he never really focused on scouts and is pretty sure they first showed up to scout another player on his summer team. Grouch observed Jeter for about a year but tried not to interact with him.

"He always stayed away. He kept his distance," Jeter said.

Grouch was deliberate: "I did not want him to know that I was at the ballpark. I didn't want him to play for me, because I wanted to see how he handled pressure. And every game that he played was the same."

As the draft approached, Yankees director of scouting Bill Livesey made the trip to Michigan to watch him play. But the entire organization avoided contact. Five other teams were ahead of New York.

"We pretty much zeroed in on him, but none of us wanted to get our hopes up," Livesey said. And when Yankees executives met on the day before the draft, there was one last internal hurdle to overcome, late owner George Steinbrenner.

"Mr. Steinbrenner was not real high on taking high school kids, simply because they were too long from the big leagues. So we had to convince him," Livesey says. "He asked me how long it was going to take for him to be in the big leagues. It was a little bit of the fib: I told him four years."

Jeter signed for a \$700,000 bonus, and reached the major leagues within three years.

Grouch says he had a feeling. "He's going to be able to play in the toughest venue in all of athletics, and that's Yankee Stadium," he says. "And this guy, he was going to capture it. This entire city. He was going to capture New York."

# What ovation awaits?

BY BEN WALKER  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Vinny Milano has spent his whole adult life cheering for Derek Jeter, and getting his friends to join him.

Sometime soon, Milano — aka Bald Vinny, the longtime roll-call leader for the renowned Bleacher Creatures — will salute Jeter at the last time at Yankee Stadium. Milano predicts the crescendo will come as the retiring captain steps in for his last at-bat on Thursday in New York's final home game of the season.

"That's when it will be off the hook," Milano said.

So, how long will fans stand to chant that familiar "De-rek Jeter!" refrain? Will it match what Cal Ripken Jr. received on the biggest night of his career, or what Mickey Mantle or Michael Jordan heard at their farewells?

Milano's guess might surprise some.

"I don't think it's going to be an epic ovation," he said. "I don't think it will be some 11-minute ovation. I don't see him taking a victory lap around the stadium. He's always been too cool for school for that."

Just not Jeter's way. Milano was a 19-year-old teenager when Jeter made his big league debut. Now a liquor sales representative, Milano turns 40 on the Thursday, the day the 40-year-old Jeter is set to play his last home game.

"My daughter is 6, my son is 4, they were at the stadium for his 3,000th hit. They've grown up with him," Milano said. "I feel like I have, too."

Going into Jeter's goodbye in the Bronx, here's a look at other recent ovations:

## IT'S TIME TO GO; Sept. 26, 2013

All-time MLB saves leader Mariano Rivera quickly got two outs in the ninth inning of the Yankees' final home game of the season, then a strange sight — longtime teammates Andy Pettitte and Jeter strolling from the dugout to make a pitching change. As Jeter neared the mound, he heard the retiring clutch who no New York fan wanted to hear: "It's time to go." A fearful Rivera hugged both of them and left to an adoring four-minute tribute.

## MI COMES HOME; Jan. 24, 2003

Michael Jordan always could raise the roof in Chicago, even when he was wearing a Wizards jersey. So when he came back to the United Center for his last game, the crowd cheered the 40-year-old Washington star for all those great years with the Bulls. After a starting ovation that lasted more than three minutes, he took a microphone and told the fans, "Thank you all. I love you very much."



## CAL'S VICTORY LAP; Sept. 6, 1995

The night Cal Ripken Jr. broke Lou Gehrig's record by playing in his 2,131st consecutive game, the Iron Man might have set a mark for the longest ovation in sports: 22 minutes, 15 seconds. The Orioles star took eight curtain calls before his Baltimore buddies pushed the reluctant hero back onto the field for his signature moment. President Bill Clinton, former Gehrig teammate Joe DiMaggio and the rest of the crowd at Camden Yards cheered Ripken every step of the way as he circled the ballpark, slapping hands with everyone he could reach, from fans to the grounds crew to security officers to the visiting Angels.

# Sheppard's voice also leaving

BY RONALD BLUM  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — When Derek Jeter plays his final game at Yankee Stadium, Bob Sheppard will exit along with the New York Yankees captain.

Nicknamed "The Voice of God" for his stylish, elegant introductions, Sheppard was the ballpark's public address announcer from April 1951 until Sept. 7, 2007. Before Sheppard took ill, Jeter asked Sheppard to record his introduction, which has been used when the Yankees captain walks to the plate for home games.

"He's as important as any player that's been here. He's part of the experience," Jeter said after

Monday night's win over Baltimore. "Part of the experience of Yankee Stadium is Bob Sheppard's voice."

Sheppard debuted for the Yankees on April 17, 1951, and worked his final game on Sept. 5, 2007. Sheppard died in July 2010.

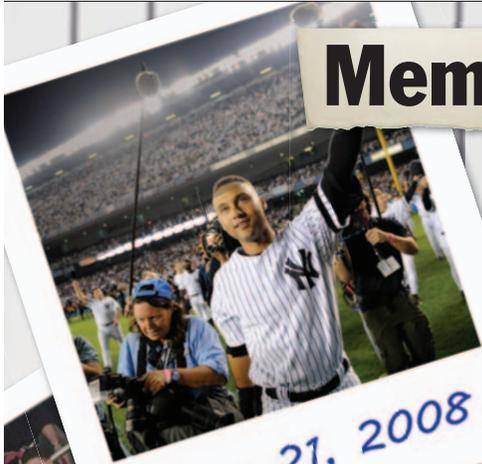
Jeter, the Yankees' 40-year-old captain, is likely to play his final home game Thursday night, since New York probably will miss the playoffs.

He said he went to Sheppard with the idea of the recording.

"That's the only voice I'd heard growing up, and that's the only voice I wanted to hear when I was announced at home," Jeter said. "And fortunately he agreed to do it."

MLB

# Memorable moments



Sept. 27, 2008

**I**nstincts. Anticipation. Effort.

For a Hall of Fame-bound star who authored so many of the most famous moments in recent Major League Baseball history, who shined so bright under an October spotlight, Derek Jeter also was defined by his everyday excellence throughout the summer.

His steady hands at shortstop. The feisty at-bat to spark a rally with an opposite-field single. The multimillion-dollar icon who wouldn't hesitate to bunt.

Now, a look back at some of the highlights from a career nobody will forget (Pictured, counterclockwise from top):

**"The Speech" Sept. 21, 2008:** Admittedly nervous about public speaking when he was young, Jeter takes a microphone and closes the House That Ruth Built with a farewell speech following the final game at the original Yankee Stadium. Playing in their new ballpark the next year, the Yankees win their 27th championship, giving Jeter five World Series rings.



1996

**"A Helping Hand" Oct. 9, 1996:** After hitting a home run in Cleveland on his first opening day en route to rookie of the year honors, Jeter quickly takes center stage in the postseason. In the AL Championship Series opener against Baltimore, he hits an eighth-inning drive to right field at Yankee Stadium. A young fan reaches out and gets his glove on the ball, pulling it over the fence for a tying homer that turns 12-year-old Jeffrey Maier into an instant celebrity. The Orioles are livid, but umpire Rich Garcia does not rule fan interference — this was long before instant replay. New York goes on to win the game and eventually its first World Series title in 18 years.

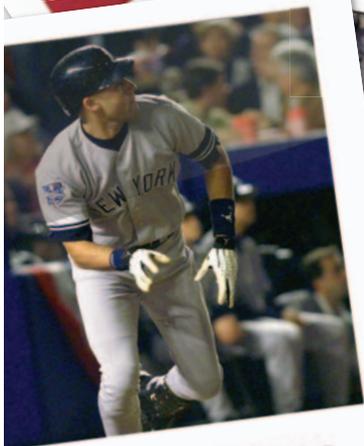
**"Subway Series Surprise" Oct. 25, 2000:** In the first Subway Series since 1956, the New York Mets win Game 3 at Shea Stadium to pull to 2-1 and halt the Yankees' record 14-game winning streak in World Series play. Yankees manager Joe Torre moves Jeter up to the leadoff spot for Game 4, and Jeter stuns everyone with a home run on the first pitch of the night from Bobby Jones. The Yankees go on to win their third consecutive championship and fourth in five years. Jeter is selected World Series MVP to go with his All-Star MVP award earlier that season.

**"Mr. November" Oct. 31 and Nov. 1, 2001:** After the 9/11 attacks push the World Series beyond October for the first time, New York pulls off a pair of incredible comebacks against Arizona on consecutive nights at Yankee Stadium. Jeter finishes the first one with a game-ending homer off Byung-Hyun Kim in the 10th inning, just after midnight on Halloween — earning him the nickname "Mr. November."

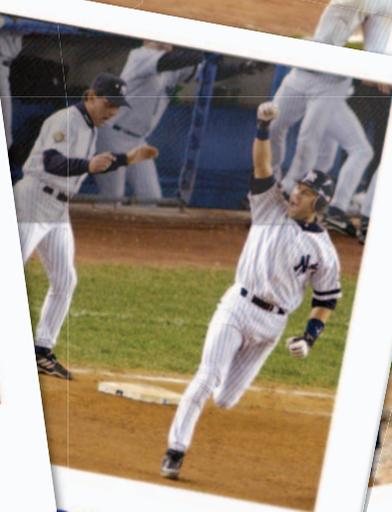
**"No. 3,000" July 9, 2011:** Less than two years after breaking Lou Gehrig's franchise record for hits, Jeter is feeling pressure to get No. 3,000 before the end of New York's homestand. Always with a flair for the dramatic, he reaches the milestone with a home run off Tampa Bay ace David Price, joining Wade Boggs as the only players to homer for their 3,000th hit. Jeter finishes 5-for-5 in the Yankees' victory with a go-ahead single in the eighth inning.

**"The Dive" July 1, 2004:** The score is tied in the top of the 12th inning at Yankee Stadium when Jeter runs down Trot Nixon's pop-up near the left-field line to save two runs. With no way to stop his momentum in time, he dives headlong over a low retaining wall and crashes into the stands. Jeter emerges with the ball, his face badly bruised and bloodied, before heading to a hospital for X-rays. New York rallies in the 13th to complete a three-game sweep of rival Boston, and Jeter is back at shortstop the next night. The courageous play comes just more than a year after Jeter is appointed the 11th captain in Yankees history.

The Associated Press; AP Photos



Oct. 25, 2000



Sept. 27, 2008



July 9, 2011

# SPORTS



Bears hold off rally for victory over Jets

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Time to say

# GOODBYE

After an illustrious 20-year career that has included five World Series rings and more than 3,000 hits, Yankees shortstop and future Hall of Famer Derek Jeter will play his final home game on Thursday.

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