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A cloud of dust rolls over Forward Operating Base Shank in Logar province, Afghanistan. Shank was the latest American base to close in eastern Afghanistan.

Syrians to be trained to defend territory, not take ground from jihadists

By **RAJIV CHANDRASEKARAN**
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Syrian opposition force to be recruited by the U.S. military and its coalition partners will be trained to defend territory, rather than to seize it back from the Islamic

State, according to senior U.S. and allied officials, some of whom are concerned that the approach is flawed.

Although moderate Syrian fighters are deemed essential to defeating the Islamic State under the Obama administration's strat-

egy, officials do not believe the newly assembled units will be capable of capturing key towns from militants without the help of forward-deployed U.S. combat teams, which President Barack Obama has so far ruled out. The Syrian rebel force will be tasked

instead with trying to prevent the Islamic State from extending its reach beyond the large stretches of territory it already controls.

"We have a big disconnect within our strategy. We need a credible, moderate Syrian force, but we have not been willing to commit

what it takes to build that force," said a senior U.S. official involved in Syria and Iraq operations who, like others cited in this report, spoke on the condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the training program.

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"You want toxic? I'll show you toxic."

— Lt. Col. Tammy Baugh, to soldiers in the 1st Battalion of the 25th Aviation Regiment, according to an Army report. One captain told investigators her style was toxic and promoted contention in the unit.

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Syrians: US does not want to be pulled into drawn-out war

FROM FRONT PAGE

Military commanders are reluctant to push Syrian fighters into full-scale battles with well-armed militants if they cannot summon close air support and medical evacuations, mindful of how fledgling forces in Iraq and Afghanistan crumbled without that assistance during the early years of those nations. But U.S. military aircraft cannot provide that aid without American or allied troops in close proximity to provide accurate targeting information on secure radio channels.

Military officials also want U.S. and allied special operations troops to advise opposition forces if those forces are thrust into combat, helping them to fight effectively and reducing the chances that the new units will disintegrate in the heat of battle.

"You cannot field an effective force if you're not on the ground to advise and assist them," said a senior U.S. military officer with extensive experience in training the Iraqi and Afghan militaries.

Obama's unwillingness to deploy ground combat forces is rooted in concern that American troops would be drawn into a long, bloody war in the Middle East.

In announcing the campaign to confront the Islamic State, the president said the United States would "strengthen the opposition as the best counterweight to extremists." The Pentagon subsequently announced that the U.S. military would seek to train as many as 5,000 Syrian fighters a year, aiming to build what Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel called an "effective opposition force, not just a hit-and-run group of rebels."

The Obama administration's plan calls for U.S. Special Operations troops to recruit moderate Syrian opponents of the Islamic State from refugee communities in Jordan, Turkey and other nations. They will be flown to Saudi Arabia, trained for about eight weeks, and then sent into the small enclaves of Syria already controlled by the Free Syrian Army and other moderate opponents of the Islamic State. The first units are expected to be deployed in roughly six months.

"The plan is for us to safeguard cleared areas," said a senior official of an Arab nation that

US: Black market oil sales boost militants

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Islamic State militants are amassing wealth at an unprecedented pace, earning about \$1 million a day from black market oil sales alone, a U.S. Treasury Department official said Thursday.

David Cohen, who leads the department's effort to undermine the Islamic State's finances, said the extremists also get several million dollars a month from wealthy donors, extortion rackets and other criminal activities, such as robbing banks. In addition, he said the group has taken in at least \$20 million in ransom payments this year from kidnappings.

"With the important exception of some state-sponsored terrorist organizations, IS is probably the best-funded terrorist organization we have confronted," Cohen,



Cohen

undersecretary for terrorism and financial intelligence, said in a speech at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in Washington. "It has amassed wealth at an unprecedented pace."

The group, which extracts oil from territory it has captured across Syria and Iraq, wants to create a caliphate, or Islamic empire, in the Middle East. Led by Iraqi militant Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, the Islamic State initially tried to oust Syrian President Bashar Assad, but other groups, including al-Qaida central com-

mand, turned against the group because of its brutality.

Unlike the core al-Qaida terrorist network, the Islamic State group gets only a small share of funding from deep-pocket donors and therefore does not depend primarily on moving money across international borders. Instead, the Islamic State group obtains the majority of its revenues through local criminal and terrorist activities, Cohen said, acknowledging that Treasury's tools are not particularly well-suited to combating extortion and local crime.

In the Iraqi city of Mosul, Islamic State terrorists are reportedly going door-to-door, business-to-business, demanding cash at gunpoint, he said. Cohen noted that U.S.-led airstrikes on oil refineries are threatening the militants' supply networks.

is part of the U.S.-led coalition and who has been briefed on the training program. "They will end up being a defensive force more than an offensive force."

Lt. Gen. William Mayville, the director of operations for the Pentagon's Joint Staff, said the opposition fighters would receive "basic training to secure their villages." The force, he said, "will have some effect," but he acknowledged that the fighters "won't have the decisive effect" in the battle against the Islamic State.

A defensive opposition force also could allow President Bashar Assad's government to regain territory it has lost to the Islamic State, which has been pummeled — but remains far from defeated — by hundreds of U.S. and coalition airstrikes over the past month.

The administration has made little secret of the fact that reversing Islamic State gains in Iraq is the primary goal of its military strategy in the region. Airstrikes in Syria, senior administration officials have said, are not designed to push out the militants but to destroy the infrastructure, sources of revenue and command structure that have enabled them to operate successfully in Iraq.

Those officials maintain that it is premature to focus on the question of whether U.S. advisers should deploy with the new Syrian force. A more pressing concern, they contend, is the challenge of recruiting willing, competent fighters from Syrian refugee communities. U.S. officials do not want to pull away members of the Free Syrian Army who already are fighting in Syria, but they worry that many of those who have fled the country as refugees may not want to return to their war-ravaged homeland.

The officials said they intend for U.S. troops to use the basic training sessions, which will focus on unit discipline and elementary combat skills, to identify promising candidates for more advanced courses. Those individuals could be schooled to engage in more offensive missions.

"We will evolve and learn as the program proceeds," said a senior Defense Department official. For now, the official said, "there is an enormous focus on building leadership structure."

The first phase, Mayville said, "is identify and vet them, create a relationship and give them basic training." Then, he said, they will "go back and protect their communities."

Thus far, senior military leaders have concurred in public with Obama's decision not to send ground combat troops to Syria and Iraq, but the country's top military officer, Gen. Martin Dempsey, has said that if he determines that it is necessary for U.S. advisers to accompany local forces on attacks against Islamic State targets, he would make such a recommendation to the president.

Administration officials say technological advancements will allow the U.S. military to provide a degree of air support to Syrian forces without having to stand shoulder to shoulder with them. They note that in Iraq, U.S. commanders recently employed surveillance aircraft, including drones, to identify Islamic State militants near the Mosul Dam, striking them in proximity to Kurdish forces.

But military officials regard those Kurdish forces as far more seasoned than the newly assembled Syrian fighters will be. "This isn't just about coordinating airstrikes," the senior military officer said. "It's about keeping up morale, attending to injuries, ensuring order within the ranks. You can't do that from afar."



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Packing up

No fond farewell for 82nd paratroops in Afghanistan

By JAD SLEIMAN
Stars and Stripes

FORWARD OPERATING BASE SHANK, Afghanistan — American paratroops from the 82nd Airborne Division have spent the last seven months closing down bases in eastern Afghanistan.

At every base, the Taliban have been eager to send them out with a bang. Literally.

Soldiers of Company C, 1st Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment are members of the last American battalion conducting full-spectrum combat operations in Afghanistan as the U.S. military prepares to pull its combat troops out of the country by the end of the year. Throughout the deployment, they've come face to face with an increasingly bold Taliban that threaten both departing Americans and the Afghan forces they leave behind.

"Fundamentally — as in Iraq — the U.S. is leaving behind an extremely fragile situation, which will be vulnerable to Taliban inroads in precisely the same places that were hard-fought when the U.S. troops were present," said Sarah Chayes, a South Asia expert and senior associate with the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in Washington.

Such vulnerability first became evident in the southern province of Helmand last year. The longtime Taliban stronghold, which produces most of the nation's opium, saw a dramatic increase of Taliban activity after international forces began leaving near

the start of this year's spring fighting season.

It's a common tactic of the insurgents.

"The Taliban want to appear to be driving the U.S. out," said Anthony Cordesman, a strategy expert with the Washington-based Center for Strategic and International Studies. "They're playing to local tribes, and if local tribes can attack the U.S. as it withdraws ... it strengthens the Taliban image but it gives a broader picture that the government is weak and that they can't hold the territory. It sets the precedent for [next year's fighting] campaign."

Eastern Afghanistan presents its own challenges, with various Taliban-affiliated groups massing in the hundreds to attack the Afghan military.

"It's a more confusing [mixture] of insurgent groups," said Graeme Smith, a senior analyst with International Crisis Group in Kabul. "Every week, I feel like we hear a name of some different insurgent group that's supposedly popping up or operating there."

The fragmentation, coupled with increased influence and support from sections of the insurgency next door in Pakistan, complicates Afghan government efforts to reach a political solution to the Taliban influence, Smith said.

The Taliban have continuously insisted that all U.S. and NATO forces — whom they regard as foreign occupiers — must leave the country before they consider participating in the political process. The insurgents have vowed to continue fighting if any foreign advisers remain in Afghanistan after the withdrawal of coalition combat troops.

Still waging war

While much of the focus of U.S. military action in Afghanistan has been on the withdrawal of combat troops, units like the 1-504 must keep their



Spc. Cameron Rylander points to a gravel field from which rocket attacks against Forward Operating Base Shank were launched the previous night.

minds on the war going on in front of them. They have seen these insurgents in action across the region, at times in the form of mild harassing fire, at other times in brazen attacks more commonplace in the 13-year war's past.

The battalion has lost two soldiers in combat: Sgt. 1st Class Samuel C. Hairston and Spc. Brian K. Arsenault. Both were killed while the battalion was trying to shut down a base in Ghazni.

Success at Ghazni was measured by the unit's ability to keep the Taliban at least 6 miles from the base, which is about the maximum range of most indirect-fire weapons, said Capt. Nathaniel Dams, Company C commander.

The paratroops say the tail end of that mission was the most dangerous, with near-daily firefights and multiple calls for close air support.

"We took contact from pretty much every cardinal direction," said Spc. Cody Garecht, referring to a September battle during which twin A-10 gunships came to the soldiers' aid.

As fires controller, it's Garecht's job to call in such airstrikes.

At least a handful of the bombs dropped by coalition forces in August — the most dropped in any single month in the past two years — were in support of the paratroops.

The Taliban, the paratroopers say, perhaps sensed the Americans were on their way out. Their increasingly bold attacks culminated the very day the paratroop-

ers were leaving the FOB. It was a scenario almost unheard of this late in the war: a ground attack on an American base.

"When our [entrance] got attacked I think the Taliban were under the impression that we had already gone," said Garecht. "A lot of local nationals were trying to come in because they thought we were gone and then all of a sudden we got attacked the same day."

Also that same day, Sept. 4, the Taliban launched a complex attack against an Afghan intelligence headquarters in nearby Ghazni City, detonating two massive suicide truck bombs. Fighters struck breaches created by the blasts. Local news reported 14 Afghan security personnel and 19 Taliban fighters were killed and 154 people were wounded.

Shank was quieter, but far from peaceful. It was the soldiers' last stop — the base was transferred to the ANA on Thursday — and still the Taliban continued to attack during their stay.

"Incoming! Incoming! Incoming!" an automated voice belloved early this month across the largely empty FOB. A deep boom followed, briefly shaking the barracks. It was yet another rocket attack at the base that earned the ominous nickname "Rocket City."

No one was hurt. Nothing was hit. The 82nd's paratroopers, however, recognized remaining danger, and pushed out to the surrounding countryside on a daily basis to stem the attacks. They did so on foot because the stubborn IED threat surrounding the base claimed two vehicles at the start of their mission.

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Spc. Derrick Slayton provides security during an Oct. 5 patrol outside Forward Operating Base Shank in eastern Afghanistan. Slayton and the other soldiers of Company C, 1st Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, are tasked with boosting up security around the FOB ahead of its pending closure.

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MILITARY

Nimitz to test F-35 before undergoing maintenance

By JENNIFER HLAJ
Stars and Stripes

ABOARD THE USS NIMITZ — Before the Navy's oldest aircraft carrier docks for a 16-month maintenance period, it's helping other ships get ready for deployment, and next month, will host the first landing of the F-35C on a carrier.

The Marine version of the Joint Strike Fighter, the short-takeoff, vertical-landing F-35B, has made successful landings aboard ships at sea. But the Navy's version, the F-35C, which is designed to land on carriers, has not — in part because of problems with the tail hook.

The landing test will take place on the Nimitz after the conclusion of the current task group exercise, which began Monday off San Diego and includes U.S. guided missile cruisers and guided missile destroyers as well as four Canadian ships and a Yokosuka-based Japanese ship.

The Nimitz returned from a nearly 10-month deployment in December 2013 and is slated for dry dock starting in January. Still, the ship's captain said the exercise is a good opportunity for veterans to pass on their knowledge to some of the newer sailors, and for the crew to practice skills now since their training cycle before their next deployment is likely to be compressed.



JENNIFER HLAJ/Stars and Stripes

Sailors aboard the USS Nimitz prepare to attach a fuel tank onto an F/A-18 Super Hornet on Wednesday during a task group exercise taking place off the coast of San Diego.

"We get a lot out of this," said the Nimitz commander, Capt. John Ring.

Though U.S. forces frequently partner with Canadian and Japanese forces, it's "pretty special" to be able to work with both at once, he said.

Ring said he is happy to be able to help the other ships train and get certified, because while simulation training is important, "Murphy gets a vote, too, and Murphy doesn't often show his face until you're doing it for real."

Rear Adm. Joe Kuzmick, commander of Carrier Strike Group 15, said involving other countries and a carrier makes the training more robust and realistic — and everyone benefits.

"Just working together is very helpful," he said.

Lt. Vince Pellerin, a Canadian liaison officer, said the exercise

gives the Canadian ships an opportunity to practice a wide range of skills and to work with an aircraft carrier, which the Canadian Navy does not have. One of their ships also is getting ready to deploy, he said.

Lt. Cmdr. Kohei Sueki, a Japanese liaison officer, said the primary goal of the Japanese sailors is to improve their tactical skills. However, they also hope to enhance their ability to operate with U.S. and Canadian forces; the language barrier and linking communication systems make that communication difficult, he said, but it's "a very good challenge."

Sueki said he also welcomed the rare chance to sail to San Diego, noting that he had enjoyed "Taco Tuesday" and a hamburger Wednesday aboard the Nimitz.

"I like America," he said.

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Top admiral says long deployments aren't sustainable

By BROCK VERGAKIS
The Associated Press

NORFOLK, Va. — The Navy's top admiral told sailors on Wednesday that eight-month deployments are no longer sustainable and that he had a plan to make seven-month cruises the standard.

Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Jonathan Greenert made the comments during an all-hands call aboard the USS Kearsarge at Naval Station Norfolk. The amphibious assault ship returned from an eight-month deployment in November.

In recent years, eight- and nine-month deployments have become commonplace, placing a strain on sailors and their families back home.

"We cannot do eight-month deployments over and over and over again and it's very regrettable you had that. We have a plan in place that we have to just buckle down and carry out and it starts with maintenance," Greenert said.

Greenert said the lengthy deployments became necessary due to operational needs and because of automatic spending cuts known as sequestration.

"A big part of our problem

today and why we have long deployments is we had furloughs, we had continuing resolutions and we had sequestration and we shut down. We weren't authorized overtime and we weren't authorized hiring," Greenert told reporters. "That's all been reconciled. We don't want to go back there. We don't want to have sequestration again because this is one of those outcomes, and it has a cascading effect that goes on for 18, 24 months."

He said the spending cuts resulted in delayed maintenance on ships, which meant that it took longer for ships to be ready to go on deployments and relieve those already out at sea.

"When we were not getting the maintenance done, somebody was out there still standing watch and then people were late coming up on maintenance," he said. "We should be caught up this year."

Greenert said deployments for the current fiscal year will still reach eight and nine months, but those in the 2016 fiscal year should be back to seven months. This fall, the Navy began paying sailors extra when their deployments exceed 220 consecutive days.

Shot: More than 800 bases have been turned over to Afghans or closed

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Years ago, with more resources, the trucks could have been replaced. It's a luxury removed at the American-designated twilight of the war.

"You really can't sit idle if you want to effectively do the things you need to do to set the conditions for that final footprint on the FOB," Dams said. "You have to create a buffer because you can't always be worrying about sucking down rounds that disrupt your operations. Basically, buying time is what you're doing."

Shank has become the latest American base to shutter in the east — leaving the security of the province resting squarely on the shoulders of the Afghan National Army.

U.S. military officials declined to provide your racial numbers in the east, citing security concerns. They confirmed that as of Oct. 1, only 30 American bases remain nationwide after the transfer to the Afghans or

complete closure of more than 800.

Afghans taking control

Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Sapp, one of Company C's platoon commanders, is on his sixth deployment to Afghanistan in the past nine years. In that time, he said, he's watched Afghanistan's security forces evolve from inauspicious beginnings into a real army.

The coalition participation in the fighting isn't what it was during his past deployments, he said: not as constant nor as intense.

"We've helped where we can, we're here to help, but it's ultimately their country and they have to do their part," he said. "I think all their training is starting to pay off; you see it here and there. They have the tools, now it's up to them. I think they can be successful."

Success may come at a cost too great for

the nascent Afghan force, however. Afghan National Army officials recently told The Associated Press their combat deaths during this year's fighting season have jumped 30 percent over last year.

Nationwide, the violence of this year's fighting season is on track to eclipse the record violence seen during the 2011 American surge, according to statistics compiled by Smith and other analysts.

In the coming months, as the temperature drops and snow begins to clog mountain passes, fighting will likely slow to a crawl. Afghan forces will face their greatest test next spring, when they'll have to make peace with the Taliban or defeat them without the help of American combat troops.

U.S. military officials have tried to put a positive spin on the decreasing number of Afghan soldiers who have been killed or wounded: At least the Afghan forces are willing to fight, even if many die in the

process.

But Cordesman gets a different impression from the numbers.

"There's a tendency to confuse casualties for success," he said, adding that, in his estimation, the ANA is still years away from real competency.

Since the number of U.S. advisers in Afghanistan is expected to be cut in half by the end of next year, Cordesman said, he expects significant ANA losses and reversals during next year's fighting season.

And the years of military-to-military hand-holding between coalition forces and the ANA can't make up for a dysfunctional central government, Chayes said, which is a major stumbling block to lasting security.

"Nothing changed in the underlying dynamics to ensure that the gains from the 2009-2010 surge would be maintained," she said.

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Vehicle shipping deal reached

Dispute had threatened an already beleaguered system

By TRAVIS J. TRITTEN

Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The military's troubled system for shipping privately owned vehicles appears to have dodged a major breakdown Wednesday after a dispute was settled by the main contractor and a subcontractor responsible for overseas transport.

International Auto Logistics, which took over the vehicle shipping earlier this year, reached an agreement in Georgia court with Liberty Global Logistics after the subcontractor threatened to walk away last week over not being paid millions of dollars, according to a document obtained by Stars and Stripes.

The disagreement had threatened to shut down all shipment of private vehicles to military stations in Europe and was the latest bump in a contract that has angered thousands of servicemembers and drew fire from Congress due to long delays, vehicle tracking problems and customs paperwork snafus. The terms of the agreement were not immediately disclosed by attorneys on either side of the case.

Last week, the subcontractor

notified IAL that it was going to quit the contract, after complaining that the company had taken out an \$8 million line of credit and had been late paying back \$3 million.

"LGL's Friday night letter promises nothing less than an intent to stop the Department of Defense's global operation to move the privately owned vehicles of its servicemen and women who are being transferred to and from their overseas duty stations," according to the International complaint.

International appealed to a federal judge who issued an injunction over the weekend stopping LGL from walking off the job Monday morning.

The two companies were set to appear before a Georgia federal court Thursday for a hearing on the dispute but that was canceled after they jointly filed a notice of the agreement. Both must appear in court in early November to ensure the pact is holding.

As the subcontractor crisis receded, questions over the IAL contract remained. Sen. Mark Warner, D-Va., said this week that the subcontractor dispute raised more questions over whether the company can do the job. He told

the DOD this week that it should consider terminating the contract if performance does not improve. Warner and Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., have said IAL now appears to be bungling customs paperwork, creating new problems for troops waiting on vehicles.

In August, the DOD sent out an emergency task force to help the company fix its foundering delivery system after months of complaints and found that it was not properly tracking vehicles sent by ship. The department said chronic delays were also due to the high number of military vehicles shipped during the summer as well as a lawsuit with the prior contractor that delayed IAL's takeover.

U.S. Transportation Command, which oversees the contractor for the DOD, told Stars and Stripes this month that service is improving but declined to provide statistics on vehicles.

Meanwhile, complaints over delays continue and a Facebook page for frustrated customers has more than 4,800 members, with hundreds currently active, according to a page founder.

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'Black Hawk Down' vet Gallagher is dead at 52

Stars and Stripes

Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Robert Gallagher, who parachuted into Panama during Operation Just Cause, served as a platoon sergeant with Task Force Ranger in the Somalia battle known as "Black Hawk Down" and fought his way into Baghdad in 2003, was found dead in his Georgia home Oct. 13 of natural causes. He was 52 years old.



Gallagher

The 3rd Infantry Division announced his death on Facebook. According to the 3rd ID, Gallagher was the 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment command sergeant major during Operation Iraqi Freedom I.

During the initial invasion, he was injured and continued to engage the enemy while a soldier rendered first aid on his leg.

He had a distinguished

career, earning two Purple Hearts, a Silver Star, a Bronze Star, a Bronze Star with "V" device and numerous other awards, medals and achievements, 3rd ID wrote on Facebook.

Gallagher was born in Bayonne, N.J., in 1962. He joined the U.S. Army in 1981 and retired in 2013, according to an online obituary hosted by the Richmond Hill Funeral Home.

Burial will be held in Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors at a later date, according to the obituary.

Gallagher joined the U.S. Army Wounded Warrior Program as the new sergeant major in late 2009. In an interview with the organization's AW2 blog, Gallagher recalled his most memorable moments: "[T]he combat parachute assault from 500 feet into Panama is something you never forget — especially while under fire."

And remembering both gallantry and loss, he said, "The best day and the worst day of my life was when I served in Mogadishu, Somalia, on Oct. 3, 1993, as a part of Task Force Ranger."

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Slim chance Congress can stop higher RX co-pays

By Tom Philpott

When Congress reconvenes Nov. 12, opponents of billions of dollars in military compensation "reforms" sought by President Barack Obama and the Joint Chiefs of Staff will have one final and narrow opportunity to derail the plans.

Three significant compensation changes still alive on Capitol Hill are:

- A second consecutive 1-percent cap on the January military pay raise.

- A string of annual increases in prescription drug co-payments for retirees who use retail pharmacies or Tricare mail order, which would begin next year.

- Higher out-of-pocket rental costs to be paid by a million servicemembers who draw stateside Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH).

The Senate Armed Services Committee's version of the fiscal 2015 defense authorization bill would allow all three, having accepted the case of military leaders that compensation must be slowed to sustain readiness amid shrinking budgets.

The House-passed bill declines to endorse these changes. However, the House left itself in a weak position to stave off the pay curbs by also declining to identify defense budget cuts elsewhere to replace hefty savings tied to raising drug co-pays and slowing BAH increases over the next several years.

As a result, House-Senate conferees tasked with negotiating a final defense bill likely face the choice of accepting compensation curbs in the Senate bill or cutting force readiness more directly by slashing training, tying up ships, grounding aircraft or making deeper force cuts. Hill sources suggest.

Only fast-spending readiness accounts like these could produce equivalent savings to pay curbs.

Still, the Military Coalition, a consortium of 32 associations and veterans' groups, is pressing to block the compensation curbs whatever the odds of success.

In a letter this month to retiring Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., chairman of the committee, and Sen. James Inhofe, R-Okla., its ranking member, the coalition urges repeal of additional defense spending cuts called for under the 2011 Budget Control

Act (BCA) with its indiscriminate deficit-reduction tool called sequestration.

The BCA, it argues, has created a "benefits versus bullets" debate that puts readiness at risk. "Funding is needed for both — not one over the other."

Meanwhile, on the coalition's behalf, Military Officers Association of America found "champions" to introduce amendments to the Senate bill (S. 2410) during floor debate.

Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., wants the pay cap replaced with a raise to match private sector wage growth. North Carolina Democrat Sen. Kay Hagan's amendment would block the planned pharmacy co-pays. Mark Begich, D-Alaska, is seeking to remove bill language that would dampen BAH increases through 2017.

But this year, like last year, the Senate might not debate a defense bill if leaders decide there isn't time to sort through amendments, debate them for a week or longer, hold a full Senate vote, appoint conferees to iron out differences with the House and then pass a compromise bill through both chambers.

That is still Levin's desire for the last defense bill he will shepherd through the Senate. But Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid is just as likely to decide there aren't enough days left in a lame-duck Congress to allow regular order.

Last year when pressed for time, the Senate never debated the defense bill cleared by the armed services committee.

Instead, key senators and staff met informally with House counterparts, and negotiated away differences between the Senate committee bill and the House-passed bill.

The result was a new bill that quickly cleared the House and then the Senate with no debating final details.

If that happens this year, it would scuttle the coalition's plan to force senators to accept or reject the three popular amendments from its champions.

"It is an uphill battle," retired Air Force Col. Mike Hayden, MOAA's director of government relations, acknowledged.

At least the coalition's letter, he said, reminds senators that a high-profile commission has been studying compensation is-

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sues for a year, and is due to report its findings by February.

Here are more details on compensation changes in the Senate bill, along with new estimates on savings if enacted, as prepared by Congressional Budget Office:

PAY CAP — Capping the Jan. 1 military raise at 1 percent, versus 1.8 to match private sector wage growth, and denying any raise to flag and general officers, would save the department \$588 million in 2015 and \$3.9 billion through 2019.

RETIREE COLA SET — Military and federal civilian retirees, survivor benefit annuitants, disabled veterans and Social Security recipients will see a 1.7 percent cost-of-living adjustment in January.

The yearly COLA on federal benefits is based on inflation as measured by the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W). The COLA reflects changes in average prices for a market basket of goods and services from the third quarter of 2013 to the third quarter this year.

DAMPENING BAH — Basic Allowance for Housing rates are adjusted annually to keep

pace with average local rents for types of housing deemed appropriate based for pay grade and marital status. The Senate bill would dampen BAH increases for three years until rates cover 95 percent, not 100 percent, of average local rents.

Also, monthly BAH no longer would include the average cost of renter's insurance.

These changes would trim program costs by \$4 billion through 2019.

HIGHER RX CO-PAYS — Prescriptions filled on base would remain free but co-pays at retail outlets and mail order would increase, most sharply for brand-name medicines. The changes largely would impact retirees and their families.

The \$17 co-pay at retail for brand-name drugs on the military's formulary would jump to \$26 initially and see annual increases until reaching \$45 by 2024.

The \$5 co-pay for generic drugs at retail would increase by \$1 a year until 2024.

The co-pay of \$13 for mail-order brand-name drugs on formulary would double to \$26 next year and reach \$45 by 2024. Generic drugs would be free if filled by mail until 2019, then a \$9-co-pay would be charged for a 90-day supply.

Drugs not on the formulary cost \$44 to fill at retail pharmacies.

Under the Senate bill, non-formulary drugs would only be

available by mail order or on base, not at retail outlets, starting next year.

The \$41 mail order co-pay for a three-month supply would jump to \$51 and increase annually to reach \$90 by 2024.

Last March, Tricare began requiring older beneficiaries to get all maintenance medicines for chronic conditions by mail or on base, for at least a year.

The Senate bill would make this requirement permanent and expand it to impact all retirees and their family members, regardless of age.

Exempted from higher co-pays would be members medically retired, spouses of members who die on active duty and family members of both groups.

The higher co-pays would save the Defense health program \$1.5 billion in direct costs by 2019 and \$3 billion more in accrual payments into a fund set up to cover health costs of military retirees also eligible for Medicare.

The cost estimates, CBO says, take into account that higher co-pays also will cause some beneficiaries to stop taking medicine, resulting in more clinic visits and hospitalizations.

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MILITARY

'Toxic' leader at Fort Carson is back on the job

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

The commander of a Fort Carson helicopter battalion objected when subordinates talked about a toxic command climate, according to documents obtained by The Gazette.

"You want toxic? I'll show you toxic," Lt. Col. Tammy Baugh allegedly told soldiers in the 1st Battalion of the 25th Aviation Regiment, documents said.

A 263-page Army investigation report released under the Freedom of Information Act portrays Baugh as a foul-mouthed boss who belittled soldiers, threw things during a meeting and sometimes stormed out of battalion gatherings.

Baugh and the battalion's command sergeant major were temporarily relieved in July, but later placed back in command despite the scathing report.

"Too many soldiers and leaders in the battalion, across all ranks, have been negatively impacted by her belittling, disrespectful and caustic interaction, and the results of that interaction have been detrimental to morale, effectiveness and climate of the organization and the morale and well-being of soldiers," the report says.

After complaints reached Fort Carson commanders, the investigation was ordered July 3 and Col. William McDonough was appointed to assess Baugh, Command Sgt. Maj. Derrick Merriwether and the command climate of the battalion.

Dozens of soldiers were interviewed, with most calling the climate bad, or worse.

Baugh told investigators she was misunderstood.

"My passion can sometimes be confused with anger," she wrote.

An 18-year veteran, Baugh earned the Bronze Star Medal during Iraq and Afghanistan deployments and was rated as a senior aviator in the Apache attack helicopters used by the battalion.

Frustration, confusion

Investigators found a climate of frustration and, to some degree, confusion in the battalion. One issue raised is the tangled chain of command above the battalion. The unit is technically part of the Hawaii-based 25th Infantry Division and falls under a brigade commander there. It also works closely with Fort Carson leaders and falls under the post's chain of command for issues including discipline.

In her statement, Baugh complained about her staff and said that her unit has consistently had

too few soldiers — with manning topping out at 86 percent.

"This not only generates stress, but has a negative impact on standards," she wrote.

Baugh's troops, though, say their commander was often near the boiling point.

"Her command style is toxic and it bleeds from the highest-ranking to the lowest, promoting contention among all members of the unit," a captain whose name was redacted from documents wrote in a statement to investigators.

Investigators found that Baugh erupted during meetings.

"She did, in fact, throw a flight schedule at an officer and she does abruptly leave meetings when she is not pleased," the report said.

Baugh's use of foul language was repeatedly documented in the report. The colonel confessed to using dirty words, but said they were never directed at any soldier in particular.

More than 70 percent of the soldiers interviewed by investigators reported that Baugh routinely left meetings when she was unhappy.

Poor command climate

In his report, McDonough said Baugh failed to treat soldiers with "dignity and respect." The report blames Baugh for fostering a poor command climate and chastises Merriwether for failing to confront the colonel on the issues.

In a rare step, McDonough pledged to weed out toxic leaders who bring down morale and don't meet character standards.

Fort Carson confirmed that Baugh returned to command, but didn't respond to questions on what steps were taken to change the command climate in her battalion.

"Findings are approved, recommendations will be taken under advisement," LaCamera wrote in response to the report.

A claim of toxic leadership in the Army can be a career-killer. Chief of Staff Gen. Ray Odierno in 2013 pledged to weed out toxic leaders who bring down morale and don't meet character standards.

"The suspension imposed on the leadership has been lifted and both have resumed command responsibilities," Fort Carson said in a statement Tuesday. "Neither the commander nor the command sergeant major are facing any disciplinary action and have been cleared of any wrong doing."

In her statement, Baugh said her critics are slanders.

"It seems that those who cannot meet the standard have the loudest voice," she wrote.



Meredith Tibbitts/Stars and Stripes

Honoring JFK

Secretary of the Army John McHugh, Brig. Gen. Darsie Rogers and William Kennedy Smith, the nephew of President John F. Kennedy, take part in a wreath-laying ceremony Tuesday at Arlington National Cemetery honoring the late president's support of the Green Berets.

To see video coverage of the ceremony, go to: stripes.com/go/greenberets

Mum's the word on SEALs during trial

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Witnesses, attorneys and even the judge took special care not to let the phrase "Navy SEALs" pass their lips during a federal criminal trial in Alexandria this week, further cloaking an already mysterious case involving the purchase of hundreds of unmarked rifle silencers for the military.

Instead, people involved in the trial referred obliquely to "the program," "operators" and "other entities in the government" when discussing who might have wanted to use the silencers, acquired through a classified Navy contract.

On Wednesday, a key defense witness was interrupted almost

immediately after he introduced himself as the weapons accessory manager for the Naval Special Warfare Command — which oversees the Navy's commando units, including the furtive SEALs. The case centers on charges that a civilian Navy intelligence official, Lee Hall, conspired to steer a hugely profitable \$1.6 million contract to a recently bankrupt California auto mechanic to make 349 silencers.

The devices were designed to fit AK-47-style automatic rifles — not standard U.S. military weapons — and lacked any markings or serial numbers. Closing arguments were made Thursday, and U.S. District Judge Leonie Brinkema said she will render a verdict in the coming days.

The mechanic, Mark Landersman, is the brother of Hall's boss at the Pentagon. According to testimony and records in the case, he spent less than \$10,000 in parts and labor to manufacture the batch of silencers. The prosecution claims the silencers were unnecessary.

According to one document filed last year by prosecutors, Hall told a government witness during a recorded phone call that the silencers were designed for the Naval Special Warfare Development Group — the formal name for SEAL Team 6 that killed Osama bin Laden.

In later filings, prosecutors scrubbed all references to SEAL Team 6.



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EBOLA OUTBREAK

US set to track travelers from Ebola nations

By **MIKE STOBBE**
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Federal officials working to keep Ebola from spreading into the U.S. have ordered that all travelers who come into the U.S. from three Ebola-stricken West African nations now be monitored for three weeks.

Starting on Monday, anyone traveling from Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone will have to report in with health officials daily and take their temperature twice a day.

The measure applies not only to visitors from those countries but also returning American aid workers, federal health employees and journalists.

‘We have to keep our guard up,’
Tom Frieden
CDC director

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced the new step Wednesday.

The virus has killed more than 4,800 people in

West Africa, nearly all in Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea.

CDC Director Tom Frieden said monitoring will provide an extra level of safety. Passengers already get screened and temperature checks before they leave West Africa and again when they arrive in the United States.

“We have to keep our guard up,” Frieden told reporters on a conference call.

The Obama administration has resisted increasing pressure to turn away any visitors from the three countries at the center of the Ebola outbreak, especially after a Liberian visitor to Dallas came down with the infectious disease days after he arrived and later died. Instead, passenger screening was put in place at 5 key U.S. airports. That was tightened Tuesday to funnel everyone coming from those countries through those airports so all are checked.

The monitoring program will start in six states — New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, New Jersey and Georgia — the destination for the bulk of the travelers from the outbreak region. It will later extend to other states.

Each passenger will be required to provide contact information for themselves as well as a friend or relative. They will be instructed to check for a fever twice a day and report their temperature and any symptoms to health officials daily for 21 days.

How the checks are done — in person, by phone or Skype — will

be decided by the states, Frieden said. If a traveler does not report in, public health officials can track them down. How far they can go to get them to cooperate is up to those officials, CDC officials said.

They will also receive “CARE” kits — the name stands for Check and Report Ebola. The kits include a thermometer and instructions on what to do if symptoms occur. Also included is a card to present to health care providers if they seek care.

CDC already was telling its own employees and other health professionals returning from the outbreak zone to monitor their temperature. It can take up to 21 days to develop symptoms, which include fever, headache, muscle aches, vomiting and diarrhea.

Earlier this year, roughly 150 travelers to the U.S. each day were from the three countries. But it appears there are far fewer now — there are no direct flights and flights to the area have been curtailed. New York’s Kennedy airport — which handles the most traffic — has averaged 34 a day since screening began Oct. 11.

The other airports are Washington’s Dulles, Newark’s Liberty, Chicago’s O’Hare and Atlanta’s Hartsfield-Jackson. While a few of the people screened thus far have been taken to the hospital, none had the infectious disease.

According to an Associated Press-GfK poll released Wednesday, Americans are worried about Ebola spreading here, and many say the government hasn’t done enough to prevent that from happening. The poll found a surprising 9 out of 10 people think it’s very necessary to tighten screening procedures.

Some would go even further: Three-quarters think it’s definitely or probably necessary to prevent everyone traveling from places affected by Ebola from entering the U.S.

On Wednesday, White House spokesman Josh Earnest said the president has been following advice from scientists that a travel ban could do more harm than good. Health officials fear travelers will just find alternate routes and spark harder-to-trace outbreaks.

Many health experts agree that a travel ban is a bad idea. But one faulted the CDC for being slow to institute the daily monitoring.

Monitoring can’t stop Ebola from coming in, “but we’ll have a better chance” to quickly identify and isolate cases, said Dr. Richard Wenzel, a Virginia Commonwealth University scientist who formerly led the International Society for Infectious Diseases.



MARKUS SCHREIBER/AP

German army joining Ebola fight

Volunteers of the German army put on their protective suits during a training for the Ebola virus in Appen about 15 north of Hamburg, Germany, on Thursday. The volunteers are being trained for a mission to support the German Red Cross in Liberia in the fight against the Ebola epidemic.

Liberians threaten to break isolation over food

The Associated Press

MONROVIA, Liberia — Dozens of people quarantined for Ebola monitoring in western Liberia are threatening to break out of isolation because they have no food, the West African nation’s state radio reported Thursday.

Forty-three people were put in quarantine after four people died of Ebola in Jenevondra, a town in an impoverished corner of Grand Cape Mount County near the Sierra Leone border, the Liberia Broadcasting System said.

It quoted those quarantined as

saying that the U.N. World Food Program apparently has stopped providing food to people affected by Ebola in the area. A WFP officer is looking into the claim.

Liberia is the hardest hit of three West African nations being ravaged by Ebola. The latest figures published Wednesday by the U.N. World Health Organization show the country has at least 4,665 infected people and 2,705 have died there.

Rwanda’s minister of health, meanwhile, is reversing a decision she made to require visitors who

had been in the U.S. or Spain during the previous 22 days to report their medical condition to Rwandan authorities daily. Dr. Agnes Binagwaho said on Twitter late Wednesday that the decision to screen travelers from the U.S. and Spain, two countries that have seen cases of Ebola, was solely her decision and not the government’s.

A posting on President Paul Kagame’s Twitter account said the measures instituted by Binagwaho weren’t necessary and that his health minister sometimes acts first and thinks later.



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EBOLA OUTBREAK

Despite assurances, Ebola doubts remain

By NANCY MONTGOMERY
Stars and Stripes

VICENZA, Italy — If Col. Pedro Almeida has said it once, he's said it a dozen times: Only sick, symptomatic Ebola virus disease sufferers can infect anyone else, and only through transmission of body fluids.

Officials have repeatedly said that U.S. Army Africa troops deployed in Liberia will have no contact with Ebola victims and almost certainly will not have the virus when they return to Italy.

"I cannot tell you it is a zero percent chance (that a soldier would be infected with EVD)," Almeida, USARAF's chief of staff, said during a Wednesday town hall meeting with Italian civilians who work for the U.S. military. "What I can tell you is that our soldiers are not in a position to contract Ebola."

The meeting in the garrison movie theater was one of two this week at Caserme Ederle to reassure local workers that USARAF's 100 or so personnel redeploying to Vicenza in a couple of weeks would not pose a health threat. The meetings came in response to what Almeida said was "a lot of concerns in the community."

Wednesday's town hall served as primer on how the disease is transmitted and the factors, such as poverty and rudimentary health care, that have propelled the West African epidemic that has been confirmed to have killed nearly 5,000 people since December.

"It is very hard to contract Ebola," Almeida said, pointing out that more than 50

people who came into contact with Thomas Duncan, the Liberian man who died in Dallas from EVD, did not become infected.

But USARAF personnel, Almeida stressed, are having little contact with any Liberians, let alone Ebola patients.

"They are not out building the 18 hospitals the U.S. has promised, training health care workers or staffing mobile labs being set up to perform blood tests. What they're doing, he said, is 'setting up all of that.'"

Almeida outlined protocols for monitoring those who have traveled to West Africa that he said exceeded those of the World Health Organization and the U.S. Centers for Disease and Control. These, he said, have been planned in concert with Italian authorities.

Among the safeguards:

■ Personnel are currently having their temperatures taken twice daily.

■ Twelve hours before they leave Liberia, they'll be tested by a health care provider and screened for any enhanced risk through a series of questions. Anyone with symptoms, such as a fever, or anyone whose answers indicate enhanced risk will not be allowed on the plane home, Almeida said.

■ After arriving in Vicenza, personnel will undergo another screening at the garrison health center, followed by twice-daily, in-person temperature checks for 21 days. Returning troops will not be allowed to leave the Vicenza area during that time.

"We're doing all this with a group of people who have never been exposed to the virus in the first place," Almeida said.

He warned that returning troops might in fact develop fevers. Even so, that should not be cause for alarm. "It's flu season," he said. Or, he said, a fever in redeployed personnel could mean malaria.

Almeida said an on-call doctor at the local Vicenza hospital would decide if a feverish person should be isolated there and await blood test results from a Rome laboratory.

Anyone who tested positive for Ebola would be taken to a Milan hospital.

There were some skeptics at Wednesday's town hall. Several people suggested that the returning troops be quarantined for 21 days.

One man asked to know which day the troops would return so he could avoid public areas on post and frequently wash his hands for 21 days. Another said he'd seen an Italian television show that indicated "that some of the people who were in Liberia have had brief and occasional encounters with people with Ebola."

Not true, he was told.

He remained unconvinced by official assurances at the end of the lengthy session.

"I doubt," he said.

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Ebola town halls set

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — The 86th Medical Group is hosting several town hall meetings at Ramstein to present information about the Ebola virus and discuss safety precautions to mitigate risks, base officials said.

The first town hall is scheduled Friday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Hercules Theater, Building 2101. Two more meetings are set for Monday, from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. and from 10 to 11 a.m., also at the Hercules.

All personnel, family members and civilians are invited to attend.

Air Force officials have already released some information on how they are handling personnel transiting between Ebola-affected regions and Ramstein. Aircrews from Ramstein have been airlifting supplies to West Africa as part of Operation United Assistance, the U.S.-led effort to fight the Ebola outbreak. Since Oct. 7, the wing has supported eight C-130J flights into West Africa.

In an article posted to the base's website Wednesday, officials said they are ensuring that all people traveling from Ebola-infected areas are screened before departing and again when arriving back at Ramstein.

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NATION

Corporate giants funding ballot initiatives

By PHILIP ELLIOTT
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Voters may not know it, but the millions of dollars paying for ads on ballot measures they will consider next month come from large companies and national advocacy groups.

Many of the messages are tailored to defend or expand the business interests of companies such as Coca-Cola, Monsanto and ExxonMobil, yet few have their names in the ads.

For example, \$6.4 million in ads funded by Coloradans for Better Schools is backed by the Rhode Island-based Twin Rivers Casino

in favor of a ballot initiative that would expand gambling to horse tracks. Opponents, calling themselves Don't Turn Racetracks Into Casinos, are backed by a group of Colorado casinos and are helping fund \$5.7 million in ads to defend their turf.

Through Oct. 20, TV ad spending on ballot issues totaled roughly \$119 million, according to an analysis conducted by the Washington-based Center for Public Integrity, based on preliminary data from media tracking service Kantar Media/CMAG. Four of the five most expensive ballot initiatives — a process designed to give voters a direct say over public policy

— feature at least one corporate patron.

Voters may not readily identify the patrons behind the hundreds of millions of dollars in ads using family farmers, concerned doctors and smiling teachers as spokespeople as the corporations set up outside groups with nondescript names to handle the political ads.

For instance, food industry giants Monsanto, the J.M. Smucker Co., Coca-Cola and Pepsi are spending \$3 million opposing an Oregon ballot measure that would require vendors to label genetically modified foods. Voters see the ad spending labeled as being from the No on 92 Coalition. Natu-

ral food companies are spending \$2.1 million on ads to support the effort through a group called Vote Yes on Measure 92.

Citizens in 26 states can put on ballots proposals that would create new laws or veto existing ones. Every state but Delaware offers voters the chance to weigh in on constitutional amendments approved by the legislature. Once an initiative is approved to go before voters, the ad deluge begins.

California, home to some of the nation's most expensive media markets, has the two priciest ballot questions as measured by TV ads. A proposition to require drug testing for doctors and allow

more expensive malpractice lawsuits has drawn \$23.1 million in advertising.

Consumer Watchdog, a national advocacy group, teamed up with trial lawyers to back the measure. Lawyers stand to benefit because higher judgments against doctors translate to higher attorney fees. That coalition, calling itself Yes on Prop 46, has spent \$3.9 million so far on ads supporting the measure.

But the bulk of the spending opposes the measure under the No on 46 banner. Doctors and hospital and insurance companies have helped fund \$19.1 million trying to stop the ballot measure.



Evan Vucci/AP

A Secret Service police officer walks outside the White House on Thursday as a maintenance worker performs repairs as part of a previous fence restoration project after a man climbed over the fence Wednesday and was arrested.

Man arrested after jumping fence at White House; 2 dogs assaulted

By DARLENE SUPERVILLE
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The 23-year-old Maryland man who climbed over the White House fence Wednesday night has been charged with felonies for assaulting two police dogs and making threats, the Secret Service said Thursday.

Dominic Adesanya, of Bel Air, Md., is in custody of the U.S. Marshals Service for previous outstanding warrants, Secret Service spokesman Brian Leary said. Adesanya has also been charged with four misdemeanor counts of resisting arrest and unlawful entry.

After climbing over the fence, Adesanya was swiftly apprehended on the North Lawn by uniformed Secret Service agents

and their dogs. He was unarmed when he was arrested.

President Barack Obama was at the White House at the time of Wednesday's incident.

Video of the incident recorded by TV news cameras shows a man in white shorts on the lawn just inside the fence. The man lifts his shirt as if to show that he is unarmed, then is seen kicking and punching the two Secret Service dogs.

Leary said the two dogs, named Hurricane and Jordan, were taken to a veterinarian and treated for minor bruising. Both dogs were cleared to return to duty.

The incident came about a month after a previous White House fence jumper carrying a knife sprinted across the same lawn, ran past armed uniformed agents and entered the mansion

before he was felled in the ceremonial East Room and taken into custody.

That embarrassing Sept. 19 incident preceded the disclosure of other serious Secret Service breaches in security for Obama and ultimately led to Julia Pierson's resignation as director of the agency after 18 months on the job.

After Pierson resigned, an agent who once led Obama's protective detail came out of retirement to lead the Secret Service until Obama names a new director, pending the completion of internal and independent reviews of agency practices.

This week, a federal judge delayed the arraignment of Omar Gonzalez, the man charged in September's fence-jumping incident, because of questions about his mental fitness to stand trial.

3 states deny gay unions

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The writing is on the wall for gay marriage bans in Kansas, Montana and South Carolina after federal appeals courts that oversee those states have made clear that keeping gay and lesbian couples from marrying is unconstitutional.

But officials in the three states are refusing to allow same-sex couples to obtain marriage licenses without a court order directing them to do so. It could be another month or more before the matter is settled.

In a debate Monday, Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback vowed to defend his state's constitutional amendment defining marriage as between a man and a woman. A federal court hearing is scheduled Friday.

There seems little doubt that U.S. District Judge Daniel Crabtree ultimately will set aside the state's gay marriage ban. That's because the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, encompassing Kansas and five other states, has said a state may not deny a marriage license to two people of the same sex. The same requirement holds true for federal judges hearing same-sex marriage lawsuits in Montana and South Carolina.

John Eastman, chairman of the anti-gay marriage National Organization for Marriage, agreed with Warbelow that federal judges almost certainly will rule to allow same-sex marriages. But Eastman urged state officials to continue to put up a legal fight until the Supreme Court decides the issue one way or the other.



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NATION

Teens renew concerns about terrorism appeal

By **SADIE GURMAN**
The Associated Press

DENVER — The case of three teenage girls being investigated for trying to join Islamic State militants poses vexing questions for U.S. officials about the use of social media by terrorist groups to recruit people inside the United States, experts said Wednesday.

A Colorado school official said the Denver area girls — two sisters aged 17 and 15 and a 16-year-old friend — were victims of an online predator who encouraged them to travel overseas and eventually to Syria.

Mia Bloom, a professor of security studies at the University of Massachusetts-Lowell, said the girls' story so far suggests how Islamic extremists have mastered social media to prey on younger and younger women. "Disney-like versions of what it is like to live in the caliphate," complete with promises of husbands and homes.

At least one of the girls was communicating with someone online who encouraged the three to travel to Syria, said Justin Amole, a spokeswoman for the Cherry

Creek School District where the girls attend high school.

Fellow high school students told school officials that the girls had been discussing travel plans over Twitter, Amole said.

The girls were detained at an airport in Frankfurt, Germany, and sent home over the weekend. They were interviewed by the FBI and returned to their parents in suburban Aurora. Those in the tight-knit east African community where they live said the sisters are of Somali descent and their friend is of Sudanese descent.

"There's no indication they had been radicalized in a way that they wanted to fight for ISIS," Amole said.

A U.S. official said evidence gathered so far made it clear that the girls were headed to Syria, though the official said investigators were still trying to determine what sort of contacts they had in that country. Another U.S. official said that investigators were reviewing evidence, including the girls' computers. The officials spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the ongoing investigation by name.

"Social media has played a very significant role in the recruitment of young people," said FBI spokesman Kyle Lovan in Minneapolis, home to the largest Somali community in the U.S. Authorities there have been concerned about terrorists' recruiting of the young for years.

"What we've experienced here in Minneapolis is that young, disaffected youth who exist primarily on the fringes of society — they seem to be more susceptible to this type of propaganda, unfortunately," Lovan said.

Terrorist recruiting has been a problem for years in Minneapolis. Since 2007, roughly 22 young Somali-Americans have traveled to Somalia to take up arms with al-Shabab, an al-Qaida-linked group. Those were all men.

Within the last year, a handful of people from the community left Minnesota to join militant groups in Syria, and this time there are fears that women might have been targeted. Lovan said the FBI is working with the Somali community to establish trust and help identify young people at risk for radicalization.



JOHN J. WATKINS, THE TIMES OF NORTHWEST INDIANA/AP

Lake County Sheriff John Bunlich talks to reporters following the first court appearance for serial murder suspect Darren Vann on Wednesday in Crown Point, Ind.

Police track movements of Ind. slaying suspect

By **MICHAEL TARM AND DON BABWIN**
The Associated Press

CROWN POINT, Ind. — Investigators are using the cellphone records of an Indiana man already charged in the slayings of two women to pinpoint his movements after he told police he liked to check on the status of bodies he'd previously stashed after a fresh kill, authorities said.

Illinois law enforcement officials told The Associated Press on Wednesday that Darren Vann, 43,

may have traveled to Chicago's south suburbs between the time 19-year-old Afrিকা Hardy's body was discovered Friday in Hammond, Ind., and Saturday when Vann was arrested in nearby Gary. The officials spoke on the condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to discuss the investigation.

Indiana police say Vann, a convicted sex offender, has confessed to killing Hardy and six women whose bodies were found over the weekend in abandoned houses in Gary. He has been charged with murder in the deaths of Hardy

and Anith Jones, 35, whose body was found Saturday in Gary.

A judge ordered Vann be held in contempt of court Wednesday when the former Marine refused to even acknowledge his name during an initial court hearing in Hardy's slaying.

Magistrate Judge Kathleen Sullivan asked Vann if he understood the reason for the hearing but he just stared back silently.

"Mr. Vann, are you choosing not to take part in this hearing?" Sullivan asked the shackled Vann, who was flanked by two Lake County Jail guards at the lockup in Crown Point.

Sullivan urged Vann's public defender, Matthew Fech, to tell his client "that he stays in jail the rest of his life until this hearing takes place." Fech urged Vann to speak, but he again offered no response. Sullivan found Vann in contempt and said she would schedule another initial hearing for next week.

Lake County Sheriff John Bunlich said Vann's demeanor has otherwise been "quiet, calm and collected," but that his silence, if it persists, could raise complicated legal questions that would slow the prosecution process.

Sullivan also issued a gag order barring investigators from interviewing Vann unless they first get his permission through his attorney, Bunlich said.



Vann

PTSD argued in case of jailed Marine

The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — There's no dispute retired Marine Sgt. Andrew Tahmooreissi drove with three loaded guns in his truck into Mexico where firearms are illegal.

Tahmooreissi says he got lost on a California freeway ramp that sent him across the border with no way to turn back.

His attorney argues Mexican Customs officials also violated his rights by holding him for some eight hours without notifying the U.S. Consulate or getting a translator.

But arguing those points could mean a long time in jail for the 26-year-old Afghan War veteran.

Instead, his lawyer is relying on another argument to win his freedom in the shortest time possible: He needs to be released so he can go home to get treatment for his combat-related post-traumatic stress, which Mexican authori-

ties don't treat, even in their own soldiers.

The case marks one of the first times Mexico could make a ruling on PTSD — though the psychological wound is increasingly used in U.S. courts, especially in arguing for reduced sentences.

But it has gotten mixed results, according to a study by the University of California, San Francisco. U.S. appeals courts have found PTSD-based criminal defenses to be viable when a direct connection is made by an expert between the criminal actions and PTSD, the study found.

That U.S. case law could serve as an important reference point for courts in other countries, the authors' noted. Mexico, however, has a long history of staunchly keeping U.S. influences at bay and it is particularly sensitive of any perceived pressure on its courts from its neighbor.

At the same time, Mexico has prided itself on considering humanitarian concerns — which is why Tahmooreissi's lawyer, Fernando Benitez, believes his client's PTSD will help in fast-tracking his return home.

The seasoned lawyer, who has successfully defended well-known names south of the border, said he is not using PTSD as a defense as the Marine's previous lawyer tried to do before Tahmooreissi fired him.

That would mean then that Tahmooreissi admits a wrongdoing caused by PTSD, and the Florida man maintains his innocence.

Using PTSD as a defense also could backfire with Mexico deciding that he is mentally incapacitated and sending him to a mental institution, legal experts say.

Benitez instead is asking the judge to rule in his favor so he can get PTSD treatment.

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NATION

Records shed light on prisoner care in NY

By Jake Pearson
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — These are the deaths in New York City's Rikers Island jail that don't make headlines — prisoners with diseases, disorders and addictions who succumb to heart attacks, infections and other causes officially filed away as "medical."

But hundreds of documents obtained by The Associated Press through public records requests raise serious questions about the quality and timeliness of the medical care many of these inmates received, with the treatment, or lack of it, cited as a factor in at least 15 deaths over the past five years.

The accounts have prompted city officials to re-examine the quality of medical and mental health care in the city's 11,000-inmate jail system and whether the outside company that holds a three-year, \$126.6 million contract to provide treatment, Corizon Health Inc., should be fired.

Experts say the problems documented by the AP are particularly troubling because New York City is better equipped to deal with in-



BEBETO MATTHEWS/AP

Carmen Perez, 65, holds a vacation photo of herself and her late son Rolando Perez Jr., 13, right, sits nearby in the Bronx, N.Y. Perez, 36, who had taken medication for epilepsy since he was 16, died while being detained on a burglary charge at the Rikers Island jail.

mate health needs than perhaps anywhere else, with 1,180 health workers employed by Corizon and the city, a mandatory doctor's visit within the first 24 hours of custody, 30 on-island clinics that handled more than 112,000 sick-call visits last year, and access to some of the nation's finest hospitals.

In New York and in most other lockups across the nation, experts say there are many obstacles to delivering quality care, most sig-

nificantly the flood of mostly poor inmates who come with various maladies and addictions that have gone untreated for years.

Other factors: Policies entitling inmates to only "minimum standards" of care, often less than what is provided in the outside world; pressure to keep costs down; and guards who can be cynical and dismissive of inmate complaints.

"Everywhere you look at the system, it's structured to prevent

prisoners from getting the health care they need," said Brad Brockmann, who heads the Center for Prisoner Health and Human Rights at Brown University.

Of the 98 inmates to die in New York City jails over the past five years, at least a dozen had cancer and many more were suffering from health problems related to longtime drug or alcohol use. Fifteen had AIDS, HIV or hepatitis C.

Tobacco firm to restrict smoking

Workers will have limits on where to light up

The Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — Camel cigarette maker Reynolds American Inc. is snuffing out smoking in its offices and buildings.

The nation's second-biggest tobacco company informed employees Wednesday that beginning next year, the use of traditional cigarettes, cigars or pipes will no longer be permitted at employee desks or offices, conference rooms, hallways and elevators. Lighting up already is prohibited on factory floors and in cafeterias and fitness centers.

The no-smoking policy will go into effect once Reynolds builds indoor smoking areas for staff still wanting to light up indoors, spokesman David Howard said.

"We believe it's the right thing to do and the right time to do it because updating our tobacco use policies will better accommodate both nonsmokers and smokers who work in and visit our facilities," Howard said. "We just better aligning our tobacco use policies with the realities of what you're seeing in society today."

While Reynolds will no longer allow smoking, it will allow the use of smokeless tobacco products, including electronic cigarettes, moist snuff and pouches of finely milled tobacco called snus (pronounced "snoose").

The company also will allow the use of Eclipse, a cigarette made by Reynolds that uses a carbon tip that heats tobacco after being lit by a lighter. First released in the mid-1990s, Eclipse is in limited distribution and one of the top-selling brands in the cafeteria at the company's Winston-Salem, N.C., headquarters.

The percentage of Reynolds' 5,200 employees that smoke is in line with the smoking rate in the U.S. That is about 18 percent of adults, according to the federal Centers of Disease Control and Prevention.

Through its subsidiaries, Reynolds American also makes its Pall Mall cigarettes, Grizzly smokeless tobacco and Vuse-branded electronic cigarettes.

Altria Group Inc., the Richmond, Va.-based owner of the nation's biggest cigarette maker, Philip Morris USA, doesn't allow smoking on factory floors and in places like elevators or hallways, said spokesman David Sylvia. Employees with separate offices can smoke in them, but otherwise the company has designated smoking areas in office buildings, conference areas and cafeterias, he said.

Autopsy report on Ferguson shooting released

By Jim Salter
The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — The official autopsy of an unarmed 18-year-old black man indicates he was shot in the hand at close range during a struggle, but a medical examiner not involved in the investigation says there's no way to conclude whether the injury meant Michael Brown was trying to grab the gun of the officer who killed him.

The St. Louis County medical examiner's autopsy report, obtained by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, doesn't explain why Brown was killed after the apparent scuffle at Officer Darren Wilson's police vehicle sped onto a Ferguson street or confirm whether he was confronting Wilson or trying to surrender when he was fatally shot — both scenarios offered by various witnesses to the Aug. 9 shooting. The shooting of Brown by Wilson, who is white, spurred un-

rest and weeks of protests in Ferguson, some of which turned violent.

A grand jury is expected to decide by mid-November whether Wilson will face criminal charges, and the U.S. Justice Department is investigating for possible civil rights violations.

The autopsy showed Brown suffered six bullet entrance wounds and listed "gunshot wounds to the head and chest" as the cause of death. A toxicology report with the autopsy also showed Brown had marijuana in his system.

Dwain Fuller, a Dallas-area forensic toxicologist, told The Associated Press the report indicated "recent use" that likely meant Brown still was feeling the effects of the drug, but "as far as that making him violent, one can't really say."

Both the Post-Dispatch, which published a story Wednesday on the county autopsy report, and The New York Times, which ran a story

last week about the officer's account of the shooting, cited unnamed sources saying Wilson told investigators he and Brown struggled over the officer's gun.

The autopsy said a microscopic exam showed that foreign matter found on tissue from Brown's injured thumb was "consistent with products that are discharged from the barrel of a firearm."

Brown family attorney Benjamin Crump said the shots fired outside the police vehicle are what really matter.

"After there was no more threat, and (Brown) was running away, why did Officer Darren Wilson keep shooting?" Crump asked in an interview with the AP. "That's what this is about. When Michael Brown put his hands up in the air, why does the officer keep shooting?"

Results of a third autopsy, performed by the Justice Department, have not been released.

Funds to help bring modern convenience to rural areas

The Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — A remote Alaska Native village where only half the homes have indoor plumbing is among rural communities nationwide that will receive upgrades to rural water and wastewater systems with \$352 million in grants and loans from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack planned to announce the funding Thursday at a convention of Alaska Natives in Anchorage. Among other awards for water system improvements include a

\$6 million loan and \$3.7 million grant to Clay County Water Authority in Alabama; a \$900,000 loan and \$3.5 million grant for Truth or Consequences, N.M.; an \$11 million loan and a \$3 million grant to Port Townsend, Wash.; and a \$1.2 million loan and \$3.6 million grant to Hartland, Maine.

The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium is working with the village on the project. Consortium project management director David Beveridge said the community is working on securing a required 25 percent matching grant from the state.



CHARLIE NEIBERGER/AP

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack speaks during a Rural Tour stop in 2009. Vilsack visited a remote Alaska Native village that will receive upgrades to rural water and wastewater systems.

WORLD



People sign a Canadian flag at a makeshift memorial to Cpl. Nathan Cirillo, who was shot dead at the National War Memorial by Michael Zehaf Bibeau on Wednesday.



House of Commons sergeant-at-arms Kevin Vickers, credited with shooting Bibeau after he stormed Parliament, received a standing ovation as he entered the chamber Thursday.



A guard watches from a rooftop as Prime Minister Stephen Harper and his wife Laureen lay flowers at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at the National War Memorial in Ottawa on Thursday.

Experts say US must apologize to free detainees held in N. Korea

By ERIC TALMADGE

The Associated Press

PYONGYANG, North Korea — The United States government must make a formal apology to secure the freedom of two Americans who remain imprisoned in North Korea after the release this week of Jeffrey Fowle, North Korean legal experts said Thursday.

Although North Korea released Fowle, getting Matthew Miller and Kenneth Bae out of prison will likely require an official statement of apology and formal request for their release from Washington, according to the two North Korean law experts who spoke to The Associated Press.

Fowle, who had not yet been tried in a court, was flown out of North Korea on a U.S. military jet Tuesday after being detained for six months for leaving a Bible in a nightclub in the city of Chongjin, where he was visiting with a foreign tour group. North Korean state media said he was released after leader Kim Jong Un granted him a special pardon following "repeated requests" from President Barack Obama.

There has been no word on whether any progress has been made toward getting Miller and Bae released as well.

"In order to return the prisoners to their country, the United States must make an official apology and request their release," said Sok Chol Won, a professor of international law at Pyongyang's Academy of Social Sciences.

Miller and Bae, charged with more serious crimes than Fowle, have been convicted by North Korea's Supreme Court.

Miller, who entered the country on April 10 on a tourist visa, allegedly ripped up the document at Pyongyang's airport and demanded asylum. North Korean authorities say he intended to conduct espionage while in the country. He was convicted and sentenced to six years in prison. He is now digging in fields at a labor camp eight hours a day and being kept in isolation.

Bae, 46, has been held since November 2012, when he was detained while leading a tour group in a special North Korean economic zone. He was sentenced to 15 years in prison for "hostile acts" after being accused of smuggling in inflammatory literature and trying to establish a base for anti-government activities at a border city hotel.

"It's not a matter of individuals. It's between countries," said Ri Kyong Chol, another law professor at the academy.



WONG MAYE-E/AP

Ri Kyong Chol, left, and Sok Chol Won professors from the Academy of Social Sciences, said the U.S. must make a formal apology to secure the freedom of two Americans who remain imprisoned in North Korea after the release this week of Jeffrey Fowle.

Mom of Canada suspect: 'I cry for victims, not son'

By BENJAMIN SHINGLER
AND RAPHAEL SATTER
The Associated Press

OTTAWA, Ontario — The mother of the man accused of killing a soldier at Ottawa's war memorial then storming Parliament before being shot dead says she is crying for the victims of the shooting, not her son.

In a brief and tear-filled telephone interview with The Associated Press on Thursday, Susan Bibeau said she did not know what to say to those hurt in the attack.

"Can you ever explain something like this?" she said. "We are sorry."

Investigators offered little information about the gunman in Ottawa, identified as petty criminal Michael Zehaf-Bibeau, 32.

Canadian police conceded Thursday that Zehaf-Bibeau was the lone gunman, the second attack in three days in what the prime minister described as terrorism.

Bibeau said she was devastated for the victims of the attack.

"If I'm crying it's for the people," she said, struggling to hold back tears. "Not for my son."

Bibeau and her husband had earlier sent

the AP a lengthy email expressing horror and sadness at what happened.

"I am mad at my son," the email said, explaining that he seemed lost "and did not fit in."

"I his mother spoke with him last week over lunch, I had not seen him for over five years before that," the email said. "So I have very little insight to offer."

The heart of the capital city of Ottawa had been in lockdown after Wednesday's attack, with fears that other gunmen might be on the loose. Ottawa police Constable Marc Soucy confirmed to the AP on Thursday that police are satisfied there was one attacker. Ottawa police Chief Charles Bordeleau told the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. that "there is no longer a threat to public safety."

The two attacks stunned Canadians and raised concerns their country was being targeted for reprisals for joining the U.S.-led air campaign against the extremist Islamic State group in Iraq and Syria.

Government officials credited Parliament sergeant-at-arms Kevin Vickers, 58, with shooting the attacker just outside

the MPs' caucus rooms. Vickers serves a largely ceremonial role at the House of Commons, carrying a mace and wearing rich green robes, white gloves and a tall imperial hat.

Members of Parliament gave Vickers a rousing standing ovation for saving their lives as Parliament resumed Thursday morning.

As Vickers walked into the House of Commons his lips quivered in emotion and he acknowledged the lengthy ovation.

Earlier, Prime Minister Stephen Harper visited the National War Memorial where the soldier was killed to lay a wreath. A man was detained by police near where Harper put down the wreath. Police said the man tried to breach the crime scene and thought there would be minor charges if he's charged.

Witnesses said the soldier posted at the National War Memorial, identified as Cpl. Nathan Cirillo, was gunned down at point-blank range by a man carrying a rifle and dressed all in black, his face half-covered with a scarf.



SEAN KILPATRICK, THE CANADIAN PRESS/AP

The Canadian flag flies at half staff on top of the Peace Tower on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on Thursday.

FAITH

A group of women at Midland United Methodist Church in Midland, Ga., are crocheting sleeping mats for the homeless made out of plastic bags.

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Craft for humanity

Church turns plastic bags into sleeping mats for homeless

By LARRY GIERER
Columbus Ledger-Enquirer

Women at Midland United Methodist Church in Midland, Ga., have found a special use for plastic bags: They are crocheting sleeping mats for the homeless.

"It is taking something you want to get rid of and using it for good," Nora Taft said.

Taft is one of 10 people who have been working on the project.

"We are helping others in the community and at the same time we are recycling," she said "These bags would normally just be going to the landfill."

"It is a unique way to build up the community," Pastor Stephen Brinkman said. He added that it is an easy way for all of the folks in the church to get involved.

Taft said the group has been working on the mats for about six weeks, meeting each Monday in the church fellowship hall. Church members not directly involved with producing the mats have been active by contributing bags, one bringing in 4,400.

The women hope to have six mats

'It is taking something you want to get rid of and using it for good.'

Nora Taft

Midland United Methodist Church member

done by winter and plan to donate the mats to the Open Door Community House in Columbus.

"Open Door is looking forward to getting the mats," Taft said.

Asked if the soft mats are comfortable, Taft replied she believes they are.

"Anything beats sleeping on concrete or hard ground," she said.

The mats are easily cleaned, needing just a shake or a quick rinse. They are lightweight and dry easily. There is another plus.

"Bugs don't like them," Taft said.

Only under close observation can one tell the material used. Taft did not know items could be made out of plastic bags until she saw a vendor selling some at a community farmer's market held each Saturday morning on

the church property in Midland, Ga.

Taft mentioned the items to her daughter, then on the Internet discovered a woman, Dawn Warmbold, who has been making the mats for the homeless in Little Rock, Ark. A website, finecraftguild.com, had instructions on how to make the mats.

Each mat is 3 feet wide and 6 feet long. It takes 400-500 plastic bags to make one and workers say it takes as many as 25 hours from start to finish. The mats are colorful because of the variety of bags used, but Taft said the women are not too involved with patterns.

She would like to see members of other local congregations get involved in making mats.

"Our goal is to make the information available to as many in our area as possible. There are a lot of homeless people here, many more than most people think," she said.

The church members enjoy their task and those working this past week said it is good fellowship.

"We love to help others and it's important to recycle," Taft said.

"We could just buy mats, but this is better."



Angie Mitchell works on a plastic bag sleeping mat created using about 400 plastic bags.

NATION

Goofy dinosaur a blend of Barney, Jar Jar Binks

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Nearly 50 years ago, scientists found bones of two large, powerful dinosaur arms in Mongolia and figured they had discovered a fearsome critter with killer claws.

Now scientists have found the rest of the dinosaur and have new descriptions for it: goofy and weird.

The beast probably lumbered along on two legs like a cross between TV dinosaur Barney and Jar Jar Binks of Star Wars fame. It was 16 feet tall and 36 feet long, weighing seven tons, with a duck-bill on its head and a hump-like sail on its back. Throw in those killer claws, tufts of feathers here and there, and no teeth — and try not to snicker.

And if that's not enough, it ate like a giant vacuum cleaner.

That's *Deinocheirus mirificus*, which means "terrible hands that look peculiar." It is newly reimagined after a full skeleton was found in Mongolia and described in a paper released Wednesday by the journal *Nature*. Some 70 million years old, it's an ancestral relative of the modern ostrich

and belongs to the dinosaur family often called ostrich dinosaurs.

"*Deinocheirus* turned out to be one the weirdest dinosaurs beyond our imagination," study lead author Yuong-Nam Lee, director of the Geological Museum in Daejeon, South Korea, said in an email.

"When scientists in 1965 found the first forearm bones — nearly 3 feet long — many of them envisioned "a creature that would strike terror in people," said University of Maryland dinosaur expert Thomas Holtz Jr., who wasn't part of the study. "Now it's a creature that would strike be-

'Deinocheirus turned out to be one the weirdest dinosaurs beyond our imagination.'

Yuong-Nam Lee
director of the Geological Museum
in Daejeon, South Korea

ment, amazement."

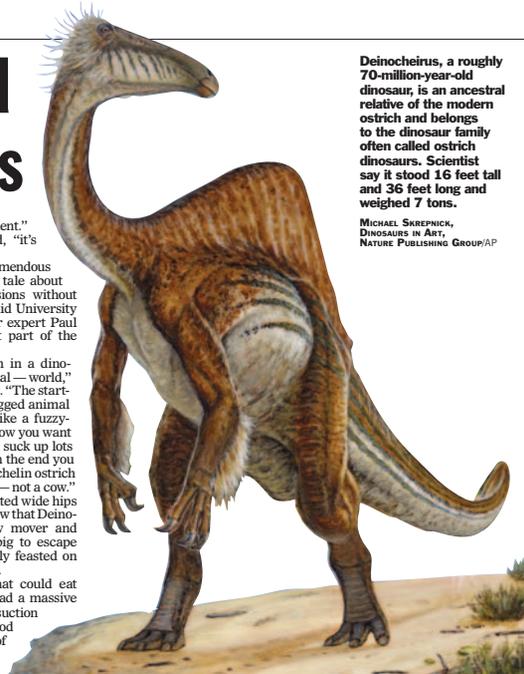
And yes, he said, "it's pretty goofy."

The find is tremendous but is a cautionary tale about jumping to conclusions without enough evidence, said University of Chicago dinosaur expert Paul Sereno, who wasn't part of the discovery.

"This is evolution in a dinosaur — not a mammal — world," Sereno said in email. "The starting point is a two-legged animal looking somewhat like a fuzzy-feathered ostrich. Now you want to get really big and suck up lots of soft vegetation. In the end you look like a goofy Michelin ostrich with fuzz and a tail — not a cow."

Lee figures the tilted wide hips and massive feet show that *Deinocheirus* was a slow mover and probably grew so big to escape from being regularly feasted on by bigger dinosaurs.

It had a beak that could eat plants, but it also had a massive tongue that created suction for vacuuming up food from the bottoms of streams, lakes and ponds, Lee wrote.



Deinocheirus, a roughly 70-million-year-old dinosaur, is an ancestral relative of the modern ostrich and belongs to the dinosaur family often called ostrich dinosaurs. Scientist say it stood 16 feet tall and 36 feet long and weighed 7 tons.

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NATION

Hmong war vets push for burial rights

McClatchy Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — The Hmong war veterans marching on congressional offices Wednesday know better than most about how legislation gets made. Or, more often, gets lost.

Gathered from Alaska and California's San Joaquin Valley, the veterans who once fought alongside U.S. spies and soldiers in their native Laos again seek legislation allowing burial in U.S. national cemeteries.

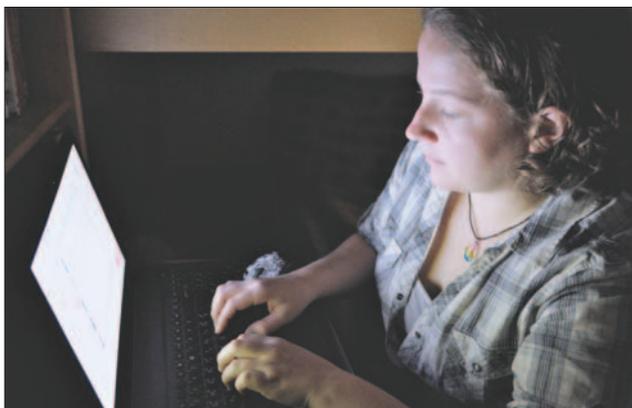
They've been trying on Capitol Hill since 2009, when Rep. Jim Costa, D-Calif., and his San Joaquin Valley colleagues introduced the first House bill of its kind. This week, they made some tangible progress.

Following a Wednesday morning meeting between congressional aides and grass-roots lobbyists like Fresno, Calif., residents Richard and Erik Xiong, Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., declared she would sign on as a co-sponsor of the Hmong Veterans' Service Recognition Act.

"I am proud to support this bipartisan bill, which would honor the service and sacrifice of Hmong veterans who bravely risked their lives fighting alongside the U.S. during the Vietnam War," Boxer said in a statement Wednesday.

She is joining her Democratic colleague from the state, Sen. Diane Feinstein, as a supporter of the bill, that is matched by a measure re-introduced in the House last year by Costa. In the most modest sign of momentum, Rep. Doris Matsui, D-Calif., became the 14th co-sponsor of the House bill last month.

The bills authorize the burial in national cemeteries of Hmong veterans who served in a "special guerrilla unit or irregular forces operating from a base in Laos in support of the U.S. Armed Forces between February 28, 1961, and May 7, 1975." To be eligible, the Hmong veterans also must be naturalized U.S. citizens or legal U.S. residents.



KATHLEEN MALONE-VAN DYKE/AP

Catherine Devine of Kings Park, N.Y., had her first of several brushes with online harassment in seventh grade, before she'd even ventured onto the Internet.

Many adults harassed online

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A new study confirms what many Internet users know all too well: Harassment is a common part of online life.

The first-of-its-kind report by the Pew Research Center found that nearly three-quarters of American adults who use the Internet have witnessed online harassment. Forty percent have experienced it themselves.

The types of harassment Pew asked about range from name-calling to physical threats, sexual harassment and stalking. Half of those who were harassed said they didn't know the person who had most recently attacked them.

Young adults — people 18 to 29 — were the most likely age group to see and undergo online harassment. Women ages 18 to 24 were disproportionately the victims of stalking and sexual harassment,

according to the survey. People who have more information available about themselves online, work in the tech industry or promote themselves on the Internet, were also more likely to be harassed.

Case in point: Celebrities. Stars such as the actress Jennifer Lawrence had nude photos stolen and posted online in a widespread hacking scandal in late August.

It can be difficult for police to go after online bullies in part because "our legal system hasn't quite caught up with technology," said Elizabeth Dowdell, a nursing professor at Villanova University who studies online aggression. On top of that, adults are generally hesitant to report harassment because they might view it as a "child or teenage problem."

"But the Internet has no age limits," Dowdell said. "People look for outlets for aggression and the Internet is a wonderful place because it's anonymous and you

don't have to be truthful."

According to Pew, just 5 percent of those who were harassed reported the incident to law enforcement, while nearly half confronted the person online. Forty-four percent said they unfriended or blocked the person.

But victims of harassment often don't know where it's coming from. Thirty-eight percent of people who were harassed online said a stranger was behind the threats, and another 26 percent didn't know who the person was.

"You can have many different (persons) online," Dowdell said. "So you might think 'I'm going to block Scaryfriend123' and Scaryfriend says 'Fine, I'm going to use my other name Supermiceguy' and you just don't know."

The telephone and online survey was conducted between May 30 and June 30 among 3,217 respondents. It has a margin of error of plus or minus 2.2 percentage points.

Lawmaker apologizes for suicide comment

The Associated Press

JUNEAU, Alaska — U.S. Rep. Don Young has apologized after telling students at a high school where a child recently committed suicide that people kill themselves when there's a lack of support from family and friends.



Young

During an appearance in front of about 120 students and adults Tuesday in Wasilla, a teacher asked Young about Alaska's high suicide and domestic violence rates.

"He was talking about the role alcohol plays, and he mentioned depression," Wasilla High School principal Amy Spargo said. "But he also went on to say that suicide happens when there's a lack of support from friends and family, and that's when the students in the room and the adults just took offense — because it's like blaming the people who are left."

She said after that, the event became more confrontational.

Young spokesman Matt Shuckercrow, in an emailed statement Wednesday, said Young "was very serious and forthright when discussing the issue of suicide, in part because of the high number of tragedies that affect Alaskan youth. ... In no way did Congressman Young mean to upset anyone with his well-intentioned message. In light of the tragic events affecting the Wasilla High School community, he should have taken a much more sensitive approach," Shuckerow said.

Young, the longest serving Republican in the House, has a history of colorful — sometimes offensive — quips.

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Renee Zellweger credits fulfilling life for new look

The Associated Press

Renee Zellweger says she looks different because she's "living a different, happy, more fulfilling life."

The 45-year-old Oscar winner issued a statement to *People* magazine late Tuesday after she became a trending topic on Twitter, with many fans claiming the actress had become "unrecognizable." Her appearance at a Hollywood, Calif., event earlier this week sparked widespread Internet chatter.

Zellweger's most recent acting credit was in 2010, and she says, "People don't know me in my 40s."

She said she has concentrated on her health and personal development in recent years and is "thrilled that perhaps it shows."

Zellweger said she might look different, but "who doesn't as they get older?!"



JORDAN STRAUSS, INVISION/AP

Renee Zellweger's appearance at *ELLE's* 21st annual Women in Hollywood Awards in Los Angeles was a trending topic on Twitter earlier this week.



CHRIS PIZZELLO, INVISION/AP

Fancy surprise

Charli XCX performs for high school students during the Just Dance Homecoming at Aspire Pacific Academy in Huntington Park, Calif., on Wednesday. The event celebrated the launch of the video game *Just Dance 2015*. The chart-topping 22-year-old pop star delivered tunes "I Love It," "Fancy" and "Boom Clap" to the crowd and later manned the DJ booth.



Team Philinda

'S.H.I.E.L.D.' fans push for Coulson/May romance

BY LAURI NEFF
The Associated Press

There's Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie, aka Brangelina, and Kim Kardashian and Kanye West, aka Kimye. But are you ready for Philinda?

Clark Gregg says that's the moniker "Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D." fans have come up with as they push for an on-screen romance between his character, S.H.I.E.L.D. chief Phil Coulson, and longtime agent Melinda May, played by Ming-Na Wen.

Gregg says some "very vocal and passionate" viewers have been on social media sites saying they "want to see that come to some kind of fruition" on the show, airing Wednesdays on AFN-Spectrum.

Clark Gregg, right, and Ming-Na Wen star on "Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D." Gregg says fans are hoping a romance blooms between their characters. The show airs Wednesdays on AFN-Spectrum.

ABC

Gregg has learned to pay attention to fan campaigns: After Coulson was killed off in "The Avengers," devotees launched an international movement to bring him back under the slogan #CoulsonLives just days after the film's release in 2012. He says that's why Coulson returned for the "S.H.I.E.L.D." TV series, now in its second season. "It was on bridges in the Danube and on a beach in Africa," says Gregg, "and Marvel listens to that."

He says the role has garnered him a fan at home: his nearly 13-year-old daughter Stella. "Sometimes she likes to watch the show with me kind of curled up in my arms and when Coulson's in jeopardy she squeezes in really tight," he says. "I wouldn't trade that for anything in the world."

Sam Smith, 5SOS, MARY J. BLIGE TO PERFORM AT 2014 AMAs

From wire reports

Breakthrough newcomers Sam Smith and 5 Seconds of Summer will take the stage at the 2014 American Music Awards.

Dick Clark Productions announced Thursday that Mary J. Blige will join the British pop crooner and Australian boy band at the Nov. 23 event at Nokia Theatre L.A. Live in Los Angeles. Smith and 5SOS will compete for new artist of the year.

Iggy Azalea is the leading nominee at the AMAs with six.

John Legend, Katy Perry and Pharrell Williams each have five nominations. Lorde is up for four honors at the fan-voted show.

Those acts are all nominated for artist of the year, competing with Beyonce, Luke Bryan, Eminem, Imagine Dragons and One Direction.

Pitbull will host the show and perform.

Lawyers want show yanked

A group of female lawyers in Miami-Dade in Florida really, really, really hate a new sitcom, saying that the show depicts a female judge as "unethical, lazy, crude, hyper-sexualized and unfit to hold such an esteemed position of power." And those are some of the kinder things.

Their ruling: They want NBC to pull the plug.

"Bad Judge" made its debut Oct. 2. Two weeks later, the Miami-Dade chapter of the Florida Association for Women Lawyers sent a letter to network CEO Steve Burke, asking him to kill it.

Azalea, movie up for awards

Rapper Iggy Azalea, actor Bryan Cranston and the film "Gone Girl" are nominees for Logo TV's 2014 New Now Next Awards.

The network announced Thursday that singer Sam Smith, the series "How to Get Away with Murder" and the play "Hedwig and the Angry Inch" are also up for awards. The show will tape Dec. 2 in Miami. The New Now Next Awards honor musicians, TV shows, films and Broadway productions that have had breakthroughs in the past year.

Other news

■ A federal judge won't recommend that prison officials allow Teresa Giudice to serve most of her prison sentence in a halfway house.

■ British guitarist Wilko Johnson says he is free of cancer, two years after being told he had months to live. The former member of Dr. Feelgood launched what he said would be a farewell tour after being diagnosed in 2012 with incurable pancreatic cancer.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Police: Couple left marijuana at day care

TX LUFKIN — East Texas police arrested a man and woman who they say dumped a gallon-sized bag of marijuana into a day care trash can.

Frederick Ruth, 50, and Youlanda Whitaker, 40, have been charged with possessing marijuana in a drug-free zone and possessing a dangerous drug.

Lufkin police said they received a report Monday of two people bagging up marijuana in a car. Officers found it in the Noah's Ark Early Education Center Day Care and said Ruth and Whitaker were inside.

They said Ruth turned over a small bag of marijuana. Officers found the larger bag in a bathroom after employees reported seeing Whitaker enter with a shopping bag.

Police didn't say why the suspects were at the day care.

State Senate candidates fight over zombie jobs

WA SPOKANE — Zombies have become a political issue in a state Senate race in Spokane.

Incumbent Republican Sen. Michael Baumgartner is challenged by Democrat Rich Cowan, whose North by Northwest production company helped film "Z Nation" for the Syfy Channel in Spokane.

KXLY reported that Cowan touted the hundreds of jobs the TV show brought to the city. Baumgartner said the zombie jobs are temporary and created with a taxpayer subsidy.

Cowan said the second season of "Z Nation" will likely be produced in Spokane.

Cub Scouts burned in chemical explosion

IL RAYMOND — Three Cub Scouts and their adult leader were injured when an experiment caused a chemical explosion in Montgomery County. Raymond Mayor Dennis Held told KSDK-TV the boys were having a meeting outside a church Monday evening when they conducted an annual experiment. The explosion occurred when they mixed boric acid and antifreeze in a metal fire pit with the intention of making a green flame.

The boys were airlifted to a Springfield-area hospital. The boy who had conducted the experiment suffered burns to his arms, face and hair. The other two boys suffered facial burns.

The adult leader was taken to an area hospital with burns. Their conditions were unclear Wednesday.

Patrol car corrals rogue carriage horse

NY NEW YORK — New York City police said they had to corral a carriage horse after it broke loose from its handler in midtown Manhattan.

It happened Sunday morning. Police said a patrol car chased the horse after it bolted from a



BEN GARVER, THE BERKSHIRE (MASS.) EAGLE/AP

Triceratops takes a trip

Berkshire Museum staff move Uncle Beazley, a retired triceratops model, from the museum to a new home at Berkshire Athenaeum public library in Pittsfield, Mass., on Wednesday.

stable on West 37th Street between 10th and 11th avenues and went for a trot.

The police cruiser managed to maneuver the horse into an empty parking lot on 40th Street and 11th Avenue where the handler was able to seize the animal.

Police said there were no injuries to the horse, property or people.

Claiming to be Christ, man attacks woman

KY LOUISVILLE — Louisville police say a man claimed to be Jesus Christ and attacked a woman he called the devil.

WRBB-TV in Louisville reported that Colvotte Brooks, 52, argued with a judge Monday morning during his arraignment, claiming to be the head of Homeland Security.

Police said Brooks attacked the woman just before 6:30 a.m. Saturday. Police said Brooks assaulted the woman, then threw a glass plate at her head as she crawled across the street.

She suffered an injury to her right cheek, which was bleeding and swollen. Police said she was unable to tell the officer her name, and was "very disoriented."

Brooks was initially charged with second-degree assault. A judge upgraded the charge to attempted murder during Monday's

hearing.

Surfer hits shark with board to stop attack

HI WAILUKU — A surfer holding his 8-year-old son said he punched and smacked a shark with his board to stop an attack off Maui.

Kaleo Roberson told the Maui News that he was surfing Saturday with 20 others — including his twin 8-year-old sons and a 6-year-old son — off Maalea when a 12- to 14-foot tiger shark appeared.

Roberson didn't see the shark until it was a few feet away. He remembers a wide-open mouth with teeth coming at him. No one was injured.

Roberson said he slid to the side of his board and hit the shark's nose with his hand. He also kicked it and swung his board at the animal twice before paddling to shore.

The shark left a 14-inch-long bite near the tail of the surfboard.

Man charged in ambulance carjacking

CA LOS ANGELES — Authorities said a patient who stole an ambulance then crashed it in a chase with Los Angeles police has been charged with carjacking and other crimes.

City News Service reported that Mohamed Zahir, 21, was scheduled to be arraigned Wednesday on two counts of carjacking and one count each of attempted carjacking and fleeing police causing serious bodily injury.

Prosecutors said paramedics strapped Zahir to a gurney Sunday night after he told them he'd taken the synthetic drug Spice.

They said he unbuckled himself and tried to get into a woman's car then ran back to the ambulance, got behind the wheel and drove away while paramedics jumped out.

Police said they chased Zahir until he crashed into a minivan. He could get 16 years and two months in prison.

County doubles bounty on beavers to \$50

IA FOREST CITY, — Winnebago County in northern Iowa has doubled its bounty on beavers to \$50.

County supervisors said an aging trapper who had kept the beaver population in check retired because of his physical limitations.

Beaver dams can cause damaging floods. Officials say anyone turning in a beaver tail to claim the bounty has to prove the tail came from Winnebago County.

From wire reports

THE CENSUS



\$5,000

The reward being offered for information about the killing of a Tasmanian devil at the Albuquerque BioPark zoo in New Mexico. Keepers found the male marsupial, known as Jasper, dead in his outdoor enclosure on Oct. 15 as staff prepared to open the zoo to the public. An examination concluded that Jasper died from a fractured skull and brain trauma. A piece of asphalt was found nearby. Jasper was one of four Tasmanian devils on loan to the zoo from Australia as part of an effort to start a breeding program for the endangered species.

BUSINESS/WEATHER

Federal benefits to get 1.7 percent bump

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The annual cost-of-living adjustment, or COLA, will rise by 1.7 percent next year, the federal government said Wednesday, making it the third consecutive year that millions of older Americans drawing federal benefits will receive a raise of less than 2 percent.

Social Security recipients, federal retirees and disabled veterans are among those counting on the annual increase, which is about \$20 a month for those re-

ceiving Social Security. Social Security benefits average about \$1,300 a month.

The payments go to more than 70 million Social Security beneficiaries, disabled veterans and federal retirees.

About 50 million retirees, disabled workers, spouses and children get Social Security benefits, the Associated Press reported.

Also affected are about 4 million disabled veterans, and 2.5 million federal retirees and their survivors.

More than 8 million people receive Supplemental Security Income, AP said of the disability program for the poor, commonly known by its initials, SSI.

For federal retirees, the benefits vary based on the program in which a person enrolled.

The increase translates into about \$50 a month on average for federal retirees who are under the older of the two main federal retirement systems, and about \$20 a month on average for those retired under the newer system.

According to the latest Office of Personnel Management data, as of last October, there were almost 2 million federal retirees, about three-fourths of them drawing benefits from the Civil Service Retirement System and the rest having retired under the Federal Employees Retirement System.

The retiree COLA, which is automatic and based on a consumer price index measure, is separate from the pay raise that goes to active employees.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro cents (Oct. 24)	\$1.2987
Dollar buys (Oct. 24)	\$0.7700
British pound (Oct. 24)	\$1.65
Japanese yen (Oct. 24)	104.00
South Korean won (Oct. 24)	1,029.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
British pound	\$1.6021
Canada (Dollar)	1.1238
China (Yuan)	6.1185
Denmark (Krone)	6.8853
Egypt (Pound)	7.1506
Euro	\$1.2651/0.7905
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7554
Hungary (Forint)	243.27
Israel (Sheqel)	3.7751
Japan (Yen)	107.94
Kuwait (Dinar)	2.8291
Norway	6.5650
Philippines (Peso)	44.82
Poland (Zloty)	3.35
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7518
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2742
South Korea (Won)	1,057.31
Switzerland (Franc)	0.9536
Turkey (Lira)	23.26
Turkey (Bah)	23.74

(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. British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one U.S. dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

EUROPE GAS PRICES

Country	Super E10	Super unleaded	Super plus	Diesel
Germany	\$3.421	\$3.622	\$3.859	\$3.421
Change in price	-8.7 cents	-8.7 cents	-8.2 cents	-4.2 cents
Netherlands	..	\$4.424	\$4.700	\$4.509
Change in price	..	-9.8 cents	-9.7 cents	-5.3 cents
U.K.	..	\$3.592	\$4.059	\$3.929
Change in price	..	-8.7 cents	-1.2 cents	-4.2 cents
Azores	..	..	\$3.748	..
Change in price	..	..	-8.2 cents	..
Spain	..	\$3.753	\$3.952	\$3.976
Change in price	..	No change	No change	No change
Turkey	..	..	\$4.109	\$4.718*
Change in price	..	..	+1.2 cents	No change
Italy	\$4.201	..	..	\$4.277
Change in price	No change	..	..	No change

PACIFIC GAS PRICES

Country	Unleaded	Super unleaded	Super plus	Diesel
Spain	..	\$3.589	..	\$3.739
Change in price	..	-8.0 cents	..	-5.0 cents
Okinawa	\$3.359	..	..	\$3.739
Change in price	No change	..	..	-5.0 cents
South Korea	\$3.249	..	\$3.629	\$3.739
Change in price	-8.0 cents	..	-8.0 cents	-5.0 cents
Guam	\$3.239*	\$3.439	\$3.619	..
Change in price	-8.0 cents	-8.0 cents	-8.0 cents	..

* Diesel EFD ** Midgrade
For the week of October 24-30

MARKET WATCH

	Oct. 22, 2014
Dow Jones Industrial	-153.49
Nasdaq composite	-36.63
Standard & Poor's 500	-14.17
Russell 2000	-15.98
	1,927.11
	4,382.85
	1,927.11
	-15.98
	1,096.67

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	4.75
Federal funds market rate	0.09
3-month bill	0.02
30-year bond	2.99

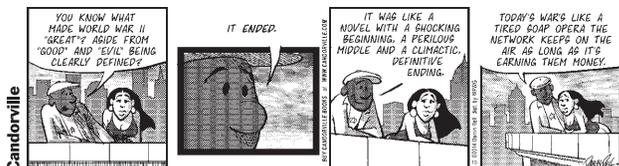
WEATHER OUTLOOK



Friday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Ablene, Tex	86	59	Cir	Chattanooga	70	43	PCldy	Fort Wayne	62	44	Cir	Louisville	67	46	PCldy
Akron, Ohio	59	39	Cir	Cheyenne	72	44	PCldy	Fresno	83	57	Cir	Lubbock	84	55	Cir
Albany, N.Y.	53	41	Cir	Chicago	65	48	Cir	Goodland	84	47	Cir	Macon	75	41	Cir
Albuquerque	77	50	Cir	Cincinnati	64	42	PCldy	Grand Junction	73	43	Cir	Madison	65	43	PCldy
Allentown, Pa.	64	42	Cir	Cleveland	59	42	Cir	Grand Rapids	61	47	Cir	Medford	67	50	Rain
Anchorage	38	27	Cir	Colorado Springs	78	45	Cir	Great Falls	60	46	PCldy	Memphis	76	48	Cir
Ashville	64	46	Cir	Columbia, S.C.	74	42	Cir	Greensboro, N.C.	70	41	PCldy	Miami Beach	82	73	Rain
Atlanta	70	48	Cir	Columbus, Ohio	63	42	PCldy	Harrisburg	63	45	PCldy	Midland-Odessa	85	58	Cir
Atlantic City	65	47	Cir	Concord, N.H.	57	46	Cir	Hartford	57	47	Cir	Milwaukee	62	48	Cir
Austin	64	44	Cir	Corpus Christi	84	64	Cir	Helena	61	44	Cir	Minneapolis-St Paul	69	47	PCldy
Baltimore	64	44	Cir	Dallas-Ft Worth	85	59	PCldy	Honolulu	88	77	PCldy	Missoula	54	43	Cir
Baton Rouge	78	51	Cir	Dayton	63	43	PCldy	Houston	83	57	Cir	Mobile	67	46	Cir
Bismarck	73	44	Cir	Daytona Beach	79	58	PCldy	Huntsville	73	47	PCldy	Montgomery	76	45	Cir
Boise	64	49	PCldy	Denver	80	42	Cir	Indianapolis	64	47	PCldy	Nashville	70	44	Cir
Boston	57	51	Cir	Des Moines	74	51	PCldy	Jackson, Miss.	77	44	Cir	New Orleans	74	56	Cir
Bridgeport	64	45	Cir	Detroit	60	41	Cir	Jacksonville	77	48	Cir	New York City	63	48	Cir
Brownsville	84	68	Cir	Duluth	63	44	PCldy	Juneau	48	35	Cir	Newark	67	48	Cir
Buffalo	57	44	Cir	El Paso	81	56	Cir	Kansas City	78	53	Cir	Norfolk, Va.	69	51	Cir
Burlington, Vt.	51	46	Rain	Elkins	57	39	PCldy	Key West	84	74	Rain	North Platte	82	43	Cir
Caribou, Maine	51	43	Rain	Erie	58	44	Cir	Knoxville	68	41	PCldy	Omaha	78	51	PCldy
Charleston, S.C.	75	46	Cir	Eugene	61	50	Rain	Las Vegas	79	54	Cir	Orlando	82	60	PCldy
Charleston, W.Va.	62	40	PCldy	Fargo	72	44	PCldy	Las Vegas	87	63	PCldy	Pasadena	70	46	PCldy
Charlotte, N.C.	71	41	Cir	Flagstaff	72	36	Cir	Lexington	80	50	PCldy	Peoria	69	50	PCldy
				Fort Smith	80	53	Cir	Lincoln	80	50	PCldy	Philadelphia	65	46	Cir
							Lit Rock	78	49	Cir	Phoenix	95	68	Cir	
							Los Angeles	85	61	Cir	Pittsburgh	55	38	Cir	
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											Portland, Ore.	61	51	Rain	
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											Rockford	65	45	Cir	
											St Louis	73	53	PCldy	
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											Salt Lake City	75	45	Cir	
											San Antonio	86	56	Cir	
											San Diego	81	66	Cir	
											San Francisco	77	61	PCldy	
											San Jose	78	57	PCldy	
											Santa Fe	76	43	Cir	
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											Savannah	76	48	Cir	
											Seattle	59	49	Cir	
											Shreveport	80	49	Cir	

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



Eugene Sheffer Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Piglet's parent
 - 4 General on a Chinese menu
 - 7 Harassed
 - 12 Part of N.A.
 - 13—Claire, Wis.
 - 14 Upper crust
 - 15 Sermon subject
 - 16 Solving procedure
 - 18 Coop occupant
 - 19 Artist Frida
 - 20 Midwest nation
 - 22 1959 Kingston Trio hit
 - 23 Characteristic carrier
 - 27 Sea urchin, re 1-Down
 - 29 Man
 - 31 Japanese-American
 - 34 Greedy one's call
 - 35 Censors, in a way
 - 37 Youngster
 - 38 Family
 - 39 Lemieux milieu
 - 41 Region
 - 45 Knee support
 - 47 Treasure seeker's aid
 - 48 Math exponent
 - 52—out (supplement)
 - 53 Locale for sweaters?
 - 54 Alien or Tebow
 - 55 "Gosh!"
 - 56 Wood nymph
- DOWN**
- 1 See 27-Across
 - 2 Wicker-prow willow
 - 3 Would like to, in kid-speak
 - 4 Shipbuilding wood
 - 5 7-Down's make-up, maybe
 - 6 —to (should)
 - 7 Long lunch
 - 8 Muhammad or Laila
 - 9 Pimple
 - 10 Biblical verb suffix
 - 11 Rep.'s rival
 - 17 Scandinavian man's name
 - 21 Hive head
 - 23 Showiness
 - 24 Shade provider
 - 25 Pierre, e.g.
 - 26 Ram's mate
 - 28 Chill in the air
 - 30 Id counterpart
 - 31 Peacock's home?
 - 32 Under the weather
 - 33 Red or Black
 - 36 iPhone voice
 - 37 Computer nerd
 - 40 Slyly spiteful
 - 42 Last letter
 - 43 Un-draped
 - 44 Tools for duels
 - 45 Actor Pitt
 - 46 Austen heroine
 - 48 "Acid"
 - 49 Scull need
 - 50 Lorry the Cable
 - 51 Literary collection

Answer to Previous Puzzle

S	I	C	W	E	A	R	C	R	A	C	K
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CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THAT MAN INSTINCTIVELY UNDERSTANDS MANY ARCTIC NATIVES. YOU COULD SAY HE INTUITS INUITS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: A equals H

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OPINION

Politicians agree: They aren't scientists

By Andrew A. Rosenberg

When an editorial board recently asked Republican Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell about climate change, said he wasn't a scientist. Florida Sen. Marco Rubio and Gov. Rick Scott, both Republicans, have said the same thing.

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, a Democrat, said he wasn't a scientist, too, when he faced questions about his administration editing documents about the use of hydraulic fracturing. Louisiana's Gov. Bobby Jindal, of the GOP, said he wasn't an evolutionary biologist when asked about teaching established science in schools.

Of course, very few politicians are scientists. And while having more scientists in elected office would be a more appealing idea, it is really beside the point.

Scientists, including me, serve on committees that advise governments at all levels. We dig into the data and weigh the evidence. We don't present our individual research, but try to convey to policymakers what scientists have collectively discovered about a given topic.

These advisory bodies are designed to be transparent about the data they use, reveal members' conflicts of interest, and solicit input and feedback from the broader public. In other words, they are democratic institutions that we should trust. . . .

Too often, however, politicians confront scientific evidence about risks we face with a demand for specific policy proposals. As a result, politicians who oppose climate policy are hostile to climate science just as politicians who favor hydraulic fracturing try to prevent scientific agencies from even trying it.

But as my science professor David Hastings told Scott, scientists are the "mappers" while politicians are the "navigators." The navigator must ultimately choose the ship's course, but to do so while ignoring — or arbitrarily redrawing — the map is a perilous business.

The distinction should be familiar to any elected official. After all, politicians aren't engineers, but they approve infrastructure



projects. They aren't accountants, but they create budgets. . . .

As Congress has become more polarized, including around scientific issues, some local and state governments have been trying to close the gap between science and policymaking. For instance, while Rubio and Scott might have a strained relationship with climate science, city and county officials in Florida have already banded together to plan for future sea level rise.

Similarly, Congress tied the Environmental Protection Agency's hands when it comes to monitoring air and water pollution from hydraulic fracturing. City council members have reached out to scientists to help them make sense of the risks as they simultaneously weigh the benefits of economic development from new wells.

In Colorado, which formed a commission to study fracking, some advocates are calling for a year's worth of so-called "baseline testing" that would allow the state to assess pre- and post-fracking air and water quality. Such testing could provide trusted, publicly available scientific information

that both sides should welcome.

Finally, public policy has an undeniable effect on our diets, including sugar overconsumption and poor childhood nutrition. But some politicians responsible for food policy ignore this research. Again, cities such as Los Angeles and states including Minnesota are moving ahead with "food charters" that bring together farmers, nutrition experts, parents, community organizations and government officials to foster stronger local food systems.

Scientists study the risks we face. . . . Politicians don't have to respond to every risk, of course. They can and should disagree with each other about if and how to respond. But saying, "I'm not a scientist" in the face of scientific evidence is a cop-out. As a talking point, it should be retired.

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US shows too much politics is bad for democracy

By CLIVE CROOK
 Bloomberg News

The most striking thing about the U.S. midterm elections is how little most of our country seems to care. It isn't as though nothing will change: If the Republican Party wins control of the Senate, as the prognosticators are saying, that will have consequences. Yet, according to one recent poll, voters are even less engaged than usual and turnout next month is likely to be less than 40 percent.

Here's a thought: Could the reason for America's democratic discontent be too much democracy? Francis Fukuyama discusses this possibility in his new book, "Political Order and Political Decay" from the "National Review" to the "Globalization of Democracy." (I recommend it, but if you're pressed for time his essay for Foreign Affairs gives the flavor of his argument.) The idea is plausible, and it connects to a point I've made before about the hyper-political character of the U.S. system of government.

Fukuyama emphasizes what he calls "veto points" — the endlessly proliferating opportunities (far more than in other democratic systems) to block action. He calls the result "vetocracy." Add polarization, a judiciary keen to insert itself in policymaking, and well-funded, highly energetic

interest groups, and the result is stasis. "In fact," he writes, "these days there is too much law and too much democracy relative to American state capacity."

I agree on the substance but I'd put it a bit differently. The problem isn't too much democracy, it's too much politics. You don't measure the quality of democracy just by asking whether the politically engaged have a voice, or by counting their opportunities to influence outcomes (for good or ill), important as those metrics may be. Democracy is also supposed to work for the disengaged. In that respect, this democracy is plainly failing.

America's political class — candidates, interest groups, activists and their respective groups in the media — can't be faulted for lack of engagement. Boy, are they engaged. That's fine, of course. (It would be even better if they were as interested in public policy as they are in the political contest as blood sport, but that's another matter.) Outside that bubble, however, views of politics run the range from boredom to despair. And a main cause, I'd submit, is popular disgust with that very political class. More politics doesn't necessarily get you more democracy, much less better democracy.

I suspect this idea that the views of the disengaged should count may be a bit un-American. This country makes demands

on its citizens. It's one of the things I like best about it. If you can't be bothered to stand up and be counted, why expect your opinion, if you can't even be bothered to form one, to matter?

This zeal for political engagement is woven into the American character and system of government. Compare with Britain — with its independent civil service, apolitical judges, and numerous public yet politically non-aligned bodies. It would never occur to you to wonder whether a prosecutor in Britain leaned left or right, and asking would be seen as improper. Prosecutors in the United States are, in many cases, actual or would-be politicians. In Britain, you might say, party politics isn't mandatory for the fully functioning citizen. In the U.S., it is.

Yet is Britain that much less democratic than the U.S.? The answer isn't obvious. It has vastly fewer veto points, as Fukuyama would say, and a much smaller domain of party-political action. Oh yes, and no written constitution. By American lights, it's a tyrannical system. On the other hand, stuff that most of the country wants to see happen actually gets done now and then, and every four or five years roughly two-thirds of the people care enough about politics to turn out and vote. So you tell me.

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OPINION

What newspapers are saying at home

The following editorial excerpts are selected from a cross section of newspapers throughout the United States. The editors are provided by The Associated Press and other statewide syndicates.

Shouldn't need to have a czar Orange County (Calif.) Register

Conservatives have been in a justifiable snit during the past few days over the appointment of Ron Klain, former chief of staff to Vice President Joe Biden and Al Gore, to be the Obama administration's "Ebola czar." All of the Right's criticsisms — that Klain is a political operative rather than a medical professional, that he's already missed key meetings about the disease; and that this approach shows the White House treating the Ebola threat as a crisis of public relations rather than public health — strike us as justified.

That said, we have a bigger issue: that Klain's position even exists.

The very use of the word "czar" in regard to American government ought to give conscientious citizens pause. The word, which, like its German equivalent "Kaiser," derives from the Latin "Caesar," is not one with which a constitutional republic should trifle. It ought to be an anathema in a free society to adopt the stylistic trappings of absolute power. We suspect that most Americans would be unsettled if the White House were to announce the appointment of "Ebola emperor." The "czar" formulation should be regarded with equal contempt.

On a substantive level, however, the real problem with a White House czar doesn't have to do with any potential threat to the public's liberty. If anything, Klain appears to be little more than a figurehead intended to placate a segment of the public. The issue is the underlying idea that the government, when faced with a serious problem, has to create new positions to effectively respond to it.

As of 2012 (the most recent year for which data are available), the Office of Personnel Management reported that the executive branch of the federal government had nearly 2.7 million civilian employees. If those workers and their leaders are consistently unable to meet the most pressing challenges facing the nation — the sorts of problems for which government actually exists — then creating supplementary positions is, at best, an exercise in triage. What's required is wholesale reform of the federal workforce that allows it to respond effectively in moments of such gravity. What use, after all, is government that can't be relied on in a lurch?

Military key to stopping Ebola The Arizona Republic

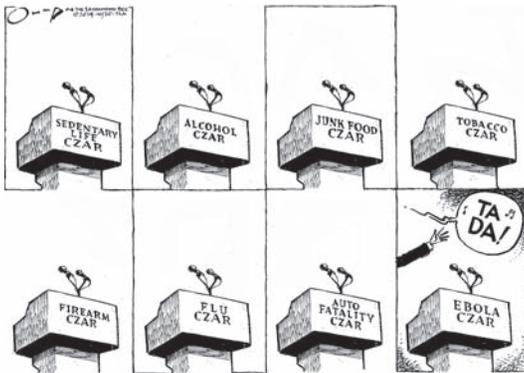
President Barack Obama is sending more than 3,000 active-duty troops to West Africa. He signed an executive order authorizing the Pentagon to call up reserves and the National Guard to help fight the Ebola virus.

At first glance, this appears to be a head scratching. How are men and women who carry machine guns supposed to fight a microscopic bug?

But this may be one of the smartest actions the federal government has taken. The best way to keep the story of Ebola in the United States to a single incident at a Dallas hospital is to stop the virus at its source. That's where there is a good title here if the epidemic explodes in Africa.

Troops are not doctors, and they won't be treating people. Their purpose is to create a health care infrastructure in three countries that essentially have none. That's why infections have spread so quickly.

The military's first task is to build a 25-bed field hospital for infected health care



workers. Navy Seabees will also build 17 treatment centers with 100 beds each. Specialists are training local professionals on how to handle Ebola patients and testing blood samples to confirm infections.

When this crisis began, Liberia's only lab, housed in a collection of World War II-era buildings, could barely test 40 specimens a day. U.S. workers have upgraded that lab and added three more.

Reserves would fill any gaps active-duty personnel cannot in such areas as technical engineering and communications systems, according to USA Today. Logisticians, comptrollers and religious specialists may also be needed.

Sending in the troops is the humanitarian thing to do and part of our nation's long tradition. More than 4,400 people have died already. Children have been orphaned. Without U.S. involvement, it will only get worse.

But sending troops is also self-defense.

Consider the hysteria in this country after one man died and two nurses who treated him were infected. ... If Ebola were actually to establish a foothold, our economy and lives would come to a standstill.

No one wants that. But a czar can't stop it. Nor can a fight ban. The only way to prevent that is to quell the virus where it began.

Putin's antics affect base plan The Memphis, Tenn. Commercial Appeal

When George W. Bush proposed pulling U.S. bases out of Germany and moving them farther east to Poland and Romania, the plan got a chilly reception with the U.S. public and Congress.

The move was meant as a cost-saver, and a welcoming and less crowded Eastern Europe offered plenty of room for maneuvers. Bush also intended the bases as a shield against the bombing attack by Iranian missiles. But Bush's credibility was at low ebb. Russia was in economic shambles and posed little immediate threat. Now large, permanent NATO bases in Eastern Europe don't seem such a bad idea, particularly now that Russian President Vladimir Putin has annexed Crimea, seems bent on reducing Eastern Ukraine to vassal status and cowing Poland into weakening its commitment to NATO.

As Russia's economy sinks deeper into recession, more because of falling oil prices than Western sanctions, Putin reflexively blames Russia's woes on the West. That's the problem of Putin himself. His behavior is increasingly erratic and, although this might be a tactic to keep the West off balance, his actions have surely started to worry his acolytes in the Kremlin. He kept, for example, German Chancellor Angela Merkel waiting for a meeting in Italy. As a former KGB agent in East Germany, he must have been aware

that this was a horrendous breach of protocol. The New York Times commented that "Mr. Putin's showmanship appears to be wearing thin with Europe's leaders."

Poland's current leadership is formally opposed to a permanent NATO base on its soil, preferring a quick reaction force based somewhere else. That will change in a hurry if Russia, as it surely will to distract from domestic problems, begins to meddle in Polish affairs.

Token effort won't help Kobani The Wall Street Journal

Islamic State's siege of Kobani in Syria has become a microcosm of the choices facing the United States in the war with this terrorist army.

On Sunday, three C-130 cargo planes dropped relief shipments into the Syrian Kurdish forces attempting to beat back Islamic State's offensive against Kobani. The details of these airdrops are instructive.

The materials that the American cargo planes are delivering to the Syrian Kurds do not come from the U.S. Instead, the U.S. is delivering supplies sent by the Kurds in Iraq. Moreover, the weapons included in the cargo drop are small arms and ammunition. The Kurds defending Kobani have said for a week they need more significant weaponry to prevail in city fighting against Islamic State's tanks and heavy artillery.

They did not get that. A senior Obama administration official said, "This is really meant to provide relief."

The limited nature of the air drops is also meant to provide political credibility for President Barack Obama's repeated assertion that the U.S. will not be "engaged" in a war in the Middle East. The likelihood, however, is that the U.S.'s current standoff strategy — airstrikes from above and small arms — will allow conditions on the ground to erode over time in favor of Islamic State.

The politics of the battle for Kobani are complicated. Turkey doesn't want to help Syrian Kurds who it says have supported their enemies in the Kurdistan Workers Party, the PKK. The Syrian Kurds have long been divided into factions. There is the matter of who has supported or opposed the Assad regime in Damascus. Add that the Kurds in Iraq supplying the small arms have their own set of interests.

We get that. But the Obama White House appears to be using the region's complexities — which existed before Islamic State seized one-third of Iraq — as an excuse for an overly cautious engagement with the new realities on the ground.

The small-arms drop is welcome; it lifted the spirits of the city's defenders. But Kobani likely will join most of Iraq's Anbar province in falling to Islamic State if the U.S. doesn't soon provide fighters on the ground with anti-tank weapons and the like. That commitment will require the

U.S. to participate in some accommodations with the region's near-term alliances. It isn't easy. Some of the realpolitik is not really clear to people before they seek the U.S. presidency.

GAO debunks Medicaid claim The Oklahoman

One argument for expanding Medicaid under Obamacare is that Oklahoma could "save" money by shifting costs to the federal government, including payment for the care of inmates in prisons. A new report by the U.S. Government Accountability Office indicates this claim is overstated.

Under Obamacare's Medicaid expansion, the federal government will supposedly cover at least 90 percent of costs for those added to the program (although less for those currently eligible). This expansion group would include most prison inmates. Currently, state government pays all the costs of medical care for inmates. This is one reason a Leavitt Partners study predicted that the Oklahoma Department of Corrections would save \$118 million through Medicaid expansion.

The GAO's findings undermine that cost-shifting claim. Responding to congressional inquiries, the GAO examined Medicaid-expansion coverage of inmates. The report bluntly notes, "Federal law prohibits states from obtaining federal Medicaid funds for health care services provided to inmates," with only limited exceptions.

Medicaid pays for care only when inmates are placed in a hospital outside the prison system for more than 24 hours. "The intent of the federal prohibition is to ensure that federal Medicaid funds are not used to finance care that is the responsibility of state and local authorities," the report states.

The GAO examined four states that expanded Medicaid (California, Colorado, New York and Washington) and two that did not (Texas and Missouri). The GAO found between 72 percent and 90 percent of inmates were Medicaid-eligible in New York, Colorado and California, compared with just 2 percent in non-expansion North Carolina. Yet, despite eligibility, the GAO found 5 percent or less of inmate care actually qualified for Medicaid payment in expansion states.

The GAO found federal matching funds obtained for inmate medical care in 2013 ranged from \$1.3 million in Washington to \$38.5 million in California. That's far less than the \$118 million predicted for Oklahoma, even though California's prison population is roughly five times larger.

Those amounts are expected to increase, slightly, in future years. ...

In Colorado, the GAO reports many county jails don't bother enrolling inmates in Medicaid. Instead, the federal matching funds are obtained only for the administrative costs associated with enrolling inmates and claiming funds." Thus, the GAO concludes that "increases in federal spending on inmate care due to Medicaid expansion are likely to be limited."

Still, these Medicaid reimbursements. Such strategies could impact public safety. To qualify for more federal matching funds, officials could place more inmates in public hospitals for longer stays, regardless of need. They could also increase the number of efforts to boost Medicaid rolls and associated reimbursement.

At the same time, officials would have greater financial incentive to enroll ex-convicts than to enroll many law-abiding citizens. Under Obamacare's Medicaid expansion, the federal government will pay 90 percent of costs to inmates and ex-convicts, but just 60.99 percent of costs for a low-income pregnant woman who is currently Medicaid-eligible in Oklahoma.

The GAO's report indicates Medicaid "savings" for the state prison system are mostly illusory. And unyielding pursuit of the goal of saving may generate outcomes far worse than a lack of insurance.

SCOREBOARD

Sports on AFN

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Deals

Wednesday's transactions

BASEBALL
American League
MINNESOTA TWINS — Declined their 2015 contract option for 2015 on RHP Jarrod Samardzija, making him a free agent.

National League
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Fired hitting coach Phil Plantier.

National Basketball Association
MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES — Waived F Earl Clark and C Hassan Whiteside.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
NFL — Signed Indianapolis LB Erik Wolden (19 games) being ejected for making contact with an official during an on-field draft choice. Released LB Jacoby Jones.

CLEVELAND BROWNS — Re-signed DJ Jacoby McManis to the practice squad. Signed WR Clinton Washington to the practice squad.

IONS — Signed S Jerome Couplin to the practice squad. Released RB Andrew Powell.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Acquired LB Alexey Akyev from Tennessee for a 2015 draft pick. Signed WR Matt Jones to the practice squad.

TITANS — Signed TE Richard Gordon. Agreed to terms with LB Steve Asakwe and WR Derek Mayo on practice squad contracts.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
CAROLINA HURRICANES — Recalled F Brent Burns from Charlotte (AHL). Placed C Eric Staal on injured reserve, effective Oct. 23.

MINNESOTA WILD — Agreed to terms with RW Charlie Coyle on a one-year contract with a no-trade clause.

MONTREAL CANADIENS — Assigned D Niklas Hjalmarsson to F Michael Leighton to Hamilton (AHL).

SOCCER
Major League Soccer
LA GALAXY — Signed D A.J. Delgado to a multi-year contract extension.

National Women's Soccer League
WASHINGTON SPIRIT — Signed MF Joanna Lohman.

Pro soccer

MLS

Eastern Conference	W	L	GF	GA
y-D.C.	17	9	7	38
x-New England	16	13	4	46
y-Spring BK	16	13	29	49
x-Columbus	13	10	49	50
x-Chicago	13	10	42	50
Philadelphia	10	11	42	50
Toronto FC	9	14	40	50
Houston	11	6	38	36
Chicago	5	18	33	57
Montreal	3	19	37	50

Western Conference	W	L	GF	GA
x-Seattle	19	10	4	61
x-Los Angeles	19	10	20	59
x-Real Salt Lake	15	11	56	39
x-FC Dallas	16	11	56	54
Portland	16	11	56	54
Portland	9	13	46	52
Chicago	11	9	36	46
Chivas USA	8	19	30	62
San Jose	8	19	30	62

Notes: Three points for victory, one point for tied play.

Western playoff berth y-clinched conference.

Friday's game
Real Salt Lake, Chivas USA 2

Saturday's game
Houston at Chicago

Sunday's game
Los Angeles at Seattle

Sunday's game
D.C. United at Montreal

Sunday's game
Portland at New York

Sunday's game
Portland at FC Dallas

Sunday's game
Philadelphia at Columbus

Sunday's game
San Jose at Chivas USA

Sunday's game
New York at Sporting Kansas City

Wednesday

Real Salt Lake 2, Chivas USA 0

Chivas USA — 0-0-2

Real Salt Lake — 1-0-1

Real Salt Lake — 36th minute.

Red Cards — Real Salt Lake, Beckerman (3), Piaty, 74th.

Yellow Cards — Toia, Chivas USA, 31st; Babin, Chivas USA, 51st; Chacero, Real Salt Lake, 59th; Re-Coker, Chivas USA, 74th; Cabover, Real Salt Lake, 89th.

Red Cards — Chavez, Chivas USA, 56th.

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College football

Schedule

Friday, Oct. 24
SOUTH
Troy (1-6) at Ole Miss (4-2)

MIDWEST
South Florida (3-4) at Cincinnati (3-3)

FAR WEST
BYU (4-3) at Boise St. (5-2)
Oregon (6-1) vs. California (4-3) at Santa Clara, Calif.

Saturday, Oct. 25
EAST
Alderson-Broaddus (0-1) at Duquesne (4-3)

Campbell (4-3) at Marist (1-6)
Cincinnati (2-5) at Rhode Island (0-7)
Cornell (0-5) at Brown (2-3)

Florida (2-4) at Lehigh (5-1)
Robert Morris (1-6) at Bryant (5-1)
Wash. State (3-3) at Wake Forest (4-3)

San Jose St. (0-5) at Navy (3-4)
Harvard (0-6) at Princeton (3-2)
St. Francis (Pa.) (2-2) at Sacred Heart (6-1)

Dartmouth (4-1) at Columbia (0-5)
Penn State (1) at Yale (4-1)
Bucknell (5-1) at Georgetown (2-5)
Stony Brook (4-4) at New Hampshire (5-1)

Colgate (4-4) at Albany (NY) (5-2)
Cent. Michigan (4-4) at Buffalo (3-4)
Fordham (2-5) at Lafayette (2-4)
Georgia Tech (5-2) at Pittsburgh (4-3)

Morgan St. (0-7) at Villanova (6-1)
Ohio St. (1) at Penn State (4-1)
WEST
Marys (4-4)

Marys Madison (4-3) at Charlotte (3-3)

Mercer (5-3) at Chattanooga (4-3)
North Carolina (3-4) at Virginia (4-3)
Virginia Tech (5-1) at Wake Forest (4-3)

Stetson (2-5) at Davidson (1-7)
Jacksonville (6-1) at LIMESTONE (2-5)
Valparaiso (2-5) at Morehead St. (2-5)
Ark. State (4-4) at UT Martin (2-4)

Samford (3-3) at Furman (2-5)
North Carolina Central (0-7) at SC State (4-3)

Hampton (1-7) at Wofford (4-3)
Hampton (1-6) at Delaware St. (2-6)
Georgia Southern (6-5) at Georgia St. (1)

Savannah St. (0-7) at NC Central (3-4)
North Carolina (0-7) at Wake Forest (4-3)

City of Dade (5-2) at NC Central (3-4)
SE Missouri (4-4) at E. Kentucky (6-1)
SE Missouri (4-4) at Tennessee (4-2)

Austin Peay (4-3) at UT Martin (2-4)
Alabama St. (4-3) vs. Alabama A&M (1-6)
Charleston Southern (5-6) at Coastal Carolina (1-7)

Mississippi St. (6-0) at Kentucky (5-2)
North Carolina A&T (4-3) at Liberty (4-3)
FAU (4-4) at Marshall (0-7)

Louisiana Tech (4-3) at Southern Miss. (3-4)

Boston College (4-3) at Wake Forest (4-3)

Tennessee Tech (3-4) at Jacksonville St. (1-7)

Kentucky Wesleyan (4-3) at Murray St. (2)

Old Dominion (3-4) at W. Kentucky (2-2)

Temple (4-2) at UCF (4-2)
Syracuse (3-4) at Clemson (5-2)
Louisiana (4-3) at Ole Miss (3-4)

TX State (3-3) at Louisiana-Monroe (3-3)

Mississippi (7-0) at LSU (6-2)
South Carolina (4-3) at Auburn (5-1)
Alabama (6-1) at Tennessee (4-2)

MIDWEST
Minnesota (6-2) at Kansas (5-1)
Texas (3-4) at Kansas St. (6-4)

Maryland (5-2) at Wisconsin (4-2)
N. Illinois (5-2) at Michigan (4-2)
North Carolina Central (0-7) at Ball St. (3)

Butler (3-4) at Drake (4-3)
Indiana (6-0) at Toledo (3-4)
N. Iowa (3-4) at W. Illinois (3-5)

Illinois (5-2) at Illinois State (3-5)
Kentucky St. (4-4) at Miami (OH) (3-4)

Illinois State (4-4) at Miami (OH) (3-4)

Dakota St. (7-0) at South Dakota (2-2)

Michigan (3-4) at Michigan St. (1-7)
Vanderbilt (2-5) at Missouri (5-2)
North Carolina (4-3) at Wake Forest (4-3)

McNeese St. (4-2) at Incarnate Word (1-6)

Detroit Lions (4-3) at St. Illinois (5-3)

SOUTHWEST
UAB (4-3) at Texas Tech (4-3)
North Texas (2-5) at Rice (3-3)
Texas Tech (4-3) at Oklahoma (4-2)

Alcorn St. (6-2) at Prairie View (3-4)
Ark.-Pine Bluff (1-5) at Texas Southern (5-2)

West Virginia (1-5) at Oklahoma St. (2-5)

Texas Tech (3-4) at UT (5-1)
Siena Christian (4-4) at Sam Houston St. (3-4)

Louisiana (6-2) at Stephen F. Austin (5-2)

Northwestern St. (4-3) at Cent. Arkansas (1-6)

UTEP (3-3) at UTSA (2-5)
Shells St. (4-3) at Houston Baptist (1-6)

FAR WEST
UCLA (5-2) at Colorado (2-5)
Portland St. (2-5) at Weber St. (1-7)
Idaho St. (4-3) at Colorado (2-5)
Oregon State (4-3) at Washington St. (2-5)

E. Washington (7-1) at N. Arizona (4-3)
Arizona (5-1) at Washington St. (2-5)
Washington (3-1) at Washington St. (2-5)
Wyoming (3-4) at Colorado St. (6-1)
New Mexico (3-4) at New Mexico St. (1-7)
Montana St. (5-1) at Cal Poly (4-3)
New Mexico St. (5-2) at New Mexico (3-4)
Arizona State (5-1) at Washington St. (2-5)
Nebraska (4-3) at Hawaii (2-5)

Pro football

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	5	2	0	.714	187	154
Buffalo	4	3	0	.571	135	142
Baltimore Ravens	4	3	0	.500	167	139
N.Y. Jets	1	0	1	.143	121	185

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	5	2	0	.714	216	136
Tennessee	4	3	0	.571	187	139
Jacksonville	2	5	0	.286	121	172
Tennessee	1	4	1	.143	105	191

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	5	2	0	.714	193	164
Cincinnati	4	3	0	.571	154	162
Pittsburgh	4	3	0	.571	154	162
Cleveland	2	5	0	.286	140	139

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	5	2	0	.833	189	121
San Diego	5	2	0	.714	184	114
Kansas City	3	3	0	.500	142	121
Atlanta	2	5	0	.286	102	158

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	5	1	0	.833	196	136
Philadelphia	5	1	0	.833	183	132
N.Y. Giants	3	2	0	.600	154	132
Washington	5	2	0	.714	185	183

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Carolina	3	3	0	.500	158	195
New Orleans	2	4	0	.333	155	165
Atlanta	1	5	0	.167	120	204
Tampa Bay	1	5	0	.167	120	204

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Detroit	5	2	0	.714	140	105
Green Bay	5	2	0	.714	199	147
Minnesota	2	2	0	.500	126	160
Arizona	3	3	0	.500	140	119
San Francisco	3	3	0	.500	159	141
Seattle	3	3	0	.500	159	141
St. Louis	3	3	0	.500	127	176

Thursday, Oct. 23

New England 7, NY Jets 25
St. Louis 28, Seattle 26

Chicago 27, Buffalo 10
Green Bay 38, Carolina 17

Washington 19, Tennessee 17
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Jacksonville 24, Cleveland 6
Carolina 27, Cincinnati 0

Buffalo 17, Minnesota 16
Atlanta 28, NY Jets 19

Kansas City 23, San Diego 20
San Diego 20, Kansas City 23

Dallas 31, N.Y. Giants 21
Denver 42, San Francisco 17

San Diego 16, Tampa Bay 16
Pittsburgh 20, Tampa Bay 16

Monday, Oct. 20

Detroit vs. Atlanta at London
St. Louis at Kansas City

Houston at Tampa Bay
Seattle at Carolina

Atlanta at Cincinnati
Miami at Jacksonville

Buffalo at N.Y. Jets
Philadelphia at Arizona

Oakland at Cleveland
Indianapolis at Pittsburgh

Green Bay at Kansas City
Open: N.Y. Giants, San Francisco

Washington at Dallas

NFL injury report

NEW YORK — The updated National Football League injury report, as provided by the league:

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS: OUT: RB Donald Brown (ankle), TE Ryan Miller (knee), RB Reggie Bush (ankle), WR Calvin Johnson (ankle), RB Doug Riddick (hamstring).

BROWNS: DNP: DT Jonathan Bullard (foot), WR Harry Douglas (ankle), LIMITED: RB Trent Richardson (ankle), WR Reggie Bush (ankle), WR Calvin Johnson (ankle), RB Doug Riddick (hamstring).

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Dent (wrist), DE Tim Jamison (groin), NT Jerrell Powe (shoulder), TITANS: DNP: LB Quentin Groves (ankle), RB Derrick Sennsbach (knee), LIMITED: RB Rhon Greene (hamstring), QB Jake Locker (right hand), DE Romo Pitouah (hand), TE Taylor Thompson (knee).

GIANTS: DNP: LB Gerald McCoy (ankle), RB Derrick Sennsbach (knee), LIMITED: RB Rhon Greene (hamstring), QB Jake Locker (right hand), DE Romo Pitouah (hand), TE Taylor Thompson (knee).

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NHL



GENE J. PUSKAR/AP

The Flyers' Matt Read backhands a shot over Penguins goalie Marc-Andre Fleury for a goal in the third period on Wednesday.

Scoreboard

Eastern Conference							
Atlantic Division							
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Montreal	7	4	2	1	12	22	21
Tampa Bay	7	4	2	1	9	21	14
Ottawa	7	3	3	1	9	14	10
Detroit	6	3	3	1	8	12	10
Boston	7	3	3	1	8	20	20
Toronto	7	3	3	1	7	20	21
Florida	6	5	1	0	10	16	9
Buffalo	7	1	6	0	2	9	26

Metropolitan Division							
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
N.Y. Islanders	6	3	3	1	8	22	20
Washington	6	3	3	1	8	20	14
N.Y. Rangers	6	3	3	1	8	20	14
New Jersey	6	3	3	1	7	20	20
Pittsburgh	6	3	3	0	6	19	15
Columbus	6	3	3	0	6	15	12
Philadelphia	7	2	3	2	6	22	28
Carolina	6	0	3	3	2	11	18

Western Conference							
Central Division							
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Nashville	6	4	0	8	10	16	11
Chicago	6	3	3	1	9	16	7
Dallas	6	3	3	1	9	12	9
St. Louis	6	3	3	1	9	12	9
Minnesota	4	2	2	0	4	10	4
Winnipeg	5	2	2	1	7	11	8
Colorado	7	1	4	2	4	12	24

Pacific Division							
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Anaheim	6	4	1	1	9	15	10
Los Angeles	6	4	1	1	9	15	10
San Jose	6	4	1	1	9	23	20
Calgary	8	4	3	1	9	20	19
Vancouver	6	4	1	1	9	16	15
Arizona	5	2	2	1	5	16	22
Edmonton	5	2	2	1	5	17	25

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

Tuesday's games
 Nashville 4, Arizona 3, SO
 Boston 5, San Jose 3
 N.Y. Rangers 4, New Jersey 3, OT
 5:00 p.m., N.Y. Islanders 2
 Montreal 2, Detroit 1, OT
 Winnipeg 3, Carolina 1
 Chicago 4, Philadelphia 0
 Dallas 6, Vancouver 3
 Florida 4, Colorado 3, OT
 Tampa Bay 2, Calgary 1, OT

Wednesday's games
 Philadelphia 5, Pittsburgh 3
 Edmonton 3, Washington 2
 Anaheim 4, Buffalo 1
 Toronto at Ottawa, ppd.

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

Friday's games
 Dallas at New Jersey
 Tampa Bay at Winnipeg
 Vancouver at Colorado
 Carolina at Edmonton
 Columbus at Anaheim

Wednesday
Flyers 5, Penguins 3
Philadelphia 2 0 3-5
Pittsburgh 1 1 1-3
First Period—1, Pittsburgh, Spaling 1 (Ehrhoff, Comeau), 3:50. 2, Philadelphia, Streit 2 (Giroux, Voracek), 9:20. 3, Philadelphia, Bellmore 1 (Couturier, Schultz), 13:18.
Second Period—4, Pittsburgh, Phipps 2 (Martin, Makin), 9:00.
Third Period—5, Philadelphia, Umberger 1 (Giroux, Voracek), 6:50. 6, Philadelphia, Read 1 (Couturier, Umberger), 8:50. 7, Pittsburgh, Goc 1 (Spaling, Downie), 17:03. 8, Philadelphia, Couturier 3, 19:33 (en).
Shots on Goal—Philadelphia 7-17-19-33. Pittsburgh 11-6-8-25.
Power-play opportunities—Philadelphia 0 of 2; Pittsburgh 0 of 2.
Goals—Philadelphia, Emery 2-0 (25 shots-22 saves), Pittsburgh, Fleury 3-2-0 (32-28).
A—18,661 (18,387). T—2:29.

Oilers 3, Capitals 2
Edmonton 1 1 0-2
Edmonton 1 2 0-3
Carlson 1 (Backstrom, Johansson), 10:15 (pp).
Second Period—3, Washington, Green 3 (Burakovsky), 4:50. 4, Edmonton, Nugent-Hopkins 2, 5:10. 5, Edmonton, Nikitin 1 (Purcell, Perron), 6:53. 2, Washington, Carlson 1 (Backstrom, Johansson), 17:03-34. Edmonton 10-5-5-20.
Shots on Goal—Washington 11-10-13-34. Edmonton 10-5-5-20.
Goals—Washington, Holby 2-1-1 (20 shots-17 saves), Edmonton, Scrivens 2-3-0 (34-32).
A—16,839 (16,839). T—2:22.

Ducks 4, Sabres 1
Buffalo 0 0 1-1
Anaheim 1 1 1-2-4
First Period—1, Anaheim, Perry 6 (Getzlaf, Smith-Pelly), 8:50.
Second Period—2, Anaheim, Kesler 3 (Cogliano, Silverberg), 9:20.
Third Period—3, Buffalo, Ennis 3 (Moutson), 14:54. 4, Anaheim, Perry 7 (Getzlaf), 17:17. 5, Anaheim, Perry 8 (Bouchemin, Thompson), 18:35 (en).
Shots on Goal—Buffalo 5-7-11-23. Anaheim 9-12-14-34.
Power-play opportunities—Buffalo 0 of 2; Anaheim 0 of 4.
Goals—Buffalo, Neuwirth 0-0 (33 shots-30 saves), Anaheim, Andersen 6-0-0 (23-22).
A—16,067 (17,174). T—2:23.

Roundup

Perry has hat trick to lead Ducks to sixth-straight win

The Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Corey Perry's fast start has mirrored that of the Anaheim Ducks, and Frederik Andersen's stingy goaltending has been equally beneficial.

Perry had his second hat trick of the season and the two-time defending Pacific Division champion beat the Buffalo Sabres 4-1 on Wednesday night for their sixth straight victory.

The 2011 MVP and three-time All-Star has eight goals in his first seven games — including three in the Ducks' opening-night loss at Pittsburgh. When Perry scored a career-high 50 goals four seasons ago, he didn't get his eighth until his 19th game.

"Things are going well and the whole team has been playing well. It's not just me," Perry said. "Good things are happening. I'm shooting the puck and it's going in."

Perry completed his seventh career hat trick with 1:25 left, scoring into an empty net after beating Michel Neuwirth on a one-timer from the high slot with 2:43 remaining.

"Corey is one of the best scorers in the game. And when you have that touch, the puck follows you," Ducks coach Bruce Boudreau said. "When you're a natural goal-scorer like he is, the puck tends to find your stick and good things happen."

Ryan Kesler also scored for the Ducks and Andersen made 22 saves, losing a bid for his second consecutive shutout when Tyler Ellis scored off a rebound with 5:04 to play. That ended Buffalo's scoreless streak at 192 minutes, following a 1-0 loss to Florida and 3-0 loss to Boston.

"Any time you go to the opposition's rink and their goaltender is one of the stars, you know you played well," Sabres coach Ted Nolan said. "We had our chances, we just didn't bury them. And we didn't bury them for a reason. Their goaltender made some good saves."

Andersen, who beat St. Louis 3-0 on Sunday night for his first NHL shutout, has been in net for most of the six wins. He has stopped 154 of 162 shots after John Gibson lost the opener in his hometown of Pittsburgh. Last



CHRIS CARLSON/AP

Ducks right wing Corey Perry leaps over the stick of Sabres goalie Michel Neuwirth during the second period on Wednesday in Anaheim, Calif. Perry had a hat trick in the Ducks' sixth-straight victory.

season, the Ducks won seven straight after a season-opening loss at Colorado.

"I'm just feeling good about myself," Andersen said. "I'm playing simple, the way I want to. I'm working hard in practice and it pays off in the games."

The Sabres (1-6-0) began a four-game trip with their third consecutive loss. They failed to get a shot on net through the final 6:37 of the first period and had just 12 after two — equaling their total against the Ducks in a 5-1 loss at Buffalo on Oct. 13. They came up empty on both power plays, and are 0-for-24 with the man advantage.

Flyers 5, Penguins 3: At Pittsburgh, R.J. Umberger and Matt Read scored 2 minutes apart in the third period to lift

Philadelphia. Umberger, a Pittsburgh native, beat Marc-Andre Fleury 6:50 into the third to break a tie and Read followed with a backhander to help the Flyers improve to 12-2-1 at Consol Energy Center since the arena opened in 2010.

Though the game featured two U.S. teams, the sellout crowd sang "O Canada" before the opening faceoff as a tribute to a Canadian soldier killed in an attack in Ottawa on Wednesday.

Oilers 3, Capitals 2: Ben Scrivens made 32 stops as host Edmonton handed Washington its first regulation loss of the season.

Justin Schultz, Ryan Nugent-Hopkins and Nikita Nikitin scored to help the Oilers win their second straight game after opening the season 0-4-1.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Lottery reform fails at owners' meetings

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — One of the biggest issues on the agenda when the NBA's owners arrived in New York for the board of governors meetings was thwarting the tanking strategy employed most brazenly by the Philadelphia 76ers.

A proposal that would reduce the incentive for teams to lose games on purpose in an effort to get a better pick in the draft appeared to be gathering momentum earlier in the week.

All that momentum disappeared almost overnight, with enough skittish owners unable or unwilling to sign off on significant reforms that could have widened the gulf between small and big-market teams.

The proposal needed 23 votes for approval but only received 17, with 13 lining up to vote against it on Wednesday.

"I think, in essence, the owners were concerned about unintended consequences," NBA Commissioner Adam Silver said. "I think we all recognize we need to find the right balance between creating the appropriate incentives on one hand for teams to, of course, win, and on the other hand allowing for appropriate rebuilding and the draft to work as it should in which the worst performing teams get the highest picks in the draft."

The vote means the existing system will remain in place for now. The team with the worst record will still have a 25 percent chance at getting the top pick and cannot drop lower than fourth. The board agreed to send the issue back to the competition committee for additional study.

The reform proposal presented by the league's competition committee would have drastically reduced the worst team's odds of winning the lottery while also increasing the chances that the teams with the best record in the lottery field would jump up to the top of the board.

Another element of the proposal, the defeat of which was first reported by Yahoo! Sports, would have made it possible for the worst team to plummet all the way to seventh in the order.

The 76ers are at the center of the debate. General manager Sam Hinkie, with the blessing of ownership, has assembled a roster designed to lose in the present in hopes of building a foundation that can win in the future.

Hinkie has been unapologetic about his approach, believing that it provides the Sixers the best chance to not just be competitive in a few years, but to contend in the Eastern Conference.

Philadelphia's strategy didn't sit well with some in and around the league who think it compromises the integrity of the games in the present.

But is there really a problem? Since the league went to a weighted lottery system in 1985, the team with the worst record has received the top pick just four times, the most recent coming with the Orlando Magic



ARY SANCIETTA/AP

In this July 11, 2010 file photo, a 10-story banner of former Cleveland Cavaliers star LeBron James is taken down by workers in downtown Cleveland, Ohio. A new banner celebrating James' return to Cleveland will be unveiled Oct. 30 before the Cavaliers open the season.

in 2004. The Cleveland Cavaliers have won it the past two years while having the ninth-worst record and third-worst record.

■ The new gigantic banner celebrating LeBron James' return to Cleveland will be unveiled Oct. 30 before the Cavaliers open the NBA season.

The 10-story, Nike-sponsored banner will hang on the side of Sherwin-Williams Co.'s global headquarters across the street from Quicken Loans Arena, in the same spot where an iconic banner of James hung during his first stint with the Cavs.

A banner that hung on the building for the past four years is being removed Thursday to make way for the James banner.

Before he signed with Miami in 2010, the "We Are All Witnesses" banner of James became a spot of public pride and a must-see attraction for out-of-towners. The banner was replaced with one honoring the city after James left.

■ Police in Las Vegas are investigating a man's complaint that



Griffin

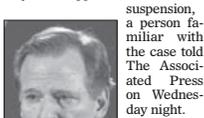
Blake Griffin attacked him during an argument over a photo taken while Los Angeles Clippers players partied at a Las Vegas Strip nightclub, authorities said Wednesday. No arrest was made after a man filed a battery

complaint Sunday stemming from an altercation involving Griffin and a camera, Las Vegas police Officer Jesse Roybal said. He said the case remained open.

Clippers spokesman Seth Burton said the Clippers were aware of the complaint, but had no immediate comment.

AP source: Goodell told to testify in Rice appeal

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell has been told to testify in Ray Rice's appeal of his indefinite



Goodell

suspension, a person familiar with the case told The Associated Press on Wednesday night.

Former U.S. District Judge Barbara S. Jones, the neutral arbitrator selected to hear the appeal, informed the parties of her decision Wednesday. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because details of the appeal have not been made public. Because it isn't a criminal case, it's uncertain whether Goodell will actually testify in a private arbitration. He said this month he would leave the decision to Judge Jones.

"We will continue to respect Judge Jones' confidentiality order regarding this proceeding," NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy said in an email.

In other NFL news:

■ Detroit Lions offensive lineman LaAdrian Waddle kept playing after banging his head on the ground late in last week's victory over the New Orleans Saints, even though the team knew a concussion was possible.

Waddle was knocked down while blocking during an extra-point attempt after Corey Fuller had scored in the 24-23 comeback win over the Saints. He was then on the field at right tackle when quarterback Matthew Stafford took a knee to end the game on the next possession.

Lions coach Jim Caldwell said Thursday the team knew when the concussion happened, but then said the team's doctors weren't sure right away.

■ Brett Favre's first visit to Lambeau Field since his retirement is on hold because of Bart Starr's health.

Favre had hoped to attend the Green Bay Packers' Nov. 9 game against the Chicago Bears and participate with Starr in a pre-game coin toss. But Starr, 80, is recovering from two strokes and a mild heart attack he suffered last month.

"We tried to set it up so we could be there with Bart, but it's not looking good," Favre said.

Braves name Hart president of baseball ops

ATLANTA — The Atlanta Braves have named John Hart as president of baseball operations.

Hart was hired as interim general manager on Sept. 22 and will also continue to serve in that role. It's unclear if Hart's new title means the team no longer

will seek a full-time replacement for Frank Wren, the former general manager. Wren was fired last month following a disappointing finish this season.

Team president John Schuerholz announced Thursday the 66-year-old Hart has agreed to a three-year contract that will continue through the team's first season at its new stadium in Cobb County.

Hart, the former general manager for the Rangers and Indians, joined the Braves last year as a senior adviser.

Williams tops Bouchard 6-1, 6-1 at WTA Finals

SINGAPORE — Serena Williams rebounded from the worst beating of her professional career to rout Eugenie Bouchard 6-1, 6-1 at the WTA Finals on Thursday.

Williams was humbled by Simona Halep the previous day, when the 18-time Grand Slam champion won only two games.

Williams improved to 2-1, and will have to wait until Friday's match between Halep and Ana Ivanovic to know if she is through to the semis.

Williams will make the final four unless Ivanovic manages to beat Halep in straight sets.

Halep is guaranteed of a semi-final berth.



Williams

INDEPENDENT NEWS FOR THE U.S. MILITARY COMMUNITY

Whenever They Fight and Wherever They Live

The first Stars and Stripes was printed during the Civil War, when a band of Union soldiers published a handful of editions.

During World War I, Stars and Stripes reappeared in Paris on February 8, 1918, to serve the doughboys of the American Expeditionary Force (AEF), by order of General of the Armies John J. Pershing. An all-military staff produced it weekly until the war's end.

A second renaissance began on April 18, 1942, when a small group of servicemen began publishing a four-page weekly Stars and Stripes in London. They sold each copy for "tuppence" (about 5 cents) and in no time doubled their page count to eight pages, printing daily instead of weekly.

The first World War II edition of Stars and Stripes featured an interview with Gen. George C. Marshall, Army Chief of Staff. Marshall quoted Gen. Pershing, World War I Commander of the AEF, who described Stripes as a major factor in sustaining morale. Stars and Stripes later found a champion and protector in Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Allied Commander and later president of the United States.

Eisenhower enforced a hands-off policy in regard to Stars and Stripes that continues to the present day.

Operations expanded, following GIs to the battlefield to bring them the news. During the war, Stars and Stripes published over 30

separate editions, running up to 24 pages per issue.

At one time, Stars and Stripes had some 25 printing locations in Europe, North Africa, the Middle East and the Pacific. The Pacific edition was launched a week after VE day (Victory in Europe, May 8, 1945).

The war ended—but Stars and Stripes kept going. Its reporters and photographers continued to join American troops in the field, throughout the Korean and Vietnam conflicts, during the 1990s Operations Desert Storm and Desert Storm, and in Bosnia and Kosovo.

From the 2003 outset of Operation Enduring Freedom, Stars and Stripes was there to report first-hand. The war in Afghanistan continues to receive steady coverage. And during Operation Iraqi Freedom, Stripes reporters embedded with military units in Kuwait and Iraq, as well as on Navy ships in the region.

Stars and Stripes today is a multimedia news organization. The majority of Stars and Stripes unique reporting efforts is read now in digital form, either online at stripes.com or via mobile offerings for iPhone, Android and iPad, in over 200 countries around the world.

The print newspaper is still available for servicemembers, government civilians and their families in



Europe, the Middle East and the Pacific—and in contingency areas. Washington, D.C., hosts the Central office, where daily editions are transported to printers in Afghanistan, Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait, and Djibouti, as well as in Germany, Italy, UK, Japan, and South Korea. Stars and Stripes also publishes several weeklies (Stripes Guam, Japan, Korea and Okinawa), designed to serve the

needs of their respective military communities.

A U.S. edition comprised exclusively of Stars and Stripes reports from around the world now serves stateside forces and veterans. The U.S. edition is published in partnership with commercial newspaper publishers who serve communities with large military populations.

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Recipient: Martin Kuz: "Soldiers Recount Attack"
- 2013 National Headline Awards – Second Place: News Series (Forever After: A Warrior Wounded; A Family Challenged)
- 2013 min Best of Web: Redesign – Honorable Mention
Stripes UK website

• 2011 Military Photographer of the Year – Honorable Mention
Recipient: Joshua DeMotts

• 2011 Sigma Delta Chi Award – Breaking News Photography (Newspaper Circulation 100,001+ or Affiliated Website/National Magazine) Recipient: Laura Rauch: "For those love I will sacrifice"

• 2011 John Reagan "Tex" McCrary Award for Excellence in Journalism – Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation

• 2010 Military Reporters and Editors Awards – Overseas coverage (< 100,000 circulation)
Recipient: Jon Rabinoff

• 2010 National Headline Awards – First Place: Public Service (Forcing Change) – Third Place: News Series (Coming Home: The Men of Triple Deuce)

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Recipients: Charlie Reed, Leo Shane III and Kevin Baron

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Recipient: Monte Morin

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Recipients: Monte Morin, Joe Giordano; Honorable mention: Nancy Montgomery Photography; Fred Zimmerman

• 2005 Military Reporters and Editors Awards – Overseas coverage (< 100,000 circulation)
Recipient: Steve Lower
Photography: Terry Boyd

• 2004 American Legion Excellence in Journalism Award – Ground Truth Series

• 2003 Scripps Howard Foundation National Journalism Award – First Amendment, Finalist

NFL

WR Hilton crucial to Colts offense

Chemistry with QB Luck reaping big dividends for Indianapolis offense

By MICHAEL MAROT
The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Andrew Luck and T.Y. Hilton communicate on the field in an unspoken language.

With a look and a nod, each player knows exactly where to go and what to do. It's taken 2½ years for Indianapolis' new big-play tandem to develop this rapport, which is becoming an increasingly essential component for today's quarterbacks and receivers.

"I know when he's going to come to me," Hilton said. "We've got that."

The Colts aren't surprised with this turn of events. They knew what they were getting.

From the moment Hilton went to Florida International, he's been proving people wrong. Everyone knew the 5-foot-9, 178-pound receiver could run. Few expected him to stay healthy enough to become the school's career leader in receptions (229), yards (3,351) and touchdown catches (24).

The 2012 draft scouting report said Hilton had breakout speed and could be a dynamic return specialist.

Colts general manager Ryan Grigson always believed Hilton would be equally valuable stretching the field, complementing an aging but still productive Reggie Wayne and possibly emerging as Luck's favorite target. So, after taking Luck with the top overall pick, Grigson didn't hesitate to trade two draft picks to San Fran-

“He was already doing everything he was supposed to do. There was very little I had to do to look out after him. He knew what direction he wanted to go.”

Reggie Wayne
Colts veteran WR

cisco to move up in the third round and nab the small speedster.

It didn't take long for Hilton to make an impression. "We got into meetings and he was always taking notes. He was already paying attention," Wayne said. "He was already doing everything he was supposed to do. There was very little I had to do to look out after him. He knew what direction he wanted to go."

Ever since, it's been a steady ascension.

In 2012, Hilton had 50 catches, 861 yards and led all NFL rookie receivers with seven TD catches. Last year, when Wayne tore his right ACL, Hilton became Indy's top receiver with 82 catches, 1,083 yards and five TD receptions. In January's remarkable playoff comeback against Kansas City, he played an even big-



AJ Mast/AP

Colts receiver T.Y. Hilton runs out of the tackle of Bengals cornerback Leon Hall in last week's game. Hilton's dedication in the offseason has helped him become third in the NFL in yards receiving (711).

ger role — 13 receptions and 224 yards including the decisive 64-yard score.

But Hilton and Luck still wanted more. Hilton committed himself to perfecting comeback routes during the offseason. Luck focused on becoming more accurate and a better situational player. Together, they refined those communication skills that have come in so handy.

The results have been impressive. As Luck leads the league in yards passing and is tied for the lead in TD passes, Hilton is third in the NFL in yards receiving (711).

Hilton is on pace to finish with more than 100 receptions and the third-highest single-season yardage total in franchise history. And if he tops the 100-yard mark for

the third straight game, he also will break Bill Brooks' franchise record for yards receiving (2,720) in his first three seasons — with eight games to play.

Steelers receiver Antonio Brown will be reunited with his youth-league teammate Sunday and it'll be all business on the field.

"It's always iron on iron, friend to friend bettering each other," Steelers receiver Antonio Brown said of his longtime friendship with Hilton. "He's a big-play guy. He's always capable of flipping the chains."

The Colts (5-2) are chasing their sixth straight win and trying to put more distance between themselves and second-place Houston in the AFC South. The Steelers (4-3), meanwhile, are trying to fight their way back to

the top of the AFC North.

Plus, Hilton could be back at center stage if Wayne, who missed practice Wednesday, can't play because of a left elbow injury.

Luck isn't worried if Wayne isn't in the lineup.

"I think if you focus too much on Reg, you focus too much on the tight ends, Hakeem (Nicks), T.Y.'s going to bite you," Luck said. "If you focus on T.Y., then the other guys are going to get you. That's the beauty of the offense, and T.Y.'s showing you he's a big playmaker."

He might be an even better student of the game.

"We've got that chemistry where he gives me a nod and I give him a nod," Hilton said. "And we just both know."

Baldwin ready to move forward after Harvin deal

By TIM BOOTH
The Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. — Doug Baldwin was about to board the charter bus last Friday when he got word Seattle had traded Percy Harvin.

Two days later, he sat in a St. Louis locker room after one of the best games in his career answering questions about whether he was involved in a preseason scuffle with Harvin. He wasn't getting many questions about his seven receptions and the touchdown he scored against the Rams.

Baldwin and the Seahawks were clearly ready on Wednesday to put the conversation regarding Harvin's surprising trade to the New York Jets in the past. But the trade, the subsequent stories about locker room dustups involving Harvin and two straight losses for the first time since 2011 have clearly impacted the Super Bowl champs' image of stability.

"We're in the locker room where you spend 12 to 14 hours with these guys every day, of course there are going to be issues. You're not all going to get along about ev-



TOM GANNAN/AP

Seahawks wide receiver Doug Baldwin says the team is eager to move forward following Percy Harvin's abrupt trade to the Jets last week.

erything. So you're going to have issues," Baldwin said.

"However, I think the biggest problem that we have in the media is when you lose, everything is magnified, and when you win, everything is covered up. That's just the nature of the business. To us in this locker room, we know what needs to be

corrected, we know what positives come out of everything and we're going to move forward with that."

Baldwin has become a de facto spokesman for the team since the Harvin trade went down, first following the 28-26 loss to St. Louis on Sunday and again as the Seahawks began preparations for this week's key game at Carolina. Seattle coach Pete Carroll barely addressed Harvin on Wednesday, saying "we're moving on."

Baldwin said that despite the commotion about Harvin's trade and the subsequent loss, the mood in the locker room is good.

"I think we're a little more positive because we felt like there was some growth in our offense," Baldwin said. "Like I said, Marshawn (Lynch), without a couple of penalties, would have rushed for 100 yards and we threw for over 300 yards. I think we're in the right direction so the mood is optimistic."

Offensive coordinator Darrell Bevell coached Harvin in Minnesota and again in Seattle. He was disappointed that Harvin couldn't fully work with the Seahawks.

"I did have a history with him and I

thought it would be a different outcome but I guess it's just the way it went," Bevell said. "I think we have a phenomenal atmosphere here led by coach Carroll. He gives the guys great freedom to be who they want to be and I think he kind of sets the tone for the whole program. It's an upbeat program, obviously we're very positive here, so it's just disappointing."

Baldwin was at the center of the improved offensive efficacy against St. Louis. After Seattle had only 206 total yards against Dallas, the Seahawks rebounded with 463 against the Rams.

Baldwin's seven receptions were his most since the 2013 season opener at Carolina and his 123 yards receiving marked the third time he topped the century mark in his career. The easy correlation to make is that Baldwin got more chances with Harvin out. Baldwin said it all started with Lynch and the running game.

"I felt like that was the identity of our offense, get him the ball, allow him to go over 100 yards and set everything up in the passing game," Baldwin said.

NFL

Not as easy as it looks

By the numbers

764

Career high passing yards for Titans QB Charlie Whitehurst, set this season through three games he's started.

5

Career high touchdown passes for Whitehurst, also set this season through the three games he's started.

9

Number of seasons Whitehurst has served as a backup QB in the NFL, with the Seahawks, Chargers and Titans.

SOURCE: The Associated Press

Backup QBs don't just hold a clipboard

By TERESA M. WALKER
The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The adrenaline spikes the instant Charlie Whitehurst sees the starting quarterback hurt and walking to the sideline.

"All of a sudden, it's like, 'Here we go. Where's my helmet?'" Whitehurst said. "That's the first thought that goes through my mind. 'Who's got my helmet?'"

It's always Next Man Up in the NFL, yet the backup quarterback has both the easiest job in the league and the toughest. Collect a paycheck for standing on the sideline and wearing a cap game after game. Then at the drop of a starting quarterback, be ready to immediately step in and direct an offense and throw touchdown passes while the best defenders on the planet are trying to tackle you.

Coaches constantly are searching for the next starting quarterback, or a cheap rookie with potential, which makes it even harder to survive as a long-term backup. Whitehurst is called "Clipboard Jesus" because the long-haired, bearded Clemson player has spent most of his pro career holding a play sheet.

He is now in his ninth season with his third team, a surprisingly long career for a player never considered a true starter.

Baltimore offensive coordinator Gary Kubiak played nine seasons in Denver backing up John

Elway. Dallas head coach Jason Garrett played 12 seasons, most spent backing up Troy Aikman with the Cowboys.

Luke McCown is in his 11th season, now behind Drew Brees in New Orleans. Who holds the mark as the longest-tenured backup QB isn't a stat that's officially tracked, though Pat Ryan lasted 13 seasons, most with the Jets, never starting a game.

Matt Hasselbeck started in the NFL backing up Brett Favre in Green Bay and now is behind Andrew Luck in Indianapolis. The veteran says being a good backup quarterback really depends on the team and the starter.

"When I came in with Green Bay, Brett Favre was coming off his third consecutive MVP, so for me, I was trying to learn his intangibles, his leadership style,

copying his verbiage," Hasselbeck said. "It was everything, the way he did it and then being ready if he got hurt. And then the coach has to be comfortable that you can go in and play.

"In other situations, like Tennessee, with Jake Locker, he just needed a little experience, so your position is a little different in that regard. You've still got to be ready to play, but you're talking more about football and philosophy and you have more dialogue. In Green Bay, there was basically no dialogue."

To Whitehurst, it's simple. "I try to do everything they ask me to do as well as I can," Whitehurst said.

Playing quarterback in the NFL is almost a family business. Whitehurst's father, David, was a quarterback with Green Bay between 1977 and 1983, and in 1984 with Kansas City.

With Locker battling injuries, Whitehurst has had three starts in the past four games. He already has career highs in yards passing (764) and touchdowns (five).

But it's usually not good if the backup starts too much. Nine of the 12 playoff teams in 2013 had one quarterback start all 16 games, according to STATS.

"There's only so many jobs, and the guys that have them have earned them," Whitehurst said.

AP Sports Writer Michael Marot in Indianapolis and Dave Ginsburg in Baltimore contributed to this report.



Did you know

Tennessee backup quarterback Charlie Whitehurst's father, David, was a quarterback with Green Bay from 1977-83, and in 1984 with Kansas City.

SOURCE: The Associated Press

Tennessee quarterback Charlie Whitehurst warms up before Sunday's game against Washington in Landover, Md.

RICHARD LIPSKU/AP

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

SEC teams remain own worst enemies

By JOHN ZENOR
The Associated Press

All the hand-wringing over the SEC's near-monopoly of the top five might well prove a moot point.

The Southeastern Conference will take care of the matter internally since nobody heaps more abuse on league teams than the SEC itself.

In the SEC West, No. 1 Mississippi State, No. 3 Mississippi, No. 4 Alabama and No. 5 Auburn are jockeying to win the nation's toughest division. But four more head-to-head matchups among them remain to shake things out.

No. 9 Georgia (4-1 in SEC games) sits in the East driver's seat but Missouri (2-1) and surprising Kentucky (2-2) also are in the mix going into the second half of the season.

Alabama safety Landon Collins doesn't shy from peeking at the competition in a league that's the first to have four teams in the top five and has won seven of the last eight national titles.

"We look at it all the time," Collins said. "We've got so many big teams in our conference. Every given Saturday, you don't know who's going to win. Because I mean, everybody's coming with their A-game and everybody's trying to get to those top four spots, you know?"

That would be the four-team College Football Playoff. But first things first.

The West could come down to the Egg Bowl since the Bulldogs (3-0) and Rebels (4-0) are the only remaining unbeaten teams. They've each still got at least one huge challenge from their division brethren before they even get to that point. Mississippi State has beaten Auburn (2-1), but still must face the Crimson Tide (3-1) at Bryant-Denny Stadium on Nov. 15. Ole Miss topped Bama but hosts Auburn next Saturday.

The Tigers also face Georgia,

Key SEC games

Nov. 1
Auburn at Mississippi

Nov. 15
Mississippi State at Alabama
Auburn at Georgia

Nov. 29
Auburn at Alabama
Mississippi State at Mississippi

their traditional rival from the East. Not to mention the Iron Bowl, which featured two teams in national title contention last season and one of college football's most fantastic finishes.

So all that speculation — or disgust, in some circles — that the West could have multiple teams in the first playoff is premature, though certainly not outlandish. After all, Alabama won the 2011 national title after losing to LSU and finishing second in the division before claiming the rematch with Les Miles' Tigers.

"It's the best conference in college football, probably by a long shot, so whoever wins the West will have a big advantage," predicts Auburn coach Gus Malzahn.

Plenty of time to beat up on each other, though. The Saturday-to-Saturday grind of the SEC will continue to take its toll. It's what Mississippi State coach Dan Mullen calls "the cumulative effect of this conference."

"Can the champion of any conference beat any one of those four teams?" Mullen said. "You know what, there's probably a couple teams in every conference that in one game could beat any of those four teams. But what our league is about, and what our guys have to understand, is it's not one week, it's every single week."

AP Sports Writers David Brandt, Gary B. Graves, Charles Odum contributed.



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Michigan State's Denicos Allen celebrates his sack of Michigan quarterback Devin Gardner during the third quarter on Nov. 2, 2013 in East Lansing, Michigan. Michigan State won 29-6.

Change in fortunes

Michigan State has taken over rivalry with Michigan



Michigan at Michigan State
AFN-Atlantic
9:30 p.m. Saturday CET
4:30 a.m. Sunday JKT

By NOAH TRISTER
The Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Brady Hoke's arrival at Michigan was supposed to signal a return to the program's roots of power football and physicality.

Now in their fourth season under Hoke, the Wolverines have had a hard time recapturing that identity. That was never more apparent than when they lined up against Michigan State last year.

For 60 overpowering minutes, Michigan State demonstrated just how drastically the rivalry has shifted, gleefully bullying the Wolverines. Michigan lost 29-6 and the underlying stats were more alarming: The Wolverines allowed seven sacks, finished with minus-48 yards rushing and were shut out in the second half.

"Last year, I think as an offensive line, we went out there and just kind of let go of techniques and fundamentals and things like that, and just kind of played chaotic," Michigan offensive lineman Jack Miller said. "It was a great team Michigan State had last year, just like they do this year."

things."

Hoke was hired in 2011, a sharp change for the Wolverines after three seasons of Rich Rodriguez's spread offense. Michigan was too porous defensively to win consistently under Rodriguez, but in Hoke's first season the Wolverines went 11-2 and won the Sugar Bowl.

One of those two losses — at Michigan State, where Michigan allowed seven sacks and was out-rushed 213-82.

Perhaps that was a sign the Wolverines were still having trouble matching up with the Spartans, who after years of playing second fiddle had become one of the Big Ten's top teams under coach Mark Dantonio.

Hoke said this week his offensive linemen may have been "shocked a little bit" last year, and struggled with their technique as a result.

"You've got some guys who were young," Hoke said. "That's a different environment."

The No. 8 Spartans host Michigan again this weekend, and as of noon Wednesday, Michigan State was a 17-point favorite.

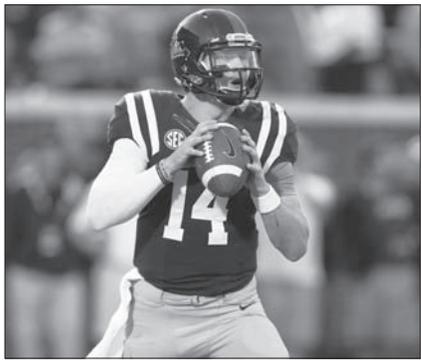
"I think it was a perfect storm of probably a bunch of different

do," Spartans quarterback Connor Cook said. "I think we're all pretty tough physically ... I think we have a lot of guys that are mentally strong as well, and I think mental toughness overrides physical toughness at times."

The numbers are sobering for Michigan. Since beating Michigan State 45-37 in 2004, the Wolverines have scored fewer and fewer points in each of their last nine meetings — the longest streak of its kind in college football since at least 1980, according to STATS.

One Michigan touchdown this weekend would be enough to end that trend, but to win the game, the Wolverines will probably need to reverse another.

Michigan State holds a rushing edge of 1,080-471 — an average of 101.5 yards per game — in its last six meetings with Michigan. In this series, the team with more yards rushing has won 41 of the last 44 games.



ROGELIO V. SOULS/AP

Quarterback Bo Wallace and Mississippi are ranked No. 3 in the latest Associated Press Top 25, one of four Southeastern Conference West Division teams that clog the top five.

WORLD SERIES

Scoreboard

Even: Royals' dynamic bullpen comes through again

World Series
(Best-of-seven; x-if necessary)
San Francisco 1, Kansas City 1
San Francisco 7, Kansas City 1
Wednesday: Kansas City 7, San Francisco 2
Friday: Kansas City (Guthrie 13-11) at San Francisco (Hudson 5-13)
Saturday: Kansas City (Vargas 11-10) at San Francisco (Vogelsong 8-13)
Sunday: Kansas City at San Francisco
x-Tuesday, Oct. 28: San Francisco at Kansas City
x-Wednesday, Oct. 29: San Francisco at Kansas City

Wednesday
Game 2
Royals 7, Giants 2

San Francisco	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
G.Blanco cf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.262
Panik 2b	4	0	1	0	0	2	.222
Posy c	4	0	1	0	0	1	.222
Sandoval 3b	4	1	1	0	1	1	.444
Pence rf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.142
Belt lf	4	0	1	1	1	1	.250
Morse dh	3	0	1	0	0	2	.250
b-Sasac ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Ishikawa lf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.200
B.Crawford ss	3	0	0	0	1	0	.333
Totals	35	0	9	2	8	0	

Kansas City AB R H BI BB SO Avg.
A.Escobar ss 4 0 0 0 0 1 1 .375
Aoki rf 4 0 0 0 0 0 0 .000
J.Dyson cf 4 0 0 0 0 0 0 .000
L.Cain c/rf 4 0 2 0 0 0 3 .333
Hosmer 1b 2 1 0 0 0 2 1 .000
B.Butter in dh 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 .000
I-Gore pr/dh 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 .000
a-Willingham ph/dh 4 0 0 0 0 0 1 .000
A.Gordon lf 4 0 0 0 0 0 0 .000
S.Perez c 4 1 1 2 0 1 2 .286
Infante 2b 3 2 0 0 0 0 3 .333
Moustakas 3b 3 0 1 0 0 0 3 .333
Totals **35** **0** **9** **2** **8** **0**

San Francisco 100 100 000 - 2 9 0
Kansas City 110 005 000 - 7 10 0
1-run for B.Butter in the 6th.
E-B.Crawford (1), Moustakas (1).
LOB-San Francisco 8, Kansas City 3.
2B-Sandoval (2), Belt (1), A.Escobar (1).
1-1, Cain (1), S.Perez (1), Infante (1).
HR-A.Escobar (1), off Ventura; Infante (1), off Strickland.
RBI-G.Blanco (2), Belt (1), A.Escobar (1), B.Butter (2), S.Perez (2), Infante (2).
CS-A.Escobar (1).
Runners left in scoring position-San Francisco 5 (Morse, Posy, Infante in the 6th); Kansas City 2 (A.Gordon, Aoki).
RISP-San Francisco 11-for-8; Kansas City 5-for-9.
GDP-A.Escobar.
DP-San Francisco 1 (B.Crawford, Panik, Belt).

San Francisco IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Peavy L, 0-1	5	6	4	4	2	1	66.70
Machl	0	1	1	0	0	3	
J.Lopez	1	0	0	0	0	3	0.00
Alford	0	2	2	0	0	6	18.00
Greene	1	0	0	0	0	5	0.00
Lincecum	1 1/2	0	0	0	2	23	0.00
W.Davis	1 1/2	0	0	0	2	13	0.00
Ventura	8 2/3	2	2	0	2	87	3.38
K.Herrera W10	1 1/3	0	0	2	1	12	0.00
W.Davis	1	0	0	0	2	14	0.00
G.Hend	1	0	0	0	0	2	0.00

Kansas City IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA
Ventura 8 2/3 2 2 0 2 87 3.38
K.Herrera W10 1 1/3 0 0 2 1 12 0.00
W.Davis 1 0 0 0 2 14 0.00
G.Hend 1 0 0 0 0 2 0.00
Peavy pitched to 2 batters in the 6th. Machl pitched to 1 batter in the 6th. Strickland pitched to 2 batters in the 6th.
Inherited runners scored-Machi 2-1, J.Lopez 2-0, Strickland 2-2, K.Herrera 2-0, W.Davis 1-0.
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"With their pitching and our pitching, and the way both teams play, we're going to have a fight, I think, every game," Giants manager Bruce Bochy said.

So much talk of fighting after the two teams nearly came to blows Wednesday. The Royals had surged ahead on Butler's single when Perez followed with a double off Strickland into the left-field gap. Omar Infante then scorched a pitch into the bullpen in left, the fifth homer that Strickland had allowed to 23 postseason batters.

Boiling over with anger, Strickland yelled into his glove then got into a shouting match with Perez as the big, burly catcher headed for home. Players spilled out of both dugouts, and several Royals streamed in from the outfield bullpen before the umpires finally reordered.

"He started to look at me, so I asked him like, 'Hey, why you look at me?'" Perez said. "So he was telling me, 'Get out of here, whatever.' So I don't know. 'You don't have to treat me like that. Look at Omar. Omar hit a bomb. I didn't hit a bomb. I hit a double.'"

Strickland said he simply let his frustration get to him. "I let the team down," he said. "My emotions got to me."

With his 100 mph fastball singeing the Giants' batters, Royals flamethrower Yorlando Ventura allowed two runs while pitching into the sixth inning. The 23-year-old protégé of Pedro Martinez hardly looked like the first rookie to make a World Series start for the Royals, calmly handling a lineup that had ravaged staff ace James Shields.

The dynamic trio of Kelvin Herrera, Wade Davis and Greg Holland did the rest.

Herrera got the final two outs of the sixth to escape a jam, his first three pitches clocking at least 100 mph. He also survived a shaky seventh before Davis breezed through the eighth.

Greg Holland, who saved each game in the Royals' sweep of Baltimore in the AL Championship Series, allowed a two-out single to Brandon Crawford before fanning Gregor Blanco to end the game.

The Giants' only runs came on a homer by Blanco and a double by Brandon Belt, their streak of seven straight World Series wins ending on a crisp, breezy night.

"For us to leave here with a split, you like to get greedy," Bochy said, "but we know it's going to be a tough series."



MATT SLOCUM/AP

San Francisco Giants pitcher Hunter Strickland watches as Kansas City's Omar Infante rounds the bases after hitting a two-run home run during the sixth inning of Game 2 of the World Series on Wednesday in Kansas City, Mo.

Early on, it looked as if the Giants could have a big lead heading back to the Bay Area.

The fleet-footed Blanco silenced a rollicking sea of blue, becoming the 10th player to open a World Series game with a home run. He deposited Ventura's 98 mph fastball in the bullpen in right field, just his 17th home run in more than 2,300 at-bats.

The crowd, energized from the moment that Hall of Famer George Brett delivered the ceremonial first pitch, was left waiting for something good to happen for the second straight night.

"This time, the scrappy Royals gave it to them."

ALCS MVP Lorenzo Cain stretched a two-out double later in the first, and Eric Hosmer walked on four pitches. Butler, Giants starter Jake Peavy's long-time nemesis, then bounced a single past the outstretched glove

of Crawford at shortstop to knot the game 1-1.

The Royals kept the pressure on in second. Infante doubled over the head of Travis Ishikawa in left field, and Escobar sliced a two-out double down the right-field line to give Kansas City a 2-1 lead, its first in the World Series since Game 7 in 1985.

The Giants, so accustomed to October baseball, refused to back down.

Belt tied it in the fourth with a double that bounced off Nori Aoki's glove in right field.

The game was still knotted at 2 when the Royals got their first two batters aboard in the sixth. Bochy pulled the fiery Peavy. Butler promptly hit a go-ahead single off Jean Machi, and Strickland came in two batters later.

From there, well, the Royals showed they still had plenty of fight left.

Giants' Hudson set to face Royals' Guthrie in Game 3

By JOSH DUOBW
The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — In the middle of a champagne-and-beer-soaked clubhouse after the San Francisco Giants won the NL Championship Series, Tim Hudson was given the chance to speak to his team.

The message was as simple as Hudson's approach on the mound: "World Series, baby!"

After 16 years, 214 regular-season wins and seven failed trips to the postseason, Hudson has finally made it to baseball's biggest stage at age 39.

Hudson is set to take the mound Friday night for the Giants when they return home to face Jeremy Guthrie and the Royals in Game

3 of the World Series after a two-game split in Kansas City.

"I think everybody thinks about it every year they play," Hudson said. "Obviously when you go 16 years without having been able to experience something like this, you wonder if it's going to happen. I'm no different than anybody."

Hudson's brilliant career began on the other side of San Francisco Bay as he helped Oakland make four straight trips to the postseason that ended with Game 5 losses in the division series.

Hudson got back to the playoffs with Atlanta, losing in the division series in 2005 to Houston and 2010 to San Francisco. The Braves made it again last year when Hudson was hurt but lost

again in the division series.

After signing a \$23 million, two-year contract this offseason with San Francisco, Hudson finally got to experience postseason success.

"Coming off my injury last year, I knew that I probably don't have a lot of years left," Hudson said. "That was a huge reason I came here to San Francisco. It's unfolding just how I figured it would."

Guthrie had a long wait just to get to the playoffs. He made his first postseason appearance at age 35 when he allowed one run in five innings of a no-decision against Baltimore in Game 3 of the ALCS.

That start is Guthrie's only outing the past four weeks; he did not pitch in the division series sweep against the Angels.



DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

After 16 years, 214 regular-season wins and seven failed trips to the postseason, San Francisco pitcher Tim Hudson has finally made it to baseball's biggest stage at age 39. Hudson, seen here celebrating after the Giants' Game 5 win over the Cardinals in the NLCS, will start Game 3 of the World Series when the Fall Classic continues on Friday in San Francisco.

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Leveling the field

Royals clobber Giants to even series at 1-1

By DAVE SKRETTA
The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Salvador Perez shouted at Hunter Strickland, who shouted right back. The Kansas City Royals streamed from their dugout, the San Francisco Giants from their own. And for a tense moment in the sixth inning Wednesday night, Kauffman Stadium was

consumed by chaos.

The one thing that was clear? The World Series suddenly had some life.

Perez broke open Game 2 with a two-run double in a five-run sixth, and the Royals' cast of clutch relievers kept the Giants in check

for a 7-2 victory that leveled the Series and spiced things up as it shifts to San Francisco for three games.

"We showed them that we have fight in us, and I think they knew that already," said Billy Butler, whose RBI single in the sixth inning gave the Royals a 3-

2 lead. "But we stepped up big there as a team, and that gave us some confidence."

Jeremy Guthrie will be on the mound Friday night for the Royals, who had won eight straight playoff games before a 7-1 loss in the opener. Tim Hudson will start for San Francisco.

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Kansas City starting pitcher Yorlano Ventura walks off the field during the sixth inning of Game 2 of the World Series against the San Francisco Giants on Wednesday in Kansas City, Mo. The 23-year-old fireballer had his fastball hitting 100 mph as he allowed just two runs before handing the ball to the Royals' dynamite bullpen trio of Kelvin Herrera, Wade Davis and Greg Holland.

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