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## A PIVOT IN PERIL

The U.S. wants to look toward China, but will restrain on defense spending limit its vision?

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### Defense budget constraints could alter military's plan for the Pacific

By JON HARPER  
Stars and Stripes

**B**udget constraints and force requirements in other regions will likely stall the Pentagon's plans to beef up the U.S. military presence in the

Asia-Pacific region and to send more high-tech weaponry to deter a rising China, officials and analysts say.

The DOD released its \$496 billion fiscal 2015 budget request this month. Due to caps imposed by Congress' bipartisan budget deal in December, the Pentagon is requesting \$45 billion less than what it anticipated it would need to carry out the national defense strategy

when it submitted last year's budget request. The DOD also released its Future Years Defense Program, which calls for \$115 billion more in military spending than current law allows over the course of the next five years.

"Right now, the pivot is being looked at again, because candidly it can't happen," Katrina McFarland, the assistant

secretary of defense for acquisition, said at an Aviation Week conference in Arlington, Va., on March 4, according to multiple news reports.

Later that day, McFarland issued a statement through a spokeswoman in what appeared to be an attempt to walk back her remarks.

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## Violence prompts foreigners to flee before Afghan election

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**K**ABUL — As Afghanistan prepares for a pivotal election, many of the foreigners who played a major role in helping Afghans try to build a functioning state are leaving — at least temporarily — driven out by escalating violence such as last week's Taliban attack on a luxury hotel that claimed 13 lives.

The exodus, expected to in-

crease after the Serena hotel attack, highlights the challenges facing Afghanistan as international combat troops prepare to leave by December.

The fact that foreign nongovernmental organizations do not feel safe enough to ride out the election shows the fragile nature of security in Afghanistan despite a huge U.S. and NATO investment in lives and national treasure since the U.S.-led invasion ousted

the Taliban from power following the 9/11 attacks in the United States.

Even if the Taliban and other militant groups can't completely disrupt the voting, security concerns could keep many Afghans and international monitors away from the polls, especially in the Pashtun heartland of the south, where the militant movement draws much of its strength.

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Photographers gather near the remains of a car at the scene of a Feb. 10 suicide bombing that killed at least two foreign contractors working for the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force in Kabul.

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# QUOTE

OF THE DAY

“I heard a ‘Boom!’ and when I got off the train, the train was all the way up the escalator. It was a lot of panic.”

— Denise Adams, a passenger on an eight-car Chicago commuter train that plowed across a platform and scaled an escalator at Chicago’s O’Hare International Airport early Monday morning, injuring 32

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# MIDEAST

## Election: Consultant says NGO staffers face ‘open season’

### FROM FRONT PAGE

The absence of enough international and Afghan monitors raises the possibility of widespread electoral fraud that tarnished the presidential election of 2009. A repeat of such massive fraud could raise questions whether foreign governments will be willing to support Afghanistan with billions of dollars aid that the country will still need after the foreign combat troops have left.

“I think that what you’ll see is many people will leave 48 (to) 72 hours before the election,” said Christian, a risk-management consultant with the UK-based private security firm Safer Edge, which provides security services for NGOs, including in Afghanistan.

“Most security organizations are recommending they leave for the sheer sake of exposure,” said Christian, who spoke on condition that his surname not be used for his own security. “Insurgents have always been attacking the international community, but now they are becoming absolutely deliberate and indiscriminate. Where before they would have refrained from certain targets, now it is open season I do think they are going to pour it on.”

The attack on Kabul’s Serena Hotel on Thursday was noteworthy because it targeted foreigners and Afghan VIPs and because it occurred in one of the few places in the country that was considered relatively secure.

Despite facing some of the strictest security measures of any private facility in Afghanistan, four gunmen managed on Thursday night to penetrate the hotel by smuggling small pistols past guards and X-ray machines.

Moving among diners who had gathered for a meal, the attackers shot point-blank at both Afghan and foreign patrons. When it was over, the four gunmen were dead along with nine civilians.

In the wake of the attack, officials from the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, who had been in the country to provide expertise and consulting on the election and who were based in the Serena, have been relocated to Turkey while the organization reassesses security, OSCE spokesman Thomas Rymer said. He said no final decision had been made on whether the officials would return to Afghanistan



JOHN SMITH/Stars and Stripes

Abullah Abdullah graces a billboard in Kabul advertising his candidacy for the Afghan presidency in February.

before the elections.

The National Democratic Institute said it has pulled out its election-monitoring staff, which had been staying at the Serena, after one of the organization’s observers, Luis Maria Duarte, was killed in Thursday’s attack. “We are assessing our election-monitoring activities, including deployment of additional staff,” NDI spokeswoman Kathy Gest said.

The United Nations is also moving some international workers out, according to an Afghan employee of the U.N. who asked not to be named because he is not authorized to speak to the media. He told Stars and Stripes that as an Afghan, he isn’t worried about being left, as he considered international workers more significant targets.

Publicly, however, the U.N. is sidestepping questions about the withdrawal of personnel. U.N. officials have declined to describe any measures they are taking during the election for fear it could compromise security. Spokesman Ari Gattanis said the U.N. “has been here for decades” and that it “remain[s] undeterred in our commitment to the people of Afghanistan.”

Some media are finding April’s historic vote too dangerous to report on. After the Serena attack, several international journalists told Stars and Stripes they were canceling plans to travel to Kabul to cover the elections.

The Taliban have vowed to use every means necessary to disrupt the April 5 elections, in which Afghans are to choose new provincial councils as well as a new

president. The poll would mark the first democratic transfer of power between two presidents since the international coalition toppled the Taliban regime in 2001.

Taliban spokesman Zabullah Mujahid, in a statement emailed to media Sunday, said the victims at the Serena were valid targets who “were killed for their crimes against the Afghan people.” He denied, however, that the group was responsible for the deaths during the attack of Afghan journalist Sardar Ahmad and members of his family.

Even before the Serena bloodbath sent shock waves through Afghanistan’s civil society, many international aid organizations, consulting companies and non-governmental organizations had been preparing to withdraw at least some of their staffs from the country.

Employees of several private consulting companies that work for the U.N. and other organizations privately told Stars and Stripes that they had been instructed to leave Afghanistan during the elections. In some cases, companies were scheduling conferences or training in Europe and elsewhere as a way to move their staffs to safer areas.

A report in January highlighted the dangers faced by aid workers. A coalition of international and Afghan aid groups, including Oxfam and the Agency Coordinating Body for Afghan Relief and Development, said that “Afghanistan continues to rank among the most violent contexts for aid operations,” with at least 29 deaths, 71 injuries and 111 abductions

among aid workers in 2013.

The Serena, while always a high-profile target, had long been considered a fallback position in Kabul. Unlike Baghdad, with its “Green Zone,” Kabul has never had a centralized, fortified area to which international diplomats, aid workers and journalists could retreat, so the hotel served as a refuge instead.

After a deadly attack on their compound last year, for example, members of the International Organization of Migration, a U.N.-affiliated body, moved to the hotel.

In an incident even more brazen than the one at the Serena, Taliban militants killed 21 people in an attack on a popular Lebanese restaurant in Kabul, and members of an offshoot insurgent group claimed responsibility for gunning down a Swedish journalist on March 11.

But Afghans, who live every day with insecurity, continue to bear the brunt of attacks in the war, which has now lasted more than a decade. The day of the Serena attack, 11 Afghans died in a Taliban attack on a police station in eastern Afghanistan. Two days earlier, 17 civilians were killed in a suicide bombing in a northern city.

Even if many foreign NGO workers and others withdraw, the Afghans who make up the majority of the staffs at many organizations will still face risks, said Amaury Cooper, deputy director for risk management and global security at International Relief & Development, a Virginia-based humanitarian aid organization.

“Eighty percent of casualties among NGOs happen to local staff,” said Cooper, who also serves as the secretary for the International NGO Safety & Security Association.

Christian said he had been recommending to clients who have to stay in Afghanistan during the election to make sure they have determined escape routes and safe havens wherever they are operating.

“An even more sensational attack may still be looming,” he said. “The Taliban are making good on their threats. When they are going to be attacking expats, NGOs, and others, that’s what they’re doing.”

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## EUROPE

# More US assets will hunt for Kony

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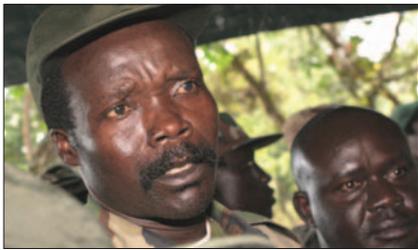
STUTTGART, Germany — The Obama administration will send about 150 more special operations forces into central Africa to provide support for an effort to track down the Lord's Resistance Army rebel group, bolstering an effort that began more than two years ago, according to U.S. officials.

National Security Council spokeswoman Caitlin Hayden told Stars and Stripes that "a limited number" of CV-22 Ospreys, refueling aircraft and associated support personnel have been sent to bolster U.S. support for the African Union task force trying to put an end to the LRA's atrocities.

"Our African partners have consistently identified airlift as one of their greatest limiting factors as they search for and pursue the remaining LRA leaders across a wide swath of one of the world's poorest, least governed, and most remote regions," Hayden said in a statement.

The aircraft will be deployed on a temporary basis to enhance the ability of the African Union Regional Task Force's ability to transport personnel through the region.

The aircraft and additional forces will be based in Uganda, but will be used in the LRA-affected areas of the Central Af-



A senior U.S. military official confirmed Monday the U.S. is sending at least four CV-22 Ospreys and about 150 more Air Force special operations members and airmen to assist African forces as they battle the Lord's Resistance Army, led by Joseph Kony, above.

rican Republic, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan.

In 2011, Obama sent about 100 U.S. troops to several small military camps in central Africa to support regional militaries in areas such as training and intelligence gathering and to assist in developing operational plans.

The 150 personnel being deployed are aircraft support personnel, not combat troops, a Defense Department official said.

"We're not adding any additional advisers or trigger-pullers or anything else like that," said the official, who was not authorized to speak publicly on the matter. "These guys are not going out and actively looking for a fight."

The troops do have the right of self-defense.

The request for support aircraft from the African Union had been under discussion for some time, but the assets only recently became available, the official said.

"The aircraft and personnel are available from the CENTCOM area of operations, and we believe they can significantly enhance the regional effort to end the LRA threat," U.S. Africa Command spokesman Benjamin Benson said in an email. "While the deployment is temporary, out of concern for force protection, we can't discuss the specific window of time they will be available," he said.

There will be about 250 U.S. special operations personnel involved in the ongoing counter-LRA effort. That number could rise to 300, the official said.

In recent years, the LRA has shrunk to about 200 fighters — down from about 2,000 at its peak — who operate in rugged terrain along the border regions of South Sudan, the Congo and the Central African Republic. It's a virtually roadless territory roughly the size of California, which makes the group hard to track.

While Kony remains on the loose, officials say the counter-LRA effort has made progress during the past year with a series of high-level defections. The LRA does not pose any direct threat to the U.S., but it is considered a destabilizing force in the region.

The number of people killed by the LRA, known for abducting children to serve as soldiers, has dropped by more than 75 percent since 2010, according to the security council.

"The deployment of these aircraft and personnel does not signify a change in the nature of the U.S. military advisory role in this effort," Hayden said. "African Union-led regional forces remain in the lead, with U.S. forces supporting and advising their efforts."

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# Navy chaplain dies in Naples at 49

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NAPLES, Italy — A Navy chaplain assigned to Naples died over the weekend following complications from surgery.

Deputy Chaplain (Lt. Cmdr.) John Keith, 49, of Irvine, Calif., was a familiar face in the small military community. He led a Protestant church service every Sunday, Bible studies and the occasional memorial service.

"He is very well-known and well-loved by the community and he's leaving a huge hole here for us," base Chaplain (Cmdr.) Manuel Biadog said. "The folks are just completely overwhelmed, shocked. At yesterday's service there was no dry eye there."

Keith died early Saturday in an Italian hospital in Castel Volturno after being transferred from



Keith

the naval hospital in Gricignano, where he had arrived Friday night complaining of pain, according to several officials on the base.

Endorsed by the Southern Baptist Convention, Keith came to Naples in August 2012 with roughly nine years of experience as a chaplain, much of it with Marines on Okinawa, according to a biography provided by the base chaplain office. He deployed with a Marine unit to Sri Lanka in 2005 to aid tsunami victims and to Kuwait in 2006 as part of the Iraq War. Biadog recalled first meeting

Keith at Marine Corps Air Station El Toro, Calif., when Keith was still in seminary and looking for an endorsement by a congregation. The elder chaplain recommended him to the Southern Baptist Convention, and Keith was commissioned in the Navy Chaplain Corps in 2003, according to the biography.

"And then I came to find out he was going to be my deputy (in Naples) and I was completely ecstatic," Biadog said.

Keith's wife was with him when he died, officials said. An adult son was in California, while a younger son was away traveling with a high school sports team.

The date and time for a base memorial service have not been announced.

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# James: AF 'able to surge as necessary' despite drawdown

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RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany — As Russia moves to tighten its control over Crimea, the U.S. Air Force stands ready to "step up to the plate" with whatever it may be asked to do, Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James said Sunday, calling the situation in Ukraine "very serious."

"We're able to surge as necessary," she said in an interview with Stars and Stripes. "We've kicked it up a notch with respect to some of our training, particularly with Poland and the Baltic policing mission, as well."

Despite concern about Russia's actions in Ukraine, the Air Force's current plans to draw down the force remain on track, she said. She wouldn't say whether she thought the Air Force needed to close any bases in Europe, deferring to the work of a European basing study, the results of which are expected to be announced in late spring or early summer.

"The situation between Russia and the Ukraine is not currently affecting our operations here in Europe, in terms of the way we project to reshape the Air Force in the future and our current operations," she said.

President Barack Obama will be consulting with allies and other top advisers during his visit this week to Europe, "talking about options, talking about how we may proceed" she said.

James was wrapping up her first visit to Europe and Afghanistan since she was formally sworn in as the Air Force's top civilian leader in December. The 23rd Air Force secretary, James, 55, is only the second woman to hold the job.

A former defense industry executive and congressional aide with degrees from Duke and Columbia universities, she steps into the job at an extremely challenging time for the Air Force. With the military forced to rein in spending, the Air Force plans heavy cuts to personnel and fighter aircraft over the next several years.

In addition, the service is reeling from a cheating scandal that came to light earlier this year involving about one-fifth of its missile launch officers at Malmstrom Air Force Base in Montana.

James spoke during the 20-minute interview about Europe and the service's commitment to maintaining forward-operating bases on the Continent.

Ramstein, in particular, she said, "truly is a launching pad not only to Europe but also to Africa and to the Middle East. Location, time and distance really does count, and there are so many hot spots around the world, it's terri-

bly important to have a location such as we have here in Europe so that we can do our job with our allies and protect our interests around the world."

About the basing study, James said: "We have not seen the analysis yet. As someone who comes out of the business community, though, I would say that it always makes sense, if you can find ways to consolidate, to do so." That allows more resources to be directed toward "higher-priority matters" such as readiness, modernization and people.

The current Air Force drawdown calls for reducing the service's active-duty numbers by about 16,700 airmen in fiscal 2015, and a total of 23,000 to 24,000 active-duty airmen over five years, James said.

The deep personnel cuts will require the Air Force to rely on its part-time force more and shift

"some additional portions of missions towards the Guard and Reserve," James said. "We will be leveraging our forces in different ways, expanded ways, to make sure we can get our jobs done."

James said one of her top priorities as Air Force secretary will be combatting the problems of sexual assault and sexual harassment within the force.

She supports keeping the authority to prosecute serious crimes, including sexual assault, in the hands of military commanders. The Senate earlier this month blocked legislation that would have stripped commanding officers of the power to decide when to prosecute such cases and would have given that authority instead to military lawyers outside the chain of command.

"I think we're making good progress" in addressing sexual assault, James said, but "there's still a long way to go, and it's going to require time and persistent leadership and persistent focus."

Regarding the cheating scandal at Malmstrom, the Air Force's investigation into what happened is almost completed, James said.

"There is no indication, that I'm aware of, that the cheating was beyond Malmstrom," she said. "It's very important to emphasize that — despite this failure in integrity, that the nuclear mission was safe and secure."

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PACIFIC

# Pivot: Many doubt Congress will give DOD the money it needs

FROM FRONT PAGE

“When I spoke at a conference, I was asked a question about the budget ... and how it relates to our pivot to Asia,” the statement read. “I was reiterating what Secretary [Chuck] Hagel said last week: that the shift in focus to the Asia-Pacific requires us to adapt, innovate and make difficult budgetary and acquisition decisions to ensure that our military remains ready and capable.” That’s exactly what we’ve done in this budget (proposal). The rebalance to Asia can and will continue.”

“[McFarland] obviously was disciplined and retracted those remarks,” Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said at a budget hearing the next day.

Adm. Samuel Locklear, head of the U.S. Pacific Command, said the resources currently at his disposal are insufficient to meet operational requirements.

“The ability for the services to provide the type of maritime coverage, the air coverage of some of the key elements that we’ve historically needed in this part of the world for crisis response, have not been available to the level that I would consider acceptable risk (due to recent budget cutbacks),” he told lawmakers March 5.

During a March 4 budget briefing at the Pentagon, defense officials disputed the notion that the strategic shift will stall.

“We are going forward with a variety of issues that aren’t primarily financial (including re-aligning forces in the region),” Pentagon Comptroller Robert Hale told reporters. “We have a fairly robust shipbuilding program, averaging about nine a year, that will be able to contribute (to the pivot). So I think the budget (request) definitely supports the rebalance, and we’re not reconsidering it.”

## The fiscal factor

But Todd Harrison, a military analyst at the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments, an independent think tank in Washington, said there’s reason to think the DOD will be unable to fully resource the pivot, given ongoing fiscal constraints and other strategic commitments.

“It’s coming close to the limits on what you can do in terms of scaling back the size of the department while still trying to increase our presence in the Asia-Pacific region. You know, fundamentally one of the conflicts that’s going to arise within this (defense) strategy is that we’re trying to increase our presence in the Asia-Pacific region while maintaining our presence in the Middle East and in Europe and other areas, and I don’t think we can actually do all of those things in the long run with less funding,” he said.

Republican hawks share those concerns. “The administration has committed to a rebalance to the Asia-Pacific while also sustaining a heightened alert posture in the Middle East and North Africa. ... A declining defense budget, reduction in troop strength and force structure and diminished readiness suggest that we can’t



The guided-missile cruiser USS Philippine Sea, left, and the aircraft carrier USS George H.W. Bush transit the Strait of Gibraltar.

JUSTIN WOLPERT/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

do both, or if we do, we do so at an increased risk to our forces and their missions,” Rep. Buck McKeon, R-Calif., the chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, said at a hearing March 5.

Doubts about the pivot are not confined to political and military circles in Washington. America’s Asian allies also question whether the shift to their neighborhood will continue. In the face of continuing Chinese belligerence and North Korean unpredictability, many countries in the region are

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**Maren Leed**  
Center for Strategic and International Studies

acknowledged the problem at a March 10 conference hosted by the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

“I’m well aware that there is concern in the region about whether we will be able to sustain the rebalance. We hear those messages as well, and part of why we’re as engaged talking to countries in that region is to assure them that even in the face of some greater fiscal austerity that we’ve seen in the past decade, we are very committed to that region,” she told attendees.

The fate of the rebalance may ultimately depend on events elsewhere in the world, according to



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**A Chinese navy nuclear submarine takes part in a nuclear safety drill at the Qindao submarine base in east China’s Shandong province. China is devoting increasing resources to its naval forces to safeguard its maritime interests and assert its territorial claims.**

Harrison. “[DOD] would favor continuing the pivot to the Pacific, but reality and the facts and the situation on the ground may draw you back to the Middle East — or to Europe, for that matter — regardless of what your intentions are,” he said. “There’s a significant possibility [that the rebalance will be scaled back], and that will be driven by external events like what we’ve seen in Syria and what’s happening right now in Ukraine. World events can cause you to shift your focus in a way that you didn’t intend.”

## The Ukraine factor

The Ukraine crisis appears to have done just that. In the wake of Russia annexing Crimea, America’s NATO allies fear further aggression.

“The old idea of NATO ... predicated on a Europe that no longer has any threats — that, unfortunately, has turned out, with the actions we’ve seen against Ukraine, no longer [applies],” Estonian President Toomas Iivasa said March 18 during a joint press conference with Vice President Joe Biden in Warsaw.

The U.S. has tried to reassure its regional allies by deploying 12 F-16s to Poland and augmenting American involvement in NATO’s Baltic air policing program. The Navy also sent another destroyer

to the region and kept the USS George H.W. Bush aircraft carrier in the Mediterranean Sea longer than planned.

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## The Washington factor

Some say the future of the pivot is in Congress’ hands.

Locklear told lawmakers that the pivot is underway, but he questions whether it will maintain its momentum.

“If you come to my headquarters, we’re moving forward with the aspects of rebalance. I mean, we’re working hard on the alliances, on the exercises that underpin them. We’re moving our force structure into places we need to. The real question is whether or not the force that Congress will eventually buy to give us, is it adequate for the security environment that’s changing?” he said. “Whether or not we can re-

source to meet the challenges and remain the pre-eminent guarantor of security in the Pacific area, I think that’s the question.”

Adm. Jonathan Greenert, the Chief of Naval Operations, told members of the House Armed Services Committee last week that eliminating an aircraft carrier and a naval air wing from the fleet, which would be necessitated by sequestration, would put the pivot in jeopardy.

“The Asia-Pacific is important, and we are rebalancing toward it. (But) if you go from 11 to 10 carriers, you exacerbate what is already a very difficult (force requirement) problem to the point where ... the deterrence factor goes down dramatically when you have gaps (like that),” he said.

Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel and other senior defense officials have repeatedly warned that a failure to eliminate sequestration would result in “unacceptable risks” to America’s ability to execute its defense strategy.

But many analysts are doubtful that Congress will give the Pentagon the money it says it needs.

“I don’t think it’s the will in the Congress to increase the defense budget for a bit, number one. And I don’t think you have a president pressing them hard to do so. ... I’m not necessarily sure [the sequestration cap] is even a floor (for how low the defense budget will go),” Barry Pavel, director of the Brent Scowcroft Center on International Security, said at a conference hosted by the Atlantic Council March 5.

“I think DOD has made the best case they can, [but] I think you’re going to continue to have a disconnect in Congress that’s been shockingly, in my mind, united on both sides of the aisle, saying even if they don’t like it, they don’t see a way out of the Budget Control Act,” according to Maren Leed, a senior analyst at CSIS. “So I personally would be surprised if any of that (desired budget increase) is achieved. So what else can [Pentagon leaders] do? They can keep talking, [but] I don’t think it will matter.”

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MILITARY

# Suicide prevention tops vets group's agenda

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WASHINGTON — Broad action is needed from Congress and President Barack Obama to combat the growing problem of veterans suicide, a group representing veterans of recent wars declared Monday on Capitol Hill.

Officials from the Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, along with dozens of veteran leaders from around the country, are in Washington this week to roll out a laundry list of policy initiatives aimed at reducing the number of veterans who take their own lives. It's an effort IAVA says will top its agenda in 2014.

The known rate of suicide among troops and veterans is "alarming," said Reichhoff, IAVA founder and CEO, said in a press release. "We have reached a point where we

need to send up a flare and demand new actions from our elected officials."

In a recent IAVA member survey, 47 percent of respondents said they knew an Iraq or Afghanistan veteran who had attempted suicide. A study last year by the Department of Veterans Affairs estimated that 22 veterans take their own lives each day.

Among the initiatives the group proposed Monday:

- Extend coverage for post-traumatic stress disorder care to 15 years from the current five years to allow veterans more time to seek care in case symptoms don't emerge soon after they leave the military.
- Review discharges that might have resulted from mental health injuries, and upgrade wrongful discharges that make troops ineligible for many of the services and benefits they could help them recover.
- Create a standardized system to track

and report suicides and suicide attempts among servicemembers, veterans and family members, while funding more research to identify those at risk.

■ Push the Department of Defense and the VA to better coordinate the transition of troops out of the military, including establishment of a common electronic medical records system and a common drug formulary.

■ Work to train and hire more mental health professionals — particularly psychiatrists, for whom there is a national shortage.

■ Decriminalize suicide attempts to reduce the stigma of seeking help to deal with suicidal impulses.

■ To ease fears about employability and security clearances, educate troops about recent changes aimed at protecting the privacy of those seeking mental health care.

■ Promote voluntary gun safety programs for troops, while passing a law to ease troops' Second Amendment concerns. The proposed law would prevent the VA from reporting mental health problems to the Department of Justice — potentially resulting in curtailment of gun ownership rights — without a court order.

■ Establish prescription drug take-back programs at military bases and VA facilities to limit the supply of unneeded drugs that could later be used for a suicide attempt.

In addition to the press conference Monday, IAVA officials, veterans and supporters will be planting American flags on the National Mall in Washington on Thursday to draw attention to veteran suicide issues.

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## Report: Half of vets on GI Bill graduate

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WASHINGTON — A little more than half of the veterans who got college money under the GI Bill since 2009 eventually graduated, though many took longer to do it, a new study estimates.

The report, released Monday estimated that 51.7 percent of student veterans earned a degree or certificate for some kind of higher education. That's slightly lower than the graduation rate for traditional students, who generally enroll out of high school, but higher than for veterans' nontraditional peers — those students who also tend to be older and have families and jobs.

The study was done by the Student Veterans of America, an advocacy group, with help from the Department of Veterans Affairs and the National Student Clearinghouse. Experts on veteran issues say it's the most comprehensive study to date on a sparsely researched subject — how vets are performing under a GI Bill program that has spent nearly \$35 billion since 2009.

"Americans have invested substantial dollars in giving our veterans an opportunity to further their education, and this report shows many positive signs that they are doing just that," SVA president Wayne Robinson said. "The majority of student veterans accessing their GI Bill benefits are completing degrees and showing unparalleled determination to do so, despite many unique barriers."

The Post-9/11 GI Bill went into effect in 2009 for America's newest generation of veterans. It provides the most generous educational benefits since the original bill went into effect in 1944 for World War II troops. The benefit can be used by a veteran or a member of the immediate family — and more than a million people

have used it so far. VA pays all tuition and fees for an in-state student at a public university, \$1,000 annually for books and supplies, and a housing allowance generally the same as an Army sergeant with dependents would get from the Defense Department. This school year the average monthly payment was \$1,430.

The SVA, a nonprofit coalition of 985 student vet organizations on college and university campuses globally, entered into an agreement with the VA to create a database, which consisted of 1 million records from veteran beneficiaries who enrolled for education benefits between 2002 and 2013.

Analysis of the records showed that the majority of student veterans over those years finished a bachelor's degree within four to six years and an associate degree within four, the SVA said. The group described the graduation rates as strong considering the extra challenges many student veterans face, such as having a service-related disability.

"They are persisting and they are graduating — so that's really exciting to know," SVA spokesman William Hubbard said in an interview. He said previous reports have fed a public perception that too many veterans have been dropping out of school. Though different reports have counted in different ways and direct comparisons are difficult, Hubbard said the average of 51.7 percent vet completion rate over the years studied compares to 56 percent for traditional students and 43 percent for their nontraditional peers, figures found in other research.

Vets are going for degrees that could help them get in-demand careers, the report said. The top bachelor degree fields were business, social sciences, homeland security, law enforcement and firefighting, and computer and information sciences.



DESIREE W. MOVE/Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

## Command visit

U.S. Air Force Secretary Deborah Lee James, left, listens as Air Force Maj. Sheila Carlson, right, discusses C-130J aircraft mission capabilities at an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia on Sunday. It was James' first visit to U.S. Air Forces Central Command as service secretary. Carlson, assistant director of operations, is assigned to the 737th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron.

## Coast Guard apologizes for Facebook post

The Associated Press

KODIAK, Alaska — A Coast Guard member is under scrutiny after he posted derogatory remarks about Alaska Natives on a Facebook page, and possible actions are being considered in response.

Coast Guard officials said Petty Officer Brandon Upchurch's comments on the "Friends of Kodiak" page are being taken seriously, KMXT reported.

"The Coast Guard holds all of our members accountable," Coast Guard spokeswoman Sara Moores said. "Making inappropriate comments isn't tolerated, especially when they have the potential to offend various groups throughout the community."

Upchurch, based in Kodiak,

was among people on the Facebook site who were sharing opinions about Kodiak Native groups closing their private land to public use.

In his posting Wednesday, Upchurch said he will still go to Native land to camp and have fires. He went on to say Natives "live like a bunch of bums with trash everywhere. You think that the billions they get from the U.S. Government, they would live like kings."

Upchurch could not immediately be reached for comment Friday.

The commander of the Coast Guard Base Kodiak, Capt. Jerold Woloszynski, issued a formal apology, which also was posted on Facebook. The apology said

Upchurch's command has been notified and will decide how to deal with him.

Moores said several different options are possible, including amending the personal data record or pursuing a military justice process.

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## NATION



KENNETH WEBSTER, NBC CHICAGO/AP

A Chicago Transit Authority train car rests on an escalator at the O'Hare Airport station after it derailed early Monday in Chicago. More than 30 people were injured.

# Chicago commuter train crashes, leaving 32 hurt

By PRIYA SRIDHAR  
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — An eight-car Chicago commuter train plowed across a platform and scaled an escalator at an underground station at one of the nation's busiest airports early Monday, injuring 32 people on board, officials said.

No one suffered life-threatening injuries in the Blue Line derailment at O'Hare International Airport, Chicago Fire Commissioner Jose Santiago said during a morning briefing.

An enormous disaster was avoided thanks to the timing of the crash at 2:50 a.m. The bustling station is usually packed with travelers making their way to or from Chicago from the major airport, and a Chicago Transit Authority official said the crash happened at a traditionally quiet time.

Denise Adams, a passenger on the train, told the Chicago Sun-Times she heard a loud noise dur-

ing the impact.

"I heard a 'boom' and when I got off the train, the train was all the way up the escalator," she said. "It was a lot of panic."

CTA investigators along with the city fire department and police were reviewing security footage and interviewing the driver and other CTA workers to pin down the cause of the accident. National Transportation Safety Board investigators were expected to arrive later in the day.

"We will be looking at equipment," CTA spokesman Brian Steele said. "We will be looking at signals. We'll be looking at the human factor and any extenuating circumstances. But really at this point, it's far too soon to speculate."

Transit agency officials said crews were working to remove the train and fix the escalator, which received "significant damage." Hours after the crash, the front of the first car could still be seen near the top of the escalator:

Christopher Bushell, CTA's chief infrastructure officer, said it would likely be at least 12 to 24 hours before the station would reopen. He said workers will cut the train apart and remove it in pieces on a flatbed.

The CTA was busing passengers to and from O'Hare to the next station on the line.

The train appeared to have been going too fast as it approached the end-of-line station and didn't stop at a bumping post — a metal shock absorber at the end of the tracks.

"The train actually climbed over the last stop, jumped up on the sidewalk and then went up the stairs and escalator," Santiago said.

"Apparently (it) was traveling at a rate of speed that clearly was higher than a normal train would be," Steele said.

It wasn't clear how many people were on board at the time of the crash.

# Hopes for finding survivors in Wash. mudslide diminish

By DONNA GORDON  
BLANKINSHIP  
The Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Wash. — Hopes of finding any more survivors from a massive mudslide that killed at least eight people waned as searchers pulled more bodies from the tangled debris field in rural Washington state and crews worked through the night into Monday.

Search-and-rescue teams took to the air in helicopters and the ground on foot Sunday looking for anyone who might still be alive. Their spirits had been raised a late Saturday night when they heard voices calling for help from the flossam of trees, dirt and wreckage. Dangerous conditions forced them to turn back in the darkness, but they resumed their work at first light Sunday.

"We didn't see or hear any signs of life out there today," Snohomish County Fire District 21 Chief Travis Hots said. "It's very disappointing to all emergency responders on scene."

Snohomish County sheriff's Lt. Rob Palmer said four more bodies were discovered late Sunday. Earlier in the day, authorities said one body had been found on the debris field. Three people were confirmed dead Saturday.

More people remained missing, and authorities said the number was "fluid." Earlier Sunday, they said it was at least 18, but that count came before additional bodies were discovered.

The 1-square-mile slide also critically injured several people, including an infant, and destroyed about 30 homes.

Crews were able to get to the soupy, tree-strewn area that was 15 feet deep in places Sunday after geologists flew over in a helicopter and determined it was safe enough for emergency responders and technical rescue personnel to search for possible survivors, Hots said.

He added that they did not search the entire debris field, only drier areas safe to traverse.

Hots said crews were still in a "search-and-rescue mode. It has not gone to a recovery mode at this time."

Before crews could get onto the debris field late Sunday morning, they looked for people by helicopter. Late Saturday they had heard people yelling for help, but they were unable to reach anyone. The soupy mud was so thick and deep that searchers had to turn back.

"We have this huge square-mile mudflow that's basically like quicksand," Hots said Sunday.

**'We didn't see or hear any signs of life out there today.'**

Travis Hots  
Snohomish  
County (Wash.)  
Fire District 21  
chief

The slide wiped through what neighbors described as a former fishing village of small homes — some nearly 100 years old.

As the search for missing continued, authorities said some may

have been able to get out on their own. The number unaccounted for could change because some people may have been in cars and on roads when the slide hit just before 11 a.m. Saturday.

Officials described the mudslide as "a big wall of mud and debris." It blocked about a mile of State Route 530 near the town of Osato, about 55 miles north of Seattle.

Authorities believe the slide was caused by ground made unstable by recent heavy rainfall.

Washington Gov. Jay Inslee described the scene as "a square mile of total devastation" after flying over the disaster area midday Sunday. He assured families that everything was being done to find their missing loved ones.

The slide blocked the North Fork Snohomish County officials said Sunday that residents could return home during daylight hours.

# More help sought to clean up Texas oil spill, protect birds

The Associated Press

TEXAS CITY, Texas — No timetable has been set to reopen a major U.S. shipping channel after nearly 170,000 gallons of tar-like oil spilled into the Texas waterway, but more help was being called in Monday to contain the spill and protect important shorebird habitat.

A barge carrying about 900,000 gallons of the heavy oil collided with a ship Saturday in the busy Houston Ship Channel, spilling as much as a fifth of its cargo into one of the world's busiest waterways for moving petrochemicals,

according to the Coast Guard.

Oil had been detected 12 miles offshore in the Gulf of Mexico by Sunday, and as many as 60 vessels were waiting to get in or out. The Coast Guard — which called it a "significant spill" — said it expected to deploy more containment booms Monday, with 24 vessels working to skim the oil.

Environmental groups said the spill occurred at an especially sensitive time. The channel in Texas City, about 45 miles southeast of Houston, has important shorebird habitat on both sides, and tens of thousands of winter-

ing birds are still in the area.

"The timing really couldn't be much worse since we're approaching the peak shorebird migration season," said Richard Gibbons, conservation director of the Houston Audubon Society.

He noted that just to the east is the Bolivar Flats Shorebird Sanctuary, which attracts 50,000 to 70,000 shorebirds to shallow mud flats that are perfect foraging habitat.

Fewer than 10 oiled birds had been found and recovered for transfer to a wildlife rehabilitation center as of Sunday after-

noon, according to the Coast Guard. The Texas General Land Office has also played a bird rehabilitation trailer in the area for quick response.

"This is a significant spill," Capt. Brian Emeyer, commander of the Coast Guard at Houston-Galveston, said. He said emptying the remaining oil from the barge on Sunday, a process known as lightering as contents are transferred to other vessels, was an important step and eliminated the risk of additional oil spilling.

More than 380 people, along with a fleet of oil-retrieving

skimmers and other vessels, were deploying some 60,000 feet of containment booms around environmentally sensitive areas worked to mitigate the damage.

Some black tar-like globs, along with a dark line of a sticky oily substance, could be detected along the shoreline of the Texas City dike, a 5-mile-long jetty that juts into Galveston Bay across from a tip of Galveston Island.

Jim Guidry, executive vice president of Houston-based Kirby Inland Marine Corp., said the company was taking responsibility for the costs.

## NATION

# Personal flights of DOJ not reported

By Josh Hicks  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The General Services Administration did not properly report hundreds of personal and other “nonmission” trips on government jets for senior Justice Department officials, including Attorney General Eric Holder and former FBI Director Robert Mueller, according to a watchdog report.

Congress’ nonpartisan Government Accountability Office determined that 395 flights between 2009 and 2011 cost taxpayers \$7.8 million. But a reporting exemption from the GSA, which oversees travel aboard federal jets, allows trips by intelligence officials to go unaccounted, even in cases of unclassified personal travel.

The GSA regulation contradicts decades-old rules that President Bill Clinton and the Office of Management and Budget established, according to the report. The study said the GSA “has not provided a basis for deviating from executive branch requirements.”

The GSA plans to eliminate the exemption that applies to nonmission, unclassified travel, according to the report. The agency also plans to document the trips in its periodic reports on travel by senior federal executives.

“Transparency remains a top priority for the agency,” said GSA spokeswoman Mafara Hobson. “That is why GSA is modifying its reporting tool to identify when agencies have classified flights.”

A 2012 GAO report revealed that the DOJ spent \$2.7 million on personal travel for Mueller and the attorneys general from 2007 through 2011, compared with about \$8.7 million for business trips during that time.

Some senior federal officials are required for security reasons to use government aircraft when they fly, but they must generally reimburse the government at the rate of coach airfare for personal travel. The 2013 GAO report noted that the FBI, Congress and attorneys general “provided reimbursements for their personal travel in accordance with federal requirements.”

DOJ spokesman Brian Fallon said the agency makes travel information available to Congress and the public when they request the information under public records laws.

“If GSA intends to also report this information regarding unclassified, nonmission travel, we would have no objection at all,” Fallon said.



Lisa Ruby hugs Lisa Cavico after they were married outside the Washtenaw County Clerk's office in Ann Arbor, Mich., on Saturday.

BRIANNE BOWEN, THE ANN ARBOR (MICH.) NEWS/AP

## Mich. gay marriages in holding pattern

By David N. Goodman  
The Associated Press

DETROIT — Michigan state agencies won't immediately recognize hundreds of same-sex marriages that were performed in the hours before an appeals court put on hold a judge's ruling that tossed out a state ban on gay marriage, the governor's office said Sunday.

About 300 couples wed Saturday in four Michigan counties before a federal appeals court placed a stay on a Detroit federal judge's decision overturning the state's 2004 constitutional ban on same-sex marriage.

“We are extremely sensitive to feelings on this issue and are hoping for a swift resolution for all involved,” said Sara Wurfel, spokeswoman for Gov. Rick Snyder.

The decision blocks Michigan's county clerks from issuing new same-sex marriage licenses until the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals decides whether to extend



Kim Gillen holds flowers for friends applying for a marriage license Saturday at the Oakland County Clerks office in Pontiac, Mich.

PAUL SANCIYA/AP

the stay. That's expected no sooner than Wednesday.

Asked if that would prevent, for example, a newlywed gay couple from applying for adoption of children on Monday, Wurfel said that Snyder and his administration consider everything to be on hold

for now.

“We are not saying that we aren't or won't recognize the marriages that happened on Saturday, but that we're awaiting further court or legal direction on this complex, unusual situation,” Wurfel told The Associated Press in an email.

## Congress-CIA spat may be fueled by vote

By Bradley Klapper  
and Stephen Braun  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — If senators vote this week to release key sections of a voluminous report on terrorist interrogations, an already strained relationship between lawmakers and the CIA could become even more rancorous, and President Barack Obama might have to step into the fray.

The Senate Intelligence Committee hopes that by publishing a 400-page summary of its contentious review and the 20 main recommendations, it will shed light on some of the most unusual elements of the Bush administration's “war on terror” after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

Despite now serving Obama, the CIA maintains that the report underestimates the intelligence value of waterboarding and other methods employed by intelligence officials at undeclared, “black site” facilities overseas.

The entire investigation runs some 6,200 pages.

The dispute boiled into the open earlier this month with competing claims of wrongdoing by Senate staffers and CIA officials. The intelligence committee's chairwoman, Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., accused the CIA of improperly monitoring the computer use of Senate staffers and deleting files, undermining the separation of powers between the executive and legislative branches. The agency said the intelligence panel illegally accessed certain documents. Each side has registered criminal complaints with the Justice Department.

This week's vote could fuel the fight if it goes in favor of disclosure. It would start a process that forces CIA officials and Senate staffers to go line by line through the report and debate which elements can be made public and which must stay secret because of ongoing national security concerns.

The CIA and the executive branch hold all the keys as the final determiners of what ought to remain classified. Senators primarily have the bully pulpit of embarrassing the CIA publicly and the last-resort measure of going after the agency's budget.

Senators are hoping the dispute can be diffused with the intervention of Obama, whose record includes outlawing waterboarding, unsuccessfully seeking the closure of the U.S. detention center in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and supporting other changes in how the United States pursues, detains, questions and prosecutes terrorist suspects.

The president has refused thus far to weigh in on Congress' dispute with the CIA, while pledging to declassify at least the findings of the Senate report “so that the American people can understand what happened in the past, and that can help guide us as we move forward.”

## Hillary Clinton, Jeb Bush meet again

By Ken Thomas  
The Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — Their presidential plans may be uncertain but one thing is clear: Jeb Bush and Hillary Rodham Clinton keep bumping into each other.

Bush and Clinton took to the podium Monday at a higher education conference in suburban Dallas organized by Bush, the former Florida governor who is the brother and son of Republican presidents. The former secretary of state, whose husband, Bill Clinton, served two terms in the White House, is the leading Democratic contender in 2016 if she runs for president again.

As both Clinton and Bush weigh their options, the conference offers a bipartisan twist for the two dominant American political families of the late 20th century, both of whom could return to the presidential stage next year.

It is at least the first time in the past year that Bush and Clinton were crossing paths.

Both were on hand for the April 2013 Dallas presidential library dedication of former President George W. Bush, Jeb Bush's older brother. Clinton sat on stage with her husband and four other living U.S. presidents attending the ceremony, including the Bush patriarch, former President George H.W. Bush.

In Philadelphia last September, Jeb Bush — in his role as chairman of the National Constitution Center — awarded Hillary Clinton the Liberty Medal, an event which allowed both to offer plenty of presidential-themed banter.

Bush said while he and the former first lady “come from different political parties, and we disagree about a lot of things,” they agreed on the wisdom of the American people, “especially those in Iowa and New Hampshire and South Carolina,” traditionally the first contests in the presidential primaries.

Tongue-in-cheek, Bush asked Clinton not to wear her medal in Des Moines, Iowa, the home base for many aspiring presidents competing in the state's caucuses.

Clinton reminded the audience that both her husband and the senior Bush had received the medal in 2006; she and Jeb Bush were “keeping up a family tradition.”

The two families have produced three presidents since the 1988 election, a streak broken by President Barack Obama's election in 2008.

At the Globalization of Higher Education conference, which Bush organized with former Democratic Gov. Jim Hunt, of North Carolina, Clinton and Bush will join education experts in discussing ways to improve access and affordability for prospective college students and to help young people acquire job skills.

## WORLD

# Malaysia: Flight crashed in Indian Ocean

By TODD PITMAN  
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The Associated Press

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — A new analysis of satellite data indicates the missing Malaysia Airlines plane crashed into a remote corner of the Indian Ocean, Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak said Monday.

The news is a major breakthrough in the unprecedented two-week struggle to find out what happened to Flight 370, which disappeared shortly after takeoff from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing with 239 passengers and crew aboard on March 8.

With the location of the plane still unknown — most likely somewhere at the bottom of the sea — profound questions remain about what brought down the aircraft and why.

Dressed in a black suit, Najib announced the news in a brief statement to reporters late Monday night, saying the information was based on an unprecedented analysis of satellite data from Inmarsat.

He said the data indicated the plane flew “to a remote location, far from any possible landing sites.”

It is therefore with deep sadness and regret that I must inform you that, according to this new data, Flight MH370 ended in the southern Indian Ocean.”

Search teams from 26 nations have poured over radar data and scoured a wide swath of Asia for weeks with advanced aircraft and ships in a deeply frustrating attempt to find the plane.

Malaysia Airlines said in a statement to the families that “our prayers go out to all the loved ones of the 226 passengers and of our 13 friends and colleagues at this enormously painful time.”

“We know there are no words that we or anyone else has to say that can ease your pain,” the airline said. “The ongoing multinational search operation will continue, as we seek answers to the questions which remain.”

A Malaysia Airlines official who declined to be named, citing company policy, said there are no plans to fly the families to Perth, Australia, until wreckage is found.

The plane’s disappearance shortly after takeoff from Kuala Lumpur on a routine flight to Beijing has baffled investigators, who have yet to rule out mechanical or electrical failure, hijacking, sabotage, terrorism or issues related to the mental health of the pilots or someone else on board.

Officials have said that the plane automatically sent a brief signal — a “ping” — every hour to the Inmarsat satellite even after other communication systems on the jetliner shut down. The pings did not include an location information, but an initial analysis showed that the location of the last ping was probably along one of two vast arcs running north and south.

Najib said Inmarsat had done further calculations “using a type of analysis never before used in an investigation of this sort,” and had concluded that the plane’s last position was “in the middle of the Indian Ocean, west of Perth.”



No HAN GUAN/AP

A relative of a Chinese passenger aboard Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 cover his face after being told the latest update in Beijing on Monday.

## Somber announcement a blow to families who held out hope

By CHRISTOPHER BODEJEN  
The Associated Press

BEIJING — Relatives shrieked and sobbed uncontrollably. Men and women nearly collapsed, held up by loved ones. Their grief came pouring out after 17 days of waiting for definitive word on the fate of the passengers and crew of the missing Malaysia jetliner.

Malaysia’s prime minister gave that word late Monday in a televised announcement from Kuala Lumpur, saying there was no longer any doubt that Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 went down in the southern Indian Ocean.

Relatives of passengers in Beijing had been called to a hotel near the airport to hear the news, and some 50 of them gathered there. Afterward, they filed out of a conference room in heart-wrenching grief.

One woman collapsed and fell on her knees, crying “My son! My son!”

Medical teams arrived at Beijing’s Lido hotel with several stretchers and at least one elderly man was carried out of the conference room on one of them, his faced covered by a jacket. Minutes later a middle-aged woman was taken out on another stretcher, her face ashen and her blank, expressionless eyes seemingly staring off into a distance.

Most of them refused to speak to gath-

ered reporters and some of them lashed out in anger, urging journalists not to film the scene. Security guards restrained a man with close-cropped hair as he kicked a TV cameraman and shouted, “Don’t film. I’ll beat you to death!”

Wang Zhen, whose father and mother, Wang Linshi and Xiong Yunming, were aboard the flight as part of a group of Chinese artists touring Malaysia, heard the announcement on television from another hotel where he has been staying.

He said some of the relatives had received a text message in English from the airliner advising of the findings to be announced in a late-night news conference by Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak. Najib said an unprecedented analysis of satellite data concluded that the flight, which disappeared March 8 with 239 people aboard while on a night flight from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing, must have ended in the sea far from any possible landing site.

“My mind is a mess right now. Can we talk later?” he said in a telephone interview.

Nan Jianyan, whose brother-in-law Yan Ling was aboard the flight, said she was prepared for the worst when she heard the Malaysian prime minister would hold a news conference.

“This is a blow to us, and it is beyond description,” Nan said.

## Navy sends black box locator

By JAMES KIMBER  
Stars and Stripes

Navy officials are sending a black box locator to the search area near Australia in support of the efforts to find the Malaysian Airlines jetliner that went missing more than two weeks ago.

The addition of the black box locator does not indicate that any debris of Flight 370 has been found, according to Cmdr. William Marks, a spokesman for the Navy’s 7th Fleet.

“If a debris field is confirmed, the Navy’s Towed Pinger Locator 25 will add a significant advantage in locating the missing Malaysian aircraft’s black box,” Marks said in a Navy news release issued Sunday.

The TPL-25 Towed Pinger Locator System is able to locate black boxes by detecting the acoustic ping sent out by the commercial aircraft’s pingers, which are mounted directly on the flight recorder.

“We can hear the black box pinger down to a depth of about 20,000 feet,” Cmdr. Chris Budde, U.S. 7th Fleet operations officer, said in the news release. “Basically this super-sensitive hydrophone gets towed behind a commercial vessel very slowly and listens for black box pings.”

The locator system — which weighs 70 pounds and is 30 inches long — will transmit an acoustic signal up its attached cable where a computer records its audible broadcast. There an operator will record navigation coordinates of each transmission. That will be repeated multiple times until a position is finally triangulated.

The Navy’s pinger locator systems have been used many times in the past, including in the 2009 search for an Air France passenger aircraft that went down in the Atlantic Ocean off the coast of Brazil.

As of Monday, the Navy has flown 15 missions in support of the search effort that began almost two weeks ago in the South China Sea. A P-8 Poseidon, which arrived in Perth, Australia, early last week, continues to search the southern search area off the coast of Western Australia. An Okinawa-based P-3 Orion, which has been a part of the search efforts almost since the beginning, continues to fly its missions from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

The destroyer USS Kidd was pulled from the search effort Monday “for follow-on operational tasking as they were when the search operation started,” Navy officials announced, taking with it two MH-60R Seahawk helicopters.

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## WORLD

# Egypt sentences 529 Morsi backers to death

By MAGGIE MICHAEL

The Associated Press

CAIRO — A court in Egypt convicted 529 supporters of ousted Islamist President Mohammed Morsi and sentenced them to death on charges of murdering a policeman and attacking police in one of the largest mass trials in the country in decades.

The majority of the defendants were tried in absentia while more than 150 stood trial in unprecedentedly rushed hearings that lasted only two days. Sixteen suspects were acquitted.

The verdicts — and the extremely harsh sentences — are likely to be overturned on appeal, rights lawyers said after the trial ended in the city of Minya, south of Cairo.

"This is way over the top and unacceptable," said attorney Mohammed Zarie, who heads a rights center in Cairo. "It turns the judiciary in Egypt from a tool for achieving justice to an instrument for taking revenge."

"This verdict could be a precedent both in the history of Egyptian courts and perhaps, tribunals elsewhere in the world," he added.

The mass nature of the trial testifies to the determination of Egypt's military-backed government to break the Muslim Brotherhood group and to leave no room for political reconciliation with the country's largest Islamist bloc, from which Morsi hailed.

The court in Minya issued its ruling after only two sessions in which the defendants' lawyers complained they had had no

chance to present their cases.

A total of 545 suspects were charged with the killing of a police officer, the attempted killing of two others, attacking a police station and other acts of violence in August.

The rioting was a backlash for the Aug. 14 police crackdown on two pro-Morsi sit-in camps in Cairo, which killed hundreds of people and sparked days of unrest across the country.

Egypt's military toppled Morsi in July, after four days of massive demonstrations by his opponents demanding he step down for abusing power during his year in office.

Since the ouster and the August dispersal of the Cairo sit-ins, Morsi's Brotherhood and other Islamist supporters have staged near-daily demonstrations that usually

descend into violent street confrontations with security forces.

The military-backed government in the meantime unleashed a wave of arrests, detaining hundreds, including top Brotherhood leaders.

At the same time, militant bombings, suicide attacks and other assaults — mostly by an al-Qaida-inspired group — have increasingly targeted police and military forces in retaliation for the crackdown on Islamists.

The authorities have blamed the Brotherhood for the violence, branding it a terrorist organization and confiscating its assets. The group has denied any links to the attacks and has denounced the violence.

On Tuesday, another mass trial against Morsi's supporters opens, also in Minya, with 683 suspects facing similar charges.



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A trickle of water left in the Rio Grande is pushed downstream by the wind near Hatch, N.M., in March 2013.

## UN: Extreme weather events in 2013 due to warming Earth

By JOHN HEILPRIN

The Associated Press

GENEVA — Much of the extreme weather that wreaked havoc in Asia, Europe and the Pacific region last year can be blamed on human-induced climate change, the U.N. weather agency says.

The World Meteorological Organization's annual assessment Monday said 2013 was the sixth-warmest year on record. Thirteen of the 14 warmest years have occurred in the 21st century.

A rise in sea levels is leading to increasing damage from storm surges and coastal flooding, as demonstrated by Typhoon Haiyan, agency Secretary-General Michel Jarraud said.

The typhoon in November killed at least 6,100 people and caused \$13 billion in dam-

age to the Philippines and Vietnam.

Australia, meanwhile, had its hottest year on record.

"Many of the extreme events of 2013 were consistent with what we would expect as a result of human-induced climate change," Jarraud said.

He also cited other costly weather disasters such as \$22 billion in damage from central European flooding in June, \$10 billion in damage from Typhoon Fitow in China and Japan and a \$10 billion drought in much of China.

Only a few places — including the central U.S. — were cooler than normal last year, but 2013 had no El Niño, the warming of the central Pacific that happens once every few years and changes rain and temperature patterns around the world.

## US shifts strategy in Syria to 'southern front'

By NABIH BULOS  
AND PATRICK J. McDONNELL  
Los Angeles Times

IRBID, Jordan — The Free Syrian Army commander, head of a moderate rebel force fighting just across the border in southern Syria, watched helplessly for months as better-funded Islamist militant groups peeled off half the 2,000 fighters from his brigade.

That changed in February when an intelligence operative from a country he refuses to name handed him an envelope full of cash — salaries for his remaining combatants.

"It's a good amount of money; I can keep my fighters," the commander said, as scented smoke from his water pipe obscured a scar across his face, the product of a battle in Syria, just 16 miles north of this drab Jordanian town.

In recent months, Syria's so-called "southern front" has become the focus of a reinvigorated U.S.-backed initiative to bolster faltering opposition forces now losing ground in their three-year battle to overthrow Syrian President Bashar Assad.

With peace talks stalled and a pronounced slide toward Islamist militancy in the rebel ranks elsewhere across Syria, Washington and allied foreign governments are increasingly concentrating on helping insurgents based in southern Syria. Northern Jordan has become the staging ground.

It is here that U.S. officials and their Persian Gulf allies, notably Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, are recalibrating their approach in what many view as a last chance to turn around the civil war that has begun to tilt heavily in favor of Assad. But such a strategy could prove too little too late, the type of intra-rebel clash-

es that have come to define the opposition in northern and eastern Syria has already begun to wreak havoc in the south.

The foreign powers are hoping to re-energize what remains of the U.S.-backed Free Syrian Army as a "moderate" alternative to extremists with such groups as Al Qaeda-affiliated Al Nusra Front — deemed a terrorist organization by Washington — that seek to impose militant Islamic rule.

The cash-stuffed envelopes meant to secure the loyalty of rebel fighters are an essential component of the embryonic southern campaign, according to interviews in Jordan with opposition commanders. All insisted on anonymity because they were not authorized to speak about operational matters.

"Every rebel and activist is looking to the much-vaunted southern front for good news and restored hope," said Joshua Landis, director of the Center for Middle East Studies at the University of Oklahoma.

Opposition strategists have long viewed the south as a potential backdoor means of attacking Damascus, the Syrian capital, only 75 miles from the Jordan border. The area is also close to Israel, which, like Jordan, is alarmed about a growing extremist presence on its frontier.

The revamped strategy also appears to have as much to do with counterterrorism — battling the rise of Islamic militants — as ousting Assad.

West-backed rebel commanders have accused Al Nusra forces of launching a wave of assassinations and kidnappings against Free Syrian Army rivals in southern Syria. Last week, according to rebels here, Al Nusra fighters kidnapped and executed a low-level battalion leader, Fadi Qarqamas whom they accused of colluding with the government.

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President Barack Obama, right, smiles during a bilateral meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping in Amsterdam on Monday.

# Obama works to isolate Russia

Meeting with Chinese leader in Amsterdam kicks off president's week of international travel

By JIM KUHNHENN  
The Associated Press

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — President Barack Obama delivered into a day of delicate diplomacy Monday as he sought to rally the international community around efforts to isolate Russia following its incursion into Ukraine.

Hours after arriving in the Netherlands for a nuclear summit, Obama held one-on-one talks with Chinese President Xi Jinping. China has often sided with Russia in disputes with the West, but U.S. officials have been appealing to Beijing's well-known opposition to outside interference in other nation's domestic affairs.

Obama treaded carefully in statements with Xi before their

meeting, saying only that they planned to discuss the situation in Ukraine.

"I believe, ultimately, that by working together, China and the United States can help strengthen international law and respect for the sovereignty of nations and establish the kind of rules internationally that allow all peoples to thrive," Obama said in a subtle appeal for Chinese support.

He added that he and the Chinese leader would also seek to "work through frictions that exist in our relations" on matters like human rights and maritime disputes.

Xi, for his part, pointed to areas of potential cooperation with the U.S. as he settled in for what Obama described as a wide-

ranging session. "It is like a menu — and a rich one at that," Xi said through an interpreter.

Obama's meeting with Xi opened a week of international travel in which crisis in Ukraine tops the agenda. After arriving in the Netherlands on a sunny and brisk Monday morning and meeting with Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte, Obama asserted that the U.S. and Europe stand together behind Ukraine.

No issue commands more of Obama's and Europe's attention than Russia's annexation of the Crimean Peninsula and the fear that Moscow could decide to expand further into Ukraine. But Obama also is attempting to use his weeklong trip to personally reconnect not only with Europe

but Asia and the Middle East, all strategically crucial regions with their own tensions and qualms about the U.S.

China has been wary of Obama's efforts to increase U.S. influence in the Asia-Pacific region. The U.S. has also called for restraint in China's maritime territorial disputes with Japan and its Southeast Asian neighbors.

China, a frequent Russian ally, abstained a week ago from voting on a United Nations Security Council resolution declaring Crimea's secession referendum illegal. With Russia vetoing the measure and the 13 other council members voting in favor, China's abstention served to isolate Moscow internationally.

## Nepal will try to ease congestion on Everest

KATMANDU, Nepal — Nepal plans to minimize the congestion of climbers near the 29,035-foot summit of Mount Everest, which gets clogged with scores of climbers during the short window of good weather, officials said Monday.

One of the initiatives includes the introduction of separate fixed ropes for climbers ascending and descending near the summit to help ease the traffic, said Tourism Ministry official Mohan Krishna Sapkota.

A team of government officials will be posted at the base camp located at 17,380 feet throughout the spring climbing season to monitor climbers and coordinate with expedition leaders, he said.

## Turkey says Syria 'harassed' Turkish jet

ANKARA, Turkey — Turkey's military said a Syrian missile system "harassed" a Turkish fighter jet for more than four minutes by locking radar onto it.

Obama's announcement said the incident happened Sunday, the same day that Turkish fighter jets shot down a Syrian warplane for violating Turkey's airspace. Tensions have since escalated between the neighboring countries.

The military said the Turkish F-16 jet was on a routine patrol of the Turkish-Syrian border when it was harassed by an SA-5 missile system.

## Explosion kills 32 at Nigerian village market

MAIDUGURI, Nigeria — Hospital and local government officials said an explosion at a village market near hideouts of Islamic extremists in northeast Nigeria killed 32 people.

Local government officials said 29 people died at the scene at Ngurosoye village. The explosion happened Thursday. Because of poor communications, it is only now that word of it is getting out. The military has cut cellphone service in the area.

Ngurosoye is near the Sambisa forest in Borno state bordering Cameroon where the military has been carrying out aerial bombardments and ground assaults on camps of Islamic militants. A hospital official said three of the injured died at the hospital on Friday and Saturday.

## Suspected al-Qaida militants kill at least 14

SANAA, Yemen — Suspected al-Qaida militants attacked a security checkpoint in southeastern Yemen on Monday, killing at least 14 troops and wounding several others, officials said.

The militants launched a surprise attack at dawn on the checkpoint in the town of al-Bayda in Hadramawt province, the officials said. Most of the slain troops — members of the so-called Central Security Forces — were killed while asleep.

The officials said the attackers also set off an armored vehicle and another car near the checkpoint.

From The Associated Press

# Japan to turn over nuclear material to US

The Associated Press

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — Japan plans to turn over to the United States more than 700 pounds of weapons-grade plutonium and a supply of highly enriched uranium, a victory for President Barack Obama's efforts to secure nuclear materials around the world.

American and Japanese officials confirmed the plan Monday ahead of a formal announcement at a Nuclear Security Summit underway in the Netherlands.

A Japanese foreign ministry official said the two countries had been discussing the

transfer for some time as part of efforts to resolve concerns over Japan's large stockpile of spent nuclear fuel and plutonium.

The U.S. and Japan also are discussing ways to reduce the quantity and toxicity of the radioactive material, the official said.

The material designated for transfer to the U.S. has been kept for decades at a research reactor site in Tokaimura, the site of a 1999 accident that killed two workers who mishandled a highly enriched uranium solution.

More than 300 people were believed to have been exposed to radiation exceeding the annual

limit after a nuclear chain reaction that lasted for 20 hours, leaking radioactive gases out of the complex.

Despite its international pledge not to possess excess stock of plutonium, Japan has large amounts of the weapons-grade material. The amount to be returned to the U.S. this time is a fraction of Japan's overall stockpile.

Obama, who arrived in the Netherlands on Monday morning, has been pressing his foreign counterparts for years to either get rid of their nuclear materials or more tightly secure the stockpiles.

# China demands answers from US concerning reports of spying

The Associated Press

BEIJING — China said Monday it was demanding an explanation from Washington over allegations U.S. intelligence agencies hacked into the email servers of Chinese tech giant Huawei and targeted top Chinese officials and government institutions.

Beijing is "gravely concerned" about the claims and demands that

any such spying be stopped, Foreign Ministry spokesman Hong Lei said at a daily press briefing. "China has made many representations to the U.S. We urge the U.S. to give a clear account and stop similar acts," Hong said.

German weekly Der Spiegel and The New York Times said the National Security Agency began targeting Huawei in early 2009. The reports cited secret U.S. in-

telligence documents leaked by former NSA contractor Edward Snowden. The alleged spying began around the time that concerns were growing in Washington that the telecommunications equipment manufacturer was a threat to U.S. national security.

Der Spiegel also claimed the NSA targeted officials including former President Hu Jintao, as well as ministries and banks.

Although China has been accused of sponsoring a vast cyberespionage effort, Hong repeated Beijing's claims that it opposes such actions. "We consistently believe Internet communication technologies should be used to develop a country's economy in a normal way, and not be used in stealing secret information, phone-tapping and monitoring," Hong said.

## UKRAINE UNREST

## Billionaire held in Vienna seen as key to Russia sanctions

BY IRINA REZNIK  
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Bloomberg News

MOSCOW — A detained billionaire who made a fortune as a middleman in Russia's murky gas trade with Ukraine may hold the key for U.S. lawmakers seeking harsher sanctions against President Vladimir Putin's inner circle.

Ukrainian Dmitry Firtash, arrested in Vienna this month on an American warrant for bribery and other charges, may hand over a treasure trove of information about deals involving Russian state gas exporter Gazprom that the United States would consider corrupt, said Mikhail Korchemkin, a former analyst for the Soviet Union's Gas Ministry in Moscow and founder of Malvern, Pa.-based East European Gas Analysis.

After Putin seized Ukraine's southern Crimea region, a Senate panel approved a bill on emergency funding for the country that would widen the scope of sanctions to include any Russian involved in "significant" corruption.

"This law would enable the U.S. to go after any member of Putin's entourage," Masha Lipman, an analyst at the Carnegie Moscow Center, said. "The point is to deepen the cracks within the Russian elite. The idea is to weaken Putin so he can be contained."

President Barack Obama last week expanded financial sanctions to 20 more Russian officials, billionaires and a bank, including brothers Arkady and Boris Rotenberg, who have joint investments with Firtash in Ukraine and Russia. The Rotenbergs' companies received \$7 billion of contracts for the Sochi Winter Olympics and are major suppliers to Gazprom.

Firtash, 48, built his fortune as a broker of Russia's gas sales to Ukraine, one of Gazprom's biggest export markets. He and a partner owned half of RosUkrEnergo, which was founded in 2004 and emerged as Ukraine's sole gas importer in 2006 to 2009, between price disputes with Russia that led to supply halts and shortages across Europe.

Gazprom oversaw the other half of RosUkrEnergo, which Ukraine's security service in 2005 said may be indirectly controlled by Semion Mogilevich, an organized crime suspect. Firtash repeatedly has denied any link between Mogilevich and RosUkrEnergo. A law enforcement source in Moscow, said his client has never been in business with Firtash.

Still, the former U.S. ambassador in Kiev, William Taylor, said Firtash told him that he needed Mogilevich's permission to get into Ukraine's gas and Gazprom bank with Gazprom, according to a secret cable to the Central Intelligence Agency published by Wikileaks and dated Dec. 10, 2008.

"Firtash may know whether Ukrainian officials and managers of Gazprom and Gazprombank had personal economic interests

in these transactions," former Gazprom Deputy Chairman Alexander Ryazanov said in an interview in Moscow.

Gazprom's spokesman, Sergei Kupriyanov, said the company sees no negative consequences from the possible extradition of Firtash to the U.S.

For years, Gazprom sold gas to Ukraine at lower-than-western-European rates as a gesture of goodwill to Russia's fellow former Soviet state. The RosUkrEnergo deals allowed the company to sell cheap gas from Turkmenistan at much higher rates in Europe, which helped subsidize Ukraine's domestic market.

Gazprom investors criticized the scheme at the time for introducing an unnecessary player in transactions that the Russian monopoly could perform itself.

The twin pillars of Putin's economy — Gazprom, the world's largest gas producer, and state oil champion Rosneft

are already both potential targets of sanctions. Gazprom Chief Executive Officer Alexey Miller and Rosneft CEO Igor Sechin may be among officials banned from the European Union, Germany's Bild newspaper reported March 15, a move the bloc has yet to carry out in two rounds of sanctions.

Obama signed a separate order on March 20 authorizing potential penalties on Russian industries such as energy, finance, mining and defense. Bank Rosoborona, St. Petersburg lender founded by three Putin associates in 1990, was put on the sanctions list last week, said the Treasury Department staff, "the personal bank for senior officials."

A Russian anti-corruption activist and opposition leader Alexey Navalny, who's under house arrest in Moscow, said March 20 that Miller and Sechin, as longtime Putin allies with key positions in his power structure, should be included in any regime penalties put together by the West.

"Western nations could deliver a serious blow to the luxurious lifestyle enjoyed by the Kremlin's cronies who shuttle between Russia and the West," Navalny said in a commentary in The New York Times.

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Ukrainian sailors leave the Konstantin Olshanskiy navy ship Monday in the bay of Donuzlav, Crimea.

## Ukraine orders forces to retreat from Crimea

By PETER LEONARD  
The Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine — Ukraine's fledgling government ordered troops to retreat from Crimea on Monday, ending days of wavering as Western leaders tried to present a unified response to Russia's increasingly firm control of the peninsula.

Russian forces have been systematically seizing Ukrainian ships and military installations in Crimea, including a naval base near the eastern Crimean port of Feodosia, where two injured servicemen were taken captive on Monday and as many as 80 were detained on-site, Ukrainian officials said.

With the storming of at least three military facilities over the past three days alone — and the decision by some to switch to the Russian side — it wasn't clear how many Ukrainian troops remained on the peninsula. The former chief of Ukraine's navy, who was charged with treason after he swore allegiance to the Crimean authorities and urged others to defect, was named a deputy chief of Russia's Black Sea Fleet.

Ukraine's acting president, Oleksandr Turchynov, whose new government has struggled to maintain control and cohesion, said the Defense Ministry was ordered to withdraw all servicemen in Crimea to Ukraine's mainland.

The situation in Ukraine is set to dominate President Barack Obama's agenda as he begins a week of international travel in the Netherlands, where he was to attend a nuclear security summit. The event has been overshadowed by hurriedly scheduled

talks on Ukraine among the Group of Seven industrialized economies — the U.S., Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy and Japan.

"We're united in imposing a cost on Russia for its actions so far," Obama said.

The Washington Post reported Monday that Obama planned to urge the leaders to indefinitely suspend Russia from the Group of Eight, and to push members to more explicitly spell out what additional economic sanctions President Vladimir Putin will face for his military intervention in Ukraine.

Speaking to leading lawmakers in the Ukrainian capital, Kiev, Turchynov said Ukrainian troops would be evacuated with their families in response to unspecified threats from what he termed occupying Russian forces.

The interim government in Kiev has been criticized for its indecision over Ukrainian troops in Crimea, where Russian forces have steadily gained control of bases and ships. Over the weekend, Russian troops stormed the Belbek air force base near Sevastopol and detained the commander.

Tired of weeks of tension, uncertainty and Kiev's indecision, some Ukrainian troops were leaving their bases. In the bay of Donuzlav in western Crimea, the crew of the Ukrainian navy ship Konstantin Olshanskiy were packing up and leaving Monday.

The ship's crew was using a small boat that made several round trips to carry them to the shore.

man blasted the Russian national anthem out of his car.

"We aren't rats, we aren't running," said one sailor, who gave only his first name of Yevgeny to discuss a sensitive subject. "Why should we have stayed? What would we have accomplished?"

Russia completed its annexation of Crimea last week after its troops took control over the Ukrainian region following the ouster of a Kremlin-friendly government in Kiev.

Moscow says its absorption of Crimea has been rendered legitimate by a referendum held earlier this month in which the bulk of voters in the peninsula approved the move, but the process has come under sustained criticism from the international community.

Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu visited Crimea on Monday to inspect the Black Sea Fleet, which has been stationed in Crimea under an agreement with Ukraine that allowed Moscow to have up to 25,000 troops in the peninsula. The Russian officials have remained coy about their precise number.

Shoigu met with Ukrainian servicemen, explaining the benefits and privileges they will have if they join the Russian military.

He named the former head of Ukraine's navy, Denis Berезovsky, as deputy commander of the Black Sea Fleet. Berезovsky was appointed commander of Ukraine's navy on March 1, only to surrender the country's base in the port of Sevastopol to pro-Russian forces a day later. Authorities in Kiev have charged him with treason.

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## OPINION

## Retirement is Justice Ginsburg's call

Baltimore Sun editorial

On March 15, Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg celebrated her 81st birthday, and soon thereafter she got her customary "gift" — a public call for her to retire from the bench. She couldn't have been too surprised by the unsolicited recommendation, as something quite similar took place when she turned 80 last year.

Although Ginsburg may be the least politically conservative member of the high court, the calls for her resignation have come primarily, if not exclusively, from liberals. Their thinking is this: Should she wait any longer than the end of the current term in June to step down (as carried out), the chances a more conservative justice will take her place — and the ideological balance of the court will be tipped in that direction — are much greater.

At last was the reasoning presented by Erwin Chemerinsky, the influential and widely respected dean of the University of California, Irvine School of Law ("Right time for Justice Ginsburg to step down," Stars and Stripes, March 19). Writing last week in the Los Angeles Times (which, like The Sun, is owned by The Tribune Co.), he reasons the deadline is not just Barack Obama's departure from the White House in 2017 and the chance a Republican will be elected to succeed him but the real possibility that the GOP will gain a majority in the U.S. Senate this year and block any liberal nomination.

Chemerinsky, 60, makes a valid point.

Historically, the Senate does not filibuster Supreme Court nominees (the only exception being the manner in which Justice Abe Fortas was blocked from becoming the chief justice), but a majority rejecting a nominee on the basis of ideology? That does happen, and in the tea party era, Republicans like Texas Sen. Ted Cruz look to be itching for such a fight. If Ginsburg wishes to protect her legacy, resigning now would make some sense. On any number of fronts important to progressives, including gay marriage, recent 5-4 decisions have depended on four liberal justices being joined by Justice Anthony Kennedy. Make it three liberal justices, and suddenly that Kennedy swing vote no longer swings a majority.

But it's also exactly wrong to expect her to view her work through such a political prism. Not only because Ginsburg, despite surviving two bouts with cancer, appears to be in good health, maintains a robust schedule and, by all accounts, retains her keen intellect, but because it seems fundamentally wrong to expect a Supreme Court justice to make such ideologically driven calculations about future courts and appointments.

Ginsburg was appointed in 1993 by President Bill Clinton to the court for as long as she chooses to serve. Under the Constitution, a justice can be removed from office involuntarily only by impeachment, something that has never happened (although Justice Samuel Chase was impeached by the House in 1805, he was subsequently ac-

quitted by the Senate). The purpose of such a lifetime appointment is to keep the court independent and shield its members from interference from either the executive or legislative branches.

What is a call to resign now but another form of political interference? There's also some irony in any expectation that the well-regarded Ginsburg, only the second woman ever appointed to her job and one who argued for equal rights as a onetime general counsel to the American Civil Liberties Union, would be under such pressure when so many of her peers and predecessors have not faced such a call. Critics should recognize that she's unlikely to accommodate them and step down; last year, she publicly vowed to remain on the court regardless of who is in the White House.

Admittedly, the stakes in Supreme Court nominations are exceptionally high, and their impact can last for decades. As Chemerinsky points out, had Republican Sen. John McCain been elected president in 2008, he likely would have chosen successors to David Souter and John Paul Stevens who would have tipped the balance of the court to the conservative side already. But that is exactly the point of elections, and voters ought to make the composition of the Supreme Court a major consideration in the 2016 presidential race and perhaps in this year's Senate races as well. It should not be the business of Supreme Court justices to try to manipulate the appointment process in the name of politics or even legacy.

## Cruz, Paul compete for fractured conservatives

By ALBERT R. HUNT

Bloomberg News

TWO newcomers, SEN. RAND PAUL, of Kentucky, and TED CRUZ, of Texas, are the hottest figures in the dominant conservative wing of the Republican Party. In markedly different ways, they both claim to be the heirs to the party's contemporary patron saint, Ronald Reagan.

In a short time, these first-term lawmakers have electrified elements of the party's base and rattled the Senate establishment. The top two Republican leaders in the chamber, Mitch McConnell, of Kentucky, and John Cornyn, of Texas, have had to defer to the political popularity of their junior colleagues.

Both are outside the party mainstream, rock stars in selective conservative circles, with an eye on the 2016 presidential nomination and on each other.

They are also profoundly different in style and substance. They reflect a party and movement that are struggling to reshape themselves despite internal contradictions.

In the next presidential race, conservatives are determined to tap one of their own. Perhaps someone else will emerge, but for now — to borrow an analogy from college basketball's March Madness — Paul, 51, and Cruz, 43, would be the top two seeds in the conservative bracket.

They are a vivid contrast. Paul is more

collegial, less ornery than his father, Ron, a former Texas congressman and presidential candidate. Cruz is off-the-charts smart, a champion debater and an in-your-face politician. He is the most upstart member of the Senate Republican Caucus, a badge of honor with grass-roots conservatives.

Paul, building on his father's campaign, has much more of a network around the country. Cruz can light up a stage, and is more likely to energize social conservatives.

The policy differences between the two self-styled movement conservatives are equally striking. Paul is a libertarian, suspicious of almost any government. Cruz espouses a more muscular conservatism, bending policies and programs to a right-wing agenda. He envisions awakening what he believes to be a dormant conservative majority.

The Kentucky lawmaker wants to remake the Republican Party by reaching out to its disparate elements. He has courted black voters and, last week, brought his critique of President Barack Obama's domestic eavesdropping to the University of California, Berkeley, the mecca of the American left. He has called for "leniency" for Edward Snowden, who leaked documents about the National Security Agency's huge spying operations at home and abroad.

Cruz and Paul are even further apart when it comes to foreign policy. Cruz is a national security hardliner. In a speech

in December, he lamented that the United States under Obama "is receding from a global leadership." He sounds like a neoconservative.

Paul, though, is contemptuous of the interventionist neoconservatives, a school of thought that, he said, "beats its chest and seeks to spread world-wide enlightenment." War, he said, is their "preferred option." He wants the U.S. to stop playing global cop. Last week, he was one of only 17 senators who refused to sign a politically appealing resolution warning Iran of consequences if it doesn't abandon its nuclear designs.

Look for Cruz to moderate his views as rank-and-file conservatives, exhausted by more than a decade of war, move closer to Paul's neo-isolationist views.

And look for both to invoke the Gipper as the inspiration for their 2016 candidacies.

"Cruz and Paul represent two big strains of American conservatism," said Craig Shirley, a former Reagan adviser and author of books on the 40th president. "Ironically, both can find solace in Reagan's words and deeds."

Reagan once called libertarianism "the very heart and soul of conservatism." He also favored a muscular national defense (though he regretted his decision to commit forces to Lebanon) and an activist conservative government.

Between Paul and Cruz, Shirley said, "somewhere in the middle is Reagan."

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## OPINION

## Obama strategy weakened by world events

By FRED HIATT  
The Washington Post

**D**EFEAT can lead to defeatism, or it can lead to constructive rethinking. Which path will President Barack Obama take after setbacks overseas?

By defeat, I do not mean, as some Obama critics would have it, that the U.S. president "lost Crimea." The bad guy there is Vladimir Putin, not Barack Obama, just as the bad guy in Syria is Bashar Assad.

There was no viable military option that could have discouraged Putin's invasion of Ukraine, and there is no military option to reverse it. Even the now-ridiculed "reset" of U.S.-Russia relations was worth a try; no one knew for sure whether then-President Dmitry Medvedev might offer a viable alternative to Putinism. Obama was right to test the theory.

But while Putin's annexation of Crimea is not Obama's fault, it does starkly illustrate that the world Obama confronts today is not the world he expected to lead.

The president came into office believing that military assets were a 19th-century measure of power, of dwindling relevance in the 21st century. He believed diplomacy could solve problems George W. Bush had ignored, created or exacerbated; that the eventual abolition of nuclear weapons was perhaps the United States' most important goal; that economic reconstruction at home had to take precedence over — and was a necessary prerequisite for — leadership abroad. His policies have reflected these understandings: Total pullout from Iraq, An Afghanistan withdrawal schedule untethered to conditions on the ground. A hasty departure from Libya after helping to depose its dictator. No meaningful assistance to the opposition in Syria.

When democratic uprisings stirred hope from Tunisia to Egypt and beyond, some foreign policy veterans, like former national security adviser Stephen Hadley, urged Obama to seize the unexpected opportunity and help support historic change. Obama stayed aloof, and the moment passed.

Obama judged the world safe enough to sharply decrease military spending, and Europe and the Middle East safe enough to justify a "pivot" to Asia. The debate in town was what mission NATO could possibly have once it pulled out of Afghanistan.

Most of all, Obama wanted to concentrate on what he called "nation-building at home." He told the United Nations last fall that promoting democracy and free trade in the Middle East was no longer a "core interest" of U.S. foreign policy.

The scaling back of ambition resonated with U.S. public opinion. But the effects have not been as hoped. As the U.S. retrenched, the world became more dangerous.

China continued a traditional — 19th-century, Secretary of State John Kerry might call it — military buildup, accompanied by aggressive territorial assertions in East and Southeast Asia. Tensions built among Japan, the Koreans and China as all wondered about America's staying power. (The joke was that everyone in the world believed the pivot to Asia was real, except Asian allies, who saw little evidence of it.)

Nobody got back at Tate because she suspected that she had contracted a sexually transmitted disease from him. The judge said there just wasn't enough evidence to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the woman was too drunk to consent.

So was the case just too messy to go to court?

No at all, according to the other alleged victims I interviewed, who said they certainly don't think that only cases that are clear winners should be prosecuted.

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official calls "the greatest humanitarian disaster since Rwanda." Al-Qaida forces established havens from which they can threaten the U.S. and Europe, and they are spreading into Lebanon and Iraq.

No Putin has engineered the baldest violation of state sovereignty since Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait in 1990.

Obama has responded sensibly with sanctions aimed at Putin's inner circle and promises to bolster Ukraine. You can argue whether he has calibrated right, but he has appropriately engaged with and led the United States' European partners.

But these are early steps — and they are also only tactical steps. As the administration refashions its policy toward a changed Europe, will it re-examine its broader strategy, too? Will Obama question his con-

fidence that the U.S. can safely pull back from the world?

The instinctive White House response will be to head into the political bunker: to deny that it ever displayed isolationist tendencies while painting critics as wild-eyed warmongers. This reflexive belligerence is understandable given that Obama's political enemies will happily use overseas setbacks to score points.

But the stakes are too high to leave the debate in those trenches. Tempting as it may be, the U.S. doesn't get to choose between nation-building at home and leadership abroad; it has to do both. With almost three years left in his presidency, it's not too late for Obama to change course.

Fred Hiatt is The Washington Post's editorial page editor.

## Even in not-guilty verdict, Navy accusers see progress

By MELINDA HENNEBERGER  
The Washington Post

**H**ERE'S how low the expectations are among some of those midshipmen who have reported being sexually assaulted at the Naval Academy: After Thursday's not-guilty verdict for a former Navy football player charged with sexual assault, three such women said they were floored that the case got as far as it did. And they are in awe of the accuser for taking it to court at all.

They all said she accomplished something important in the process, spurring badly needed reforms to the system, even though the accused, Midshipman Joshua Tate, was found not guilty of sexually assaulting her in a car outside an off-campus party in April 2012.

"Fighting is worth it," even in defeat, said Annie Kendzior, who reported in 2011 that she had been sexually assaulted by two Naval Academy athletes in 2008. "I don't want to say I envy her, because this is nothing to envy, but even a step towards justice is awesome."

The accuser hadn't wanted to come forward at first and "anticipate there would not be fairness," said her attorney, Susan Burke. The decision of the military judge, Marine Corps Col. Daniel Daugherty, was "completely expected from the get-go," Burke said. "But it's still a blow" to the young woman, who is now a 22-year-old second-year in the academy and recently became engaged. ...

The prosecution argued that the woman was too intoxicated to have consented to sex, while the defense countered that she very well did know what she was doing and was lying to get back at Tate because she suspected that she had contracted a sexually transmitted disease from him. The judge said there just wasn't enough evidence to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the woman was too drunk to consent.

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from former classmates. "I got one the other day saying, 'Are you a slut?'"

But on Thursday, Kendzior said that while the verdict was "typical," the accuser was extraordinary for going forward with the case. Two other alleged victims who did not want to be identified echoed that feeling.

They, too, described becoming ostracized on campus after reporting the attacks. The accuser in the Tate case also has been shunned at the academy. When I interviewed her months ago, walking across campus with her was like walking with a ghost; no one spoke or even looked at her. She said then that the reason she decided to cooperate came down to this: "You should never keep quiet to keep the peace."

One of the women I interviewed Thursday said she was awakened in the middle of the night and violated by an intoxicated friend of her roommate, who had come back to the room with her. She reported the alleged rape during the summer term of 2013. She also became suicidal after the attack. "It sounds so stupid, but I put an ad on Craigslist," she said. "I wanted someone to do it for me."

She, too, left the academy, and at 22 is enrolled in a university in her home state. Through intensive therapy, she said, she is getting better all the time. And at her new school, "it's great that women aren't divided into either B-words or sluts. In the military, you are one of those two things."

Thursday's verdict came as no surprise, she said, but the accuser "made a huge

sacrifice for other women and men who've had this happen at service academies."

A woman who reported a sexual assault at the academy in summer 2011, only hours after a man she considered a close friend allegedly raped her, began crying when she heard that Tate was found not guilty. "She did what I couldn't do, and what all the other girls who were raped couldn't do, and that is a big deal," she said.

That woman later dropped the case. "I became a pariah," she said, "but people still called me a liar, and he got away with it."

The man she accused later flunked out of the academy, she said, and she left, too, after a suicide attempt on campus. "I tried to cut myself with a pair of scissors, but chickened out and called someone." Even then, she wanted to stay and try to make it work, said the woman, now 22. "But my parents flew in right away and said I didn't need this."

She is now married, has a child and prays every day for the woman at the center of the case decided Thursday. At the academy, she knew her as "such a sweet girl" and hopes that she comes to realize that "she showed that no matter how powerful the system is, they thought they could just scare or bribe all the women into staying quiet, but they couldn't."

"I hope she knows a long line of women from every where are supporting her. Tell her I said I'm so proud of her."

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## SHIFTING GEARS

# 8 features that your new car will not have

By LARRY PRINTZ

The (Norfolk) Virginian-Pilot

The next time you test drive a new car, you might be in for a shock.

While you would expect a place to stash your stogie or a slot to slip in your copy of Nirvana's "Smells Like Teen Spirit," you're in for a surprise. Most likely, that new car won't accommodate you.

Call it the march of time or the onslaught of technology, but there are eight features your next car most likely won't have.



**1 Manual transmission.** As the microchip controls more and more of your car's powertrain, it stands to reason that automatic transmissions know when to shift better than you do, and return better fuel economy than manual transmission models. And they can shift more quickly as well. If you need proof, consider that sports cars, such as the 2014 Porsche 911 GT3 and Jaguar F-type, don't offer them. In fact, less than 4 percent of cars sold in the United States last year had manuals.



**2 Mechanical parking brake.** Many newer cars now have replaced mechanical parking brakes, actuated at the touch of a button. Like many new electronic systems, its main advantage is its light weight, which helps increase fuel economy. But the brake's computer also can be configured to automatically release the brake when the vehicle accelerates or activate the brake when the driver's door opens.



**3 Keys.** Unlocking and starting a car with a key was simple and secure. Now, "smart" key fobs allow you to unlock the car by tugging a door handle and start it by hit-



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If it has been a few years since you visited a dealership to test drive a new car, you may be in for a few surprises.

ting the starter button, all without fumbling in your purse or pocket to find it. No key required. It is convenient, although recent studies show that they are easy to hack. So don't be surprised if they're eventually replaced by smartphone applications.



**4 Spare tire.** Don't look now, but your next car may not have a spare tire. In an era when automakers are watching every ounce in an effort to maximize fuel economy, ditching the spare tire and jack saves 26 pounds. In its place you'll find a tire-inflation kit. Helpful? Not exactly. That's why many pricier cars have run-flat tires, which don't require a spare but still can leave you stranded.



**5 Gas cap.** Open the fuel-filler door on a new vehicle and you may be surprised to find that there's something missing: the gas cap. Many Ford vehicles, as well as many others, no longer have one. Instead, the fuel filler door has a gasket that effectively seals the fuel filler neck. This means that you no longer risk leaving the gas cap sitting on the gas pump and are always assured of closing it effectively.



**6 Ashtrays.** If you think that roadsides seem increasingly littered with cigarette butts, there's a reason. It's difficult to find a car with a front-seat ashtray and lighter. That spot is now given to space for a mobile phone, USB port and an auxiliary

power point. If you need an ash-tray and lighter in your new ride, it can usually be found as an option package — if it's offered at all.



**7 CD player.** When was the last time you bought a compact disc? Odds are it wasn't this year. According to the Recording Industry Association of America, 60.1 percent of music is purchased digitally. This is why the number of vehicles that include a disc drive dropped 75 percent in 2013. Instead, they offer software

to connect a digital device to the car's audio system.



**8 Bench seats.** The once-ubiquitous bench seat is no longer offered in passenger cars. Blame it on fashion as much as function, as they add an illusion of sportiness. Ideally, bucket seats have more side support than bench seats, although in reality many bucket seats are little better in that regard. Still, a bench seat offers more than room for another passenger; it also allows space for purses and bags.



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Fallon's FAST START

NBC/AP

Will Smith, left, and host Jimmy Fallon act out the evolution of hip-hop dancing on the Feb. 17 premiere of "The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon." After one month in, NBC's generational trade of Jay Leno for Jimmy Fallon at the "Tonight" show is succeeding beyond network honchos' dreams.

'Tonight' show host replacement a smashing success

BY DAVID BAUDER  
The Associated Press

One month in, NBC's generational trade of Jay Leno for Jimmy Fallon at the "Tonight" show is succeeding beyond the hopes of executives who engineered it.

Fallon's fast start is clear in television ratings and even more stark in social media metrics. While too early to declare a new king of late-night TV, the transition is a marked change from how badly NBC fumbled the short-lived switch from Leno to Conan O'Brien in 2009.

"As a guy who's been doing this for 36 years, I don't allow myself to think about this level of success," said Ted Harbert, NBC broadcasting chairman. NBC had hoped for an increase in young viewers and steered itself to lose some of Leno's older fans, but Fallon's reception was a surprise.

When Fallon premiered on "Tonight" during the Olympics, the franchise hit numbers unseen since Johnny Carson's last week in 1992. Things have settled down, but Fallon is still comfortably on top. During the week of March 10-14, Fallon averaged 4.26 million viewers to Jimmy Kimmel's 2.83 million on ABC and David Letterman's 2.78 million on CBS, the Nielsen company said.

Fallon's lead over his rivals is more pronounced among viewers aged 18 to 49, the demographic NBC bases its advertising sales upon.

Fallon and NBC embrace the way many early-

to-bed consumers experience late-night television these days: by watching clips of a show's best moments online. The YouTube clip of Fallon and Will Smith acting out the evolution of hip-hop dancing has been seen more than 12.8 million times. Fallon's lip-synch duel with Paul Rudd on songs by Tina Turner, Foreigner and Queen has more than 9 million views.

See one of Fallon's most recent viral videos as Kevin Bacon ignores the "Tonight" show's new no-dance policy at [tinyurl.com/6zjo5iv](http://tinyurl.com/6zjo5iv)



Each segment is funny, good-natured and impossible to imagine Fallon's old-school predecessor doing.

"What I notice in people's reactions is not just that they like the show and think that it's funny, but they like the feel-good spirit," Harbert said. "There's a total absence of snarkiness, of cynicism. It's just there to make you feel good before you go to sleep."

During his first month, Fallon generated more than 120 million YouTube views, Twitter mentions and Facebook posts, the research firm RelishMIX said. That's more than double Kimmel, who had 57 million. Letterman had 2.3 million.

For older viewers, the graciousness of Leno, 63, during the transition was crucial, Harbert said. "He said to the country, 'It's OK to watch Jimmy Fallon,'" he said. "I think if he hadn't, we wouldn't have been in this position."

Franklin, 72, not slowing down

The fellas love Aretha Franklin: Denzel Washington helped the Queen of Soul celebrate her 72nd birthday in style, and Andre 3000 and Babyface are working on new music for the icon.

Franklin held an exclusive and small party Saturday in New York City for her birthday, which is on Tuesday. She thanked Washington for attending. Just hours earlier, Franklin saw him onstage in the Broadway play, "A Raisin In The Sun."

Her longtime musical collaborator, Clive Davis, also attended.

The singer said in an interview that she's working on new music with rapper Andre 3000 and singer-songwriter Babyface. "Babyface is working on the tracks," she said. "And I think Andre 2000 — is it two or three? 3000 is going to be doing some of the tracks with him."

From The Associated Press



CHARLES SYKES, INVISION/AP

Denzel Washington, right, and Clifton Oliver, rear, help Aretha Franklin celebrate her 72nd birthday on Saturday in New York City.

Another teen franchise succeeds as 'Divergent' racks up \$56M in opener

The Associated Press

To go with "Twilight" and "The Hunger Games," Lionsgate now has a trio of young-adult franchises with the box office-leading "Divergent."

The teen science-fiction thriller starring Shailene Woodley debuted with \$56 million over the weekend, according to studio estimates Sunday. The opening, while less than some anticipated, launches Lionsgate's third franchise built on young-adult best-sellers.

With an audience 59 percent female and half under the age of 25, "Divergent" lured young moviegoers with dystopian drama and an upcoming star. "Divergent," though, fell well short of its fore-runners: "Twilight" opened with \$69.6 million in 2008, and "The Hunger Games" began with \$152.5 million in 2012.

In the rush to adapt popular young-adult fiction, Lionsgate has succeeded where many others have floundered. "Divergent," made with a budget of \$85 million from Veronica Roth's best-seller series, follows less stellar results from youth-focused films like "The Mortal Instruments: City of Bones," "Vampire Academy" and "Beautiful Creatures."

"Lionsgate makes it look easy," says Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for box-office tracker Rentrak. "You're chasing probably the most fickle audience in the world. They can change their minds on what's cool in the blink of an eye."

Directed by Neel Patel, "Muppets Most Wanted," with Ricky

Gervais and Tina Fey, fared poorly, earning just \$16.5 million over the weekend. "The Muppets" opened notably better with \$29.2 million in 2011, benefiting from the high-profile robot starring and co-written by Jason Segel.

The family film market was more competitive than expected, as the animated "Mr. Peabody & Sherman" has held better than anticipated. In its third week of release, the film — tops at the box office last weekend — slid to third with \$11.7 million.

The surprise of the weekend was the strong performance of the independently released "God's Not Dead," made to appeal specifically to faith-based audiences. It came in fifth with \$8.6 million, despite playing on just 780 screens.

Next week, "Noah," directed by Darren Aronofsky and starring Russell Crowe, will attempt to cross over to mainstream audiences with a Bible tale. Opening early in Mexico and South Korea, "Noah" got off to a strong start overseas, earning \$14 million.

Wes Anderson's European paper "The Grand Budapest Hotel" continued to pack theaters in limited release. It earned \$6.5 million in its third week of play, with further expansion planned.

And though the crowd-funding of the big-screen edition of cult TV show "Veronica Mars" drew much publicity for its successful Kickstarter campaign, the movie made just \$14,000 over the weekend, bringing its two-week total to \$2.9 million.

AC/DC singer helps Billy Joel rock NYC

The Associated Press

In a rare and unusual mix of rock legends, AC/DC lead singer Brian Johnson made a surprise appearance at Billy Joel's concert at Madison Square Garden and played the metal band's classic, "You Shook Me All Night Long."

Joel introduced Johnson about halfway through the show Friday night, saying Johnson was part of one of the best bands he'd ever seen live. The packed arena erupted when Joel and his band began playing the rock anthem with Johnson on lead vocals.

The show was part of a series of concerts by Joel at the Garden. He's playing there monthly as an artist-in-residence.

Other news

■ A Michigan judge has dismissed an arrest warrant that had been issued for Grammy-winning singer Anita Baker. It was sought by the lawyer for a company that says Baker owes it \$15,000 for

work done on her Grosse Pointe home.

■ Bronchitis has sidelined Greg Allman for at least two days of the Allman Brothers Band's annual shows at the Beacon Theatre in New York, but his rep says the musician hopes to return to the stage in a few days.

■ Chris Hemsworth and his wife, Elsa Pataky, have welcomed twin sons. The twins of the 30-year-old "Thor: The Dark World" star and the 37-year-old "Fast and Furious 6" actress were born in Los Angeles. They also have a daughter, India, who is 22 months old.

■ Singer-songwriter Martha Wainwright is working on a memoir. Wainwright, 37, has a deal with Platoon Books for "Stories I Might Regret Telling You," set to come out in early 2016. Wainwright is the daughter of musicians Loudon Wainwright III and the late Kate McGarrigle, and the sister of Rufus Wainwright.

■ James Rebhorn, the prolific character actor whose credits included "Homeland," "Scent of a Woman" and "My Cousin Vinny," died Friday at his home in South Orange, N.J., after a long battle with skin cancer. He was 65.



Johnson

# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## 3 circus elephants escape, damage cars

**MO** ST. CHARLES — Authorities said three elephants escaped from their handlers at a circus and damaged several vehicles in the parking lot before they were recaptured.

The female elephants escaped from the children's ride section of the Moolah Shrine Circus in Missouri.

The circus issued a statement saying the handlers were able to occupy the animals and that "they are now resting comfortably in their compound at this time."

Police said the animals also damaged the venue's loading door.

**WI** MEDFORD — A plea hearing is scheduled for a Medford woman accused of leaving a dog and two cats behind when she moved out of her home.

Authorities went to Callie Neuman's former house after a neighbor called police because a dog was barking and no one lived there. Police said the floor was covered with feces, urine and garbage.

The animals were taken to the Humane Society. A veterinarian said the dog, a Great Dane, was a little underweight but healthy. Both cats were OK.

Neuman, 29, is charged with three counts of failing to provide proper food for confined animals. Her plea hearing is June 9.

Neuman said she couldn't take the animals when she moved, but she had been giving them food and water.

## Man climbs, falls into sewage treatment tank

**WA** SEATTLE — Firefighters rescued a man who fell into a tank of sewage at the treatment plant on Puget Sound in Seattle's Discovery Park.

Department spokesman Kyle Moore said firefighters responded to a 911 call Thursday evening and found a grate to pull out the 23-year-old man.

He told firefighters he had taken drugs and went for a walk with his girlfriend on the beach. As they were walking, he saw the tank, decided to climb it and somehow fell in.

Firefighters worried the girlfriend also might have fallen into the sewage, but she was found OK walking on the beach.

Firefighters and sewage plant workers decontaminated the man. He also was checked at a hospital.

## Wave of local pro-pot ballot issues planned

**MI** OAK PARK — Supporters of last year's successful pro-marijuana Michigan ballot issues say they plan to launch campaigns in as many as a dozen other communities this year.

Organizers say they plan to begin gathering signatures next month for proposals in Hazel Park, Oak Park, Utica, East Lansing,

## THE CENSUS

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The number of teens charged with breaking into a Southern California mansion and holding a party that caused more than \$1 million in damage and losses, including the theft of a stuffed snow leopard. Authorities say the November party promoted on social media brought more than 100 teens to the La Habra Heights mansion while the owner was away. The teens face misdemeanor and felony charges ranging from trespassing to burglary and theft.



LARRY STEAGALL, (BREMERTON, WASH.) KITSAP SUN/AP

## A close look

**Judge Eugene Blake, of Tulsa, Okla., gets nose-to-nose with a French bulldog at the Peninsula Dog Fanciers Club Dog Show in the Kitsap Sun Pavilion in Bremerton, Wash., on Saturday.**

Mount Pleasant, Port Huron and communities yet to be decided.

Last year, voters in three Michigan cities approved proposals offering some legal protection to users of small amounts of marijuana. The measures in Ferndale, Jackson and Lansing called on police to ignore possession of an ounce or less of marijuana on private property by those 21 and older.

Marijuana users in the communities still face risks because state law bars marijuana use and possession unless it's medical marijuana.

## High school students to learn CPR under law

**MS** JACKSON — Lawmakers have sent to Gov. Phil Bryant a bill to require high school students to take a CPR course as part of their physical education requirements.

In addition to the cardiopulmonary resuscitation training, HB432 provides that students in grades 9-12 across the state also would be taught how to use automated external defibrillators.

The instructional courses, which would carry one-half credit toward graduation, would be developed by the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association.

Once the bill is signed into law, Mississippi would become the 11th state to require CPR training in high school, according to the American Heart Association. Arkansas, Tennessee and Alabama also require CPR training.

The heart association said the survival rate for victims of cardiac arrest doubles and sometimes triples when a bystander knows CPR.

## Event challenges eaters with 20-foot bratwursts

**MI** YPSILANT — A fundraising event for children's art in Michigan has pitted participants with big appetites against 20-foot-long bratwursts that weigh nearly 6 pounds.

Twelve competitors and hundreds of onlookers turned out Thursday night for the Wurst Challenge, raising about \$7,000 for the FLY Children's Art Center.

Jesse Kranyak a co-owner of The Wurst Bar, which hosted the event, said the restaurant contributed the bratwursts, two of them vegetarian and the others pork and beef mixes. New Holland Brewing Co. donated a keg. Blogger Mark Maynard helped organize.

The proceeds benefited FLY's Creativity Lab in Ypsilanti, home of Eastern Michigan University.

Among the brat-biting competitors were Mayor Paul Schreiber and university President Susan Martin.

## University to end sales of bottled water

**WA** BELLINGHAM — Western Washington University will end bottled water sales on campus April 1.

Western will be the largest Washington state college or university to ban bottled water sales, thanks to an initiative led by Students for Sustainable Water. The aim was to get people to turn to tap water.

Carolyn Bowie, a member of Students for Sustainable Water at Western, said sales of bottled

water are harmful to the environment, in part because just 13 percent of the plastic bottles are recycled.

## College to pay students to graduate on time

**MD** BALTIMORE — There's nothing like free money to incentivize hitting the books — at least, that's what the University of Baltimore hopes.

To encourage incoming undergraduate freshmen to graduate within four years, university officials are promising to pay their final semester's tuition, which would likely be about \$3,300 for in-state students and \$9,000 for out-of-state students.

Officials hope the new Finish4Free program will help the university boost its four-year graduation rate, which has remained low since the university resumed undergraduate education in 2007 after years as a professional graduation school.

From wire reports



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# BUSINESS/WEATHER

## Subtle pitfalls can hurt credit scores

By PATRICIA SABATINI  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Many people know that making late payments, skipping payments or filing for bankruptcy are surefire ways to ruin their credit.

But there are more subtle, often unrecognized, things people do that may damage their credit scores and spook would-be creditors. In turn, that can trigger wide-ranging financial consequences — from paying higher interest rates and insurance premiums to getting rejected for loans, to forking over higher security deposits or even getting turned down for jobs.

One of the potential missteps is when shoppers are enticed by too many instant in-store credit offers — the ones that promise 10 percent off or more on a purchase just for signing up for a credit card.

First, potential creditors may view people who open multiple

accounts in a short period of time as being in financial trouble.

In addition, opening up all that credit could hurt credit scores, which are affected by the average age of a person's credit accounts. The older the accounts, the better, said John Ulzheimer, credit expert with CreditSesame.com and formerly with the credit scoring stalwart FICO.

"So if you've just added a bunch of accounts, you've made your credit report look younger, maybe a lot younger. It takes time for those accounts to age and the average age of your credit history to grow again," he said.

"My suggestion for people who have the (in-store) discount is to think about the downside," Ulzheimer said. "Especially if you want to go out and buy a home or a car. You'll be in a higher interest rate tier."

Another thing potential creditors don't like to see when they pull a credit report is high credit card debt.

"Many people think that if they make payments on time, they'll have good credit," Ulzheimer said. But that may not be the case.

"The main problem with credit card debt is it's a high-risk type of debt," he said. "It's not secured by an asset like a home or a car. So if you have as little as \$10,000 in credit card debt on cards that are maxed out, you'd be surprised how low your credit scores can be, even if you are making payments on time."

"The good news is, if you can pay (the debt) down, your scores will improve in a short period of time."

Taking cash advances and consistently making only minimum credit card payments also can cause problems. Doing either can signal to a card issuer that the customer is under financial stress and is at higher risk for default.

"Believe it or not, there are certain credit card issuers that will

hold certain types of transactions on your credit card against you," Ulzheimer said.

People who have poor credit and take cash advances generally run into the most trouble, he said. "Card issuers are already looking at them as high risk. They are already on a short leash."

The card issuer may react by suspending the card's credit line, canceling the card or closing the account at renewal time.

Any of those moves could hurt the cardholder's credit scores.

Another often-overlooked threat to a credit score is co-signing for a loan.

Besides being on the hook for the money in the event of a default, co-signers will see their credit scores dip the moment they sign and likely plunge if any payments are late.

The entire debt also goes on co-signers' credit reports, which counts against them if they apply for mortgages or other forms of credit.

### EXCHANGE RATES

<b>Military rates</b>	\$1.4128
Euro costs (March 25)	€0.7083
Dollar buys (March 25)	¥112.11
British pound (March 25)	£1.6169
Japanese yen (March 25)	¥100.00
South Korean won (March 25)	₩1,054.00

<b>Commercial rates</b>	0.3770
Bahrain (Dinar)	BD\$1.6493/6.0663
Canada (dollar)	1.1211
China (Yuan)	6.1960
Denmark (Krone)	5.4152
Egypt (Pound)	6.8625
Euro	\$1.3776/7.2259
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7587
Hungary (Forint)	227.27
Israel (Sheqel)	3.4930
Japan (Yen)	102.28
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2816
Norway (Krone)	6.0601
Philippines (Peso)	45.15
Poland (Zloty)	3.1044
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7505
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2721
South Korea (Won)	1,076.65
Switzerland (Franc)	0.8852
Taiwan (Dollar)	32.47
Turkey (New Lira)	2.2386

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

### INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
3-month bill	0.08
Federal funds market rate	0.08
3-month bill	0.05
30-year bond	3.67

## WEATHER OUTLOOK

### TUESDAY IN THE MIDDLE EAST



### TUESDAY IN EUROPE



### WEDNESDAY IN THE PACIFIC



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

### Tuesday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Arlene, Tex	66	38	Cir	Chattanooga	52	38	Pcldy	Fort Wayne	32	24	Snow	Louisville	38	30	Pcldy
Akron, Ohio	33	20	Snow	Cheyenne	53	18	Pcldy	Fresno	79	51	Snow	Lubbock	61	34	Pcldy
Albany, N.Y.	30	13	Cldy	Chicago	27	22	Cldy	Goodland	52	20	Pcldy	Macon	62	45	Pcldy
Albuquerque	67	36	Pcldy	Cincinnati	37	26	Snow	Grand Junction	32	22	Pcldy	Madison	51	24	Cldy
Allentown, Pa.	35	23	Snow	Cleveland	31	22	Snow	Grand Rapids	28	19	Snow	Medford	59	45	Snow
Amelia	60	28	Pcldy	Colorado Springs	57	25	Pcldy	Great Falls	42	14	Cldy	Memphis	49	37	Pcldy
Anchorage	34	20	Cir	Columbia, S.C.	55	37	Cir	Green Bay	45	33	Snow	Miami Beach	80	71	Cldy
Ashville	43	32	Cldy	Columbus, Ga.	62	46	Cir	Greensboro, N.C.	45	33	Snow	Midland-Odessa	63	42	Cldy
Atlanta	54	43	Pcldy	Concord, N.H.	33	1	Cir	Hartford	38	27	Snow	Milwaukee	26	21	Snow
Atlantic City	39	21	Rain	Corpus Christi	66	54	Cir	Helena	53	22	Cir	Missoula	59	25	Pcldy
Austin	69	39	Pcldy	Dallas-Ft. Worth	64	41	Cir	Honolulu	83	70	Cir	Mobile	83	70	Cir
Baltimore	36	27	Snow	Dayton	33	24	Snow	Houston	47	47	Cldy	Montgomery	60	42	Cir
Baton Rouge	68	41	Pcldy	Daytona Beach	73	62	Cir	Davenport	52	34	Cir	Nashville	45	33	Snow
Bilings	44	14	Cldy	Denver	58	22	Pcldy	Indianapolis	32	26	Cir	New Orleans	65	49	Pcldy
Birmingham	54	36	Cir	Des Moines	32	19	Pcldy	Jackson, Miss.	62	39	Cir	New York City	39	28	Snow
Bismarck	69	38	Cir	Detroit	34	22	Snow	Jacksonville	70	50	Rain	Newark	39	27	Snow
Boise	68	38	Pcldy	El Paso	70	51	Cldy	Janeau	37	20	Cir	Norfolk, Va.	44	29	Rain
Boston	36	17	Cldy	El Paso	70	51	Cldy	Kansas City	39	21	Cir	North Platte	43	16	Pcldy
Bridgeport	36	22	Snow	Elkins	34	23	Snow	Key West	71	51	Rain	Oklahoma City	57	33	Cir
Brownsville	68	60	Cldy	Erie	31	20	Cldy	Knoxville	46	35	Cldy	Omaha	37	19	Cir
Buffalo	31	15	Cldy	Eugene	55	45	Rain	Lake Charles	69	48	Pcldy	Orlando	75	64	Cldy
Burlington, Vt.	30	6	Cldy	Evansville	40	30	Cldy	Lansing	29	20	Snow	Paducah	44	4	Cir
Caribou, Maine	26	10	Cir	Fairbanks	41	-1	Cir	Las Vegas	83	56	Cir	Pendleton	59	39	Cir
Casper	55	16	Pcldy	Fargo	22	6	Cir	Lexington	36	29	Cldy	Peoria	27	12	Cir
Charleston, S.C.	65	44	Cldy	Flagstaff	60	25	Pcldy	Lincoln	40	19	Cir	Philadelphia	38	27	Snow
Charleston, W.Va.	38	28	Snow	Flint	32	19	Snow	Little Rock	56	26	Snow	Phoenix	87	59	Cir
Charlotte, N.C.	50	35	Cldy	Fort Smith	54	32	Cir	Los Angeles	70	55	Cldy	Pittsburgh	34	23	Snow

### National temperature extremes

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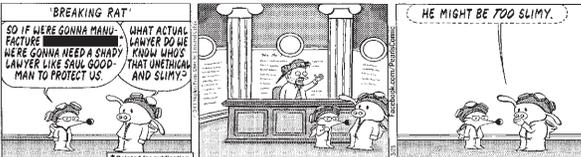
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ACROSS

- 1 Put together
- 5 Satchel
- 8 Grate
- 12 Concept
- 13 Didn't pay yet
- 14 Reverberate
- 15 Act of retaliation
- 17 Get ready, for short
- 18 Hill dweller
- 19 Tarzan's son
- 20 Oreo filler
- 21 Edge
- 22 West of Hollywood
- 23 Used a crowbar
- 26 Say "There, there"
- 30 Bivouac
- 31 Court
- 32 Online auction site
- 33 Celebrity status
- 35 Silyly sarcastic
- 37 Cauldron
- 38 Douglas or Giffords
- 41 Ms. Farrow
- 42 Petrol
- 45 Geometry find
- 46 Disapproving expression
- 48 Fabric fuzz
- 49 Mellow
- 50 Red Muppet
- 51 Tardy

DOWN

- 1 Actress Sorvino
- 2 Mideast gulf
- 3 Retained
- 4 Listener
- 5 Bust
- 6 Vacating
- 7 Hair product
- 8 Stand for
- 9 Farm fraction
- 10 Son of Noan
- 11 Francis, e.g.
- 16 Footnote abbr.
- 21 Soup container
- 22 Scaundrel
- 23 Cattle call?
- 23 Macs' alternatives
- 24 Snitch
- 25 "— Believer"
- 26 Web address end
- 27 Japanese sash
- 28 Young fellow
- 29 CBS logo
- 31 Stir-fry pan
- 34 Rotation duration
- 35 Take to the skies
- 37 One who must be paid?
- 38 Chutzpah
- 39 Met melody
- 40 Crooked
- 41 Ginormous
- 42 Big wind
- 43 High point
- 44 Not barefoot
- 46 Uncooked
- 47 "— the rampsarts ..."

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: FAMOUS NOVEL ABOUT A MAN WHO WAS VERY CAPABLE OF USING POINTY ETCHING TOOLS: "STYLUS MARNER."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: M equals T

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## Deals

### Sunday's transactions

**BASEBALL**  
**Arizona League**  
**BALTIMORE ORIOLES** — Claimed INF David Adams from the 2013 season. Designated LHP Kelvin de Cruz for assignment. Optioned INF David Adams to Norfolk (IL). Assigned C Caleb Joseph to their minor league camp.  
**BOSTON RED SOX** — Agreed to terms with DH David Ortiz on a one-year contract extension through the 2015 season. Optioned C Dan Butler to Pawtucket (IL). Reassigned RHP Clayton Kershaw to Norfolk and LHP Rich Hill to minor league camp. Released LHP Jose Mijangola.

**CHICAGO WHITE SOX** — Optioned OF Ryan Anderson, 3B Matt Davidson and RHP Luke Petroska to Charlotte (IL). Reassigned RHP Dylan Axelrod to minor league camp. Assigned RHP Mitch Boggs on waivers for the purpose of granting his unconditional release.  
**CLEVELAND INDIANS** — Selected the contract of INF Emilio Johnson from Columbus (IL).  
**HOUSTON ASTROS** — Reassigned INFs Jason Castro and Gregorio Petit to minor league camp. Optioned LHP Darin Ruf to minor league camp. Released OF J.D. Martinez. Announced Tony DeFranco, co-manager of Oklahoma City (PCL), will take leave of absence. Named Tom Lawless interim manager for Oklahoma City.  
**KANSAS CITY ROYALS** — Optioned LHPs Danny Duffy and Donnie Joseph to Omaha (PCL). Assigned RHPs Cory Meigs and P.J. Walters to their minor league camp.

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**ATLANTA BRAVES** — Placed RHPs Brandon Beachy, Kris Medlen and Gavin Floyd and LHPs Mike Minor and Jimmy Velez on the 60-day DL, retroactive to March 21.  
**CHICAGO CUBS** — Optioned RHP Blake Snell to the 60-day DL, retroactive to March 21.  
**CHICAGO CUBS** — Optioned RHPs Chang-Yong Lim and Brian Schlitter, LHP Jonathan Sanchez, INFs Javier Baez and Jose Abreu to minor league camp. Released Sam Freeman, INF Greg Garcia and OF Joey Buterko Memphis (PCL) and INF Aledmys Diaz to Springfield (IL). Assigned Luis Mateo to their minor league camp. Assigned C Antonio Sena to their minor league camp.

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**Second Round**  
**Friday, March 21**  
 Belmont 67, Robert Morris 71  
**Saturday, March 22**  
 Louisiana Tech 79, Georgia 71  
 Missouri 63, Saint Mary's (Calif.) 55  
 Southern Miss 71, Missouri 63  
**Monday, March 23**  
 Georgetown 88-14 at Florida State (20-13)  
 UO (20-13) at SMU (24-9)  
 Arkansas (22-11) at California (20-13)  
**Quarterfinals**  
 Tuesday, March 25  
 Belmont 60 vs. Clemson (22-12)  
**Wednesday, March 26**  
 Louisiana Tech 79 vs. Georgetown-Florida State winner  
**Thursday-Wednesday**  
 Missouri (22-13) vs. S. Miss (29-6)  
 SMU/LSU vs. Arkansas/California

### Men's Division II

**Quarterfinals**  
**at Evansville, Ind.**  
**Wednesday, March 26**  
 S. Connecticut vs. Central Missouri  
 Tennessee Metro State vs. Drake vs. West Liberty  
 Calif. State Chico vs. S. Carolina Aiken

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**Second Round**  
**Thursday, March 27**  
 Towson 83, ETU 77  
**VMU** 105, IPFW 99  
 Ohio 56, Wright State 54  
 Villanova 69, Eastern Michigan 56  
 San Diego 77, North Carolina 67  
 Pacific 89, Texas A&M CC 60  
**Nebraska-Omaha** (17-14) at Murray State (19-11)

### College Basketball Invitational

**Quarterfinals**  
**Monday, March 24**  
 Penn State (16-17) at St. John's (17-17)  
 Princeton (22-13) at Old Dominion (17-17)  
 Texas Tech (22-12) at Illinois St. (17-15)  
 Radford (21-8) at Fresno St. (18-16)

### Men's NAIA tournament

**at Kansas City, Mo.**  
**Seminifinals**  
**Monday, March 24**  
 Emmanuel (32-3) vs. St. Gregory's (24-9)  
 Vanguard (30-6) vs. Mid-America Nazarene (26-10)

### Championship

**Tuesday, March 25**  
 Semifinals winners

### NCAA Women's tournament

**at Durham, N.C.**  
**Friday, March 21**  
 Duke 87, Winthrop 76  
**Saturday, March 22**  
 Duke 84, Oklahoma 100  
**Sunday, March 23**  
 Nebraska 74, Fresno State 55  
**BYU** 72, N.C. State 44  
**at Storrs, Conn.**  
 Saint Joseph's (67) Georgia 57  
 UNC 89, Prairie View 44  
 at College Station, Texas  
 James Madison 72, Gonzaga 63  
 Texas A&M 69, North Dakota 55

### Second Round

**Monday, March 24**  
**at Anaheim, Calif.**  
 BYU (27-6) vs. Nebraska (26-6)  
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 DePaul (28-6) vs. Duke (28-6),  
**at Storrs, Conn.**  
 UConn (85-9) vs. Saint Joseph's (33-9)  
**at College Station, Texas**  
 UNC (85-9) vs. Texas A&M (25-8)

### STANFORD REGIONAL

**Saturday, March 22**  
**at Ames, Iowa**  
 Florida State 81, Iowa State 44  
 Stanford 81, South Dakota 62  
**at Seattle**  
 S. Carolina 73, St. State Northridge 58  
 Oregon State 55, Middle Tennessee 36  
**at State College, Pa.**  
 Michigan State 91, Hampton 61  
 North Carolina 60, UT-Martín 58  
**at State College, Pa.**  
 Penn State 62, Wichita State 56  
 Florida 83, Dayton 69

### College hockey

### NCAA Frozen Four

**at Worcester, Mass.**  
**First Round**  
**Saturday, March 22**  
 Boston College (26-7-4) vs. Denver (20-15-1)  
 UMass-Lowell (25-10-4) vs. Minnesota State-Mankato (26-13-1)  
**at Bridgeport, Conn.**  
**First Round**  
**Friday, March 21**  
 Quinnipiac (24-9-6) vs. Providence (21-0-6)

### Midwest Regional

**at Cincinnati**  
**Friday, March 21**  
 Ferris State (28-10-3) vs. Colgate (20-13-3)  
**at Lincoln, Neb.**  
 Wisconsin (24-10-2) vs. North Dakota (21-13-3)

### West Regional

**at St. Paul, Minn.**  
**Saturday, March 22**  
 Minnesota (25-6-6) vs. Robert Morris (19-17-5)  
**at St. Paul, Minn.**  
 Notre Dame (23-14-2) vs. St. Cloud State (21-10-5)

## Pro soccer

**Second Round**  
**Monday, March 24**  
 Florida St. (21-11) vs. Stanford (29-3)  
**Tuesday, March 25**  
**at Seattle**  
 S. Carolina (24-10) vs. Oregon St. (24-10)  
**at Chapel Hill, N.C.**  
 Michigan State (23-9) vs. North Carolina (24-9)  
**at State College, Pa.**  
**at West Lafayette, Ind.**  
**NOTRE DAME REGIONAL**  
**Saturday, March 22**  
**at Toledo, Ohio**  
 Arizona State 93, Robert Morris 42  
 Notre Dame 93, Robert Morris 42  
**at Lexington, Ky.**  
 Oklahoma St. 61, Fla. Gulf Coast 60, 0T  
**at Lexington, Ky.**  
 Kentucky 106, Wright State 60  
 Syracuse 59, Chattanooga 53  
**at Waco, Texas**  
 California 69, Fordham 63  
 Baylor 87, Western Kentucky 74

**Monday, March 24**  
**at Toledo, Ohio**  
 Notre Dame (33-0) vs. Arizona St. (23-9)  
**at West Lafayette, Ind.**  
 Oklahoma St. (24-8) vs. Purdue (22-8)  
**at Lexington, Ky.**  
 Syracuse (22-9) vs. Wright State (25-4)  
**at Waco, Texas**  
 California 69 vs. Fordham 63  
**at Baton Rouge, La.**  
 LSU 88, Georgia Tech 78  
 West Virginia 51, (N.Y.) 61

**Second Round**  
**Monday, March 24**  
 Tennessee 79, Northwestern State 46  
 St. John's 71, Southern Cal 68  
**Sunday, March 23**  
**at College Park, Md.**  
 Maryland 60, West Virginia 57  
 Texas 79, Pennsylvania 61  
 at Iowa City, Iowa  
 Louisville 66, Idaho 42  
 Iowa 87, Marist 65  
**Baton Rouge, La.**  
 LSU 88, Georgia Tech 78  
 West Virginia 51, (N.Y.) 61

**Second Round**  
**Monday, March 24**  
 Tennessee (27-5) vs. St. John's (23-10)  
**at Knoxville, Tenn.**  
**at College Park, Md.**  
 Texas (22-12) vs. Penn State (25-6)  
**at Iowa City, Iowa**  
 Iowa vs. St. John's  
**at Baton Rouge, La.**  
 LSU (20-12) vs. West Virginia (30-4)

### Women's NIT

**Second Round**  
**Saturday, March 22**  
 Indiana 72, Marquette 69  
 Colorado 79, Southern Utah 68  
 George Washington 76, Villanova 66  
 South Florida 75, Seton Hall 69  
 Northwestern 88, IUPUI 82  
 Virginia State 64, Wake Forest 51  
 Saint Hall 75, Princeton 74  
 Minnesota 77, SMU 70  
**at Duquesne (20-12) at Michigan (19-13)**  
 Harvard 69, Wake Forest 51  
 Duquesne (20-12) at Michigan (19-13)  
 Washington (18-13) at Oregon (16-15)

### Third Round

**at Washington (18-13) at Oregon (16-15)**  
**at Washington (18-13) at Oregon (16-15)**  
**at Washington (18-13) at Oregon (16-15)**  
**at Washington (18-13) at Oregon (16-15)**

### Women's Div. II tournament

**Quarterfinals**  
**at Erie, Pa.**  
**Tuesday, March 25**  
 Limestone (25-10) vs. Concordia St. Paul  
 Southeastern (28) vs. A&M State  
 Edinboro vs. Cal Poly Pomona

### Women's NAIA tournament

**Seminifinals**  
**Monday, March 24**  
 Freed-Hardeman (35-1) vs. Oklahoma City (25-4)  
**at Chicago (30-4) vs. John Brown (28-7)**  
**Championship**  
**Tuesday, March 25**

### Midwest Regional

**at Cincinnati**  
**Friday, March 28**  
 Ferris State (28-10-3) vs. Colgate (20-13-3)  
**at Lincoln, Neb.**  
 Wisconsin (24-10-2) vs. North Dakota (21-13-3)

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## MLS

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
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NHL

# Blues shut out Penguins

## Backes' late goal the difference in possible Cup final preview

By WILL GRAVES

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Pittsburgh coach Dan Bylsma wants his high-powered team to get used to playing tight-checking playoff hockey before the postseason begins next month.

St. Louis doesn't need the lure of the playoffs as an excuse to get stingy. The space-age Blues have been doing it all year, and it showed in a taut 1-0 road win on Sunday.

Frustrating the NHL's best power play during a pivotal two-man disadvantage at the start of the second period, the Blues continued their mastery of the Eastern Conference by beating the Penguins the way they've beaten so many teams this season.

The room to maneuver that Pittsburgh stars Sidney Crosby and Evgeni Malkin usually enjoy disappeared as St. Louis clogged passing lanes and dictated play defensively.

David Backes deflected a slap shot by Alexander Steen past Marc-Andre Fleury midway through the third period for the game's only goal and Brian Elliott stopped 33 shots to pick up his fourth shutout of the season.

The Blues moved back into a tie with Boston in the race for the President's Trophy for the best record in the regular season with 103 points with the win.

"When you're in a tight game like that against a good team, the guys kind of rose up to the challenge and I tried to make a couple saves and get the rebounds out of the zone and they did the rest," Elliott said.

Fleury made 26 saves for the Penguins, but watched Backes' deflection carom off his glove and into the net just after a penalty against Malkin expired.

"I just saw the guy raise his



GENE J. PUSKAS/AP

Blues goalie Brian Elliott (1) stops a shot by Pittsburgh Penguins' Evgeni Malkin, center, in the second period of Sunday's game in Pittsburgh. The Blues won 1-0.

President's Trophy race					
	W	L	OT	Pts	Games
Boston	49	17	5	103	11
St. Louis	48	16	7	103	11
San Jose	46	18	7	100	11
Anaheim	46	18	8	99	10
Pittsburgh	46	20	5	97	11
Chicago	41	16	15	97	10
Colorado	44	21	6	94	11

SOURCE: The Associated Press

stick for the shot," Fleury said. "There were a bunch of people in front. I tried to cover some net, but I didn't see it go in."

Pittsburgh's top-ranked power play went 0-for-5 a day after scoring three times in a win over Tampa Bay.

When Elliott wasn't getting a pass on the puck, his teammates were. The Blues blocked 23 shots, with the Penguins' frustration

growing at every turn as the Blues improved to 20-5-2 against the Eastern Conference, the league's best interconference record.

Pittsburgh had a 5-on-3 power play at the beginning of the second period for more than 90 seconds without being able to sneak something by Elliott. Most of the time the Penguins struggled generating a shot as the Blues effectively disrupted Pittsburgh's rhythm.

"We just kind of cleared lanes and I was able to see the ones they took," Elliott said. "Whenever guys are moving big guys out of the way, it just helps and you saw guys get in front of shots, block them and clear them down."

Malkin was called for high-sticking 9:17 into the third and he was barely out of the box and back on the ice when Backes gave St. Louis the lead. The puck cycled to the point and Alexander Steen fired a slap shot that Backes found a way to nick as it sailed by.

## Scoreboard

### Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division				
GP	W	OT	Pts	GF/GA
x-Boston	7	1	13	22/21
Tampa Bay	7	1	9	26/21
Florida	7	1	9	22/21
Detroit	7	1	9	20/21
Toronto	7	3	14	80/89
Ottawa	7	3	29	83/26
Carolina	7	3	29	89/27
Washington	7	3	29	83/26
Buffalo	7	3	29	80/175

Metropolitan Division				
GP	W	OT	Pts	GF/GA
x-St. Louis	7	4	15	27/22
Philadelphia	7	3	15	73/203
N.Y. Rangers	7	3	29	82/170
Washington	7	3	29	71/208
Colorado	7	3	29	78/200
Dallas	7	3	29	78/200
Carolina	7	3	29	78/200
Columbus	7	3	29	78/200
N.Y. Islanders	7	3	29	78/200

### Western Conference

Central Division				
GP	W	OT	Pts	GF/GA
x-St. Louis	7	4	15	27/22
Chicago	7	4	15	97/240
Colorado	7	4	15	84/216
Minnesota	7	3	24	85/180
Dallas	7	3	24	71/199
Winnipeg	7	3	24	73/213
Nashville	7	3	24	73/213

Pacific Division				
GP	W	OT	Pts	GF/GA
San Jose	7	4	18	800/221
Anaheim	7	4	18	59/228
Los Angeles	7	4	25	86/174
Phoenix	7	4	25	74/204
Vancouver	7	3	33	100/176
Calgary	7	2	26	65/181
Edmonton	7	2	26	55/181

Note: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.  
 x-cinched playoff spot  
**Saturday's games**  
 Washington 5, San Jose 2, SO  
 Philadelphia 4, St. Louis 1  
 Dallas 4, Tampa Bay 3, OT  
 Detroit 3, Minnesota 2  
 Dallas 3, Ottawa 1  
 Los Angeles 4, Florida 0  
 Montreal 4, Toronto 3  
 N.Y. Rangers 2, New Jersey 0  
 Carolina 3, Winnipeg 2  
 Phoenix 2, Pittsburgh 0  
 Calgary 8, Edmonton 1  
**Monday's games**  
 N.Y. Islanders 2, Columbus 0  
 St. Louis 1, Pittsburgh 0  
 Toronto 2, Nashville 2  
 Colorado 2, Chicago 0  
 Philadelphia 5, OT  
 Vancouver 4, Buffalo 2  
 Anaheim 6, Florida 5  
 Phoenix at N.Y. Rangers  
 Los Angeles at Philadelphia  
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 Ottawa at Tampa Bay  
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 San Jose at Calgary

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 St. Louis at Toronto  
 Phoenix at Pittsburgh  
 Los Angeles at Washington  
 N.Y. Islanders at Carolina  
 Buffalo at Montreal  
 Ottawa at Florida  
 Detroit at Carolina  
 Dallas at Chicago  
 Detroit at Columbus  
 San Jose at Edmonton  
**Wednesday's Games**  
 Vancouver at Philadelphia  
 Philadelphia at N.Y. Rangers  
 Anaheim at Calgary

**Thursday's games**  
 St. Louis at Toronto  
 Phoenix at Pittsburgh  
 Los Angeles at Washington  
 N.Y. Islanders at Carolina  
 Buffalo at Montreal  
 Ottawa at Florida  
 Detroit at Carolina  
 Dallas at Chicago  
 Detroit at Columbus  
 San Jose at Edmonton  
**Friday's Games**  
 Vancouver at Philadelphia  
 Philadelphia at N.Y. Rangers  
 Anaheim at Calgary

**Sunday**  
**Predators 2, Blackhawks 0**  
 Nashville 1 0-2  
 Chicago 0 0-0  
**First Period**—1, Nashville, Fisher 18 (Ellis, Ekholm), 18:28.  
**Second Period**—2, Nashville, Bourque 7 (Jarnkrok), 17:35.  
**Shots on Goal**—Nashville 6-5-17, Chicago 11-9-25.  
**Power-play opportunities**—Nashville 0 of 3; Chicago 0 of 4.  
**Goals**—Nashville, Rinne 7-9-1, (29 shots, 23 saves); Chicago, Crawford 28-13-10 (17-15).  
**A**—21,727 (19,717). **T**—2:27.

**Blues 1, Penguins 0**  
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 N.Y. Islanders 0 0-0-1  
**First Period**—1, St. Louis, Backes 24 (Steen, Pietrangeli), 11:20.  
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**A**—18,662 (18,387). **T**—2:25.

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 Columbus 0 0-0-2  
 N.Y. Islanders 0 0-0-2  
**First Period**—1, N.Y. Islanders, Clutterback 10 (Nielsen, Sundstrom), 13:26.  
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**Power-play opportunities**—Columbus 0 of 6; N.Y. Islanders 1 of 4.  
**Goals**—Islanders, Botvynchik 27-19-13 (30 shots, 20 saves); Columbus, Nabokov 13-14-6 (41-41).  
**A**—15,908 (16,170). **T**—2:23.

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 Vancouver 4 0-0-1  
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**First Period**—1, Buffalo, Ennis 19 (Fleury, Erthoff), 11:1. Buffalo, McCain 4 (Flynn, D'Agostini), 3:29, 3, Vancouver, Richardson 3 (Kassian, Matthias), 19:14.  
**Second Period**—5, Vancouver, W. Weber 4 (Kassian, Matthias), 3:40.  
**Third Period**—6, Vancouver, Booth 6 (Kassian), 2:23.  
**Shots on Goal**—Buffalo 6-4-18, Vancouver 15-12-36.  
**Power-play opportunities**—Buffalo 0 of 1; Vancouver of 1.  
**Goals**—Buffalo, Lieuwen 0-4-20 (36 shots, 32 saves); Vancouver, Lack 14-14-4 (18-16).  
**A**—18,910 (18,910). **T**—2:20.

**Ducks 6, Panthers 2**  
 Anaheim 6 1 4-6  
**First Period**—1, Anaheim, Maroon 7 (Getzlaf, Kelly), 11:57 (pp).  
**Second Period**—2, Anaheim, Selanne 9 (Perry, Getzlaf), 3:5. Anaheim, Silfverberg 6, 4:08 (sh), 4, Florida, Hayes 10 (Barr, Klucnik), 7:59, 5, Florida, Fleischmann 8 (Trocheck, Atkinson), Palmieri 12 (Perreault, Maroon), 10:55, 17, Anaheim, Perry 57 (Vatner, Allen), 11:56.  
**Third Period**—6, Anaheim, Getzlaf 30 (Selanne, Roldadas), 6:32.  
**Shots on Goal**—Florida 12-14-4-30, Anaheim 5-18-40-40.  
**Power-play opportunities**—Florida 3 of 4; Anaheim 1 of 5.  
**Goals**—Florida, Ellis 5-8-0 (40 shots, 14 saves), Anaheim, Hillier 28-11-6 (30-28).  
**A**—17,281 (17,174). **T**—2:27.

**Devils 3, Maple Leafs 2**  
 Toronto 0 1 1-2  
 New Jersey 1 2 0-3  
**First Period**—1, New Jersey, Brunner 11 (Henriquez, Zidlicky), 14:38.  
**Second Period**—2, New Jersey, Elias 17 (Merrill), 1:18, 3, Toronto, Merrill 2 (Clove, Harbolid), 1:50, 4, Toronto, Bozak 17 (Rielly, Gardiner), 5:26 (pp).  
**Third Period**—5, Toronto, Kessel 36 (Phanous), 18:20.  
**Shots on Goal**—Toronto 6-7-10-23, New Jersey 7-9-29-23.  
**Power-play opportunities**—Toronto 1 of 4; New Jersey 0 of 2.  
**Goals**—Toronto, Reimer 11-13-1 (10 shots, 15 saves), MacIntyre (15-50 second, 14-14), New Jersey, Schneider 14-14-9 (23-21).  
**A**—15,528 (17,625). **T**—2:28.

**Wild 4, Red Wings 3 (OT)**  
 Minnesota 2 2 0-1-4  
 Detroit 2 2 0-0-4  
**First Period**—1, Detroit, Nyquist 22 (Kronwall, Alfredsson), 13:45 (pp), 2, Detroit, Nyquist 23 (Trotter), 15:27.  
**Second Period**—3, Minnesota, Pominor 27 (Suter, Miller), 11:57 (pp).  
**Third Period**—4, Minnesota, Coyle 9 (Moulson, Kelly), 4:33, 5, Minnesota, Parise 24 (Granlund, Spurgeon), 6:18, 6, Detroit, Tatar 16 (Smith), 11:53.  
**Shots on Goal**—Minnesota 12-7-5-1-25, Detroit 6-4-6-16.  
**Power-play opportunities**—Minnesota 1 of 3; Detroit 0 of 1.  
**Goals**—Minnesota, Bryzgalov 7-8-7 (16-11 (25-21), 23).  
**A**—20,066 (20,066). **T**—2:27.

**Blues 1, Penguins 0**  
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 N.Y. Islanders 0 0-0-1  
**First Period**—1, St. Louis, Backes 24 (Steen, Pietrangeli), 11:20.  
**Second Period**—2, Islanders, Hamonic 2 (de Haan), 19:08 (pp).  
**Shots on Goal**—St. Louis 10-9-27, Pittsburgh 10-13-30-33.  
**Power-play opportunities**—St. Louis 0 of 2; Pittsburgh 0 of 1.  
**Goals**—St. Louis, Elliott 17-5-2 (33 shots, 31 saves); Pittsburgh, Fleury 24-16-4 (27-26).  
**A**—18,662 (18,387). **T**—2:25.

**Islanders 2, Blue Jackets 0**  
 Columbus 0 0-0-2  
 N.Y. Islanders 0 0-0-2  
**First Period**—1, N.Y. Islanders, Clutterback 10 (Nielsen, Sundstrom), 13:26.  
**Second Period**—1, Islanders, Hamonic 2 (de Haan), 19:08 (pp).  
**Shots on Goal**—Islanders 18-16-17-41, Columbus 18-16-17-41.  
**Power-play opportunities**—Columbus 0 of 6; N.Y. Islanders 1 of 4.  
**Goals**—Islanders, Botvynchik 27-19-13 (30 shots, 20 saves); Columbus, Nabokov 13-14-6 (41-41).  
**A**—15,908 (16,170). **T**—2:23.

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# AUTO RACING

## NASCAR Sprint Cup Series

# Kyle Busch wins at Fontana in wild finish

By GREG BRACHAM  
The Associated Press

FONTANA, Calif. — Kyle Busch figured he had little chance to defend his Fontana title for most of Sunday while he circled the oval in a “mediocre” car.

Yet his tires were just fine, unlike much of the rubber on the bumpy racetrack. And when the race came down to a two-lap sprint to the finish, Busch demonstrated his spectacular closing skills one more time.

Busch won at Fontana for the second straight year, holding off Kyle Larson, Tony Stewart and his older brother Kurt for his 29th career Sprint Cup victory.

Kyle Busch capably blocked Larson and outlasted a crowded field to win a race featuring a track-record 35 lead changes and numerous tire problems. Busch stayed out of trouble and roared up late for his second straight stunner in Southern California, following up the Las Vegas native’s final-lap surge to victory a year ago.

“Holy cow, what do you expect when you’ve got a green-white-checked finish and everybody has to come down pit road and put four tires on?” Busch asked after his third career win at Fontana. “That was ‘Days of Thunder’ right there. Unbelievable day.”

Busch is NASCAR’s fifth winner in five races this season. He led just five laps — the fewest of his career in a win — in his Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota.

“I came off the fourth turn in disbelief that we won this thing, because we were mediocre all day,” Busch said. “It was really weird for us, not a race that we’re typically used to. But now there’s a load off your shoulders that you can go out the rest of the season and race the way you want to.”

He also got a thrill from outlasting Larson, the 21-year-old rookie in the No. 42 Chevrolet for Chip Ganassi Racing.

“I guess you couldn’t ask for more, but I was surprised to get up there late in the race,” said Larson, who held off Busch to win the Nationwide race Saturday. “We were probably a 12th-place car for most of the day.”

Kyle Busch pointed out his window at Larson after Sunday’s finish, punning his fist in approval. “What a shot that boy is,” Kyle Busch said at Larson’s.

Five more things to remember



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**Driver Kyle Busch (18) crosses the finish line to win the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race in Fontana, Calif., on Sunday. Busch won at Fontana for the second straight year, holding off Kyle Larson, Tony Stewart and his older brother Kurt for his 29th career Sprint Cup victory.**

from Fontana’s big finish:

**1 So close:** Jeff Gordon drove the field twice and was in position for his first win of the season until Clint Bowyer’s spin with two laps to go sent the race into overtime. From there, he faded badly on the two-lap sprint to the finish and wound up 13th despite having one of the strongest cars in the field.

“The closing laps were pretty much typical restart for me,” said the four-time champion, who has struggled for several years on restarts.

Gordon overcame an early speeding penalty and was one of several drivers who missed the entrance to pit road on an early stop because the red light signifying that pit road was closed was on when they passed. It forced him to drive hard to put himself in the lead before Bowyer’s spin. He regretted the final finish because of the effort he and his Hendrick Motorsports team put in Sunday.

“They gave me the most incredible race car and it is just so disappointing for it to end like that,” Gordon said. “I hate that the caution came out.”

**2 Shredded tread:** Jimmie Johnson, Clint Bowyer, Kevin Harvick, Carl Edwards, Brad Keselowski



ALEX GALLARDO/AP

**Kyle Busch, center, celebrates as the team drenches his wife, Samantha Busch, left, in victory circle after winning the NASCAR Sprint Series race in Fontana, Calif., on Sunday.**

and Dale Earnhardt Jr. were among the drivers who had problems with their tires, yet manu-

facturer Goodyear didn’t absorb much heat from the drivers. The problems likely were the

latest effect of NASCAR’s new aero rules, which are producing higher speeds that lead to extra stress on the tires — particularly on the bumpy asphalt on Fontana’s back straightaway, which already wears out tires aggressively. NASCAR also loosened rules on tire pressure.

“By no means is this a problem for Goodyear,” Kurt Busch said. “It’s just a thumbs-up for NASCAR for allowing teams to get aggressive in all areas.”

Those problems might frustrate pit crews, but they can also lead to phenomenal racing, as the sellout crowd on its feet for the finish could attest.

**3 Hamlin sidelined:** Denny Hamlin never got a shot at the redemption he craved after last season’s final-lap crash with Joey Logano at Fontana left him with a broken vertebra.

About 30 minutes before the beginning of Sunday’s race, Joe Gibbs Racing said Hamlin was headed to the hospital for tests on a sinus infection. He was expected to stay overnight in the Los Angeles area.

“It’s not just a headache. It’s a lot more serious than that. He was actually losing vision his eye,” crew chief Darrian Grubb told MRN.com and NASCAR.com after the race.

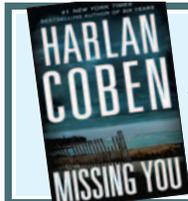
**4 Smoke signals:** Don’t count out Tony Stewart just yet. After a lousy start to the Sprint Cup season, Smoke has posted back-to-back top-five finishes, following up his fourth-place finish at Bristol by coming in fifth.

The 2012 Fontana champion had a shot at another win late, and Kurt Busch particularly enjoyed racing his boss for position in the final two laps.

**5 Uniform caution?** For the second straight week, NASCAR had a problem with the caution light on pit row — but this one was more hilarious than detrimental.

Several drivers complained during an early pit stop that the red light was on, indicating pit road was closed.

Robin Pemberton, NASCAR’s vice president of competition, was told that the official in charge of displaying the flag got his uniform caught in a hole in a fence and couldn’t move, preventing him from flipping off the red light.



*NYPD Detective Kat Donovan is consumed by an investigation that challenges her feelings about everyone she ever loved—even her father, whose long-ago murder has never been fully explained. With lives on the line, Kat must venture deeper into darkness than ever before.*

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The Cavaliers' Jarrett Jack, left, drives to the hoop past New York Knicks' Raymond Felton on Sunday in New York. Jack scored a season-high 31 in Cleveland's 106-100 win.

Roundup

# Jack, Cavs snap Knicks' win streak

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jarrett Jack scored a season-high 31 points as the Cleveland Cavaliers won 106-100 in the NBA on Sunday to end the eight-game winning streak of the New York Knicks.

The Knicks wanted a chance to pull within two games of the Atlanta Hawks for the final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

Hours after Atlanta blew a fourth-quarter lead in Toronto, the Knicks responded with an inept final period of their own after they led by 17 points in the first half.

They couldn't stop Jack and couldn't get a basket from Carmelo Anthony, who missed all five shots in the final period and finished with 32 points.

Jack scored 23 in the second half and finished with 10 assists for the Cavaliers, who ended a four-game losing streak.

**Suns 127, Timberwolves 120:** Markieff Morris scored 25 points off the bench to lead visiting Phoenix to its biggest comeback of the season.

The Suns trailed by 22 in the first half, but shot a season-high 57 percent from the floor to overcome Kevin Love's 36 points and 14 rebounds. Love fell an assist short of a triple-double.

**Nuggets 105, Wizards 102:** Kenneth Faried had 20 points and Aaron Brooks hit four straight free throws in the final 12 seconds, helping injury-riddled Denver hold off Washington.

Hickson was the latest player to be lost by the Nuggets. They were already without Danilo Gallinari (left ACL), JaVale McGee (broken tibia) and Nate Robinson (left ACL).

**Raptors 96, Hawks 86:** Kyle Lowry scored 25 points and Jonas Valanciunas had 13 points and 13 rebounds as host Toronto beat Atlanta.

**Kings 124, Bucks 107:** DeMarcus Cousins had 32 points and 12 rebounds and Isaiah Thomas had 30 points and eight assists as Sacramento's victory, sending visiting Milwaukee to its seventh straight loss.

**Nets 107, Mavericks 104 (OT):** Joe Johnson scored 22 points, including the tying layup in regulation and the go-ahead three-pointer in overtime to lead Brooklyn past the Mavs in Jason Kidd's return to Dallas as a coach.

**Lakers 103, Magic 94:** Jordan Hill had a career-high 28 points along with 13 rebounds in his first start in over nine weeks and host Los Angeles sent Orlando to its ninth straight loss.

## Scoreboard

### Eastern Conference

#### Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	37	31	.544	1/2
Brooklyn	29	41	.410	10 1/2
New York	23	47	.329	16 1/2
Boston	15	25	.242*	24 1/2

#### Southeast Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Miami	47	21	.691	17
Washington	36	34	.514	10 1/2
Charlotte	34	36	.486	14
Atlanta	31	37	.456	16
Orlando	19	52	.268	29 1/2

#### Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Indiana	49	19	.729	—
Chicago	39	31	.557	12
Cleveland	27	44	.380	24 1/2
Detroit	25	46	.346	25 1/2
Milwaukee	13	57	.186	38

### Western Conference

#### Southwest Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
x-San Antonio	53	16	.768	—
Houston	27	42	.481	6
Memphis	41	28	.594	12
Dallas	29	29	.500	12
New Orleans	29	40	.424	14

#### Northwest Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	51	18	.739	—
Portland	45	25	.643	6 1/2
Minnesota	42	27	.559	12
Denver	32	47	.409	19 1/2
Utah	22	47	.329	28 1/2

#### Pacific Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	49	21	.700	—
Golden State	44	27	.620	5 1/2
Phoenix	41	29	.588	8
Sacramento	25	45	.357	24
L.A. Lakers	23	46	.333	25 1/2

### Sunday's games

Game	Score
Charlotte 124, Portland 94	
Houston 118, Cleveland 111	
Chicago 91, Philadelphia 81	
Memphis 82, Indiana 71	
New Orleans 105, Miami 95	
Utah 89, Orlando 88	
San Antonio 99, Golden State 90	
L.A. Clippers 112, Detroit 103	

### Monday's games

Game	Score
Toronto 96, Atlanta 86	
Phoenix 127, Minnesota 120	
Denver 105, Washington 102	
Sacramento 124, Milwaukee 107	
Brooklyn 107, Dallas 104	
Cleveland 106, New York 100	
L.A. Lakers 103, Orlando 94	

### Tuesday's games

Game	Score
Houston at Charlotte	
Portland at Miami	
Phoenix at Atlanta	
Indiana at Chicago	
Denver at Oklahoma City	
Minnesota at Memphis	
Brooklyn at New Orleans	
Philadelphia at San Antonio	
Detroit at Utah	

### Wednesday's games

Game	Score
Portland at Orlando	
Oklahoma City at Dallas	
New York at L.A. Lakers	

### Sunday Lakers 103, Magic 94

**ORLANDO** — Harkless 27-0-0, O'Quinn 7-10-14, Vucevic 27-0-0, O'Quinn 6-11-7-9, 21, Afrillio 6-15-4-18, Nicholson 3-5-0-7, Harris 7-14-2-16, Moore 0-3-0-0, Lamb 2-5-0-5, Price 0-1-0-0, Dedmon 2-2-1-5, Totals 37-82-17-94.

**L.A. LAKERS** — Johnson 2-2-2-7, Hill 9-10-13-28, Gasol 3-7-0-6, Marshall 2-7-0-4, Meeks 4-13-4-13, Young 8-17-8-9, 26, Kelly 4-5-0-9, Saca 1-4-0-1-2, Baze 0-0-0-0, Totals 37-82-17-94.

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	24	24	.500	—
L.A. Lakers	29	26	.520	18-1/2

**Three-Point Goals**—Orlando 6-19 (Oladipo 2-4, Afrillio 2-5, Nicholson 1-2), Lamb 1-2, Harris 0-1, Price 0-1, Harkless 0-2, Moore 0-2), L.A. Lakers 6-16 (Young 2-4, Meeks 2-5, Kelly 1-1, Johnson 1-3, Baze 0-1, Marshall 0-2). **Fouled Out**—None. **Rebounds**—Orlando 24 (Vucevic 11), L.A. Lakers 45 (Hill 13). **Assists**—Orlando 26 (Oladipo 10), L.A. Lakers 20 (Bazemore 6). **Total Fouls**—Orlando 24, L.A. Lakers 16. A —17,803 (18,997).

### Cavaliers 106, Knicks 100

**CLEVELAND** — Deng 5-0-0-13, Thompson 3-5-4-9, Hawes 3-5-0-7, Jack 13-19-4-31, Waiters 2-7-2-22, Gee 4-6-11, 16, Dellavedova 3-5-2-9, Zeller 0-1-0-0, Vazirloo 2-0-2-4, Totals 42-93-17-106.

**NEW YORK** — Anthony 8-20-12-32, Stoudemire 6-10-0-12, Chandler 2-2-0-0, Felton 5-12-1-12, Smith 7-15-2-18, Hardaway Jr. 5-12-1-12, Prigioni 2-2-0-0, Aldrich 0-1-2-2, Brown 0-0-0-0, Totals 35-77-18-100.

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	27	19	.590	—
Cleveland	34	27	.560	10

**Three-Point Goals**—Cleveland 9-18 (Deng 3-4, Waiters 2-7, Gee 1-1, Hawes 1-1), Jack 1-2, Dellavedova 3-3), New York 12-27 (Anthony 4-9, Felton 3-5, Prigioni 2-2, Smith 2-7, Hardaway Jr. 1-0). **Fouled Out**—None. **Rebounds**—Cleveland 36 (Anthony 8), Assists—Cleveland 17 (Jack 6), New York 21 (Marcorris 6). **Total Fouls**—Cleveland 18, New York 13. **Technical**—Stoudemire. A —19,812 (19,763).

### Nuggets 105, Wizards 102

**WASHINGTON** — Ariza 8-13-1-2, 18, Booker 2-6-0-4, Gortat 1-12-2-18, Wall 6-13-2-15, Beal 8-18-2-21, Gooden 7-12-1-15, Webster 1-4-3-4, Harrington 1-4-4-6, Adell 1-3-0-0-2, Temple 0-0-0-0, Totals 41-85-18-102.

**DENVER** — Randolph 10-5-0-0, Faried 8-15-4-20, Mozgov 2-7-1-2, Lawson 4-11-4-5, Foye 6-11-0-17, Fourmier 4-10-0-9, Wesley 5-9-0-10, Arthur 4-6-4-5, O'Miller 2-4-0-5, Brooks 4-13-4-14, Totals 49-114-18-105.

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	29	20	.590	—
Denver	21	26	.446	18-1/2

**Three-Point Goals**—Washington 5-16 (Beal 3-5, Ariza 1-3, Wall 1-3, Gooden 0-1, Webster 2-2, Harrington 0-2), Denver 11-27 (Foye 5-9, Arthur 3-4, O'Miller 1-2, Fourmier 1-4, Brooks 1-4, Lawson 0-1, Mozgov 0-1, Randolph 0-2). **Fouled Out**—None. **Rebounds**—Washington 57 (Gortat 10), Denver 45 (Faried 8), Assists—Washington 20 (Gortat 5), Denver 26 (Lawson 8). **Total Fouls**—Washington 20, Denver 20. **Technical**—Mozgov. A —18,324 (19,155).

### Raptors 96, Hawks 86

**ATLANTA** — Carroll 7-13-2-17, Meeks 7-16-2-17, Antic 1-6-2-4, Tillus 5-11-5-16, Mack 3-7-1-7, Brand 3-1-2-7, Williams 1-3-2-4, Scott 4-9-0-8, Schroder 2-6-1-6, Totals 33-76-15-20-86.

**TORONTO** — Ross 4-10-1-10, Johnson 3-7-0-6, Valanciunas 2-4-9-13, Lowry 9-17-4-7, 25, DeRozan 8-18-3-21, Hansbrough 0-1-2-4, Vasquez 5-13-2-12, Salmora 0-1-0-0, Novak 0-0-0-0, De Colo 1-2-0-3, Hayes 2-3-0-0, Fields 0-0-0-0, Totals 34-80-20-86.

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	26	22	.545	—
Toronto	16	26	.386	18

**Three-Point Goals**—Atlanta 5-20 (Meeks 2-4, Carroll 1-2, Schroder 1-2, Tesse 1-3, Mack 0-2, Williams 0-2, Antic 0-5), Toronto 24 (Lowry 2-7, DeRozan 2-3, Ross 2-6, De Colo 1-1, Vasquez 0-5). **Fouled Out**—None. **Rebounds**—Atlanta 27 (Williams 10), Toronto 56 (Valanciunas 13), Assists—Atlanta 21 (Carroll 5), Toronto 29 (Vasquez 5). **Total Fouls**—Atlanta 19, Toronto 15. A —18,140 (19,800).

### Kings 124, Bucks 107

**MILWAUKEE** — Middleton 3-8-0-7, Iyavosa 4-7-6-14, Puchalla 4-8-0-8, Knight 2-2, Thompson 1-2-4, McCollum 1-9-0-2, Outlaw 2-6-0-5, Gray 1-2-2-4, White 0-1-0-0, Totals 42-93-17-106.

**SACRAMENTO** — Gay 9-16-7-24, Evans 1-5-4-6, Cousins 14-19-4-32, Thomas 9-13-1-30, McMelem 6-15-0-15, Williams 9-3-2-2, Thompson 1-2-4, McCollum 1-4-0-2, Outlaw 2-6-0-5, Gray 1-2-2-4, White 0-1-0-0, Totals 42-93-17-106.

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	39	31	.560	—
Milwaukee	25	37	.403	16

**Three-Point Goals**—Sacramento 10-14 (Mayo 2-6, Antetokounmpo 1-2, Middleton 1-4, Iyavosa 0-1, Sessions 0-1, Knight 0-4), Sacramento 7-20 (Thomas 3-4, McMelem 3-8, Outlaw 1-2, Williams 0-2, Gay 0-4). **Fouled Out**—None. **Rebounds**—Milwaukee 55 (Antetokounmpo 6), Sacramento 53 (Cousins 12), Assists—Milwaukee 25 (Knight 7), Sacramento 10 (Thomas 8). **Total Fouls**—Milwaukee 31, Sacramento 23. **Flagrant Fouls**—Adrien Middleton. A —16,341 (17,137).

### Suns 127, Timberwolves 120

**PHOENIX** — Tucker 6-11-6-19, Frye 3-5-0-6, Plumlee 1-2-0-2, Bledsoe 6-13-18-21, Dragic 8-15-0-18, Green 3-7-6-14, Mark Morris 13-12-2-6, Marcorris 10-4-1-2, 11, Smith 4-5-0-8, Goodwin 1-1-0-2, Iltis 0-2-1-2, Totals 42-93-17-106.

**MINNESOTA** — Brewer 6-15-1-14, Love 11-27-1-36, Dieng 2-3-2-6, Rubio 17-2-15-19, Martin 6-16-11-25, Barea 1-3-0-2, Cunningham 4-7-1-19, Muhammad 3-8-3-9, Totals 49-91-37-120.

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	27	35	.438	—
Minnesota	41	32	.562	12-1/2

**Three-Point Goals**—Phoenix 12-27 (Mark Morris 3-3, Tucker 2-3, Marcorris 2-4, Green 2-5, Dragic 2-6, Bledsoe 1-5, Frye 0-1), Minnesota 8-23 (Love 3-10, Martin 2-4, Rubio 2-4, Brewer 1-2, Muhammad 0-1, Barea 0-2). **Fouled Out**—None. **Rebounds**—Phoenix 53 (Tucker, Mark Morris 8), Minnesota 43 (Love 14), Assists—Phoenix 16 (Dragic 6), Minnesota 25 (Love, Rubio 9), Total Fouls—Phoenix 25, Minnesota 24. **Technical**—Green, Tucker, Phoenix defensive three second, Phoenix Bench. A —17,866 (19,356).

### Nets 107, Mavericks 104 (OT)

**BROOKLYN** — Johnson 8-16-4-5-22, Pierce 3-10-9-15, Plumlee 2-8-1-5, Williams 3-9-8-15, Livingston 4-7-4-12, Blatche 2-6-0-5, Kirilenko 0-3-0-0, Thornton 1-1-0-2, Teletovic 3-0-0-5, Anderson 2-4-0-4, Collins 0-0-0-0, Totals 34-84-28-137.

**DALLAS** — Marron 5-10-10-20, Nowitzki 2-12-6-10, Dalembert 4-5-4-6-12, Calderon 0-0-0-0, Ellis 11-24-8-32, Harris 4-15-0-11, Crowder 1-6-2-5, Carter 4-13-2-12, Wright 2-2-1-5, Larkin 2-4-1-2-5, Totals 35-81-29-135.

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Brooklyn	15	26	.364	16-1/2
Dallas	29	19	.605	13-1/2

**Three-Point Goals**—Brooklyn 11-30 (Thornton 4-7, Teletovic 3-7, Johnson 2-4, Blatche 1-1, Williams 1-5, Anderson 2-2, Pierce 0-8), Dallas 10-31 (Harris 3-8, Marion 2-3, Carter 2-5, Ellis 2-5, Crowder 1-4, Nowitzki 0-3). **Fouled Out**—None. **Rebounds**—Brooklyn 58 (Livingston, Thornton, Teletovic 7), Dallas 60 (Dalembert 12, Assist 10, Wright 7, Pierce 3, Williams, Blatche, Plumlee 3), Dallas 25 (Harris 2), Assists—Brooklyn 29, Dallas 25. **Technical**—Dallas defensive three second. A —19,603 (19,200).



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The Suns' Markieff Morris (11) drives against the Timberwolves' Kevin Love in Minneapolis on Sunday.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

## Bucs' Williams stabbed; brother sought

The Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — The Tampa Bay Times is reporting Buccaneers wide receiver Mike Williams was stabbed in the thigh at his home and an arrest warrant was issued for his brother.

The newspaper reported Williams was treated for a relatively minor laceration at St. Joseph's Hospital and released.

According to the Times, the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office issued an arrest warrant Sunday night for 23-year-old Eric Baylor on a charge of aggravated battery/domestic violence after deputies were called to Williams' home in the Avila community north of Tampa.

The Buccaneers released a statement saying team officials were aware of the situation and were working with Williams and the authorities to get additional information.

Williams signed a \$40 million, six-year deal with the team last year. He caught 22 passes for 216 yards last season.

Pistorius' girlfriend  
fired of being scared

PRETORIA, South Africa — Oscar Pistorius' girlfriend told the athlete she was sometimes scared of him and complained about what she described as his short temper and jealousy in the weeks before he killed her, according to phone messages revealed at the Olympian's murder trial on Monday.

"I can't be attacked by outsiders for dating u AND be attacked by you, the one person I deserve protection from," Reeva Steenkamp wrote to Pistorius.

In another message read out loud by police Capt. Francois Moller, Steenkamp said she was sometimes afraid of the athlete: "I'm scared of you sometimes and how you snap at me and how you act at me."

Moller extracted information from Steenkamp's phone and said

he obtained more than a 1,000 exchanges between her and Pistorius on WhatsApp and other phone messaging applications. Moller said he was given two BlackBerry phones, two iPhones, two iPads and a Mac computer the day after the shooting death of Steenkamp.

Moller said the data on her phone would print to more than 35,000 pages. Of the fraction of exchanges between the couple, Moller said that about 90 percent were what he called normal and "loving" exchanges.

In earlier testimony Monday a neighbor testified that she heard gunshots as well as screams from both a man and a woman on the night that the double amputee runner fatally shot Steenkamp. Anette Stipp's testimony matched some of the evidence given by other witnesses earlier in the trial who said they also heard a woman screaming around the time that Pistorius killed Steenkamp before dawn on Feb. 14, 2013. According to Pistorius' version of events, he thought Steenkamp was in bed when he fired his pistol. He did not describe any woman screaming.

The defense has countered that the neighbors were actually hearing Pistorius screaming in a high-pitched voice after he shot Steenkamp, a 29-year-old model. Pistorius has said he shot his girlfriend by mistake through a locked toilet door, thinking that she was an intruder in his home.

Dayton extends Miller's  
contract through '18-19

DAYTON, Ohio — Dayton basketball coach Archie Miller has received a contract extension through the 2018-19 season.

Monday's announcement comes with the Flyers heading to the round of 16 in the NCAA tournament. They play Stanford on Thursday.

Negotiations began in December and the extension was signed in February, but Miller asked

that it not be announced to avoid distractions during the regular season. Financial terms were not disclosed.

In his third season at Dayton, Miller has led the Flyers to their first trip to the regionals in 30 years. His 62 wins are the fifth best in school history.

Woods still not sure  
if he'll play Masters

WASHINGTON — Tiger Woods is not sure whether his ailing back will allow him to play in the Masters, which is two weeks away.

"For Augusta, it's actually still a little too soon, to be honest with you," Woods said Monday at a news conference to announce that Quicken Loans is the new title sponsor of his golf tournament. "That's kind of the frustrating thing about this."

The Masters is the only major tournament the 38-year-old Woods has never missed. Four of his 14 major championships came at Augusta National, including his first in 1997. He last won the green jacket in 2005.

This year's Masters is April 10-13.

Woods is off to the worst start of his 18 years on tour, and he's been troubled lately by back problems.

He stopped playing in the final round at the Honda Classic on March 2 because of what he called back spasms and pain in his lower back. He tried to defend his title the following week at Dorol, only for his back to flare up again in the final round, when he shot a 78, the highest Sunday score of his PGA Tour career and his first closing round without a birdie.

Then last week, Woods withdrew from the Arnold Palmer Invitational because of persistent back pain.

In other golf news:

■ Matt Every held on to the very end for a 2-under 70 to overcome a four-shot deficit and win his first PGA Tour event Sunday in the Arnold Palmer Invitational

in Orlando, Fla.

Every beat Masters champion Adam Scott to earn his first spot in the Masters next month.

But he needed help from Scott, who had a seven-shot lead going into the weekend and wound up two shots behind. Scott didn't make a birdie over the last 14 holes and closed with a 76.

■ Karrie Webb flew up the leaderboard with a course-record 9 under 63, then waited about 90 minutes to see if anyone could catch her in the JTBC Founders Cup in Phoenix.

No one could, giving the 39-year-old Australian her second victory of the season and second in four years at Desert Ridge's Wildfire Golf Club.

■ Jeff Maggert became the 17th player in Champions Tour history to win in his debut, shooting a 4-under 68 at the Mississippi Gulf Resort Classic at Fallen Oak.

Maggert fell into a tie for the lead with Billy Andrade after making bogey on No. 16, but responded with an astonishing, 50-foot putt for birdie on No. 17 that pushed him back ahead.

Ortiz, Red Sox agree  
to new contract

FORT MYERS, Fla. — David Ortiz and the Red Sox agreed to a 2015 contract Sunday with options for the following two years, a move that means the popular slugger will probably finish his career in Boston.

Ortiz, the World Series MVP last season, has led the Red Sox to three championships in the past 10 years. He batted .309 with 30 home runs and 103 RBIs in 137 games last season after missing all of spring training while rehabbing a strained Achilles tendon.

The 38-year-old designated hitter has 431 major league homers and has made nine All-Star teams in 11 years with Boston.

The Red Sox announced the deal Sunday night. It includes a

club or vesting option for 2016, and a club option for 2017.

■ In other MLB news:

■ The Baltimore Orioles have acquired infielder Steve Lombardozzi Jr. from the Detroit Tigers for infielder Alex Gonzalez.

The 25-year-old Lombardozzi hit .259 with two homers and 22 RBIs for the Washington Nationals last season and was dealt to Detroit in December for pitcher Doug Fister.

Gonzalez, a 37-year-old infielder, has a .246 average with six major league teams. He was the starting shortstop for the 2003 World Series champion Florida Marlins.

The Orioles also announced that third baseman Manny Machado will start the season on the 15-day disabled, manager Buck Showalter announced on Sunday.

Machado, who had left knee surgery Oct. 14, had visited his Los Angeles-based surgeon Dr. Neal ElAttrache on Thursday and was given the go-ahead to resume all activities.

However, manager Buck Showalter doesn't want to rush the 21-year-old All-Star, who injured his knee at Tampa Bay on Sept. 23.

■ Jurickson Profar, the prized prospect who had left knee surgery, was supposed to be the Opening Day second baseman for the Texas Rangers, will be out an estimated 10 to 12 weeks with a muscle tear in his right shoulder.

Assistant general manager Thad Levine made the announcement Sunday. Profar was a late scratch against the San Diego Padres and an MRI revealed the tear, which will not require surgery.

"He was going to be our everyday second baseman and it is a guy we hoped would take a meaningful step forward," Levine said. "We hope he can get better and be a weapon for us in the second half, if not a bit before."

The switch-hitting Profar was injured while making a relay throw on an attempted double play Saturday against Kansas City.



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# NCAA WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT

## Roundup

# South Carolina pulls away

### Freshmen help Oregon St., UNC, Michigan St. survive first round

The Associated Press

SEATTLE — Tiffany Mitchell scored 24 points, Alaina Coates added 13, and top-seeded South Carolina took a while to pull away from No. 16 seed Cal State Northridge in a 73-58 win on Sunday in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

The Gamecocks (28-4) were the new kids when it came to being a top seed in the NCAA's, garnering the achievement after never being higher than a No. 3 seed in the past. And while South Carolina didn't play poorly against the champions of the Big West Conference, it took far longer than expected to finally dispatch the pesky Matadors.

South Carolina outscored Northridge 27-11 at the free throw line and had 20 second-chance points.

Janae Sharpe led Cal State Northridge (18-15) with 26 points, but was held in check for most of the second half.

**Oregon State 55, Middle Tennessee 36:** At Seattle, Sydney Wiese made six three-pointers and scored a career-high 26 points for the ninth-seeded Beavers.

Wiese put on a shooting display midway through the second half, hitting five threes in a six-minute span when Oregon State (24-10) blew the game open.

Middle Tennessee was held to a season low in points and lost in the first round of the tournament for the sixth straight year.

**North Carolina 60, UT Martin 58:** At Chapel Hill, N.C., Xylina McDaniel scored the go-ahead basket off an offensive rebound with 56 seconds remaining to help the fourth-seeded Tar Heels overcome an 18-point second-half deficit.

Karlissa Tyson had a chance to win it for UT Martin but her three-pointer went off the mark.

North Carolina trailed 50-32 with 10:51 left in the game when Diamond DeShields ignited a 15-0 run. DeShields, the conference's freshman player of the year, had 13 of her 15 points during the second half.

**Michigan State 91, Hampton 61:** At Chapel Hill, N.C., freshman Aerial Powers had 26 points and 18 rebounds. Annalise Pickrel added 21 points to lead the fifth-seeded Spartans to a rout.

Brandais Agee had 10 points and 10 rebounds for Michigan State (23-9), which shot 58 percent from the field in the first half to open a 32-point lead at the break en route to an easy win.

**Penn State 62, Wichita State 56:** Maggie Lucas scored 22 points, rallying the host Lady Lions from an early scare to beat the Shockers.

Lucas led Penn State (23-7) back from an 11-point hole, triggering a 17-0 run to open the second half that spurred them into the second round for the fourth straight year.

**Florida 83, Dayton 69:** At State College, Pa., Cassie Peoples scored 21 points and all five Florida starters scored in double figures, leading the 11th-seeded Gators to an upset of Dayton.

Florida (20-12) shot at close to a 50-percent mark for most of the second half to wipe out a 15-point deficit and stun the Flyers.

## Louisville and the Regional

**Louisville 88, Idaho 42:** At Iowa City, Iowa, Sara Hammond led five players in double figures with 16 points and third-seeded Louisville rolled past Idaho.

**Iowa 87, Marist 65:** Theaairra Taylor scored 22 points, Bethany Doolittle added 21 and host Iowa took control late in the first half and relied on strong shooting to advance to the second round for the second year in a row. The Hawkeyes shot 57 percent from the field and 12-for-25 from three-point range.



ELLEN OZIER/AP

**North Carolina's Diamond DeShields, left, goes to the basket against UT Martin's Heather Butler on Sunday. North Carolina won 60-58.**

**Maryland 90, Army 52:** At College Park, Md., Alyssa Thomas had 13 points and 14 rebounds, Lexie Brown scored 21 and No. 4 seed Maryland (25-6) closed the first half with 20 straight points to roll past Army.

**Texas 79, Penn 61:** At College Park, Md., Imani McGehee-Stafford had 20 points and 12 rebounds, and fifth-seeded Texas rallied from a 15-point, first-half deficit for the Longhorns' first NCAA win since 2008.

Alyssa Baron scored 25 points to lead the Quakers (23-6), who were trying to become only the second Ivy League team to win a game in the women's tournament.

**LSU 98, Georgia Tech 78:** Danielle Ballard scored 24 points and host LSU led wire-to-wire.

**West Virginia 76, Albany 61:** At Baton Rouge, La., Christal Caldwell scored 26 points, Bria Holmes added 20, to lead West Virginia (30-4), which will try to win a second-round game for the first time in program history Tuesday night against No. 7 seed LSU.

Megan Craig led the 15th-seeded Great Danes (28-5) with 23 points. But the 6-foot-9 center was hampered by two quick fouls that limited her playing time in the first half.

## Lincoln Regional

**Connecticut 87, Prairie View A&M 44:** Breanna Stewart led a balanced offense with 19 points and 10 rebounds as host defending champion UConn routed Prairie View A&M.

Stewart was among five Huskies (35-0) who scored in double figures on coach Gene Auerriema's 60th birthday, giving him his 92nd NCAA tournament win.

The Huskies, who just completed their seventh undefeated regular season, are looking for a record ninth NCAA title. They will face Saint Joseph's in a second-round game Tuesday night.

**Saint Joseph's 67, Georgia 57:** At Storrs, Conn., Erin Shields had 18 points and seven rebounds to lead the ninth-seeded Hawks, who won in the tournament for the first time in 14 years.

**James Madison 72, Gonzaga 63:** At College Station, Texas, Kirby Burkholder had 28 points and 18 rebounds to lead No. 11 seed James Madison.

A three-pointer by Shaniqua Nilles put Gonzaga up by four points before Jthe Dukes (29-25) used a 12-0 run to take a 59-51 lead with 3½ minutes left. Burkholder had six points and two steals in that stretch.

**Texas A&M 70, North Dakota 55:** Courtney Walker had 19 points and eight rebounds as the third-seeded Aggies used a big run to pull away from tournament newcomer and the 14th-seeded Fighting Sioux and cruise to the win.

Texas A&M, which won the national title in 2011, was making their ninth straight appearance in the tournament and North Dakota was one of five women's teams in the tournament for the first time.

# Close games, but few big upsets in openers

By DOUG FEINBERG  
The Associated Press

The first round of the NCAA women's tournament had its share of high-scoring games, last-second victories and even a few upsets.

Of course, UConn and Notre Dame met little resistance in their openers to move a step closer to a showdown of unbeaten teams.

The most entertaining game of the opening round had to be the contest between DePaul and Oklahoma. They combined to score 204 points, the most in a regulation game in NCAA tournament history. The Blue Demons came away with a thrilling 104-100 victory.

"I would imagine, for the fans who were in the arena ... that was a very entertaining basketball game," Oklahoma coach Sherri Coale said. "Lots of points scored, lots of big plays, very talented offensive players. ... We could have hung our heads and gone to the locker and we didn't. We fought back."

The Sooners rallied from 19-down to take a late lead before falling.

North Carolina had to make its own rally to avoid being upset by Tennessee-Martin. The young Tar Heels trailed by 18 points midway through the second half before coming away with a 60-58 win.

While the Tar Heels didn't fall, ACC foe N.C. State was upset by 12th-seeded BYU. A pair of 11 seeds — Florida and James Madison — also pulled off victories.

Five things to take away from the first round:

**1 Priority:** While none of the top 16 teams in the tournament lost, the seven teams seeded 9 or lower that won ties for the second most in the last decade according to STATS. If not for a last-second shot by St. John's Briana Brown and a late basket by Cal's Brittany Boyd, two more low-seeded teams would have won.

"For the women's game, I think you're seeing a lot more, maybe not first-round upsets, but some teams that are projected to go on to Sweet 16's (getting knocked out in the second round)," said LSU coach Nikki Caldwell, whose team knocked off No. 3 seed Penn State in the second round last year.

"We were that team last year in some regard. It's definitely happening in the second round, so it's not just talking about one more round prior to that."

**2 Welcome to the show:** Freshmen across the country made their marks in the opening round. Oregon State's Sydney Wiese scored a career-high 26 points to lead the Beavers to their first tournament win in nearly 20 years. Michigan State's Aerial Powers had 26 points and 18 rebounds as the Spartans ran past Hampton. Nina Davis had 32 points and 10 rebounds in Baylor's victory over Western Kentucky. Diamond DeShields, ACC freshman of the year, had 13 of her 15 points



KEITH SHAWCOC/AP

**Florida's Cassie Peoples pulls away from Dayton's Tiffany Johnson during Sunday's upset.**

during the second half to help North Carolina rally.

"It's fun to watch," Michigan State coach Suzy Merchant said. "We need some excitement in our game, and the youth is a positive. Hopefully, people get hooked on watching an Aerial ... or a Nina. Or Diamond — obviously people love her. She's a special, special player, clearly. It might bring fans back for four straight years, which is never a bad thing — and create some new ones."

**3 Still looking:** It's still not a good thing on selection night to be seeded 14 or 15. Those numbers remained winless in the history of the NCAA women's tournament, falling to 0-80. The SWAC and NEC are still looking for their first tournament victories, dropping to 0-23 and 0-21.

**4 Putting up points:** Teams averaged 67.8 points in the first round, up 3.6 points from last season. That's the fourth highest total in the last 15 years according to STATS. With the new rules a point of emphasis this season, scoring was up over five points a game.

"The response to having more freedom of movement in the game this season was overwhelmingly positive and it was good to see it result in an increase in shooting percentage and over 5.6 points per game compared to last season," said Anucha Browne, NCAA vice president for women's basketball championships. "The women's game we are seeing this season is the game people want to watch. The 2014 championship is off to an exciting start."

**5 Big conference dominance:** It was a good opening weekend for BCS conferences. The ACC and SEC had six teams make it to the second round to lead the way. The Big Ten had five, while the Pac-12 and Big 12 had four. Only three mid-major programs made it past the first weekend: BYU, Saint Joseph's and James Madison.

# NCAA TOURNAMENT



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**Rick Pitino, coach of No. 4 seed Louisville, is headed for a showdown with his former team, eighth-seeded Kentucky, when the two squads meet in Indianapolis this week in the Sweet 16.**

## Scoreboard

<p><b>First round</b>                  At Dayton, Ohio  <b>Tuesday, March 18</b>                  N.C. State 74, Xavier 59  <b>Wednesday, March 19</b>                  Cal Poly 81, Texas Southern 69                  Tennessee 78, Iowa 65, OT</p>	<p><b>Midwest Region</b>  <b>Second Round</b>  <b>Thursday, March 20</b>                  At Orlando, Fla.                  Saint Louis 83, N.C. State 80, OT                  Louisville 71, Manhattan 64                  At Milwaukee                  Michigan 57, Wofford 40                  Texas 87, Arizona St. 85 21  <b>Friday, March 21</b>                  Tennessee 86, Massachusetts 67                  Mercer 78, Duke 71                  Tennessee 86, Massachusetts 67                  At St. Louis                  Wichita St. 61, Cal Poly 58                  Kentucky 56, Kansas St. 49</p>
<p><b>East Region</b>  <b>Second Round</b>  <b>Thursday, March 20</b>                  At Buffalo, N.Y.                  UConn 80, Saint Joseph's 81, OT                  Villanova 73, Milwaukee 53  <b>Friday, March 21</b>                  At Spokane, Wash.                  Harvard 51, Cincinnati 37                  Michigan St. 93, Delaware 78  <b>Friday, March 21</b>                  At Raleigh, N.C.                  Memphis 61, Georgetown 56                  Virginia 70, Coastal Carolina 59                  At San Antonio                  North Carolina 78, Providence 77                  Iowa St. 93, North Carolina Central 75</p>	<p><b>West Region</b>  <b>Second Round</b>  <b>Thursday, March 20</b>                  At Orlando, Fla.                  Louisville 56, Saint Louis 51                  At Milwaukee                  Michigan 79, Texas 66  <b>Sunday, March 23</b>                  At Raleigh, N.C.                  Tennessee 83, Mercer 63                  At St. Louis                  Kentucky 57, Wichita State 76  <b>Regional Semifinals</b>                  At Indianapolis  <b>Friday, March 28</b>                  Michigan 67-8 vs. Tennessee (24-12)                  Kentucky (26-10) vs. Louisville (31-5)  <b>Regional Championship</b>  <b>Sunday, March 30</b>                  Semifinal winners</p>
<p><b>South Region</b>  <b>Second Round</b>  <b>Thursday, March 20</b>                  At Buffalo, N.Y.                  Dayton 60, Ohio St. 59                  Syracuse 77, Western Michigan 53                  At Orlando, Fla.                  Pittsburgh 77, Colorado 49                  Florida 60, Albany (N.Y.) 55  <b>Friday, March 21</b>                  At St. Louis                  Stanford 58, New Mexico 53                  Kansas 80, Eastern Kentucky 69                  At San Diego                  Stephen F. Austin 77, UCU 75, OT                  UCLA 76, Tulsa 59</p>	<p><b>West Region</b>  <b>Second Round</b>  <b>Thursday, March 20</b>                  At Milwaukee                  Wisconsin 75, American 35                  Oregon 87, DU 68                  At Spokane, Wash.                  North Dakota St. 80, Oklahoma 75, OT                  San Diego St. 73, New Mexico St. 69  <b>Friday, March 21</b>                  At San Antonio                  Baylor 74, Nebraska 60                  Creighton 75, Louisiana-Lafayette 66                  At San Diego                  Arizona 68, Weber St. 57                  Gonzaga 85, Oklahoma St. 77  <b>Third Round</b>  <b>Saturday, March 22</b>                  At Milwaukee                  Wisconsin 85, Oregon 67                  At Spokane, Wash.                  San Diego St. 63, North Dakota St. 44                  Baylor 85, Creighton 59                  At San Antonio                  Arizona 84, Gonzaga 63  <b>Regional Semifinals</b>                  At Anaheim, Calif.  <b>Thursday, March 27</b>                  Wisconsin (28-7) vs. Baylor (28-4)                  San Diego State (31-0) vs. Arizona (32-4)  <b>Regional Championship</b>  <b>Saturday, March 29</b>                  Semifinal winners</p>
<p><b>South Region</b>  <b>Second Round</b>  <b>Thursday, March 20</b>                  At Buffalo, N.Y.                  Dayton 55, Syracuse 53                  At San Diego                  Florida 61, Pittsburgh 45  <b>Sunday, March 23</b>                  At St. Louis                  UCLA 60, Kansas 57  <b>Third Round</b>                  At San Diego                  UCLA 77, Stephen F. Austin 60  <b>Regional Semifinals</b>                  At Memphis, Tenn.  <b>Saturday, March 27</b>                  Dayton (25-10) vs. South Carolina (23-12)                  Florida (34-2) vs. UCLA (28-8)  <b>Regional Championship</b>  <b>Saturday, March 29</b>                  Semifinal winners</p>	<p><b>Final Four</b>                  At Arlington, Texas  <b>Saturday, April 5</b>                  National Semifinals                  East champion vs. South champion                  Midwest champion vs. West champion  <b>National Championship</b>  <b>Monday, April 7</b>                  Semifinal winners</p>

# Blue: Three No. 1 seeds remaining

## FROM BACK PAGE

Dayton followed the win over Ohio State with a squeaker over Syracuse and the Flyers are in the round of 16 for the first time since 1984. They got here with two wins by a total of three points and they have yet to break out, but they have done just enough. Coach Archie Miller couldn't meet his brother Sean and Arizona until the national semifinals.

Florida has lived up to its billing as the overall No. 1 seed. The Gators have increased their winning streak to 28 games with a couple of double-figure victories. This is their fourth straight year in the round of 16, the longest current streak.

UCLA won both its games by 17 points and the Bruins have won five straight and seven of eight, including an upset of Arizona. This is their first Sweet 16 appearance since 2008.

Florida beat UCLA in the national championship game in 2006 and in the national semifinals the following season. The Gators also eliminated the Bruins in the second round in 2011.

## WEST REGION

**Anaheim, Calif., Thursday-Saturday:** This is the closest any of the regions came to having seeds 1-4 advance. Top-seeded Arizona, No. 2 Wisconsin and No. 4 San Diego State are still playing along with seventh-seeded Baylor. Arizona was impressive on defense in dispatching Gonzaga in the third round and the Wildcats are in the round of 16 for the third time in four years.

San Diego State showed its defensive prowess in a third-round win over North Dakota State, which had a season-low 44 points. These teams met in San Diego on Nov. 14 and Arizona won 69-60 behind the 23 points of Nick Johnson. The Wildcats were ranked No. 6 at the time and four weeks later were No. 1, a spot they held for eight weeks.

Wisconsin is going from facing one set of highlighter yellow uniforms to another. The Badgers beat Oregon to get to the Sweet 16. Frank Kaminsky, who had 19 points against Oregon, will be tested by Baylor's tall, athletic front line.

The Bears came in off a 30-point demolition of Creighton in which they held Doug McDermott, the nation's leading scorer, to 15 points. They won't be able to concentrate on one of the Badgers, who have six players averaging from 13.4 points to 7.9 points.

## EAST REGION

**New York, Friday-Sunday:** The NCAA tournament hasn't been in Madison Square Garden since 1961. One of the teams headed there this week has some great memories already of being known as "the world's most famous arena."

Virginia, the quietest of the four No. 1s, played its kind of game — good defense and patient offense — in beating Memphis by 18 points. That got the Cavaliers to the round of 16 for the first time since 1995. They are the sole



LENNY IONELZI/AP

**Arizona guard Nick Johnson gestures after making a three-point basket against Gonzaga during the second half of a third-round game in the NCAA tournament on Sunday in San Diego.**

## By the numbers

# 96

Percentage of minutes played by Stanford's upperclassmen in the tournament, tops among all teams. Ten of the 16 teams left gave a majority of minutes to upperclassmen.

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Minutes played by Kentucky upperclassmen, or 1 percent of the 400 minutes the Wildcats have played. Only Virginia (30%), Michigan (20%) and Kentucky remain as significant outliers to the upperclassmen trend.

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Percent of minutes given to underclassmen by No. 2 seed Kansas. Duke played underclassmen 66% of the time, while North Carolina clocked in at 65%.

SOURCE: The Associated Press

team remaining from the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Michigan State was the nation's pick for the national championship even if it was a No. 4 seed. With injuries in the past, the Spartans look like the team that held the No. 1 ranking this season.

Third-seeded Iowa State was able to overcome the loss of third-leading scorer Georges Niang to a

broken foot by beating North Carolina in a game that came down to DeAndre Kane's driving basket with 1.6 seconds to play. The Cyclones, in the regional semifinals for the first time since 2000, are still a team with plenty of scorers.

Connecticut won a record seven Big East tournament titles at Madison Square Garden, the last in 2011 when Kembra Walker led them to the national championship. Shabazz Napier was a freshman on that team and he's doing a solid imitation of Walker as he averaged 24.5 points in the Huskies' two wins.

## MIDWEST REGIONAL

**Indianapolis, Friday-Saturday:** Indianapolis is about to be invaded by people from the commonwealth of Kentucky. Those wearing red are for Louisville, those wearing blue are for the University of Kentucky. There will be fans of Tennessee and Michigan in town, but they will be hard to notice with all those Kentuckians in for a visit.

Tennessee, a No. 11 seed, is the third team that played in the First Four to reach the regional semifinals. The Volunteers have won eight of nine with the only loss to Florida in the SEC tournament. They reached the Sweet 16 with a frontcourt dismantling of Mercer, outrebounding them 41-19.

Second-seeded Michigan is in the round of 16 for the second straight year and the Wolverines are trying to get back to the national championship game where they lost to Louisville. Nik Stauskas led an outside attack that saw Michigan make 14 three-pointers in a third-round win over Texas.

Kentucky beat Louisville 73-76 just days after Christmas in the schools' annual meeting. This one is going to be on a higher level as Kentucky's roster of high school stars meets a Louisville squad that features key players who were on last season's national championship team.

Louisville is in the round of 16 for the third straight year and the great news for the Cardinals is that Naimish Hall of Fame coach Rick Pitino is 16-0 in the regional semifinals. His team has won 14 of its last 15 games overall and eight straight in the NCAA tournament.

# NCAA TOURNAMENT

## East Regional roundup

# ISU nips Heels; Virginia advances

The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Iowa State's DeAndre Kane did exactly as his coach had instructed, driving for a layup that gave the Cyclones the lead. North Carolina never got a chance to answer because Roy Williams' players didn't do what he wanted.

With Williams jumping and gesticulating for a timeout, the Tar Heels inbounded the ball to Nate Britt who dribbled past midcourt as time expired in Iowa State's 85-83 victory Sunday.

The Cyclones got to celebrate twice. Once as the buzzer sounded, and a few minutes later when officials viewed replays and confirmed that Kane's twisting shot had put Iowa State in the Sweet 16 for the first time since 2000.

"He's been our Mariano Rivera. He's been our closer all throughout this season," Iowa State coach Fred Hoiberg said.

Now the No. 3 seed Cyclones (28-7) are headed to the home of the former Yankees star, New York City, where they will play No. 7 seed Connecticut in the East Regional semifinals next week.

As soon as officials explained that the game was over, Williams — who collapsed his hands on his knees as Britt surged toward him — shook Hoiberg's hand as North Carolina began absorbing the heartbreaker.

"Let's not anybody lay it on the officials or anything like that. We didn't call the timeout with 1.6

seconds to play," Williams said.

The No. 6 seed Tar Heels (24-10) are gone in the NCAA tournament's opening weekend for the first time in consecutive seasons under Williams, who choked back tears following the end of his 10th season in Chapel Hill.

Britt said he thought North Carolina got the timeout before the buzzer.

"When I looked up at the clock I saw one-point-something time left," he said. "I saw staff screaming and trying to call timeout."

Kane finished with 24 points and 10 rebounds. It was just the kind of big game the Cyclones needed without forward Georges Niang, who broke his foot in Friday's win against North Carolina Central. The 6-foot-7 sophomore sat on the bench wearing a bulky boot while the Cyclones tried their best without their third-leading scorer and tallest starter.

Kane said the last possession called for him to attack the basket, unless North Carolina defenders swarmed him as he penetrated.

"But nobody helped, and I made an acrobatic shot and it went in," Kane said.

Marcus Paige led North Carolina with 19 points and Kennedy Meeks had 15 points and 13 rebounds. But North Carolina played nearly the entire game without forward Eric Johnson, who sprained his ankle in the opening minutes.

Big 12 player of the year Mel-



DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

Iowa State's DeAndre Kane, left, is grabbed by teammates Monte Morris, center, and Daniel Edozie after making the game-winning basket against North Carolina on Sunday in San Antonio. ISU won 85-83.

vin Ejam had 19 points for the Cyclones and Monte Morris added 13.

**Virginia 78, Memphis 60:** Virginia has spent the entire season punishing opponents by locking down them defensively or forcing them to guard their steady-paced offense until deep in the shot clock.

Mistakes add up, the frustration builds and the Cavaliers capitalize — a withering formula that now has Tony Bennett's club following its Atlantic Coast Conference championship with its deepest NCAA tournament push in two decades.

Joe Harris scored 16 points and top-seeded Virginia shot 56 percent to win in Raleigh, N.C., earning its first trip to the round of 16 since 1995.

Anthony Gill added 13 points for the Cavaliers (30-6), who turned in

a dominating performance while controlling the tempo and shutting down the eighth-seeded Tigers (24-10) at nearly every turn.

"Of course we try to come out and impose our will from the beginning," said sophomore Malcolm Brogdon, one of five Cavaliers in double figures. "But if that doesn't happen and we don't break them right off the bat, we're going to keep going and keep playing our type of defense and offense."

"And at some point, we're going to wear them down and break their back."

Virginia led by 15 at halftime and pushed that to 27 points late, picking up right where it left off in its strong finish to Friday's win against Coastal Carolina.

It's already been the program's most successful season in decades, from winning the program's first ACC tournament title since 1976

to tying the school single-season record for victories Sunday night. Now Virginia has another milestone: its first regional semifinal appearance since making it to a regional final in 1995.

And the Cavaliers, carrying a No. 1 seed for the first time since the days of Ralph Sampson, look ready to go even farther:

Next up is a trip to New York to face fourth-seeded Michigan State (28-8) on Friday night in the regional semifinals at Madison Square Garden.

"To get to the Sweet 16, that's the rarest air of college basketball, and you're going to have to play," Bennett said. "We know who's waiting, we know how good they are, and it will be us trying to test our game against one of the teams that's playing its best basketball right now."

## West Regional roundup

# Baylor stifles Creighton; Arizona routs Gonzaga

The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Too big. Too strong. Too fast.

Baylor was too much of just about everything for Creighton and Doug McDermott to handle.

And because of it, the sixth-seeded Bears are rolling out of Texas toward California and the NCAA tournament Sweet 16 after an impressive 85-55 win Sunday night in the West Regional.

Isaiah Austin and Brady Heslip each scored 17 points and Baylor used suffocating defense to shut down McDermott, ending the career of one college basketball's most prolific scorers.

"We did a good job making it tough on him," Bears coach Scott Drew said.

McDermott, who averaged 27 points this season, finished with 15 but had just three in the first half as Baylor built a 20-point lead. McDermott ranks fifth on the NCAA career scoring list with 3,150 points.

Baylor (26-11) had five players score in double figures and shot 64 percent in one of the dominant performances of the tournament.

The rest of the West bracket may want to

pay attention to this one. A team that looked like a wreck six weeks ago with a 2-8 start in the Big 12 is brimming with confidence to match all that muscle in the lineup.

"We take pride in people hating on us, and we love proving people wrong," Austin said. "Everybody has bought into the one goal that we have in mind and that is winning a national championship."

Baylor plays No. 2 seed Wisconsin on Thursday in Anaheim. In Baylor's two previous trips to the Sweet 16, it fell one game short of the Final Four.

McDermott carried the Bluejays back to the round of 32 for the third year in a row, and had done it in spectacular style, leading the nation in scoring with a sublime shooting touch and uncanny knack to slither his way through defenders for layups and putback baskets.

McDermott spurned the chance to turn pro after last season, and this was the year the Bluejays and their senior-leaden lineup were expected to drive Creighton farther into the NCAA tournament than any Bluejays team before them.

But Baylor's defense gave him nothing: neither space to shoot nor even chances for his teammates to pass him the ball.

And for all the talk about Creighton's maturity and bonding, Baylor made the Bluejays look small and slow.

"This is the worst we've played all season, and it just stinks that it's the last one. But that doesn't take away from all my memories here. It's going to go out this way," McDermott said.

**Arizona 84, Gonzaga 61:** Overwhelming Gonzaga with its contest-everything defense, Arizona (32-4) looked very much like the top seed in the West, blowing out the Bulldogs to reach the Sweet 16 for the third time in four years.

This was not the epic double-overtime game these teams played in the 2003 NCAA tournament. This was an eye-popping display of what one of the nation's best teams can do when it gets rolling.

The Wildcats overran Gonzaga (29-7) with their size, athleticism and quick hands to blow the eighth-seeded Bulldogs out of the bracket.

Arizona scored 31 points of Gonzaga's 21 turnovers — 15 on steals — and never gave the Zags a chance after racing out to a 21-point lead in the first half.

Next up for Arizona is fourth-seeded San Diego State.



ERIC GSA/AP

Baylor's Isaiah Austin, left, blocks Creighton's Doug McDermott as he drives to the basket Sunday, in San Antonio. Baylor won 85-55.

## NCAA TOURNAMENT

## Midwest Regional roundup

## Wildcats spoil Shockers' unbeaten run

Wichita State first No. 1 seed to lose; Kentucky gets rival Louisville in Sweet 16

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — It took a program stacked with NBA prospects to finally end Wichita State's perfect run.

Andrew Harrison scored 20 points, twin brother Aaron had 19 and Kentucky survived a potential winning three-pointer at the buzzer by Fred VanVleet to knock off the undefeated Shockers with a 78-76 victory Sunday in the NCAA tournament.

Julius Randle added 13 points and 10 rebounds, and James Young also had 13 points for the No. 8 seed Wildcats (26-10), who made a series of clutch free throws in the closing minutes to advance to the Sweet 16 in arguably the most captivating game of a thrilling first weekend.

Now, Big Blue Nation gets to jump right into another high-profile matchup: Louisville awaits in the Sweet 16 on Friday in Indianapolis. The Wildcats beat their bitter in-state rival in December.

CleAnthony Early scored 31 points and Ron Baker had 20 for the Shockers (35-1), who hadn't lost since last year's Final Four while taking an entire city — and state — on quite a ride.

Kentucky took the lead for good at 73-71 when Young knocked down a three-pointer with less than 2 minutes left. Early answered with a basket for Wichita State and Andrew Harrison made



CHRIS LEE, ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH/AP

**Kentucky forward Willie Cauley-Stein is fouled by Wichita State forward Darius Carter as he dunks the ball during the first half of their NCAA fourth-round game in the Midwest Regional in St. Louis.**

two free throws for Kentucky. Baker hit a three-pointer and Randle made two more foul shots. Early's two free throws with 9.8

seconds left got the Shockers within 77-76, and they still had a chance when Andrew Harrison missed the second of two free throws and

Early got the rebound. VanVleet raced up court and called timeout with 3.2 seconds left.

Wichita State coach Gregg

Marshall drew up a play that had Tekele Cotton inbounding the ball to VanVleet, who took a shot from the top of the key. But the shot was wide the entire way, and it clanked off the rim as the buzzer sounded and Kentucky began to celebrate.

**Tennessee 83, Mercer 63:** After turning Tobacco Road into "Raleigh Top," Tennessee is headed to the Sweet 16.

Eleventh-seeded Tennessee (24-12) denied 14th-seed Mercer (27-9) a second straight upset in decidedly one-sided fashion, routing the Bears in the third round of the NCAA tournament in Raleigh, N.C., behind 17 points and a career-high-tying 18 rebounds for Jarnell Stokes.

Josh Richardson had a career-high 26 points and Antonio Barton had 18 for the 11th-seeded Vols, who are making the most of their first tournament appearance since 2011.

"NIT two straight years, I guess that's what you'd call starting from the bottom," Stokes said. "A lot of people doubted us, and that just makes the ride much better."

Tennessee joins Florida and Kentucky in the regional semifinals — the first time three SEC teams made it that far since 2007. The Vols will face second-seeded Michigan (27-8) in a Midwest Regional semifinal Friday night in Indianapolis.

## South Regional roundup

## Stanford knocks out No. 2-seeded Kansas

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Kansas knows all about Stanford now.

The Cardinal couldn't deny a slight at a news conference a day earlier fueled them just a bit before pulling their second — and much bigger — upset of the NCAA tournament.

Kansas freshmen Andrew Wiggins and Wayne Selden Jr. ducked their heads and giggled Saturday when asked about Chasson Randle, Stanford's leading scorer.

"We definitely saw that video," Randle said Sunday after the No. 10 seed Cardinal beat the second-seeded Jayhawks 60-57 to advance to the Sweet 16 in the South Regional.

"Coach told me not to talk about it but I definitely took it as a challenge. It was a little big extra motivation."

Enough for the Cardinal to make the Jayhawks the second No. 2 seed to be knocked out of this tournament in the third round and enough for them to reach the round of 16 for the first time since 2008.

Wiggins was held to four points

on 1-for-6 shooting in what could have been his final college game. He accepted his share of the responsibility for the loss.

"I let a lot of people down," Wiggins said. "If I would have played better, we wouldn't be in this situation, you know? I blame myself for this."

Dwight Powell had 15 points and seven rebounds despite playing with four fouls much of the second half and Randle added 13 points, six steals and four assists for the Cardinal (23-12), who were making their first NCAA appearance since 2008.

"To beat a team like this, a storied program with great coaching, great players, always feels amazing," Powell said. "So as of right now we're still in the race and we're still playing in March, and it feels great."

Stanford beat No. 7 seed New Mexico on Friday and will have a higher seed for the first time when it faces 11th-seeded Dayton in the regional semifinal in Memphis, Tenn. The Flyers beat No. 3 Syracuse 55-53.

The 6-foot-8 Wiggins, a likely

NBA lottery pick if he decides to leave school, was saddled with four turnovers for Kansas (25-10). Wiggins had averaged 28 points the past four games but the Jayhawks were missing 7-foot freshman Joel Embiid who was sidelined by a stress fracture in his back.

Coach Bill Self thought Stanford's height up front bothered Wiggins, but added, "I think he had an off-game, too. Give them credit for that, we put him in position to make some plays."

Josh Huestis, who had the primary responsibility for guarding Wiggins, played 39 minutes and had six points, eight rebounds and two blocks.

"That was Josh's assignment and he took it to heart," Dawkins said. "He had help. We just tried to make it as difficult as we could for him to score."

Tarik Black had 18 points and six rebounds for the Jayhawks, but he fouled out with 5:25 to go. Conner Frankamp had 12 points on four three-pointers, the last two in the final 23 seconds to make it close after Stanford had pulled ahead by seven.

**UCLA 77, Stephen F. Austin 60:** Jordan Adams scored 19 points as the fourth-seeded Bruins overwhelmed the No. 12-seeded Lumberjacks in San Diego to reach the Sweet 16 for the first time since 2008.

The fourth-seeded Bruins (27-8) will play Florida, the tournament's overall top seed, in the South Regional semifinals on Thursday in Memphis. First-year coach Steve Alford has won as many NCAA tournament games in three days as the Bruins had in the previous five seasons combined.

Stephen F. Austin (32-2), had its 29-game winning streak snapped. The Lumberjacks hadn't lost in exactly four months, a 66-58 defeat at East Tennessee State on Nov. 23.

UCLA's Norman Powell, who played at San Diego's Lincoln High, scored 16 points and Kyle Anderson had 15 points and eight rebounds.

Thomas Walkup had 22 points and 11 rebounds for the Lumberjacks while Desmond Haymon had 17 points and Nikola Gajic added 10.



CHARLIE RIEDEL/AP

**Stanford's Dwight Powell shoots under pressure from Kansas's Perry Ellis, right, and Wayne Selden, Jr. during the first half of their game in the South Regional in St. Louis. Stanford beat No. 2 seed Kansas 60-57.**

# SPORTS



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# Don't be blue

## Your bracket may be a mess, but plenty of madness remains as NCAA tournament moves to round of 16

By **JIM O'CONNELL**  
*The Associated Press*

**T**he Billion Dollar Dream has been over for a while. Most bracket sheets are loaded with red X's. Still, there is plenty of March Madness ahead of us in the NCAA tournament's round of 16.

You want favorites? Three No. 1s — Florida, Arizona, Virginia — are alive and well after two rounds.

You want underdogs? How about three with double-digit seedings — Stanford, a 10, with 11s Dayton and Tennessee.

You want a rivalry? It's tough to beat Kentucky-Louisville.

You want rematches? Besides Kentucky-Louisville there is Arizona-San Diego State.

You get the point. Four days, 12 games. It's regional weekend when the Sweet 16 is cut to the Final Four. Enjoy.

**SOUTH REGIONAL**

**Memphis, Tenn., Thursday-Saturday:**

The game that guarantees a winner with a double-digit seeding, Stanford vs. Dayton, will be followed by the overall top seed,

Florida, facing a familiar tournament

opponent in UCLA.

Stanford gets to wear home whites after beating New Mexico and Kansas. The Cardinal are in the round of 16 for the first time since 2008, the last time they were in the tournament. They haven't given up more than 57 points and are great at the free throw line.

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Kentucky forward Julius Randle celebrates with cheerleaders after Sunday's win over Wichita State.

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Busch takes first after wild Fontana finish  
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